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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect. Diocesan Surveyor.

THE DAY OF INTERCESSION.

Sunday next is to be observed, as our readers already know, as a day of "united prayer, intercession and thanksgiving, and for remembrance of those who have fallen in their country's cause." The whole of the churches of the nation—Church of England, Roman Catholic and Nonconformist—will participate, and the intercession is to extend even beyond our own shores, for similar services are to be held in the churches in the Colonies, and in France and even Italy. This universal day of prayer has arisen out of the desire of H.M. the King himself, and, as it is expressly to be regarded as a day for remembrance of those who have fallen for their country and in the cause of freedom, we may expect that ringers throughout the land will gladly accept the opportunity of sharing in the public feeling which is thus to be exhibited.

In our issue of December 11th we quoted the opinion of the President of the Central Council, in which Sir Arthur Heywood expressed the view that the authorities of the individual churches should make the necessary arrangements for muffled ringing in connection with the services to be held, and that, where necessary, the band should suggest such ringing to their incumbent, because it is not unlikely that the importance of utilising the bells in this special way might escape the attention of some of the clergy.

Unquestionably Sunday next will be a most suitable opportunity for ringing the bells with muffled clappers as a tribute to the dead, and so far as we can see there is little excuse for any tower not falling into line with what will be done, we believe, in the vast majority of churches. There is no way in which our honour and respect for those who have so nobly and readily given up their lives in a great cause can be better shown than by our muffled bells. They always appeal in a special way to the public, and on Sunday they will add a marked significance to the call to worship. There ought to be no church throughout the length and breadth of the land, which possesses a peal of bells, where the occasion is not seized to take this important share in emphasising the spirit of the services to be so universally held. Where ringers have not yet come to a decision on the matter let them do so immediately. We feel they have only to mention the subject to their incumbent to gain at once his ready acquiescence. There are few things in which ringers ever take unanimous action, but here is an opportunity which ought not to be allowed to slip by.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FRED HAYES	Treble	GEORGE WHITE	6
*EDWARD R. COLES	2	JOHN EVANS	7
RALPH COLES	3	BENJAMIN PAGE	8
CECIL C. MAYNE	4	JOHN GRANSBURY	9
EDWARD MARKHAM	5	FRANK W. BOXELL	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal of Stedman and on ten bells; aged 16 years. Rung deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Bernard H. G. Shaw, Lieut. of the West Yorkshire Regt. and 2nd son of the Bishop of Buckingham, killed in action on December 18th.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS	Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
SAMUEL WESLEY	2	*WILLIAM JACQUES	7
PERCY SAULT	3	FREDERICK E. SMITH	8
GEORGE DAVIES	4	THOMAS W. GORE	9
PTE. FRED DAVIES	5	FRANK JACOBS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Samuel Price, a former member of the local company (and formerly of Worcester and Cheltenham), who died on Dec. 15th, aged 76 years.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 26, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST E. BARBER	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	5
ERNEST GIBBS	3	WILLIAM PAGE	Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung as a concluding peal for the conductor, who terminated his office as Master of the Western Branch on Dec. 31st.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, December 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

CYRIL WENHAM	Treble	ALFRED DAW	4
CHARLES TRIBE	2	FREDERICK G. BURT	5
HAROLD SMITH	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob rung by the Romney Marsh Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1914, in Two Hours and Sixteen-and-a-half Minutes,
AT THE RECTORY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

DAVID J. NICHOLS	1—2	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3—4	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT	7—8

Composed by J. R. FLEMING, and

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: ALBERT E. FOUNT.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

To all our readers once again, "A Happy New Year." The year just closed has proved a lamentable one, and 1915 opens to-day with an outlook which reveals no near termination of the war. We hope, however, that it will bring the blessings of an early peace to the land and prosperity to all our friends.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

Amount already acknowledged	...	56	1	6
Ringers of St. Alphege, Greenwich (per Mr. H. Hoskins)	...	0	10	0
Mr. W. C. Hunt, Nottingham (2nd donation)	...	0	2	6
Mr. W. Newell, Reading (2nd donation)	...	1	1	0
Mr. J. H. Barnes, Great Missenden	...	0	2	6
Total	...	£57	17	6

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

Alfred France, of Arlington, Devon, 368th Battery R.F.A., now at Lewes, Sussex.
 William Ward, of Southover, Lewes, 5th Royal Sussex Regiment (T), now at Hastings.
 D. Turner, of Southover, Lewes, National Reserve.
 Fredk J. Bailey, and
 Lionel Walter Cousins, of St. Mary's, Whitechurch, 7th Welsh Cyclist Battalion, now at Cardiff.
 Sergt. J. Whiteley, of Brighouse, Yorks, West Riding Regt.
 Pte Harold Thorpe, of Ripponden, Yorks, Royal Engineers.
 From Norton-sub-Hamdon:
 Lieut.-Col. F. N. Quantock Shildam, W. Somerset Yeomanry.
 From North Perrott:
 Frank Saint.
 From Stoke-under-Ham:
 George Ralph and Allan Taylor, Kitchener's Army.
 From Stoney-in-Oxney, Kent:
 Harry Pellett, 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment (missing, believed killed).
 Raymond Dunster, Royal Sussex Regiment (T), now at the Tower of London.
 George Underdown, East Kent Buffs (T), now in India.
 Wilfred Wenham, East Kent Yeomanry, now at Herne, near Canterbury.

FILLING THE RANKS.**LADIES' BAND AT HURST.**

It is with much gratification that we record the following facts. Of 13 ringers belonging to the Hurst tower, Borks, eight have enlisted since the beginning of the war, and eight ladies have come forward to fill up the gap. They have already made sufficient progress to join in forming a ladies' team for the parish, under the instruction of the late and present foremen.

LADIES AND LADS AT READING.

At St. Laurence's Church, Reading, gaps are being filled by some half-a-dozen lads, whose average age is between 14 and 15 years. Under the tuition of Mr. W. Newell, the veteran to whom many a ringer owes his first insight into the art, these young men are making capital progress, and, although they did not begin practice until the middle of October, they have all rung a course of Grandsire Doubles on church bells, as also have two young ladies who are learning to ring. Mr. Newell, who delights in teaching, ought to be proud of his pupils.

YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret we record the death, on December 16th, after a very short illness, of Mr. Albert Haste, of Headingley, Leeds. Visitors to St. Michael's tower will miss the genial face of this ringer from his position on the tower box where he had rung for so many years. His last visit to the tower was on Tuesday, December 8th, when he appeared to be in the best of health.

The following day he complained of pains in his hands and feet. This developed rapidly, and proved to be a severe form of paralysis, so that by the following Sunday he was quite helpless. Being a man of about 164 stones his inability to help himself in the least was most distressing to those about him, and on the advice of his medical man

a physician was called in, who ordered his immediate removal to the Leeds General Infirmary.

Unfortunately the electric treatment which was administered did not stay the paralysis, and he passed peacefully away in the presence of his wife and the Vicar of Headingley (Rev. G. Arthur Hollis, M.A.) at the age of 51 years.

The deceased, a native of Headingley, was a stonemason by trade, and helped to build St. Michael's Church. The doctor attributes the cause of death to an accident at his work a few years since.

It seems hard to realise that one in the prime of life and so full of vigour should be so quickly taken away, and his sudden death made a profound impression on his colleagues and friends.

The funeral took place on December 19th, the first part of the service being taken in the church by the Vicar. Previous to the service a touch of Double Norwich was rung with the bells muffled, and the tenor was tolled before and after the service. The interment was at Lawnside Cemetery, and many friends stood round the open grave. After the Benediction, four comrades rang three leads of Grandsire Triples on handbells, and this, a last tribute, before leaving a departed comrade amongst the trees and natural surroundings of this beautiful country cemetery, was a most impressive feature of the obsequies.

The deceased was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, and had rung the tenor, chiefly, through 36 peals, including Double Norwich and London Surprise. He first learned the art on the six bells at the old church, and was one of the first band at St. Michael's, when the present peal of eight was placed in the new tower some 25 years ago.

The bells were rung muffled, on the Sunday following the interment, the touches including three courses of London Surprise Major, by: J. Butler 1, P. J. Johnson 2, R. Thomas 3, W. Wood 4, W. O. Talbot 5, J. Smallwood 6, H. Lindsay 7, H. Williams (conductor) 8.

SPRING FRAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of July 17th there appeared a letter from Mr. Basil Stallybrass on the subject of bell frames and towers. At that time I was away from home, and a few days later circumstances arose which have prevented me from replying to that letter until now.

The idea that the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings desired spring frames was put into my head partly by conversations with Mr. Stallybrass himself, but chiefly by a letter written by the secretary of the society to the Editor of the "Cambridge Daily News," dated February 20th, 1912. In that letter he wrote: "... First, I would point out that a properly constructed bell cage stands clear of the walls, so that, although it may vibrate, the timbers can spring, and a minimum of jar and thrust is transmitted to the tower. The tough nature, and at the same time the spring, of an oak beam, very readily absorbs and distributes any vibration which acts on it. ..." The underlining is mine.

The mathematical properties of a spring are: (1) That the displacement of a point of the spring at which force is applied is proportional to that force; and (2) that if the force is removed while the spring is displaced from its position of equilibrium, the spring continues in a state of oscillation until brought to rest by friction.

All frames except those that through neglect or bad workmanship are loose in the joints are spring frames in a greater or less degree, with a greater or less amount of friction available to damp out the oscillations. Generally speaking, those frames whose members are grouped in triangles have less spring in them than those which have no triangles, and, therefore, depend, like most timber frames, on the strength of the joints. It is a matter of experience that the spring of timber frames, as measured by their movement, is generally greater than that of metal frames. But some of the early metal frames were decidedly "spring" frames, having no horizontal triangles. In two such frames which I have examined—both condemned by architects for their rigidity—the movement was so great that they had been "wedged up," like the majority of old timber frames.

Experiments carried out so far show that there is a danger, in a spring frame which is capable of oscillation, of an increase of the force acting on the tower, in the same way that it has been shown that the stress in a tower can be increased 50 per cent. or more by the oscillation of the tower itself. In those experiments friction was purposely eliminated as far as possible, in order to exaggerate the effect and get a very definite result. The same theory holds good in a case where there is some friction, but I was careful to point out in a previous letter, that experiments with a spring frame whose oscillations are considerably damped by friction, have not yet been carried out. And this is the case of a timber frame. The period of oscillation of any full-size frame has not, to my knowledge, yet been determined. When I attempted to find the period of one of the two metal frames mentioned, the movement was so large as to put the instrument out of action.

The only thing that is certainly proved is that in the case of a practically rigid frame, the forces acting on the tower can be calculated. In the case of any other frame they cannot. They may be much greater or they may be less than with the practically rigid frame.—I am, yours, etc.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

14, Mount Stewart, Carlisle, N.B.

THE FIRST PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

Exactly 120 years ago to-day a peal of 5040 Norwich Court was rung at Soham, Cambs, by the Soham Youths. Half the band were members of the same family, and ringing in that village must have been in a high state for the period when such a method could have been rung. Indeed, the company afterwards further distinguished themselves by ringing a peal of 5152 Imperial Treble Bob, and their bells were subsequently augmented to ten merely on account of the interest in ringing which their performances aroused among the parishioners. The band that rang the Norwich Court on January 1st, 1795, was: Ed. Tebbit 1, Thos. Tebbit 2, Robt. Chevis 3, Thos. Tebbit, junr., 4, Robt. Tebbit 5, Luke Goldsbrow 6, Robert Silver 7, Thos. Brown 8.

Last Wednesday was the anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich rung in the county of Surrey. This was on December 29th, 1248, at Holy Trinity, Newington, and was by the College Youths, the peal (5264) being composed and conducted by John Cox.

This week, also, provides the anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. This consisted of 5120 changes, rung by the Society of Union Scholars at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on Dec. 27th, 1718. "In accordance with a custom prevailing at that time," writes the late Mr. Jasper Snowden in his "Treatise on Treble Bob," "the Society called the method after their own name—'Union Treble Bob,' as they considered themselves entitled to do this by reason of their being the first company who accomplished a peal in the method. Still, although the name of Union Treble Bob held to it to some extent, as may be seen by many of the earlier records of the College Youths and other societies, yet this license does not seem to have been generally admitted by ringers, as the name of 'Oxford' was also used for it, and in course of time the newly adopted title became still less used, and at length became quite obsolete. The calling of this peal is still well known, and in the peal book of the Union Scholars, now in the British Museum, is the original entry of the particulars of the peal, a copy of which is appended:—

"Dec. the 27th, 1718.—This Society rang at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, the first time and complete peal of 5120 Union Bob: John Hedley 1, Robert French 2, William Freeborn 3, Edward Franks 4, Richard Oswald 5, Thomas Perrin 6, Robert Bawldg 7, William Belding 8."

"Fortunately, and curiously this peal is a true one, perhaps owing more to good luck than good management, as it was probably only considered true from the fact that the treble leads were true, since it was not until the year 1788 that Mr. Christopher Wells, a prominent member of the Society of London Youths, drew attention to the liability of 'Treble Bob' peals to be false at the dodging of the treble before, and it was not until the year 1780 that the necessity for proof in 3-4 and 5-6 also—with the tenors together—was discovered."

AN INTERESTING COMPOSITION.

5024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

The following peal of Treble Bob Major in fourteen courses, with 4th and 6th extent in 5-6, is by Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield:—

	23456	M.	B.	W.	H.
	56342	1		2	2
A.	65243	2			2
	42563			2	2
	21365	2			2
B.	45362	2	—	1	2
	62534	1		2	2
	24536	2	—	1	2
C.	35426	1	—		2
	53624	2			2
	26354	1	—		2
D.	23564			1	2
	62345	2		2	2
	25346	2	—	1	2
	23456			1	2

It will be observed in the bracketed courses marked A, B, C and D, that the first and last courses in each block respectively are called alike, and each ends with the 2nd at home. This symmetrical calling is somewhat unique in a fourteen course (5024) composition, having the 4th and 6th extent in 5-6, at four full course-ends in each position. Fourteen is the least number of courses possible in which these qualities can be developed.

The peal contains eleven out of the possible twelve 8-6-7's, with the full 4-8-6-7's and 6-8-4-7's. It is an abstract from a 5024 composed by the author in 1885.

By commencing the calling at the twelfth course of the above composition, the peal will be the original, with 5th and 6th extent in 5-6. It was the first ever composed as a 5024 in fourteen courses, with eleven out of the possible twelve 8-5-7's, and, in the reverse, having eleven out of the possible twelve 8-6's.

The composition will also, of course, go to Bristol Surprise.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LLANDAFF.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association took place at Llandaff on Saturday, the attendance being a very good one. Ringing took place at St. John's, Cardiff, before the meeting, various methods being rung. The business meeting was held in the afternoon in the Probendat House, the Dean presiding.—The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

Hon. Secretaries: The Rev. Canon L. Price and John W. Jones.

Master: Mr. Arthur Lewis, of Caldicot.

Auditors: Mr. Clarence O. Hobbs and Mr. Victor Morgan.

Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary, was chosen as the representative of the Association on the Central Council.

The places for the next annual meeting was discussed, Pentre and St. Woolos, Newport being proposed, and, on being put to the vote, St. Woolos was carried by a large majority.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting in Monmouthshire, at Traveithin, Pontypool. As regards the next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting, Aberavon, Newton Notlage and Bridgend were proposed, and, on being put to the vote, Bridgend was carried by a large majority.

Several new members were next elected.

Mr. Atwell then spoke on the question of inter-affiliation, and said that he had decided in view of the existing war not to submit a proposal for another year.

A vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding closed the meeting. The bells of the Cathedral and St. John's, Cardiff, were rung during the evening.

AN OCTOGENARIAN RINGER.

Not many men are capable of ringing a quarter-peal at 80 years of age, but Mr. C. H. Edwards, of Oxonbury, Glos., took part in a touch of this length in celebration of his 80th birthday, and was the recipient of the good wishes of his Vicar and brother ringers.

This quarter-peal was Grandfire Triples and was rung on Sunday evening, Dec. 20th, in 40 mins. by: J. Busby 1, C. H. Edwards 2, H. Harvey 3, E. Devenish 4, J. Martin 5, W. White 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jeffries 8.

VILLAGE BAND'S SURPRISE RINGING.

Although the call to arms has much depleted the ranks of many bands of ringers, and so restricted the change ringing that they are able to do for service, the company at the little village of Shipley, Sussex, are keeping their end up well if one may judge of their performances in the past week. They can muster seven bob hall ringers for Surprise Minor Methods, in addition to Treble Bob ringers and three "youngsters."

On Sunday, December 20th, before morning service, they rang 720 London Surprise; before evening service, 720 Carlisle Surprise and 720 Cambridge Surprise; and after evening service, 720 York Surprise. On Tuesday, December 22nd, for practice, 720 Canterbury Surprise and 720 Chester Surprise. On Christmas Day, before morning service, 720 Beverly Surprise, and before evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. The ringers taking part were: W. Denman, senr., W. Denman, junr., T. Adams, R. H. Fowell, G. Lucas, J. F. Bowell and A. Cripps (conductor).

A MIDDLESEX GATHERING.

Some of the members of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association met at St. Andrew's on December 19th for a combined practice. In the course of the evening a record was presented by one of the band who rang in the peal on January 26th last, in which two ladies, Miss Chillingworth and Miss Jones, took part. Owing to duties in connection with Red Cross work, Miss Chillingworth was unable to be present.

During the practice a touch of Oxford Bob Triples and a 336 Grandfire Triples were rung: W. Lawrence 1, Miss E. Jones 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, T. Beadle 5, P. E. Jones 6, R. Carter 7, C. Edwards 8.

PEALS AT A WELL-KNOWN HOSTELRY.

In a period of just over 2½ years, commencing on March 8th, 1912, no fewer than 60 handbell peals were rung at the George IV, Haggerston, where Mr. A. W. Grimes presided as "mine host." This total was made up of Stedman Cinques 15, Caters 15, Triples 12, Grandfire Caters 2, Triples 4, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Royal 2, Major 2, Bob Maximus 1, Royal 2, Major 4. We only know of one place where more peals than this have been rung, on handbells, and that is at the residence of Mr. A. H. Pulling, Guildford.

WHITCHURCH, Near CARDIFF.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At St. Mary's Church, with the bells muffled, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in two methods (Canterbury and Plain Bob): F. J. Bailey 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, T. Wood 4, F. J. Bailey, senr., 5, T. Middleton 6.—On Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Doubles in three methods, but this failed owing to the sally of the 3rd coming on, after ringing 2 hrs. 10 mins.

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THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE CHESTER GUILD.

Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, whom the Chester Diocesan Guild have delighted to honour by appointing him Master of the Guild in succession to the late Venerable Archdeacon Barber, is a great lover of the art of ringing, although his multifarious duties, in his position as Chief Mechanical Engineer of the London and North-Western Railway, do not permit him to become such an adept as he would like to be had he more time to devote to campanology. Born on January 11th, 1859, at Orton Longueville, he first learned to raise a bell when he was about ten years old, at



MR. C. J. BOWEN COOKE.

his father's country church in Huntingdonshire, where change ringing was unknown, and where his ringing performances as a small boy were confined to "church yard bob" at three or four bell towers in that secluded neighbourhood.

Ringling was given up during school and continental education; and it was only many years later, whilst living at Rugby, that he first managed to hunt the treble through a peal of Grandsire Doubles on the old Parish Church bells there. When the late Mr. Benn, of Rugby fame, presented the Parish Church with a new tower and fine peal of eight bells, Mr. Cooke took up ringing more seriously, and rang an inside bell in a touch of Grandsire Triples

on the occasion of the opening of this ring, Mr. Jas. George, then at the outset of his ringing career, being one of the band. It was not, however, until Mr. Cooke's appointment at Crewe as Running Superintendent of the Locomotive Department of the L. & N. W. Railway, that he again seriously directed his attention to change ringing, and then, as he himself laments, his increased responsibilities prevented his giving the time he would have liked to his favourite pastime.

He always attributes his re-awakened interest to the enthusiasm of the late Mr. R. T. Holding, who Mr. Cooke regards as one of the cleverest ringers and most capable teachers with whom he has ever come in contact. He was a real master ringer in the Crewe tower, and Mr. Cooke recalls an occasion when he (Mr. Cooke), after a strenuous day, during which he had had to help to entertain various magnates, and to speak on the occasion of the opening of the "Webb" Orphanage, he had to take his place, at the end of the function, in the belfry, and commemorate the occasion by ringing the 8th in his first (and he modestly fears his only) peal of Grandsire Caters, this peal being the first peal of Caters where all the performers were employed by one firm, viz., L. and N.W.R. Company.

Mr. Cooke, with his staff of over 20,000 men, of whom his late friend, Mr. Holding, was one, is a great believer in discipline, and on that and other occasions always cheerfully obeyed the orders of his belfry chief in their reversed capacities in the ringing chamber. He can never speak too highly of the great esteem and respect in which he held his employe in the works, and "boss" in the belfry, that same Mr. Holding.

Mr. Cooke's position entails great responsibilities. He is a J.P. for the County of Cheshire, and a member of the Institutions of Civil and Mechanical Engineers, but in ringing matters he merely mentions them as an excuse for not soaring to greater heights in his amateur profession as a change ringer. Notwithstanding his modesty, he can lay claim to three peals of Grandsire Triples and one of Grandsire Caters, while he is at home in Stedman and other methods. He has had the pleasure of taking part in several short touches with his distinguished ringing colleague in another profession, the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

In addition to being President of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Mr. Cooke is also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Salop Archdeaconry Guild.

Speaking of Mr. Cooke's appointment to the responsible professional position which he occupies, the "Railway Magazine" said: "Without unduly magnifying the importance of the office, it cannot be denied that the post of Chief Mechanical Engineer of the London and North-Western Railway carries with it a weight and an authority that is not surpassed by any similar position in the world. Under the exacting conditions obtaining at the present time, the engineer chosen to design, construct, control and be responsible for the running of the gigantic locomotive stud of the L. and N.W.R. must of necessity be possessed of qualities in advance of those that are requisite to efficiently perform similar duties in a more circumscribed sphere. The position of Chief Mechanical Engineer carries with it, however, a much larger range of activities than those we have enumerated, for Crewe is responsible for far more than the construction and maintenance of a colossal locomotive stock and its efficient working of a gigantic railway system. Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke is

gifted with many of the characteristics of the 'King of Crewe' as his past record shows."

Mr. Cooke was educated at King's College, London, and Neuwied, Germany, and he has made the locomotive—its history, construction, evolution and working—his lifelong pleasure. In 1875 he became a premium apprentice of the L. and N.W.R. at Crewe Works. In 1878 he became a private pupil of the late Mr. F. W. Webb, the then locomotive superintendent. In 1880 he was appointed assistant to Mr. A. L. Mumford, the then Superintendent of the Running Department of the southern division of the L. and N.W.R. Subsequently he filled other departmental posts, and in 1903 was placed in charge of the southern division. In June, 1909, he entered upon the duties of his present office, although for some months previously, owing to the ill-health of Mr. Whale, his predecessor, he had practically been in charge. Mr. Cooke is a writer, well known in technical circles, of books upon the history, construction and development of the locomotive engine.

Whilst at Rugby he took a keen interest in fire brigade work, and for upwards of ten years was second officer of the Rugby Fire Brigade. While holding his position, he had charge of the English steamer work at International Fire Congresses at Antwerp and Brussels. He also took a prominent part in educational matters at Rugby, and was hon. secretary to the Railway Mechanics' Institute and a member of the County Council Technical Education Committee. Indeed, Mr. Cooke has always made it a point to be associated with any undertaking connected with the welfare of the men under his control.

BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

ST. BENET, CAMBRIDGE.

By J. R. JERRAM.

Although St. Benet's, Cambridge, only possesses a peal of six bells, it is associated with some of the very earliest and most elementary performances in change-ringing which were ever accomplished, which were rung on the five front bells with the tenor covering.

Fabian Stedman was born at Cambridge in 1631. It was in his early days, long before he composed the method known by his name, that we first meet with some of these performances, of which he is said to have been the author, in the *Tintinnalogia* of 1668. Unfortunately I have not a copy by me.

In those days single changes only were rung; that is to say each bell had a plain hunting course in succession, the other bells only moving to allow the hunting bell to pass them. A very early performance, known as the "Twenty-all-over" was rung as follows: each bell hunted up behind in succession, producing five sets of four changes, thus:—

21345	32451	43512	54123	15234
23145	34251	45312	51423	12534
23415	34521	45132	51243	12354
23451	34512	45123	51234	12345

Another performance was known as the "Cambridge Eight-and-Forty," from its being first rung in St. Benet's tower. The rule in this method is that the treble and second never go behind, nor the fourth and fifth before; so that instead of 120 changes the peal becomes restricted to forty-eight.

In the *Tintinnalogia* of 1668 we find the following remarks:—"Within these fifty or sixty years last past changes were not known or thought possible to be rung. Then were invented the sixes, the very ground of a six-score: then the twenty and twenty-four with several other changes. But Cambridge forty-eight for many years was the greatest peal that was rung or invented. But now neither forty-eight, nor a hundred, nor seven hundred and twenty, nor any number can confuse us, for we can ring changes *ad infinitum*."

In 1677 Stedman published his *Campanologia, or Art of Ringing Improved*, and dedicated it "To his honoured, and much esteemed friends, the members of the Society of College Youths." It contained a variety of methods on five, six, seven, and eight bells. He was Master of the College Youths in 1682. It is generally supposed that the first six-score of Stedman Doubles was rung on the bells of St. Benet.

The inscriptions on the six bells are well worthy of note and are as follows:—

Treble.

ROBARD . GVRNEY . MADE . ME . THOMAS . GRAVES . THO .
FOX CHRVCHWARDENS . 1663.

Second. 1558.

Third.

OF : ALL : THE : BELLS : IN : BENNET : I : AM :
THE : BEST : AND : YET : FOR : MY : CASTING :
THE : PARISH : PAIDE : LEST : 1607. T.W. W.B.
G.B. T.B. N.E. N.S. T.W. R.S. N.C. T.N.

[This inscription is in large Lombardic letters. Notwithstanding its boast the bell is a poor one.]

Fourth.

HENRY MARSHALL JUNR. AND WILLIAM W. HAYWARD
CHURCHWARDENS 1825.

[This bell is by Wm. Dobson of Downham.]

Fifth.

NON : NOMEN : FERO : FICTI : SED : NOMEN :
BENEDICTI : 1610 : R.S.

[i.e., "I do not bear a feigned name, but the name of Benedict"—(or "Benet"). This inscription is in large Lombardic letters.]

Tenor.

THIS BELL WAS BROAKE AND CAST AGAINE AS PLAINLY
DOTH APEARE
JOHN DRAPER MADE ME IN 1618 WICH TIME CHVRCH-
WARDENS WERE
EDWARDE DIXSON FOR THE ONE WHOE STODE CLOSE BY
HIS TACKLIN
AND HE THAT WAS HIS PARTNER THEN WAS ALEXANDER
TACKLIN.

[Diameter 42½ inches, weight about 13 cwt.]

John Draper had his bell-foundry at Thetford. There are many of his bells to be found in the Eastern counties.

