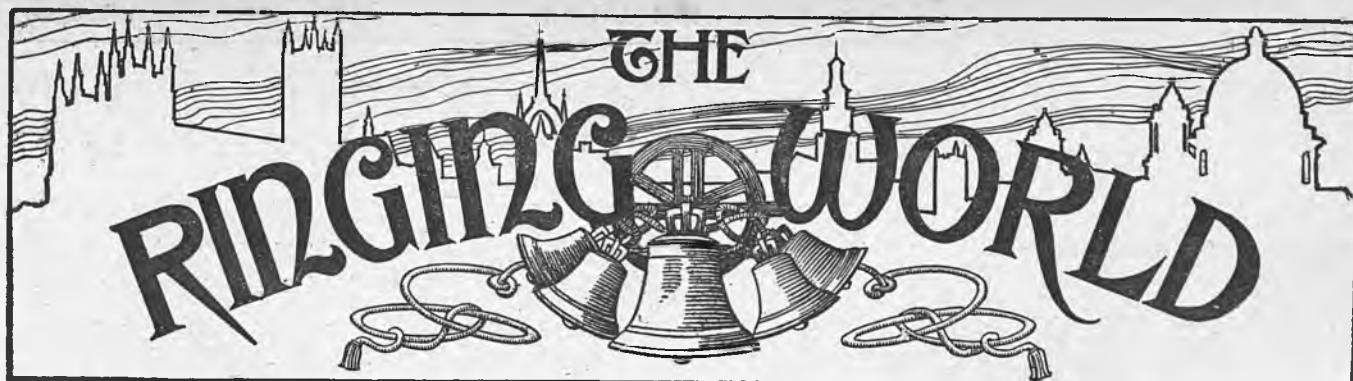




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CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

Our readers will probably be aware from the summary of the Central Council meeting which we published last week, that the relations between the Council and this journal have been placed upon a perfectly amicable footing. The resolution, carried on the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, puts upon the minutes of the Central body a recognition of the claims of "The Ringing World" to be able to provide its readers with first hand information concerning Council matters. Our position all along has been that those ringers who are readers of "The Ringing World" are as much entitled to know what the Central Council are doing as the readers of any other paper, and, as we mentioned a fortnight ago, despite the action taken by the Council at the Leicester meeting, the officials have recognised that such a step was in the interests of the Council as well as of the ringing community, and throughout the year have done exactly what was asked by the resolution shelved in 1911. The Council themselves have now endorsed this attitude and all's well that ends well.

The explanation that last year the question was really deferred because the resolution was premature, needs no comment, except to say that at the Leicester meeting no mention of prematurity was ever made. This was a point that was brought out afterwards. But we do not intend at this date to re-open any old issues, for we are certain that the Council is now wholly with us, and these things are matters which may be allowed to pass.

There still seems to be, however, one or two misconceptions which it may be well to remove. What we agitated for, and what we have now got, is the assurance that the official communications of the Council will appear in our columns, and that the peals published exclusively in "The Ringing World" will figure in the analysis. We have never asked to be provided by the Council with a report of their annual meeting—we prefer to have that done by our own representative, and for this reason chiefly, that we like to publish matters of this importance while they are fresh. The Council's specially prepared report of the proceedings is always some weeks late, and interest in it therefore, has by that time to a certain extent evaporated. Our early publication of the proceedings is not only appreciated by ringers, but immensely increases the interest in the Council's doings. It is for this reason and not from any lack of gratitude, that we shall be unable to avail ourselves of the duplicated report which the Council very considerably decided to provide for us.

And while on this matter there is one other point we

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should like to deal with, if only for the sake of our own reputation. When informed that "The Ringing World" had its own representative present to report last week's meeting, one speaker pointed out that no ordinary reporter could intelligibly report discussions upon such technical matters as came before the Central Council. With this, of course, we agree, but lest the Exercise may imagine the reporting of this meeting was entrusted by us to one uninitiated in the art we would at once allay misgivings by stating that our report is done by a journalist who is also a ringer of not inconsiderable experience. Our readers can, therefore, rely upon the proceedings being reported for them by a trained hand and an unbiassed mind.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

EDWIN H. LEWIS	Treble	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS ...	7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	8
HENRY W. WILDE	3	FREDERICK PAGE	9
REV. A. T. BEESTON	4	WILLIAM DAVIES	10
GEORGE R. NEWTON	5	HARRY CHAPMAN	11
REV. H. J. ELSEE	6	RICHARD NEWTON	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

Rung on the 98th anniversary of the opening of the bells. First peal of Stedman Cinques by all except the ringers of 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12. B. A. Knight's first peal on twelve bells as conductor, he never having called a bob in Cinques before. H. Chapman's 300th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,
At St. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE R. PYE	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	9
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	10
CHARLES T. COLES	5	ERNEST PYE	11
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	6	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

READING.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	Treble	*HARRY BUNGAY	6
RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	2	ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	3	ARTHUR HARDING	8
*RICHARD N. RUNHAM ...	4	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ...	9
*ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	5	REUBEN SAWYER	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. The above and the peal of Treble Bob were rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Buckland. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking Mr. A. W. Osborne for his kindness in making all the necessary arrangements.

STROUD, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JESSE GILLET	Treble	HUBERT SCRIVEN	6
FRANCIS E. HART	2	ERNEST E. DAVIS	7
HARRY LEWIS	3	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON ...	8
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	4	GEORGE CONDICK	9
CHARLES H. AUSTIN	5	THOMAS J. WHITING ...	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. HOLDING ...	Treble	*ALBERT CRAWLEY	6
*RICHARD LANGFORD, Senr.	2	*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	7
JAMES HENRY RIDING ...	3	*C. J. BOWEN-COOKE ...	8
*HARRY F. HOLDING ...	4	†RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.	9
*RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr.	5	*JOHN DENTITH	Tenor

Composed by H. COOPER, and
Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were recast and augmented to ten. The composition is No. 9, page 42 C.C.C.

BEDDINGTON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5027 CHANCES;

HENRY SPRINGALL	Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
ALFRED B. PECK	2	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ...	3	FREDERICK DENCH	8
CHARLES S. BURDEN ...	4	HERBERT LANGDON	9
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ...	5	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Tuesday, May 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

JESSE B. TYLER	Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT	5
HENRY BROWNJOHN ...	2	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ...	6
RICHARD CLARK	3	JOHN A. BURFORD	7
HENRY PRING	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

First peal of Bristol in Bristol, by the Association, and all the band. This peal has the 2nd at home at 12 course ends.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

J. TULETT	Treble	†S. J. SHELLOCK	5
*J. HUNT	2	F. BELSEY	6
F. A. HOLDEN	3	W. HAIGH	7
W. EASTER	4	†E. D. SILLS	Tenor

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 5
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	TOPHAM CUTFORTH 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

This peal was arranged for Mr. H. Argyle, of Nuneaton, one of the Central Council representatives.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

BENJAMIN THORP Treble	SAMUEL BOOTH 5
*NORMAN NORTH 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 6
THOMAS JAKEMAN 3	*C. H. CRAVEN 7
TOM WILDE 4	ALBERT HOUGH Tenor

Composed by DANIEL WOODS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. F. E. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 1½ cwt.

*HENRY F. EWINS Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
*HAROLD BURTON 2	KEITH HART 6
WILLIAM HEWETT 3	*GEORGE F. HOAD 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
*HAROLD BURTON 3	WILLIAM HEWETT 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method with an inside bell. First peal of Major on the bells.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD Treble	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	ARCHIBALD C. KAY Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. Canon Tindall, M.A., for the use of the bells.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STENNING Treble	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 5
GEORGE TOMSETT 2	HERBERT TOMSETT ... 6
ERNEST E. BISH 3	THOMAS STRINGER ... 7
HENRY J. GRAVETT 4	WILLIAM ASHDOWN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TOMSETT.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON Treble	WALTER MALINS 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	JOHN W. CHANDLER ... 6
THOMAS H. CHAPMAN ... 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 7
WILLIAM T. COX 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. JAGGAR, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

This peal is No. 157 C.C. "Peal Collection," Section III.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
*HERBERT DAY 2	JOHN C. DICKEN 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. H. Baker, brother of two of the local ringers, and Miss Emily Hadcock.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs., in F.

THOMAS SMITH Treble	JOHN B. HESSEY 5
HARRY WALTER 2	ALBERT E. GRAY 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... 7
ALFRED FUSSELL 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Smith and Cropley were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WALCOT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lbs.

FREDERICK C. RICH Treble	CHARLES COLLIER 5
GEORGE H. HILL 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
GEORGE TEMPLE 4	LUTHER P. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick C. Rich. The ringers tender their thanks to the churchwarden, Mr. E. A. Bagshawe, and the Rev. W. J. Dennis, M.A., for their kindness in granting the use of the bells.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs., in E.

GEORGE ANDREWS Treble	WILLIAM SABAN 5
FRANK JELF 2	HENRY G. ROWE 6
GEORGE GRAY 3	GEORGE MAXIM 7
HENRY CORNWALL 4	*DAVID TUCKER Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* First peal. Rung on the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. C. B. Law, as Vicar of Cheshunt; also in honour of the silver wedding of the Marquis of Salisbury, patron of the living.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. AUSTIN Treble	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	GEORGE CONDIK 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7
JESSE GILLET 4	THOMAS J. WHITING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED T. BRUNSDON.

