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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REFLECTIONS.

Looking back upon the proceedings of the Central Council, at the meeting held last week in London, one has a feeling that it was not a day productive of great things. In the social sense the event was one which, as always, leaves the most pleasant memories. The opportunity which the gathering provides for the meeting of old friends is unique, and it emphasises how strong and enduring are the friendships formed in ringing. But this side of the proceedings, pleasant as it is, is not the *raison d'être* of the Council, and to appraise the utility of the meeting one must come back to the actual business. Of this, apart from the formal re-appointments of officers and committees, very little was really done.

What time was not spent in the morning in dealing with committees' reports, was occupied in debating the best method of advertising the Council's publications. It is a delicate subject for us to touch upon, because it arose out of the question of advertising the publications in "The Ringing World," and anything we may say may be attributed to bias. But even at the risk of this, we make bold to assert that in the discussion the two essential points of successful advertising were completely lost sight of. The first, the question of circulation in regard to relative cost, and the second that effective advertising pays for itself. But few of those who spoke have had any practical experience in modern advertising methods.

Of the afternoon session, the majority of the Council, we are sure, came away with one impression that the honorary secretary, in his efforts to prove his case for the revision of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods, had overdone his subject. His intentions were of the best, but an hour and a quarter from one speaker upon such a question brought it very near to boredom. It did, in fact, practically exclude the opportunity of hearing the other side, and it robbed the members of what they had, perhaps, looked forward to as an entertaining interlude when the experts would pick one another to pieces. The result was that the Council were only too eager at once to send the subject to committee for consideration.

There was little time for anything else, for, after the motion approving of ringing during war time on Sundays and other Church Festivals, and Royal and national anniversaries, it was necessary, on account of the hour, to postpone one of the motions down for discussion, and this, too, after the motion to issue a national badge for ringers had been quickly disposed of earlier in the afternoon, owing to the fact that it did not obtain even a proposer. Thus the day passed with little to put on record, but at the same time it must not be supposed that, because little was done, the meeting served no purpose. The Council is the hub on which the Exercise turns and as such it serves an indispensable purpose.

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We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

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IN ALL BRANCHES.

**BELLHANGERS sent to inspect
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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whitsun Monday, May 24, 1915, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble	PERCY DENTON 5
ELGAR KING 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
SIDNEY HUNTLEY 3	HARRY SEAL 7
* HARRY COOMBER 4	HARRY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung on the occasion of Empire Day.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 25, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 21½ cwt., in E.

JAMES HEMMING Treble	HARRY MIDDLETON 5
JOHN NEAL 2	JOHN SMITH 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM PAGE 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

J. Hemming's 50th peal for the Association.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SHIPLEY BRANCH.)

On Whitsun Monday, May 24, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, London Surprise, Carlisle Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Violet and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM DENMAN, SENIOR ... Treble	* WILLIAM DENMAN, JUNIOR ... 4
THOMAS ADAMS 2	JAMES F. BOWELL 5
RICHARD H. BOWELL 3	ALFRED CRIPPS Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED CRIPPS.

* First peal on an inside bell. This peal was rung in celebration of Empire Day.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whitsun Monday, May 24, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

T. E. SAINT Treble	W. WEEKS 4
F. J. BOARD 2	W. J. SAINT 5
F. W. FILER 3	A. E. FORD Tenor

Conducted by W. J. SAINT.

First peal by all except A. E. Ford, who was elected a member before starting.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 25, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	* ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... 4
GEORGE POWNALL 2	JOHN YATES 5
THOMAS GRIMSHAW 3	JAMES ORME Tenor

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal away from treble. Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to Doctor Sephton, who died on Tuesday, May 18th, and was interred on Saturday, May 22nd. This peal was attempted after the funeral, but, owing to a mistake in the last half hour, had to be abandoned.

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RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.
 THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, May 29, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

JOHN COLEMAN Treble	*DANIEL REDHEAD 4
*LESLIE GROOM 2	FRANK KIRK 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 3	WALTER GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford, and four 720's of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY WRIGHT Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 4
FRED H. DEXTER 2	JOHN GARRATT 5
HARRY BRIGGS 3	ERNEST MORRIS Treble

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells, and by the ringers of treble and 5th, who belong to Sapcote. The ringer of the 2nd hails from St. Martin's, Leicester. 3rd from Stoney Stanton, 4th from Nuneaton, tenor from St. Margaret's, Leicester. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Major W. F. Martin and his comrades of the Leicestershire Yeomanry who have fallen during the war.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

PERCIVAL J. BROOKS ... Treble	JAMES H. COX 4
ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE ... 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 5
LUKE VERRALL 3	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung with bells deeply muffled, except tenor at back stroke, on the day of the funeral of, and as a token of respect to, the late Rev. Prebendary R. I. Salmon, for over 27 years Rector of the Parish, who died on the 25th inst. in his 81st year.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 23, 1915, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

*CHARLES POULSON ... 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4
ARTHUR SYMONDS 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal, and rung to celebrate his 16th birthday.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 30, 1915, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. REED, PARK FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-2	*THOMAS REED 3-4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
 Umpire: C. POULSON.

* First peal on inside pair. First handbell peal in Hadleigh. Arranged and rung to celebrate the birthday of the Rev. R. L. Gardner, Curate to Dean Carter, which occurred on the 31st.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions to the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund have been received:—

Amount already acknowledged	£	s.	d.
Ringers of All Saints', Arksey, further contribution (per Mr. F. Clarke)	78	15	6
York Minster Society, May collection (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	5	0
Total	£79	4	6

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with the Forces:—

- Walter C. Rose, of Wyke Regis, Mechanical Transport, A.S.C., now at Grove Park, Kent.
- H. S. Stow, of Staveley, R.A.M.C.
- J. Marshall, of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, R.A.M.C.
- Corpl. C. Munn, of Biddenden, Kent, 144th Fortress Engineers, now at Buxton, Derbyshire.
- H. Brisley, of Willesborough, Kent, Ordinary Seaman H.M.S. "Ark Royal."
- W. Lancefield, of Willesborough, 82nd Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C.
- G. Skeers, of Brabourne, Kent, Royal Garrison Artillery.
- W. G. Martin, of Hexdorn, Kent, 1st Home Counties Field Ambulance, somewhere in France.
- C. Murrell, of Headcorn, 5th Battalion "The Buffs," now at Hoo, Kent.