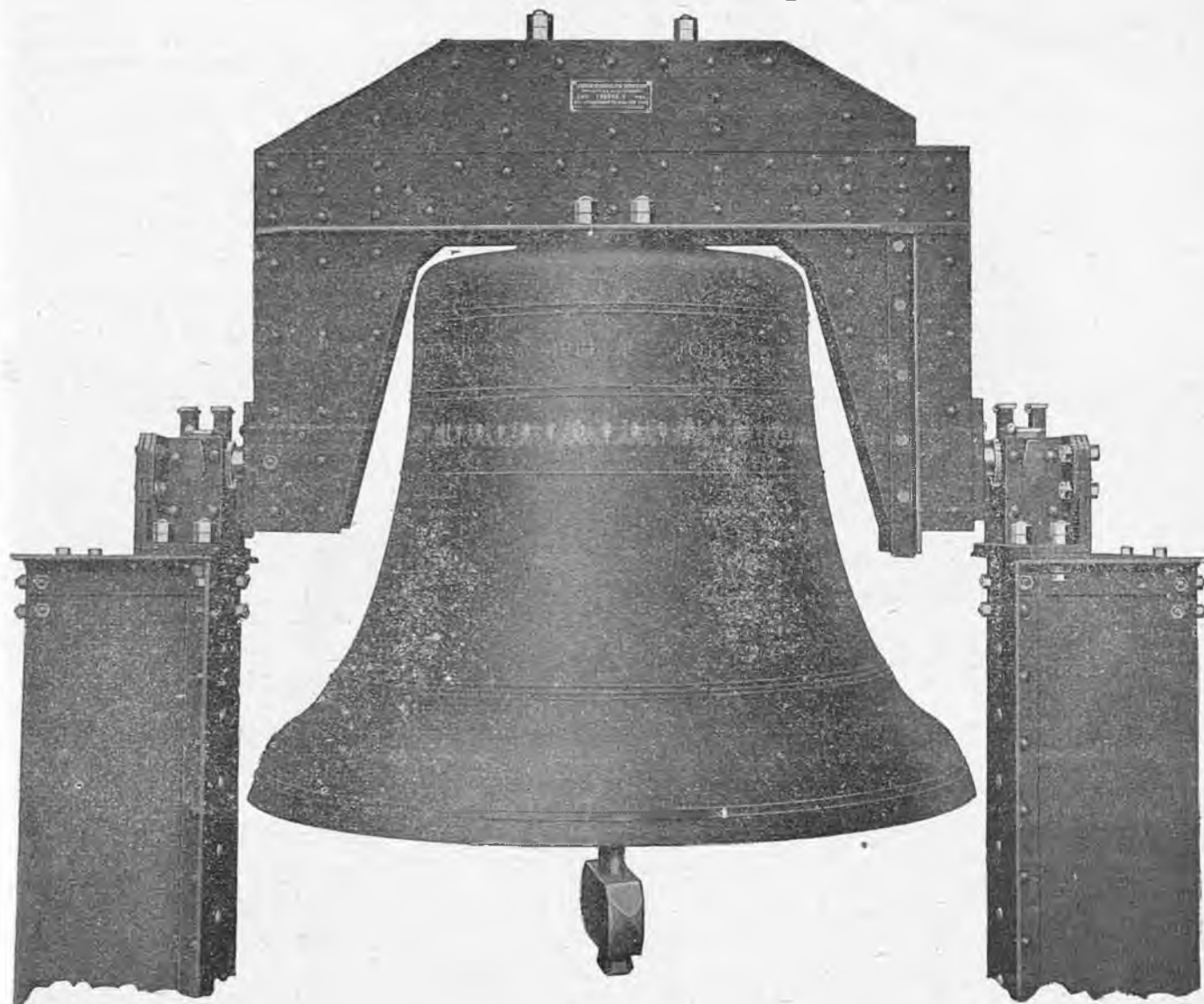
It may be noticed in conclusion that St. Benet's was originally the University Church, but this honour was transferred to St. Mary-the-Great somewhere about the thirteenth century.

COALEX, GLOS. — On Sunday, November 1st, with the bells muffled, for those who have fallen in the war, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 52 mins.: W. Peglar 1, P. Brown 2, *J. Griffin 3, N. F. Griffin 4, A. H. Carter (conductor) 5, *L. H. Caddy 6. * First quarter-peal.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Fenn 1, T. Walker 2, C. W. Green 3, A. A. Hughes 4, W. A. Alps 5, C. F. Winney 6, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 7, S. Pettett 8.

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

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. Peal of ten (24½ cwt.) available 3.30 to 7.30.—Sam Thomas, Secretary pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Annual meeting at Bagshot, Saturday, January 2nd. The new peal of eight bells are available by special arrangement from 3 p.m. Tea at Institute 5.45 p.m. Visitors from other Associations and Guilds heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 113, Angell Road, Brixton, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. Bells available from 3.30. Service, with short address by the Vicar, at 5.30. Tea, 6d. each, in the Parish Hall at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting. Members requiring tea should notify me by Wednesday, December 30th, so that proper arrangements can be made.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly district meeting will be held at Oakley, on Thursday, January 7th, 1915. Bells (6) from 4 o'clock. Service in the church at 5.30. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room at 6.—F. G. Hume, Hon. District Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at E. Farleigh on Saturday, January 9th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m., short service in church 5 p.m.—K. W. Mumford, Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Higham, on Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Bells, 6 in number (recently augmented and rehung in a new steel frame, by Bowell, of Ipswich) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, 9d. each, at the Sir John Falstaff, followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions for 1915 become due on January 1st. Will those wishing to have tea let me know by Wednesday, January 7th.—Edward A. G. Allen, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7. Will members please bring their subscriptions up-to-date; note rule 4.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Coseley on Saturday,

January 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. Arthur Price), and the unveiling of peal tablet by Mrs. Wm. Cheshire. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.30. Members of the Midland Counties and Worcestershire Associations and St. Martin's (Birmingham) and Dudley Guilds are also invited. Nearest stations are about six minutes' walk from the church: Deepfields and Coseley (L. & N.W.R.), Prince's End or Daisy Bank (G.W.R.). Please notify not later than Tuesday, the 5th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at Tanworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 12th, at 8.30 p.m. All subscriptions are due. Balance sheet will be presented.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, January 16th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. New reports are ready. Life members will be charged 6d. each for reports.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, January 16th. Service in the Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea kindly provided at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. It is requested that all those intending to be present will let me know on or before Wednesday, January 13th.—Jas. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. R. C. Millway has removed from 4, Blenheim Square, to 156, Snargate Street, Dover, Kent.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANT.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 18th, for Divine service, 336 Double Norwich: O. H. Giles 1, W. G. Edwards 2, G. Williams (conductor) 3, J. Shepherd 4, H. W. Wilkes 5, C. Fray 6, W. H. George 7, W. T. Tucker 8.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 25th, 560 Bob Major: E. Dummer 1, O. H. Giles 2, G. Williams 3, Sapper W. Rowe 4, A. Marks 5, C. J. Fray 6, W. H. George 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, for evening service at St. Mary Abbot's, 1263 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, W. J. Daubney 3, C. Charge 4, J. A. Trollope 5, P. L. Miles 6, A. V. Selby 7, W. A. Garrard 8, J. R. Mackman 9, J. H. Collins 10.

ASTON.—At the Parish Church, 504 Stedman Triples, as a farewell touch to J. Corrigan, one of the Aston band, who has joined the Oxford and Bucks colours: J. Jones 1, J. Corrigan 2, A. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, M. J. Morris 5, W. Davies 6, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 7, C. Allen 8.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—At Holy Trinity Parish Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 719 Grandsire Caters: F. Dale 1, T. Stockdale 2, C. Jackson (conductor) 3, M. Hedges 4, E. Cutsforth 5, J. Highfield 6, J. Hodds 7, T. Morton 8, G. T. Miller 9, J. Chamberlain 10. Also 377 in the same method: A. Ringer (Hartlepool) 1, T. Stockdale 2, C. Jackson 3, M. Hedges 4, G. F. Williams 5, J. Highfield 6, J. Hodds 7, T. Morton 8, G. F. Miller 9, J. Chamberlain 10. Recently 900 Bob Royal: C. Jackson 1, G. Dowling 2, G. T. Miller 3, M. Hedges 4, H. Rodmell 5, J. Highfield 6, J. Hodds 7, T. Morton 8, L. Rodmell 9, G. F. Williams (conductor) 10.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor (with 42 Singles): A. Rodmell 1, T. Goodin 2, J. S. Calvert 3, G. Bayston 4, H. Rodmell 5, Arthur E. West (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

LUTON.—Bedfordshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on July 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Shaw 1, H. Walker 2, W. Hill (of Harpenden) 3, A. King (conductor) 4, C. Wing 5, J. Rookwood 6, W. Payne 7, H. Shaw 8.—On August 5th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Carter and Miss Hendon, and of Mr. Dickens and Miss Gostick, 1336 Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: J. Shaw 1, C. Wing 2, T. Rendall 3, H. Walker 4, W. Payne 5, J. Rookwood 6, A. King (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8.

BARNET, HERTS. For evening service on Sept. 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Roffey 1, A. J. Trappitt 2, J. Holingworth 3, A. J. Cartwright 4, J. Sumpter 5, F. A. Milne 6, J. Kentish, junr. (conductor) 7, A. T. New 8. On Oct. 4th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Childs 1, W. J. Baldwin 2, R. Roffey 3, H. Burlingham 4, A. J. Trappitt 5, F. A. Milne 6, J. Sumpter (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. G. Darlington 1, G. Andrews 2, H. Cornwell 3, G. Radley (conductor) 4, W. Saban 5, C. Dilley 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8.—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 3, H. G. Rowe 4, W. Irons 5, C. Dilley 6, H. Simmons 7, O. Twist 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Start (first quarter-peal) 1, W. G. Darlington 2, G. Andrews 3, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 4, D. Tucker 5, C. Dilley 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8. All these quarter-peals were rung for the harvest festival.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, 672 Bob Major: G. Beverley 1, C. Wybrow 2, F. Harrison 3, Miss A. E. Adcock (first attempt at Major inside, and longest length) 4, A. W. Baldwin 5, C. S. Tuthill 6, C. N. Ebberson 7, R. Cooke (conductor) 8.

SITTINGBOURNE.—Kent County Association. — On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. E. Simpson 1, S. Taylor 2, Pte F. Baker, K.S.L.I., 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, J. Excell 5, F. Staines 6, F. S. Macey (conductor) 7, G. Mills 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, for men's service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: E. Spice (first in the method) 1, S. Taylor 2, E. J. Dobbie 3, P. Spice 4, F. S. Macey 5, W. Spice 6, S. B. Dobbie (conductor) 7, E. J. Bottle 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, for a farewell service to troops, 252 Grandsire Triples: Pte J. Rogers (King's Shropshire Light Infantry) 1, Tpr. W. Burley (Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles) 2, Pte E. Baker, K.S.L.I., 3, E. J. Bottle 4, J. Excell 5, Pte Taykoe, K.S.L.I. 6, F. S. Macey (conductor) 7, Pte W. H. Felton, 9th Middlesex Regiment, 8. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples by: Pte J. Rogers 1, H. E. Simpson (conductor) 2, Pte E. Baker 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, J. Excell 5, F. S. Macey 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, Pte W. H. Felton 8.

WALMER, KENT. — On Oct. 15th, for harvest festival, 672 Bob Major: H. L. Castle 1, A. Long 2, J. Barwick 3, F. Rogers 4, E. Kemp 5, G. Fenn 6, J. Trinder 7, G. W. T. Smith (conductor) 8.

WEST EALING.—For the evening service, on Oct. 11th (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: C. Edwards 1, J. A. Trollope 2, J. Hannissett 3, G. Spencer 4, C. R. Walker 5, V. Holloway 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, W. Lawrence 8.

ISLEWORTH. — On Sunday, Oct. 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: E. Webb 1, G. Spencer 2, H. H. Noakes (first quarter-peal) 3, J. Edwards 4, C. Tricker (conductor) 5, W. Biggs 6, C. R. Walker 7, H. Beadle 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 18th (St. Luke's Day), for evening service, 1312 changes Kent Treble Bob Major, in 49 mins.: Lee-Corpl. A. P. G. Stone (6th North Staffs) 1, C. Wing 2, Pte A. P. Wakley (6th North Staffs) 3, Gunner W. Ayre (2nd Batt. Lincoln, R.F.A.) 4, F. Hunt 5, J. Rookwood 6, W. Payne 7, A. King (conductor) 8. The ringers of 1, 3 and 4 belong to the North Midland Division of the Territorial Force, stationed at present at Luton.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Oct. 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Barry 1, R. W. Green 2, H. Franks 3, A. Hart 4, H. Brooks 5, G. Charge 6, J. Cornford (conductor) 7, A. Turner 8. Rung in honour of the 63rd birthday of the ringer of the treble.

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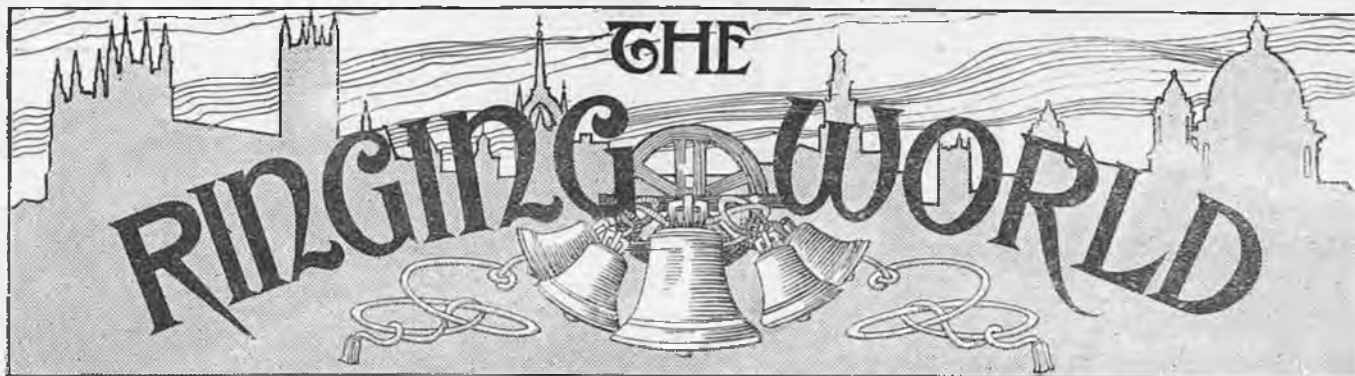


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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RINGING PRACTICES.

Speaking at a branch meeting of the Oxford Guild on Saturday, the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) referred to the question of ringing practice nights, and expressed the opinion that there was no reason why these should be suspended. There is, as we all know, some diversity of opinion among ringers themselves as to what should be done during the existing state of affairs, and quite recently a writer in the "Church Times" advocated the suspension of ringing practices. It was this view, thus publicly expressed through one of the leading Church newspapers, that led the Master of the Oxford Guild to refer to the subject. Speaking generally, we think, the majority of ringers have realised that the present abnormal conditions do not really call for the cessation of the weekly practice, and where, in many cases, it was temporarily suspended this regular ringing has been resumed.

After all, practice is essential if we are to discharge our duties in regard to service ringing in the way in which we ought to do. Our service ringing should be our best, and it can hardly be expected that the ringers can maintain without practice their highest level any more than it could be expected of the choir. Moreover, in many towers new hands have been secured to fill the places of those who have to undertake sterner duties in the field, and if these new ringers are to be of real service, they must be given opportunity for "open" ringing. With the first clash of arms, and the turmoil into which the world was suddenly thrown, it was not unnatural that all kinds of routine should be upset, but in all departments of life, despite the anxiety and strain which obviously must be ever with us, we are gradually getting back to smoother ways and endeavouring to "carry on." So with our ringing practices. As we ventured to point out last August, there can be no misconception as to their purpose if the bells are rung for the customary length of time on the usual practice night, and we do not think the public could have any legitimate objection to their sound.

It is curious to notice the difference of opinion that exists with regard to the desirability for holding ordinary ringing meetings. In some places they have been entirely abandoned; in others they are proceeding as usual, and the motives which inspire either course are equally to be respected. When there is business to transact, it seems a pity that societies should not meet to dispose of it, and, as has been said before, if the clergy announced the fact of the meeting to the parishioners beforehand, the use of the bells is not likely to grate upon their feelings. The keen edge of the first few weeks, has, to some extent, worn off, and, within proper bounds, ringing for such an occasion would not be likely to be regarded in any unfavourable spirit.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN GLUYAS Treble	HAROLD BENNETT 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 6
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 3	WILLIAM RICHARDS 7
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON 4	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal on the bells, recently rehung and retuned by Messrs.
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
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On Thursday, December 31, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM A. PYE Treble	WESLEY WATSON 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 2	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
(DARLEY DALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

HUGH W. GREGORY Treble	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT 5
HUGH GREGORY 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	JAMES L. WRIGHT 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, and

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

*First peal in the method. Rung on New Year's Eve with the bells
half-muffled. Peal No. 24, C.C.C., Sec. 1.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
GEORGE CLEAL 2	HARRY ARGYLE 6
*HARRY BROUGHTON 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
HARRY BRIGGS 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

*First peal of Treble Bob. The ringers of 1, 2 and 3 were elected
members before starting. The peal was rung half-muffled in memory
of the late Mr. C. H. Fowler, a life-member of the Guild, and was
arranged by the Master.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob called
differently.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	EDWARD GEARY 4
GEORGE H. GEARY 2	ARTHUR MEASEY 5
VICTOR GEARY 3	FRED STANFORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the
memory of all those who have laid down their lives during the War.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WALTER SHARPLES Treble	ESAU WALMESLEY 4
*FRED BRADLEY 2	*ALBERT SEFTON 5
FRED PEACOCK 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
	ARTHUR MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung with the tenor covering. First peal of Minor by all except the ringer of the 6th. First peal by the St. Michael's Company. Rung with the bells deeply muffled on the day previous to Intercession Day, as a token of respect to the sailors and soldiers who have fallen in the War.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE 7-8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4	*ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10
WILLIAM PYE 5-6	ERNEST PYE 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: B. S. THOMPSON.

* First peal of Cinques on an inside pair. This composition contains the 6th 14 courses behind the 7th in the tittums and 24 courses behind the 8th in the hand stroke home position.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
IN THE VICARAGE LIBRARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF BROOKES'. Tenor, size 15, in C.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES 1-2	*REV. H. LAW JAMES 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	*JOHN W. WOOD 7-8

Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman in hand.

FORMER RINGER KILLED IN ACTION.

A GALLANT NON-COM.

A former member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Lance-Sergt. Jesse Arbon, of Ipswich, has been killed in action while gallantly leading a section of the 4th Suffolk Regiment. The deceased was 33 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child, with whom the deepest sympathy will be felt. The circumstances under which Sergt. Arbon met his death are described in a letter to the deceased's wife, who lives at 73, Elliott Street, Ipswich, sent by Capt. H. D. Mitchell, of the 4th Suffolks. He wrote as follows:—

"I very much regret to inform you that your husband, Lance-Sergt. J. Arbon, was killed in action on the morning of Monday, the 21st inst. He died fighting like a true British soldier, and is a credit to his company and to his country. At the time he met his death he was leading his section out of a very tight corner, and there is no doubt that if he had not acted as he did the whole section would have been lost. He was a very good N.C.O., and I shall feel his loss very much. I can assure you that you have my deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement."

The deceased was formerly a ringer at Sproughton, being associated with the band there from 1902 to 1907. During that period he rang 10 peals, from Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Major, including two in the latter method. He also conducted a peal in four methods of Doubles at St. Matthew's, Ipswich. A man of quiet disposition, it was always a pleasure to be in his company. He gave up ringing after joining the Territorials, with whom he recently went to the Front.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	57	17	6
St. Stephen's (Bristol) Guild, second donation (per Mr. W. Knight)	0	10	0
Ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury, Somerset (Messrs. G. Fisher, R. Fisher, W. Fisher, T. E. Francis, G. Jones, W. Standen, W. G. Standen, E. Standen and S. Ball), per Mr. T. E. Francis	0	9	0
Ringers of Duffield Church (per Mr. J. Flower)	1	0	0
York Minster Society, December collection (per Mr. G. Warner)	0	4	6
Total	£60	1	0

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

Pte A. Chamberlin, of Long Eaton, King's Royal Rifles.
Pte Percy G. Orford, of St. Mary's, Fulborough, 4th Batt.
Royal Sussex Regiment, now at Horsham.
J. Schofield, of Shipley, Yorks, H.M.S. "Cyclops" in the North Sea.
R. Barnam, of Shipley, Yorks, sick berth attendant, R.N.R., Chatham.
Gnr. Thos. O. Larkey, of Tuebrook, Liverpool, 3rd West Lancs, R.F.A., now at Faversham.
N. Smallwood, of St. Matthew's, Auckland, New Zealand, Red Cross Brigade, with the New Zealand Contingent, now en route for — somewhere.

BRISTOL RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On New Year's Eve, at the Brighton Restaurant, a very pleasant evening was spent by a number of Bristol ringers at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. Leaker. In addition to the members of St. Thomas' company, invitations were accepted by Messrs. W. Knight, W. A. Cave, A. Stowell, J. Burford, S. Condieck, H. Brownjohn and R. J. Wilkins. After supper, which was very much enjoyed, Mr. Wilkins was voted to the chair, and proposed the only toast of the evening, "Absent Ringers on His Majesty's Service."—The Chairman said that all the churches in Bristol with ringing companys were represented in the fighting forces of the Crown, and he wished them all a safe return. The company were very pleased to have with them Sergt. W. A. Cave, who was on leave for five days.—Mr. Llewellyn rendered four songs in his best style, "Bravo, Bristol," being a very popular item. He is a member of St. Thomas' choir. Mr. Drew also contributed songs, and a touch of Stedman Caters was rung by: H. Brownjohn 1-2, J. Burford 3-4, R. J. Wilkins 5-6, S. Condieck 7-8, W. A. Cave (conductor) 9-10. Songs were also sung by the following ringers: S. Abrahams, F. Price, H. Green, W. Rogers, F. Cooper and S. Vickery, the last-named also ably presiding at the piano. Mr. A. Stowell gave a recitation, "Ben and the Butter," which was very much enjoyed. As time approached for the usual midnight ringing, the company felt they could not depart without thanking Mr. and Mrs. Leaker for their very great kindness in providing such a pleasant evening. The evening had been an annual affair for the St. Thomas' company, but for the last two years Mr. and Mrs. Leaker have extended the invitation to a few outside friends, a kindness which has been very much appreciated.—Mr. F. Leaker responded to the vote, and said what a pleasure it was to himself and his wife to have so many ringing friends accept the invitation. During the evening a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung by the following: F. Leaker 1-2, J. Burford 3-4, R. J. Wilkins 5-6, G. Condieck 7-8, F. Price 9-10, H. Brownjohn 11-12.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower to ring in the New Year. The writer would like to mention that Mr. W. A. Cave having been called away, breaks up, for the time being, the Stedman Cinques handbell band, which, at the last attempt, rang nearly half-way through a peal in 1 hr. 30 mins.

RESTORATION AT EAST SUTTON.

The light ring of six at East Sutton Church, Kent, have been entirely rehung and put in first class ringing order by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The 5th has been recast, and part of a new steel frame has been installed. The bells were rung last week by ringers from Headcorn, Ulcombe, Linton, Chart Sutton, and other adjoining parishes, and all expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE MASTER'S VIEWS ON RINGING DURING THE WAR TIME.
The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild held their annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday.

The proceedings included ovensing at St. Paul's Church, when an address was given by the Rev. B. Long, Rector of All Saints', Wokingham.

Tea followed in St. Paul's Parish Room, the company including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Revs. E. E. Broome (branch secretary), B. Long, H. M. Walter, E. G. Drummond and G. M. Winter (Wargrave), and nearly 60 ringers, including seven ladies. The following kindly acted as carvers: Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Durbridge, Messrs. Barry, Durbridge, A. E. Priest, W. White and G. Staples. Miss G. Simmons was in charge of the tea, being assisted by Mrs. T. W. Heelas, Mrs. Drummond, Misses Spiens, Allright (2), Wescott, Hipp, Barry, and Nurse Strowth.

The business meeting followed. The Rev. E. E. Broome regretted the absence of their chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis. Their Master was present, however, and would take the chair.

THE REPORT.

The Secretary reported the numbers of the branch as 147 change ringers, probationers and life subscribers, with 30 honorary members. Wargrave seemed very anxious as to their chance of getting bells. He hoped their time would come. Everything was being done that could be in that direction. Five peals had been rung during the year—at All Saints', Wokingham; Easthampstead, Twyford, Hurst and Sonning. There would doubtless have been more, but since the war began, all peals had been stopped. Of twelve combined practices which had been arranged, seven were held. These were well attended, the highest number present being 31, and the lowest 14.

Twenty-four of their ringers were away on active service, two from Arbourfield, Binfield 3, Barkham 2, Easthampstead 2, Hurst 9, Sandhurst 3, Sonning 2, Wokingham 1. Their numbers at Hurst had been sadly reduced, two having left the parish, beside nine enlisted. Mr. Alfred White, their esteemed late foreman, and Mr. Joseph White, their present foreman, had succeeded in gathering together a band of lady ringers, who were doing well (applause). They numbered eight, and most of them took part in the New Year's ringing. These ladies were: Mrs. Broome, Misses V. Beeson, B. Bullock, M. Bullock, B. L. Johnson, A. Record, J. Harcourt-Roc, and J. White. He did not see why they should not take up change ringing. The terrible war had shortened their numbers. Last year they had 81 present at that meeting, instead of only 58. He wished them all a happy New Year, and that, with speedy peace, the troubles of the terrible war might pass away.

The Rev. G. E. Drummond was unanimously elected an hon. member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Chairman read a letter from the Branch Chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, asking to be relieved of the position on the ground of ill-health, and his inability to attend the meetings.—On the proposition of Mr. Wright, supported by the Master and secretary, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis was unanimously re-elected, feeling reference being made to his long service and great interest in the branch and the Guild.

The Rev. E. E. Broome was unanimously re-elected secretary for the 22nd time, on the proposition of Mr. Bungay, seconded by Mr. Walter, while the Chairman eulogised the excellent work of their secretary.—Mr. Broome suitably acknowledged the honour done him, and said the readiness with which members paid up their subscriptions was a great help to him.

The following were then elected to represent the branch on the Guild Committee: Messrs. F. Dentry, G. J. Wright, J. Moth and S. Paice.

Combined Practice Committee was elected, viz.: Messrs. J. White (secretary), J. Moth, J. Rance and H. Bungay.

In the absence of the Guild Secretary, the Master said the Guild estimated a balance in hand of some £19 5s. 4d., compared with £21 17s. 11d. of last year. A gratifying item was the receipt of three guineas from the Vicar of Sonning, in appreciation of the help received from the Guild in rehanging of Sonning bells. This should encourage the Guild in its work. He reminded them of the new financial rules passed at Slough, by which the 3s. 6d. life subscription of members on joining now went altogether to the Guild Fund, and of the rule for a requisition for aid from any tower to be sent through the branch and certified by a contribution.

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher, the Rev. B. Long, also to the Rector of St. Paul's (the Rev. H. M. Walter) for the use of the church and parish room, and for providing the service in church with such an efficient organist and choir.—This was carried unanimously, both gentlemen suitably responding.—The Chairman was thanked by acclamation for his services that evening.

THE CONTINUATION OF PRACTICES.

In responding, he said Masters of Guilds that they must keep things going, the Ringers' Guild being one of those things left by those gone to the front to serve their king and country.

About 120 members of their Guild were now on active service. Their sisters at Hurst, and other places, had shown them how to go forward and fill up the places of those who had gone to the front.

Speaking of muffled ringing, he approved of it for All Souls' or All Saints' Day, as did their Bishop. He did not agree with it for Sundays, nor for the National Day of Intercession on the morrow, as Sunday was the Festival of the Resurrection. They wanted to make people feel confident in God, and the ringing of the bells on Sunday was one way to do that. As to the morrow's services, he had not been able to consult with the Bishop about it, so incumbents who differed from him were left with it in their own hands. Their business was to call the people to church on the morrow in the usual way, to join humbly and heartily in that great service of intercession. He disagreed with the writer in the "Church Times" who suggested that, to mark the seriousness of the times, the weekly practice of the ringers be discontinued. He himself felt that at those times when the people expected the sound of their bells they should not be disappointed. The message of the bells was: "God is with you, if you put your trust in Him" (hear, hear). He felt the writer in the "Church Times" was wrong.

The proceedings closed with hearty thanks to the ladies and other helpers.

BOLNEY RINGERS' ENJOYABLE EVENING.

On New Year's Eve, the Bolney (Sussex) Church Ringers' Society (which includes the Vicar and Churchwardens), were again entertained to a supper and social evening by Mr. E. Huth, and, on the invitation of Mr. W. W. Otter, Vicar's warden, the sidesmen connected with the Parish Church were also as usual included with the party. Out of respect for our gallant sailors and soldiers, who are now sacrificing themselves for their king and country, the function was to a great extent shorn of its customary festive character, a quiet, but nevertheless enjoyable evening being spent at the Cookery School. Previous to the 8 p.m. intercession service at the church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes) was rung, conducted by Warden Walder.

A capital cold supper was served at 8.30 p.m., presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell), supported by Mr. W. J. Brown (people's warden), Mr. G. Walder (hon. secretary and captain of the ringers) being in the vice-chair. Following the supper, the Chairman gave "The King," which was loyally honoured, and a verse of the National Anthem sung. This was the only toast submitted, and the only singing indulged in. "Churchwarden" pipes, tobacco and cigars were handed round, other refreshments, including tea and coffee being provided.

The Vicar stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Otter, who is now serving with the Sussex Yeomanry at Canterbury, saying how much he regretted being unable to be present, but all leave was stopped for the present; and that afternoon he had received a wire from him wishing them all an enjoyable time. On behalf of the sidesmen he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Otter, and on behalf of the ringers, Mr. G. Walder proposed a similar vote to Mr. Huth. Needless to say, both votes were unanimously accorded.

Mrs. F. M. Batchelor, of the Queen's Head Hotel, was highly congratulated on her excellent catering.

A whist match—Ringers v. Vicar, Churchwardens and Sidesmen—was then improvised, which carried the time all too quickly to 11.30, when the "honours" remained even. The party then broke up, the ringers adjourning to the tower, where the Old Year was rung out with a 504 of Grandioso Triples, and the New Year ushered in with a touch of Bob Major.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South Western Division of the Essex Association was held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, and was attended by about 30 members. The bells were available from 3.30, and ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening. A service, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Siddons), was also held.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, after which the business took place, the Vicar occupying the chair. Two new members were elected (Mr. A. S. Waddington, of Leytonstone, and Mr. H. Mansfield, of Chigwell Row). The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the Master and Secretary to arrange.—Mr. E. J. Butler was re-elected Master, and Mr. H. Rumens was again re-elected secretary.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the service, and for the use of the bells and the Parish Hall, to Mr. Townsend for catering, and to the ladies who so ably assisted him.

