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CENTRAL COUNCIL PROPOSALS.

Those who really desire to see some action taken that will increase the utility of the Central Council will welcome the suggestions made by the Rev. H. Drake, in a series of resolutions which he has submitted for the consideration of the Norwich Diocesan Association. It may be that not all the proposals, which are given in another column, will be approved, but the fact that the interest outside the Council has been sufficiently stimulated to provoke discussion upon concrete resolutions is a gratifying sign that matters are at last moving among those who elect the members of the Council, as well as within the Council itself. Mr. Drake is a member of the Council, and he is setting an excellent example to other elective members in taking definite action to bring the whole subject formally before his association.

Some of the proposals which are put forward present certain practical difficulties, unless the Council is prepared to go to some considerable expense, but to one suggestion we think there will be few dissentients, viz., that the Council 'should endeavour to co-ordinate the efforts of the associations, to increase, improve and organise ringers and ringing.' This is a direction in which a wide scope is open to the Council, and one of the branches in which it could at once make a beginning is that of propaganda. But whatever the Council does by way of extending its activities, one thing is quite certain, it will have seriously to consider the question of increasing its revenue by raising the contribution which the affiliated associations pay for membership.

Without funds the Council, like any other body, would be hopelessly handicapped, and, as the present accumulated reserve is largely earmarked for new publications, it seems absolutely necessary that the subscription of half a crown per member should be increased. If the associations have any faith in the utility and purpose of the Council, they will not object to providing it with the necessary sinews of war to carry on the work; but the Council must also show readiness to meet the altered conditions of to-day and be prepared to launch out in such a way that ringing will benefit.

We only wish that the affairs of the Council aroused more interest among the ringers of the country, so that the doings of the central body might be the subject of report or criticism in every annual meeting of county and diocesan organisations. That would be a true sign of life. The responsibility is largely with the representatives, and if they would only do as the Rev. H. Drake has done—bring his resolutions before his association—the members of the Council would go to the annual conferences strengthened with the views of those who send them.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At St. James's Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S FIVE-PART, No. 2.	
ALBERT TOUT Treble	EDWARD LLOYD 5
JOSEPH MADDOCK 2	ARCHIBALD ANDREWS 6
HENRY NORMAN 3	HENRY BOSLEY 7
ALBERT WYATT 4	WILLIAM WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
GEORGE DURLING Treble	† PERCY J. SPICE 5
* JOHN LYDDIARD 2	ARTHUR G. MASON 6
* FREDERICK H. HERBERT ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
* GEORGE F. JAMES 4	ISAAC EMERY Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell.
Peal No. 1654, K.C.A. Report, 1911.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKES AROHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
* CECIL COXON Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5		
ERNEST LONDON 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6		
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7		
CHARLES MORLEY 4	* HAROLD VAUGHAN Tenor		
	* WILFRED HEATH Tenor		

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. The ringers of 3, 5 and 6 hail from Crewe and were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal; the ringers of 4 and tenor are from Newcastle; 1, 2 and 7 from Stoke-on-Trent. This peal was rung in honour of the Mayor of Newcastle (Mr. V. S. Goodwin) taking office for another year.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
GEO. ED. ROLLERSON ... Treble	GEO. HY. HARGREAVES ... 5		
THOS. COLLINGE 2	THOS. ROLLERSON 6		
ERNEST TAYLOR 3	JAMES ROLLERSON 7		
HERBERT H. SHAW 4	ALEX. RIDEOUGH Tenor		

Conducted by JAMES ROLLERSON.

The whole of the ringers belong to the local tower, and the above is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first peal in that method by all the band. The peal was rung as a 'Peace peal' and to commemorate the anniversary of Armistice Day.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
RAYMOND WOOD Treble	JAMES BURDFIELD 5		
PERCY H. DOICK 2	ALBERT FEIST 6		
WESLEY PETTIFER 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7		
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 4	HARRY J. DOICK Tenor		

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

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

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE GARRISON Treble	*HERRERT C. SPENCER ... 5
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
† WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	WILLIAM KENT 7
‡ GEORGE F. SWANN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ 20th peal.
Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Pemberton on the occasion of his marriage, which took place earlier in the day.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM ALDRIDGE Treble	THOMAS H. VALLENCE ... 5
MISS HILDA WILLSON 2	H. EDWARD NORMAN ... 6
E. MACRICE ATKINS 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
T. HENRY HARDY 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Hilda Willson who attained 21 years the previous day. After the peal the ringers, their wives and friends, were entertained to commemorate the event.