READING.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT H. YOUNG Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
*HARRY BUNGAY 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	FREDERICK HOWCHIN 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	JOHN SNELLING 7
ALFRED SMITH 4	†FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by JAMES TANN, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

† First peal on eight bells.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	*CHARLES BEECH 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	BERT HORTON 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
GEORGE PEATE 4	HOWARD W. CATTELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Mr. T. Hughes, of Wednesbury.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

ARTHUR G. JAMES Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	*CECIL C. MAYNE 6
RICHARD BUCKLAND 3	JAMES W. WILKINS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	ROBERT H. YOUNG Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Thursday, May 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

*JESSE TAYLOR Treble	FREDERICK INCH 5
THOMAS CHINNERY 2	*GEORGE BERNARD WARD 6
ARTHUR MAXIM 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR 7
SIDNEY GRIDLEY 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Conducted by S. EVANS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

*PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	†ALBERT WALKER 5
CHARLES DICKENS 2	SAMUEL GROVES 6
EDMUND J. HYLAND 3	ALF. PADDON SMITH 7
†MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

* First peal in the method as conductor. † First peal of Cambridge Major. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Swindell, for the use of the bells on this and other occasions.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT C. HARDY Treble	EBENEZER ANDREWS 5
ERNEST G. FENN 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 6
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	ROWLAND FENN 7
YORK GREEN 4	THOMAS FAULKNER Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIX-PART No. 13 C.C.C.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	JAMES ELDERFIELD 5
REUBEN FLAXMAN 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
HAROLD T. BATTEN 4	*WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

* First peal. Rung on the 35th anniversary of the re-opening of the tower and six bells, which were augmented to eight in the year 1898 to commemorate the late Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lbs., in F.

WALTER SADLER Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
JAMES FLEUTY 2	ERNEST NEWMAN 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

EDWARD EVANS Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	JAMES MOTTS 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
THOMAS BOOKER 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
REUBEN BALDWIN 4	FRANK GATES Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

This peal was rung in honour of the coming of age of T. Groombridge, Junr., on May 30th, the band wishing him many happy returns. Meeting one short (through a misunderstanding) for Stedman, Mr. T. Booker obliged at the last minute by standing in the above.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	*ALBERT G. WARNES ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	BENJAMIN THOMPSON ... 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
WILLIAM GRIMES 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor, who hail from Norwich. It was Peter Laflin's 50th peal.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Deptford, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble	GEORGE DURLING ... 5
*ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6
*FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 3	*†WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES ... 7
ALBERT E. GODDARD 4	JOSEPH LAW Tenor

Composed by REV. EARLE BULVER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Great credit is due to both treble and tenor men who are aged 72 and 70 respectively. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	JAMES HOUGHTON 5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 2	WALTER J. GERMAN 6
JAMES T. WARD 3	JAMES GARRATT 7
J. HUBERT HORN 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells, first in the county and first by the association. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. Rung for the King's birthday.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CLAPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 College Single, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*LEWIS HENRY MOORE, Junr. Treble	JOSEPH CAPLE 4
JACK AHERTON 2	LEWIS HENRY MOORE, Senr. 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	GEORGE HENRY GALE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

* First peal. First peal by all in four methods.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

E. WEBB Treble	W. SCOTCHER 4
*E. G. HIBBINS 2	*L. G. MALLION 5
J. STALLEY 3	B. D. BUTTRESS Tenor

Conducted by B. D. BUTTRESS.

* First peal of Minor. The ringers of the 2nd and 5th hail from Fen Ditton; the rest from Fulbourn.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BUSELEY Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN ... 4
*WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON ... 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
*WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	DAVID L. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by J. HOUGH.

* First peal in seven methods.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ippolyts,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

NATHAN PATMORE Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
BARNARD PATMORE 2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON 5
ALBERT CARTER 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

The band were generously entertained to lunch and tea by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Foster.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

JOHN BATES Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 4
WILLIAM JACQUES 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
WILLIAM STAPLETON 3	CHARLES A. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

W. Jacques hails from Olney and H. W. Gayton from Harrold, and the peal was arranged for them.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, New London, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH ... Treble	FRED CHALK 4
HAROLD FINCH 2	THOMAS C. GOZZETT ... 5
ALFRED GOZZETT 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. South (one of the local ringers) and Miss E. L. Mansfield, sister of the conductor, who were married at All Saints' Church, on June 1st.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

TOM STOCKDALE Treble	HENRY RODMELL 4
CHARLES JACKSON 2	ARTHUR E. WEST 5
ROBERT RODMELL 3	*LEONARD RODMELL ... Tenor

Conducted by L. RODMELL.

* First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. W. Wilson and Miss May Calvert, eldest daughter of Mr. J. S. Calvert, one of the local ringers, whom the band wish to thank for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HANDBELL RECORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Seven Hours and Three Minutes,

In the Ringing Chamber of Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 14,031 CHANCES;

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	JAMES HUNT 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires: T. W. and S. RADFORD, and J. S. GOLDSMITH.

Witness: M. SMITHER.

Messrs. Hutton, Raddon and Hazelden, of Guildford, and C. J. Hamblin, of Woking, heard portions of the peal. This is the greatest number of changes ever rung on handbells retained in hand. It was A. H. Pulling's 100th peal as conductor on handbells, and J. Hunt's 300th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

In Holy Trinity Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

*REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	JAMES HUNT 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpire: S. RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters in hand. The conductor's 100 peal on handbells. This composition is No. 6 on the Broadsheet.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At St. Michael's Rooms,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*WILLOUGBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5-6
*E. HOBART SMITH ... 3-4	WILLIAM FLORY 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Umpire: JOHN C. SELF.

* First peal on handbells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. F. Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

FREDK. J. CROSS 1-2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 5-6
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 3-4	GEORGE H. CROSS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. Cross.

The peal of Stedman at Blackburn, on May 18, was W. Mallinson's and not J. P. Foulds' 50th peal.

SPORTING CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

NORTHAMPTON RINGERS' SUCCESS.

To celebrate a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Edmund's, Northampton, on May 2nd, the Ex-Mayor (Councillor S. Yarde) has entertained not only the ringers, but the clergy, officials and choir of the church. The event was brought about by a sporting challenge made by Mr. Yarde, who, when unveiling a peal tablet in the belfry, noticed that the quickest peal on the bells had been rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins., and offered the local band medals, to which he subsequently added a dinner, if they could beat that record. The result was the peal on May 2nd in 2 hrs. 47 mins. The dinner in celebration was a most enjoyable affair.—The Chairman, after the loyal toast had been honoured, submitted "The Bell Ringers of St. Edmund's." He referred to his challenge, and congratulated the company upon having broken the record. He humorously confessed his ignorance of what Grandsire Triples were, and dissociated them from anything to do with "grandfather's triplets" (laughter).

Mr. J. Metherell first replied, thanking the Ex-Mayor for his hospitality. Councillor Yarde's offer came quite as a surprise, and the first attempt to achieve the feat failed, but Mr. Yarde's kindness in extending the period led to another and successful attempt. A number of ringers who heard the peal had said it was a very satisfactory one.

Mr. F. Wilford also replying, said it was difficult to say what was the record for England, for bells varied so much not only in weight but in the "go." Fast ringing was not the main aim of ringers, but it did require extra brain power. He was glad to see the ringers being taken more notice of than used to be the case, for as secretary of the local Association, it was to him a special pleasure. The ringers were just as much Church workers as the choir, but it had been very much a case of "out of sight, out of mind." To him the peal was notable particularly as his hundredth peal for the Central Northants Association, for which he was to receive a gold medal.

Councillor Yarde here announced that he had hoped to present the medals that evening, but they were not ready. He had, however, approved a design of a silver medal with a gold medal as centre-piece, and hoped to be able to make the presentation in a few weeks.

Among the other toasts submitted were "The Clergy and Officials of St. Edmund's," proposed by Mr. Fred Smith, and acknowledged by the Vicar, and Mr. J. E. Perkins (churchwarden); "The Mayor and Corporation," submitted by Mr. W. Mills, J.P., and responded to by Alderman Tomes; and "The Chairman," given by the Vicar, who paid a warm tribute to the public spirit and generosity of Mr. Yarde.—The Chairman briefly replied, and Mr. Cyril Yarde was also called upon for a speech.—A most enjoyable musical programme was also carried out during the evening, songs by individual members of the company being supplemented by glee by the choir; violin solos by the Rev. W. E. Weighill; and selections by the handbell ringers.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

A RESOLUTION OF WELCOME.

THE QUESTION OF THE REPORTS.

The relations between the Central Council and "The Ringing World" were discussed at the meeting at the Church House, Westminster, on Whit-Tuesday, on a motion, of which Mr. J. A. Trollope had given notice in the following terms:—

"That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to 'The Ringing World,' has heard with satisfaction from the hon. secretary that he has from the first appearance of the paper sent for publication in its columns all essential official notices and reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of Peals for the past year has been compiled from and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike."

Mr. Trollope said the Council would remember that at the meeting at Leicester he moved a resolution, which asked that the Analysis should consist of the peals published in both ringing papers, and that all official reports of the Council should be sent to both, but a lot of people at that time seemed to think that the matter was premature, and the previous question was moved, and the subject shelved. Between last year and now a good deal had happened, and that was why the resolution this year was altogether different to what it was last year. Everything that was asked for then had, as a matter of fact, been given, and all that had to be done now was simply to say "Thank you" for it. Last year, at Leicester, the Analysis Committee were, as the Council knew, strongly against the resolution, but they found that public opinion was against them, and, like the honourable men they were, they reconsidered their position, and had fallen into line.