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32564	2		2	32546	1		1
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BELLS OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The earliest mention of bells at Westminster Abbey which I have been able to discover is a quotation from Southey by Rev. W. C. Lukis in his *Account of Church Bells*, published in 1857, where on page 50 we find: "In the little Sanctuary at Westminster King Edward III. erected a clochier and placed therein three bells for the use of St. Stephen's Chapel. About the biggest of them were these words:

'King Edward made me thirtie thousand weight
and three,
Take mee down and way mee and more yu shall
fynd me.'



WESTMINSTER ABBEY WEST FRONT.

But these bells having to be taken down in the reign of King Henry VIII., one writes underneath with a coale:

'But Henry the eight will bait me of my weight.'

This old bell-tower was situated at a little distance north-west of the Abbey adjoining the old Sanctuary, on the site now occupied by the Westminster Hospital. From an old engraving, reproduced by Mr. H. B. Walters in his *Church Bells of England*, it appears to have somewhat resembled the old campanile of Salisbury Cathedral, which was demolished about the end of the eighteenth century. How many bells the Westminster bell-tower contained at the time of its demolition I have not been able to ascer-

tain; but evidently the present treble, third and fifth bells must have hung there originally.

Dean Stanley, in his *Memorials of Westminster Abbey*, (quoting from an old record) remarks with regard to the bells and campanile, "here hung the Abbey bells, which remained there till Wren had completed the Western Towers (i.e. in 1739) and which rang for coronations, and tolled for royal funerals. 'Their ringings,' men said, 'soured all the drink in the town.'" The bells must have been removed to their present position in the north-west tower some time between 1739 and 1750, the Sanctuary and the old bell-tower being demolished at the latter date.

The inscriptions on the present bells are as follows:—

Treble. + *HO* § *ANDY* § *ND* §. [i.e., "O Christ hear us."] [This bell has been ascribed to Richard Wymbish, a fourteenth century bell founder.]

Second. T. LESTER MADE ME. 1743.

Third. Campanis Patrem laudat ☿ Sonantibus Altum RM
Gabriell ☿ Good ☿ Man + Decanus † Westmon
☿ 1583. ☿

[i.e., "Praise ye the Father on high with the sounding bells, Gabriel Goodman, Dean of Westminster." This bell and the fifth bear the medallion of Robert Mot, the Whitechapel founder—3 bells and R.M. enclosed in a wreath.]

Fourth. THOMAS LESTER OF LONDON MADE ME AND WITH THE REST I WILL AGREE. 1743. † † † † †

Fifth. Campanis + Patrem ☿ Laudat ☿ Sonantibus Altum
+ Gabriell + Good ☿ Man + Decanus 1598. RM.

Tenor. REMEMBER IOHN WHITMELL ISABELL HIS WIFE AND WILLIAM RUS WHO FIRST GAVE THIS BELL 1430 † † † NEW CAST IN IULY 1599 AND IN APRIL 1738. RICHARD PHELPS T. LESTER FECIT † †

[Diameter 55½ inches. Weight about 30 cwt.]

This tenor was cast for St. Michael's, Cornhill, as the names of the donors of the original bell, reproduced on this one, testify. Stow in his *Survey of London*, in his account of St. Michael's, Cornhill, says: "The fair new steeple or bell-tower was begun to be built in the year 1421, which being finished, a fair ring of five bells therein placed, a sixth bell was added and given by John Whitwell, Isabel his wife, and William Rus, alderman and goldsmith, about the year 1430." Stow gives the first name as "Whitwell," whereas the name on the bell is "Whitmell"; but evidently the same person is intended. There is no doubt but this bell is the one he refers to; but how she came to be transferred to Westminster Abbey is a mystery.

Call-bell (in N.W. Tower). RICHARD PHELPS T. LESTER FECIT 1738.

Service-bell (in gable of South Transept). THOMAS LESTER MADE ME. 1749.

The bells, which are in the North-west Tower, are unfortunately in a bad condition, which is by no means a credit to the authorities.

FINE KENTISH RING RESTORED.

The grand old ring of eight of Biddenden, Kent, with a tenor of about 24 cwt., have been in bad order for many years, but at last they are to be put in thorough repair without delay. Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, has secured the contract to recast the treble, second and seventh bells, and to rehang the whole peal with steel headstocks, and all the most modern fittings, as well as to reconstruct the present oak framework, which is in splendid preservation, and bring the whole peal on one level.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. YORKTOWN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

Geographically the Yorktown District is one of the most awkward in the Winchester Guild for the purpose of arranging a meeting at which the members of all the townships can conveniently concentrate, although, perhaps, after all it may not be quite so much a question of geography as of railway inter-communication. But whatever may be the cause, east is east and west is west, and, while the more enthusiastic spirits may be found ready to travel to any remote corner, it is difficult to get any meeting that is really representative. On Saturday it was the turn of the east to have the annual meeting in its neighbourhood, but the state of feeling caused by the war made a tower at that end unobtainable, and the meeting had, perforce, to be transferred to the west. As a result the not unimportant group of towers near the eastern boundary was entirely unrepresented, much to the regret of all concerned. Nevertheless more than thirty ringers turned up at Bagshot, where the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Ford) had placed the bells, newly rehung and augmented to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, at the disposal of the members for some hours. The neighbouring towers were well represented, and among the visitors were Mr. A. E. Reeves (general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and Mr. W. Newell (Reading), Mr. C. Edwards, Ringing Master of the Guildford district (Farnham), Mr. and Mrs. Whittington (Cranleigh), who cycled, altogether, considerably over 40 miles to attend the meeting; Messrs. T. Colborne and Taylor, from the Croydon Bell Foundry; Messrs. F. B. Dawe and F. Bondell (Woking); and, last but by no means least, Ptes. Ronham (Reading) and Austin (Gloucester), of the Coldstream Guards, now stationed at Windsor. Ringing in all the Standard methods, from Grandsire to Double Norwich Major, was indulged in in the afternoon, and the company sat down to a capital tea at the Bagshot Institute, the Vicar presiding.

Afterwards, the business meeting was held, the Chairman welcoming the Guild to Bagshot, and hoping that they found the bells to their satisfaction and better than the old ones.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. B. Edser) apologised for the absence of the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd), and presented the annual report, which stated that during the year the work of the district had gone on very successfully. So far, the war had only affected them as regarded their combined practices, which were discontinued in August. The hon. membership was not of the best. They had kept ten hon. members for the past two or three years, and the necessity of getting new hon. members, where possible, could not be too strongly impressed, as they must all realize that they could not run the district on the support of the performing members alone, and, in addition, help the general fund of the Guild. Eleven out of the 16 towers in the district were now in union, with an average membership of nine. They had 70 performing members, 16 probationers, 21 active compounding members, and three independent members, making 110 against 101 in the previous year. The attendance at the quarterly meetings had averaged 27. The income was £11 1s. 3d., against £10 18s. 1d. last year, and the expenditure £7 12s. 8d. against £8 3s. 1d., leaving a balance to be forwarded to the Guild General Fund of £3 8s. 7d., as against £2 14s. 6d. In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary thanked the officers and members for the support and assistance they had given him during the year in arranging the meetings, etc.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The following officers were then re-elected: Auditor, Mr. W. A. Woodrow (Hersham); Representative on Central Committee, Mr. G. Miles (Yorktown); Ringing Master, Mr. W. Shepherd (Hersham); and hon. secretary, Mr. G. B. Edser. Fourteen new members, including one honorary and two compounding (Messrs. Welsby and J. H. Ridyard, now serving in H.M. Forces, and stationed in the district), were elected, and the following places chosen for the quarterly meetings: Yateley, Weybridge, Yorktown and Chertsey (annual).

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding.

A return was then made to the tower, where further touches were rung.

LADIES' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

It has fallen to the ladies' band at Portishead, Somerset, to ring the first quarter-peal for the Ladies' Guild. That there should be associated with one tower eight members of the fair sex capable of such a performance speaks volumes for the progress which ladies are making in regard to church bell ringing, and we can only believe this quarter-peal to be a stepping stone to the first complete 5000 by a company of ladies all belonging to one church. At any rate, the band seems to be exceptionally well placed to achieve this record.

The quarter-peal, which was Grandsire Triples, was rung after evening service on Sunday last, with the bells half-muffled, for those fallen in the war and occupied 48 minutes: the band being: Misses Mabel Jukes (first quarter-peal) 1, Blanche Mitchell 2, Adelaide Stokes 3, Dorothy Sage (first quarter-peal) 4, Doris Coles 5, Edith Hole (conductor) 6, Nellie Gillingham 7, Mary Jukes 8. All are residents of Portishead.

WELL-KNOWN ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

MR. WILLIAM CHALK, OF MALDON.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Wm. Chalk, the oldest member of All Saints' Company, Maldon, Essex, and one of the first members of the Essex Association. The deceased, who was 86 years of age, passed away on December 19th, after only a short illness, for, a fortnight before, he was following his occupation as a miller. He had, however, suffered from heart trouble for some time, and he eventually succumbed to "miller's" bronchitis.

A native of Chipping Hill, Witham, Mr. Chalk had been interested in bells nearly all his life, and he rang his first 720 in the year 1867. He went to live at Langford about 42 years ago, and his arrival meant a great deal for ringing in that district. There being no bells at Langford, he found his way to Maldon, two miles distant, where at All Saints' Church there was only a "stony" band, or, at any rate, a company just on the very verge of the art. Here he worked with a will, and succeeded in turning the very willing "raw material" into a first-class band, which for several years had the reputation of being one of the best six-bell companies in the county. Patience and perseverance were his characteristics, and thanks to these he did much to help on the art in his district, not only at Maldon, but at Witham and other towers, his services, naturally, being greatly appreciated.

A FIRST MEMBER.

He attended the meeting held at Writtle in 1879, when the Essex Association was formed, and he seldom missed attending the annual meeting on Whit-Monday. He was never very ambitious with regard to peal ringing, and only rang in three 5000's of Minor—at Witham and All Saints' and St. Mary's, Maldon, that at All Saints' being on the occasion of the funeral of the late King Edward. He was one of those content to do the spade work, and the pupils whom he assisted to master their first 720 would make a long list. He practised the art even in his own cottage, for he taught his four sons and six daughters the intricacies of various methods on handbells. His sons are all first-class ringers, and some of his daughters can take a couple of handbells in Triples or Caters. Mr. Chalk filled the office of churchwarden of Langford for nearly 20 years, and was also an overseer of the parish.

The funeral took place two days before Christmas, the remains being interred in a grave within 30 yards of the cottage, where he had so long resided. The service was conducted by the Rector of Langford (the Rev. C. G. Littlehales), the Rev. L. Hughes (Vicar of All Saints', Maldon), and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Totnam), hon. secretary of the Essex Association. Among the large number who attended to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased were the ringers of All Saints' and St. Mary's, Maldon, and the beautiful wreaths included one in the form of a bell from the Maldon ringers. After the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave, by: Messrs. A. J. Peake, H. J. Mansfield, J. D. Buckingham and A. Gozzett, other ringers present including Messrs. C. Tabor, R. Hutson, E. Mansfield and W. Last. In the evening, touches were rung at All Saints' and St. Mary's, Maldon, with the bells half-muffled, the ringing including 720 of Kent Treble Bob at the former, and 720 Oxford at the latter.

NEW PEAL OF SIX IN ESSEX.

The rehanging and augmentation of the bells at the Parish Church of Christall, Essex, has been in progress during the past few weeks, and was finished on Thursday in last week. There were previously four bells in the steeple, and they have been rehung in new iron frames with new steel headstocks. Two new bells have been added—a treble and second—making a nice and handy peal of six, with a tenor 8½ cwt. The work has been carried out by the well-known bell founder and hanger, Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, and reflects great credit on the firm. Several members of the Hertfordshire Association, from Barkway, Barley and Royston, were invited to try the new bells, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that the "go" and tone were excellent. During the evening touches in the following methods were rung: Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Bob Doubles; and a well-struck 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following: Alfred Howell (Ipswich) 1, Walter Mansfield (Barley) 2, Robert Howard (Barley) 3, Robert Wilkerson (Royston) 4, Harry Welham (Ipswich) 5, Robert G. King (Royston), conductor, 6.

LONG STANTON RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

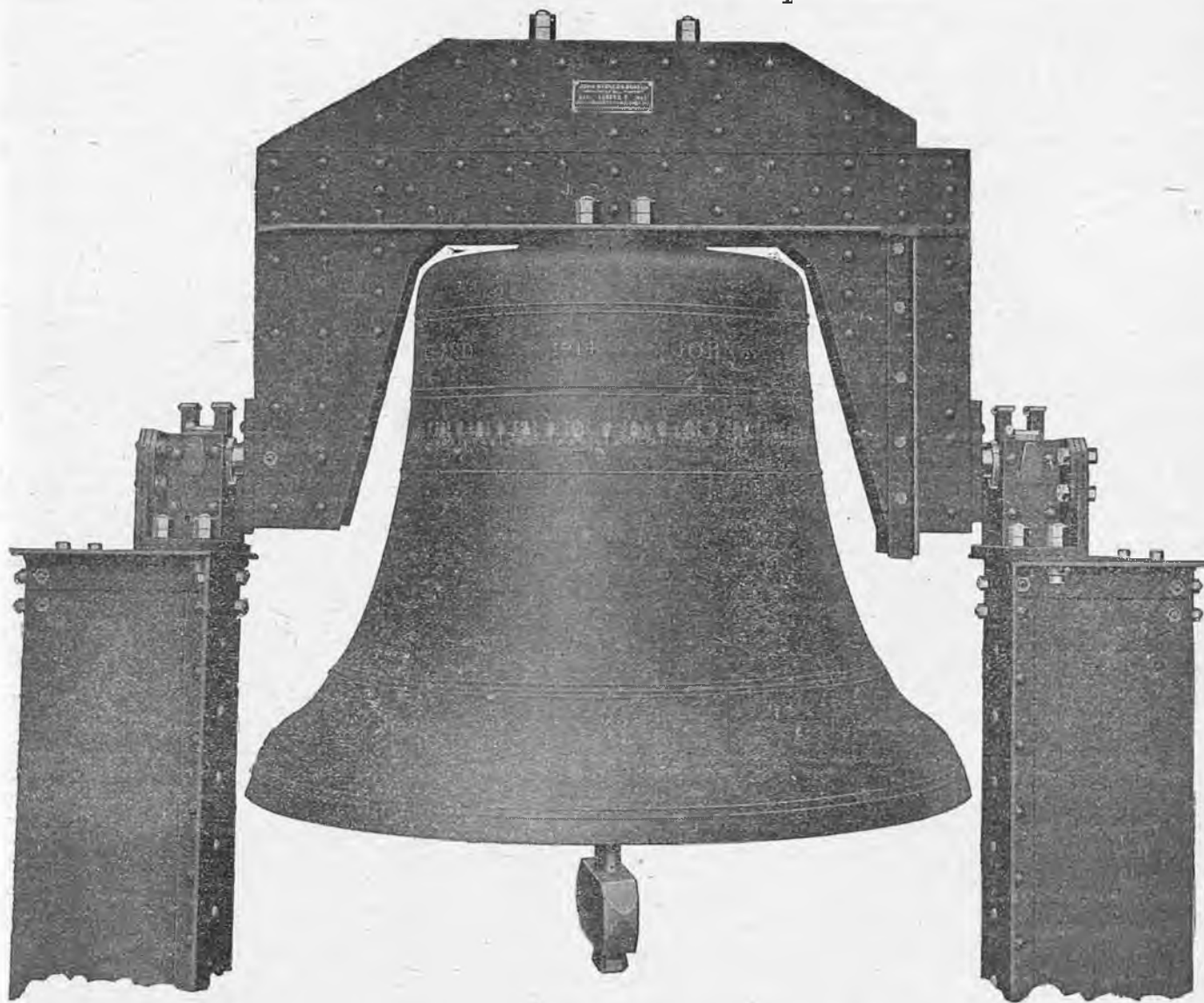
On New Year's Eve, the ringers met in the tower at 7.30, and with the help of two of their number, who are with Kitchener's Army, and are quartered at Cambridge, rang, among other touches, 120 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: Pte W. Seymour 1, G. Crisp 2, Pte E. T. Wilson 3, A. Cook 4, Rev. H. B. Woolley 5, Charles Cook (conductor) 6, L. Burgess 7, W. Neal 8.

The ringers then adjourned to the School Room for a supper provided by the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Woolley), and at midnight welcomed the New Year with some call changes.

On Sunday, January 3rd, for the Intercession service at evensong, two six-courses of Bob Doubles: Walter Neal (first six-score) 1, G. Crisp 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, A. Cook 4, C. Cook (conductor) 5, L. Burgess 6. The first six-score was rung on the back five.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at E. Farleigh on Saturday, January 9th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m., short service in church 5 p.m.—K. W. Mumford, Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Higham, on Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Bells, 6 in number (recently augmented and rehung in a new steel frame, by Howell, of Ipswich) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, 9d. each, at the Sir John Falstaff, followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions for 1915 become due on January 1st.—Edward A. G. Allen, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7. Will members please bring their subscriptions up-to-date; note rule 4.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Coseley on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. Arthur Price), and the unveiling of peal tablet by Mrs. Wm. Cheshire. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.30. Members of the Midland Counties and Worcestershire Associations and St. Martin's (Birmingham) and Dudley Guilds are also invited. Nearest stations are about six minutes' walk from the church: Decpfields and Coseley (L. & N.W.R.), Prince's End or Daisy Bank (G.W.R.).—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will take place at Gosport on Saturday, January 9th. Short service at Trinity Church at 5.30. Tea at the schoolroom, Haslar Street, at 6 o'clock. Meeting after.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Tower open at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Branch Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at Tanworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 12th, at 8.30 p.m. All subscriptions are due. Balance sheet will be presented.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, January 16th, 1915. Bells ready at 3

o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. New reports are ready. Life members will be charged 6d. each for reports.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, January 16th. Service in the Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea kindly provided at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. It is requested that all those intending to be present will let me know on or before Wednesday, January 13th.—Jas. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 16th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m. Reports now ready.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, January 16th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting for the whole district will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints', Kingston, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (10) available from 3 till 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Meat tea (members 9d., visitors 1s. 6d.) in the Mission Hall 5.40, followed by meeting for election of officers and other business. Those intending to be present at tea kindly notify before the 14th to Mr. J. Howes, 9, Hawks Road, Kingston.—Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mitcham, Surrey.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Bramley on January 16th, 1915. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the Cardigan Arms at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30. Committee meeting at 4.15. The bells at Chilvers Coton will also be available for a short time.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Allesley, Coventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held in the belfry at St. Peter's Church, Derby, on Monday, January 18th, at 7.30 p.m.—J. Lord, District Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room adjoining church.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Established 1824).—North District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, 1915, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. The tower will be open for ringing from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially welcomed.—L. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, N.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at Shoreditch, January 23rd. Tea to those who notify me by th. 19th. Tower open 2.30.—H. J. Bradley, Shoreditch Church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. R. C. Millway has removed from 4, Blenheim Square, to 156, Snargate Street, Dover, Kent.

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SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held at Chesterfield on Saturday last, when between 30 and 40 ringers put in an appearance; the following towers being represented: Bolsover, Eastwood (Rotherham), Eekington, Dore, Norton, Staveley, Sheffield Cathedral, and Worksop, together with two well-known Lancastrians, Messrs. W. H. Shaker and H. Chapman, of Pendleton. The bells were raised shortly after half-past three, and, except for a brief interval for tea, ringing was indulged in until 7.30, the methods rung varying in both variety and success, Surprise Major not going quite as well as is usual at these meetings. However, everyone obtained a course or touch that they wished, either of Major or Royal, Triples or Caters. When the bells were lowered a brief business meeting was held in the tower, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Knights, senior vice-president.—One new member was elected, and other routine business transacted, after which members dispersed with somewhat mingled feelings, the real pleasure of ringing together, and what is, perhaps, as great a delight, that of conversing together, being somewhat overshadowed with thoughts of the great war.

DEATH OF A POLICEMAN RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Police-Inspector Collins, a highly-respected member of the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, who passed away at the early age of 46 years, under exceptionally sad circumstances. Deceased was about to retire on a well-earned pension after 26 years' service in the Metropolitan Police, and, having a few days' leave due to him, transferred his household to Cromer, where he was to have spent his retirement in business. He, however, succumbed to tubercular meningitis on December 13th, after nine days' illness, only one week before completing his term with the force. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place at Cromer, and in the evening the usual funeral peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary Abbot's, by: W. E. Garrard (conductor) 1, H. Dains 2, A. W. Davis 3, P. L. Miles 4, W. G. Matthews 5, A. B. Bennett 6, W. A. Garrard 7, A. V. Selby 8, H. G. Miles 9, C. Charge 10, after which a short touch of Stedman Caters was rung, J. H. Payne and R. Charge taking part.

Although deceased had only taken part in one peal, he was a regular attendant on Sundays and practice nights, when duty permitted, and by his death the St. Mary Abbot's Guild loses a valuable member and a dear friend. Deceased was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

STOCKPORT.—On Friday, Dec. 11th, at 88, Lowfield Road, on handbells, 1475 Grandsire Caters: W. J. Hazell 1—2, H. Jackson 3—4, J. Thomas (conductor) 5—6, A. Barnes 7—8, W. Jackson 9—10.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday evening, December 13th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Norman 1, Wm. Andrews, junr., 2, Fred Norman 3, Edwin Chapman 4, A. Tout 5, A. J. Andrews 6, R. Scott (conductor) 7, F. J. Collins (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples) 8. Rung as a farewell touch to A. J. Andrews, H. Norman and E. Chapman, who were leaving on the following day to serve their King and their country.

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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BEEK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

RINGING IN 1914.

In any review of the year 1914 in any sphere of activity, the effect of the war is necessarily the outstanding feature, and in looking back over what was done in connection with ringing during the twelve months which has just closed, the most striking thing is the way in which operations in the belfry were curtailed. Immediately war broke out, ringers realised that peals for ordinary purposes would be quite out of sympathy with the public feeling, and for nearly five months our bells, except of course for service ringing and necessary practices, have remained almost silent. How little has really been done in the way of peal ringing can only be appreciated by a comparison of the figures of 1914 with those of the preceding year. For instance, taking the last four months, only 91 peals (including those on handbells) were rung, compared with 970 from September to December, 1913. The effect on the total for the year was that only 1,411 peals were rung as against 2,359 in the preceding twelve months and this, when the record for the first seven months of 1914 was well in advance of the corresponding period of the previous year. Further interesting comparison can be made from the following figures compiled from the published records of peals:—

	1913	1914		1913	1914
January ...	171	211	July.. ...	124	121
February ...	150	216	August ...	188	63
March ...	197	143	September ...	191	26
April ...	183	183	October ...	208	20
May ...	245	189	November ...	261	37
June ...	131	187	December ...	310	18

An examination of the activities of the various Associations shows that, generally speaking, those that in 1913 had done most peal ringing have once more risen to the head of affairs; indeed, an approximate computation reveals that nine out of the first ten Societies of 1913 will be among the first ten for 1914. A striking advance, however, was made by the Central Northamptonshire Association, who, from seventeenth place in 1913 have risen to near about the seventh place in 1914. Until the report of the Analyses Committee is published it is, of course, impossible to say the exact position in which the Associations will appear, but the following, we think, will prove to be somewhat near the order they will take:— 1, Norwich Diocesan (155 peals); 2, Middlesex County (83); 3, Midland Counties (107); 4, Winchester Diocesan (78); 5, Lancashire (79); 6, Kent County (85); 7, Central Northants (76); 8, Sussex County (54); 9, Yorkshire (63); 10, Oxford Diocesan (55).

Of the total peals rung, 162 were on handbells, the

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Winchester Guild again leading in this department with 35 peals. The Norwich Association rang 24, the Middlesex 19, and the College Youths, the Central Northants and the Yorkshire Associations 10 each.

The individual totals have, of course, fallen correspondingly with the number of peals rung, and those who conducted peals numbered about 550 as against 697 in 1913. Mr. A. H. Pulling headed the list of conductors with 41, the next in order being Messrs. W. Pye with 37, C. F. Bailey 24, Clement Glenn 21, Frank Bennett 18, E. M. Atkins and F. W. Naunton 17 each, E. Barnett, sen., and Keith Hart 15 each, A. C. Wright 14, J. T. Dyke and W. Steele 13 each, B. Prewett, T. H. Taffender and S. H. Symonds 12 each, D. J. Nichols 11, C. R. Lilley, F. G. May, W. Short, B. Thorp, G. Williams and Samuel Wood 10 each.

Two records were put up during the year, viz., four Surprise Major peals in one day by a band of the Middlesex Association, and the 14,000 of Treble Ten at Ashton-under-Lyne which beat the previous best that had stood for 130 years. These were the most noteworthy performances in a year, which, but for the outbreak of hostilities, had the promise of providing a further advance in the accomplishments in the tower.

In reviewing the year, we have put the peals first because they are the most tangible results. But we must not overlook the fact that, as a whole, the spade work of the various Associations went on in a very successful manner, at any rate until the general upset which the war has caused. Since August there has, in many places, been a cessation of active operations in this field, and the immediate work of many bands has been seriously affected by the men who have left to join the colours. As we have mentioned before, we think the recruiting results among ringers have been highly satisfactory and we hope when peace is once more restored that those whose patriotism has led them to take up arms in the great cause of humanity will return with renewed enthusiasm to the duties and pleasures of the belfry.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	60	1	0
Bushey Society, December collection (per Mr. B. Prewett)	0	4	6
Mildenhall Parish Church Ringers (per Mr. P. Fordham)	0	2	6
A few College Youths, meeting at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C. (per Mr. W. T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec.)	3	0	0
Ringers of Great Munden, Herts (per Mr. Barnard Patmore)	1	4	0
	£64	12	0

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	1	16	0
"Wanderer" (December contribution)	0	2	0
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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 4, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	TOM HOWARTH... .. 5
JAMES SHAW 2	WILLIAM RILEY 6
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
JOE RAWCLIFFE 4	WILLIAM WHEWELL ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
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Rung with the bells muffled for the fallen in the War. First peal in the method by all, and the first in the North of England. All the ringers belong to the local company, except A. Tomlinson who hails from Blackburn.

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On Saturday, January 9, 1915, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT's TEN-PART. Tenor, 13 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM PASSMORE... .. Treble	E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	ALFRED E. FULLICK 6
*GEORGE JONES 3	THOMAS STEDMAN 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 4	†ERNEST V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. J. Taylor.

GARSTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11th, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT's TEN-PART. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

WALTER E. HUGHES... .. Treble	JOHN TURNER 5
*JAMES HOOLEY... .. 2	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 6
GEORGE WOODHALL... .. 3	WALTER HUGHES 7
JOHN ALLEN 4	SAMUEL MILLERSHIP ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of the late Mrs. Rawlinson, of Garston.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLE3, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

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

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung with bells deeply muffled, except tenor at back stroke, on the occasion of the funeral of, and as a token of respect to, the late Mr. J. S. Read, Overseer, Deputy Chairman of Parish Council, and who was for over 30 years churchwarden of the parish, from which office he retired about 20 years ago, and who died on Jan. 7th in his 87th year. First muffled peal on the bells and by all the ringers except the conductor.

We have been specially requested to publish the two following peals in order that they may be included in the analysis for 1914:—
SPROUGHTON.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In four methods, being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

F. C. MEE Treble	H. J. MEE 4
G. W. MEE 2	E. RIVERS 5
W. BROWN 3	C. MEE Tenor

Conducted by C. MEE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. Freeman, for 25 years choirmaster and organist at Sprooughton.

SPROUGHTON.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court Bob and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob.

E. THURLOW... .. Treble	J. ROSE 4
G. W. MEE 2	W. KINSEY 5
H. J. MEE 3	E. RIVERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Thurlow, this being his first peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 27, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF S. H. SYMONDS, 5, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 1—2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 3—4
*FREDERICK G. SYMONDS... 5—6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Minor on handbells. First peal of Minor rung double-handed in the Ely Diocesan Association by a father and two sons.

PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The 5088 in your last issue (January 8th), by Mr. York Green, is a simple variation of the original which I composed in 1887, commencing the calling at the sixth course-end. The figures of the original were published in "The Ringing World," May 23rd, 1913.—
Yours truly,
C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Dear Sir,—Seeing two peals of Treble Bob Maximus in your last issue by Mr. York Green, which he claims to be the first published with those sets of course-ends, I send you one for publication, and also a peal of Royal on the same plan, composed by me and both rung ten years ago.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

5040 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.	5080 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.
23456 M W H	23456 M W H
52436 1	24536 1 2
23564 2 2	43526 2
23645 2 2 1	56234 1 1 2
32546 2 2	42635 1 1
32465 2 2 1	23564 1 2
32654 2 2 1	23645 2 2 1
23456 2 2	32546 2 2
	32465 2 2 1
	32654 2 2 1
	23456 2 2

First rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by the Royal Cumberland Youths on January 14th, 1905, in 3 hrs. and 50 mins. Conducted by the composer.

First rung on December 17th 1904, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. by the Royal Cumberland Youths, at St. James's, Bermondsey. Conducted by the composer.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

- Pte W. T. Heath, of Hurst, Berks, 4th Berks Regiment, now at Maidenhead.
 Pte T. Slott, No. 17578, and
 Pte F. Berry, No. 17576, of Brindle, Lancs, 4th Battalion Scottish Rifles, now at Fort Matilda, Greenock.
 E. G. Buesden, of Canterbury, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.
 Farrier-Sergt. A. H. Saxby, of Margate, East Kent Yeomanry.
 G. Worth, of York Minster Society, 5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, N.R., now stationed at Harrogate.
 Hubert Eden,
 C. Player, and
 G. L. Jackman, of Oxley, Herts, Battery Royal Field Artillery.
 From Christ Church, Macclesfield:—
 Pte E. Greenwood, 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment, at Aberystwyth.
 Pte C. Greenwood, 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment, at Cambridge.
 Pte A. Hurst, and
 Pte Chawall, 7th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, at Aberystwyth.
 Tpr. S. Stanwy, Cheshire Yeomanry, at Chester, and
 Tpr. J. B. Lomas, 9th Lancers, at Woolwich.
 From St. Michael's, Macclesfield:—
 Pte G. Bottomley, and
 Pte V. Norbury, 7th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, at Aberystwyth.
 From Prestbury:—
 Pte A. Hough,
 Pte W. A. Mayers, and
 Pte James Culley, 12th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, now at Seaford, Sussex.
 From All Saints' Church, Birkington, and Quex Park, Kent:—
 Sergt. G. Hitchcock, and
 Sergt. R. Sutton, 4th Batt. "The Buffs" (T.), now in India.
 Pte R. Steadman, 6th Batt. "The Buffs," now at Dover.
 Freddie Benbow, of Alfreton, wireless operator, H.M.S. "Virginia."

THE LATE MR. S. REEVES.

The fund for erecting a memorial pedestal to the late Mr. S. Reeves, of West Bromwich, will be closed on Saturday, January 23rd. All further subscriptions should, therefore, be forwarded before this date to the Rev. W. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall. The following further donations are acknowledged with thanks: Messrs. T. Ransom, R. Cartwright, T. H. Bloore, 2s. 6d. each; W. Griffin, P. J. Cope, J. H. Gallimore, G. Piggott, "Anon." 1s. each; total amount to date, £5 15s.

DEATH OF A SHREWSBURY RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death, on Jan. 2nd, of Mr. G. J. Taylor, of Shrewsbury (after a long illness), at the age of 35 years. The deceased commenced ringing when very young at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, and remained a ringer at that Church for a great many years. Of late years, however, he was also connected with St. Chad's, and Condover, where he gave valuable help to a young band. He was highly respected by his brother ringers, and by all who knew him.

The funeral took place at the General Cemetery on Wednesday of last week. The first part of the service was taken at St. Alkmund's Church, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. H. B. Beckwith, hon. secretary of the Salop Guild, of which the deceased was a member. The chief mourners were Mr. F. Taylor and Mr. W. Taylor (brothers), and Miss Taylor (sister), Rev. J. Mackay (late hon. sec. of the Salop Guild), and a number of ringers and other friends. There were several wreaths, including one from the Shrewsbury ringers. The remains were carried to the grave by ringers, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples rung at the graveside after the committal.

As a last tribute of respect, an attempt was made on Thursday evening, at St. Alkmund's, for a peal of Kent Treble Bob with the bells half-muffled, but owing to the muffles coming off two bells, the attempt had to be abandoned after ringing 1 hour 16 mins. A peal, however, was rung at Condover on Saturday, which will be found in the peal columns.

The peals rung by the deceased were as follows:

Grandsire Triples	15	Conducted 4
Stedman Triples	4	
Grandsire Caters	2	
Minor (in three methods)	1	
Grandsire Doubles	1	Conducted 1
Treble Bob Major	4	
Plain Bob Major	1	
Grandsire Major	1	
Total	29	

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday last the annual meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Southbroom, Devizes. Ringing began soon after 3 p.m., at the Church of St. James-the-Great, Southbroom, and at 5 o'clock, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Gardiner, B.D., R.D.), the ringers, to the number of 26, adjourned to St. James' Parish Room, where a bountiful tea awaited them, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master of the Guild) occupied the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. A. Sturton, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Gardiner, the Rev. Evelyn Smith (curate of Southbroom), Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. branch secretary), and ringers from the towers of Westbury, Holt, Trowbridge, Southbroom, Bromham, Devizes (St. John's), and Beechingstoke.

The secretary's annual report was presented and confirmed. It showed that 13 meetings had been held in the branch during the year, including the Guild Festival, held in May, at Trowbridge, at which 84 ringers from various parts of the Diocese attended. The aggregate number of ringers attending the 12 branch meetings amounted to 227, giving an average of 19 for each meeting. During the year, Bromham tower had joined the Guild. The number of members had increased from 200 in 1913, to 236 in 1914, of which number 105 were change ringers. The growth of the Devizes branch was shown by the following figures:—

	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910
Change Ringers	105	83	83	75	70
Round Ringers	131	117	97	71	41
Total	236	200	180	146	111

—indicating a steady increase in ringing members. They had also made 12 new life ringing members, and six honorary members during the year. Owing to the war the attendance for Sunday ringing had been very uncertain, and no week-night practices were now being held. A roll call of ringers gone to the war from the diocese was being prepared for insertion in the next report book.

Eleven peals had been rung for the Guild during the past year—not so many as hitherto, owing to the unsettled state of the country. The members of the Guild deeply regretted the death of the Rev. W. P. Schuster, Vicar of West Lulworth, and for many years their much respected and highly valued general secretary. The thanks of the Guild were due to the following gentlemen, who had so generously provided tea at the meetings held in their respective parishes, viz.: The Rector of Devizes, the Vicar of Market Lavington, the Vicar of Bishop's Cunnings, and the Vicar of Upavon.

The balance sheet for the year was then presented by the secretary, and duly adopted, showing, after payment of all expenses, a very satisfactory balance to be carried forward.

The election of officers then took place. The chairman, the Rev. J. A. Sturton, and the secretary, Mr. H. Brownlee West, were both thanked for past services, and with one consent again elected to fill their respective offices for the ensuing year.—Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, was recommended with the assent of all present, as an instructor of change ringing for the branch, and several new ringing members were also proposed and duly elected.

The next three meetings were then decided upon, viz.: January 30th, Market Lavington; February 13th, Westbury; April 10th, Melksham.

The meeting was brought to a close with a three-fold vote of thanks to the Vicar of Southbroom for his kindness in providing the tea, for the use of the Parish Room for the meeting, and also the use of the church bells.

The ringers then again indulged in ringing on the tower bells, some going also to St. John's, by the kind permission of the Rector of Devizes. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Doubles, etc., were rung until 8 o'clock, and brought to a close a very successful and satisfactory meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful practice meeting of the Western District was held at Shipley last Saturday, when upwards of 40 members attended from Bolton, Calverley, Guiseley, Halifax, Holbeck, Ilkley, Mirfield, Pudsey, Queensbury, Skipton, and the local company. The bells were available from 5.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m., and were well utilised, the following methods being rung: Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, the conducting being shared by Messrs. P. J. Johnson (Ringing Master), B. Smith, C. Pratt, J. Cotterill and F. W. Dixon. The committee take this opportunity, through the medium of "The Ringing World," of thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, also to the local company for making all the necessary arrangements.

LADIES' GUILD AND CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Ladies' Guild, which is now qualified by numbers to be represented on the Central Council, has elected Miss Edith K. Parker, the hon. sec., as the representative.

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ANOTHER RINGER KILLED.

A FAMOUS RIFLE SHOT.

Fighting for the dear old country, Corporal John Tippins, a famous rifle shot, and a ringer at Mistley, Essex, has fallen on the field of battle.

John Tippins came of ringing stock, for his father is, and his grandfather was, a change ringer, the latter being one of the best of his day in Herefordshire, and a skilled bell hanger in the bargain, while the former is still actively connected with the Mistley band. His son, who has just lost his life, had not time to do much ringing, for his chief



THE LATE CORPL. JOHN TIPPINS.

pastime was rifle shooting, and he did not ring a 5040, his longest lengths being date touches, although he was a very safe ringer in the Grandsire, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob methods. He, however, had rung only on six bells, and almost all his ringing was done at Mistley.

It was on the rifle ranges that he secured the greatest distinction; indeed so great was his skill that short of winning the King's Prize itself, nearly all the honours that could be gained he had won. He was in the final stage of "The King's" in 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911 and 1913; he won the Wimbledon Cup in 1910; the Association Cup in 1909; the Service Rifle Championship in 1911 and the Albert in the same year.

He was one of the English Twenty and shot in all the teams but the Elcho in 1914, and had shot in a previous

year in that. He was one of the Empire team going to Australia this year and was famous as a team shot and in all forms of deliberate and rapid fire. He was formerly a sergeant in the 5th and 8th Essex Regiments, but since the war broke out had joined the 2nd Essex Regiment, in which he was a corporal. He met his death while fetching water for his maxim gun.

Ringers, and Essex men particularly, will regret to learn of the death of so good a soldier and will extend their warmest sympathy to the bereaved parents.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday last at St. John's Church, Higham. The bells were available from 3 p.m. A short service was also held, at which visiting ringers numbered twelve. There were also several parishioners. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. Allen, D.D.).

The District Secretary (Mr. E. A. G. Allen) presided at the organ. Tea, to which ample justice was done, was kindly provided by the Vicar, and was served at the St. John Falstaff Hotel.—Mr W. J. Walker was voted to the chair for the business meeting.—The report of the district for the year 1914 showed that 29 peals had been scored, and that the bells in two towers had been overhauled, namely, Shorne and Higham. At the former the work consisted of a new steel frame for eight bells, and rehanging the old six complete with new fittings throughout. At Higham, a new steel frame for six bells, rehanging the old five with new fittings, and adding a treble. The opinion of all who had rung at either place was that they reflected the greatest credit on Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who had carried out the work. The only drawback at Higham was the noise in the belfry which needed remedying.

The Hon. Secretary was thanked for his report, and two new members, of the Tunstall band, were elected.

Cobham was selected for the half-yearly meeting, to be held in March.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for so kindly providing tea, and also for the use of the bells. The tower was again visited until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal. After a course on handbells, the gathering broke up, with the expression of opinion that those present had thoroughly enjoyed a small but very pleasant meeting.

PRESENTATION TO A RETIRING SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District was held at East Farleigh on Saturday. In accordance with a resolution passed at the Central Committee in December last, it was decided to make out a list of all the ringers who are serving their country with the colours. In order to do this it is hoped that every ringer who enlists will notify his district secretary, stating his regiment, rank, etc. The roll of honour is to be published with the annual report for 1915.

The Rev. K. W. Mumford, who has for two years acted as district secretary for Maidstone, having accepted a curacy at Dunstable Parish Church, it was necessary to elect a new district secretary, and Mr. S. Hazzleden, of East Farleigh, was unanimously elected to this post. He said he would do his best to make ringing go forward in the locality, and thanked the members for honouring him with the position. The cloth, he said, was different, but not so much as might be expected. The retiring secretary's was once black, and his was once grey, but now they were both much nearer another shade. He then asked the chairman (the Rev. H. B. Littlewood), on behalf of the members, to present the Rev. K. W. Mumford with a brown leather satchel case as a parting gift from the ringers, and in appreciation of his services.—The Rev. K. W. Mumford said that the splendid bag, which had his initials stamped upon it in gold, would be of constant service to him in the future and a perpetual reminder of the very pleasant two years he had spent with the bell ringers of the Maidstone district. He thanked them deeply for their real expression of gratitude for the little that he had been able to do for them.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Manchester branch was held on Saturday last at the Cathedral, when a goodly number of members and friends put in an appearance. Mr. John Eachus, who presided over the business meeting, expressed deep regret that their old friend Mr. Jas. Barratt (who had passed over to the great majority), was no longer with them with his genial smile and welcome voice.—Mr. J. Wright, of the local company, was elected a performing ringing member.—Pendlebury was chosen as the next meeting place.—A discussion as to how best honour might be shown to those who have gone to serve their king and country took place, and will be further discussed at the half-yearly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Dean and wardens, and to the local ringers for having things in readiness.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 5th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Pettit 1, J. Hendry 2, M. Hobbs 3, H. Saddington 4, H. Meadows 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6.

THE WEST HAM SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual social gathering of the West Ham Society, held on Friday evening last at the Bay Tree, West Ham, evinced the fact that, notwithstanding the calamities of war, the gloom of winter, and the restricted use of the tower bells, there remains in the heart of all true lovers of our art, a bright and hopeful element for the future, when he shall ring the message of peace and goodwill to all mankind.

As a visitor, one could soon distinguish the magnetic influence and personality of the captain, Mr. Wm. Doran. Though verging on the allotted span of life, he is still remarkably keen in all matters relating to his office of steeple keeper, which he has with great credit held for twenty years. He has a record of more than fifty years change ringing, and recently conducted from the treble a good peal of Stedman Caters. William is among the few remaining old Suffolk "bricks," who seldom lose their native brogue or originality. To William a spade is a spade, no matter others call it a shovel. Sometimes his memory plays him fine tricks, and while ringing "gets owt somehow or other." But to-night our hero was in good form, and took the chair with all his usual firmness of purpose. Mr. F. Newman took the subordinate chair. This was an occasion when the proceeds of a chase round West Ham for Christmas boxes was to be declared, a very much declining old custom, rapidly becoming obsolete. The chairman, giving his Christmas experience, told how he had "an awful time and got wet, feeling as miserable as any one of the twelve sons of Jacob." Whether this allusion to such a biblical and historical family was unconsciously suggested by Reuben Hardy facing the speaker cannot well be determined. William stated he had serious thoughts of retirement next May, when he claimed Lloyd George's legacy. "I think," said the speaker, in an effective peroration, "the owl has done his bit."

Mr. Newman proposed the adoption of the report, which was carried. He hoped their old friend Doran would remain in office many years, and though the "owl has," as he chose to call himself, might lose his legs, he hoped his head would remain steady.

Then ensued a novel performance on twelve handbells. Messrs. Newman, Truss, Doran, Moule, Torble and Hayden ringing two bells each to a course of Bob Minor, not at all musical to the ear of the writer. Then followed a course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Sanders, Moule, Truss and Seales. It then became evident that time was limited, and that the musical portion of the programme must be curtailed. A song by Mr. G. F. Margetson and a few popular airs on the piano by Mr. Fiddes, brought a very enjoyable evening to its close. Mr. Harry Long had to abandon his customary song, "Round goes the wheel," but as the landlord bolted his doors at our heels, someone, in an undertone, sang "Out in the cold and dreary street, out in the mud and driving sleet."

With the usual parting wish, that of a Happy New Year, extending the sentiment to all readers of "The Ringing World," the social annual of the West Ham ringers ended.

Our pleasures o'er what further need be said?
For now the fun had ceased, we sought our bed,
To sleep, perchance to dream, in certain hope
Such joys to those alone who pull the rope.

G. F. MARGETSON.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very enjoyable and helpful meeting of the Crewe branch was held at Alsager. The welcome extended to the branch at this place is invariably so generous and cordial that the meeting is voted one of the most attractive of the year. The present one proved no exception to the rule, the annual official visit of the general secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeston) and the presence of the new Master of the Guild (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke) adding further interest to it. The proceedings commenced with a visit to the tower, where the bells were requisitioned until tea-time, when, on adjourning to the school, it was found that the church authorities had prepared an excellent repast for the visitors, to which, as usual, full justice was done, and for which the donors were heartily thanked.

At the service which followed in church, the Vicar gave a practical and appropriate address, and intercessions for our soldiers and sailors, and for a righteous and permanent peace were included.

Subsequently, after re-assembling in the school, the General Secretary, after complimenting the branch on the manner in which its affairs were administered, submitted several matters concerning it to the members for their consideration which, if adopted, would, he believed, materially contribute to the advancement of the objects of the Guild.

A final visit to the tower, where a good practice in some of the standard methods took place, terminated a successful gathering. Four towers were well represented, together with a few visitors from the Potteries, over forty members being present.

In connection with our article in the issue of January 1st upon Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, it should have been stated that he is the newly elected Master of the Guild, and not the President, who is the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

PRESENTATION AT SOUTHAMPTON.

After the service on Sunday evening, Dec. 20th, the members of the St. Mary's band, Southampton, met in the belfry to do honour to two friends who have so ably and patiently taught the young band to ring. Those present included the Rector (the Rev. E. Neville Lovett), Alderman C. J. Sharp (Churchwarden), Messrs. G. S. Houghton (Captain), W. F. Fagan (Hon. Secretary), W. J. Butler (Hon. Treas.), a good muster of the band, and several ladies. The captain, in suitable words, eulogised the splendid work done by Mr. Wilkes, and the Rector, in asking Mr. Wilkes' acceptance of a framed illuminated address and umbrella, expressed his pleasure in making the presentation, and hoped that when the bells were rung on New Year's Eve, his work would show considerable progress and give him the credit which he richly deserved.—Mr. Wilkes, who was taken by surprise, expressed his thanks to the band for their present, and hoped he would spend many evenings with them in teaching the art of change ringing.—The Rector then asked Mr. Hunt to accept from the band a cigarette case, with his initials stamped in gold, for which Mr. Hunt returned thanks. The proceedings then terminated, after an expression of thanks being accorded the Rector for attending. The wording of the address presented to Mr. Wilkes was as follows:

"St. Mary's, Southampton. Christmas 1914.

"The St. Mary's band of ringers wish to express their deep gratitude to Mr. Wilkes for the kindness shown to them, by instructing them in the art of church bell ringing, and ask him to accept a small token as a mark of their esteem."

Then follow the signatures.

BELLS RING IN THE NEW YEAR FOR FIRST TIME.

The bells of St. Mary's Church rang in the New Year for the first time, on January 1st, and the event was marked by a special gathering in the belfry. There were present the Rector (the Rev. E. Neville Lovett), the churchwardens (Ald. C. J. Sharp, J.P., and Mr. A. I. Russell), together with a goodly number of members of the choir, as well as church workers.

Mr. G. S. Houghton, captain of St. Mary's band, tendered those who had attended a hearty welcome to the belfry, stating that the occasion was unique, as there were not many towns where there were bells going to be rung for the first time. He thanked Mr. H. W. Wilkes, captain of the St. Michael's band of bell ringers, for the assistance he had rendered in training those of St. Mary's.

The Rector said anxiety was still upon them, national as well as personal, and it was not intended to ring the bells yet; but it was thought better for several reasons they should bring along the ringing at a time when their hopes were high. They were trusting to God that the year just coming in would not be far advanced before peace would be restored. The year, which was closing with such anxiety, and such desperate straits for their country, the Empire, and the world, had been curiously a year in the history of St. Mary's for which they must all thank God, as they had completed the tower and spire, and had placed there the peal of bells. He would always thank God for the wonderful way they had been blessed that year. He congratulated the bell ringers. That time last year there were no ringers, and now St. Mary's had its band of ringers, who by hard work, devotion, and real enthusiasm in everything to do with St. Mary's, had made them capable of ringing in the New Year, it having been decided not to ring out the old one.

The hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung, and prayer offered by the Rector, who just on the hands of the belfry clock pointing to the midnight hour, rang the tenor bell twelve times, after which the peal of bells rang out for twenty minutes, those taking part being Messrs. Spence, Withers, Butler, Murray, Fagan (hon. sec.), Tucker, Phillips, Withers, Houghton (captain), H. W. Wilkes, Mursell, and Hunt.

A large number of persons had assembled in the vicinity of the church to hear the bells rung for the first time.

INTERCESSION DAY TOUCHES.

Among the touches rung on Sunday week, Intercession Day, with bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, were the following:

BOYSTON, HERTS.—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: F. G. Griffin 1, H. Bonnett 2, W. Manning 3, S. E. Roberts 4, Pte E. Bonnett 5, R. G. King 6. Conducted by Pte E. Bonnett, 3rd Beds Regiment, stationed at Felixstowe.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. F. Shepherd 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, J. Emery 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, A. Woodrow 5, F. Shepherd 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, R. J. Polley 8.

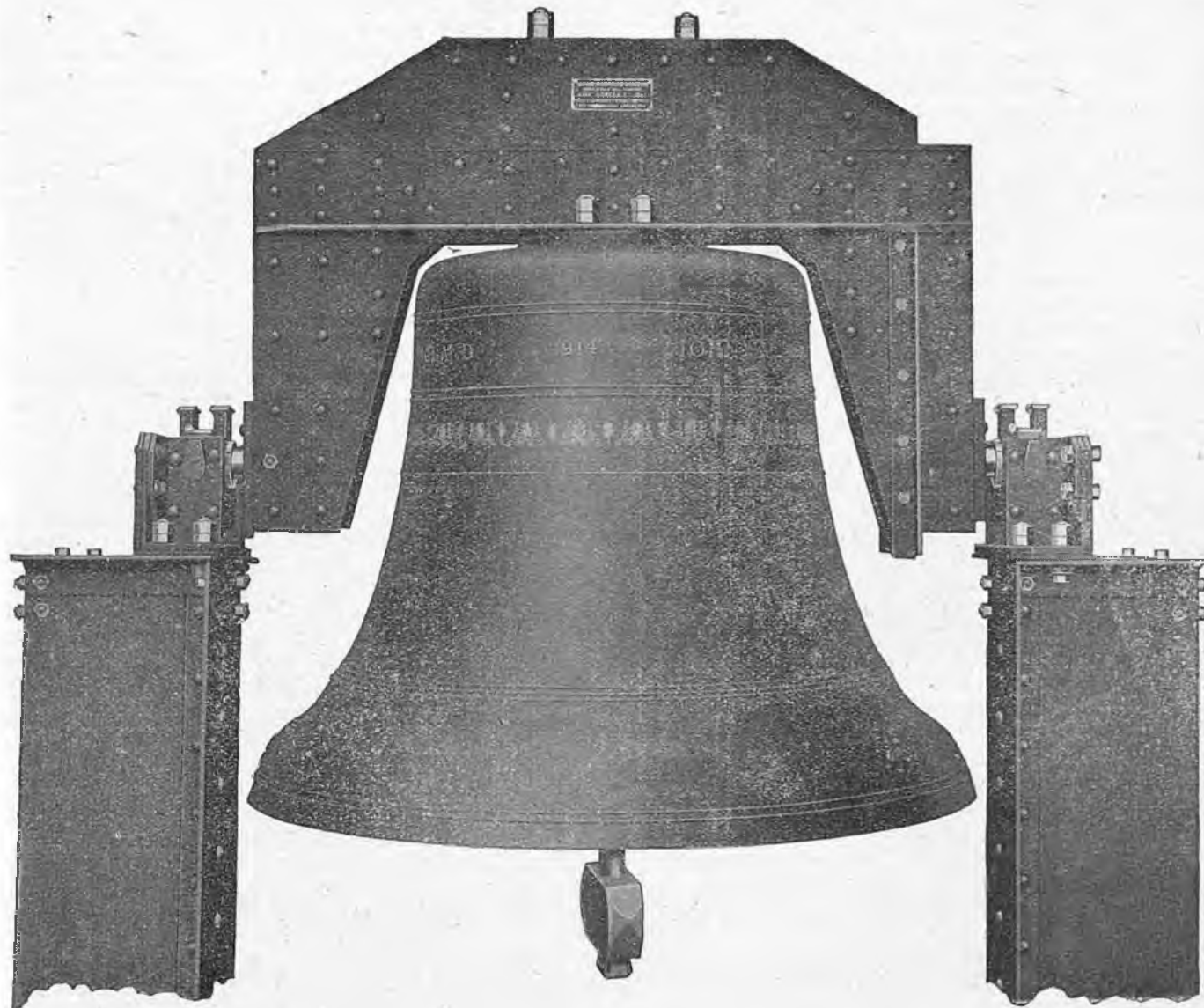
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At St. Peter's Church, several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells muffled, by: Messrs. T. Allott, Geo. Lowe, J. W. Holme, H. Holme, H. Palmer, H. Kershaw, R. Mills, D. Wolstencroft and W. W. Wolstencroft.

DENHOLME, YORKS.—For evening service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major, with the bells deeply muffled: T. Baneroff 1, W. Foster 2, A. Hovle 3, B. Holmes 4, E. Rawnsley 5, A. Baneroff 6, V. Bairstow 7, F. Baneroff 8.

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, January 16th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. New reports are ready. Life members will be charged 6d. each for reports.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, January 16th. Service in the Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea kindly provided at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—Jas. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 16th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m. Reports now ready.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, January 16th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting for the whole district will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints', Kingston, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (10) available from 3 till 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Meat tea (members 9d., visitors 1s. 6d.) in the Mission Hall 5.40, followed by meeting for election of officers and other business.—Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mitcham, Surrey.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Bramley on January 16th, 1915. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the Cardigan Arms at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30. Committee meeting at 4.15. The bells at Chilvers Coton will also be available for a short time.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Allesley, Coventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held in the belfry at St. Peter's Church, Derby, on Monday, January 18th, at 7.30 p.m.—J. Lord, District Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room adjoining church.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Established 1824).—North District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, 1915, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. The tower will be open for ringing from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially welcomed.—L. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, N.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at Shoreditch, January 23rd. Tea to those who notify me by the 19th. Tower open 2.30.—H. J. Bradley, Shoreditch Church.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Divine service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. Canon Donald Tait, who will also provide tea for those who send their names to me not later than Tuesday, January 26th; business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Pershore, on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available, St. Andrew's (6) from 3 p.m. till 5.30; The Abbey (8) 7 p.m. till 8.30.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater, on Saturday, January 23rd. St. Mary's bells available from 2 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity Church, 4 p.m. Tea, Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 5, meeting to follow.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary notice. The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge, on Saturday, January 30th, 1915. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, January 30th. Committee meeting at 3.30, tea and general meeting at 4. The Foundry peal will be available for ringing until 6 o'clock, after that handbell ringing only. Messrs. Taylor & Co. are generously providing the tea for those who notify them not later than January 23rd of their intention to be present.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate (by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peplow), on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. to members who inform me by the 27th inst. of their intention to be present.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Halifax on Saturday, January 30th. For particulars see circular sent to each local branch. Important to life members: There is now no distinction between "single" and "double" star members, and all life-members are now entitled to a Report on payment of 1s. (postage 2d. extra). Application should be made to the District Secretary. Non-residents may, if desired, apply to me.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Gen. Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bray on Saturday, February 6th. Service 4.45. Tea and business to follow. Bells will be rung before and after service. Tea will be provided only for those sending their names to me not later than February 1st.—Rev. P. Gordon Levy, 49, All Saints' Avenue, Maidenhead.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. James George, of Rugby, has removed to 274, Kingsbury Road, Erdington, Warwickshire. Will Secretaries of Associations and others kindly note.

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PRESENTATION TO A SOLDIER.

The bells at Holy Trinity Church, Skipton, were deeply muffled on Sunday, January 3rd, both morning and evening, in connection with the Intercession Services. In the evening touches of Double Norwich, Superlative, and Grandsire were rung, and during a halt occasion was made for the presentation to Pte F. C. Billows, of the 10th Devons, Kitchener's Army (who was home for a short furlough), of a wrist watch and strap. The watch was handed to the recipient by Mr. Hy. Horner, who voiced the feelings of the company by wishing Pte Billows every good luck whilst in the service, and a safe return.—Pte Billows feelingly responded.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—On handbells, at 55, Rhondda Street, on December 17th, 720 Bob Minor; on December 24th, 720 Bob Minor; on December 29th, 720 Bob Minor; on December 31st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 34 mins.: Sydney A. Perry 1-2, James A. Hoare 3-4, J. Arthur Hoare (conductor) 5-6.