Corpl. Thos. A. Doick, of Pulborough, Sussex, R.A.M.C.

The following from Eye, Suffolk, are serving:—

- Sergt. A. E. Bowell, 5th Suffolk Regiment, and Sergt. G. E. Day, 5th Suffolk Regiment, at Watford.
- Pte H. Day, 5th Suffolk Regiment, at Bury.
- Pte H. Todd, 5th Suffolk Regiment, at Cambridge.
- Corpl. F. Brunning, Kitchener's Army, now at Felixstowe.
- Tpr. E. Clover, 16th Lancers, invalided from France, now at Curragh, Ireland.

Pte W. Williams, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, a member of the Wrexham company, is lying wounded at a base hospital in France.

Louis A. Dickerson, of the Thetford band, Norfolk, has been killed in the operations at the Dardanelles.

Pte Lionel Clark, of Sandhurst, Kent, band, who joined the 2nd "Buffs" when war broke out, is back in England, wounded in the leg. Seaman George Isaac Playle, who was among those who lost their lives in the sinking of H.M.S. "Goliath" at the Dardanelles, was a ringer at Dagenham Church, Essex. A son of Mr. G. Playle, who is a well-known Essex ringer, the deceased had been learning for about four months when he enlisted.

The Kettering, Northants, company have lost one of their number, Pte William Henry Stuart, who was killed in action on May 10th while serving with the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment, in which he enlisted in August.

Pte Mace, another Kettering ringer, has been seriously wounded, and his right arm has had to be amputated.

SERVICE MEN CELEBRATE EMPIRE DAY.

Although a large number of ringers have joined the services, there are, we believe, few places where they can make up a complete band, so scattered are they among the various units. Half-a-dozen ringer-soldiers stationed at Larkhill Camp, Salisbury Plain, however, contrived to celebrate Empire Day, and met at St. Michael's Church, Annesbury, for the purpose on Whitsun Monday. Their intention was to ring 720 Bob Minor, but being one short for this, they rang 720 Grandsire Doublet in 29 mins.: Sapper W. A. Hudson, R.E., 1; Pte D. J. Boucher, 6th K.S.L.I., 2; Pte T. Bellon, 6th K.S.L.I., 3; Sergt. Bailey, 6th Oxford and Bucks L.I., 4; Pte E. A. Drew, 6th K.S.L.I. (conductor), 5; Pte. A. W. Owen, 6th K.S.L.I., 6. They hope to meet again for a peal before separating, and wish to thank the local men for their offer of the bells at any time, and for throwing open the tower to them for service ringing on Sundays.

AT YORK MINSTER.

Empire Day, by kind permission of the Dean, was celebrated in the usual way at York Minster by the ringing of the bells at noon. The local band, in view of the special importance attached to the occasion this year, and also to do honour to those who have so nobly given their services, and alas, many also their lives, for their King and Empire, decided to attempt a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1250 changes) which was successfully accomplished in 53 mins., by: T. Haigh 1, T. Hodgson 2, W. Fountain 3, G. Horner 4, H. Imeson 5, J. Thompson 6, A. C. Fearnley 7, T. F. Earnshaw (conductor) 8, A. Haigh 9, E. Rickitt 10. This is the longest length attempted since the restoration of the bells in March last year.

There is no truth whatever in the report, which was in circulation in London on Tuesday, that the famous church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, was damaged by the Zeppelin raid.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SPECIAL REPORT BY "THE RINGING WORLD" REPRESENTATIVE.

We continue on this page the report of the proceedings of the Central Council at the meeting in London on Whitsun Tuesday. It is reported by our own representative, "The Ringing World" being the only paper represented by a member of its own staff. As mentioned in our summary of the meeting last week, the Council discussed at length the question of advertising their publications, the matter being brought up by the President at the request of the Standing Committee, who had had before them a quotation from "The Ringing World" for advertising. The President pointed out that the income of the Council was not a large one, and the Standing Committee did not feel justified, without the consent of the Council, in undertaking this additional annual expenditure.

Mr. E. H. Lewis proposed that the terms offered be not accepted, and pointed out that association secretaries might follow the course taken by the hon. secretary of the Chester Guild, which had been found an effective way of disposing of the Council's publications, as was shown by the fact that 16s. had been received from the Chester Guild, against £1 15s. 10d. from the whole of the other associations.—Mr. George Williams seconded. He thought the secretaries were the best men to push the publications.

Mr. G. P. Burton thought they might try a new field of advertising, and proposed that the existing advertisement should be transferred to "The Ringing World."—Mr. B. Prewett seconded.

Replying to Mr. P. J. Johnson, the Rev. A. T. Beeston said the course which had been followed by the Chester Guild was that the Council's librarian had entrusted him with a supply of publications on his own responsibility. These he (the speaker) took to the meetings he attended and, in the main, the result was satisfactory.

Mr. G. Watson said the publications were not placed in the hands of other secretaries in the same way, and that was where Mr. Beeston had the advantage over the rest of them.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said he wrote to the librarian and asked him if he could supply him with a stock.

The Hon. Secretary suggested that the Council might have slips printed, giving the list of the Council's publications and their price, and these might be supplied to secretaries for distribution, and each secretary might have, perhaps, one copy of each publication to show as a specimen. He might take orders and send to the librarian for the books. He (the hon. secretary) knew that ringers would not write for their own copies. He thought the Associations might pay for the specimen copies.

Mr. H. Dains suggested lending a few copies to each of the secretaries throughout the country, but the President said the hon. librarian could hardly, on his own responsibility, distribute stock all over the country, because in case of the death or removal of a secretary they might have a difficulty in getting the books back again. This was not the first time that secretaries had been urged to do more to push the Council's publications. A lot of the work which had been put into print was not necessarily food for the general public. It was a tabulation of inquiries that it was desirable to have for a record, and they did not offer any special attraction to other than experts in that particular line, but they were none the less valuable.

Mr. Burton said he knew one secretary who would decline to undertake it. He had heard over and over again that secretaries were overworked, and could not, without difficulty, get through what they already had to do. He thought the suggested slip would not be of much use, whereas an advertisement would be seen week after week.

