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**BELLS,
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CLOCKS.**

THE SIX-BELL TOWERS.

The plea of the Master of the Salisbury Guild, in the recently published Report, that six-bell towers in the Diocese should make fuller use of the opportunities of change ringing, by practising Minor methods, is one which may well be extended to towers beyond the counties of Wilts and Dorset. The six-bell towers form a large proportion of the belfries of the country, and of numerous societies, as in the case of the Salisbury Guild, comprise more than half the branches. Yet it is unfortunately only too true that, for the number of towers concerned, there is not the same enterprise shown in change ringing in these as there is in the belfries possessing a higher number of bells.

There must be a reason for this. It cannot be that there is lack of variety open to those who would practise the art, for there are a greater number of methods rung on six bells, probably, than on any other number, and when the fascination of ringing the extents in the scores of methods that can be rung has paled, then ringers have open to them the further field of spliced extents, which adds not only interest, but extended scope, to the opportunities of the six-bell ringer. It is not, either, entirely the fault of the men of the six-bell towers. To be frank, we believe a good deal of the absence of change ringing, or of progress in change ringing, at these belfries, is to be found in the attitude of Associations. The members of six-bell towers are welcomed to the fold of the Associations; they are given encouragement to practise on eight and ten bells if they choose; but how many of the county and diocesan organisations make a point of really going to the aid of their six-bell brethren and helping them to become masters of the art of Minor ringing? Indeed, how many of the men who practise regularly in the eight, ten and twelve bell towers actually trouble anything at all about six-bell ringing, except, perhaps, when on an occasional visit to a six-bell tower, they will ring the Minor variation of some method which they have practised on the higher numbers?

Generally, the six-bell ringers are left to shift very much for themselves, and the progress which they make is usually the result of their own efforts to advance. There is plenty of room for Associations to develop their work among the six-bell towers, and they would find it useful ground for the development of the art. When it is remembered that probably fifty per cent. at least of towers in the average county are belfries with only six bells, it will be realised what the possibilities are; but they will not be fully utilised until the Associations come down to the six-bell towers, instead of waiting for the Minor men to

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come to the towers with higher numbers. Minor ringing is as much a part of the art as is the ringing of Major or Cinques, but it is a sphere in which comparatively very little practical encouragement is given by most of the Associations.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Four Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS. 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

REGINALD R. MARSHALL ... Treble	RICHARD BEVAN 7
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 8
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3	GEORGE CARD 9
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	WILLIAM BERRY 10
JOHN W. CORNFORD 5	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 11
ARTHUR J. NEALE 6	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

First peal on 12 by ringers of 1, 5 and 12, and first peal in the method by all except 3 and 4. The ringer of the treble is 16 years of age only.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	*GEORGE F. JAMES 5
GEORGE DURLING 2	ARTHUR MASON 6
*PERCY J. SPICE 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	WILLIAM LYDDIARD Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal of Stedman.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

*WILLIAM J. RYVES Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
WILLIAM STOREY 3	*ANDREW MEARS 7
*D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 4	CAPT. J. R. MACKMAN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*GERALD DUNCAN Treble	JOHN G. HALL 5
*ROBERT LAUGHTON 2	JOHN HEDGEWOOD 6
*JOHN APPLETON 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
WILLIAM BROADLEY 4	THOMAS LEYBORNE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT LAUGHTON.

First attempt as conductor in any method. * First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER.—On Wednesday, March 10th, 1920 at the Town Hall, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): J. W. Washbrook, senr., 1, J. W. Washbrook, junr., 2, W. Wolstencroft 3, W. H. Shuker 4, F. Page 5, A. A. Hughes 6, W. Cooper 7, H. Chapman 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, A. Trippier 10. Tenor 52 cwt. Mr. A. A. Hughes is from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London.

**BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WALTER BATTLE Treble	JAMES MARTIN 5
JAMES W. BELL... .. 2	†SYDNEY F. BARNES 6
EDWARD CAUNCE 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
†THOMAS GILMORE 4	SAMUEL MORTON Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member before starting.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	JOHN MOY 5
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
CHARLES E. NEWLAND 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
ALFRED WATSON 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

First peal in the method by ringer of the 3rd, and first attempt.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED DAVIES Treble	CHAS. H. WOODBERRY 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
*ABBREY L. BENNETT 3	JOHN SMITH 7
ERNEST BROOKS 4	HARRY HUBBALL Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Bristol Surprise.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
GEORGE A. SMITH 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
FRED PAGE 3	RICHARD DEAL 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the fallen of Congleton, also to the three brothers Washbrook, J. Darlington, Bertram Prewett and Thos. Botterill who had rung peals in this tower. The peal was rung at the invitation of Mr. H. Lawton who afterwards entertained the ringers to tea.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

†FREDERICK J. JUDGE Treble	GEORGE BILLENNESS 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	*THOMAS HOAD 6
†FREDERICK G. BURDEN 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
FREDERICK S. MACEY 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* Elected a member of the Association prior to starting. † Elected members of the R.M. & D.G. prior to starting. Rung as a wedding peal for Miss Hetty Mary Burden, youngest daughter of Mr. F. G. Burden, and grand-daughter of Mr. Edgar Burden, both Rolvenden ringers. The bridegroom was Mr. Frank Swaffer, 4th son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Swaffer.

