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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

At a recent meeting of the Kent County Association Mr. Edwin Barnett firmly declined to continue as the District Representative on the Central Committee, an office he had held for twenty years. It was not that he had lost interest in the work, or had quarrelled with his friends; still less that they wished him to go. It was because he felt that the management of the association is far too much in the hands of elderly men, and that the younger generation, who form the backbone of the society, do not get a chance. The evil, he thinks, is largely due to the fact that once a man is elected to any office, it is looked on as his freehold, and so long as he is willing to continue there is no room for anyone else.

We know nothing about the working of the Kent County Association and have not the least intention of commenting on it or its members, either adversely or favourably, but the question in its general aspect is one of importance to the Exercise. Is the younger generation given sufficient scope in the management of belfries and associations or do the older men keep the control in their own hands long after they have passed their best? Should the Exercise rely mainly on the activity and enthusiasm of the young, or on the experience and wisdom of the old? It is only another case of that competition between youth and age which has been going on since man first was and to which there never will be an ending.

We do not propose at the present to say anything on that particular point. It may be worth while dealing with it later. What we would call attention to is the way the officers of an association are as a rule elected and the tendency there is to treat an office as a permanency held during the pleasure of the officer. Once a man is elected master, or secretary, or treasurer, it is tacitly assumed that he will continue to hold it as long as he chooses. Is that a good thing for the Exercise?

It is easy to understand how the idea first arose. The men who are able and willing to carry out the duties of a secretary efficiently are not plentiful, and once an association has got such a man it is anxious not to lose him. More men are available for the office of ringing master, but when one has been elected who commands the respect and affection of the members there is a general wish to retain his services. So, too, with the other offices, and especially those such as chairman, vice-president and the like, which bring honour and

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dignity but little or no work. The danger of it all is that a man, having been re-elected once or twice, often expects to be re-elected as long as he cares to stand, and perhaps when he is no longer the most suitable person for the job; and he blocks the way of a better man because he cannot be displaced without the risk of unpleasantness.

It is easy to see how the idea arose, but it should be pointed out that it is contrary to the words and the spirit of the association's rules. The rules of an association or guild definitely state that each officer is elected for one year (or some other period) and when his term of office is up he is on exactly the same footing as any other member (except in the rare cases where his immediate re-election is forbidden).

Here, perhaps, is the best solution of the question. The chairman at the general annual meeting should definitely explain that elections are for one year only, that the retiring officer is eligible for re-election, but any other names may be submitted and the meeting is free to choose between them. It should be clearly stated that no censure or slur is laid on a man if another is preferred to him. If these things are plainly put from the chair before an election and the members continue to re-appoint the old officers it is a sign that they wish to have it so.

It is undoubtedly true that in many associations there is among the average members a large amount of apathy and indifference as to how the society's affairs are managed. So long as somebody does the job they care little. This is a spirit which ought to be counteracted. Every member, even the youngest and humblest, should be encouraged to feel he has an interest in the wellbeing of the guild and is as much entitled to express his opinion as any other. The custom of re-electing officers en bloc (whatever can be said in its favour during war time) is a bad one, for it creates the impression that everything has been cut and dried by a secret junto and the ordinary members have no option but to accept what has been settled behind their backs.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 29, 1944, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Composed by JACK BRAY.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1944, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT 6, GLEBE ROAD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A flat.

*MISS HILDA OAKSHOTT ... 1-2	†VERNON J. BENNING ... 5-6
GEORGE R. H. SMITH ... 3-4	*PERCY J. SPICE ... 7-8

Conducted by G. R. H. SMITH.

* First peal of Triples in hand. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

BURNHAM, Bucks.—On Tuesday, October 31st, 720 Bob Minor:
*Vida Simpson 1, *Valerie Crouch 2, Mary Pemberton 3, Jean Broomfield 4, Freda Murkitt 5, Joyce Hearn 6, N. V. Harding (conductor) 7, G. Gilbert 8. Treble leading and tenor covering. * First 720. Fully muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, October 31, 1944 in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	*JAMES F. HARVEY 7
*RICHARD J. B. HADDEN ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD 8
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 9
HERBERT C. SPENCER 4	ALBERT WALKER 10
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE ... 5	GEORGE E. FRERN 11
*LEONARD TUFFREY 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1944, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*PETER J. STANFORTH ... Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 6
JILL POOLE 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First peal of Royal. Rung on Miss Poole's 16th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ENVILLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1944, in Two Hours and Fifty-1wo Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN LLOYD Treble	SIDNEY THOMPSON 5
*CHARLES RICHARDS 2	PERCY RICHARDS 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
FRED HANDLEY 4	JOHN PAGETT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