J. Harris' 50th peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 6
CHARLES CAMM 3	ERNEST GIBBS 7
FREDERICK STANTON 4	CHARLES YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

This is W. Ranford's 50th peal for this Association.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES

Tenor about 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS Treble	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JOHN A. BERFORD 6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 3	JOSEPH GOULD 7
RICHARD CLARK 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 7th and on the bells.

HUNSDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... Treble	ARTHUR WRIGHT 5
* REGINALD DORE 2	BARNARD PATMORE ... 6
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 3	JOSEPH LADLEY 7
GEORGE GRAY 4	ALFRED E. AKERS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

* First peal with an inside bell

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

† ALLEN M. HICKMAN Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5
ERNEST WEATHERBY 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6
* BERT RIXON 3	ALFRED E. FULLICK 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

† First peal and first attempt. * First peal of Major and first attempt. The treble ringer is only 15 years of age and was elected a member of the above Guild. Great credit is due to him for the way he rang his bell. It is thought he is the youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Salop Guild.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK PAGE 5
JAMES W. WASEBROOK 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
GEORGE E. TURNER 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... 4	J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Chapman.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 10, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

* MISS DORA G. FELTHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM HONOR 5
* MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	F/SGT. F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 7
EDGAR HANCOX 4	THOMAS SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Rung on the eve of the first anniversary of the cessation of hostilities; also in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor. * First peal and first attempt. The way in which these young ladies rang and struck was most creditable.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES

Tenor 17½ cwt.

RICHARD A. GOFTON Treble	ROBERT GOFTON 5
* WILLIAM L. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
THOMAS R. PERCIVAL 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
R. ALDER GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate first anniversary of Armistice Day.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN Treble	HENRY HEAD 5
FREDERICK W. EDWARDS ... 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
HENRY W. KIRTON 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... 2	*WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... 3	WILLIAM PAGE ... 7
JOSEPH BRETTELL ... 4	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the anniversary of signing the Armistice. First peal of Stedman ever rung in the city of Worcester by all local men.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*MARK OWEN ... Treble	ADOLPHUS HERBERT ... 4
*GEORGE LATHAM ... 2	FRANK COLE ... 5
ALBERT WRIGHT ... 3	*FRANK SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal. The peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. Mark Owen, who was 80 years of age on October 18th and who has been a ringer at Stonehouse for 60 years.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Bob Minor called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK W. WATLING ... Treble	ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... 4
GEORGE GREENACRE ... 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. WATLING.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY BURCH ... Treble	GEORGE ABLITT ... 4
GEORGE GREENACRE ... 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

The band wish to thank Mr. G. Ablitt for having the bells ready and also kindly entertaining the ringers to tea after the peal.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 10, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS ... Treble	FREDERICK STANTON ... 4
WILLIAM NISLETT ... 2	CHARLES CAMM ... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

Rung to celebrate the 52nd anniversary of the consecration of this Church.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON ... 2	EDWARD NUNN ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This peal was arranged and rung to commemorate the signing of the Armistice; also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bailey. The ringer of the 2nd is in his 76th year.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(HUSBORNE CRAWLEY COMPANY.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in D.

ALBERT FLEET, SEN. ... Treble	CYRIL SINFIELD ... 4
ALBERT FLEET, JUN. ... 2	HENRY FLEET ... 5
HORACE H. SMITH ... 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.

Rung on the anniversary of Armistice; also as a 'welcome home to all the Husborne Crawley band of 1914, all of whom served and have now returned safely to civil life. First peal by ringers of 1 and 2, who are father and son.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, November 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3-4	*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: C. SAMPSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 7, 1919, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7-8

Composed by W. SUTTONSTALL.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: C. SAMPSON.

* First peal of Oxford 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. SCOTT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires: W. R. MELVILLE and J. T. SCOTT.

Witnesses: MRS. SCOTT, MRS. SMITHER, MRS. HAZELDEN and MRS. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Scott and Rev. E. Banks James. * First peal 'in hand.'

BELLS FOR LOWESTOFT.

The following has appeared in the Ipswich Evening Star:—
The complaints ament the ringing of the bells of St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, which certain persons are making in our columns, invests with a certain piquancy the fact that Lowestoft is about to add to its campanological equipment. St. Margaret's, affectionately regarded as the mother church of Lowestoft, which has hitherto had little more than a "tinkling cymbal" to call to worship, and nothing like adequate to the celebration of any festive occasion, is to have a peal of bells during the next few months. The moving spirit in securing them has been Mr. Tom Sergeant, years ago well known in local yacht-racing circles, but now associated with the fishing industry. This gentleman lives south of the town, but evidently takes interest in the north. He never looms in the public eye, but out of genuine interest in the matter, has of late set to work to secure—and has secured—the necessary funds for the object he had in view. In doing so he has obtained subscriptions from all classes and sects for the names of Nonconformists as well as Churchmen are found in the list. This indicates that the grand old church, where Archdeacon Lawrence was so long rector, has a warm place in the hearts of the townsfolk generally, whatever their religious persuasion. It also indicates that in Lowestoft nerves are stronger than in certain parts of Ipswich. The bells will be a decided acquisition, and Mr. Sergeant deserves the warmest thanks of the borough.