HIGHAM FERRERS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

JAMES HOUGHTON Treble	HENRY BLUNDELL 5
EDWARD P. DOFFIELD 2	ALFRED N. WOOD 6
JAMES GARRATT 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
ALFRED H. MARTIN 4	GEORGE DENNIS DEIGHTON Tenor

Composed by the late THOMAS THURSTANS.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM LEWIS Treble	ARTHUR WALLACE 5
EDGAR GUISE 2	ALFRED PEARCE 6
GILBERT PEARCE 3	ARTHUR W. SEVIOUR 7
CHARLES J. WALTON 4	HENRY T. WAY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At Christ Church, Cubitt Town,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES T. CLARK Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
THOMAS H. HAWKINS 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. Hartley on his leaving the parish after 17 years as Vicar.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 6, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

MISS PATTIE CLARKE Treble	ERNEST STONE 5
JAMES CLARKE, JUN. 2	HARRY ARGYLE 6
JAMES CLARKE, SEN. 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
ROLAND POLLARD 4	ABRAHAM WILKERSON Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and has the 6th the full extent at home and the 2nd never there. First peal by Miss Clark and first on the bells by a resident lady ringer. Father, son and daughter took part in this peal, which was rung as a compliment to Miss Clark on attaining her 21st birthday. First peal of Major as conductor.

BUSHBY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD BOB, ONE PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
*WILLIAM C. L. PRIOR 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
*EDWARD P. ASHBY 4	WILLIAM E. OAKLEY Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal of Stedman, great credit being due for the way they rang throughout the peal. Rung on the 10th anniversary of the accession of King George V. All the above are members of the local band.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN AVIS Treble	GEORGE MORRAD 4
*HARRY ARGENT 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
JOHN BURLS 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal in seven methods. Birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd, who thus rung his first peal of Minor since joining the colours in 1914.

PETERBOROUGH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

*C. ERNEST V. WILKINS ...Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
A. ERNEST WILKINS 2	ARTHUR MACKEARS 5
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON... ..Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Kathleen A. Jutson.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Delight and two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT... .. Treble	*GEORGE M. GREENACRE... .. 4
JOSEPH LAST 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT... .. 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	NORMAN R. BAILEYTenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

HUBERT BOORMAN Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 4
GEORGE BELL 2	LEWIS NEWMAN 5
WILLIAM ELDRIDGE 3	HARRY BELLTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ELDRIDGE.

First peal on the bells, the old five having been retuned, another bell added and the peal rehung in a steel frame. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the tone and 'go' are splendid.

BURWASH, SUSSEX

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...Treble	GEORGE FULLER... .. 4
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	JAMES WAGHORN... .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.

* First peal. R. E. Lambert's first peal inside.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, April 25th, for evensong, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 minutes: H. A. Edwards 1, C. A. Hughes 2, W. J. E. Jones 3, G. W. Cooper 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, O. L. Twist 6, W. Steed (conductor) 7, J. Coleman 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

WHITNASH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Treble	HUBERT SUMMERS 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2	CHARLES AYLETT 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

First peal on the bells. The band desire to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and for his hospitality after the peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Kent Treble Bob, College Single, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	RICHARD HOPE 5
JAMES WAGHORN... .. 3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN...Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. J. LAMBERT.

HANDBELL PEALS.

TEDDINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 25, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
ON THE LAWN AT 16, COLESHILL ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 in G.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1—2	WALTER AYRE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3—4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. DOBBIE and Mrs. PULLING.

Rung in honour of St. Mark's Day.

HACKFORD AND WHITWELL, REEPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 2, 1920, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. BARBER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK J. BARBER 1	HORACE BEAN 3
ALBERT ED. NEAL 2	JOHN WM. WASEY 4
WALTER C. MEADLER 5—6	

Conducted by W. C. MEADLER.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 4, 1920, in Three Hours,
IN THE NETTLE'S ROOM AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7—8
GEORGE W. STEERE 9—10	

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: Mrs. PULLING.

Sergt. Gilbert and Miss Mills of Aldershot heard part of the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1—2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Mrs. Pulling heard the last hour of the peal.