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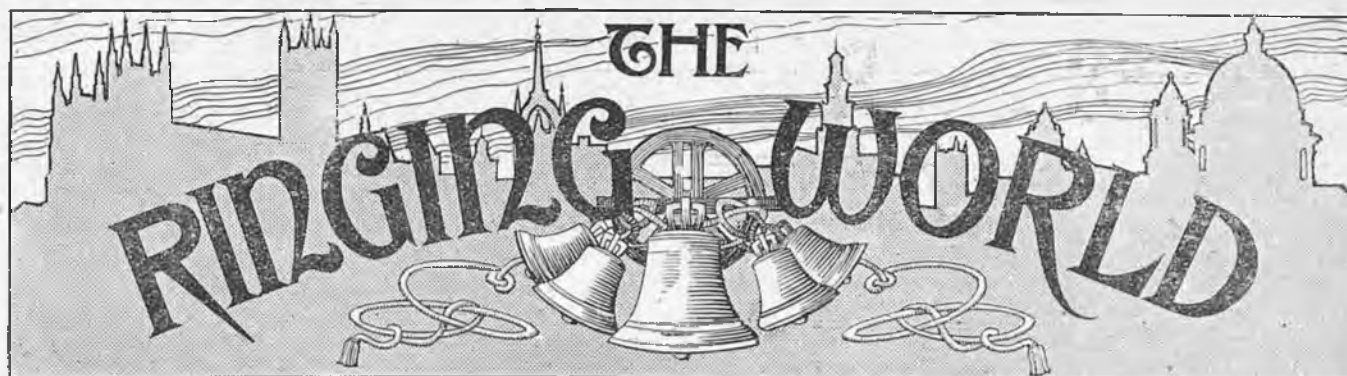


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect Diocesan Surveyor

WAR AND PEALS.

The more one looks at the figures which we were able to publish last week relating to the peals rung during 1914, as compared with the performances of 1913, the more one is struck by the unanimous cessation of this part of ringers' activities, and we revert to it, even at the risk of being thought by some to dwell unduly upon what was, after all, only a duty to public feeling. We have never hesitated to express the opinion that, unless it has some very special object, peal ringing, which, let it be frankly admitted, is largely indulged in for the personal pleasure of the ringers, would be out of place in such a time of national stress and anxiety as the present, and nothing could be more striking than the way in which this appreciation of the spirit of the period was at once realised and acted upon by ringers throughout the country. As in larger things, so in this matter, there has been a complete sinking of personal desires. It was not left to the clergy to decide whether it was fitting or not for peals to be rung. With one accord the Exercise, which at all times through the voices of the bells, has the opportunity of interpreting national, as well as parochial feeling, called a "stand" to peals on our church bells, except where it has been desired to pay a tribute to the dead, or, under some exceptional circumstance, to honour the living. We believe that when the time comes once more for the bells to ring out for victory and peace—an enduring peace we hope—ringers will stand even higher in the estimation of the public for their present action.

If we take the last four months of the year—complete months of war—we find that only 101 peals were rung, or an average of only six per week, as against an average of 57 per week in the corresponding months of 1913, while, of course, it must not be forgotten that there was in 1914 a considerably larger proportion of handbell peals than in the preceding year during the same time. The most striking difference to be found in the figures are in those for December. In that month in 1913 the peals reached the total of 310, a number unapproached in any other month in the annals of ringing. In December, 1914, only 18 peals were rung. When we remember that the Christmas festival is included the figures are eloquent.

In many places, of course, practices as well as peals have ceased, and we notice that in this matter the ringers of St. Martin's, Birmingham, who were among the first to suspend their weekly practice night, intend to follow the resolution passed on the outbreak of war. Other towers, however, are now resuming their operations in this direction, and in this way hope to keep their men together; that is, those of them who have not undertaken sterner duties among the fighting forces of the Crown.

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BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1915, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

†WALTER GOSSAGE Treble	CHARLES MACKENZIE ... 5
THOMAS MILLER 2	JOHN EATON 6
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
PTB. EDWARD LARGE 4	*THOMAS FEERICK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Lawrence Kelly, who was connected with the choir for 52 years; also to John Heeley, macebearer and server for 50 years at the above Cathedral, who died suddenly.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, January 17, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At "AUBURN," WIMBORNE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... 1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5—6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3—4	WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Umpire: ARTHUR H. HARBOUR.

The composition has the 6th the extent "right," and twenty times "wrong."

LONDON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 17, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At 130, CLONMORE STREET, SOUTHFIELDS, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 1—2	*CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 5—6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 3—4	MISS ELSIE MATTHEWS ... 7—8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal; aged 16½.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

"HENRY JOHNSON" DINNER TO BE HELD AS USUAL.

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday of last week, the presiding Ringing Master, Alderman G. S. Pritchett, M.A., being in the chair.

The whole of the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, the Secretary congratulating the chairman, on behalf of the members, on the high honour recently conferred on him by the Freemasons, he having been appointed Steward of the Grand Lodge of England.

Messrs. R. Faux and W. Painter were elected vice-presidents, as a mark of appreciation of their long membership and many services to the Guild. Mr. Painter was unfortunately too ill to be present, but Mr. Faux suitably responded, thanking those present for doing him what he considered a very high honour.

The annual balance sheet, which is a very satisfactory document, showing a substantial increase in the Guild's bank balance over last year, was unanimously adopted. The most interesting item in this, perhaps, the anonymous gift by a member who rang in it, of the sum of £5 15s. to defray the cost of erecting a marble tablet in the belfry of St. Martin's, to record the "century" peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the bells, and the Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the donor for his generosity. The tablet, which is a very fine one by Messrs. O. C. Hawkes, Ltd., of Birmingham, is now in the belfry awaiting fixing.

After full consideration, it was unanimously agreed to hold the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner as usual, and arrangements will accordingly be made for this to be held on Saturday, February 27th next, at "Ye Olde Royal" Hotel.

Mr. W. H. Godden was re-elected as the Guild's representative on the Central Council, and, with other officers, received a hearty vote of thanks for his past services.

In accordance with the resolution passed on the outbreak of the war, the practice at St. Martin's will remain suspended until further notice.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further subscription to the Prince of Wales' Fund has been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	64	12	0
Ringers of St. Peter's, Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire (Messrs. A. Butler, A. Hamshire, F. Lane, J. Miles, C. Powell and Jb. Preece) (per Mr. Jb. Preece) ...	0	10	0
Total	£65	2	0

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M. Forces:—

Corpl. James E. Davis, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.

Pte F. Berry, of Middleton, Lancs. 9th Batt. King's Own Lancashire Regiment.

Pte J. Arrowsmith, junr., of Middleton, 24th Manchester "Pals" Battalion.

Clifford Cooke, of St. Catharine's, Pontypridd, Army Service Corps, now at Aldershot.

Alfred Miller, of St. James', Taunton, Railway Engineers, now in France.

Jesse T. Dyke, of Midsomer Norton, 8th Batt. Gloucestershire Regiment.

The following from St. Dony's, Rotherfield, Sussex:—

O. Holmwood,

H. Hammond and

E. Baldeck, Royal Sussex Regiment, stationed at Cooden, near Bexhill.

A. Harman, Royal Flying Corps, now in France.

Squadron-Sergt. Major L. C. Franklin, of Biggleswade, Bedfordshire Yeomanry.

Pte H. B. Smith, of Biggleswade, Bedfordshire Yeomanry.

Pte G. W. Newlon, of Old Warden, Bedfordshire Yeomanry.

From Westbury-on-Savern:—

Pte W. T. Hart, 5th Gloucesters, now at Chelmsford.

Pte F. Allen, 3rd Gloucesters, at Woolwich.

Pte A. Poulson, 8th Gloucesters, at Weston-super-Mare.

Pte W. Glead, 10th Gloucesters, at Cheltenham.

Tpr. A. Allen, Gloucester Hussars, at Gloucester.

Tpr. Ayland, Gloucester Hussars, at Gloucester.

Tpr. R. Preston, 3rd Hussars, at Bristol.

Tpr. A. Whiting, 3rd Hussars, at Bristol.

Lance-Corpl. C. J. Allen, Worcesters, at Fowey, Cornwall.

Pte S. Allen, R.E., Monmouth Reserve, at the Front.

Driver R. Hawker, Canadian F.A., at Salisbury.

GLouceSTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Woodchester, when 29 ringers attended. The bells were rung to various touches of Grandsire, Doubles and Bob Minor till 5 p.m., when service was held in the old Parish Church. The Rector (the Rev. G. E. Watton) officiated, and Mr. S. W. Underwood, F.R.C.O., who is a member of the Association, presided at the organ. The association's special form of service was used, and the Rector gave an inspiring address. Friends at Woodchester entertained the party to tea at the Schools, the Rector and Mrs. Watton, Mr. E. Wise (churchwarden), Miss Wise and Miss B. A. Workman attending their needs.

A business meeting followed, at which the Rector presided. The Hon. Branch Secretary (Mr. W. Hale) presented the report for 1914, from which it appeared that eight meetings had been held with an average attendance of 23. Eight new members had been elected. The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £4 3s., which was considered most satisfactory.

All the officers were re-elected and thanked for their services.—One new member was elected, and Stonehouse was selected for the quarterly meeting in March, and Chalford and Frocester for the intervening meetings.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had assisted, and regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. H. Workman, an old friend, through indisposition.

A portion of the ringers again visited the tower, and the bells were rung to various musical touches in the standard methods during the evening, whilst others enjoyed ringing Grandsire, Stedman and tunes on a splendid peal of handbells.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Dec. 20th, for evening service, 720 Double Court: J. Hedson 1, J. Hendry 2. A. E. Fourt 3. H. Saddington 4, J. Pettit 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6.

THE PICTURE AT ST. PETER MANCROFT.

PROBABLY NOT THAT OF SAMUEL THURSTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It will doubtless still be in the recollection of many of your readers that early last year a picture by Stannard was discovered in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. You published at the time—in your issue of May 22nd—an interesting account of it, and of the circumstances connected with its being brought to light. It was only natural that the picture should have been taken as a portrait of SAMUEL THURSTON, and the following reasons seemed at the time to justify that conclusion:—

- (a) It was taken from the tablet recording the peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus of 1817, in which Thurston rang the tenor;
- (b) The part Thurston took in this peal had been specially recognised by the gift to him of the silver-gilt clasp;
- (c) It was thought the figure in the picture bore some likeness to his portrait;
- (d) It was painted just at the time when Thurston's fame was at its height; and,
- (e) It was found in the belfry.

But there seem good reasons for forming a very different opinion. It so happened that Dr. Mann, of Cambridge, paid a visit to St. Peter Mancroft in the early summer (1914), when he saw the newly-found picture, and at once claimed it as a portrait of JOHN CHARLES BECKWITH, a former organist of the church, who in his day was as great a celebrity in his profession, as was Thurston as a ringer. Dr. Mann is an undoubted authority on the history of music, and of Norwich musicians in particular, and what he does not know of these latter would not be worth knowing. In a letter to me in July he points out that:—

- (1) The belfry picture is patently a copy of a well-known picture of the great composer Handel;
- (2) An artist painting a picture of a bell ringer would have somewhere introduced a bell or something connected with bell ringing, while on the contrary, the figure holds a scroll of music;
- (3) John Charles Beckwith was the organist at St. Peter Mancroft in 1817;
- (4) His father Dr. Beckwith, who was organist before him, had had his portrait painted before 1807, and thus it was the fashion for the Mancroft people to so treat their organists.
- (5) The present belfry was at that time merely a large room behind the organ, and was most probably used as a music-room. The sacred oratorios of the original Norwich Musical Festivals were from 1788 to 1813 (and possibly later) performed at St. Peter's;
- (6) When the organ was moved away from the west end of the church at the restoration of the interior in 1851, this picture was left behind, and ultimately got put on the top of one of the peal boards.

All this seems to me very convincing. I should like just to add that previously to 1882 the ringing room was at a higher level—above the great west window, whither it was presumably raised in 1775, when the ring of twelve bells came. There can, I think, be no doubt that the peal tablets were re-arranged at the restoration of the tower in 1882.—Yours faithfully,

G. P. BURTON.

137, Newmarket Road, Norwich.

3rd January, 1915.

* A print of the original picture, "The Apotheosis of Handel," has now been secured for the belfry, and has been hung near the large painting.

FIRST SUNDAY RINGING AT CONISBORO'.

On Sunday week the churchpeople of Conisboro', Yorks, were glad to hear their recently installed ring of eight bells (by Messrs. Taylor and Co.) calling them to Sunday services for the first time. In response to an invitation from the Vicar, wardens, and congregation to entertain them for the day, the following members of the Yorkshire Association paid a visit to Conisboro', and rang for both services: J. H. Brothwell, J. Cottam, C. Glenn, and A. Hague (Rotherham), D. Brearley (Bolsterstone), A. H. Ward (Derby), S. Wesley (Nottingham) and R. Richardson (Surfleet). The party were met on arrival by Mr. S. Harrison, formerly of the Bolsterstone company, and now of Conisboro', who is instructing the newly-formed band. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were rung, the sound of the bells, now heard on Sunday for the first time, being enjoyed by all. In the afternoon Mr. Jones, the genial churchwarden, conducted the ringers over the remains of the historic Castle of Conisboro', built probably from 1086-9 by William De Warrene, Earl of Surrey, who married Gundrada, a daughter of William the Conqueror. The remains of William De Warrene and his wife are buried in Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex. Readers of Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe" will recollect that Conisboro' Castle figures prominently in the book. The lofty walls of the strong hexagonal keep, which occupy the crown of a hill, are still intact. On to the very topmost points of the walls four of the party climbed, and rang a short touch of Stedman Triples on the handbells, but being exposed to the full force of the wintry wind, were only too glad to clamber down again to a more sheltered and a safer position.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT KINGSTON.

The ancient borough of Kingston has had a close connection with the Surrey Association ever since the society was formed, and a specially cordial welcome to the members is always extended whenever they return for their annual meeting, for the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. W. Young) was the first secretary, and has remained from the foundation of the Association in 1880 its hon. treasurer. Various circumstances made the attendance last Saturday smaller than usual for the annual meeting, but it was, nevertheless, fairly representative. The unusual ringing of the bells caused quite a lot of excitement among the inhabitants, and when the ringing ceased for the service, it is said that some 300 or 400 people were assembled outside the gates. No one quite knew why they were there, but someone had seen an officer in uniform enter the church, and there was a motor-car waiting outside. This combination of circumstances, with the ringing of the bells, was quite enough to start a rumour—that there was a khaki wedding being solemnised. And so the crowd collected waiting for the bride and bridegroom who did not appear, and apparently ignorant of the fact that marriages in England cannot take place at as late an hour as 5 p.m. The officer in uniform was the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Cyril Johnston), who is serving as a Lieutenant in the Public School Corps, and who was able, to the delight of the members, to join them for their meeting, albeit he was relieved of his secretarial duties by his energetic assistant, Mr. C. Reading. Among the visitors were Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Cumberland Youngs), Mr. A. D. Barker, of Islington; Mr. A. W. Grimes, of Dorken; Miss R. L. Bennett and Mr. F. Hairs, of Clapham; Mr. T. Beadle, of Isleworth; and members of the Association from Christ Church and SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, Reigate, Leatherhead, Hersham, Wimbledon, Epsom, Mersham, Molesey, Kingston, Croydon, Streatham, etc.

At the special service the Vicar gave an appropriate address based upon the words, "I had rather be a door-keeper in the House of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness," Ps. cxxiv, 10. Tea was afterwards served in the Parish Institute, and was followed by the meeting, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the curate, the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. F. Johnston), the hon. assistant secretary (Mr. C. Reading), Mr. H. P. Ewins (hon. secretary Southern District), and Mr. A. F. Shepherd (hon. secretary Western District), etc.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

In his report for the year, the Master stated that up to the end of July their practice and peal ringing went on quite normally, but owing to the war most of the ringing had been suspended. As to how the war had affected ringing throughout the country they would have seen from the very interesting article which had appeared in "The Ringing World" on the previous day. Proceeding, Mr. Drewett referred in sympathetic terms to the loss which the Association had sustained by the death of three of their members: Mr. Hoad, of Reigate, a member since 1888; Mr. Henry Brooker, who was formerly for some years their auditor; and Mr. Baskford, a promising young ringer, who went down on the "Good Hope" in the naval battle in the Pacific. Mr. Drewett also referred to the celebration during the year of the diamond wedding of Mr. Samuel Greenwell, one of the founders of the Association, and the oldest ringing member they had. He read out a roll of honour of members who have joined H.M. Forces (their names have appeared from time to time in "The Ringing World"), and said he thought it reflected considerable credit on their Association that so many had volunteered to fight for their country. As to peals, the Association up to August 4th rang 20 in the Central district and 13 in the Southern. Since the war commenced one peal had been rung in the Central district, and two muffled peals in the Southern, making a total of 36 for the year, as against 71 in 1913, 32 in 1912 and 20 in 1911. In the last report the membership was given as 158 in the Central district, 85 in the Southern, and 22 in the Western. During 1914 they elected nine new ordinary members in the Southern district, and three in the Western. Two honorary members had been elected in the Central district, and two in the Southern. In passing, Mr. Drewett called attention to the splendid manner in which the peals had been recorded in the peal books by Mr. Beams, to whom he said, they owed a great debt of gratitude. The peals of 1914 would fill the last 20 pages of Vol. V, and the books would remain a memorial to the Association for all time.

A resolution was passed, placing on record the Association's appreciation of Mr. Beams's services.

The Assistant Secretary threw out the suggestion that the Association might do something more than merely record in their report the names of these members now with the colours. He thought they might make them free members while they were away.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Leatherhead, an amendment in favour of Croydon being lost.

Messrs. A. D. Barker (Islington), J. Deacon (Mitcham) and F. J. Mann (Epsom) were elected members of the Association.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Bishop of Southwark was re-elected president by acclamation and the Rev. A. S. W. Young, hon. treasurer. The latter, in reply, said the Association had a balance in hand in the bank of £17 4,

Mr. J. D. Drewett was unanimously re-elected Master, and Mr. C. F. Johnston, hon. secretary, despite his expressed desire to be liberated from office on account of his military duties. Mr. C. Reading was re-appointed hon. assistant secretary, and the district secretaries were also re-elected (Messrs. F. Ewins, Southern, and A. F. Shepherd, Western). Messrs. A. Gower and A. Gear were re-elected auditors, with the addition of Mr. F. Brown, of Eest Molesey, to represent the Western district. Messrs. C. Dean and C. F. Johnston were re-appointed representatives of the Association on the Central Council. The following hon. members were elected on the committee, which also includes a member from each affiliated tower: The Revs. T. G. Longley (Betchworth), and R. I. Woodhouse (Mersham), Messrs. C. E. Malin (Norbury), A. A. Johnston (Croydon) and C. Dean (Croydon).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Kingston for presiding, for the service, and for the use of the bells, and to the stockkeeper (Mr. J. Howes), and all those who had helped to make the arrangements, concluded the meeting.

The members afterwards returned to the tower, where during the afternoon and evening a variety of 8 and 10-bell methods were rung. Ringing history goes back a long way at Kingston, and boards in the belfry record peals rung before the end of the 18th century, while in 1803 a peal of 10,368 Grandsire Caters was rung there. The ring is a mixed lot as to quality, but is capped by two fine bells in the 9th and tenor.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HALESOWEN.

The first meeting of the year, in connection with the Northern branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, was held on Saturday last at Halesowen, and, under all the circumstances, including the weather, was in every way satisfactory. The service in the Parish Church was well attended. In his address the Rector (the Rev. C. W. Wordworth) gave a hearty welcome to the Association on their first visit since he had been there. Speaking of the work ringers are doing throughout the country, he said it reminded him of the watchman on the tower, for the ringing of the bells from Sunday to Sunday told them that the work of God was still going on. The bells had to them that afternoon told of the passing away of one of their number. The bells were foremost to sound out victory partially won, and he hoped they would all be spared to ring, when, please God, victory was complete. The bells at present, and in the future, would be very much in men's minds. Their duty as ringers was one of very high office. Ringers should realise how much the tone of the bells depended upon the tone in the belfry. Those of them who came of a ringing stock could call to mind the tone of the belfry in times gone by, and the very great improvement which was to be seen to-day. Let the tone in the belfry be of the best, and the ringing also would be bound to follow.

After the service, a splendid tea, which was provided by the local band, was partaken of in the schools and greatly enjoyed, about 60 sitting down. At the business meeting which followed, in the absence of the Rector, who was suddenly called away, the Rev. C. Chavasse presided. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Elmley Lovett, in June. Owing to the crisis through which we are passing, it was decided not to attempt the quarterly peal until some future date.

The Rector then arrived, and he had much pleasure in being elected an hon. member of the Association. Eight performing members were also elected.—The Rector, in responding to a vote of thanks, said how delighted he was to be present, and he thanked them very sincerely for their kind and sympathetic remarks with reference to the loss of his brother at the front.

While tune and change ringing were being indulged in in the school, the grand peal of eight in the church tower were being rung, and some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and London Surprise were brought round. While the ringing was taking place, four Belgian refugees were brought on a visit to the tower. One of their number comes from Malines, whose famous tower and bells have been destroyed by the Germans. The celebrated carillonneur, M. Joseph Denyn, belonged to Malines, and a few weeks back gave a selection on the carillon at Bournville Schools, where Mr. Harry Withers is in charge. Mr. Withers has met Mr. Joseph Denyn on several occasions, and happened to be present at Halesowen, and, despite the disadvantage of language, endeavoured to compare notes with the visitors. Rubbing shoulders with men who had seen their own homes blown up, and had had to flee their country to save their lives, brought home very forcibly to all the horrors and the close proximity of the war.

WEST EALING.—For evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, on January 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: C. Edwards 1, G. Harbour 2, Miss Edith Jones (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, C. B. Walker 4, H. W. Liddetter 5, W. Shepherd (Hersham), conductor, 6, J. A. Trollope 7, Wm. Lawrence 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denys Church, for morning service, on January 17th, and also for the birthday of the conductor and the wedding day of Mr. E. Bishop, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Cornford 1, E. Bishop, junr., 2, H. Butcher 3, H. Smith 4, F. Hammond 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, E. Bishop 7, W. Hammond 8.

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KILLED IN ACTION.**WRENTHAM RINGER'S LAST FIGHT.**

The death, in action, is now confirmed of Pte. Frederick C. Johnson, of Wrentham, Suffolk, who was serving in the 2nd Batt. of the Grenadier Guards. Previously Pte. Johnson was reported as missing, but as nothing was heard of him for some months his friends began to feel that the worst must have befallen. His mother has now received an official statement that he was killed while fighting in France on September 4th, and was buried in a large tomb at Rond de la Reine, Villers Cotterets.

One of his comrades has written home stating that he was quite close to Private Johnson when he fell, shot through the head. About 250 Guards had been placed in a wood to check the Germans while the main body retreated. They were, however, hopelessly outnumbered, and very few of them came out of the wood alive, but there

remains the mournful satisfaction that they, and Pte. Johnson among them, died fighting like British soldiers, of whom their country has cause to be proud.

Pte. Johnson was a first class shot, both with rifle and machine gun, and his section won the machine gun challenge cup for the Aldershot Command

in 1913. He served for three years in the 1st Batt. of the Grenadier Guards, and then joined the Great Yarmouth Police Force. He was called to rejoin the colours at the commencement of the war, and was attached to the 2nd Battalion.

As a ringer Pte. F. C. Johnson could ring the treble splendidly, and was just beginning to pick up the inside work when he joined the Army, after which his ringing career was somewhat handicapped, and he never rang a peal. He was a member of the Wrentham company and the Norwich Association, joining the latter in 1911. Of a happy disposition, it was always a pleasure to meet him, and he will be missed by his brother ringers of Wrentham Church, where he was always a welcome figure. Deep sympathy goes out to Pte. Johnson's widowed mother in her sad bereavement.

HERE AND THERE.**REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE.**

A paragraph in another column gives the details of no fewer than 106 720's of Minor rung at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, during 1914. As most of these 720's were rung for the Sunday services, it speaks much for the attention of the ringers to their duties. But perusal of the record will show much more than this. These Minor extents were rung in no fewer than 67 different methods (46 Surprise, 16 Treble Bob and Delight, and five Plain)—eloquent testimony to the ability of the company, which includes two ladies, and proof, if it were needed, of what may be done by practice. There were several Sundays when illness near the church necessitated the cessation of ringing, while practice nights have been abandoned since the outbreak of war. Is there any other tower which can boast a better record than this?

POPULAR LONDON STEEPLKEEPER ENLISTS.

By-the-way, Mr. Grimes is acting as deputy for the steeplekeeper of St. Margaret's, Westminster, Mr. Jim Davis having joined the Royal Engineers, with which corps he is now stationed at Chatham. Mr. Davis is not new to Army work and campaigning, for he served in the South African War.

DEATH OF MISS MARGERY SAMPSON.**FIRST LADY RINGER IN SCOTLAND.**

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Miss Margery Fletcher, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sampson, of Edinburgh, who passed away at the residence of her parents, 21, Craighouse Terrace, on Thursday of last week, at the early age of twenty-four years.

To Miss Sampson belonged the distinction of being the first lady ringer in Scotland, and this is the first gap, we believe, which death has made in the ranks of the Ladies' Guild. The demise of this talented young lady will be a source of sincere sorrow not only in the Guild in which she took such a keen interest, but in Midland ringing circles generally, where Miss Sampson was well known and had many friends. Indeed her greatest activity in connection with ringing was while she was living in that part of England, for she was a member of the band at St. Barnabas', Erdington, near Birmingham, and rang many peals in the district.

She could claim an exceedingly good peal record for a lady, being in fact one of the best exponents of the Art among the fair sex. Her peals ranged from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques, and in July, 1913, she achieved the noteworthy performance of three peals on three successive days, viz., Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, while a week or so later she rang her first peal of Major. When she left the Midlands for her home in Scotland she was the recipient of a charming little token of esteem from the Erdington ringers.

As recently as three weeks ago she visited Birmingham again, and the news of her death came as quite a shock to her friends there. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

The funeral took place on Monday last.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Preliminary notice has just been issued of the first meeting of the ninth Council (25th annual meeting) to be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 25th, at The Church House, Westminster. Notices of motion, reports of committees and other official matter should reach the hon. secretary (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) not later than April 24th, and Associations who have not yet elected their representatives are requested to do so without delay.

REFUGEES AT OLD YEAR RINGING.

Belgian refugees were among interested spectators of the ringing of the Old Year out and the New Year in at Painswick, Glos.—a beltry which figures prominently in the annals of ringing. Doubtless, the bells reminded the Belgians of the carillons of their own once fair land, and probably stirred again within them—if indeed it had ever died down—their hatred of the "cultured" barbarians who have ravaged their country and destroyed many of their famous bell towers. There is, of course, nothing in common between the operation of tune playing on the bells of Belgium and chance ringing on the bells of England, but we feel sure their sounds at Painswick, and, indeed, at all other places where bells were rung, were heard by refugees with very mixed feelings.



UNIQUE PERFORMANCE COMMEMORATED.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET AT COSELEY.

An exceptional meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Cosley on Saturday week, when upwards of 150 ringers and friends attended, representing the Stafford and Worcester Associations, and St. Martin's (Birmingham) and Dudley Guilds. During the afternoon various methods were rung upon the bells, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major. New members were enrolled at the committee meeting, including, as an honorary member, the Rev. E. Molloy, Vicar of Shenstone.

At evening, at which the Society's form of service was used, the Rev. E. V. Cox (clerical secretary) read the lesson, and the Rev. J. Arthur Price (Vicar) gave an eloquent address, taking for his text: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life," Psalm xliii, 6. During the singing of the hymn, "Be thou my guardian and my guide," the choir, clergy, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cheshire and six of the band, who rang in the under-mentioned peal, proceeded to the west end of the church, where Mrs. Cheshire unveiled a marble tablet, framed in oak, recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on Monday, November 24th, 1913, it being one of the many rung in honour of Mr. Jas. George's 60th birthday, and also on the 20th anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells—on Friday, November 24th, 1893—by the same ringers, the same composition being called, and the peal accomplished the same time. — Mr. W. Rock Small presented the tablet, on behalf of the band, to the Vicar and churchwardens. After the dedication, the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," was heartily sung. The service concluded with the singing of a verse of the National Anthem.

The tablet is inscribed as follows:—

The Midland Counties Association and the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

On Monday, Nov. 24th, 1913, in 3 hrs. 11 mins., eight members of the above Association and Guild rung upon the bells of this Parish Church.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088 Changes in the Kent Variation.

Benjamin Gough (Cosley) Treble	John Carter (Birmingham) 5
Harry Mason (Old Hill) 2	William Rock Small 6
James Jones (Aston) 3	(Tipton) 7
James E. Groves 4	James George (Kugby) 7
(Birmingham) 8	John T. Perry (Birmingham) 8

Composed by William Soltanall, and conducted by John Carter.

This peal was rung on the 20th anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Major rung on these bells on Friday, Nov. 24th, 1893, in 3 hrs. 11 mins., by the same ringers and standing in the same order, the composer and conductor also being the same, and these are the only two peals of Treble Bob rung on these bells. It was also rung as a compliment to Mr. James George in honour of his 60th birthday.

—J. Arthur Price, M.A., Vicar; W. H. Hawthorne and W. E. F. Marsden, Churchwardens.

The tablet is one of Caspar's special black marble tablet, size 42in. by 25in., the lettering being deeply engraved and gilded, as are also the edges, and polished, and it is framed in a massive oak Oxford frame. It is a most handsome tablet, and worthy of the very unique performance.