Mr. A. T. King: No.

Mr. Trollope: I meant to be complimentary, but if I have misunderstood you, I withdraw everything I have said. Continuing, Mr. Trollope said last year it was not his intention, and he did not think it was anybody's intention, that the official reports of the meeting should be sent to "The Ringing World," simply because "The Ringing World" provided its own reporter, but he only took over the resolution on the night before the meeting, and he had no opportunity of considering it or of approaching the people likely to be affected to see if they had any objections, and if so, how they could be met. This year, however, he had been able to do this.

THE COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

Proceeding, Mr. Trollope said the Council paid two guineas a year to have their meetings reported. That was done because, when the Council was started, unless a report had been provided there would have been no report at all, and no ringer would have known what had taken place, as "Bell News" could not or would not provide a reporter. At first, he believed, the President provided the reporter, but now the Council did it. That necessity, however, had to a large extent ceased to exist, for they could now get an independent report from "The Ringing World." The point had arisen, and several people had put it to him, why should they continue to pay for this at all. There was not only the cost of the thing which, after all was not great, but there was certainly a great deal of work thrown on the officials of the Council. He thought this matter might very well be left to the Standing Committee to settle. He always understood that the late editor of "Bell News" was under a written obligation to print free of charge everything that was sent by the Council.

The President said that was correct, and related the circumstances under which the obligation was entered into.

Mr. Trollope: The point is, is that agreement legally binding upon his successor?

The President: I think distinctly not.

Mr. Trollope said that under the circumstances it might be worth while to have a fresh start entirely and for the Standing Committee to make what fresh business relations they thought fit with the papers. Mr. Trollope concluded by remarking that everything that had been asked for last year had been granted, and whatever feeling there was was due to a series of misconceptions which ought never to have taken place. The Council had, perhaps, to move a bit slowly, but he thought from the start it was entirely in favour of the new paper. If the Council now passed the resolution which he moved, it would remove any misunderstanding that had taken place.

The Rev. H. Law James formally seconded.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mr. A. T. King said, to remove any misconception, he would like to say that, as a member of the Analysis Committee, he never, from the very beginning, had any difficulty whatever with regard to including every peal that was published, wherever it was published. Some of them had their own personal views, and they were simply these, that the new paper had been in existence so short a time that it would be wise to wait until the present meeting before they came to any definite decision. There was nothing unreasonable in that. The new paper had made itself acceptable to everybody with whom he had come in contact, and—he was going to give it the best advertisement he could—it had proved itself entirely worthy of the ringers' support,

and if they were not satisfied he really did not know what else could be done for them. But they must not find fault because at that time last year the Council did not think the time was ripe to express an opinion. That was why the previous question was moved. As regards the Analysis, he was not going to let the public write him down a lunatic if he could help it, for if they took the peals from only one paper, of what value would the analysis be? They, therefore, used their own judgment. It had commended itself to the members, and with that they were entirely satisfied.

The Hon. Secretary said, in giving his hearty support to the motion, he would like to add that what it contained was absolutely and literally true. What he had done he had done simply as part of his regular official duty, as laid down in the rules of the Council, which stated that "the names of the members present, the business transacted at each meeting"—that was the official minutes—"be entered in the minute book and reported to the ringing papers" (hear, hear).

THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS.

The President said there had been some misunderstanding, and no small amount of nonsense written and talked about this matter. Mr. King had clearly set forth what the position of the Council was at the meeting at Leicester. It did not seem to have been adequately recognised that the Council were obliged to take up the attitude they did. They had to wait until the new paper had justified its existence by proving it was not one of those mushroom growths of which they had had several previously before they gave consent to treat it as they were treating the paper which for a large number of years had been practically the only organ of the Exercise. So far as his part in the matter was concerned, it was simply this: He pointed out then that the correction of the report of the meeting was a very tedious and troublesome matter, both to himself and to the hon. secretary, and he flatly declined then, as he flatly declined now, to do that work twice over. He was perfectly content that day if the Council said, "Send the report to 'The Ringing World' instead of to 'Bell News,'" to send it, but to do the work twice over he would not, however kind the hon. secretary might be in saying that he would do his part. The origin of their report of the meetings was that they felt themselves bound to give to the constituents, who sent the members at considerable expense to represent them, as nearly as possible a verbatim account of what took place. A report, such as, for instance, the report, excellent as it was in many respects, which appeared in "The Ringing World," of the Leicester meeting, was not a report such as would satisfy the constituents of those who sent the members there, and it was open to this further difficulty that all condensed reports of that kind were largely tinged by the particular predilections of those who wrote them, and it would lead, if they trusted entirely to them, to a misrepresentation, he would not say wilfully, but accidentally or ignorantly, of the views of members which would lead to trouble by-and-by.

"NOT GUILTLESS OF ERROR."

Even as it was, with all the care that Mr. Davies and himself bestowed upon the official report, they did not manage to be guiltless of error. What he wanted to insist on was that if they were content to take a report, which might be, as he said, one-sided, not wilfully so, but which might be so, he should be only too thankful to get out of the job, and he was sure Mr. Davies would be, too. They must settle once and for all what they wanted done in this matter. He did not mind a bit to which paper it went. He asked them when they passed the resolution, to which there was no possible objection, to deal with that matter.

Canon Papillon suggested that when the manuscript of the report had been corrected, two typewritten copies should be obtained, and one sent to each paper. That would not entail a very serious expense.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews seconded.

Mr. J. Parker asked if the Council were satisfied with the report of the last meeting that appeared in "The Ringing World." He considered it was quite sufficient. He did not see why the Council need have a report at all. If a paper wanted a report they should send their reporter, as "The Ringing World" did.

The President: Of course they should.

Mr. Parker said he would suggest that each paper should send their own reporter, and give a separate report of the meeting.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said it was perfectly true that papers sent their own reporters to meetings, but it would be impossible for an ordinary reporter intelligibly to follow debates on the technical subjects which the Council discussed.

Canon Papillon's suggestion was agreed to, and Mr. Trollope's motion was then put, and carried.

[We think the President is under some misapprehension as to our report of the Leicester meeting. Apart from the summary of the proceedings which we gave, we devoted no less than five full pages in small type to the debates. That can hardly be called a "condensed" report.—Ed.]

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Wolstencroft 1, C. Broadbent 2, H. Palmer 3, R. Wimpenny 4, Geo. Garnett 5, Wm. Gordon, junr. (Stockport) 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, E. Barton (first quarter-peal) 8.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**GOLD MEDAL FOR THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The annual meeting of the members of the Central Northants Association was held at Kettering on Whit-Monday, over 100 being present. The proceedings commenced with a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Luckock, while the Rector (the Rev. C. B. Lucas) was the preacher, basing his excellent discourse upon the message spoken by the bells. At one o'clock about 100 members sat down to luncheon at the Royal Hotel, an excellent repast being provided by Host and Hostess Collings. The chair was occupied by the President (the Rev. St. George Coldwell, of Islip), who was supported by the Rev. C. B. Lucas (Rector of Kettering), Rev. A. M. Luckock (Kettering), Rev. A. I. Greaves (Finedon), Rev. E. J. Atkins (Isham), Rev. R. Copeman (Stoke Albany), Councillor A. Mackay, J.P. (Chairman of the Kettering Urban District Council), Mr. W. Martin (churchwarden), and Mr. F. Wilford (Northampton), hon. secretary.—At the outset the Rev. St. Geo. Coldwell thanked the members for electing him as President.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) presented the annual report, which showed that 65 peals had been rung during the year 1911. He was not quite certain whether that was the greatest number of peals rung in connection with the Association in one year, but it was one of the greatest numbers. There was only one year placed higher on the annals, and that was in 1897, when they were placed 10th on the analysis, whereas this year they were 12th, which was very good indeed—if they did not ring quite so many peals there was better quality. The congratulations of the Association were due to the Kettering company upon having rung a peal of London Surprise, and to their energetic leader (Mr. D. Nichols) in persevering with his band of men in such a way as he had done (near, hear). Congratulations were also due to the Irthlingborough company, who had had luck in not completing a peal of Bristol. The places where restorations were in hand in belfries and bells were Finedon and Tichmarsh. The report regretted the deaths since the last meeting of Mr. Newman, of Higham Ferrers (late secretary of the Wellingborough District), and an hon. member, the Rev. F. M. Stopford, of Tichmarsh. The finances showed a balance in hand of £28 18s. 10d.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Chairman then presented a gold medal to Mr. F. Wilford, the hon. secretary, in recognition of his having taken part in 100 peals by the Association.—Several new members were elected to the Association.—Upon the proposition of Irthlingborough, it was decided to send two delegates to the Central Council instead of one as hitherto, and Messrs. Wilford (hon. secretary) and Nichols (Kettering) were appointed. It was decided to make a grant of two guineas towards the restoration and improvement to Finedon belfry and bells, the Rev. A. I. Greaves, in returning thanks, remarking that they intended to do the work thoroughly.—It was suggested, that instead of peals being artistically inscribed in the "Peal Book" at a cost, they should be written in free of cost, was not adopted.—It was decided that a member should be appointed in each belfry to collect subscriptions, and forward them to the district secretaries.—The Chairman then thanked the Rector of Kettering for allowing them the use of the belfry and bells, and for being present at the meeting, and Councillor Mackay for his presence, both gentlemen suitably replying, the latter extending a hearty welcome to the ringers to Kettering.—A vote of thanks to the President closed the meeting.—Ringing was indulged in during the day upon the bells of the Parish Church, and at Isham and Rothwell.

THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD

The sixth meeting of the year of the above Guild was held at St. Mary, Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, on Saturday, representatives attending from Appledore, Iden, Rye, Tenterden and the local tower. Grand-sire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were the methods practised, and excellent striking was obtained.—The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting, held in the belfry.—It was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Mr. C. Tribe, seconded by Mr. C. Wenham, to hold the next meeting at Appledore on the last Saturday in the month, and at that meeting the officials hope as many as possible will attend, as the question of holding an outing in July is to be discussed, and it is the desire of the officers to fix a convenient date, which could be settled upon easier, and to the satisfaction of all the members by a large assembly.—The proposal by Mr. C. W. Player, seconded by Mr. G. Johnson, to attempt a peal of Grand-sire Triples at Romney on the third Saturday in the month was unanimously passed.—This concluded the business, and after several more touches had been rung, the bells were lowered in peal.

MEETING OF THE ELY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Ely Diocesan Guild was held at Chatteris, on Whit-Monday. The first touch was 1008 Grand-sire Minor, by: E. W. Cattell (Sutton) 1, D. Crashlev (Chatteris) 2, R. Knight (Sutton) 3, J. Rawlinson (Chatteris) 4, G. Few (Sutton) 5, A. Abrams (Chatteris), conductor, 6. Afterwards 360 Grand-sire Minor was rung. Tea took place in the Parish Room (the Rev. F. H. Bagshaw) presiding. Afterwards touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Grand-sire were rung, and the bells were lowered at 9.30 by the Sutton and Chatteris bands. The peal, tenor 11½ cwt., were hung about two years ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The 32nd annual meeting of this Association was held at Kelvedon on Whit-Monday. For upwards of 30 years the annual meetings had been held at Chelmsford, but last year the Association decided to visit each district in rotation, and the new venture proved an unqualified success in every way. Over 100 ringers were present from upwards of 30 parishes, many old faces appearing that had not attended the annual gathering for many years.

The proceedings commenced with a service in the Parish Church. The prayers were intoned by the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Hay), the lesson read by the Rev. A. F. Curtis, Vicar of Feering, and Rural Dean, and a very appropriate address given by the Rev. H. S. Sanders, Rector of Woodford. The Rev. J. Valpy (curate) was also present, as also was the surpliced choir in full strength.

The business meeting followed in the Infants' Schoolroom, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) presiding.—The report showed a most satisfactory state of affairs, the membership of 773 establishing a record, and finances, as shown in the balance sheet, were considered in excellent condition.—Discussion arose with reference to the reserve fund, now standing at £105. A scheme was suggested whereby older members of certain years' standing should be relieved of payment of subscription and become honorary members, and it was resolved to refer the matter to the general committee to report upon at the next annual meeting, to be held at West Ham.—All the officers were re-elected.

A letter was read from Mr. J. F. Penning, Saffron Walden, upon the question of forming a benevolent fund, and after discussion, it was deemed not advisable to proceed with the matter until after the Insurance Act was in operation.

The Master called the attention of the members to the Shoreditch bells restoration fund, reminding them that the Association had no fund to meet such appeals, and urging the members to send their contributions to Mr. J. Bradley, hon. secretary of the fund.

THE REV. H. T. EYRE'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

A very interesting ceremony then took place—the presentation of a silver rose bowl on plinth, with suitable inscription, a pair of silver vases, and a travelling suit case, to the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, in appreciation of his valuable services as honorary secretary for 21 years.

The Master, in making the presentation, spoke of the great work accomplished by Mr. Eyre. He wished him many years of health to enjoy the gifts offered him in gratitude, and expressed a wish that he would continue his services as hon. secretary for many years to come.

The Hon. Secretary, in thanking the members for their handsome presents, gave a short sketch of the history and progress of the Association during its existence, and mentioned that only six members now remained upon the books of those who formed the Association at Writtle in 1879, and four of them were present at the meeting that day, viz.: Messrs. W. Chalk, senr. (Maldon), C. Bearman (Bocking), and W. H. Dyson and F. Rudkin (Braintree).

Thanks were accorded the preacher for his address, to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of Kelvedon for the kind way he had received the ringers, and to the choir and organist for their attendance at the service. The members afterwards dined at the Parish Room, the churchwardens of Kelvedon, and the Rev. W. A. Errington, Rector of Hunsdon, being among those present.—The members afterwards proceeded in brakes to Great Tey, Feering and Coggeshall, for ringing. The Rector of Hunsdon also kindly conveyed some in his motor-car. Touches were brought round in various methods, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise, and Messrs. C. Fenn, R. Fenn, T. Faulkner and A. C. Hardy, of Barking, gave an exhibition of their skill in ringing a touch of London Surprise Major, double-handed.

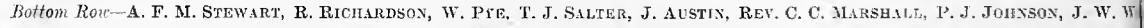
The unanimous opinion prevailed that the Association had held the most successful and enjoyable gathering for many years.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Whit-Monday meeting of the above Association took place at West Hartlepool, the towers of Staunton, St. Oswald's and St. Aidan's being opened all day to the visitors. Dinner was partaken of at the Grand Hotel, the Rev. B. Jealous presiding.—Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge), also from Mr. W. Story and Mr. J. W. Parker, who were attending the Central Council meeting.—After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, the Chairman spoke of the splendid facilities for ringing in West Hartlepool, the town now possessing three peals of bells.—Mr. W. H. Porter moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of the respective churches, who had so kindly allowed the Association the use of the bells that day.—Mr. T. Langley seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the Rev. C. B. Code. Subsequently the ringers dispersed, and ringing was continued for the greater part of the day.

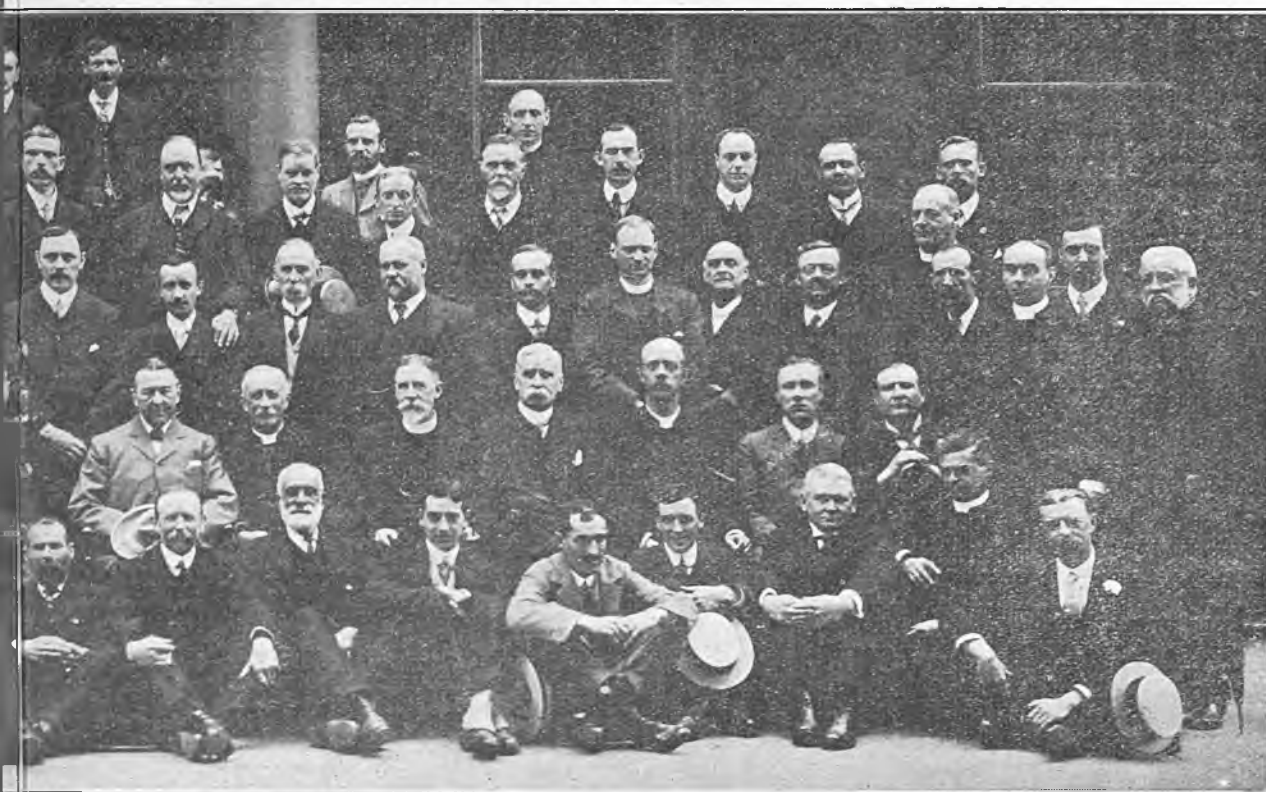
The summer meeting of the Association will be held at Corbridge and Stenham on July 27th.