Before the scheme gets too far it is hoped that someone—the Norwich Diocesan Association for preference—will move in the matter to see that, if the tower is fit, the bells may be hung for ringing, and not for chiming only, as are the bells at Christ Church, Lowestoft. This important town does not contain a single ringable peal of bells, although a tower to contain such a ring was erected at the Roman Catholic Church, but the lady who intended carrying out the work died before the scheme was completed.

The sum collected to date for the bell fund is—£1,647 12s. 6d.

METHOD TAPPING.

At Harwich, on Friday, Oct. 17th at the residence of Mr. A. T. Morris, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1280 changes) was tapped on handbells in 49 minutes by Mr. A. T. Morris. It was conducted by Mr. G. Taylor, and the witness was Mrs. A. T. Morris. On Wednesday, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes) was tapped and conducted by Mr. A. T. Morris, the witnesses being Mr. G. Taylor and Mrs. A. T. Morris.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**LEICESTER DISTRICT'S VIEWS ON MANAGEMENT.**

The future management of the Association was discussed at a meeting of the Leicester district, when the following proposals found acceptance among the members present.

(1) Proposed that one report be printed covering the whole year period, 1915-19, and that the cost might be met in this manner: (a) to charge members who rang peals 3d. per head per peal as a booking fee, the conductor to be responsible for collecting and forwarding same to local secretary; (b) to insert in Report a few pages of advertisements from bell foundries, ropemakers, etc., at a nominal cost, which would probably produce £10 or so; (c) to charge members ordering copies 1s. per copy or less if the number ordered allowed of same; (d) balance to come from central funds.

(2) After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the management of district should be individual, as the present association being so large it failed in its interests to reach the outlying country districts. To meet the case and not injure the association as a whole in any way it was proposed that the yearly subscription be raised to 1s. 6d. per member, two-thirds to go to the central fund and one-third to the local fund.

(3) It was suggested that the future president should be a fully qualified ringer and suitable to act as a Ringing Master; and, further, that each local chairman should also have the same qualifications and be ex-officio vice-presidents. There could be a number of 'Patrons' as at present, and local vice-presidents could be chosen from the hon. members. It was proposed that the President or Ringing Master be elected annually, but not to hold office more than three consecutive years.

(4) Proposed that the necessary alterations be made to the rules when these matters are finally settled.

(5) Mr. W. Needham was chosen to act as delegate to represent the Leicester district, and it was thought Loughborough would be a most suitable place, and a Saturday afternoon the best time, to hold the special meeting to decide on these important matters concerning the future of the M.C.A.

CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

St. Margaret's Church at Ormesby, near Yarmouth, has been struck by lightning during a storm. Stones and other material from the tower were brought down with the vane and flagstaff, and the leaden roof was pierced. The lightning passed into the vestry, where more stonework was displaced and surplices scorched. The ropes in the belfry were destroyed and a wheel displaced, but the bells escaped injury.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Billingshurst, Sussex, on November 8th. Luck was with the ringers, for the rope of the 2nd broke at the backstroke following the completion of the peal, parting at the top hole of the 'tuck,' about six inches above the ringer's hands. The ringer retained the rope and as a memento of the occasion.

Between the first meeting of the newly-formed Hereford district of the Hereford Guild on August 9th and Nov. 1st, Mr. Charles Edwards, the hon. district secretary, cycled upwards of a thousand miles on behalf of the Guild to give instruction, attend meetings, and to make peal attempts. This will want some heating for enthusiasm.

Miss Lilla Willson, who rang in a peal of Double Norwich to celebrate her coming of age, created a record, when, at the age of 14, she rang in two 5,000's in one day—Stedman Caters and Double Norwich. No one of either sex has accomplished it at that or an earlier age. The Stedman Caters was at Loughborough, the Double Norwich at Stamford, the tenors being 30½ and 17 cwt. respectively. After the peal, on Saturday week, the St. John's Society, the peal band, wives and families, were regaled to a knife and fork tea, and a social in honour of the event.

Among those who hold county records for ringing in the largest number of towers, the Rev. Maitland Kelly probably heads the list for Devon. He took part in the first six-score of Grandsire Doubles ever rung in the county and is president of the Devon Guild.