* First peal of Triples.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1944, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ALAN J. BROWN Treble	WILLIAM FERNBY 5
*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 2	TOM WILDE 6
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH 7
CECIL AUSTIN 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1944, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

GEORGE L. GROVER Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5
ALBERT LAMBEIN 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 3, 1944, in three Hours and thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MRS. DOROTHY MOORE ... Treble	*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
MRS. GEORGE SAYER ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 4	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1944, in three Hours and ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE PART (7th observation)

Tenor 20½ cwt.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... Treble	FRANCIS G. BLAKE ... 5
MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY 2	ARTHUR G. ROSE ... 6
WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7
*ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 4	HARRY J. GILLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal of Triples on tower bells. First peal of Triples on tower bells as conductor.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1944, in two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

WALLACE W. COUSINS ... Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 6
*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

CLANDON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1944 in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

GEORGE L. GROVER ... Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 5
FREDERICK OLDROYD ... 2	FREDERICK BENNETT ... 6
CHARLES HAZLEDEN ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1944, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERIC B. HARTLEY ... Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5
*RALPH BIRD ... 2	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1944, in two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

*THOMAS HILL ... Treble	CHARLES HAYTINGS ... 4
THOMAS BENNETT ... 2	CYRIL HALLING ... 5
FRED HAWKES ... 3	*PETER BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HAYTINGS.

* First peal.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1944, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALEXANDER G. WEEKS ... Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST ... 4
HENRY A. GUMMER ... 2	LEONARD G. CAVE ... 5
JOSEPH C. WEEKS ... 3	*VICTOR G. ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH C. WEEKS.

* First peal.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1944, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MICHAEL BROWN ... Treble	FRANK TROTMAN ... 4
†MISS MADGE GREWCOCK ... 2	CYRIL ISON ... 5
WILLIAM ALDRIDGE ... 3	GEORGE CHARLTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1944 in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN HARLEY ... Treble	JAMES FERNLEY ... 4
MISS P. FLITCHER ... 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 5
E. DENNIS POOLE ... 3	ALBERT WOODVINE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Rung muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 30, 1944, in three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. ALBAN KENDALL ... Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 2	HERBERT GATES ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung for the diamond jubilee of the association.

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Arrangements have also been made for larger supplies through the trade, and newsagents in any part of the country will be able to obtain copies through their wholesale firms.

Cheques and remittances should be made payable to 'The Ringing World.'

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham was the 160th peal Mr. Albert Walker has rung on St. Martin's bells.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Kidlington on October 28th was conducted by Mr. W. F. Judge, not by Mr. J. E. Spice as reported.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE TENOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The interest taken in this matter prompted me to take the note of the bell and her measurements. These I submitted to unimpeachable authority, and am assured that the weight cannot exceed 18 cwt. (diameter 47 3-16 inches, soundbow 2 31-32 inches). The note registers 324 frequencies per second, which is half-way between E natural and E flat, B.B.C. (International) pitch, by which all musical instruments are tuned to-day.

The pitch by which bells were labelled in former times was nearly a semitone higher (Concert pitch), so that this bell was rightly denoted as E natural, even if to-day we may, with as much truth, call her E flat.

Here is one more instance of a tenor bell being reputedly heavier than she is. All of us have met instances of the kind, and I hazard a guess that the great majority of bells which have not been submitted to the test of an accurate weighing machine are lighter than their advertised weight. I ran across a minor instance only this week, a bell said to be 9 cwt. proving, on measurement, to be but 8 cwt.

In the interests of accuracy, and because this is a question which attracts all ringers, I suggest that you might consider publishing a list of diameters and notes, with the normal weight of each, from six to sixty cwt. The locals will then be able to determine for themselves whether that 25 cwt. tenor of theirs is really 25 cwt. or only a ton. The doctors say that a loss of weight in an unduly stout person is distinctly beneficial.

J. H. R. FREEBORN.

Little Chalfont, Amersham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at St. Hilda's, South Shields, on October 28th, when 20 ringers were present from Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Gateshead, Houghton-le-Spring, Sunderland (St. Michael's) and St. Ignatius', West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's) and the local belfry.

Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, occupied the chair. Malcolm E. Payne, of St. Michael's, Houghton-le-Spring, was elected a member, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Houghton on November 25th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. F. Ardagh-Walker, and tea was in the Church Hall.

The methods rung consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major and rounds.

SERVICE TOUCHES.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

B 168
2314567

3461275 2
4176352 2
1643752 1
1637452 1
7245631 4
2534716 2
5413267 2

Repeated.

D 252
2314567

3461275 2
1527463 4
5762134 2
7251634 1
7216534 1
2631745 2
6143257 2

Twice repeated.

A 420
2314567

3461275 2
1527463 4
7346521 4
3624715 2
6412357 2

Four times repeated.

C 420
2314567

3461275 2
4176352 2
1643752 1
1637452 1
6753124 2
7361524 1
7315624 1
3521746 2
5142367 2

Four times repeated.

B. Call the seventh—6-7 down; in and out quick and make bob; last half turn; out slow; 6-7 up.

A. Call the seventh—6-7 down; make bob after quick; last half turn; out slow; 6-7 up.

D. Call the seventh—6-7 down; make bob after quick; first whole turn, first and last half turns; out slow; 6-7 up.

These are the standard callings used for the in-course part of Carter's Odd-bob peal. It will be noticed that three bobs are common to all four. The seventh is bobbed in 6-7 down, makes the bob after it has been a quick bell, and is bobbed in 6-7 up at the course end. Here is a quarter peal made up of the same courses.

1,260.

231456

514236 C

642153 D

521643 C

Four times repeated.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT SOUTH NEWTON.

A meeting of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at South Newton on October 28th, when members attended from Britford, Ourencester, Wishford, St. Thomas', St. Martin's and St. Paul's (Salisbury) and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. A. Smith), Mr. H. A. Roles being at the organ.

Tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Smith and friends. The vice-chairman (Mr. G. K. Norton) presided at the business meeting, at which Salisbury St. Thomas was selected for the annual branch meeting. A letter was received from Mr. J. E. Figgures stating that he would not seek re-election as Ringing Master and member of the Branch Committee. Wishford was also visited, where there is an old peal of five excellent bells, badly needing attention. Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Bob Singles, rounds and call-changes were rung throughout the afternoon and evening.

THE LIBERTY BELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Following on my recent remarks concerning the Liberty Bell of America, it will be of interest to learn that there is talk of the bell being repaired in time to take part in the peace celebrations. Here is a pertinent paragraph taken from the Mediterranean edition of 'Stars and Stripes,' the United States Services' newspaper:—

'Arc welding of the 109-year-old crack in the historic Liberty Bell which pealed out American independence in 1776 was urged yesterday (October 19th) by W. J. Conley, consulting engineer of Lincoln Electric, so the "long-hushed symbol" can again proclaim liberty on V Day.

'The bell, owned by the city of Philadelphia and housed in Independence Hall there, has been tapped, but never rung to herald great events since the large crack appeared in 1835.

'"Full tone can be restored to the bell by arc welding," Conley said. He added that a preliminary study of the problem had been made by his firm, world's largest producer of arc welding equipment.

'Conley said his suggestion had been sent to Speaker Sam Rayburn, of the House of Representatives in Washington, and he (Conley) had asked Congress to appoint a special committee of experts from the American Welding Society, now in convention, to take appropriate action.'

For myself, I trust this work will be put in hand, but I wonder what sort of result welding will produce. Perhaps American welders have something to teach us on this point?

KENNETH ARTHUR, Sgt., R.A.F.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The sixtieth anniversary of the foundation of the Hertford County Association was celebrated at St. Albans on October 28th. Ringing at St. Stephen's, St. Michael's and St. Peter's was followed by service at St. Peter's, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Fergusson, who gave an address. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in church by Messrs. R. Darvill, H. G. Cashmore, W. Ayre and A. Day. The lessons were read by the president, Mr. H. G. Cashmore, and the secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel.

Seventy-six members were present at the dinner held at the Abbey Restaurant. Mr. Cartmel proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' He said people to-day seemed to regard the Church as somewhere to be christened, married and buried, and were tending to forget the spiritual side of it. He called for a renewal of that spiritual sense and for an extension of the family spirit such as they found in associations like their own.

Mr. Cartmel read letters of good wishes from Capt. G. W. Debenham, on active service, and Mr. W. H. Lawrence, a former district secretary.