A beautiful tea was provided in the schoolroom through the kindness of those who took part in the peal, after which presentations of several oak framed peal cards were made, including one each—photographs of the tablet—to those whose names are engraved on the tablet: one to Mr. and Mrs. John Price, recording a peal of Bob Major rung to celebrate their silver wedding; one to Mrs. J. Arthur Price of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the first anniversary of the Vicar's induction; also one of Bob Major, in honour of the dedication festival. The musical portion of the programme was contributed by the Sedgley handbell ringers, with pleasing effect; and by Mr. Harry Withers, in his renowned style, on the dulcimer.

A more detailed report of the interesting proceedings reached us too late for insertion in this week's issue.

ANNIVERSARY.

Last Friday was the 144th anniversary of a peal of 6720 Court Bob Major (probably Norwich Court Bob) rung by the Society of Norwich Scholars at St. Michael Coslany, on January 15th, 1771. Last Wednesday was the 133th anniversary of a 6240 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch. This peal was the first of that series of long lengths by the rival London Societies in their endeavours to wrest the laurels from one another. The 6240 on January 20th, 1777 was followed by 10,000 by the College Youths on February 19th, 10,200 by the Cumberlands on May 10th, and 11,080 by the College Youths on May 19th, all at Shoreditch. The rivalry in this direction terminated in 1784 with the Cumberlands' 12,000, which stood until last year.

ALL HONOUR TO THEM.

The feature of our Roll of Honour this week is the inclusion of the names of no fewer than eleven members of the Westbury-on-Tyvern band, who have given their services to their King and country. Is there any company of ringers who can show a better record than this?

CHRISTMAS RINGING IN AMERICA.

Members of the Boston (Mass.) Guild of Ringers, after having obtained permission, rang at the Church of the Advent, Boston, on Christmas Eve.

These bells have quite recently been overhauled, and prior to this, have not been rung for some years. When Dr. A. H. Nichols returned to America, after having become interested in change ringing while in England, he obtained one or two English ringers in the locality, and several "green" hands, to ring on this peal of bells, with the result that permission was refused for the bells to be rung again. At last, however, arrangements were made to once more ring the bells, but with the available material in and around Boston, it is still very difficult to get good striking.

The condition of the ropes helped to make ringing hard work when the band met there on Christmas Eve, and only rounds were rung. On Christmas morning, however, the ringers again met in the same tower, and a very well-struck 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by: J. Goodhead 1, E. E. Randall (conductor) 2, W. Bashford 3, P. J. Allfrey 4, J. F. Laker 5, R. Newton 6. On the Thursday evening, Mrs. Margaret H. Shurliff and D. F. Gibbons also rang, in addition to the above.

Hingham was visited in the afternoon, but no good ringing was obtained. The Hingham tower is very exposed to the weather, and after a heavy fall of snow, and the glass working towards zero, the bells seemed to go anything but well. Ringers know that bells require constant care, and except when the tower is visited by the ringers from Boston these bells get little attention. A well-struck course of Bob Major was rung on handbells, and also a course of Grandsire Triples, the following ringing in each case: E. E. Randall 1-2, P. J. Allfrey 3-4, R. Newton 5-6, J. F. Laker 7-8. D. T. Gibbons also rang on the tower bells.

KEIGHLEY BELLS RECAST.

The peal of eight bells at Keighley, Yorks, have been recast and rehung, and, to the delight of the parishioners and ringers they are again fulfilling their exalted duty "Midway 'twixt the earth and sky." Some of the bells were cast over 150 years ago, and others were added at different times. Now they have all been into the melting pot, and have come out with a tenor of 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs. in F, the total weight of the peal being 64 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. The work of restoration was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who, in addition to recasting the bells, have hung them in cast-iron H frames erected on steel girders, the cost having been close on £500. The bells were dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. L. S. Robinson) at a largely attended service, at which he preached an appropriate sermon.

On a recent occasion a cordial invitation was extended to the ringers of the district to try the bells, and about 60 were present from Silsden, Kildwick, Skipton, Gargrave, Bingley, Shipley, Guiseley, Ilkley, Haworth, Oxenhope, and Queensbury. The visitors were entertained to a knife and fork tea, kindly provided by the churchwardens, and the opinion was expressed, after the afternoon's experience in the belfry, that the tone and easy "go" of the bells could not be improved upon. Mr. Johnston, senior, was present, and the warm praise that was passed upon the workmanship must have been extremely gratifying to him. During the day—the bells were open from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.—touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung.

The bells, which are tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle, and are supplied with all new fittings throughout, have the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—John Spencer, Geo. Richardson, Wm. Newsholme, Wm. Smith, Churchwardens. Thomas Mears and Son of London, Fecit. Church Rebuilt, 1805. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1914.

2.—John Spencer, Geo. Richardson, Wm. Newsholme, Wm. Smith, Churchwardens. Thomas Mears and Son of London, Fecit. Steeple Raised 1805. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1914.

3, 4, 5 and 6. Lester and Pack of London, Fecit, 1761. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1914.

7.—The Rev. Theodore Dury, Rector. Wm. Laycock, J. Cawood, L. Calvert, S. Wood, Churchwardens. T. Mears of London, Fecit, 1816. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1914.

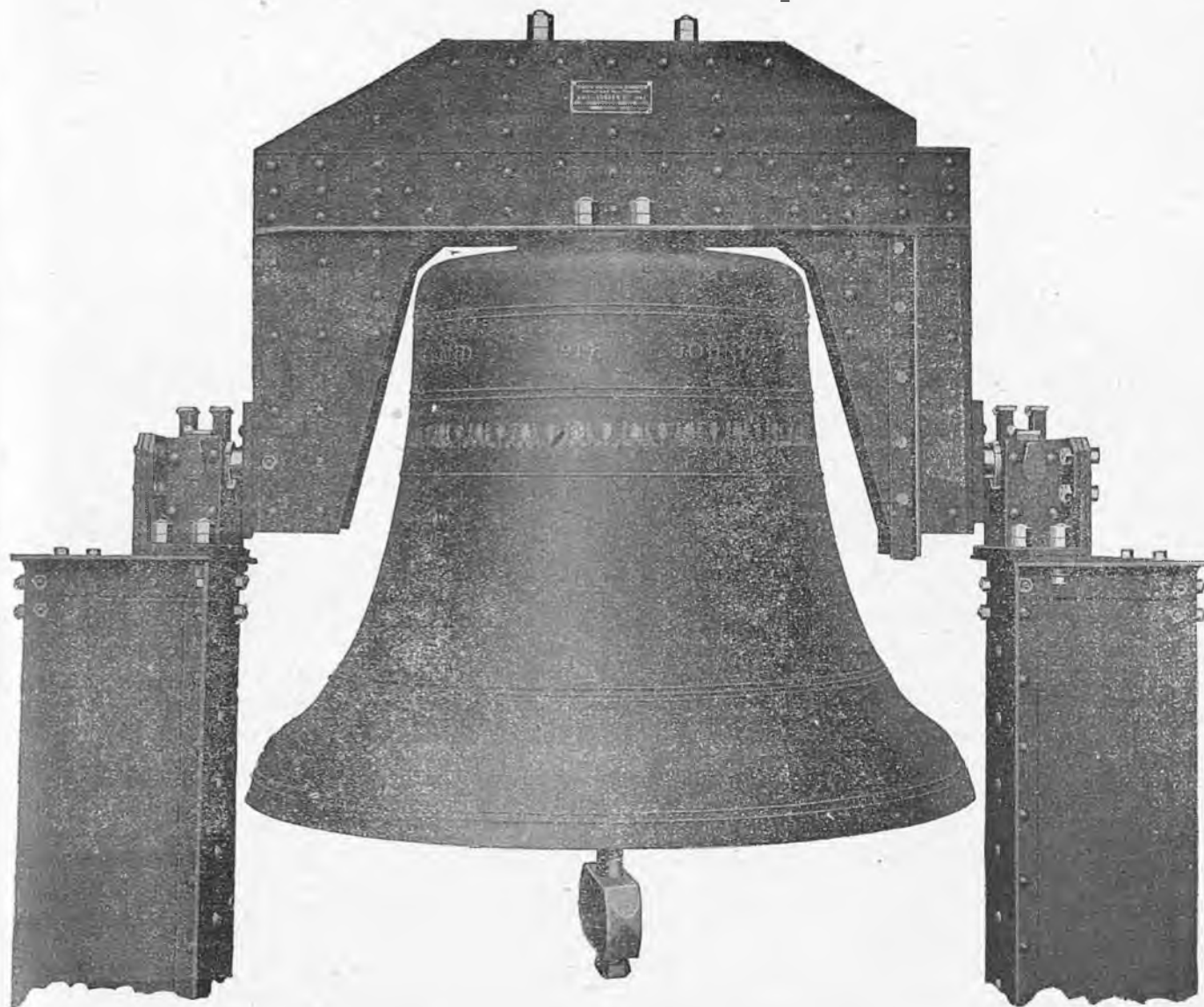
Tenor.—Chapman and Mears of London, Fecit, 1783. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1914. The peal of eight bells was recast at the expense of the parishioners, 1914. Ludovick Stewart Robinson, Rector. Joseph Emmott, William Becroft Naylor, Newman King, John William Darling, Churchwardens.

A GOOD PERFORMANCE.

It is a distinctly good performance for a youthful ringer of 16½ years to score his first peal by ringing an "inside" pair to a peal of Bob Major "in hand," and Mr. Cecil J. Matthews, son of Mr. J. D. Matthews, is to be congratulated upon his achievement. The peal is the more interesting, in that the young man's father and sister took part in it, and it was called by the former. There is another boy in the family, and from what we have heard we expect to see a family peal soon, for father, daughter and two sons have already rung well over half-way. Here's "to the day!"

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NOTICES.

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

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

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room adjoining church.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Established 1824).—North District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, 1915, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. The tower will be open for ringing from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the "Citizen," Houndsditch. All ringers and friends cordially welcomed.—L. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, N.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at Shoreditch, January 23rd. Tower open 2.30.—H. J. Bradley, Shoreditch Church.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Divine service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. Canon Donald Tait, who will also provide tea for those who send their names to me not later than Tuesday, January 26th; business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, January 30th, 1915. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by the general meeting. All members intending to attend must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, January 26th.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, established 1824).—The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30th. The Tower of St. Dunstan's, St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Eastcheap, City, will be open for ringing from 4.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at 7.30.—T. H. Taffender, Master, for General Secretary, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell Street.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, January 30th, bells available 2 p.m. Service at Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at Glass's Restaurant, Regent Street, at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—J. Harris, 10, Eton Road, Burnham, Hon. Local Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Pershore, on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available. St. Andrew's (6) from 3 p.m. till 5.30; The Abbey (8) 7 p.m. till 8.30.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater, on Saturday, January 23rd. St. Mary's bells available from 2 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity Church, 4 p.m. Tea, Holy Trinity Parish Hall at 5, meeting to follow.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, January 30th. Committee meeting at 3.30, tea and general meeting at 4. The Foundry peal will be available for ringing until 6 o'clock, after that handbell ringing only. Messrs. Taylor & Co. are generously providing the tea for those who notify them not later than January 23rd of their intention to be present.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate (by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peploe), on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. to members who inform me by the 27th inst. of their intention to be present.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Halifax on Saturday, January 30th. For particulars see circular sent to each local branch. Important to life members: There is now no distinction between "single" and "double" star members, and all life-members are now entitled to a Report on payment of 1s. (postage 2d. extra). Application should be made to the District Secretary. Non-residents may, if desired, apply to me.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Gen. Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 30th. The bells of St. Wulfram's Church (10) are available for ringing from 1 to 7.30 p.m. Short service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Dairy Company's Cafe, Westgate, at 4.45, tickets 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting to follow tea. Visitors and friends will receive a hearty welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. G. Thorpe, 25, Manners Street, Grantham, not later than Wednesday, January 27th.—S. Proctor, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wroxall on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) at Isleworth, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, tea in the Hartlands Road Mission Hall at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mrs. Gill. Members and friends heartily welcome. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid by the date of meeting.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bray on Saturday, February 6th. Service 4.45. Tea and business to follow. Bells will be rung before and after service. Tea will be provided only for those sending their names to me not later than February 1st.—Rev. P. Gordon Levy, 49, All Saints' Avenue, Maidenhead.

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

DEATH.

SAMPSON.—At 21, Craighouse Terrace, Edinburgh, on the 14th inst., Margery Fletcher, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Sampson.

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ANNUAL DINNER AT SALEHURST.

The Salehurst (Sussex) Society, following their usual custom, rang the bells of St. Mary's Church, at intervals throughout New Year's Day, concluding with a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, W. Cramp 3, W. Hoad 4, W. Thomas 5, W. Franks 6, P. Booth (conductor) 7, C. Peacock (first quarter-peal) 8.

At the annual dinner, which followed, the chair was taken by Mr. F. Hudson, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward), and the churchwardens (Mr. F. T. Willsher and Mr. L. J. Hodson). An apology for absence was also received from Mr. W. Taylor.

After ample justice had been done to an excellent repast provided by Host and Hostess Kirby, of the Old Eight Bells Inn, the Chairman gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were duly honoured.

The Chairman also proposed "The Bell Ringers," and said how much the parishioners were indebted to them for the way in which they carried out their duties. Bells, he continued, were used for nearly everything in our national life. All were sorry for the dreadful war in which we were taking part, and would be pleased when the bells rang out the tidings of "Peace."—He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. P. Booth, who said it had been a pleasure to him to have been able to keep the ringers together, owing to the great number of men who had entered the Army. He hoped those ringers who had joined would be spared to return safely.

"The Visitors" was submitted by Mr. T. Booth, and, in response, Mr. F. Franks (Battie) said he thought he felt more like one of the company than a visitor, for he had been with them for many years. He was pleased to think that there existed such a happy union between the ringers of Salehurst and Battie, and hoped that all the members of both bands might be spared for many years to come.

The "Host and Hostess" was next given by Mr. F. Hudson, and the toast was received with three hearty cheers, Mr. Kirby responding.

During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. W. Franks, G. Peacock, T. Booth, J. Goodsell and F. Morgan, while Mr. F. Hudson gave selections on his gramophone, and the Salehurst handbell ringers and W. Thomas (Battie) tunes on their handbells.

The National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—At Southover Church, on December 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Sturt 1, R. Hyde 2, G. Piper 3, F. Sturt 4, A. J. Turner 5, R. J. Dave 6, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor) 7, G. W. Moppett 8. Also two courses of Bob Major, with G. Richardson 1.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, December 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: I. B. Holmyard 1, S. Freke 2, J. Hambleton 3, E. Chivers (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, F. Chivers 5, R. Jones 6, F. Speed 7, W. Kewill 8.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

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MODERN WORK.

BELFRY RULES AND FINES.

A somewhat interesting subject is incidentally raised in connection with the annual meeting of ringers of the tower in the small Kentish town of Hawkhurst, the members having decided "to waive the question of fines." Quite a trivial and purely local question this, some may say, yet how many towers there are where this business of fines is a source of irritation and friction. We believe that many of those concerned with the management of belfries will agree that one of the most difficult problems met with in the tower is the satisfactory application of rules, and particularly those to which penalties are attached. There are belfries where rules are drafted and then left purely to the loyalty of the men to obey them. There are others where it is considered wiser to attempt to secure observance by a system of fines, especially in regard to punctuality and regularity. Generally, when such rules are first made, everybody concerned is only too willing to accept the conditions laid down, and the penalty of arriving a minute or two after the stipulated time is accepted with a smile, and, may be, with good-humoured chaff. But, after a time, this process begins to jar on those who suffer from a habit of unpunctuality, and then the accuracy of the clock is challenged, and, perhaps, even the impartiality of the individual in charge of the record is questioned, and, eventually, it may be, a rupture in the band is caused.

It is not our purpose here to defend the unpunctual ringer. He is a bugbear to any tower, and, some may think, is best out of it. But he may also, perhaps, be an extremely useful man when he is there, who may make all the difference as to the method to be rung, and it is not every band that can afford to "drop" a good ringer. We do think, however, that the system of fines in vogue in towers where the ringers are a purely voluntary body is not the best way to encourage punctuality. Indeed, we have seldom seen an instance where it has for long been entirely successful, and the end is usually a rift in the good relations of the tower or a dropping of the rule either formally or informally.

The most effective means of securing regular and punctual attendance for service and practice ringing are to be found, to our mind, in three things: The realisation by the ringers of the importance of their office; the keenness of the men for the Art; and encouragement by the Church authorities. Given these, we think no system of fines need ever be invoked in any tower. The first should be instilled from a man's first entry to the belfry, the second will grow on him if he is worthy of the name of "ringer," and the third ought in these days never to be lacking. If it is, then the authorities have no ground to complain if their bells are not regularly and punctually rung.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANCES;

CHARLES BOWER... ..Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN 2	BENJAMIN GILL... .. 8
SAMUEL WOOD 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
TOM WILDE 4	FREDERICK PAGE 10
BENJAMIN THORP 5	HARRY CHAPMAN 11
CHARLES BROADBENT 6	ARTHUR E. PEGLER... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Wood.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1915, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL ... ..Treble	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 5
WILLIAM CLARK 2	JOHN F. CLAYTON 6
*GEORGE BRITTON 3	EDWARD CROWTHER... .. 7
EDWARD CRABTREE 4	HERBERT PEEL... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN F. CLAYTON.

* First peal and first attempt.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...Treble	THOMAS HUGHES 5
EDWARD HORTIN... .. 2	CHARLES TYLER 6
THOMAS HILL 3	FRANK W. PERRENS 7
EDWARD MARLOW 4	ARTHUR E. REED ... ..Tenor

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late
Mrs. Mark Fox, who was an ever willing helper and one of the oldest
worshippers at the above church.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM LOCK ... ..Treble	THOMAS BRIDGEWATER 4
WILLIAM WATKINS 2	*THOMAS BOWERS 5
ALFRED TOMKINS 3	*GEORGE EDWARDS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMPKINS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by the Hereford Guild. Rung
in honour of the marriage of Miss Powell, eldest daughter of the Rev
F. E. Powell, Vicar of the Parish.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
 (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 21, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES:

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER 1	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

This was the quarterly peal for the Branch, and first peal by C. Camm since his appointment as Branch Master; also his first peal as conductor.

BRETFTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
 (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 24, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES:

Being five 720's of Plain Bob and two of Grandsire, each called differently.

JOHN C. PERKINS Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
THOMAS HANDS 2	FREDRICK J. JOHNSON 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	FREDRICK JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Shawcross), who had held the incumbency for the past 25 years, and was interred on the previous Wednesday in the Parish Churchyard. He was a member of the above Association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 19, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. R. BARTON, 71, CALEDONIA ST.,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's called differently.

JOHN R. BARTON 1-2	FRANK DAVISON 4
JOHN R. FRYERS 3	HARRY GIBSON 5-6

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witness: MRS. BARTON.

First peal in the method on handbells by the ringers of 3rd and 4th.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, January 20, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 7-8
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	JAMES HUNT 9-10
ERNEST PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES 11-12

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire: B. S. THOMPSON.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	65	2	0
Ringers of All Saints' Church, Arksey, Doncaster, third contribution (per Mr. F. Clarke)	0	5	0
Ringers of St. Lawrence's Church, Hawk-hurst, Kent (per Mr. T. Ashenden)	0	10	0

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving in H.M. Forces:—

- J. H. B. Hesse, of Teddington, Vice-President of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, has been appointed as 1st Lieutenant in the Army Service Corps, and is at present at Aldershot.
- Georga W. Trollope, late of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Canadian Expeditionary Force, now at Kingston, Ontario, awaiting orders for the Front.
- Pte Colin Ryder, of Rotherham Parish Church, 7th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, now at Woking.
- Pte Ernest Kettell, of Rotherham, 5th Yorks and Lancs Regiment, now at South Lines.
- Tpr. Willie Evans, of St. Iltyd's, Bridgend, Glam., Reserve Glamorgan Yeomanry.
- Driver Jim Hurrell, of Eltham, Kent, Army Service Corps (Motor Transport), now at Uckfield, Sussex.
- Pte W. G. Clarke, of Calverton, Bucks, R.A.M.C. (No. 1601).
- J. T. Bartram, of Misterton, and Gainsborough Parish Church Guild, Royal Field Artillery.
- Pte Stanley Whitehead, of St. Thomas's, Newhey, near Rochester, Grenadier Guards, now at Caterham.
- Pte Arthur Hudson, of Birstall, Yorks, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.
- Pte Lewis Alcock, of Leigh, Staffs, 4th Battalion North Staffs Regiment, now at Guernsey, C.I.
- Pte Robert Aitken, of St. Mary's, Rye, Sussex, 5th Reserve Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, at Hastings.
- Rupert Forbes-Bentley, of All Saints', Beckley, Sussex, Legion of Frontiersmen.

The following members of the Bath and Wells Association are now serving on H.M. Prison Ship "Tunisian," at Ryde, Isle of Wight:—

- G. H. Gale and L. H. Moore, senr., of Easton-in-Gordano.
- C. W. Summerall and J. Cole, of Nailsea.
- F. Nipper, of Wroughton.
- H. Farley, of Wells.

In addition to Pte W. Wooldridge, of the Royal Berks, wounded at Ypres, the following ringers from Bradfield, Berks, are serving their country:—

- A. Ford joined A.S.C. this month, already promoted to sergeant.
- C. Regier, 7th Royal Fusiliers, arrived from India awaiting Orders.
- S. Regier, 7th Royal Fusiliers.
- C. E. Chillingworth, V.A.D., Red Cross work at Nice, France.
- Mrs. Hunt, C. Hunt, T. Hillier and M. E. Chillingworth, V.A.D., taking their turn for duty at local Red Cross Hospitals.
- Rev. G. W. T. Tyndale-Biscoe and T. Hillier are special constables.

WARLETS.

Pte Wooldridge, of the Bradfield, Berks, Society, who was wounded at Ypres, while fighting with the Berkshire Regiment, and who has been in hospital at Dublin, has now returned to his home, well in health, but lacking the use of his left arm, which he hopes in time and with treatment to recover.

A temporary addition to the Bradfield band has been gained as an indirect result of the bombardment of the East Coast—Mr. Wardman, of St. Mary's, Scarborough, whose duties in connection with Bramcote Preparatory School have taken him to Bradfield. The school was damaged in the bombardment, and arrangements have been made for them to occupy, temporarily, a part of Bradfield College, where shells are less plentiful.

Nothing, we think, could be more striking in contrast to the stress of battle than the peaceful ringing of the village bells of old England, and on Sunday week, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, arranged for W. E. Napper, who was home from the Front for three days leave, was rung for evening service at Haybourne, Berks, by: W. Goodenough (first quarter-peal) 1, T. East, junr., 2, H. Bishop 3, W. J. Napper 4, E. Butler 5, T. East 6, W. E. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Derby district was held in St. Peter's belfry, Derby, on Monday week, members being present from St. Alkmund's and St. Andrew's, Derby, Darley Dale, Duffield, and the local company. Mr. Wallace (chairman) presided.—The Chairman, the Committee (Mr. C. Draper and Mr. E. Clarke), and Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, Derby), were re-elected.—Two new members of the Association were elected, and a discussion ensued concerning members sending their subscriptions to the hon. general secretary instead of to the local secretary, and the matter is to be brought up at the next quarterly meeting of the Association. A vote of thanks to the officers and committee for their services during the past year terminated a very successful meeting.

THE DEATH OF MISS SAMPSON.

HER RINGING CAREER.

As we recorded last week, the Ladies' Guild has lost one of its most accomplished members by the death of Miss Margery Fletcher Sampson, of Edinburgh. Her ringing career commenced about 7½ years ago at St. Mary's Cathedral where her father, Mr. W. B. Sampson, has for long been a member of the Guild. At that time the company was somewhat short-handed, and Mr. Sampson suggested to his daughter that she might take up the work and become Scotland's first lady ringer. To this she readily assented, but with some misgivings as to the success which would attend her efforts. About this time she became a student at the Edinburgh School of Cookery and Domestic Economy, and at the time of her death was on the staff of that institution, from which it will be gathered she must have been highly thought of by the principal. Obviously, too, it required one with no small degree of energy and ability to tackle both cooking and change ringing at one and the same time, but Miss Sampson took up both with a whole-heartedness and enthusiasm which was an example to others. After finishing her training she took up an appointment under the Staffordshire County Council at Tamworth, being there for over two years, and doing a good deal of ringing in her spare time at the Parish Church. She returned home 18 months ago, and took up work in the cookery school, where she was formerly a student, and where she remained.

Her tutor in the belfry was her father, and the young lady proved an apt pupil and a willing one. Her home was some two miles from the Cathedral, and the walk to and from the tower twice every Sunday meant eight miles in all. During these tramps the talk was of bells and bell ringing, the young lady always asking questions and the parent making the most of the opportunity to impart information.

It was in May, 1907, she had her first lesson, and on Saturday, July 24th, 1909, she rang her first peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, this being the first peal in Scotland in which a lady had taken part. During the course of her short career she has, in all, taken part in twelve peals, viz.: Five of Grandsire Triples, five of Stedman Triples, one of Stedman Cinques, and one of Bob Major, while she also rang in a peal of Erin Triples which turned out false, much to her disappointment. Her last touch was a course of Stedman Caters, in which her father also rang, at St. Peter's, Brighton, on September 27th last.

Miss Sampson was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral Guild, Edinburgh; the Ladies' Guild, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, the Warwickshire Guild, the Hertfordshire Association, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. It can readily be understood how proud her father, and all the members of the Edinburgh Guild were of her performances, for she was one who could be relied upon to do her best at all times. She will be very much missed in the belfry, and her father's Sunday walks to and from the Cathedral, alas, now alone, will be full of poignant memories.

Miss Sampson's work at school proved too much for her, as she developed a nervous temperament, and had a breakdown in health in June of last year. She was given leave of absence, but was unable to resume in September, after the holidays, and obtained further leave until Christmas. She spent the last three months resting at Hove, and returned home on December 31st. She was, however, far from well, and took to her bed on the 4th inst., passing away on the 14th, with startling suddenness, from gaitre and heart failure.

She was laid to rest in Morning-side Cemetery on Monday of last week, when the Rev. Anslem Ashley, Precentor at the Cathedral, took the service, and representatives from the Cathedral and St. Cuthbert's Guilds were present and also sent wreaths.

The members of the Erdington Parish Church Society, of which Miss Sampson was a member, intended starting for a muffled peal in her memory on Saturday last, but owing to the illness of the Vicar's wife, the attempt has had to be postponed until to-morrow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch was held at Gainsborough on Saturday week, ringers being present from Kilton Lindsey, Willingham, Corringham, Misterton, Scunthorpe, Barnetby and Bigby, in addition to the local company. The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going in Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob and Double Court Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. A service was held at 4.30, and conducted by the Rev. C. F. W. Whiteside, who also gave a short address. Mr. Alan Stephenson, Mus. Bac. (Oxon) presided at the organ, and a number of the choir boys gave their assistance.

Tea was provided at the Coffee Tavern, and was followed by the business meeting.—A letter of apology was read from Mr. F. F. Linley expressing regret for his absence.—The whole of the officers were re-elected, and the following places decided upon for district meetings during the ensuing twelve months: Owston Ferry, March 20th; Willingham, May 15th; Brigg, July 10th; Kilton Lindsey, Sept. 13th; Corringham, November 20th; Gainsborough (annual meeting), January, 1916, the date to be fixed later.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and all those who had helped to make the proceedings a success concluded the business.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS.

MEMORABLE GATHERING AT KELLY, DEVON.

An interesting and memorable gathering took place at Kelly House, Devon, on Thursday of last week, when the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, entertained to supper the past and present ringers of the parish. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the first six-score of Grandsire Doubles rung on the bells of the Parish Church, and also in Devon by men of the county. Two of the original band, besides Mr. Kelly, were present, viz., Messrs. John and Edwin Yole. Among the guests also was Mr. John Trelawny, son of the late Colonel H. R. Trelawny, who 50 years ago trained a band of scientific change ringers, one of whom, Mr. William Johns, who now resides at Kelly, was present.

After supper an adjournment was made to the tower, where a six-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by a band composed as follows: John Yole 1, Rev. Maitland Kelly (conductor) 2, Abel Johns 3, William Johns 4, John Johns 5, Edwin Yole 6. The performance was a creditable one, especially when it is remembered that some of those who took part in it had not handled a rope for many years.

BRAY BELLS REHUNG.

On Saturday week, six of the Royal Cumberland Youths, who are also members of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry Guild, paid a visit to the ancient church of St. Michael, Bray, for the purpose of testing the "go" of the peal of six bells (tenor 26 cwt.), which has recently been retuned and rehung in a unique steel structure by Messrs. John Warner and Sons. The frame, owing to the weakness of the tower, is carried upon stanchions. The following 720's were rung during the visit: 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. T. Powell 1, N. North 2, E. Wightman 3, F. Smith 4, J. Hunt 5, W. J. Nudds (conductor) 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. T. Powell 1, N. North 2, W. J. Nudds 3, J. Hunt 4, F. Smith 5, E. Wightman (conductor) 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Wightman 1, F. Smith 2, N. North 3, W. J. Nudds 4, W. T. Powell 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6; also 120 Stedman Doubles (four singles), conducted by J. Hunt. The average time of the 720's was 31 minutes.