How often do we say, 'Never too old for ringing'? But is there anyone who can beat the record of Mr. Mark Owen, of Stonehouse, Glos., who, at the age of 80 years, has rung his first peal? Needless to say, at the completion of this remarkable performance, which took place at Woodchester, he received the hearty congratulations of the band, as he will of the Exercise at large.

It cannot often happen that father and son ring their first peal together, but this happened at Hushorne Crawley, Beds. on the anniversary of Armistice Day.

The claim to the first peal of Grandsire Triples at Tichmarsh, Northants, is withdrawn by the band that rang there on November 1st, as it has come to their knowledge that a peal in this method was rung there on July 1st, 1901.

The peal at Allesley on Nov. 1st, the record of which was published last week, consisted of seven 720's of Bob Minor.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

RESOLUTIONS WHICH THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION WILL DISCUSS.

The following resolutions, relating to the Central Council, have been handed in to the Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association by the Rev. H. Drake, and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Association:—

That this Association does not understand how the question of 'force' can possibly apply to any decision of the Central Council.

That this Association would welcome new arrangements, whereby:—

(1). The proceedings of the Central Council, with regard to practical matters such as organisation or printing, be kept entirely separate from those with regard to theoretical or scientific questions.

(2). No report or statement of accounts should be discussed by the Central Council, unless it has been published, or otherwise brought before the members at least a month before the meeting.

(3). Where a subject requires more than a cursory discussion, one or more papers on either side should be published not later than six weeks and a fortnight respectively before the meeting. All speeches to be subject to a rigid ten minutes' limit.

(4). A more convenient date should be chosen for the meeting.

(5). No one should be eligible for president for two Councils, in succession.

(6). The Central Council should endeavour to co-ordinate the efforts of the Associations to increase, improve and organise ringers and ringing.

MISFORTUNE TO A LANCASHIRE TOWER.

SERIOUS FIRE ON ARMISTICE DAY.

By coincidence the anniversary of Armistice Day signalled yet another misfortune for Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. This edifice, which miraculously escaped destruction three years ago, when a bomb from enemy aircraft dropped through the roof, but fortunately failed to explode, was found to be on fire in the early hours of this great anniversary, and although the conflagration assumed alarming proportions it was confined solely to the tower and belfry.

It is assumed that the fire commenced at the foot of the tower, and the flames worked their way towards the belfry through the clock, and so to the roof itself.

The bells had only just been rehung, and were to have been used for the first time for two months on Sunday last. They are still intact, but have suffered serious damage, and it is now deemed advisable not to venture too close lest the fittings give way and they crash to the floor.

DEDICATION OF ALVERSTOKE BELLS.

NEW 'VICTORY' PEAL FOR HANTS.

On Armistice Day the new peal of eight bells, at Alverstoke, Hants. put in by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were dedicated as a war memorial and thankoffering for peace. Long before the commencement of the dedication service the church was full and a great number standing. The service, which included special prayers for the repose of the dead, was conducted by the curate, the Rev. J. S. Sitt B.A., and the Rev. H. Woolsey, M.A., while the Rev. W. E. Colchester (Rector of St. Maurice's, Winchester, and hon. treasurer of the Winchester Guild) preached the sermon. The dedicatory passages were read by the Rector of St. Maurice, who intimated that the bells were given as a thankoffering for peace, and in memory of those who had fought and those who had died.

In the course of his sermon, the reverend gentleman dwelt on the message of the bells, and how in turn they would draw people to prayer, and express feelings of joy and thankfulness, and also strike a note of sadness when denoting the passing of a soul to God. It was appropriate that the bells should be dedicated on Armistice Day and he hoped that for generations to come that day would be celebrated and the bells rung.

The bells were rung in rounds for five minutes immediately after the dedication by Messrs. J. Harris, E. J. Harding, junr., J. Symonds, G. Cooper, A. Harding (of Portsea), the Rev. E. B. James, of Seafield College; Messrs. H. Jennings (Newport) and O. C. Coombes (Alverstoke).—At the conclusion of the service an opening touch of 512 Stedman Triples (composed by Mr. W. Shepherd, Hershams) was rung by J. Harris 1, A. S. Beer 2, A. Burnett 3, J. Symonds 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, H. Reynolds 6, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 7, S. J. Harding 8.

The following towers were represented: Portsea, Portsmouth, Newport, Gosport, Petersfield, Havant, Titchfield, Curbridge, and Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. Shepherd (Swindon) and the Rev. E. B. James were present.

By kind invitation of the Rector, upwards of 40 ringers partook of tea, and during the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, the Rector of St. Maurice's taking part in a touch of Bob Major.