Replying, the Rev. A. M. Fergusson said there would certainly have to be a new spiritual awakening in the Church if it were to succeed in the future. The Church would have to look to its laurels. We all had religion in us and we had got to make it alive again and really known.

Mr. E. H. Lewis submitted the toast of 'The Association,' recalling its successful history and wishing it a successful future. He said he was not sure whether the ban on ringing had not been a good thing, for ringing was to-day enjoying a wave of popularity such as had never been known before. A large number of young people were becoming interested and they must be taught, and taught well.

Replying, the President mentioned the names of some of those who had been connected with the association in its early days. As far as peal ringing was concerned, he would like to see the district ringers ring peals with mixed bands and not stick to one particular band, and so do more good to their own district and also the association.

Mr. E. Jennings proposed the toasts of 'The Central Council' and 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) replied.

Mr. W. Ayre apologised for the absence of the Archdeacon of St. Albans, the Dean of St. Albans, the president of the Bedfordshire Association, Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), Mr. J. C. Mitchell and Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham (two very old members), and the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' all of whom either had prior engagements or could not come through travelling facilities.

'Absent Friends' were remembered by Mr. W. Ayre, who asked the company to stand in honour of them, remembering those called not only to active service, but to higher service.

Entertainment was provided by a male voice quartet comprising Messrs. K. Faulkner, S. J. Aries, F. W. Crawshaw and W. Ayre, with solos by Mr. K. Faulkner and Mrs. Thomas at the pianoforte. Mr. Geoffrey Buckingham provided clever conjuring tricks, etc.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT MERSTHAM.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Merstham on October 28th, and was attended by 54 members and visitors. Service in church was conducted by the Rev. J. W. H. Battiscombe, who welcomed the ringers and gave an address. Tea, at the invitation of the Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt, was at the Golden Wheel and was followed by the business. One new member was elected.

A discussion on ringing at the close of hostilities took place. Arrangements had already been made between some towers to join forces, and this was considered an excellent arrangement.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Battiscombe, to Mr. H. F. Houlder and to Mr. and Mrs. Birt completed the business. The ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise.

MISS JILL POOLE.

Three correspondents have written to us expressing admiration of Miss Jill Poole's achievement in ringing a peal of Cambridge Maximus before her sixteenth birthday, and indeed it is a performance of which she may be proud. Although she has been ringing only a comparatively short time, her list of peals is a fine one. It includes on handbells, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Bob Royal and Maximus; and on tower bells, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, and Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is proposed to form a London branch of the Universities Association. A small band is already practising handbells regularly at Imperial College. We would be very pleased to hear from any internal students or graduates of London University, as well as any research workers attached to the university, who would be interested in ringing tower or handbells with us. Would all those interested please get in touch with—

P. M. J. GRAY.

c/o Royal School of Mines, London, S.W.7.

RINGING IN WAR-TIME.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Not being old enough to remember the last war, I pondered with some misgivings on the possible reactions of the general public to air raids and the other terrors which seemed possible when hostilities commenced.

It soon became obvious that people were going to make 'Business (or pleasure) as usual' the general slogan. During the days of air raids and invasion danger this was very often difficult, but without doubt it has been the 'as usual' slogan which has helped the country through the difficult days. Not only in the field of business, but in entertainment and leisure we have carried on as usual as far as possible, and I see no reason why ringing should be made an exception.

There are, of course, those who choose to make martyrs of themselves, but the general tendency in all walks of life seems to be to get going again as soon as conditions permit.

As soon as the ban was lifted there seemed to be no reason why we should not ring a peal or two, provided, of course, the bells and church were still intact. We were just getting into our stride when the 'doodle-bugs' put in an appearance. For quite a long time there was no peal ringing, or any ringing at all for that matter, and then the daylight flying bombs ended. We just carried on where we left off. We find it difficult to see why it should be so.

As for public reaction to ringing in these times, I feel that no better illustration can be quoted than an incident at our own tower, which stands in the High Street of a busy town.

When the flying bomb menace was becoming less intense our Vicar suggested that we got together and rang the bells again, as he said, 'The place seems to have gone a bit dead and needs something to put a bit of life into it.'

J. E. BAILEY.

'FALSE COMPOSITIONS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When I received my 'Ringing World' last week I had already drafted a letter to you on the subject you have so ably dealt with in your leading article urging those associations who have not appointed a peal secretary to try and find among their members one with the necessary ability and inclination, and appoint him to that position, taking Mr. Barton as a pattern for imitation.