THE LATE MR. G. J. TAYLOR, SHREWSBURY



Whose death we announced in our issue of the 15th. Mr. Taylor learned his ringing at St. Alkmund's, and was afterwards associated with St. Chad's and Conover.

TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I withdraw all claim to the 5088 published by me in your issue of January 8th, 1915, it being a composition published by Mr. Hattersley which I am sorry I overlooked.—With my apology, yours truly,

YORK GREEN.

STOKE-ON-TRENT. — On December 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Pte A. E. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Bloor 2, C. Woodward 3, H. Page 4, T. Austin 5, S. Churton 6, C. H. Page (conductor) 7, J. Simister 8. Arranged for C. Woodward, who was home from Lincoln.

LEICESTER. — On December 21st, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Mr. C. H. Fowler, 293 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Fred H. Dexter; also 518 (first part of Holt's ten-part): W. Lowe 1, H. Broughton 2, A. Ballard 3, E. Morris (conductor) 4, F. H. Dexter 5, J. Wilson 6, W. Miller 7, P. Harrison 8.

WALTHAMSTOW. — Middlesex County Association. — At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks), in 49 mins.: C. T. Coles (conductor) 1, H. Rumens 2, W. J. Kemp 3, J. C. Adams 4, R. Maynard, sear., 5, A. A. Hughes 6, F. C. Maynard 7, Pte B. G. Lock (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a welcome to Pte B. G. Lock, Rifle Brigade, home on Christmas leave.

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THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The rare experience of filling first the office of President of an Association, and then, after a lapse of some years, becoming its secretary, has fallen to Mr. George Thomas Potter, who was elected to the secretaryship of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at the recent annual meeting of that body. The three years during which he occupied the presidency—1905 to 1908—were amongst the most successful in the Association's long career, and the thoroughness and ability with which he tackles whatever office he occupies has given a feeling of confidence to the members that it will go ahead and flourish in the future.



MR. G. T. POTTER.

Mr. Potter is a Novocastrian born, and first saw the light in 1861. His first connection with ringing was in 1879, when he started to learn to handle a bell at the old tower of St. Andrew's, Newcastle. The effort, however, to revive ringing there quickly fell through, and though he often went up to St. Michael's tower afterwards to see the eight bells rung for service and practice, he took no real practical part until the eight bells at All Saints', Gosforth, were dedicated. Mr. Potter was then (1901) living in the parish, and was a choirman at the church. Under his able guidance and that of others well known now in the Exercise, namely, Mr. A. M. C. Field, Mr. E. E. Ferry, Mr. R. W. Fulconer, etc., this branch of the Association very quickly became famous for good ringing, and several peals were soon scored on these bells in various methods. For one who has taken up the exercise later in life than

most men, Mr. Potter has done exceedingly well in the Art, both at method ringing and good striking. He remained one of the mainstays of the Gosforth band until he removed to the coast to live, since when he has given North Shields belfry the benefit of his help for Sunday ringing and practices. He also gives valuable assistance to the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, of which he is an hon. member, and is just as much at home now on the twelve bells there as he is on the ten at Shields or the eight at Gosforth.

Mr. Potter is a member of the College Youths, and is very proud, and justly so, that he rang a peal with the late Matthew Wood. This was Stedman Triples at Bethnal Green, amongst the others taking part being Messrs. Cockerill and C. F. Winny and four other well known ringers from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

In all Mr. Potter has rung 54 peals in Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and London Surprise. Mr. Potter rarely, if ever, misses a meeting of his Association, and his genial presence is always fully appreciated by the members. He has certainly started his new office under anything but lively circumstances, but we all know he will make it his duty to keep the ball rolling as far as possible in the two northern dioceses where bells and ringing are concerned, while this unfortunate war lasts.

Altogether he has rung 54 peals, from Bob Triples to London Surprise, his first being in the former method on June 16th, 1902, at All Saints', Gosforth, in which seven men rang their maiden peal. His list is as follows:—

Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	2
Seven Minor Methods	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Forward Major	1
Grandsire Triples	1
Stedman Triples	23
Stedman Caters	15
Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Double Norwich Major	1
London Surprise Major	2

Total 54

BRISTOL BELLS RESTORED.

Another example of the excellent work which can be relied upon when a contract is entrusted to Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, is provided by the entire restoration which this well-known firm have just carried out at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, and this "city of bells" has now another octave in perfect order. Messrs. Llewellyns and James have recast the tenor, which has been designed and tuned on the most improved Simpson formula, and the bell, which is 20 cwt., is much admired. The whole of the peal of eight have been rehung with entirely new fittings in a new cast-iron "A" shaped frame carried on steel girders, and the whole work has elicited the entire approval of the Rector, churchwardens, musical expert, and the ringers, who are delighted to have the bells once more in thorough going order.

CHESTERFIELD. — On Sunday, December 27th, 1295 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins.: G. Hollis 1, W. Allwood 2, P. Sault 3, G. Davies 4, A. Knights (composer) 5, F. Stubbs 6, F. Jacobs 7, E. J. Oliver (Liverpool) 8, T. W. Gore 9, W. J. Thyng (conductor) 10. Rung for the evening service, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. Farthing, a respected member of the Chesterfield company.

MIDSOMER NORTON. On December 21st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: P. Speed 1, E. Chivers 2, S. Froke 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, F. Chivers 5, F. Speed (conductor) 6, J. Hambleton 7, W. Keerill 8.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR METHODS.

By HY. DAINS.

In the Oxford and Kent variations of Treble Bob we have two very old methods, and as little if anything fresh on these lines has been put forward for some years, I here give a slight variation by myself—put as a division for Treble Bob ringers—of which the four following blocks of four changes each are the first half of the first lead of its plain course.

12345678
21435687 (1)
12346578
21436587
24163857
42618375 (2)
42163857
24618375
26481735
62847153 (3)
62481735
26847153
28674513
82765431 (4)
82674513
28765431
27856341

Here it may be said that all compositions of Treble Bob on the old methods will run true in this, and that each one of them contains the maximum amount of dodging which can be put into any treble dominated dodging hunt method, for in each of the blocks given and in the four duplicating blocks of the last half of the lead you get—

- (1) Three pairs of bells dodging in each block.
- (2) In the 1st and 8th blocks places are made either in 3-4 or 5-6.
- (3) In the remaining blocks you get what is known as the "slow hunt," wherein a bell acts as it were as door keeper (see blocks 2, 3 and 4), allowing each visitor to the front just a glance outside before returning at once to her treble bob duties.
- (4) In addition to this, the treble is continually dodging as she waltzes up and down the scale; she is, in fact, "queen of the ring," quite the autocrat at one time, and so gracious at another. She becomes "set-and-turn" partner with every other bell that she meets in her perambulation, while she passes the rest on her way without notice. When at the front she compliments the bell relieved from the slow hunt, and in the same complimentary set-and-turn fashion she introduces another to that position, whose duty it is to remain there till she again returns. Thus, it is obvious that the treble is the only bell which is continually dodging, and that she it is which alone upholds the treble bob principle, for she never condescends to such drudgery as place-making.

Another method of real Treble Bob can be had by using Oxford places in 5-6 in the first and last blocks of each lead of its plain course. This should be known as Imperial Treble Bob Major.

If now we briefly examine the Surprise methods, we shall see the treble doing the same class of dodging as in Treble Bob. Hence these are said to be Treble Bob methods, but this is an error, as the work of the other bells make up entirely different duties. For instance, in both Superlative and Cambridge there is a straight hunt through the scale, both up and down, while in London Surprise, although this is not so, there is a deal of hunting to find a little job here and there, first to trot away to a 5-6-5 or to an 8-7-8, or again to a plain 5ths. This, truly speaking, is not Treble Bob. When, however, we turn to principles, we find the difference and distinction more marked in very many ways, and you will notice that in both plan and detail there is little or no Treble Bob work in these.

DUFFIELD.—This is an excellent example of a Court principle, contained in six-row blocks. Its work consists of hunting, place-making and dodging, its places being made at hand and back, which is a good class order of place.

FORWARD.—In this you have a good example and the nearest approach to Treble Bob possible, the only thing missing is the dodging hunt of a treble. It is contained in four-change blocks, while its author has several examples of capital principles both in six and eight-change blocks. The work in them all is dodging adjoining place-making.

BARNBURY.—In this you get a Court principle in eight-change blocks. Its work consists of hunting, dodging, place-making, snapping, while, like the Forward group of principles, its interior places are made, "back and hand," while both these examples retain Bob Major division ends.

ORIGINAL upon even numbers. In this you have a principle contained in two-row blocks its work being plain hunting and place-making, while it also holds up to Bob Major division ends, while its whole course is only sixteen changes.

While I have endeavoured to show what is and what is not Treble Bob, I may here observe that there is no question whatever that each of the above-mentioned principles will extend to any even number—Royal and Maximus inclusive.

ORIGINAL upon odd numbers.—Here, too, I may point out that Original is the only Major principle which can be properly adapted to odd numbers, viz., Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, and while some will say it is monotonous ringing and not musical, Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield, who composed and conducted a peal of Major of it a few years ago, "scorned such ideas," when he told me it was all music, while the performance was a busy job for all the band.

While writing, "The Ringing World" lays before me containing 5040 of Original Triples. This is a masterpiece of composition, and, as the author of the idea of getting peals out of the original principle, I wish to tender my sincerest compliments to Mr. Joseph W. Parker for his brilliant work ennuminating in the production of this 5040.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN BELL RINGER.

SUDDEN DEMISE OF MR. HARRY STOKES.

The sudden death of Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, the well-known Devon bell hanger, will occasion much regret throughout the Western Counties, where he was well-known. The deceased, who was 66 years of age, had been unwell for some time, and under medical treatment for chest complaint. Latterly, however, he appeared to be improving. On retiring to rest on Tuesday night of last week, he showed no sign of being seriously ill, but shortly afterwards developed alarming symptoms, and, despite all that medical skill could do, speedily succumbed. An inquest was held on Thursday, when Dr. Furnivall, who had been called in, deposed that a blood vessel broke in deceased's head, and a verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned.

Mr. Stokes was a native of Woodbury, and had lived there all his life. About 40 years ago he started in business as a church bell hanger and general builder, and gradually acquired a large connection. He became widely known throughout the West of England for the skill and success with which he hung light and medium peals in wooden frames, and carried out hundreds of contracts. A few years ago when the advantages of iron over wood, for heavy peals especially, were realised, Mr. Stokes enterprisingly applied himself to the newer method, and to-day there are numerous peals of all descriptions—light, medium, and heavy—which bear testimony, by the ease with which they can be rung, to the judgment he possessed, and the workmanlike ability with which he carried out the contracts entrusted to him. Devon and Cornwall teem with peals which Mr. Stokes hung or rehung during his lifetime, and in no instance has the work failed to stand the tests of time and weather, which latter, of course, have considerable influence on the fittings of bells in church towers, most of which are exposed to every wind that blows, and every rain storm that occurs.

The deceased leaves a widow, one son (who was taken into partnership a few years ago, and has lately been largely responsible for the execution of contracts), and two daughters, one of whom is unmarried and resides at home. Mr. Stokes had contemplated retiring from business at Lady-day, and leaving the firm's affairs to his son. He was a member from the start, and some time Vice-Chairman of the Woodbury Parish Council, a member of the "Brent" (Topsham) Lodge of Freemasons, and Trustee of the "Sidney" (Woodbury) Lodge of Oddfellows, and one of the oldest, if not actually the oldest, member of it. He was also a member of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, and enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all connected with campanology in the West. Mr. Stokes was respected in private and business life by all who were brought in contact with him for his integrity and sincerity, as well as for his generous instincts and kindly nature. Woodbury is distinctly the poorer for his death, which has come unexpectedly, and has excited deep sympathy with the widow and family.

The funeral took place on Saturday.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

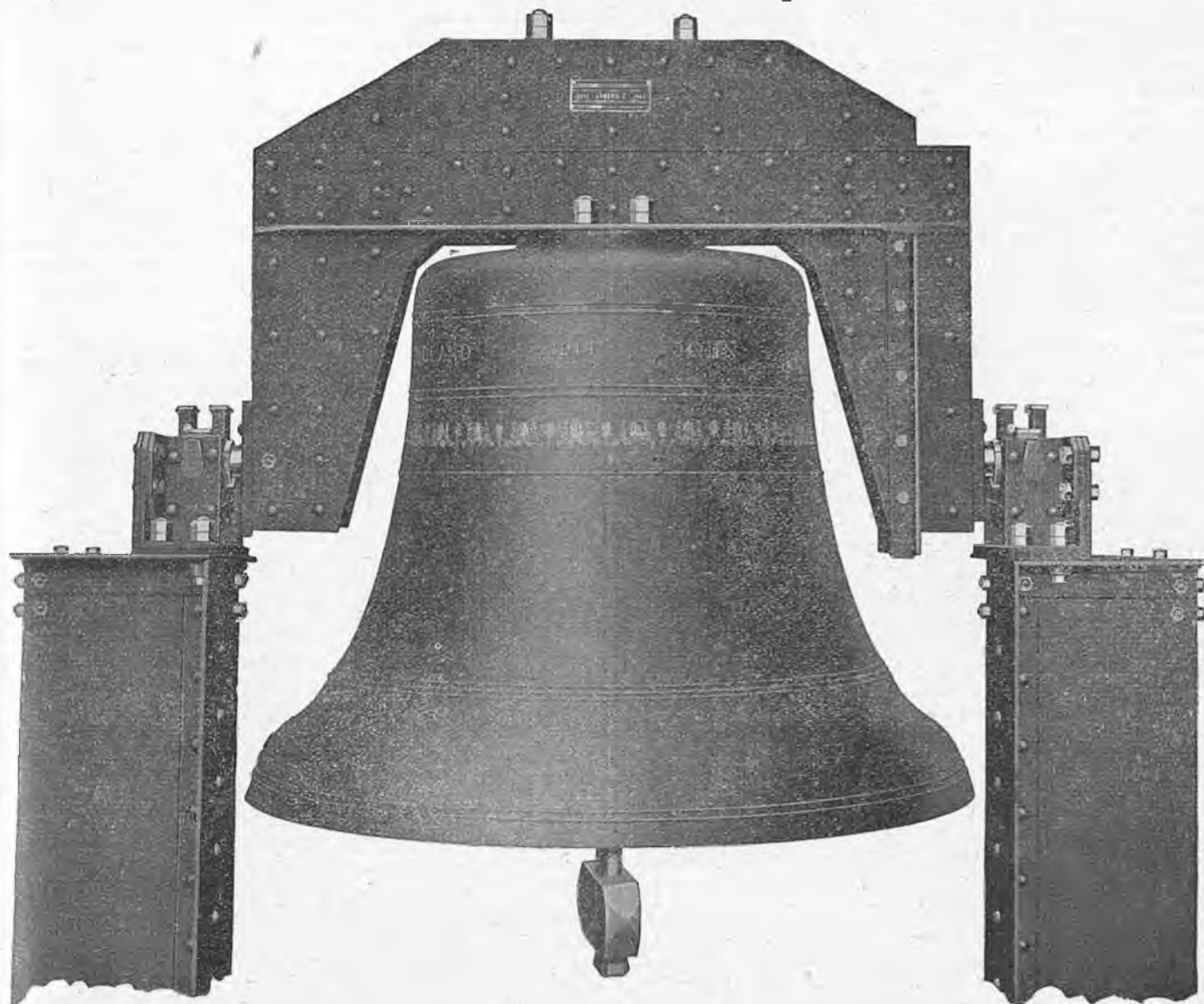
A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Nuneaton on Saturday week, and proved very successful, about 30 members being present from Lichfield, Coventry, Erdington, Stoney Stanton, Bedworth, Chilvers Coton, Grendon, Stoke Golding, and Allesley, together with the local band. The bells were raised soon after 3.30, and kept going for two hours in various methods, some good touches being brought round.

A business meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, presided over by Mr. James George (Ringing Master). A vote of condolence was passed with the Rector, Canon Deed, in the loss of his son, Capt. John Deed, who perished on the battleship "Formidable." The members also heard with regret from Mr. James George of the death of Miss Margery Sampson, who was the first lady to ring a peal on tower bells for the Guild. Mr. George was asked to convey to the family an expression of sorrow from the members.

After tea a move was made to the adjoining tower of Chilvers Coton, where the bells were kept going till late in the evening. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Divine service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. Canon Donald Tait. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, January 30th, 1915. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by the general meeting. W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, established 1824).—The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30th. The Tower of St. Dunstan's, St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Eastcheap, City, will be open for ringing from 4.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at 7.30.—T. H. Taffender, Master, for General Secretary, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell Street.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, January 30th, bells available 2 p.m. Service at Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at Glass's Restaurant, Regent Street, at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—J. Harris, 10, Eton Road, Burnham, Hon. Local Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Pershore, on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available. St. Andrew's (6) from 3 p.m. till 5.30; The Abbey (8) 7 p.m. till 8.30.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, January 30th. Committee meeting at 3.30, tea and general meeting at 4. The Foundry peal will be available for ringing until 6 o'clock, after that handbell ringing only. Messrs. Taylor & Co. are generously providing the tea for those who notify them not later than January 23rd of their intention to be present.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate (by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peplow), on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock. C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Halifax on Saturday, January 30th. For particulars see circular sent to each local branch. Important to life members: There is now no distinction between "single" and "double" star members, and all life-members are now entitled to a Report on payment of 1s. (postage 2d. extra). Application should be made to the District Secretary. Non-residents may, if desired, apply to me.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Gen. Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 30th. The bells of St. Wulfram's Church (10) are available for ringing from 1 to 7.30 p.m. Short service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Dairy Company's Cafe Westgate, at 4.45, tickets 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting to follow tea. Visitors and friends will receive a hearty welcome.—S. Proctor, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on February 2nd and 16th; for handbell practice on February 11th and 25th. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th February.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The meeting arranged to be held at Doncaster on February 5th will not take place.—Sam Thomas, secretary pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Hon. District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 1915, at St. James', Waterfoot. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 prompt. Subscriptions are now due. Annual reports 6d. each to life members.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramisbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bray on Saturday, February 6th. Service 4.45. Tea and business to follow. Bells will be rung before and after service. Tea will be provided only for those sending their names to me not later than February 1st.—Rev. P. Gordon Levy, 49, All Saints' Avenue, Maidenhead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) at Isleworth, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, tea in the Hartlands Road Mission Hall at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mrs. Gill. Members and friends heartily welcome. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid by the date of meeting. — H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting for practice will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea provided.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Warner, for those who notify me of their intention to be present not later than the previous Wednesday. The bells (6) will be available. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, February 13th, 1915. Service at 4 o'clock, tea at 5 and business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available at 2.30 if required, also after the meeting. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by the Wednesday previous. — R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect. Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

ENTERPRISE AMONG RINGERS.

One of the first established among our modern ringing organisations, and still one of the largest and "live" societies in the Exercise, the Yorkshire Association held its annual meeting last Saturday, and the gathering, like so many of its nearly forty predecessors, was most successful, particularly when allowance is made for the existing state of affairs which has upset the normal conditions in almost every walk of life throughout the world.

A perusal of the Association's annual report is always a matter of interest, and this year's issue, which covers the operations of the society up to the end of last September, is a most encouraging volume—for it is quite a volume, including, as it does, over 180 pages. It is not possible to touch here upon many of the points of general interest which are to be found between the covers. We are glad, however, to note that the committee, in their review of the year, take the opportunity of endeavouring to stir up among some of their members a greater spirit of aspiration. Dealing with the peals rung during the year they say: "The 24 peals of Kent Treble Bob seem to indicate, we think, that in some quarters there is a lack, not of ringers, but of enterprise. There are plenty of good Major methods waiting to be rung; enough to interest and occupy for a life-time, without monotony, the most eager aspirant."

There is sound advice in this, which may well be taken to heart not only in Yorkshire, but among ringers throughout the country. Elsewhere it may not be Treble Bob, which appears to be the limit of the ringers' aspirations, but the spirit which leads to contentment at the Treble Bob, or any other stage of progress, is to be deprecated. Treble Bob is not the top of the tree, and no band ought really to be content with anything less than the highest. There is always something left to strive for, and Treble Bob and other methods are only stepping-stones. There may be some men whose gifts would never enable them to grasp the intricacies of methods like London Surprise; but even for them, there are, as the Yorkshire report points out, plenty of good methods waiting to be rung which would lead step by step to the higher regions. If anyone were to ask us which are the two characteristics which go to the making of successful ringers, that is, men above the average, we should say perseverance and enterprise.

Nothing can be done without perseverance to master the task in hand, and enterprise is, above all things, needed to take a man from one stage to the next above. We hope that not only will the hint dropped by the Yorkshire Committee bear fruit in the county of broad acres, but that it will not be without result beyond the borders and awake the flame of aspiration among those who are now content to jog along, satisfied with what they know.

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**OPINION OF OUR
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Yours truly,

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lbs.

HENRY I. HOWELL Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
PERCY WILLIAMS 2	ISAAC LONG 6
ALBERT STOWELL 3	FRED G. MAY 7
FREDERICK W. WADE 4	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells and is the second ever rung upon them. The only other peal—one of Grandsire Triples (muffled)—was rung on November 14th, 1836. The peal was rung to record the dedication of the recast tenor bell.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE LADIES' GUILD,

AND THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS MABEL C. N. JUKES Treble	†MISS DORIS COLES 5
†MISS BLANCHE L. MITCHELL 2	MISS EDITH M. HOLE ... 6
*MISS ADELAIDE STOKES ... 3	MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM 7
*MISS DOROTHY G. SAGE ... 4	MISS MARY E. N. JUKES... Tenor

Conducted by Miss DORIS COLES.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal as conductor. The conductor is only 15 years of age. This is the first peal rung for the Ladies' Guild and the first peal by eight ladies who are all members of one tower. Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of a sister ringer, Miss Margery F. Sampson.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

(ERDINGTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

CHAS. COTTRELL Treble	WM. G. ANKER 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	GEO. F. SWANN 6
WM. J. MEERS 3	GEO. GARRISON 7
JOHN SANDERS 4	JOHN E. TIGWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Miss Margery F. Sampson, of Edinburgh, a member of the above society, who died Jan. 14th, 1915.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 3, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES MINTON, JUNR. ... Treble	EDWARD JORDAN 4
EMMANUEL BEDDOES 2	CHARLES MINTON, SENR. 5
WILLIAM ROBERTS 3	JAMES ADDIS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES MINTON, JUNR.

First peal by an entirely local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of and as a token of respect for the men who have given their lives in the war.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. R. BARTON, 71, CALEDONIA ST.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JOHN R. BARTON	1-2	PTB. ALFRED RAYNER,	
JOHN R. FRYIRS	3	5th Yorks... ..	4
		HARRY GIBSON	5-6

FRANK DAVISON... .. 7-8

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and
Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witnesses: MRS. BARTON and MRS. M. E. BARTON.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fryirs on the anniversary
of their wedding day.]

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD*On Tuesday, January 26th, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1-2	JAMES HUNT	5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7-8
		ALFRED W. GRIMES	9-10

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: B. S. THOMPSON.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 1, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. DAVISON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores.

*H. PRIEST	Treble	J. R. BARTON... ..	3-4
J. R. FRYIRS	2	†F. DAVISON	5-6

Conducted by F. DAVISON.

Witnesses: MRS. DAVISON and MISS CHAMBERS.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal as conductor.

The peal at Willenhall, on January 23rd, was a peal of Stedman
Triples and not Grandsire as published.**NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.**The following further contributions have been received
towards the Prince of Wales' Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	65	17	0
Ringers of Isleworth Parish Church (per Mr. T. Beadle)	0	10	0
Mr. E. Barnett, sen., Crayford	0	8	6
Bushey Society, January collection (per Mr. B. Prewett)	0	5	0
Total	£67	0	6

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	2	4	0
"Wanderer" (January contribution)	0	2	0
"Mrs Wanderer" (January contribution)	0	2	0
Total	£2	8	0

The Christmas collection for the ringers of Penshurst,
Kent, amounting to £10 18s. 6d., has been handed over
by them to the Belgian Relief Fund through the local
secretary.**ROLL OF HONOUR.**Appended is a further list of ringers now serving with the Forces
of the Crown:

- William Alfred Pyc, of Romford, 8th Reserve London Howitzer
Brigade, R.F.A. (T.), now at Woolwich.
Fred G. Woodiss, of Woodmancote, Glos., and formerly of
Hersham, Surrey, R.F.A.
H. Tomsett, of Lindfield, Sussex, National Reserve, now at
Balcombe Viaduct.
Lance-Corpl. Alfred W. Hughes, of St. Mary's, Rye, Sussex,
Lowther's Southdown Battalion (Lowther's Lambs), Royal
Sussex Regiment, at Cooden, near Bexhill-on-Sea.
Ewart G. P. Johnson, late of Appledore, Kent (who emigrated
to Australia), Royal Army Medical Corps from Australia,
now in Egypt.
Lance-Corpl. Douglas Johnson, of SS. Peter and Paul's, Apple-
dore, Kent, The Buffs (Kitchener's Army), Sandling, Kent.
Louis Hayemore, St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Rolvenden, Kent, in
Kitchener's Army.
F. Richards, St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Rolvenden, Kent, Royal Gar-
rison Artillery.
Pte W. E. Chamberlain, of St. James', Clerkenwell, London Rifle
Brigade, on active service.
Spr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland, Royal Engineers, at Buxton.
From St. Peter's, Thurleigh, Bedford:—
Spr. E. Arque, E.A.R.E. Signal Co., at Bury St. Edmund's.
Leo-Corpl. G. Jefferies, East Surrey Regiment, at Devonport.
Pte H. Swepstone, 5th Beds Regiment, at Newmarket.
The following from St. George's, Chnu, Salop:—
Spr. Ernest Griffiths, 74th Field Co., R.E., at Borden
Pte James Lwin, 25th Division Cyclists, at Bournemouth.
Pte John Lewis, 7th S.E.R. Batt., King's Shropshire Light In-
fantry, at Bournemouth.
Pte Eric Morris, Army Medical Corps, at Shrewsbury.

A LETTER FROM OVERSEAS.

RINGERS AND RINGING IN VANCOUVER.

Just a few lines to let you know that we are still doing a little out
here, despite the weakening of our hand. The New Year was ushered
in to the merry sound of our peal at the Church of Our Lady of the
Holy Rosary. We rang half-muffled for about 45 minutes before mid-
night. The muffles were then taken off, and the bells fired twelve
times at "the witching hour." As, however, it is the custom in this
town to make about as much noise as possible in the streets all
night, much as they do in the cities of the States, very few people
who were in the streets were able to hear bells at all. Only to those
who live in the vicinity of the tower and at a considerable distance,
are they at all audible, and the only mention made in our daily
papers was a few verses. Those taking part in the ringing were:
Messrs. A. C. Limpus, Gilbert Pearce, George Jones, Farrington Jones,
B. Carrier, H. Hollis, W. H. Harvey and James J. Buckley.
On Sunday, January 3rd, the bells were again rung half-muffled,
and special services were held in all churches in this city in accord-
ance with the proclamation of His Majesty the King. I notice you have
credited this tower with five ringers who are now serving their King
and country. Their names are:

- F. M. Bressy with 72nd Highlanders at Salisbury Plain.
Sergt.-Saddler W. Judd, Stratbooma's Horse, at Salisbury Plain.
F. Taylor, Royal Canadian Engineers, Toronto.
Regimental-Sergt.-Major George Jones, No. 19 Co. Army Service
Corps, Vancouver, B.C., and
MacDonald, at Bulford Camp.
The last-named member was only with us for about six months,
but we hope for his return after the war.
I am very glad to see things in the ringing way looking so en-
couraging in Boston, Mass., and hope they may soon score a peal
there. It would be interesting to know if there is any ringing done for
service there, especially at Christ Church, on that fine old ring.—Yours
truly,
Vancouver, B.C.

A. C. LIMPUS.

BELFRY RULES AND FINES.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—I was very pleased to see your leading article on "Belfry
Rules and Fines" in to-day's issue, particularly so, as only this week
we have adopted a set of belfry rules for our new band of ringers at
Clun, and, knowing from earlier experience the friction caused by the
system of fines, we have altogether excluded them and have left it to
the loyalty and keenness of our members to see that the rules are
faithfully observed. I have no fear of the result.

It may be interesting to other members of the Exercise to mention
also that we have unanimously resolved to pay and keep paid up, the
Guild subscriptions of all our members who are away on active ser-
vice, so that when they return, which we trust they will, they will
find their membership in order. I should like to see this idea adopted
by every band through the country.—Yours faithfully,
Clun, Salop, 29th January, 1915.