Mr. T. Faulkner suggested, amid laughter, that as Mr. Beeston had been so successful, they might appoint him traveller.

The amendment moved by Mr. Burton was lost, and the suggestion that slips would be provided for distribution was carried, on the motion of the Rev. H. J. Elsee, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the President incorporating the amendment into the original motion, moved by Mr. Lewis, that an advertisement in "The Ringing World" be not entertained. A further amendment, moved by Mr. Burton, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Jones, that the existing advertisement be discontinued, was defeated.

READY TO PRINT.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, reporting on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, said the section on Treble Bob, which they intended to print and which they were authorised at the last meeting to print, was ready, and would have been in print months ago had it not been for the war, which had given them other things to think about, and had greatly curtailed the time at his disposal. If the Council re-appointed the committee he might make arrangements for the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson to see the final stages through.

The Hon. Secretary said the Peal Collection Committee consisted of Messrs. H. Dains, J. A. Trollope and H. W. Wilde, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and the hon. secretary. The Standing Committee were anxious to add Mr. Lewis's name to that committee. He (the hon. secretary) would like to retire. He had been a member of it since the committee was first appointed at the second meeting of the Council, and he was really the one who did the Grandsire Triples section of the first volume. Since then the collection had gone on to Major methods, in which other members of the committee had had

far greater experience and practice, and he thought the Council had better accept his resignation and put Mr. Lewis in his place.

Mr. Lewis said that was the first he had heard of the matter, and if he was to go on to the committee he must ask to be released from one of the others on which he was serving, as he had not now much leisure. He supposed he had finished practical ringing for some years to come, and he might have time for theory, but at present he had other work which was pressing, and there was still a great deal to be done on the other committees.

The Hon. Secretary said in the year which was just coming to a close Mr. Lewis had been doing some of the work, and that was the reason why they had singled him out.

The committee were thereupon re-elected with the exception of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

LEGITIMATE METHODS COMMITTEE.

In the absence of the Rev. H. Law James, who, it was stated, was unfortunately unable to be present owing to Church services which he could not possibly forge, Mr. Lewis reported for the Legitimate Methods Committee. He said that at Winchester the Council decided that they should proceed with the printing of the Collection, which was already considered complete, but he spoke to Mr. James and refused to allow his name to be put on the front page of the Collection until he had had time to check the work which had been done, and make sure of the figures. He proceeded with the work up to the beginning of August, and to mention the sort of work he had been doing he might say he went through 21,834 separate operations three times over to make sure that no methods had been missed. The result had been the addition of between 100 and 150 methods missed previously and the cutting out of some that were already in, so that the work was not wasted. He had brought with him the book, containing 828 methods, which he was satisfied was as nearly perfect as possible. It would be necessary to send it round once more to the committee, but, as they already had authority to print, it was not necessary to ask for that authority again.

The President said the Council were greatly indebted to the committee, and especially to Mr. Lewis for the great amount of work he had done.

Mr. J. Griffin proposed the re-election of the committee: The Rev. H. Law James, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. E. H. Lewis.—The Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded, and made an appeal to the committee to consider whether it would not be possible to alter the word which dominated the title, "Legitimate." If they could get rid of that wretched word it would get rid of a great deal of difficulty.

Mr. Trollope: It is the Council's word, not our word.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter said the idea in the mind of a great many ringers was that when the Council said a method was legitimate they might ring it, and when they said it was illegitimate they might not ring it; they seemed to think there was something quite immoral in ringing such methods. Methods were constructed according to certain rules which the Council had formulated, and, therefore, they might call them "regular" methods, but there was nothing legitimate about it at all; they were rules and not laws.

Mr. Trollope said he did not think it would make any difference whether they used the term "legitimate" or "regular," but it was a question of laws, and, therefore, it was a question of legitimacy.

Mr. Lewis said he was very much in sympathy with what Mr. Carpenter had said, and thought it was a question that might come up later in the day when a certain other question on the agenda had been settled.

The motion re-appointing the committee was then put and carried.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter moved that the report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which has already been published in these columns, be accepted. He called attention to the committee's request for a ruling as to whether there should be a limit of time between the ringing of a peal and the publication of a report in order to ensure its inclusion in the Analysis. It was perfectly absurd, he said, that a peal should be reported close upon a year after it had been rung, and then should be included in the Analysis. If the peal had happened to be rung in the middle of the year and then published a year after, it would not have come in. If a peal was worth publishing at all it was worth publishing within a month of its being rung.—Mr. J. Griffin seconded.

The President said, as he had done before, he desired to return on behalf of the Council, their thanks to the committee for the very great labour they had expended. Whatever the opinion might be about the desirability or non-desirability of estimating the value of peals, it was perfectly certain that the Analysis was immensely interesting to the great majority of ringers, and contained an amount of information which, if they were going to try to digest it, would take hours to do so properly.

A TIME LIMIT.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards moved that in order to obtain recognition by the Peals Analysis Committee, a peal should be published within two calendar months of the date when it was rung.—Mr. J. Taylor seconded.

While the members of the Analysis Committee who were present were considering the suggestion, the re-election of the committee—the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Messrs. A. T. King, J. Griffin and G. Williams—was proposed by Mr. C. Dean, seconded by Mr. H. White, and

carried, with the best thanks of the Council to the committee for their services.

Mr. Griffin said the Analysis Committee thanked the Council for their re-election. They thought a period of two months was quite sufficient time to allow for the publication of a peal. This would enable the committee to finish the Analysis in good time. They would certainly allow no further limit at the end of the year.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston inquired whether it was not a fact that a resolution already existed requiring peals to be published not later than the end of February if rung during the preceding year.

Mr. Griffin replied that that was so, but the Analysis Committee wanted to keep the work up to date, and they could not do it if it were all thrown on to them at the end of the year.

The Rev. A. F. H. Boughey said although the motion was made with the best of intentions, he thought it would entail extra labour on the committee. Under the present arrangement they need not look at any dates until after the end of February, but under the resolution they would have to examine all the dates.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter said the committee compared notes at the end of the various months, and it was only by keeping the work up to date in that way that it was possible to do it at all. It was very trying, to say the least, when they got the whole of the first six months complete to find, say, in September, a peal published that had been rung in January, for they had to take all their figures and mix them up again. People who held back the publication of their peals like this could not think much of their performances, and in addition it opened the door to unscrupulous people to "fake up" peals, because at that length of time it might be very difficult to dispute them, and the Council ought not to give any chance for that kind of thing.