RECORDING OF PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of the 14th, your correspondent, R. Street, comments on peals being recorded twice. I fail to see where there is much publicity in association's reports, and surely peals are worthy of record in one weekly journal, otherwise they are not worth ringing, and my contention is this, if a paper cannot be produced to record them and other ringing matters for twopence, we must increase the price, as all other daily and weekly papers are increased. As to what Mr. Street says about only a small proportion of peals being worth recording at all, I think most ringers will agree that this is nothing more nor less than a nasty slur on peal ringers as a whole. It certainly does not say much for Mr. Street's own performances. With my wide experience as a ringer, I should not like to make such a statement, as it certainly would not have any foundation; but it is the same whether in ringing or anything else, those persons who are most fond of expressing their opinions are, in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred, inexperienced folk, whose opinions are not worth the space they occupy.—Yours,
W. PYE.

Sir,—May I be allowed to state that for one I cannot agree with Mr. R. O. Street's letter as to the recording of peals. Surely one of the chief reasons for the Exercise requiring a ringing journal is to record ringing performances; therefore, if it is impossible to find space for all the touches which are rung, it should at least record peals.—Yours truly,
39, Winter Road, Norwich. GEO. CROSS.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Beckenham. The bells are an easy-going ring of eight, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were tapped off in good style, a course of Bristol failing in the last lead. At the service, at which the Association's form was used, the Rev. J. T. Plowden-Wardlaw (Rector) read the prayers and the Rev. F. S. Harding (curate) the lesson. The Rector also gave a very instructive address, taking for his text the first words of the Magnificat, 'My soul doth magnify the Lord.'

Tea followed in the Church House, the Rector sitting down with the company. The business meeting followed, Mr. W. J. Jeffries being

voted to the chair, the Rector having to leave to take a service.—Ten new members were elected, six elections in towers ratified, and the Rev. F. S. Harding elected an honorary member.—Chislehurst was selected as the place for the next meeting in July.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries (district representative) read his report of the Central Committee meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the same.—A hearty vote of thanks was also passed to the Rector for the use of bells, and for his address to the Rev. T. S. Harding, and the organist, for their services, and to Mr. and Mrs. W. Dennis and Mrs. W. Smith for kindly arranging the tea.—A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business. Some of the party returned to the tower, while others strolled in the Rectory garden.

MR. C. T. COLES' 300 PEALS.

With a peal of Stedman Cinques at Waltham Abbey, Mr. C. T. Coles, the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, reached his 300th peal. The peals have been rung in 102 different towers in 14 counties, and the following is the list:—

	Tower Bells Rung	Handbells Conducted	Rung
Grandsire Triples	6
Grandsire Caters	1
Stedman Triples	55
Stedman Caters	38
Stedman Cinques	25
Bob Major	2
Bob Royal	1
Kent Major	4
Kent Royal	1
Kent Maximus	1
Double Norwich Major	13
Superlative Surprise	54
Cambridge Major	14
Cambridge Royal	19
Cambridge Maximus	2
Norfolk Surprise	1
London Surprise	17
Bristol Surprise	40
	294	22	6
Total 300, Conducted 22.			

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DEVON'S NEW PEAL OF TEN.

Devon will soon have another fine peal of ten. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recast the treble, 2nd and 6th of the old eight at Cullompton, and added two new trebles, the bells having been hung in entirely new fittings and new iron framework. The dedication is fixed for June 5th, at noon.

VICTORY BELLS.

A 'Victory' peal of six new bells has been placed in the tower of Holy Trinity Church, Capenhurst, Cheshire, and these have been dedicated, together with a memorial for those of the parish who fell in the great war, by the Bishop of Chester. The bells, the tenor of which is 13 cwt., were cast and hung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have installed them in the most up-to-date fittings, the work having been carried out under the supervision of Mr. T. Dexter. The service of dedication was of a most impressive nature, and the Bishop delivered a touching address. As the congregation left the church the bells were rung by the following members of the Backford company: J. Dutton 1, J. Edwards 2, W. Johnson 3, L. Edwards 4, R. Williams 5, G. Thomas 6.

A SOMERSET RESTORATION.

BELL HANGER LAYS FOUNDATIONS OF A NEW BAND.

Another portion of the scheme at Nunney Parish Church, Somerset, for the celebration of peace and victory in the great war has been completed by the restoration of the bells, which have been dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Farrer of Wells. The following clergy were present: The Rev. F. W. Clough (Rector of Nunney), the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Leigh-on-Mendip), and the Rev. A. R. J. Young (Marston Biggott). The opening hymn was 'O God, our help in ages past.' A shortened form of evensong followed, and the special lesson was read by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill. After the third collect, the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' was sung. During the chanting of Psalm cxxii, the Archdeacon, with the clergy, proceeded to the ringing chamber, preceded by the churchwardens. The actual dedication having been performed, a picked body of ringers from Midsomer Norton, viz., Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. Hambleton, A. Speed, S. Carter, T. Griffen and I. B. Holmyard rang the bells while the clergy returned to their places. The Archdeacon gave an address. He made touching references to the men, 17 in number, who had left the parish, served in the forces and made the supreme sacrifice, and proceeded to give many illustrations of the meaning of the sound of the bells to those living in the parish. He exhorted all to obey the call and strive to be more and more active and energetic in their work as Christians.