I was prompted, as evidently you were, by the letter which appeared in your issue of October 27th, and the amount of inconvenience these unfortunate happenings cause all round in readjusting the serial numbers of the association's peal records in the next report. Some do not do so, but simply make a note the following year that peal number so and so in such and such a year is withdrawn, as the composition is false, and who can blame them? But the fact remains where this has happened that association's peal total is inaccurate and misleading.

I have felt for a long time the need of such an official in my own association, but have hesitated to bring forward such a revolutionary suggestion (not having entirely lived down the commotion caused in the county by my suggestion of a Ringing Master for my own district, or my opposition to a subsequent attempt to make a rule framed to render his position untenable), not only to prove compositions before they appear, but to prevent duplication of figures which have appeared years before, and to give references when they have been published in one of the C.C. Collections, or one of the standard works on ringing. Such a person would also effect a considerable saving of expense in setting up type.

Our last report provides an example of where a perfectly true peal could easily have been withdrawn nearly twenty years afterwards. In it there appear the amended figures of the first peal of Dartford Little Bob in 1925. Early this year the general secretary wrote me stating he had received a letter from a man who took part in the second peal in the method, demanding the withdrawal of the first, as the composition was false. Mr. Mitchell was loth to believe it was possible for my father to begin to apply the figures in the 1926 report to the method. Could I give any explanation to the committee? Fortunately I was able to take them his pocket book with the correct figures and a footnote in his handwriting stating the method they were applied to, and where and when he called it. I have not the slightest doubt they would have accepted this evidence alone, but more fortunate still, the peal, method and figures were published together in 'The Ringing World' on March 6th, 1925. How the first set got into the report will never be known. With a competent peal secretary they would not have done.

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

DEATH OF ARCHDEACON R. C. M. HARVEY.

The death is announced of Archdeacon R. C. M. Harvey, who was secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild from 1890 to 1895, and Master from 1895 to 1901. He had taken part in a number of peals, including the first at Winchester Cathedral, one of Grandsire Caters.

The funeral was at Eastleigh on October 26th. Messrs. George Williams and W. T. Tucker represented the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

CURIOUS TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from page 457.)

The church of St. Michael and All Angels, Stevenston, Berks, is a stone building in Early English and later styles, with embattled tower on the south side containing a ring of six bells. On the south side are two arches of unequal span, one Early English and the other Decorated. The tower arches are good Decorated with richly moulded impostes and curious carving. The door at the foot of the tower is the main entrance to the church, and just inside are the bellropes, the ringing being done from the ground floor. Up to 1932 the order was, on the left as you enter 6, 1, 2—on the right 5, 4, 3. Passing straight through brought one to the main aisle about midway along; directly behind the ringers of 3rd and 4th was the entrance to the south aisle leading to chancel and vestry. The congregation used to walk between the ropes as ringing was in progress, either to the main aisle, or to dodge between 3-4 up to the chancel, which was rather dangerous, but did not, I am assured, worry the ringers very much, and no accident ever happened. In 1932 the bells were rehung in a new metal frame, and the rope circle altered. The tenor is now in the middle of the doorway, and the 3rd just opposite. Therefore, while ringing is in progress, the door is locked, and people must enter the church by another door on the opposite side, but when the bells have ceased they can come through the tower. The ringers can be seen from two sides from the church. The bells date from 1613 to 1849 and the tenor is 11½ cwt.

At the church of St. Mary, Culworth, Northants, the five bells are rung from the ground floor open on three sides to the church, this west tower being built into, rather than on to, the body of the church. As early as 1552 there were 'iiii bells in ye steple & a sanct' bell.' The present treble bears the name of 'SR IOHN DANVERS,' 1712, and he was descended from Robert Danvers, Esq., who is said to have purchased the Manor in 1438. In the chancel is a monument of elaborate character to the D'Anvers family erected in 1790. In 1863 one of the present bells fell and nearly killed the clerk. Upon hearing of this incident, an old woman living in the village told the Rector that she remembered her mother relating that a man named Elsdon was killed by the falling of one of Culworth bells, and that some of his blood was sprinkled on the walls of the belfry. To test of the truth of this, the Rector searched the Parish Register, where he found the following entry:—'Edward Elsdon was killed by a Bell upon Tuesday in Easter week being the 10th of April, 1694.' This proved that tradition had kept alive a knowledge of the fact for 169 years, and it is somewhat singular that the two accidents happened (allowing for change of style) on the same day of the same month. Culworth bells were rehung and the tower restored in 1931.