At the suggestion of the President, the period in the resolution was altered to eight weeks, and in this form the motion was carried unanimously.

THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

After the adjournment for the luncheon interval, Mr. R. A. Daniell reported upon the work of the Literature Committee. He said his report was really in the nature of a personal explanation. Ill-health had prevented him doing anything for himself or anybody else. For a long time he had suffered from a malady which had absolutely incapacitated him from concentrating upon anything at all, and as a result the work of the committee had been at a standstill. He had, however, got a great deal of information by him, and he would have his notes typewritten and send them to the secretary. If he could work further on his own notes he would do so, but if not they would all be at the disposal of the Council.

The President asked Mr. Daniell if he could give the Council an idea as to how far he had got, and Mr. Daniell replied that the catalogue of rings of bells was, he believed, complete. Most of the notes about other ringing books were fairly complete, but they wanted verification, and he had not been able to do this.

The President: The Council will sympathise to the full with you. Would it not be better in the circumstances, however, if you submitted your papers to the hon. secretary and allowed him to deal with them?

Mr. Daniell: That is what I propose to do and to keep my own draft and work upon it myself if possible.

On the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Canon Baker, the Literature Committee was re-elected as follows: Canon Papillon, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. H. Dains

SPRING FRAME EFFECTS.

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported for the Towers and Belfries Committee. He said they had made progress during the year. On his way back from the meeting of the Council at Winchester last year he was able to call at one of the towers reported to them as having been damaged by a rigid frame. He made a careful examination, and found it was a spring frame of the very best type. The bells hung on girders standing across the main girders. It was possible to calculate exactly the amount of bending there would be when the bells were rung and the movement proved to be very considerable. There was one rather interesting point. The ringers of the two tenors in that tower had between them, for every round that was rung, to exert a power equal to 40 foot-lbs. for the purpose of moving the frame, apart from the work they had to put in the ringing of the bells (laughter). To put it more clearly, in addition to the work of ringing the bells they had to lift 40 lbs. 1 ft. at every round, or, approximately, 28 times a minute. Blocks of wood had been put in between the walls and the frame to wedge it, while the frame had been put in at least 20 feet higher than it used to be. It was a Norman tower and never intended to carry a spire, but a stone spire had been added subsequently, and the bells were in the spire. There were cracks in the tower, but they might have been caused by some drainage scheme in the parish, and not due to the bells at all. Almost exactly the same thing was present in another tower reported to them. There was considerable movement in the frame, which was an excellent form of spring frame, and it had been wedged to the tower. They had been successful in obtaining publicity in some of the architectural papers. No less an authority than the Architect to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners wrote a review of the book, published by Sir Arthur Heywood, in the Journal of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He made statements which gave an opportunity for reply and two contributors made replies to that review. They hoped that the publicity that was given in that journal would

have done some good among architects. The subject had also been discussed in two other architectural papers.

The Hon. Secretary said with regard to the negotiations with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, the society gave them six towers which were supposed to have been injured by the more recent manner of hanging bells, and the committee had proposed to have a meeting with the society on the following day, but it had been found impossible to hold it. The secretary of the society was away on service, and they thought, perhaps, things had better rest for the time being. The committee had obtained evidence on their side, which was more or less a reply to the society's views as to what had happened to the towers in question through modern developments in bell hanging.

The President said that the review of the book by the Architect to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners was one of considerable length. He reviewed it very carefully although, he thought, not altogether fairly to the whole of the book. He laid great stress on one point, however, which was that the real value of the book consisted in Mr. Lewis's contribution, and recommended every architect who had to do with church buildings to provide himself with a copy of the publication. Mr. Lewis's experiments, added the President, were still going on, and he suggested that the committee should be re-appointed. With regard to the book itself, he would be very glad to send a copy gratis to any member of the Council who really wished to have it to study. He thought the publication of the volume would do a good deal to wake up architects and church authorities to the view that bells and bell frames wanted treating like any other engineering work, from a rational engineering point of view, and, to that end, Mr. Lewis's was really a most valuable feature. Before next year they hoped to have a meeting between the committee and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and if they could not dispose of the society's ideas altogether they might be able to show them that there were two views of the subject, about which they had got only one.

Mr. E. A. Young, who is a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, said the Committee of the Institute had had a number of meetings at which they had dealt with the subject, and Mr. Lewis had kindly allowed his name to be put down as an honorary corresponding member of the committee to which he was invited by the Royal Institute (applause).

On the motion of Canon Papillon, seconded by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the committee was re-elected as follows: The President, the hon. secretary, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, J. H. B. Hesse and E. A. Young.

(To be continued).

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BREAKING NEW GROUND.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorks Association was held at Market Weighton on Whit-Monday, about 50 ringers being present, from Beverley, Howden, Hull, Pontefract, York, Goole, etc. The six bells were at the service of ringers all day, and were kept going to Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles.

At four o'clock the Vicar of Market Weighton gave an interesting address on the history of the church, and at 4.30 a substantial tea was partaken of, which had been generously provided by the churchwardens.

After tea a party of ringers journeyed to Pocklington, and had a ring on the bells there, but failed to bring round a 720 of Plain Bob. The ringers in this instance, by-the-way, were not altogether beginners, several of them having peals to their credit of Treble Bob, Grandsire Stedman, Double Norwich and in Surprise Methods. They failed, however, to ring 720 of Bob Minor. It must be said, of course, they had not attempted Bob Minor for years.

The business meeting was held in the beautiful grounds of the Vicarage, and in the absence of the vice-president, the Vicar of Market Weighton presided.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the churchwardens for so generously providing tea for the ringers.—Two new ringers were elected members of the Association, and the Secretary urged the local men to abandon the system of "set changes," and take up the art of change ringing by method, explaining that the members of the Association would be only too delighted to render all assistance possible.

The ringers agreed to this, and after courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters, on handbells, on the lawn of the Vicarage had been rung, the bells of the tower were again set going and a most instructive and enjoyable day was brought to a close.