The bells are of splendid tone and suitably inscribed the 5th bell bearing the inscription: 'For Victory.'

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
ANOTHER BRANCH FORMED.**

A very successful meeting of the Devonshire Guild was held at Newton Abbott on Saturday last, when there were present representatives from Cockington, Dartmouth, Exeter, Paignton, Teignmouth, Torquay, and the local ringers. The towers of St. Leonard's and High Wick were open to the visitors, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Tea was provided in the Parish Room, where upwards of 30 members sat down to an excellent repast.

At the subsequent business meeting, the Rev. E. S. Powell, hon. secretary of the Guild, was voted to the chair, and explained that the object of the meeting was to decide the question of forming a branch of the Guild in that district.

After much discussion it was resolved that a branch be formed, and that it be called the 'Mid-Devon Branch,' including in its area the towns of Dartmouth, Totnes, Moreton, Star Cross, and the coast towns.

Mr. E. Gover, of Torquay, was elected chairman, and Mr. W. C. Wakley, of Teignmouth, hon. secretary of the newly-formed branch. Six new members were unanimously elected.

A hearty vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and to the chairman for presiding, accorded, on the proposition of Major Bower, brought the meeting to a close.

Adjournment was made to the towers, when further useful ringing was indulged in.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL WAR MEMORIAL*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was very pleased to read your comments on the proposed war memorial in memory of the fallen ringers of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and I feel quite certain it will be the means of helping our cause.

I think it only fair to point out that the Bristol branch were the original movers in suggesting our Association should perpetuate the memory of our fallen brother ringers by giving two bells to some central tower.

The Wotton-under-Edge branch at once fell in with the idea, and expressed a wish that these bells might be given in their district seeing they had no peal of ten to practise on; and, looking round, Berkeley, with its historical surroundings and fine peal of eight bells, was thought the most central, having good train and motor-bus services. On this becoming known to the Bristol branch they at once promised their whole-hearted support. Now, as regards support from the Swindon branch, I personally know many of its members and amongst them there are level-headed men, who I am quite certain will take up the cause of so worthy an object.

Thornbury, Nov. 15th, 1919.

P. K. HOWELL,

Hon. Treas. of the Association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NEW DIVISION FORMED.

The meeting of the General Committee of the Essex Association was held at the Temples, Witham, on Saturday last, to put into effect the resolution passed at the annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, viz.: That the N.E. Division be divided, with a re-arrangement of other districts if necessary.

After careful consideration it was decided to form another district to be called the Northern Division, with the following 24 towers affiliated: Bardfield, Great Belchamp St. Paul's, Belchamp Walter, Bocking, Braintree, Coggshall, Earls Colne, Colne Engaine, Dunmow, Feering, Felsted, Castle Heddingham, Foxeaton, Sible Heddingham, Gestingthorpe, Groenstead Green, Halstead, Kelvedon, Pentlow, Rayne, Stisted, Stebbing, Witham, and Great Yeldham.

The following towers were transferred: Maldon All Saints' and Maldon St. Mary from N.E. to S.E.; Prittlewell from S.E. to S.W.; and Waltham Abbey from N.W. to S.W.

The N.E. Division now comprises the following towers: Ardleigh, Bontley, Great Bromley, Harwich, Langham, Mistley, Salcot, Tending, Great Tey, Thorington, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, and Great Totham.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ST. ATHAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

The postponed quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association was held at St. Athan, Glamorganshire, and proved a huge success.—The Rector (the Rev. G. Jenkins) cordially welcomed everyone on arrival, and the new ring of bells recently erected through the efforts of the Rector, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Three ladies took part in the ringing, two from Rummy and one from Newport. At 4.45 the members adjourned to the Church Room, where an excellent tea, generously provided by the Rector, was provided in the Church Room, and forty sat down.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector. He welcomed the Association to St. Athan, and it was the first time, he said, it had been his pleasure to preside over a gathering of ringers, but now that they were possessed of a ring of bells, and as they had all, including himself, decided to join the Association, he hoped that with the assistance of an instructor in change ringing, they would in due course be a credit to the Association.—Mr. Bolton, of Cardiff, kindly undertook to act as instructor at St. Athan.

Notice of motion was given by Mr. Bolton that at the annual meeting on December 20th he would submit a scheme of memorial to those members of the Association who had paid the supreme sacrifice in the great war.

New members were elected, including the whole of the St. Athan ringers, and also the whole of the Pontypridd ringers and it was decided to ask Peire tower to send an instructor to Pontypridd, the name of Mr. Harry Page being submitted. New members were also elected from Newport, Cardiff and Bedwellty.

A circular letter which had been passed on to the hon. secretary was read in reference to the testimonial to one of the association's life members, Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, in honour of his 80th birthday.