During the singing of the hymn 'The Church's One Foundation,' a collection was made, which realised £1 18s. 6d., and was given to the Chiming Apparatus Fund.

After service, the ringers were provided with tea in the Church Room, kindly arranged by Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Compton.

The Nunney ringers rang a short touch at the close of the church service. Other ringers present were: Messrs. W. Bishop, W. Flower, C. Ledbury, L. Bishop, D. Flower and J. Offer (Frome, St. John's), F. Chivers (Midsomer Norton), Rossiter, and others from Leigh and Wanstrow.

The work of bell restoration included the recasting of the tenor bell (weighing 11 cwt.) and the 5th bell, the rehangings of the peal in the latest patent vertical cantilever, riveted, steel bell frames, with all modern fittings, together with a chiming apparatus, while provision is being made for the addition of two new treble bells to complete the octave. The bells have been tuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and the tone and 'go' leave nothing to be desired. The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd. of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, to the greatest satisfaction of everyone concerned.

The local ringers received instruction in change ringing from Mr. Frank Smith. Messrs. Warner's bell hanger. He found them very excellent material and there is no doubt that a very promising band will soon be built up from this local talent.

BISPHAM'S NEW BELLS.

A new peal of six has been put in at All Hallows, Bispham, near Blackpool, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and at a trial which took place on May 20th great satisfaction was expressed by those who heard and handled the bells. A 720 Bob Minor was rung by: F. Howarth 1, J. Smith 2, W. Wild 3, T. Crookall 4, G. Maries (conductor) 5, A. A. Hughes (London) 6. The bells will be dedicated on June 15th, probably by the Bishop of Manchester.

ERITH, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, May 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Smith 1, F. J. Cullum, senr., 2, F. J. Cullum, junr., 3, D. Harvey 4, A. J. Morton 5, J. T. Lowrey 6, E. J. Holt (first quarter peal as conductor) 7, J. S. Morton 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**SUMMARY OF TUESDAY'S BUSINESS.**

At the meeting of the Central Council at the Town Hall, Northampton, on Tuesday, the members were officially welcomed by the Mayor. The President (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy) was in the chair, and there were 59 members present.

The accounts of the Council showed receipts amounting to £66 12s. 3d. (including £16 13s. 2d. from sale of publications), and a balance in hand on the year of £63 15s. 7d.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, it was resolved to establish a library, the nucleus of which will be a number of books and MSS. left by the late Sir Arthur Heywood.

At the suggestion of the Standing Committee, a circular is to be sent to Bishops, Archdeacons and clergy, pointing out the desirability of encouraging good ringing, and especially, good change ringing in all towers with peals of bells.

There was an impressive interruption of the business at 12 o'clock noon, when the tenor bells at several of the local towers were tolled, and the members rose in their places to honour the ringers who gave their lives in the great war. The President read the names of the fallen men, the list including over 950 names.

It was reported that only seven associations had sent in expressions of opinion as to giving the Council powers to enforce its decisions and these were all adverse to granting these powers.

The reports of other committees followed, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston was added to the Peals Analysis Committee.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews reported that he had succeeded in obtaining the MSS. from Mr. R. A. Daniell in connection with the work of the Literature and Press Committee, and that Mr. Daniell had done much valuable work. The thanks of the Council were accorded Mr. Daniell for his labours.

The Council passed a resolution to hold over the printing of the Collection of Treble Bob peals on account of the present prohibitive cost, and referred the matter back to the committee with a view to having copies typed and placed in the new library for use.

A resolution was passed urging upon the Bishop of London's Commission the desirability of preserving all towers in the City of London in which there are notable rings of bells, an amendment to include the churches themselves being defeated, the feeling being that to take this step would be to go outside the province of the Council.

The Council decided to compile and keep up to date an official list of the first peal, and the progressive record lengths in each method on each number of bells, and appointed the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. H. Beams a committee to carry out the work.

It was resolved that steps be taken to approach the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Science and Art Museum with a view to the possibility of obtaining from them the allotment of a suitable space for the exhibition in London of bells, models, papers, drawings etc., illustrative of campanology as a science and art.

No support was found for the proposal to alter the date of the annual meeting, and the motion with regard to Surprise Methods was passed over, as the member who had given notice of the matter was not present.

Votes of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation, to Mr. F. Wilford for having made the arrangements and to the President, concluded the business.

Afterwards the members were entertained to tea at St. Giles' Church Hall by the Northants Association, and later in the evening there was a social gathering at the Grand Hotel.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.