Market Weighton is an old market town situate in the East Riding, at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds. In several parishes in this district where bells are to be found, the art of change ringing has not yet developed, "stoney" still prevailing. Among these places are Market Weighton, Pocklington and Nunburnholme, where the Association had not hitherto penetrated. The idea, however, of holding the meeting at a place where no members existed, and thus opening up new ground, will, it is hoped, be the means of the advancement of the art of change ringing in the future, and an acquisition of new members to the Association.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 25th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: L. Batting 1, H. Wingrove 2, J. Batting 3, W. Horne 4, R. Buckland 5, James Blackmore 6, H. Balaam (conductor) 7, C. Bennett 8.

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THE CARILLON AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The recent issue of the volume upon the Carillons of Holland and Belgium reminds us of the few sets of carillons in these islands. According to Mr. W. Gorham Price's book, there is a carillon of about 36 bells at Aberdeen, cast by the well-known continental founder, Van Aerschodt, another of 28 at the Duke of Westminster's seat, Eaton Hall, and the more widely known carillon of 35 bells at Cattistock Church, Dorset, both by the same founder. At Bourneville, near Birmingham, is a carillon of 22 bells, and there is also a carillon, which Mr. Price does not mention, at the Croydon Foundry. The most



perfect carillon in this country, however, is that at the Loughborough Foundry, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. have set up 40 bells, of which the largest is 10 cwt. They consist of three chromatic octaves in C, erected in 1906, with three larger bells added in 1912, which are inscribed, on the largest, "Ring out false pride in place and blood," on the next, "Ring in the love of truth and right," and on the other, "Ring out the false, ring in the true." There are no inscriptions on the rest of the bells, except the founders' name and date on some of them. The bells are unique in that they form the only carillon in the world tuned to equal temperament, and, as the "Musical Times" has said, the very accurate tuning of the small bells is a veritable triumph. Our illustration shows this famous carillon.

LADIES CELEBRATE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

The Portishead members of the Ladies' Guild did honour to Queen Mary's birthday on Thursday of last week by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 48 minutes at St. Peter's Church. The band comprised: Miss M. G. Hudleston 1, Miss B. L. Mitchell 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss D. Sage 4, Miss D. Coles 5, Mrs. M. E. N. Briggs 6, Miss N. Gillingham 7, Miss E. M. Hole 8. Mrs. Briggs was the conductor, and is the first married lady to conduct a quarter-peal.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NORTHAMPTON.**

The annual meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Northampton on Whit-Monday. The service was held at St. Giles' Church, the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Gurney) giving a very helpful and instructive address. He pointed out that it was not only the annual festival of their association, but also Empire Day, and said there was, perhaps, a special fitness in the fact that a body of ringers in a year of crisis—a year most dark and glorious—should hold their festival on Empire Day. Proceeding, the Vicar welcomed the ringers to the church, and referred to the recent restoration of the tower. The lesson was read by the Rev. A. R. Harrison, a former curate of the parish.

The luncheon and annual meeting took place at the Peacock Hotel. The President (the Rev. W. St. George Cordwell) was in the chair, and there were also present the Rev. R. Copeman (vice-president), Rev. T. A. Gurney, Rev. A. J. Greaves (Finchdon), Rev. J. P. Frend (Collingtree), Mr. Owen Parker (Higham Ferrers), hon. treasurer; Mr. F. Wilford, hon. secretary; the Misses Steele (Bedford), Mr. James Starke (Towcester), Mr. Jones (Newport), Mons. secretary of the Landaff Association, Mr. R. King (Luton), Mr. V. Sear (Bletchley), and about 90 members.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of St. Giles' for his address, and to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, upon the proposition of Mr. Owen Parker, the Rev. T. A. Gurney briefly replying.

The financial statement, presented by Mr. Owen Parker, showed an improvement, the balance in hand being £17 8s. 3d., as against £17 3s. 11d.

In his annual report the Hon. Secretary referred to the response which had been made by ringers to the country's call, and mentioned that two of their members had already fallen in the war, and one now lay very seriously wounded. During the year 1914 76 peals were rung. Two peals were rung on Monday, August 3rd, Double Norwich at Finchdon, and Superlative Surprise at Irthlingborough, in both of which Miss Evelyn Steele, of Bedford, took part. This was a very good performance for a lady who rode from Bedford in the morning and back at night. She was the first lady to ring two peals in one day for the Association. The first peal of Treble Bob Royal "in hand," by the Association was rung at Kettering in October last. The Hon. Secretary also reported that the Association was seventh in position in the analysis for 1914 the highest position they had occupied, the nearest to this having been in 1911, when they were twelfth.

Gold medals for ringing 100 peals for the Association were presented to Mr. D. J. Nichols and Mr. F. Sawfoot, of Kettering.

It was decided to grant certificates to members when they have rung their first peal on a working bell.

The Rev. W. St. George Cordwell was re-elected President; Mr. Owen Parker, treasurer; and Mr. F. Wilford, secretary.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Higham Ferrers.

The health of the members of the Association who are serving with the colours was heartily drunk.

During the day the bells of All Saints', St. Giles', St. Peter's, St. Sepulchre's and St. Edmund's were open for ringing, the methods rung being: London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Treble Ten, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and also Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

TO THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD.

In our last issue we recorded the death of Capt. T. A. Stewart Jones, a warm supporter of the Southover Guild, Lewes, who fell in action on May 9th, and of Mr. George Tyler, a former member, who died as the result of an accident while carrying out his duties as carriage examiner on the railway. As a tribute to the memory of these two friends of the Guild, and also of two old choir boys of the church, J. Blagrove and G. Peel, as well as all their other brave comrades of the Lewes company of the Royal Sussex Territorials who were killed in the same gallant bayonet charge in which their captain fell, the members of the Guild rang at St. John the Baptist's Church for evening service on May 23rd, a half-muffled touch of 952 Grandsire Triples: G. Richardson 1, F. Sturt 2, R. W. Heather 3, A. E. Edwards 4, G. Piper 5, R. L. Patterson 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, G. W. Moppett 8. Captain Stewart Jones was a vice-president of the Guild, and had served the church in the office of Rector's warden.