Proposed restorations and augmentations were discussed, the Hon. Secretary reporting that the order is placed to add two more bells to the Cathedral eight, the old bells to be rebung with all new fittings. A letter was read from the Vicar of Whitechurch, stating that restorations were being done there in regard to new aisles, heating, etc., and he hoped to be able to include the two bells desired to complete the octave.

The usual vote of thanks closed the meeting. Opportunity is now taken of saying how pleased and grateful all were to the Rector for his untiring personal efforts to make everyone welcome, and to him the Association owes a debt of gratitude for such a successful meeting.

MEMORIAL PEAL AT DORCHESTER.

As already recorded, a band drawn from seven towers in the Salisbury Guild met at Dorchester on October 30th to pay a last tribute of respect to those of their fellow-members who gave their lives in the war.

Naturally, solemnity marked the proceedings, and a most solemn, well-struck peal was achieved. So much impressed were the people that inquiries were made at the house of one of the local ringers as to whether the King or some prominent member of the Royal Family or Government had passed away.

At the conclusion of the peal, the Chairman of the South Dorset Branch visited the belfry, and congratulated the band, and with his usual kindness invited the band to partake of light refreshments before separating.

Needless to say, his offer was accepted, and a most pleasant hour was spent over the coffee cups.—Mr. Jennings thanked Mr. R. V. Dawes for his thoughtful hospitality, stating that it was one more instance of his interest in the ringers.

We understand that a similar memorial peal is to be attempted in Wiltshire, and that suitable permanent records of these are to be erected.

ARMISTICE ANNIVERSARY.**THE CELEBRATION OF THE 'ELEVENTH.'**

The first anniversary of the signing of the Armistice was marked in many places by the ringing of the church bells, and our peal columns record peals rung on the occasion.

There were, of course, many smaller performances. A peal of London Surprise was attempted at Southgate on the eve of Armistice Day, but broke down unfortunately after 2 hours 33 minutes' ringing. The whole band were regular Sunday ringers at the church, and seven of them served in the Army.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, Acton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: C. Brown 1, J. Rootes 2, W. Vickery 3, C. Edwards 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, W. Holloway 8.

BUCKNALL.—At St. Mary's Church, a date touch of 1919 changes, in four methods, being 720 each of Violet and Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, and 119 Bob Minor: Miss Alice Wheeldon 1, Wm. Wheeldon, junr., 2, Miss Alice Preston 3, C. Pointon 4, Wm. Frudley 5, Wm. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor), 6. This is the longest touch by all except the ringers of the 4th and 8th. The two ladies are to be congratulated on their performance.

DUFFIELD.—On Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, in memory of the fallen: F. Osbourne 1, W. Bates 2, H. Hill 3, A. Hill 4, J. Flower 5, G. Tandy 6, H. Lotte (conductor) 7, C. Bradley 8.

HITCHIN.—On November 11th, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of all Hitchin men who laid down their lives for their country in the great war: B. Day 1, W. Croft 2, E. J. Newell 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, H. Else 8.

HORBURY. At St. Peter's Church, 912 Double Norwich Major: J. Woffenden 1, H. Pickles 2, G. Pickles 3, G. Hunt 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, R. Thickett 8.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Armistice Day, at 11.4 a.m., a muffled 336 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Hawkesford 1, S. J. Coleman 2, S. Peck 3, L. J. Flint 4, H. Woodthorpe 5, G. D. Coleman (conductor) 6, H. Fields 7, C. Jones 8. During the evening an open 1008 Bob Major: S. W. Hawkesford 1, L. J. Flint 2, S. J. Coleman 3, W. Smith 4, H. Woodthorpe 5, S. Peck 6, G. D. Coleman (conductor) 7, H. Fields 8. Several touches of Minor and Doubles were also rung at Eynesbury Parish Church.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Hutley 1, T. B. Kendall 2, H. Hatch 3, A. Gill 4, F. Seager 5, F. Mopwood 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, R. Burnau (longest length) 8.

WITTONETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 48 mins. by all local ringers: Pte. G. Lewis 1, Pte. F. Oliver 2, A. P. Cope 3, Pte. E. Roberts 4, Lieut. W. Lunn, M.M., 5, H. Willisford 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Walters 8. The four ex-soldiers all served out in France, and belonged to the 46th Division.