At Westminster Abbey, on May 18th, immediately preceding the historical ceremony of the installation of the Knights of the most honourable Order of the Bath, in King Henry VII's Chapel (the Chapel of the Order), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths: Edwin Horrex 1, Alan R. Macdonald 2, John Thomas (conductor) 3, Albert A. Hughes 4, Herbert Langdon 5, Cornelius Charge 6, Alfred B. Peck 7, Samuel Andrews 8. Thus on this occasion of great historic and national interest, the bells, and, incidentally, the Ancient Society, played their part.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION PRACTICE MEETING.**

The monthly united practice of the Scarborough-Pickering branch was held at Malton on Saturday, and proved a great success, and a happy augury for the future development of change ringing in an isolated but beautiful part of the northern division. Twenty-five ringers attended from Helmsley, Pickering, Malton and Scarborough. This being essentially a practice meeting no long touches were indulged in, and no time wasted in arguing whether Bob Doubles was a Surprise method (it proved so to some present), thus enabling everyone who attended to take part in a touch of either Doubles, Minor or Triples.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NEW MASTER ELECTED.**

The 35th annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on May 8th. Ringing during the morning was followed by luncheon at St. Nicholas' Parish Hall, at which the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins) presided, supported by the Rev. H. M. Hordern (Vicar of St. Nicholas'), the Rev. C. H. Clarke (Chiddingfold), Mr. Ellman Brown, hon. treasurer, Mr. J. T. Rickman, and about 55 members representing Brighton, Lewes, Eastbourne Hastings, Seaford, Battle, Ruspur, Heathfield, Angmering, Shoreham, Pulborough, Heene, East Grinstead Rotherfield, Chiddingfold, Chichester, Hurstpierpoint, Henfield, Bolney, etc.

The Master proposed the toast of the 'King' and also the 'Church and State.' Responding to the latter, the Rev. H. M. Hordern referred to recent church reforms and the necessity of greater church unity. He asked church bell ringers to further efforts in this direction, and expressed the opinion that all children should be taught to know their duties towards 'Church and State.'

The business meeting followed, and Mr. F. B. Tompkins resigned the mastership.—It was resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to him and recorded on the minutes in appreciation of the twelve years' service to the Association.

Mr. J. T. Rickman was then elected as Master.

Mr. G. H. House and Mr. Smith, of Eastbourne, were elected auditors, and thanks were accorded to the retiring auditors, Messrs. Bray and Hanfrey.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed that it was necessary to draw on the reserve resources to the amount of £24, the Hon. Treasurer pointing out that it would be necessary to consider the financial position of the association at an early date.

Fourteen new members were elected and it was reported that the Hailsham tower had become affiliated to the association.

The 'Warner' Challenge Bell' was presented to the Salehurst band who had won with 77 points out of a total of 400. Ten towers competed.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicars of St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's for use of bells during the day and to the Rev. H. M. Hordern for the use of the St. Nicholas' Parish Hall for luncheon and meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**INTERESTING MEETING AT STOW.**

A combined meeting of the Gainsborough and Lincoln Districts was held at Stow on Saturday, May 8th, and was well attended, ringers being present from Gainsborough, Corringham, Scotter, Lincoln (St. Botolph's) and Dunholme, in addition to the local company. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening and kept going except at intervals, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob being rung; also rounds and call changes for the benefit of learners.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting at which Mr. F. F. Linley presided, supported by the Revs. J. Barber and S. Wild, incumbents of Stow and Dunholme respectively. Apologies for being unable to attend were announced from Canon Hicks, Messingham; the Rev. R. Thornton, Corringham; the Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby; and Mr. G. Chester, hon. secretary, Lincoln District. The following new members were elected: Mr. Cyril Atkinson, Gainsborough, performing member; Mr. J. O. Tinker, Gainsborough, transferred from performing to non-resident life member; Mrs. Wardle, Miss Bowen, Mrs. Howell, all of Stow; and Mrs. F. F. Linley, Gainsborough, as honorary members.

After the routine of business had been transacted, Mr. Linley read a very interesting and instructive paper on Stow church and its closely linked connection with the bishops of the diocese from the seventh century onwards. He also alluded to the use of handbells during the same period.—The Rev. S. Wild proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Linley, and votes of thanks were also accorded to the church authorities for the use of the bells, to the ladies of Stow for their very efficient catering and attendance at the tea tables, to Mr. F. F. Linley for presiding, and to others who had helped to make the meeting a success. Choral evensong was then held, at which the Rector officiated, and Mr. F. F. Linley read the lessons.