As a tribute of respect to the late Rifleman Andrew Warner, who, as already reported, died from wounds received in the storming of Hill 60, the members of St. Ann's Church company, Toltenham, on May 17th, rang the whole pull and stand and 720 of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: T. Shurman 1, T. C. Ringrose 2, E. Davidson 3, J. Hunt (conductor) 4, F. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross 6. Rifleman Warner and his brother, Mr. Robert Warner, have been honorary members of the tower for some years.

At Thetford, Norfolk, on Sunday evening, the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Louis A. Dickerson, one of the local company, who has been killed in the fighting at the Dardanelles. A touch of 336 Grandsire Triples was rung by: W. Adcock 1, A. Macro 2, C. Carter 3, T. Fitzjohn 4, P. Fordham 5, G. Flatt 6, W. Everett 7, A. Turner 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, the proceedings beginning with a service in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., when the preacher was the Bishop of Chelmsford, who in an eloquent discourse, in the course of which he touched on the various uses of church bells, said the work of ringing was not merely secular, something in which they found enjoyment as a hobby—it was the best of work for God, bringing men into touch with the unseen, and he wanted them to have that high ideal of that work. Do not let it be separated from the church, but make it part of the church. Let it be a spiritual work, not merely a musical work, in which they devoted their talents to the service of God. Never start ringing without a little prayer. He would not start his work in the church without asking God to help him; he would not like the Sunday School teacher or the choir to start their work without prayer.

The business meeting followed the service, and was held in the Vestry Hall. About 110 members were present, including the Bishop and Canon Lake (Rector of Chelmsford), Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave, R.E. (hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Rev. J. W. Eisdell (Vicar of Barking) and his churchwarden (Mr. E. A. Davis), Mr. C. Howard (Master), Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary), and Mr. W. H. Dyson, of Braintree, one of the few surviving founders of the Association.

THE BISHOP AND THE BELL.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, who took the chair at the beginning, and afterwards gave way to Canon Lake, Rector of Chelmsford, said it was a very great pleasure to meet the members of the Association, and he desired, as Bishop of the Diocese, to say he did appreciate the work they were doing for God and His Church. In London they perhaps almost forgot the beauties of the bells, because amid the traffic and the tremendous number of buildings one could not hear the bells to advantage. Now he came to Essex he must say that perhaps for the first time, at any rate since he was a boy, he had begun to realise the wonderful beauty of the bells as he rode about the Essex villages and lanes. He was not musical, except that he could tell when other people went wrong, although he could not put them right (laughter). Only once in his life, so far as he knew, had he rung a bell. It was years ago, when he was asked to take a week's mission in a little country village. On arriving there he was surprised to find nothing had been prepared. After a day or two, with practically no one turning up, he was almost broken-hearted. He went to the village crier and asked what he could have the use of the bell for. The man said, "Do you think it worth two bob?" He offered 2s. 6d., took the bell, and in the snow he went round every street in the village, ringing and giving an invitation to the services. It was still the same, a handful of people, and he left the place feeling that he had wasted his week. Some time later, after addressing the students of a theological college, one student asked him if he remembered the ringing of the bell. He replied, "Yes, I do, and I am not likely to forget it." The student informed him that he lived in the village, was then a careless young fool, just beginning to go to the devil, and heard the bell. Thinking it might be an announcement of some entertainment where he could spend his evening, he came to the door, saw the ringer, and thought, "What is that fool doing?" (laughter). He decided to go to the service, and God spoke to him! That man, added the Bishop, was now a clergyman doing good work in Birmingham as the result of ringing a bell. Bell ringers never knew what they were going to do by the ringing of bells. He (the Bishop) wanted everyone to keep on singing, and if they could only get people to sing more and have more joy in the world—he believed anyone who made another smile was doing a good turn to the world (applause). Some Christians were so gloomy. They did not want that kind of thing; so set the bells ringing and keep everyone in harmony and concord. It was a hard job for a bishop to do, a terrible job (laughter and applause).

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

In his report to the members, the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) refers first to the modifying effect of the war upon the work of the Association. At the outbreak of war, he says, meetings for a time were suspended, and the attention of the officers and members alike were diverted to the call to arms. The roll of honour showed that a goodly number responded promptly to the appeal. The list of names would be of historic interest in years to come, and would serve to show the prominent part ringers generally took in the defence of our Empire during this momentous time. In not a few parishes, especially in the rural districts, the response was so general that several companies of ringers were so depleted as to practically prohibit them from being able to ring for Divine service on Sundays. The membership of the Association showed little change—901 against 906 for the preceding year. But for the war the numbers would undoubtedly have increased. Everything considered, the finances were in a very satisfactory condition. The total income was somewhat reduced compared with the previous year, principally through the non-payment of subscriptions by those who usually paid in the last half of the year. A great number of these arrears had since been recovered by the District Secretaries, and would have a favourable effect on the balance sheet for next year. A corresponding decrease in expenditure enabled the Association to conclude the year with a balance in hand of £15 1s. 1d., £5 of which had been placed to the reserve fund (which now totals £68 4s. 1d.). Twenty-eight peals had been rung during the year, the quality and variety of methods being quite up to the usual standard. Special men-

tion was made of the peal of Graudsire Cinques at Chelmsford, and Mr. Cooper and his band were congratulated upon their success. The special feature of the year in belfry improvement was the augmentation to twelve of the rings of eight at Saffron Walden to Waltham Abbey. The bells of Bradwell-on-Sea and Great Chishall had been rehung. At the latter place a new treble had been added, making a ring of six. The bells of St. Mary, Harlow, had also been rehung. For several years a fund had been in existence to restore the tower and ring of five at Felstead. An order had now been placed for a new ring of eight, which would shortly be dedicated and opened. The result of this undertaking gave proof of what could be done with zeal and patience, even in a poor and scattered agricultural parish. The depletion in the ranks this year, due to the war, gave opportunity, the report continued, to those who remained at home to maintain the work of the Association by closer attention to its needs and by instructing the younger generation of ringers who might be expected to come on and so assure the future prosperity of the Association. It was impossible to conclude the report without expressing the hope, which would be re-echoed by every member of the Association, that those of their number who had volunteered for service in the war might safely return again and resume their active participation in the work.