WOOTTON BASSETT.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 49 mins., by an entirely local band: *V. P. Hewitt 1, Harold Rewelling 2, L. A. Wilson (cond.) 3, *E. Hoare 4, M. Tucke 5, *W. G. Strange 6, Frank Hains 7, Charles Curtis 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering. * First quarter-peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED MONTHLY MEETINGS.**

The members of the South and West District held a very successful meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Norwood Green. The bells at Norwood were used to the full extent during the afternoon, and many methods were practised. Tea, kindly provided by Mr. A. R. Macdonald, was partaken of at the Church Room when over 30 sat down. The Rector (the Rev. H. O. Walpole) presided at the business meeting which followed, and welcomed the members to Norwood once again, after a lapse of five years.

For the place of the next meeting, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, was suggested.—Three new members from the local tower were elected, including the Rector.

The meeting expressed thanks to the Rector of Norwood and Vicar of Heston for use of their bells, and Mr. A. R. Macdonald for providing such a good tea.—Several other matters were raised including the question as to whether the meetings should be monthly or quarterly.

At the conclusion of the business, two touches were rung on the handbells, while some returned to the tower, but the majority journeyed to Heston, where the number greatly increased, and the tower was filled with ringers anxious for a pull on the fine peal of eight.

PRESENTATION AT DEPTFORD.

At the weekly practice, on Monday week, at St. John's Church, Deptford, a sterling silver-plated cross was presented to Mrs. J. Higginson, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jeffries, of Lee Kent, on the occasion of her recent marriage, Mr. Jeffries being the respectful captain and tower keeper of St. John's. The gift was subscribed to by the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. Jopson, M.A.) and the ringers, and the former, in making the presentation on behalf of all concerned,

made a very pleasant and appropriate speech, to which Mr. J. Higginson replied, on his wife's behalf, in a few but well-chosen words.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**GOOD PROGRESS IN HEREFORD DISTRICT.**

The success of the division of the Hereford Guild into districts has been most marked, but in no part of the diocese more than in the Hereford district itself, where the Guild is fortunate in having as the District Hon. Secretary and Ringing Master, Mr. C. Edwards. At a quarterly meeting at Madley, on November 1st, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Turner) presided, and welcomed the members Mr. Edwards presented a very favourable report. He stated that all the combined practices held in various towers during the quarter had been very well attended, good work being done, especially amongst young ringers. The bells of several towers had been rung for the first time since the beginning of the war. He thanked all the members for the help and loyal support which had been given him during the past quarter, and which had been very encouraging to him in his official capacity as Secretary and Ringing Master.

The Rev. M. R. Onslow (Stoke Edith), the Rev. A. E. Green-Price (Tarrington), the Rev. A. Middleton (Allensmore), the Rev. K. O'Neil (Eaton Bishop), Mr. W. Gibbs (Clehonger), and Mr. J. Hower (Madley) were elected honorary members, whilst the whole of Kingstone and Clehonger bands were elected performing members. The election of Burghill and Pipe-cum-Lyde bands was confirmed.

Mr. W. H. Williams, of the Hereford Cathedral Band, was elected assistant ringing master.

It was decided to hold two combined practices, before the next quarterly meeting, the first at Lugwardine on the first Saturday in December, and the second at Eaton Bishop on the first Saturday in January. It was also decided to hold the next quarterly meeting, which will also be the annual meeting of the Hereford District, at Hereford on the first Saturday in February.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had so kindly catered for them, and this was acknowledged by Miss Turner.

Mr. S. Rackham proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. G. W. Turner for presiding, for the use of the bells, and for the very hearty welcome he had given the members.—This was carried with applause, and in his reply, the Rev. G. W. Turner said what a pleasure it was to him to see so many present. Church bells were the most costly of all musical instruments, and they should do all they could to hand them on to those who would come after them as they had received them from those who had now passed on.

This concluded the meeting, and the members visited the belfry again for further ringing. During the evening 720 Bob Minor was successfully rung by the following: A. Rackham 1, S. T. Rackham 2, A. R. Elkin 3, J. Rackham 4, W. H. Williams 5, C. Edwards (conductor) 6. This was the first ever rung on the bells. The members dispersed about 9 p.m., after a very enjoyable time.

Since the meeting two more towers have joined the Guild, viz., St. Nicholas, Hereford, with eight members, and Wellington, with ten members.

HAMPTON RINGER'S DEATH.**VICTIM OF MALARIA AFTER SERVICE ABROAD.**

We deeply regret to record the death of Pte. R. Cook, of the 9th Worcester Regt., which occurred at Devonport Military Hospital on November 3rd. Pte. Cook joined the army in May 1916, and in October of the same year was sent to Mesopotamia. Twelve months ago he left India for South Russia, and recently he embarked at Constantinople for England. During the voyage he was stricken down with malaria fever. Upon landing his wife was summoned to Devonport, by telegram, on account of his serious condition, and he succumbed as mentioned above.