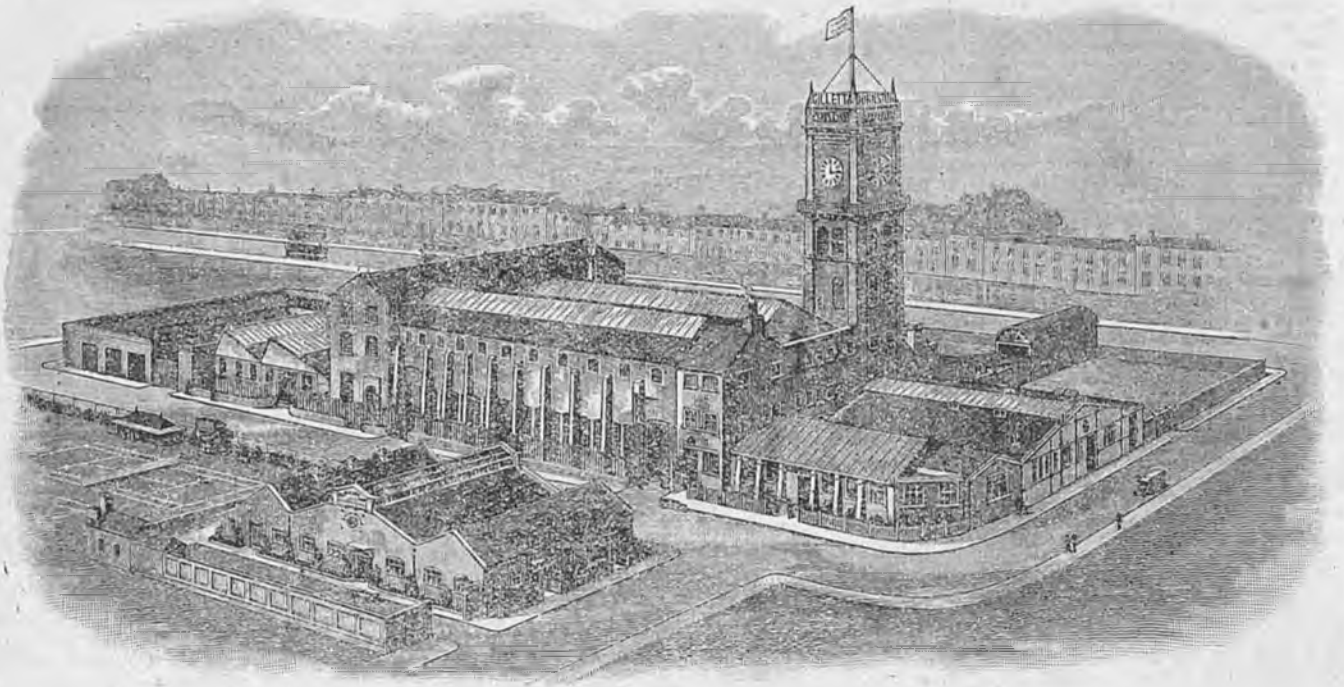
After the service the ringers and several of the parishioners made their way to the ringing chamber for the dedication of a handbell case. This very neat and most useful piece of furniture has been presented by the choir and ringers of Stow church, and was made by a local gentleman. The wood for the front of the case is of oak and has been taken from a beam 500 years old, which at one time served its purpose in some part of the church.

At the close of the dedication service Mr. Linley gave a few words of good advice, after which further ringing took place and a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

At Sapcote Leicestershire, on May 15th 1920 of Bob Minor in 1 hour and 10 minutes: W. Wright 1, C. Brown 2, H. Briggs (conductor) 3, G. Wood 4, H. Wright 5, J. Clarke 6.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW BANDS ADDED.

Upwards of 50 members attended a meeting of the N. and E. district of the Middlesex Association at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, May 1st, the main object being to establish the recently formed local band as a branch of the Diocesan Guild. Ringing during the afternoon included rounds for the beginners, and Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, London Surprise, etc., for the more advanced ringers.

A short service was held at which the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Davies) welcomed the Association, remarking that it was the largest gathering of ringers that he had ever had the pleasure of addressing. He was glad to meet them, and thanked those members who were helping his own ringers. The war had hit them very hard at St. Giles', as not one of the old band remained in the parish. Some had lost their lives, whilst others had gone away, and they had had to start afresh. He hoped that with the help of the Association they would soon have a competent set of ringers again. The Rector went on to urge upon the members present their duties as Churchmen as well as ringers, and hoped they all remembered these duties. Their ringing would be listened to that afternoon by many people who would appreciate their efforts. He stated that before he came to St. Giles' he was Rector of Spitalfields, one of the poorest parishes in the East End of London. The church there is situated in some gardens much frequented by the very lowest who lived in the common doss-houses of the district. These people, with all their sin and vice, could only be touched in two ways, either by speaking to them about their mothers, or by the ringing of the bells. When the bells of Christ Church had been ringing he had seen these people in tears, for the bells brought back to them thoughts of their childhood, before their sins and vices had brought them down. There were many bed-ridden old people in the neighbourhood of St. Giles', too, who listened eagerly to the bells, and to whom joy would be brought every time they were rung. He hoped all the members would be worthy of their ringing. The service was concluded with the singing of the hymn, 'Fight the good fight,' and with the Blessing.