(To be continued.)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT RAINHAM.

A meeting of the Rochester Branch of the Kent County Association was held at Rainham on October 28th and was attended by nearly fifty members. The Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Jordan, conducted the service and took the chair at the business meeting, which followed tea. Reference was made to the deaths of Mr. Ernest Dobbie and Mr. D. L. Vigeon. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sittingbourne during January.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HINCKLEY.—On Sunday, October 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Madge Grewcock 1, John Ison 2, George Thompson 3, George Charlton 4, William Aldridge 5, Cyril Ison 6, Frank Trotman (conductor) 7, Bert Ridgway 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sunday, October 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Hicks 1, A. Patrick 2, C. Marshall 3, J. L. Willars 4, G. Deacon 5, J. E. Clark (conductor) 6, E. J. Jelley 7, F. Ford 8.—On Sunday, October 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Chamberlain 1, C. Marshall (conductor) 2, G. Deacon 3, D. Dalby 4, A. Patrick 5, J. L. Willars 6.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Friday, October 27th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: G. Gilbert (conductor) 1, Jean Broomfield 2, Freda Murkitt 3, Mary Pemberton 4, Joyce Hearn 5, F. Hicks 6. Half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, October 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Thorley 1, S. Flint 2, R. Guy 3, A. Williams 4, G. Skelland 5, Gunner W. Deacon (conductor) 6; also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Flint 1, R. Guy 2, J. Lunham 3, J. Rothwell 4, Gunner W. Deacon (conductor) 5, G. Skelland 6. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, October 29th, 840 Grandsire Triples: K. Rothwell 1, S. Flint 2, R. Kirby 3, Gunner W. Deacon 4, J. Taylor 5, J. Marsh (conductor) 6, J. Rothwell 7, E. Rothwell 8. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

SPRINGFIELD.—On Sunday, October 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Myhill 1, Miss A. White 2, E. J. Runter (conductor) 3, A. Simmonds 4, H. Devenish 5, H. Bradley 6.

AUDLEY.—On Sunday, October 29th, 720 Bob Minor: J. H. Millington 1, R. Rowley (conductor) 2, J. Jebb 3, J. Proctor 4, W. Millington 5, R. Proctor 6. First 720 by all.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Sunday, October 29th, 1,280 Bob Major: M. Wingrove 1, D. R. Fletcher 2, K. E. Fletcher 3, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 4, R. Buckland 5, W. Edwards 6, J. Harrison 7, H. Wingrove (conductor) 8; also 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Wingrove (conductor) 1, K. E. Fletcher 2, C. A. Levett 3, D. R. Fletcher 4, G. Gutteridge 5, J. Harrison 6, F. Goodfellow 7, E. Bannister 8. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

REDHILL.—On Sunday, October 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Beale 1, H. Parsons 2, L. Penfold 3, A. Gear 4, F. Sadler 5, W. Slaughter 6, A. J. Bull (conductor) 7, H. G. Moon 8.

WORSLEY.—On Sunday, October 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Allred 1, F. Barraclough 2, T. Royle 3, J. B. Budd 4, B. Walshaw 5, A. Ridyard (conductor) 6, F. Grundy 7, R. Longden 8, P. H. Derbyshire 9, R. Jones 10. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On October 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Williams 1, A. Phillips 2, S. Head 3, A. Carter 4, N. Patmore 5, E. Overall (conductor) 6.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—On Monday, October 30th, 1,944 Bob Minor: G. H. Peare 1, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 2, L. A. Smith 3, L. W. Cuss 4, E. Cooper 5, W. A. Godwin 6.

WALSALL.—On Tuesday, October 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. T. Higgins 1, G. W. Hughes 2, W. R. Hughes 3, A. T. Dutton 4, A. Botterell 5, A. Adams 6, J. S. Eastwood (conductor) 7, W. A. Walker 8. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Tuesday, October 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Mann (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, J. Bartram 3, H. Morgan (conductor) 4, George L. Lunn 5, J. Dixon 6, N. B. Thurlby 7, C. H. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On Tuesday, October 31st, 720 Bob Minor: M. Jaques 1, J. Dobbs 2, F. G. Rawson 3, W. W. Dobbs 4, C. A. Jaques 5, A. L. Rawson (conductor) 6. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

ROTHERHAM.—On October 31st at All Saints', 720 Bob Minor: D. Adams 1, L. Field (first inside) 2, T. C. Ryder 3, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 4, E. Liversedge 5, A. Firth (conductor) 6.