Pte. Cook was a member and secretary of the Hampton band, in which he took a keen interest, his great aim being punctuality in service ringing. During his absence, ringing at Hampton fell to a very low ebb. He was of a genial disposition, and made many friends. He was a member of the Worcestershire Association and was generally to be seen at the branch meetings.

The body was conveyed to Hampton, and the interment took place at the Parish Church on November 8th. The service was fully choral, 'Rock of Ages' being sung in church; 'Thy whose course on earth is o'er' in procession to the grave; and 'Abide with me' at the graveside, the first and last named hymns having been found in deceased's pocket diary. Among the mourners were several of his brother ringers, including Mr. F. J. Johnson (Ringing Master), and Mr. J. Hemming (secretary of the Southern Branch of the Association).

The coffin bore the inscription: '39316 Pte. R. Cook, 9th Worcesters, died Nov. 3rd, aged 35 years.'

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by: G. J. Hemming 1—2, Miss E. M. Johnson 3—4, F. J. Johnson 5—6, J. Hemming 7—8, and two 720's of Bob Minor were rung in the tower with the bells half-muffled, by: H. Gould 1, J. Hemming (conductor) 2, a. Robbins 3, E. Robbins 4, A. Jordan 5, F. J. Johnson 6. The floral tributes were numerous, and included an anchor from his brother ringers at St. Andrew's, where he will be sadly missed in the belfry. The deepest sympathy is felt with his wife and other members of the family.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, on Nov. 22nd, at 6 p.m. All tickets sold. The towers of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, will be open for ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service, 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Chequers Hotel. Business immediately after tea.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton, on Saturday Nov. 22nd. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Area.—A special meeting will be held at Cheltenham, St. Mary's Parish Church, on Thursday evening, Nov. 27th, 1919. Meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m. Tower open at 6.30 p.m. Will all ringers who are in this area send their names for election if unable to attend? All ringers are invited. The Master (Rev. M. E. Thorold) will preside.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Bellringers' service at 5. Further particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, November 29th, instead of Nov. 22nd, as previously advertised. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 in the Church Institute, 1/3 each. All members wishing tea please notify Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Church House, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse (6, tenor 19½) will also be available.—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available from 3 to 9. A short service will be held at 5, conducted by the Rev. A. B. Parry-Evans, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea will be provided at 1/6 per head, if those wishing to partake will send their names not later than first post, Wednesday, November 26th, to Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A Special Meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, 29th Nov. Tower open 3 p.m. Business meeting at King of Denmark, in the evening.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Old Hill (Staffs), on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 2.30, service in church at 4 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. Canon Brewer, M.A. (Vicar), who will also give an address. The Ringing Master (Harry Mason, Esq.), 'Stourdell,' Old Hill, wishes to entertain the members and visitors to tea. Will all those able to be present

kindly advise the Master by Wednesday, Nov. 26th, latest? Business meeting after tea.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

BELL OPENING.—Official opening of St. Paul's Church, Denholme, the bells of which have been rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, London, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 29th. All ringers invited. Meat tea provided at 1/6 each for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock.—G. Denny, Longhouse Lane, Denholme, near Bradford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Mr. C. E. Bennett, of Beaconsfield, kindly invites the members to tea at the Old Rectory, Beaconsfield, on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 6 o'clock. Bells available from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Evensong and remembrance of fallen comrades, with special address, at 5.30. Please notify the Branch Secretary of your intention to be present.—The proposed Burnham meeting for Major practice on the above date will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 6 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at which a welcome will be extended to demobilised members. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock, price 9d. to members and 1/6 to visitors.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Blakenhall, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided free in the Mission Hall at 5.15, to be followed by the business meeting. Will all intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd? Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9. Tea at 5 (1/3 each) in the Parish Room (adjoining church). Members requiring same must apply to Mr. J. R. Kemp, 75, Joseph Street, Hunslet, before first post, Dec. 2nd. Business meeting immediately after tea.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual district meeting was held at Hitchin on Saturday last, members being present from Baldock, Barley, Royston and Stevenage, together with the local band.—The Vicar (the Rev. L. B. Ashby), in a few well-chosen prayers, dedicated to the Glory of God the tablet recording the peal recently rung for the blessings of peace. Tea was served in the restaurant, and presided over by the Vicar, who very heartily welcomed all the ringers to the annual gathering. A venerable visitor, Mr. A. T. King, president of the Middlesex Association honoured the meeting with his presence, and for the first time for many a day rang a touch on the tower bells.

The District Secretary, referring to Mr. Cartmel's letter in 'The Ringing World,' suggested as a preliminary step that wherever possible, the district meetings should in future contain a short service in its programme.

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