Afterwards tea was served in the Church House, Dyott Street, the members being the guests of the Rector and the St. Giles' Guild of Ringers, and a sumptuous meal was partaken of.

At the business meeting, which followed the chair was taken by the president, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., and the Hon. Secretary proposed the election of the Rev. W. H. Davies, and nine members of the local Guild as members of the society. Mr. Coles stated that he had been approached some short time ago by the Rector about starting a new band, and he had obtained for them the services of Mr. A. W. Coles as instructor. With some good help during the last few weeks from Mr. G. W. Fletcher there had been considerable progress made, and he hoped the new branch of the society would soon be efficient.—Mr. A. W. Coles seconded the proposal, which was unanimously passed.

The President welcomed the new members to the society, congratulating them on their progress, and giving them some good ringers' advice.—In addition to the above 14 other new members were made, including nine of the All Hallows' Tottenham Society, where the band had been re-formed, after losing nearly half of their members from various causes during the war.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service and for the use of the bells and also to the St. Giles' Guild, for the hospitality shown to the members of the society that afternoon. He also thanked the lady organist for help at the service; the Rector of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, for permission to ring at that church; and Mr. Dyas, the tower keeper, for making the necessary arrangements.—The President seconded, adding that it was a great pleasure to have the company of the Rector of St. Giles' with them, and he hoped he would be repaid for all his trouble by soon having a band second to none in the county.—The Rev. W. H. Davies replied, again thanking the members for the help given to him, and wishing the society every success.

The Hon. Secretary stated that if any member of the society had not received their copy of the annual report, he would be glad to hear from them. Any life member could have a copy on application, for the small sum of 8d. He also had a number of war-time reports left, which probably might be of interest to those who had been away. The meeting closed with the ringing of a course of Stedman Caters on Mr. J. Rayner's handbells by Messrs. G. M. Kilby, J. Armstrong, G. R. Pye, W. Pye and C. Charge.

Ringing afterwards took place, both at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and St. Andrew's, Wells Street, there being a large company at the latter tower to hear the fine-toned peal there, these bells being heard by many present for the first time. Short touches were the order, to give all an opportunity of ringing, and amongst the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples London, Bristol and Kent Treble Bob. This splendid peal, with a tenor of 21 cwt. was greatly admired, and it is to be hoped that they will be heard much more in the future than they have in the past. The meeting broke up at 9 o'clock, and it was considered a most successful one from all points of view.

A RECORD RESTORATION.

PRINCESS MARY'S VISIT TO WEST HAM.

On Tuesday, May 11th, H.R.H. Princess Mary visited the historic Parish Church of West Ham—800 years old—and attended the opening of the Home Craft Exhibition in the Church Hall. Her Royal Highness was received by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon T. Guy Rogers, M.C.), who served in France with the Brigade of Guards; also by the Mayor of West Ham, the churchwardens and local dignitaries. While the Princess was being conducted round the church and inspecting some of the famous old brasses, the heavy peal of ten bells was merrily ringing out their first quarter-peal of 1,260 changes since their restoration, which had been undertaken and completed in the record period of three weeks by the Croydon firm (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston).

The Royal party then proceeded to the Church Hall, where the Mayor extended to the Princess a hearty welcome on behalf of the laity of the parish.—The Vicar, in a short and happy speech, expressed the appreciation of the honour conferred that day on West Ham and all its parishioners, and in conclusion presented the Princess with a beautiful eiching of the church by a local artist of more than local fame, the frame being the work of an elementary school in the parish. An exhaustive tour of the exhibition then took place, followed by a tea. At the conclusion of this, amongst those who had taken an active part in the organisation of the day's proceedings who were presented to Her Royal Highness by the Vicar, was the principal of the firm of bell founders and Mrs. A. A. Johnston. The Princess expressed to Mr. C. F. Johnston her great appreciation of the ringing at the tower, and was much interested in the fact that the bells had been restored at such short notice especially for her visit.

The Princess received a great ovation in the borough, and was loudly cheered, both coming and going. Mr. C. Dean, of the staff of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, took part in the day's ringing, and the following rang in the quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters which occupied 58 minutes: W. Doran (conductor) 1, W. Theobald 2, H. Torble 3, J. Waghorn 4, E. Wigg 5, J. Scholes 6, H. Flanders 7, J. Moule 8, G. Hayden 9, G. Potter 10.