WARWICK.—On Sunday, May 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Caters (1277 changes): Miss J. I. Williams 1, E. H. Adams 2, F. Moss 3, T. Male 4, J. Jones 5, F. Brassington 6, W. Male 7, J. Standby 8, H. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. Lapworth 10.



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This handsome gift should give a great stimulus to peal ringing. Ever since the analysis has been on the present basis of point scoring there has been keen competition among, at any rate, most of the leading societies for the place of honour at the head of the table, but hitherto there has been nothing tangible to mark the success of the association occupying the premier position. Now, however, the Exercise will be in possession of a trophy worthy of the Art and one which any association successful in winning it may be proud to hold.

Some there may be who prefer to see the societies contesting purely for the honour of gaining the coveted position, but we think the general body of ringers will welcome the idea of having a trophy which they may hold as a recognition of their prowess, especially when that trophy is such a magnificent one as that which Messrs. Warner have now presented.

The cup is to be competed for annually and, as already mentioned, will go to the association which holds the highest aggregate of peal points for the previous twelve months. Beyond this Messrs. Warner attach no conditions to the competition, except that the first holders of the cup will be the association who top the analysis for the present year, 1912.

The trophy, which will be known as "The Warner Cup," is valued at 50 guineas, and is of splendid workmanship. An excellent photograph of the cup is given in the art supplement with this number, but some further particulars will be of interest. Made of solid silver, the cup stands 23 inches high, is 17 inches wide and weighs no less than 120 ozs. As will be noticed, the knob at the top is shaped like a bell, while the cup, which is of handsome proportions, is suitably engraved. The Latin quotation, "Ars non habet inimicum nisi ignorantem," means, very freely translated, "only the ignorant despise the art," a very apt phrase. The cup is mounted upon a plinth containing 12 silver bells which are intended for the names of the successful associations as they become the holders.

This trophy should be a great encouragement to ringers to go forward in the Art, to aspire to higher methods and so bring to the credit of their association increased points for the peals they ring. The generous gift which Messrs. Warner and Sons have made to the Exercise will be highly valued by ringers who will fully appreciate the spirit of encouragement which prompted the provision of such a handsome cup.

A large clock and chimes are to be fixed in the Parish Church of Maulden, Bedfordshire, which is to be of the finest construction and to keep accurate time. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, are carrying out the work. The same firm recently fixed a clock in the neighbouring church of Silsoe, and they are also making a large clock for Pennington, Hants.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Although we have enlarged this issue to 20 pages, the pressure on our space is so great that we have unavoidably been obliged to hold over several reports. The next instalment of the history of York Minster bells will appear next week.

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The excellent photograph of the Kent Association members at Westerham, was taken by Mr. F. G. Benson, Keswick Studio, Westerham, from whom copies may now be had.

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We are indebted to Mr. C. T. Coles for the photograph of the Hornchurch long peal band.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPH.

Photographic copies of the Central Council group can be obtained from the office of "The Ringing World," price 2s. 3d. post free. Orders, with remittance, should be sent without delay.

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Records are made but to be broken. On Whit-Monday a new surprise Major record was set up. On Saturday, the previous hand-bell record was beaten by five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who, as our peal records show, rang 14,031 Stedman Caters in hand in seven hours three minutes. It is a splendid performance, and one worthy of ranking among the greatest achievements in the art. It is a crowning success to the splendid efforts of the Winchester men who, both at Guildford and elsewhere, have done a great deal to popularise handbell peals.

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It is interesting to note that although the peal at Guildford contained nearly 600 changes more than the 13,440 Bob Major rung on Whit-Monday, 1911, at Pudsey, Yorks, and that there were two more bells, the time actually occupied was four minutes less. The average pace of the 14,000 was practically 2,000 an hour, although at one time the bells were running at the great pace of 37 changes per minute.

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A hitch in the going off course caused a second start to be made, but the peal was rung with extremely few faults. The slightest hesitation on the part of either of the ringers and the brilliant conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling, had the whole position well in hand in a moment; indeed, the trips seemed to be corrected almost before they were made. The turning course, which came up in 3 hours 34 minutes was absolutely perfect, and in the last 2,500 changes—unquestionably the severest tax of all—there was hardly a blow out of place.

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It was really a magnificent performance upon which the band deserves the greatest congratulation. It was an interesting coincidence that the peal was Mr. A. H. Pulling's 100th on handbells as conductor, and also brought Mr. J. Hunt's aggregate up to 300.

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A meeting for combined practice for the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Waltham, St. Lawrence, on Saturday last. Owing to the uncertainty of the weather the attendance was rather below the average, only ten

members being present, representing Binfield, Sandhurst, Hurst, and the local band. Touches of Kent and Plain Bob Minor were rung, also Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on handbells.

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The Central Council meeting on Whit-Tuesday was the most largely attended in the history of that body. It surpassed by two the previous best.

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Peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus are few and far between, and this makes the peal at Cripplegate, recorded in our last issue, all the more interesting. The previous peal of Oxford Maximus, so far as we can ascertain, was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 2, 1897. At the time it was claimed, and the claim was not disputed, to be the first peal of Oxford Twelve with the big bells in plain course order for 95 years, the previous one having been the 7,104 by the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 1802, conducted by George Gross, junior.

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The special reference to the big bells in the plain course order was necessary, because the Norwich Association had also rung (on November 25th, 1887, at Ipswich), a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus with the bells in the tittums—the only peal of Oxford Twelve of its kind ever rung. Both the Norwich Association peals were conducted by James Motts, and, in addition, his brother William, and Edgar Pemberton, W. L. Catchpole and Robert Brundle were in the two.

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Owing to the death of Mr. Arthur Jacob, the meeting of the Middlesex Association, which was to have been held to-morrow, at Hornsey, with which tower the deceased was connected, has been postponed.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The 14th annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Thornaby-on-Tees, including Stockton and Middlesbrough on Whit-Monday. Ringers attended from Carlton in Cleveland, Guisbrough, Hemingbrough, Marske, Middleham, Middlesbrough, Robin Hood's Bay, Redcar, Sharow, Stockton, Selby, Skelton, Ormesby, Thornaby and Whitby. A committee meeting was held in the morning, and a special service took place in the Thornaby Parish Church at noon, the address being given by the Rev. R. Hawley Sharpe, who welcomed the Association most heartily to Thornaby, and hoped that the work they had taken up would be most successful. Dinner was provided at the Sadler's Hotel, Thornaby, the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright) being in the chair, supported by the Vice-Presidents (Dr. H. C. Pauli and G. F. Alexander), and the secretary. Between thirty and forty members sat down to a most substantial dinner.

Afterwards the loyal toast was duly honoured, and Dr. Pauli gave "The Archbishop, Bishop and Clergy." He referred to the great interest the clergy took in ringers and their Associations, and coupled with the toast the names of the Rev. R. Hawley Sharpe (Vicar of Thornaby), whom he thanked for his magnificent address, and for the use of the bells; the Rev. Canon Martin (Vicar of Stockton), and the Rev. F. H. Stock (Vicar of Middlesbrough), whom he also thanked for the use of their bells.—The President replied, and stated that at a special committee meeting, held at Ormesby, it was suggested that the new Bishop of Ripon should be asked to allow his name to remain in the report as patron of the Association, and also that the Archbishop of York should be asked to become a patron of the Association. He (the President) had written to both, with the result that the Bishop of Ripon would gladly allow his name to remain, while the reply from the Archbishop was also in the affirmative. The Archbishop sent a cheque for two guineas as a life member of the Association, and wished them every success in their work (applause).

The Secretary's report showed that the Association was in a most prosperous position, and was doing a great work in the art of change ringing in the wide area of Cleveland. The membership was growing gradually, and the finances were going in the right direction. Several handbell peals had been rung during the year at Robin Hood's Bay, through the energy and perseverance of one of their vice-presidents (Mr. G. F. Alexander), who was to be congratulated upon such interesting work.—The President congratulated the secretary upon the excellent report, and moved that the best thanks be given to Mr. Metcalfe.—This was carried by applause.—The President reported that some time ago that he had had some conversation with the Rev. J. C. Fowler, Vicar of Whorlton and Swainby, about the repair of their bells. Seeing that there was a good balance at the bank to the credit of the Association, and also that there was a recommendation from the committee that a grant of £5 be made to the Rev. J. C. Fowler towards the repair of the bells, the suggestion was carried unanimously.

The places for the meetings to be held during the year are (September) Marske, Saltburn, Skelton and Guisbrough, (Easter Monday, 1913) Whitby and Robin Hood's Bay; the annual meeting, Ripon and Sharow.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Newton, and seconded by Mr. F. A. Millanby, to the retiring officers, Mr. G. F. Alexander replying.—The chair was then taken by Mr. Newton, and the retiring officers were unanimously re-elected.

This terminated the business meeting, and the ringers dispersed to the various towers, the majority going to Stockton to try their hand on the ten. During the evening some good ringing was done in various methods.