WILLESDEN.—On Tuesday, October 31st, 503 Grandsire Triples: E. Lankester, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Botham, A. Butler, R. Hersey, A. Jones, E. Hartley, G. Kilby and H. Kilby. Half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

CANTERBURY.—On Tuesday, October 31st, at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Saver 1, F. G. Brett 2, J. B. Walter 3, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 4, R. G. Port 5, W. F. Jenkins 6, B. J. Luck 7, H. R. French 8. Half-muffled for the Archbishop.

EALING.—On Tuesday, October 31st, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Judd (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Birt (first quarter-peal inside) 2, F. A. Finch 3, H. W. Rogers 4, J. E. L. Cockey 5, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6, S. Harding 7, F. Miller 8. Rung half-muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, October 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Castleman 1, F. Sharman 2, G. Tillson 3, G. Walker 4, H. Morton 5, J. Udale 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, A. Skinner 8. Fully muffled for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

ADLINGTON, LANCs.—On Thursday, November 3rd, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: F. Rigby (conductor) 1, T. Turner 2, D. Carpenter 3, L. Walmsley 4, J. Blackburn 5, J. H. Gartside 6, F. G. Bradley 7, W. Hough 8. Rung half-muffled for the Rev. C. Gamble, late Vicar.

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EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Tunbridge Wells, Nov. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at St. Peter's Parish Hall 5 p.m.—C. A. Bassett, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Old Woking, Saturday, Nov. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Ringing until 8 p.m.—A. C. Hazelden, Dis. Sec., 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Meeting at Alverstoke, Gosport, Saturday, Nov. 11th, 2.30. Tea 4. Service 5.—R. J. Stone, 16, Penhale Road, Portsmouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice at Washington Saturday, Nov. 11th, 5.30 p.m. Meeting Heene, Dec. 9th.—L. Stilwell, Pulborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting Linton, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Buses leave Maidstone 2.30 and 3.5. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. paid. Names to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting Kidderminster (12 bells), 3 p.m., Nov. 18th. Tea Florence Cafe, Blackwell Street, 6 p.m. Names by Nov. 16th; accommodation limited to 50.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 9, Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m., Whitechapel Bell Foundry, E.1. Ringing St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30. 307th anniversary luncheon, November 11th, Slater's Restaurant, Basinghall Street, E.C., 1.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Badby (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, 5, William's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Totternhoe (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Sapcote, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Cafes nearby.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Tickenham, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Quorn, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring food.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Meeting, Erdington (8 bells), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3.30 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Names to Mr. John Conduct, 36, Fern Road, Erdington, Birmingham, 24.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting at West Kirby (8 bells), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Cup of tea provided.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District Meeting, Bushey, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names by Nov. 14th.—H. G. Cashmore, 24, Muriel Avenue, Watford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. W. Curtis, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, by Nov. 15th.—T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Anstey, Nov. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Notify Mr. R. F. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Staplegrove (6 bells) Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names by Nov. 20th.—A. Walker, Hon. Sec., 17, Cranmer Road, Taunton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashted, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Service 4.30. Tea at Peace Memorial Hall 5.15. Names to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.—A. H. Smith.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m. Business in belfry 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec. Perivale 5320.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Green's Norton, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Service 3.15. Tea (1s.) 4 p.m. Numbers for tea by 21st to Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon Vicarage, Towcester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Wood Green, Saturday, Nov. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service and tea. Two minutes' from Wood Green Underground Station.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting will be held early in the New Year. Date will be announced later.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT IBSTOCK.

A meeting of the Loughborough District of the Midland Counties Association, held at Ibstock on October 28th, was attended by members from Copt Oak, Hugglescote, Ibstock, Kegworth, Loughborough, Shepshed, Thrumpton and Whitwick, with visitors from Anstey, Ashby, Groby, Leicester Cathedral and Netherseal.

Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. M. R. Newberry), Mr. A. E. Rowley being at the organ. Mr. J. H. Deane took the chair at the business meeting, at which Messrs. Philip Hill and Chad Hemsley, both of Hugglescote, were elected members.

Quorn was chosen for the next meeting on November 18th.

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