SALISBURY GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at West Lulworth on Thursday, April 29th, and proved very successful. West Lulworth is one of the beauty spots along the Dorset coast, with its famous and romantic cove, and is a remarkable feature of a very remarkable coast. It is hardly discernible from the sea, being guarded by two projecting spurs of rock, which form the pillars of Hercules to the miniature Mediterranean, and so well known to many holiday makers and known as Lulstead in Thomas Hardy's novel, 'Far from the Madding Crowd.' Lulworth Castle is pleasantly situated near the village, in a fine well-wooded park of 640 acres. Members attended from Charmminster, Dorchester, Milton, Puddletown, Wool, Wyke Regis, and West Lulworth, altogether 36. The bells, a light peal of six (by Mears and Stambank), were kept going to Doubles, two lady ringers from Charmminster taking part. The Guild service was held, the choir led the singing, and a good congregation was present. The Rev. Dr. Powell, who officiated, gave an address taking for his text, 'O praise God in His holiness.' Following the service, the ringers adjourned to the Parish Hall, where they were kindly entertained to tea by Dr. and Mrs. Powell, the ringers being waited on by a willing band of ladies. Dr. Powell gave the Guild a hearty welcome to his parish.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes), supported by the officers of the branch.—The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Powell for the bountiful entertainment, to the doctor for the service, the use of the bells, etc.; also to the choir and local ringers.—This was seconded by Mr. Hewlett, and supported by the secretary.—Apologies for absence were received from the Master, Major Hughes D'Eath, the general secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards), and the Revs. Canon Barclay, R.D., C. C. Cox, C. A. Phillips, E. H. Melling, Messrs. W. Bedford, J. T. Godwin, J. North, T. Page, and Martin Stewart.

The Chairman reported on the progress of the memorial tablet, and the meeting agreed that a suitable Saturday in June would be convenient for the unveiling ceremony, the secretary being asked to ascertain which date would suit the majority of the members.

One new member was proposed, and, on the invitation of the Bera Regis members, that place was chosen for the summer meeting, the date fixed being July 8th. This concluded the business and after a few more 120's on the bells the visitors motored to Wool, where are the remains of Bindon Abbey founded in 1172. A doggerel couplet asserts that the former bells (a peal of 12) were appropriated by the neighbouring parishes of Wool, Coombe and Fordington. Wool Church was visited, and further ringing was indulged in, good practice being made by some of the beginners.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cliffe on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3. Short service at 5, conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. T. Wallis). Tea at 5.30 at The Six Bells, followed by business meeting. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid. Bus leaves Chatham for Cliffe at 4. Train from Gravesend 2.35.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Secretary, 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Builth Wells on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, advise me by 25th. — J. P. Hyett, District Secretary, Dulas Terrace, Hay.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Watford on Saturday, May 29th, 1920. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, at 5.30, at a moderate charge, followed by short business meeting. All friends welcome.—H. Eden, 11, Pinner Road, Oxhey, Watford; F. A. Smith, Hon. District Secretaries.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than 25th. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend this meeting, which is most important.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members and friends are invited to attend a gathering at Chalfont St. Peter on Saturday, May 29th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Evensong, with an address by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, at 3.45. Tea by invitation 4.30.—To facilitate arrangements kindly send a card to Mr. J. Stone, Beaumont House, Orchard Grove, Chalfont St. Peter, by May 22nd.—G. H. Gutteridge, Iver Heath, Uxbridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, May 29th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be provided by the kindness of Canon Mills. All members and any others will be welcome. A visit to this pretty old-world village will be found worth while.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

OLDHAM ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Miles Platting on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock for those sending in their names to J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, by June 1st.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The annual district meeting for the election of officers will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, June 5th. Arrangements as usual. Kindly inform me, not later than Tuesday, June 1st, if you require tea.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The June meeting will be held at Anston on Saturday, the 5th. Six bells. Kiveton Park Station, G.C.R.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, June 5th. Please notify me on or before May 28th how many intend to be present from your tower. Business: Division of Association; War Memorial.—E. Steele, 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping on June 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. Tea will be arranged at a nominal charge.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. W. Bishop, Hon. Sec., Church View, Wanboro, Swindon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. at Shenley (6) and Loughton (6). Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than May 29th?—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold (Witley Station) on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Guild Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers heartily welcomed. Please notify for tea before June 1st.—Mrs. Hazelden, Hon. Sec., Joseph's Road, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, June 12th. The bells of St. Mary's Church (a fine peal of eight) will be available all day. Tea will be provided at a small charge, all applications for the same to reach Mr. H. Ferguson, Mayville Avenue, Scarborough, not later than Tuesday, June 8th. A short service will be held in the Church at 4 p.m.; tea at 4.30, followed immediately by a business meeting. Scarborough being an ideal place for a day's outing, it is hoped all interested will make an effort to attend this meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mathew's, Stretford, June 12th. Bells at 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on June, 12th at St. Albans, Rochdale. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec.

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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