LEEDS SOCIETY AT TONG.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Tong on June 1st. No attempt was made for a peal, but touches in various Minor methods were rung by visitors. The business meeting was held in the evening at the Greyhound Inn.—The President occupied the chair, supported by members from Armley, Bramley, Bolton, Guiseley, Holbeck, Headingley, Leeds, Mirfield, Pudsey, Queensbury, and the local band. Arising out of the minutes was the question of the next meeting, and the President announced that he had not yet received any reply from Tadcaster, but the next meeting place would be announced in "The Ringing World."—Mr. B. Coupland, of Pudsey, was elected a member of the society.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, as Central Council representative, then gave an account of the Council's meeting, and a vote of thanks to him for his report was passed, on the motion of Mr. E. Mann, and seconded by Mr. G. Bolland.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Tong, and to the local company, was proposed by Mr. J. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. F. W. Thorpe, and carried.—Mr. G. Bolland responded, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting. The tower was then again visited, and further ringing done.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sunday evening, May 12th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, L. A. Smith (Leckhamstead), first quarter, 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, C. Walker 8.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SPECIAL REPORT BY OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE.

(CONTINUED).

We continue on this page the full report of the 22nd annual meeting of the Central Council, held at Church House, Westminster, on White-Tuesday.

DISESTABLISHMENT BILL PROTEST.

The President (Sir A. P. Heywood) said that as that was a meeting of Churchmen, he did not think it would be out of place; in fact, he thought it would be in every respect a mistake if at that gathering they failed to express an opinion upon the Bill now before Parliament, which concerned their own interests by and bye, and at the moment, the interests of their Welsh brethren (hear, hear). He referred, of course, to the Bill for the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church in Wales. He did not propose that there should be any discussion upon the matter, but he did think that at this time, when every Church body throughout the length and breadth of the land was passing resolutions on the subject, it would ill-become them to let the opportunity go by without an expression of their opinion (applause). This was a Bill which affected them primarily as Churchmen, because if the Church in Wales were disestablished it would be only a preliminary to demanding the disestablishment of the Church in England. He did not want to put the matter forward on the grounds of personal interest, because he would prefer that they should state first that in their opinion it was a very unfair Bill to the clergy, but it would of necessity militate against the interests of ringing, first of all because any Church that had its income depleted must necessarily have less money to pay away. It was true ringers did not get largely paid, and in many cases did not get paid at all, but if they looked back a few hundred years they would see that when the churches were in financial difficulty the first thing to go was the church bells. He was not prepared to say that would happen again, but when one was starving one was not very particular what one did to get food. There was one question that had been asked in connection with this Bill, but never answered, and that was, "Who was going to benefit by it?" When a Bill was brought forward in Parliament they wanted to justify it by showing that it was going to benefit somebody. They had a Bill brought forward recently for giving each Member of Parliament £400 a year. That was intelligible. It benefited every member of Parliament to that extent (laughter). Then they had the great National Insurance Bill. That was a magnificent endeavour on the part of the Government to deal with a most complicated question. In it the Government had tried to do their best for the poorer members of the community. There was a definite benefit in that Bill, but no one had yet shown who was going to benefit under the Welsh Disestablishment Bill. It was perfectly clear who was going to lose. The clergy were going to lose 13s. 4d. out of every £1 of their income. It was a little bit hard, as had recently been pointed out by Lord Selborne, that the gentlemen who had just voted themselves £400 a year each, should go on to try and take away from the poor clergy, with possibly less than £200 a year, what they had. There did not seem the fairness about it that one would have expected in the House of Commons.

DEVOID OF JUSTIFICATION.

As regards taking away the income, the argument that had been used was that a church without an income would be a better church, it would have to work harder, it would have to do more to justify its existence. Very well, let them admit that argument for the moment. The proposal was originally to take away all but 1s. 6d. in the £, then, under pressure, the Government had given way to the extent of proposing to take away all but 6s. 8d. in the £, but if their contention that the poorer the church was the better, why in the world did they not stick to their first proposal to take away all but 1s. 6d. There was no logic about it at all. Another strong argument, and one that appealed to him most strongly of all, was that if it were such a bad thing for the church to have an income, if it were supposed that a church without an income could do better work than a church with one, why was it that the Nonconformists throughout Wales, and England as well, over and over again had stated through their principal ministers that what was impeding their work was want of funds; that they could not deal with the large masses of people in populous places as thoroughly as they wished because they had not got the money to pay their ministers? What was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander, and if they were going to apply the same reasoning to the Church of England there was no earthly reason why they should attempt to take away the present small income that went to the Church clergy. He proposed: "That the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers protests against the Bill now before Parliament to disestablish and disendow the Church in Wales as a measure entirely devoid of justification" (hear, hear).

Mr. A. T. King seconded, and remarked that the resolution was couched in terms which could not fail to commend itself to everyone of them (applause).

The Rev. A. T. Beeston thought they should indicate that the Central Council represented so many ringers throughout the country.—The President said they would insert the words "representing 39 associations of England containing approximately so many members." The actual number could be inserted when ascertained.

The resolution, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The President said he might add that no one talked of disestablishing the Church without disendowing it. He did not know that he had any objection to it being disestablished, but those who wanted to disestablish it wanted to disendow it. They wanted the money, that was what they wanted.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews asked where the resolution was to be sent. The President said he did not know there was any object in sending it anywhere. He thought it would be a good plan to put it in the Church papers. They might send it to the "Telegraph" if they liked.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews suggested it should be sent to Mr. Bonar Law.—A Member: Send it to Mr. Asquith, too.—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards suggested that as Mr. McKenna and the Chancellor of the Exchequer did not read the Church papers, it would be well if it were sent to them.—The President: If you were the minister in charge of a contentious Bill you can just imagine what you would do with it.—Eventually the matter was left to the President and Hon. Secretary.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Rev. A. F. H. Boughey proposed the re-election of the Standing Committee: The President, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. W. Snowdon.—Canon Papillon seconded, and the motion was carried.

PEAL COLLECTION PROGRESSING.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported on the work of the Peal Collection Committee. There was not, he said, very much to say except that the work was going steadily on. They had not as yet availed themselves of the permission to publish by instalments, but that did not mean to say that final publication was not nearer. Week by week they eliminated a lot of false peals. There were a great many more false ones than he expected when he took the work in hand. He was very anxious when the publication was made that the book should be really accurate, without any falseness in it. If this were to be secured it meant going slowly and having the work checked over twice, if not more than twice. The committee were doing their best to ensure that there should be no mistake, and that any conductor might take a peal from the book as it stood, and be quite sure he was not ringing a false peal.—On the motion of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the committee was re-elected.

A CHANGE OF TITLE.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported progress on behalf of the Church Press Committee. He said he had hoped to be able to present the report. The catalogue of books he had practically done. The general books, particularly the books on county bells, and of bells and steeples, were practically complete, and he was glad to tell them that Mr. Walter, of the British Museum, had promised to revise that list, so that it would be as accurate as was possible. As regards the manuscripts, he had thought that he had done with them, but he found reference to a manuscript at Oxford, which he did not know of, and he had not yet had the opportunity of going to see it. He hoped soon, however, to send the draft report round to the committee. He was sorry not to have had it finished, but it really took a great deal of time.

Canon Papillon said the work of the committee was started originally when it was thought desirable to call the attention of the clergy to ringing matters through the Church Press. A certain amount was done in the way of articles and letters to the "Guardian" and other papers, and now that that work had been done he would like to see the committee called the Literature Committee.—The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, and thought it was a good suggestion.—The Rev. Maitland Kelley expressed a desire to retire from the committee, which, with that exception, was re-elected, viz.: Rev. H. A. Cockey, Canon Papillon, Mr. Daniell and Mr. Dains.

The President said he hailed with delight the information that before long they would have the results of the inquiry which had been going on now, he thought, for 22 years (laughter, and hear, hear).

FIFTEEN HUNDRED TREBLE BOB METHODS!

The Rev. H. Law James, reporting for the Legitimate Methods Committee, said they had been quietly going on with the work behind the scenes. There were two books in the room, containing something like 1,500 Treble Bob Major methods and 300 or 400 Surprise methods—which was the instalment they had been dealing with this year. It meant a good many years yet before they got real fruit, but they were going quietly and steadily on. The committee wanted to give them the real thing when they had done.

The Hon. Secretary said Mr. J. Carter had written signifying his desire to resign from the committee.—The Rev. H. Law James suggested that Mr. E. H. Lewis be added to the committee, he having consented to help them.—The committee, consisting of the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. H. Dains and Mr. J. A. Trollope, with the addition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, were re-elected, on the motion of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, seconded by Mr. H. W. Wilde.

PEAL VALUES.

The Hon. Secretary presented the report of the Peal Values Committee, which was as follows:—

Your committee, having carefully considered the questions referred to them at the meeting of the Council, at Leicester last year, beg leave to report as follows:—

As regards points for peals on seven bells and upwards, they recommend the adoption of the schedule brought forward by Mr. J. Griffin, and supported by Mr. A. T. King, and calculated from the formula.

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In the matter of points for peals of Minor, they recommend: 1 point for each 720 rung in any plain method, 2 for each 720 in any Treble Bob Method, 3 for each such in any method with "Broken Leads," and 4 for each such in any Surprise Method, each 720 to be counted as such, whether rung all through in one and the same method in the usual manner, or composed of touches in more than one method, making up, when taken together, one true 720. Also, in addition to the points thus apportioned to the seven 720's, of which the peal consists, they recommend that a point be given for each method rung, commencing with the second method. Thus, for a peal consisting of seven 720's in one and the same plain method, such as Plain Bob, 7 points would be given; and for one consisting of seven 720's in fourteen Surprise Methods 41 points would be given; that is, 28 points for the seven 720's, and 13 points for the fourteen methods.