The report and accounts were adopted.—The Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, and the hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, were re-appointed, with hearty thanks for their past good services.—Messrs. G. A. Black and T. Faulkner, re-appointed auditors, said they would in future act as hon. auditors.—Mr. G. R. Pye (Romford) was elected to a vacancy on the Peal Committee.—Mr. H. Chapman, of Great Totham, was elected a life member.

THE PLACE OF MEETING.

Mr. H. E. Parker, Barking, proposed an amendment to rules fixing Chelmsford as the permanent place of the annual meeting, instead of rotatory places, stating that it was the most convenient spot in the whole of England for a ringing meeting, there being within three or four miles twelve churches with peals of bells.

Mr. Faulkner said the decision to vary the place of meeting was come to after a referendum from the different towers. This decision had only been acted upon for one cycle. He hoped they would give it a further trial.

The Master said although they never got a better reception than at Chelmsford they must not forget the six-bell towers were the pioneers of the Association.

Finally it was resolved to postpone further consideration of the matter until the next annual meeting, which it was decided to hold at Braintree.

It was agreed to excuse members serving with the colours from paying their annual subscriptions until they return to civil life. At present just on 60 members are serving.

On the motion of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Oldlands, Bristol, a former hon. secretary of the Association, who received a cordial greeting, Canon Lake was thanked for his services in the chair.

The members subsequently lunched together at Messrs. Hick's restaurant, and during the afternoon visited the towers at the Cathedral, Broomfield, Springfield, Widford, Boreham, and Writtle, and indulged in ringing. At the Cathedral several excellent touches of Graudsire and Stedman Cinques were rung.

DEATH OF A SHEFFIELD RINGER.

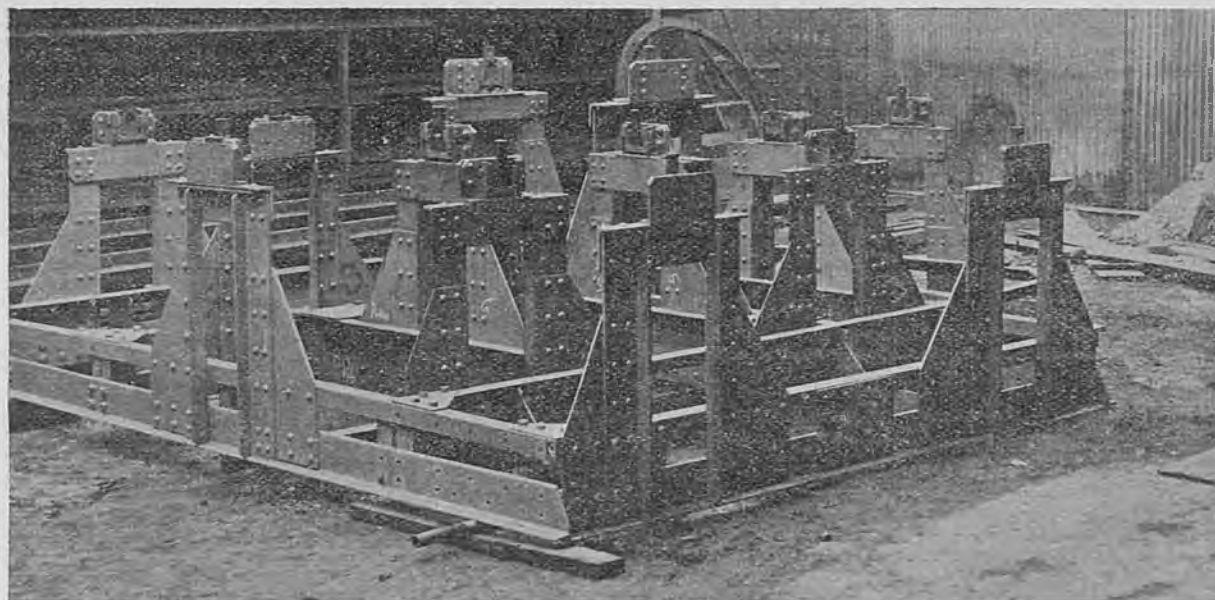
It is with deep regret that we record the painfully sudden death, at the age of 62 years, of Mr. Arthur Brearley, who for over thirty years was closely connected with the Sheffield Cathedral ringers.

Mr. Brearley had not been in the best of health for the past few years, but was not altogether incapacitated from ringing, and, in fact, took part in the service ringing on Sunday, May 23rd. He died on the 26th from a sudden attack of syncope, and was interred on Saturday last at Bradfield, near Sheffield, within the sound of the six bells that gave him the inspiration to become a change ringer. The tower bells were rung deeply muffled, and a course of Graudsire Triples was rung "in hand" at the graveside.

Mr. Brearley was a proficient exponent of most of the complex methods of Minor, and was equally efficient in Major, including Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. The same remarks apply to the higher number of bells, viz., Stedman Caters and Cinques, etc. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1878, and altogether he had rung close on 100 peals from Minor to Maximus. He was a most enthusiastic ringer, and had, in his early youth, associated with the older school of competitive ringers. He was present (by request) when the 120 courses of Stedman Caters were rung at Cheltenham in 1888, and his version of that performance was ever a declaration of superior merit. Mr. Brearley had a constant and reliable nature, honest in all things, and, needless to state, was universally respected. Mr. David Brearley, also a well-known change ringer, was his younger brother.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford district was held at Biddenham on Saturday week, when members were present from St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford, Elstow, Sharnbrook, Turvey, Husborne-Crawley and Kempston. The methods rung during the afternoon were Stedman and Graudsire Doubles, Plain and Oxford Bob Minor, College Single, Double Oxford, Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, College Exercise and Violet Treble Bob, Carlisle, Cambridge and London Surprise.



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A quarterly gathering of the Guildford district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild took place at Farnham on Monday, and was attended by about 51 members representing the Guildford, Farnham, Woking, Aldershot, Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Bentley, Worplesdon, Frensham, Seale and other towers, and they included several ladies. On the way to Farnham several of the members broke their journey at Seale, where upon the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Wiseman) they rang touches on the six bells there. On arrival at Farnham, the tower of the Parish Church was open to them, and a visit was paid to the grounds of Farnham Castle, the Bishop of Winchester and the Hon. Mrs. Talbot having given a cordial invitation to the members to do so. Subsequently the members attended service in the Parish Church, when the Rector (the Rev. J. M. C. Crum) gave a short address. Afterwards tea was partaken of in the Assembly Room of the Royal Deer Hotel, and a business meeting followed.