(Signed ARTHUR B. CARPENTER,

JOHN CARTER,

HENRY DAINS,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Note.—Though signing this report, Mr. Carter wishes it to be stated that he is strongly averse to any 720, consisting of portions in different methods. He considers that each 720 should be rung straight through in one and the same method.

The Hon. Secretary added that all the members of the committee were strongly of opinion that they could do no more, and they really wished to resign. Of course, they left it entirely to the Council, but their own personal feeling was that the work would be far better done by the Analysis Committee. This was not through feeling of any sort—the relations between them and the Analysis Committee had always been most delightful, but the committee felt strongly that they had done all they could.

The President said those who could cast their minds back to the last meeting would remember that some difficulty was expressed as to the awkwardness of that committee and the Analysis Committee not being one and the same committee, and it was felt that the work of the Peal Values Committee might very well be done by the Analysis Committee. The Standing Committee advised, and he hoped the Council would agree to the suggestion, that the report of the Peal Values Committee be deferred until they reached the resolution on the agenda dealing with the same subject. There might be matters cropping up which would necessitate these two being considered together.—This was agreed to.

PEALS OF MINOR.

The Rev. H. Law James moved that "a peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720's, and the bells must strike rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number." He said he brought the motion forward last year, and it was slightly amended into the form of a recommendation, because it was thought hardly fair it should be carried without giving the six-bell ringers all over the country a fair amount of notice. Practically, the Council agreed with the spirit of the resolution last year. It was carried in the form it was, with the understanding that he should bring it up again this year. Let them look at the matter from the point of view of what really was a peal. A peal of Doubles was 120 changes—that was on pure theory—a peal of Minor was 720 changes, a peal of Triples 5,040 changes, a peal of Major 40,320 changes. That had been the ideal right the way through. Then came the practical difficulty, how were they to compare these different numbers. With regard to Major, it had been got over by making Triples the standard, and 5,000 of Major was called a peal. When it came to Doubles and Minor they had to ring an equivalent number of peals to make up one 5,000, and so the custom had arisen of ringing seven 720's. The thing could be done in true 720's up to, he believed, 31 Minor methods in the seven 720's, so there need be no difficulty from that point of view. The band that rang 31 methods in seven true 720's would have done a performance well worth talking about. His experience of 14 Minor methods was that they were a considerably more severe tax on the mind at the time than a 5,000 of London Major.—Mr. R. Richardson seconded.

Mr. Dains said he did not like these restrictions. In Minor, after ringing 720, what else was there to do? All they could get was repetition, and there was nothing else but the method. The more method they could put into it the better. He would like to propose an amendment to add after "720's," "or the equivalent number of eighteen-scores to make up 5,000." A true peal of it they could not make if they tried, and why they should limit it to 720's he could hardly see.

(To be Continued).

HEREFORDSHIRE GUILD COMPETITION.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT GLASBURY.

The first ringing competition, held under the auspices of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, took place at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury-on-Wye, on Empire Day. The proceedings began with the hoisting of a magnificent new "white ensign" on the tower, the gift of Capt. A. Glen Kidston, who was also the originator of the contest. At eleven o'clock, the time fixed for the commencement of the competition, the genial captain arrived, and amidst the rousing cheers of the assembled ringers, proceeded to the ringing chamber, where he presented the local band with a splendid eight-day clock. The draw for places was performed by Captain Kidston. Eleven bands had entered, and the test was 360 Grandsire Doubles. Mr. H. Withers was the adjudicator. The first band started shortly after eleven o'clock, and at one p.m. a halt was made, and at the kind invitation of Capt. Kidston, the competitors were enabled to partake of an excellent luncheon, provided by Host Reading in St. Peter's Hall. Capt. Kidston presided, and after proposing the toast of "The King," gave "Success to the Hereford Diocesan Guild." He said it was the first time a competition had been held in that Association, and it would not be right to part without wishing them success. He had the church very near at heart (hear, hear), and he felt that those who rang the bells were a credit to the Guild. He welcomed them all to Glasbury, and hoped the competition would instil enthusiasm, and that the ringers would not rest content until they had reached the goal of perfection. Last, but not least, he wished success to the Church, and long life and prosperity to the Rev. H. H. Gibbon (applause).—The Master of the Guild (Mr. John G. Buchanan) replied for the Guild. He remarked that he had great doubt as to whether many teams would enter because the Guild was somewhat old-fashioned, and he was greatly astonished to hear there were eleven entries. It was very creditable to see such fruitful results at the first performance. It was, he added, most kind of the captain to entertain them in the way he had—providing lunch, paying expenses and giving the prizes. They found friends where they least expected them. They should remember that they were taking part as servants of the church, and should conduct themselves respectfully and reverently. He asked them to drink to the health of Capt. Glen Kidston.—This was done with musical honours, and the Rev. H. H. Gibbon then responded to the toast of "The Church." Afterwards, while lingering over the fragrant weed, Mr. H. Withers held the company spellbound while he gave a selection of tunes and change ringing on his dulcimer. The competition was then resumed, while those that had rung strolled leisurely about admiring the beautiful scenery and listening to the bells. Others went as far as "Gwenyfed," the seat of Capt. Kidston, and there spent their time in inspecting the well-kept grounds. The competition over, two members of the committee totalled up the faults of each band recorded by the adjudicator, and Capt. Glen Kidston then declared the result of the contest as follows: 1 Glasbury, 2 Talgarth, 3 Leintwardine, 4 Cradley, 5 Bracon, 6 Hereford Cathedral, 7 Bosbury, 8 Whitbourne, 9 Llangattock, 10 Bredenbury, 11 Built Wells. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the Three Cocks Hotel for tea. They spent a most enjoyable day, through the kind generosity of Capt. A. Glen Kidston, who paid the whole of the expenses, including return railway fares. It is intended by the Captain to make this an annual affair, and he is providing a challenge shield to last for six years, the band winning it most times to retain it.

The committee responsible for the arrangements consisted of the Rev. H. H. Gibbon, Mr. E. Butler, Capt. A. Glen Kidston, Messrs. L. Lewis, E. R. Jones and J. P. Hyett. It being their first experience of a ringing competition they are to be congratulated on the way they carried out their programme. It will be a day long to be remembered by the 70 odd ringers present.

ST. STEPHEN'S, WEST EALING.

In the presence of a large congregation, the new Vicar of St. Stephen's, West Ealing (the Rev. Wm. H. Thompson, LL.D.) was collated and inducted by the Bishop of Kensington on Thursday week.

The procession, headed by the choir, and Messrs. L. S. Guy and A. J. F. Gunning (churchwardens) entered the church by the north door, filed up the centre aisle towards the Bishop's chair, the university hoods of the numerous clergy making pleasing notes of brilliant colour. Every detail of the ceremony was watched with interest by the congregation, and after the reading of the Mandate, the newly inducted Vicar, with the Rural Dean, went to the church door, and took possession of the key, afterwards tolling one of the bells in conformity with custom.

The offerings at the service were devoted to the fund for hanging the bells, which are castings of a high standard from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and have recently been hung for ringing. Prior to the service, by request of the church authorities, the following well-known members of the Middlesex Association rang a 504 of Steadman Triples. The ringers were: J. J. Pratt, Hillingdon (conductor) 1, G. Ransom (Isleworth) 2, Wm. Lawrence (Hanwell) 3, W. Lidbetter (Brentford) 4, T. Beadle (Isleworth) 5, W. H. Fussell (Slough) 6, J. H. B. Hesse (Teddington) 7, A. Harding (Ealing) 8.—At the conclusion of the ringing, the new Vicar, with the churchwarden Mr. A. J. F. Gunning, visited the belfry, and complimented the band on the excellence of their performance, and said how glad he was to find so good a peal of bells there.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT WESTERHAM. BENEVOLENT FUND STARTED.

Delightful weather favoured the thirty-third annual meeting of the Kent Association, which was held on Whitsun Monday, at Westerham, a picturesque little town just on the borders of Kent and Surrey. Not so accessible as Tonbridge, where the meeting has generally been held when it comes to the Tonbridge district's turn, nor as Sevenoaks, from which for many years past the Association has been excluded by local prejudice, Westerham, the birth-place of General Wolfe, with its beautiful church and fine ring of eight (tenor 23½ cwt.) and its able band of ringers, seemed to the committee a suitable place for the annual meeting; and the 130 members or so who attended from various parts of the county and from London, were not disappointed. Ringing began shortly after 10 a.m., and many short touches were rung before the service, and also in the afternoon. Other towers open were: Brasted, Sundridge, and the two Limpsfield churches in Surrey, all six-bell towers.

A meeting of the Central Committee was held, as usual, in the morning. At the service at noon, the Form prepared by the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke (Rector of St. Alphege, Canterbury), and the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), and sanctioned by the Archbishop and Bishops of Rochester and Southwark, was used for the first time. Several of the adult members of the Westerham choir attended, and Mr. C. H. Drake, organist, of Ospringe, himself a ringer and member of the Central Committee, ably presided at the organ. The prayers were intoned by the hon. secretary, the lesson was read by Col. H. Bonham Carter, the Vicar (the Rev. S. Le Mesurier) only announcing the hymns, which were: "Father of heaven," "Come, gracious Spirit," and "Now thank we all our God." The offertory, "for benevolent purposes," amounted to £1 5s. 8d.