The Rector presided, supported by Mr. J. J. Jones, of Guildford, hon. secretary; Mr. C. Edwards, ringing master of the district; Mr. R. Whittington, representative on the Central Committee, and Mr. F. E. Dawe.

In presenting his report, the Ringing Master stated that there had been no tower bell peals rung in the district since the last meeting, but five handbell peals were rung at Guildford, conducted by Mr. Pulling. He congratulated Mrs. Hazelden, of Guildford, upon ringing her first handbell peal with a pair of bells. Mr. Pulling reported that she did exceptionally well, and he hoped that her next peal would be even better.

It was decided that a letter should be written to the Rector of Seale expressing the district's appreciation of his invitation to visit the tower of his church that afternoon. Fourteen members had responded to the invitation.

Mr. Dawe, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector of Farnham for the excellent service he had conducted for them, and for his presence with them that evening, said the Guild was representative of nearly 100 belfries, and it was always a great pleasure to ring at Farnham. The local church possessed a magnificent ring of eight in a beautiful tower, and also a magnificent band of ringers. They were heartily thankful to the Rector for his kindness and for the interest he took in ringers. He knew that it would be difficult to find a better band of church workers in any part of England than the Farnham ringers. Mr. Dawe said he wished to take advantage of that opportunity of thanking the Bishop of Winchester and the Hon. Mrs. Talbot for their kind invitation to visit the Castle. Mr. Dawe, in conclusion, commented upon the excellent choice of the district in electing Mr. Edwards to succeed Mr. Pulling as Ringing Master. Mr. Edwards had done an enormous amount of good work for the district during the last few years.—Mr. F. A. Barnett seconded the resolution of thanks to the Rector, and it was cordially carried.

The Rector acknowledged the motion on his own and Mr. Edwards' behalf. He promised to convey to the Bishop and the Hon. Mrs. Talbot how grateful they were. He felt that they were at that time working a bit up hill. If he might pursue the metaphor their motor-car was going on, it had not broken down, but they were getting along up hill, and presently they would be over the brow and travel merrily on, he hoped. If they were not all in khaki, they had all got their jobs to do, and he certainly thought that a part of the job of those who were at home was to keep their hand in with the ringing of the bells. He wished them every success in the work. He always felt, when he got among bell ringers, that he was among a real brotherhood. The ringers had among them a sort of Freemasonry, because away north, or south, or east or west they were known throughout the country as bell ringers. He supposed if he spoke of that diocese to the bell ringers of Northumberland they would at once say, "Oh, the place where Mr. Jones is secretary," or "The place where Mr. Edwards is ringing master." They might not know who was the Bishop of Winchester, and they certainly had never heard of the Rector of Farnham (laughter). That spirit of Freemasonry was a jolly good thing, and he wished them every success in getting over the brow of the hill, so that they might go cheerfully on their way and developing in whatever way was best (applause).

After the meeting the members returned to the tower, where they enjoyed further ringing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held on Saturday, at Birch in Rusholme, when some score members were present from Ashton, Manchester Cathedral, Flixton, Didsbury, Pendleton, Stockport, Worsley, and the local company. The proceedings began with a quartet-peat of Grandsire, followed by touches of Kent, Stedman and Plain Bob.—The Rector presided at the business meeting, and in welcoming the members to Birch, incidentally mentioned that their esteemed leader, Mr. W. E. Ryder, had lately celebrated his jubilee as a ringer there.—Mr. Harry Chapman gave a short description of the Central Council meeting.—Two new members were elected, and Worsley was chosen as the next place of meeting.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and local ringers for the welcome received, and they were congratulated on the improved light which had been recently fixed in the belfry.—The Rector, in reply, said it had taken Mr. Ryder 40 years to get the wardens into the same way of thinking as himself in this matter.—The bells were kept going until about 9 p.m.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD," to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on June 17th, for business on the 8th and 22nd, all at 8 p.m. At St. John's, Hackney, for practice on June 15, at 8 p.m., and for service on Sunday the 20th, at 6 p.m. Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays for practice at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, June 5th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD (Devizes Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, June 5th, 1915, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. Intending visitors please advise early. All are welcome.—H. Brownlee West, Hon. Secretary, "Avalon," Devizes.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 5th, from 3 to 8 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Sec., *p.l.*, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS. Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Clandon and Merrow on Saturday, June 5th, 1915. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 in Merrow Church. Tea at Merrow, 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Preston Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. Members and others cordially invited.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Denholme on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 1s. per head at 5 p.m. in schools to all giving notice to V. Bairstow, 9, Jane Street, Denholme, not later than Tuesday, June 8th.—P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available till 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. per head for those who notify Mr. D. Brearley, Deepcar, Sheffield, not later than Tuesday, June 8th. All ringers are cordially invited, and a good attendance is hoped for.—Clement Glenn, Honorary General Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (Late the St. James' Society.)—Established 1824. Northern District.—A special meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Tuesday, June 15th, 1915. The tower will be open for ringing at 8 p.m. The business meeting will take place immediately after the ringing.—Arthur D. Barker, N. Dis. Master, 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London, N.E., on Saturday, June 19th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Short service, 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting, 5.45. Will all those who intend being present kindly notify me on or before June 16th.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting in connection with the above will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting in the schools at 5.30 p.m. Tea kindly provided for all members who let me know by Wednesday, June 16th. Annual reports and certificates can be had at the meeting.—E. J. Dowler, Honorary Secretary, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Elland on Saturday, June 19th, 1915. Ballot for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Mexboro Arms. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those sending in their names not later than Monday, June 14th. F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Martley, on Saturday, June 19th. Service at 4 o'clock. The Rector is kindly providing tea, but notice must be sent to me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30. Will those members who intend to be present kindly let me know by June 21st?—H. Kettle, Hon. Secretary, Allesley, Coventry.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Sible-Hedingham, June 26th. Short service, with address, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present kindly inform me not later than June 23rd.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Fillongley, on Saturday week, the towers represented being Allesley, Coventry, Grendon, Nuneaton and Stoke Golding. Although the attendance was small, some capital ringing was done, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Chapman, Stoneley and Kettle. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob Minor.

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