The address was given by the Bishop of Rochester from Numbers x, 1-2, "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, make thee two trumpets of silver . . . that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly and for the journeyings of the camps." The Bishop's kindly and sensible address was listened to with evident attention and interest by the large congregation present, while he compared the uses of the silver trumpets in the old Israelitish wanderings with those of the church bells to-day, the call to awake, the call to assemble, the marking of the passing of time, the sound of alarm.

THE LUNCHEON.

Service ended, the Bishop and others made their way at once to the Public Hall for luncheon, at which the Bishop had promised to preside, but for which he had little time, as he was engaged to be present at an inspection of Church Lads' Brigades and Boy Scouts in Knole Park, some miles away. But the "demon photographer" lay in wait for the officers and such members of the Association as he could inveigle into the Vicarage garden for the fell purposes of his craft, and thereby luncheon was delayed a good half-hour. It was suggested, as also on the following day at the Central Council meeting, that as strikes were so fashionable nowadays, ringers (and others, e.g., kings and princes) might well strike against the incessant photographic group. But in neither case was the suggestion acted upon. Ringers are so tractable and docile, or, perhaps, so many have a secret liking for seeing their own and their friends' faces "photo-ed," that they would be disappointed if the aforesaid demon were not allowed his opportunity. At last, however, the Bishop and the rest, to the number of 140, got their mid-day meal in the Public Hall. At the high table were seated beside his lordship, the Revs. S. Le Mesurier, C. G. Acworth, V. S. Turnbull (Limpsfield Chart), F. J. O. Helmore, Col. Bonham Carter, Major Pilkington, Messrs. Tribe and Latter (district secs.), W. J. Jeffries (Deptford), T. Mannering (Maidstone), E. Barnett (Crayford), G. B. Selby (Westerham), C. H. Drake (Ospringe), and C. F. Johnston (Croydon). Mr. T. Groombridge and other members of committee were seated among the general company.—The Bishop, after grace had been said by the Vicar, briefly proposed the loyal toast, "The King, Queen and Royal Family," and then left for the C.L.B. inspection. The Vicar then took the chair.—Mr. W. Latter proposed the health of the "Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy," to which is generally added at these meetings, "with special thanks to the preacher." On this occasion, however, the preacher had already gone, and so the Vicar responded.

A GRATIFYING REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary then read the annual report, which showed that the Association was in a very flourishing condition, and still on the up-grade. There were now 106 towers in union, and a total membership of 1,206. After recording losses, by death, and other matters, reference was made to the sad accident to the Rev. C. S. M. Playfair, at Folkestone, after the meeting at Folkestone last Whitsun Monday, in order to emphasise the importance of providing a "danger board" to warn anyone who might get up into the belfry that the bells were up, and, therefore, ropes must not be touched. Grants to the amounts of £11 11s. had been paid from the belfry repairs fund, and several others promised, the balance to the credit of the fund being now £112 0s. 4d. The balance in the ordinary account was £98 8s. 3d.

Ninety-eight peals were rung in 1911, including the first peals by the Association of Duffield Royal, Cambridge Royal, and Erin Triples (the

last by eight members of the Crayford band). The first peal of Norfolk Surprise had been rung this year, and also of Waterloo Major, only, unfortunately, the latter turned out to be false. Mr. F. Bennett was to be congratulated on his successful conductorship of these peals. The Association were also delighted to congratulate his daughter, Miss E. L. Bennett, on having rung the first peals on handbells of Grandshire Triples, Bob Major, Grandshire Caters, and Bob Royal.—Mr. Pitman (Lyminge) proposed the adoption of the report and balance sheet, the motion being seconded by Mr. Haigh (Rochester), and carried.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed the formation of a benevolent fund. The subject had been discussed in all the districts, and there was a general consensus of opinion in its favour. He proposed that a start should be made by deducting 15 per cent. from the last year's subscriptions, which, together with the offertory that day, would make about £17 or £18, leaving details of administration to be settled by the Central Committee or by a sub-committee specially appointed by them. It might be objected, he said, that this was a very meagre sum, but the belfry repairs fund was started with less only sixteen years ago, and although they had paid in grants something over £40, their balance to-day was £112. It was a great mistake to "despise the day for small things."—The proposition was seconded by Mr. T. Saunders (East Peckham), and carried.

The re-election of officers was proposed by Mr. G. B. Selby (Westerham), seconded by Mr. F. Bennett (New Cross), and carried, the Revs. H. P. Brawer (Sturry) and F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne) to be added to the committee.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries (Deptford) proposed the health of the visitors, mentioning by name Col. H. Bonham Carter and Major A. J. Pilkington, both these gentlemen suitably responding to the toast.

The voting for representation on the Central Council resulted in the election of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (105), T. Groombridge (79), E. Barnett (67), and W. J. Jeffries (54), the two other candidates, Messrs. Haigh and Buesdon being just behind with 51 and 48 votes respectively.

After the conclusion of the business, a few short touches were rung on handbells in the hall, Miss Bennett being one of the ringers.—No report has been received as to what ringing was done at the outlying towers, but at Westerham many good touches in various methods were brought round, among them an exceedingly good touch of London Surprise.

FUNERAL OF MR. A. JACOB.

The tragically sudden death of Mr. Arthur R. Jacob, briefly reported last week, cast quite a gloom over the ringing circle with which the deceased was connected. Mr. Jacob, who was in his 60th year, was ringing at Grassendale and Garston on Whit-Sunday, and on the following day seemed in quite his customary health. In the evening, however, while returning from Gateacre Station, in company with two of his fellow workmen, he had a seizure, and died quite suddenly.

The late Mr. Jacob, who was a past Master and hon. sec. of the Royal Cumberland Youths, had a fine peal record. He was associated with the late Mr. George Newson in many peals, and altogether had rung nearly 300, including 13,440 Double Norwich Major. On his fiftieth birthday he rang the tenor to a peal of Treble Ten, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and there and then "booked" the bells for his 60th birthday. He was looking forward to ringing this peal next October, but, alas, it was not to be. The interment took place on Saturday at the Great Northern Cemetery, New Southgate, well within the sound of Southgate bells, where probably he rang more peals than in any other tower. The first part of the service was read in Hornsey Church, in the presence of a good number of ringers. There were also a large number present at the graveside, over which a course of Grandshire Triples was rung by: Miss E. K. Parker, 1-2; F. Smith, 3-4; J. D. Matthews, 5-6; R. Bevan, 7-8. Mr. G. B. Lucas, senr., also played one verse of "Lead, kindly Light."

Among those present were: Mr. R. Warner and Mr. Howell (representing Messrs. Warner and Sons, by whom deceased was employed), Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. E. F. Cole, Mr. Henry Dains, Mr. Ben Foskett, and many other old friends of the deceased.

Following the funeral 420 Stedman Triples and 740 Double Norwich were rung at Southgate, with the bells half-muffled, by: E. Bonfield 1, B. Foskett 2, A. Brightman 3, A. N. Hardy 4, J. Miller 5, R. Bevan 6, J. D. Matthews 7, F. Smith 8. There were a number of beautiful wroaths, including one from Messrs. Warner and Sons, and another from his "fellow workers."

NOTICES.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Owing to the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Jacob, the meeting arranged at Hornsey for Saturday, June 8th, has been postponed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sandy tomorrow (Saturday), June 8th. Bells available at 5 p.m.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas, Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, June 8th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, meeting to follow.—J. Harris, Hon. Local Secretary, Burnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stretford. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Hon. Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 20th, at St. John's, Hackney, on the 11th and 25th, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, at Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th at 8 p.m., also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, June 12th, at 8 o'clock sharp.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting in the Church Institute at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at the Queen's Arms Hotel at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. Hopkins, Coombs Road, Bakewell, by Thursday morning, June 13th.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector at 5. The bells at Heston will probably be open during the evening. All are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824), Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, June 15th. The tower will be open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. All members and friends cordially invited.—William H. Hotten, Hon. Secretary, 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, June 15th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30.—P. Webb, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, June 15th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and contest will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 15th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea 6d. each to all visitors ordering same from the secretary by June 10. Visitors should book to Hebden Bridge by train.—George Naylor, Hon. Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Wolverley. The bells, and also those at Cookley (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided (free) for all who let me know on or before Wednesday, June 12th.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead and Dorking District.—A meeting will be held at Ashted on June 15th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea 6d. to members, 1s. to non-members.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available in the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Temperance Hall.—George Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewwood on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing at 3. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rev. Preb. C. Dunkley. Tea (9d.) at 6. A brake will leave Wolverhampton (top of Railway Drive, Lichfield Street) at 2.15; fare 1s. 3d. Send word not later than 18th. Report now ready.—H. Knight, Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 29th, 1912, at All Saints, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppy. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Winchester on Saturday, June 29th. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.—W. E. Colchester, Honorary Secretary.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.—Practice night at the above church is Wednesday in each week at 7.45 p.m. Applications for attempts for peals should be made to Mr. H. Whittle, Stanford-on-Soar.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.—The bells at St. Catherine's will be available for quarter peal ringing on the third Sunday afternoon of each month from 2 to 3. All ringing friends are heartily welcome.—A. H. J. Denford, Hon. Secretary.

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