W. MEAD.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild held their annual meeting at Appledore on Saturday, when ringers attended from Ashford, Fairfield, Hawkhurst, Idem, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and the local tower, but the number present was much smaller in comparison with the attendances at former annual festivals. Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon, and a service was held, the President, the Vicar (Rev. A. O. Scutt) intoning the prayers, including special prayers for the success of the Allied Army.—The Rev. Mr. Wright read the lesson, and Miss Avery, to whom the members are extremely grateful, presided at the organ, the hymns being: "Ye Servants of the Lord," and "We love the place, O God."

The members then adjourned to the Swan Hotel, and sat down to an excellent meal tea, the President (Rev. A. O. Scutt) presiding, and the Master (Mr. G. Billenness) being in the vice-chair.

A SATISFACTORY REPORT.

At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. G. J. Youngs) gave a brief resume of the year's work in ringing generally, and explained the position of the Guild, financially. He thanked the President for so kindly falling in with the proposal to hold the annual gathering again at Appledore; Mr. G. Johnson for assistance rendered in arranging the meeting, and the master for auditing the accounts, and making out the balance sheets. The membership, he said, stood at 51, and during 1914 they had elected thirteen new members. Several, independent of the number stated, had not paid their subscriptions, but he still counted on receiving their support, for in time they might reform. The balance in hand was £2 7s. 1d., compared with £2 2s. 5½d. for 1913. This, he thought, was very satisfactory. Their income for the year had increased, the receipts totalling £5 0s. 11½d., against £4 5s. 9d. for 1913. They, however, had an increased expenditure, £2 13s. 10½d. being paid out for 1914, and £2 2s. 3½d. in 1913. As regards meetings they had held nine during the year, which was very good indeed, considering the crisis the country was going through, which had thrown everything so much out of gear. Two meetings took place at Appledore, two at Stone-in-Oxney, and one each at Woodchurch, New Romney, Aldington, Benenden and Rolvenden. One of the meetings at Appledore was very interesting, the President kindly entertaining them shortly after his wedding, and they all remembered that gathering with great pleasure. In the matter of peals three had been rung, two being Grandsire Triples, and the third, Kent Treble Bob Minor at Stone-in-Oxney, the first Treble Bob peal by the Guild.

Mr. C. Tribe, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet, said as an old secretary, he was proud to find that the present secretary had brought the membership up to over fifty. That was what he (the speaker) wished to do, but did not ever quite manage it. He thought the Guild was in a very thriving condition. The sovereign that had been given to the Prince of Wales' fund showed they were willing to bear some of the burdens of the country. They had made a sacrifice in sending the contribution, for they had no annual outing, towards which the money would have been granted.

Mr. G. Johnson seconded, and the accounts were unanimously passed.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. A. O. Scutt was unanimously re-appointed president; Mr. G. Billenness was re-elected Master; and Mr. G. J. Youngs, hon. secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Youngs' services were warmly eulogised, and, in reply, he said the fact that they had got on so well was due to all of them pulling together. They had all helped and done what they could to assist him, and he would do his best to keep things going again for them.

The following were appointed on the committee: Messrs. C. Tribe, Tenterden; G. B. Anderson, New Romney; C. W. Player, Stone-in-Oxney; A. C. Kay, Ashford; G. Johnson, Appledore; G. Kenward, Idem; and A. Blackman, Rolvenden.

Messrs. W. Tickner (Tenterden), J. Bailey (Idem) and F. W. Fowle (Appledore) were admitted as new members.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at High Halden, on February 20th, in conjunction with the Ashford district of the Kent Association.

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by Mr. A. Johnson, it was unanimously resolved to keep all the members on the books who had joined the forces, so that they would have no arrears to pay on their return.

Mr. Tribe, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the President for presiding, for the use of the bells and the service, said he should like each tower if possible to try and get an honorary member, and he should be very much obliged to the President if he would kindly try to sow a little seed in that direction, by bringing the matter up before the clergy in other parishes.—Mr. A. Johnson seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

THE BELLS SPECIAL USE.

Responding, the President said it was a very great pleasure to preside at their meeting, and to lend the tower and hold the service. He would be only too glad to ask the clergy in the deanery to become honorary members. Things should go on at home in normal conditions, for by keeping things going in the usual way we were all helping our country, and our Army and Navy. At such a time as the

present one could not help feeling a little depressed, but by the ringing of the bells they were cheered up. There was a special reason why bells should be rung to call people to church at the present time, and that was in order to bid the parishioners to pray for God's help and blessing on our Army and Navy, and those of our Allies. That we were going to win he had no doubt, but it was not always the just cause that succeeded at the commencement, but the right prevailed in the end. They believed England and her Allies were going to win, and he quite believed at the end of the year, or the beginning of next, our victorious armies would be marching through Berlin and London. As regards those who enlisted from their Guild, he heartily sympathised with the idea of keeping their names on the books. All honour to those who had offered their services, and even if they could only show their appreciation in a small way, they ought only be too glad to do it.

A vote of thanks to mine host of the Swan Hotel concluded the business.

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being rendered by Messrs. G. J. Youngs, C. Tribe and E. Curd, and recitations by Mr. Balcombe. Courses of Grandsire Triples (double-handed) were rung on handbells by Messrs. C. W. Player, G. Billenness, C. Tribe, G. Johnson and A. Daw.

A 1914 RECORD.

A CENTURY OF 720's.

During 1914 the following 720's were rung at the Church of St. Peter de Merton, Bedford: Surprise methods: London 8, Wells 5, Cambridge 5, York 5, Chester 4, Durham 3, Beverley 3; two each of Newcastle, Carlisle, Lancashire, Stamford, Lincoln, Annabell's London, Ipswich, Norwich, Priamrose; and one each of Worcester, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Chichester, Canterbury, Bedford, Netherseale, Cuncastre, Munden, Surfleet, Alnwick, Morpeth, St. Peter's, Berwick, Hexham, Allendale, Whitley, Northumberland, Kelso, Coldstream, Bamborough, Westminster, Sandiacre, Bacup, Warkworth, Wooler, Bourne, Hull, Norfolk, Superlative; Treble Bob methods: Two each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford; and one each of College Exercise, London Scholars', College Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston, Violet, Huddersfield, College Bob IV, Wragby Delight; Fourth's Place Delights, No. 18, No. 19, No. 26, Southwark; Pain methods, Plain Bob 2; and one each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and College Single 1; total, 166. The ringers taking part were: C. W. Clarke 96, C. A. Robinson 86, W. Stapleton 36, Miss Dorothy Steel 70, Miss Evelyn Steel 68, H. Sharpe 65, W. Finedon 50, C. Stapleton 41, P. Cooke 38, V. Cooper 10, A. Martin (Higham Ferrers) 7, W. Perkins (Arthingborough) 7, H. L. Harlow 6, and F. Blood, F. Smith, C. Chasty, W. C. Duffield (Tasburgh), A. Norman (Sharnbrook), T. Orpin and G. M. Elto (Wellingborough), one each. The conductors were: W. Stapleton 65, C. W. Clarke 40, and C. A. Robinson 1.

504's AT CURDRIDGE.

At Curdridge, Hants, during 1914, no fewer than 86 504's of Grandsire Triples were rung, the following members of the local band taking part. Messrs. W. J. Ilyres, G. Jupe, J. Ryves, F. Newland, R. Elock, A. Pook, G. Bull, E. Wellstead, C. Johnson, Andrew Mears and Alfred Mears. Messrs. W. Linter and F. Linter, of Swanmore, also took part in some of the touches. The conducting was shared by Alfred Mears (30), Andrew Mears (23), and W. J. Ryves (27).

WHAT WAS DONE AT LEYTONSTONE.

The following 97 720's were rung by the Leytonstone company and ringing friends during 1914: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 2; and the following Surprise methods: London 16, Cambridge 16, Lincoln 10, York 9, Durham 6, Wells 6, Newcastle 5, Beverley 3, Chelsea 3, Carlisle 3, Chester 3, Norwich 3, Ipswich 2, Canterbury 2, Ely 1, Leytonstone 1, Worcester 1, Chichester 1, and Coventry 1. The ringers who took part were: W. Miller 94, W. Theobald 86, H. Torble 81, A. Fiddes 61, A. Prior 54, J. Moule 52, G. Dawson 36, W. Doran 27, G. Hayden 19, H. Saffell 15, G. A. Black 9, S. Hayes 8, R. Sanders 7, W. Pye 4, B. Marks 4, F. G. Newman 3, H. J. Tucker 2, G. T. Clayton 2, A. A. Hughes 2, B. Thompson 2, A. H. Wind 2, W. Keeble 1, C. T. Coles 1, W. Riches 1, E. Plummer 1, A. C. Ottway 1, H. Fowler 1, T. Cranfield 1, C. Petty 1, and A. E. Lobbon 1. The conducting was done by: W. Miller (59), J. Moule (21), H. Torble (7), G. Dawson (6), W. Theobald (2), and W. Keeble 1. One 720 of London was rung un-conducted.

CONDUCTOR AT 85.

Another instance of the great age at which a man may pursue a career in the belfry is provided by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Sunday week for evening service at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, and conducted by Mr. Samuel Greenwood, the "father" of the Surrey Association. Mr. Greenwood is in his 86th year, and he rang and conducted the touch without a miss-blow or error. We doubt if there is any other form of exercise requiring such powers of mental acumen and physical endurance in which a man of this age could take such an active part. The ringers were: S. Greenwood 1, G. Barrington 2, J. Lee 3, H. Pates 4, T. J. Attwater 5, L. Attwater 6, H. Langdon 7, H. S. Smith 8.

LADIES' GUILD'S FIRST PEAL.

RUNG BY A LOCAL BAND.

On January 3rd of this year the first quarter-peal to be rung by a band of local ladies was accomplished at Portishead, and in publishing the record we ventured to say that ere long a peal might be looked for. We have not had long to wait, for last Saturday the same band successfully scored 5040 Grandsire Triples.

It is not a little remarkable that the first peal rung by ladies all attached to the same tower should be accomplished in a little provincial town, rather than in some much larger centre, but the fact remains, and it reflects all the greater credit upon those who took part. The achievement, indeed, is in all respects a noteworthy one, and the only matter of regret is the occasion which called forth the attempt, namely, the death of one of the members of the Guild—Miss Margery Sampson. Nevertheless it was fitting that the Guild should have been able to pay this tribute to the popular and able young ringer, whose career was thus early cut off.

For some time past Portishead has been recognised as having the strongest contingent of ladies in the Exercise, and ringers will be glad to see that to them has gone the honour of the first "local" peal. The performance included three "firsts," a "first with a bob bell," and a "first as conductor." Indeed the last point is not the least interesting, for the conductor, Miss Doris Coles, is only 15 years of age. We feel sure that the heartiest congratulations of the whole Exercise will go out to the company, and especially to the conductor upon the performance, the details of which will be found in our peal columns.

PORTISHEAD'S LADY RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Portishead ringers was held in the belfry on Wednesday of last week, the chair being taken by the President (the Rev. H. W. Jukes), who was asked to unveil two peal tablets. One of these recorded a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by the local band on Feb. 24th, 1914, conducted by Mr. E. Goldstone, and in which five ladies took part. The other recorded the ladies' peal rung at Cubitt Town, and was erected by the Portishead ringers, because two of their band took part in it. The tablets, which were made by Mr. C. Davis, of Portishead, were of oak, and beautifully executed.

The captain (Mr. W. Gillingham) next gave the report for the past year. He said that the bells had been rung regularly for every Sunday service. The chief events of the year were as follows: On Whit-Monday, the Ladies' Guild held its annual meeting at Portishead; on July 4th, six of the band attended the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Bath; in August, the annual outing took place, to Cheddar and Wells; on December 19th, the quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Portishead, and the other event was the quarter-peal rung by the lady members of the band. He hoped that soon they would succeed in ringing a peal. The year began with 15 ringers, three had left, one of these, Mr. R. G. Williams, having joined the colours. There were now nine lady ringers in the band. He thanked all the members for the support they had given him, and for the interest they had taken in the art.

The Treasurer (Mr. E. Goldstone) then presented his accounts, which showed a small balance on the right side. The officers were all re-elected.

Five new members were elected, and the Bath and Wells certificates of membership, framed in oak, were presented by the President, on behalf of the band, to the following, viz.: Misses M. G. Hudleston, M. C. N. Jukes, A. Stokes, D. G. Sage, Rev. H. S. Briggs and Mr. A. Derrick.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. W. Jukes for presiding.

PRESENTATION AT HEREFORD.

The Hereford Cathedral ringers spent a very enjoyable evening on the occasion of their annual dinner, held at the Spread Eagle Hotel. Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild) presided, and Mr. W. Davies was in the vice-chair. The company numbered 14: Messrs. J. J. Jones, R. Chamberlain, R. Powell, H. Taylor, W. H. Williams, A. J. Williams, H. Williams, H. Symonds, C. Jones, C. Sparks, A. Taylor, C. Davis, W. Yeaton and E. J. Williams. A splendid repast was served by Host and Hostess Morgan. Afterwards the loyal toast was honoured, and the Chairman then proposed the toast of "The Hereford Cathedral Society." He coupled with it the name of Mr. J. J. Jones, the hon. secretary, to whom, on behalf of the ringers, he made a presentation, in recognition of Mr. Jones' services to the society as hon. secretary and foreman for many years. The gift consisted of an illuminated address and a gold pendant suitably inscribed. Mr. Jones, who was quite taken by surprise, fittingly responded, and then proposed "The Health of the Chairman," which was drunk with musical honours. Other toasts included "The Vice-Chairman," "The Visitors," to which Mr. W. Yeaton responded, "The Conductor" (Mr. W. H. Williams), and "The Host and Hostess." Afterwards several touches were rung on handbells, and songs were rendered by Messrs. W. Davies, Taylor and E. Williams, Mr. A. J. Williams presiding at the piano.

BRISTOL'S RESTORED BELLS.

DEDICATION AT ST. PHILIP AND JACOB'S CHURCH.

As we briefly recorded last week, the bells of St. Philip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, for many years practically unringable, have at last been rehung in a new iron frame, and the tenor has been recast. The work was entrusted to the local firm of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, who have quite satisfactorily carried out the work entrusted to them. The contract came to about £350. The recast tenor bell is a great improvement on the old one, the tone being of good quality and quite one of the best bells ever turned out by the firm. Its mellowness was freely commented upon, with the remark that the bell was a splendid finish to a good peal of bells, which are Bilbies, and are dated 1739. The 6th was recast by Messrs. Llewellyns and James in 1834.

The dedication service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. M. E. Thorold), and a large congregation came to listen to the Bishop of the Diocese, who set his impress upon the completed work by dedicating the new bell, and making reference to the use of bells in connection with worship. For his address the Bishop based his discourse on Psalm cxxi, 1, "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the House of the Lord." In the course of his address, he called attention to the value of church attendance, and asked the parishioners to come at the sound of the bells. Let the bells of the church, he said, speak to them as a call from God to gather in His House, to get some fresh inspiration for the common task. Let the bells speak to them as the voice of One who said, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The Bishop pronounced the Blessing at the close of the service.

As the congregation were leaving the church the bells were rung to a touch of Stedman Triples by a band of ringers, under the leadership of Mr. F. G. May, and were afterwards kept going in various methods until a late hour. On the following Saturday a peal of Stedman Triples was successfully rung, and appears in its proper place.

The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired, and taking the work as a whole it is well and truly completed to the satisfaction of critical ears and eyes. The ringers themselves are well satisfied with the result of the work entrusted to Messrs. Llewellyns and James, and which reflects every credit upon the workmen employed by them.

On a recent Monday evening, the ringers who took part in the ringing of the bells at St. Philip and Jacob's Church prior to the dedication, with other ringing friends to the number of 21, met at the Priory Restaurant, St. Augustine's, for a dinner, and spent an enjoyable evening together. The handbells, songs, etc., from some of the ringers, and a fine entertainment given by a minstrel troupe, invited for the occasion, gave great pleasure. The thanks of the company were extended to the donors of the feast—Messrs. Llewellyns and James and Mr. F. G. May.—The latter, in replying to a vote of thanks, said the company was increased to the number present from the small number who had taken part in the ringing at St. Philip and Jacob's Church to enable the men who frequently met for ringing to have a good time together. He was glad everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves, which was gratifying, because it clearly showed the unanimity existing among them.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Gosport on a recent Saturday. The ringers attended service at Holy Trinity Church, the Vicar officiating.

Tea was served at the Institute, where 24 sat down, including the Vicar and churchwardens.

The financial statement for the past twelve months, presented at the business meeting which followed, showed only a slight balance in hand to be remitted to the general fund of the Guild.—All the officers were elected, viz.: Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master; Mr. J. W. Whiting, district secretary; Mr. E. J. Harding, assistant secretary; and Mr. W. Linter, representative on the Guild Committee.—Much sympathy was expressed with the district secretary (Mr. Whiting), who was unable to attend the meeting owing to illness.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Shedfield on Easter Monday, and then, if conditions were more favourable than at present, to decide at that meeting where the quarterly meetings should take place for the year.

Many thanks are due to the Gosport band for the trouble they took in so tastefully decorating the room and making arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

The Vicar and churchwardens expressed their pleasure at being invited to the tea and meeting, and during the evening courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells, and members of the choir contributed songs.—Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., President of the Middlesex Association, was present, and spoke a few words of encouragement to the ringers.—Mr. George Williams, general secretary of the Guild also attended, and said he hoped that the Gosport band would do their best to hold together until their bells were put in ringing order.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for their presence, and to the organist and choir for the music which helped the members to spend such a pleasant evening.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT HALIFAX.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Halifax on Saturday last, and, being favoured with a fine but cold winter's day, upwards of 100 members, representing some 25 towers, were present. The Parish Church of St. John possesses a peal of 13 bells, tenor 25½ cwt., in D, and a middle eight is obtained in G by having a flat sixth. These and the fine toned new ring of eight at Northowram, with a tenor of 16 cwt., the latter by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were made good use of, the reason for the ringing having been publicly announced beforehand. During the afternoon the district secretaries were busily engaged in receiving subscriptions and handing out reports, thus relieving for other duties, the president, general secretary and treasurer, who, before the divisional scheme came into force, found their work on the day of the annual meeting almost too arduous.

THE SERVICE.

A shortened form of evening service was held in the Parish Church at four o'clock, when the Vicar of Halifax, the Rev. Prebendary Burn, D.D., after expressing his pleasure at welcoming the members to the historic church, preached from the text, Isaiah 56, 7. "I will make them joyful in my house of prayer." He pointed out that the summons to the temple of Solomon was by silver trumpets, and only in two places were bells mentioned in the Bible, but there was no analogy between the bells on the robes of the High Priest and on the horses, with the large and deep-toned bells in our towers. The text was chosen with reference to the worship for which it was their privilege to ring and invite other Christians. It was a message of the dignity of their office as ringers and the responsibilities attached to it. It was God's message which went forth, but did they speak to God as they looked up at the rope? Turning again to the words of the text, the preacher said that only once a year did the High Priest enter into the Holy of Holies. In the Middle Ages merchants met in the nave of St. Paul's, and used it as a public market place, but now as they doffed their hats to enter church they must come to God with reverence and godly fear. In their ringing they rejoiced in its wonderful science, and would pray for blessing on their association, and that all ringers might have the true spirit of Christ. In the war, all that was dear to them was at stake. They are fighting for truth and liberty, and they would pray for their Forces and Allies, and those in command. They prayed that God's providence might give them the victory, and then the glad office would be theirs of ringing the bells for peace.

After the service, a substantial meat tea was partaken of in the Dispensary Walk Schools, and the business meeting followed with the president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, in the chair, supported by the general secretary, hon. treasurer, and most of the district officers on the general committee, two of the absentees, Messrs. F. Barker and F. Laverick, being with the Forces. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Hattersley, Fearnley and Williams.

A hearty vote of thanks for the service, sermon, and use of the bells was accorded to the Vicar of Halifax, who had had to leave immediately after tea to attend another important engagement, not, however, without finding time to express his hearty welcome to the members, and regrets at not being able to stay longer.—Thanks were also expressed to the Rev. G. Watkinson, M.A., Vicar of Northowram, for his willingness in placing the bells there at the disposal of the members.

THE REPORT.

The annual report of the committee stated that the last year had seen the accomplishment of that step which they had long looked forward to, viz., the division of the county into districts, and they desired to congratulate the Association on the successful inauguration of that new scheme, and to express the hope that after the first necessary dislocation of old and well-tried ways, this new step would prove to be one for the much greater advance and stability of the Association. The district secretaries had reported that progress had naturally been somewhat hindered by the war, and the full number of meetings had not yet been held in some cases. Given the blessings of peace, everything lost in this as in other matters, would in due time be regained, and they, in common with all kindred associations, must for the present "carry on" as best they could, and hope for the good times to come. During the year, which concluded on Sept. 30th, 1914, 87 tower-bell peals and 15 on handbells had been rung, making a total of 102, but bearing in mind that during August and September peal ringing—on tower bells at any rate—was practically suspended on account of the war (and remained so) there was no doubt that under happier conditions the previous year's total of 107 would have been easily exceeded. As it was the high standard upon which they then congratulated themselves had again been striven for, a peal of Cinques only being required to make a good list almost excellent. The 24 peals of Kent Treble Bob seem to indicate that in some quarters there is a lack, not of ringers, but of enterprise. There are plenty of good Major methods waiting to be rung; enough to interest and occupy for a life-time, without monotony, the most eager aspirant.

A YEAR'S PEALS.

Congratulations were extended to the aspiring bands who have added new headings to the Association records by accomplishing the first As-

sociation peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Chesterfield, and St. Clement's Triples, at Eastwood, Rotherham. Commendation must also be given to the Ashton-under-Lyne members, who, though non-resident, had placed on the Association's list and that of their own, the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus in the North of England, and had also established a new record for Royal by ringing 14,000 of Kent Treble Bob. After commenting on the officers' peal of Stedman Caters, the four Surprise Minor peals by the Killamarsh band, the first peal of Stedman Caters "in hand," the report goes on to congratulate Mr. J. Flint, of Bolsover, in securing a century of peals for the Association, and to compliment Miss Hague, of Rotherham, on her continued progress on both tower and handbells. The summary of peals rung during the year was as follows. On tower bells: Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 3; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Little Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 3; Grandsire Caters, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 24; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 6; College Single Major, 1; Bob Major, 6; Stedman Triples, 8; St. Clement's Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Seven Surprise Minor Methods, 4; Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 2; Four Minor Methods, 1; Kent Treble Bob Minor, 1; total, 87.

On handbells: Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 2; Grandsire Caters, 2; Bob Major, 4; Stedman Triples, 4; Grandsire Triples, 2; total, 15.

The report went on to state that the present membership includes seven patrons, 39 honorary and 1,478 ringing members, making a total of 1,524 names on the books, being an increase of 17, which could be accounted a satisfactory but not large addition. A perusal of the balance sheet would show that the finances during the year had not improved. This, however, was fully expected, as the work of the Association could not be carried on at the same expense with four districts (each with its four meetings) as formerly with one committee and only three meetings per year. It was hoped, however, that they would have increased benefits from their extra expenditure, and thereby consider they were in reality only carrying out to a fuller degree the work and objects for which the Association was formed.

COST OF THE REPORT.

In presenting the report, the President, alluding to the terrible war, said that the almost absolute absence of peal ringing since its commencement was very striking. It was the committee's intention to include in a future report a roll of honour, which, he hoped, would be worthy of the patriotism of the great Association. This year, just as the districts had been formed and set going, war broke out and made progress, just when things looked so promising, a work of double and treble difficulty. They must realise this, and look forward to the time when peace was declared, when there would doubtless be a very marked advance in the work and influence of the association under its new conditions. A new feature this year would be found in the particulars of bells and practice nights given under the name of each local branch. These would be inserted each year, and were a valuable addition. With regard to the step which had been taken in increasing the price of reports to life members to 1s., he asked these members to believe that this was done solely for the good of the Association, and if, as the committee hoped, the life members would loyally take up the issue of reports, the association would be on a sound financial basis for many years.

Here the writer may be pardoned for saying that it is a source of pride with the past and present officials that Yorkshire resident ringers are members for life when their annual subscriptions amount to 12s. 6d. No charge is made for the ten reports they receive during their paying period, and afterwards they have nothing whatever to pay unless they desire to purchase a report for 1s.

The report was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Messrs. P. Cordingley, seconded by Mr. S. Thomas.

Sympathetic reference was made to the death of Mr. Wm. Abbshaw, of Rothwell, the committee having already sent to his family a letter of condolence and appreciation of his many years' good work as an officer and trustee.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The treasurer's balance sheet was adopted, on the motion of the auditors, Messrs. J. S. Ambler and W. Smith.

The retiring president was re-elected by acclamation, no fresh nomination having been received, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall replied in terms of appreciation of the members' continued confidence.

The President, and Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, G. Bolland and C. Glenn were re-elected as representatives on the Central Council.

There are about 250 churches in the county possessing rings of bells, and the draft of a circular, which it is proposed to send to each incumbent, was read. It is hoped that by setting forth the aims of the Association and the work it is doing, to draw the clergy of the county into closer contact with, and co-operation in, the ringer's office. We hope, however, to refer to this subject again at a later date.

After thanks had been accorded to the local members for the arrangements they had made to ensure the meeting being a success, also to the secretary for his work during the year, and to the chairman for ably presiding, the meeting closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

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THE BELLS OF ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

The peal of ten bells at St. Margaret's, Leicester, said by John Brand in "Popular Antiquities" to be "the finest peal of ten bells in England, whether tune or tone be considered," and which Nichols, the historian, of Leicestershire, says are "superior to any in the county," have a very interesting history. Unfortunately there are no parochial records to tell anything about the early history of the ring. The earliest mention of bells I can trace is from an "Obit and agreement thereon," dated May 3rd, 1478,



ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

of Ric. Elkesley, chaplain, stating that "for the ringing of the fourth bell of the church of St. Margaret aforesaid, at the time of the exequies and Mass 4d." Thus in 1478 there were at least four bells. In an "Obit and Dirige," dated March 21st in the 29th year Henry VIII (1538) of Margery Thomson, widow and executrix of Henry Thomson, to be paid on the "Sonday next before the ffeast of the Exaltacn of the Holly Crosse, called Holly Roode day (Sep. 14) the Belman for goyng about the Towne 2d.; also to the seid church of Saint Margaret for all the 5 bells to be reng on 2s.; and to the rengers of them 16d." From this we see there were five bells here in 1538.

Nichols says that Thomas Newcombe "who cast the six bells of St. Margaret's," was buried 20th May, 1594. This is not so, however, for the Register of All Saints,

Leicester, gives the date as 7th February, 1580. His will was proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Leicester in the following year (1581). None of Thomas Newcombe's sons appear to have been afterwards connected with the foundry. The same Thomas Newcombe bought the brass eagle then belonging to St. Margaret's, as the following extract from the churchwardens' accounts show:—"1570 Recd. of Mr. Newzmann for the egle 5L: os: od."

Presuming Nichols to be correct in his statement as to the casting of the bells of St. Margaret's by Thomas Newcombe, they were cast some time prior to 1579, and were at that time six in number. These bells could not have been very satisfactory, for within sixty years, i.e., in 1633, the whole six were recast by Hugh Watts, as is recorded on the 6th bell of the present ring.

An anecdote relating to the casting of the tenor bell is well worth quoting, and runs as follows:—

"When the metal and moulds of the bell were preparing and almost finished for casting, the son would have the father go up to London to hear the finest toned bells he could, before the final hand. The father accordingly went up at his son's request, who as soon as he had gone, set to work without loss of time, and cast the great bell. However, it did not completely please him, so he recast it. Then finding it had every quality he had worked for, he wrote to his father in London, to come back on a certain day, nay, even a certain hour. The father could not make out why his son was so particular, but, however, obeyed him. The son, upon casting the second tenor, which fully answered all his wishes and expectations, set to work to hang it, which he did successfully. At the critical moment his father reached the town of Leicester on his return, this inimitable bell was ringing to the no small joy of the father, who cried also, for he perceived and knew what the younger Watts had been at and contrived, as there could be such bell in existence at the time he left the foundry."

This son, whose skill was so highly appreciated by his father, was probably Francis Watts, a younger son (for there is no mention of his eldest son, Hugh, in connection with the foundry), who was shortly afterwards admitted to the Chapman's Guild, or made free of the town:—

"1635-6

Franc Watts apprentice of Mr. Hugh Watts Bellfounder Made free the 11th of Maye 1636 his fine xs."

Hugh Watts was elected one of the Chamberlains of the Borough in 1620-1, and in 1633-4 he was chosen Mayor. It was during the Mayoralty of Hugh Watts that King Charles I paid his first visit (as King) to Leicester. He was received with all due pomp and ceremony, and on Sunday, August 10th, attended Divine service at St. Martin's Church. The churchwardens' accounts of that date show:—

"Pd the ringers being viij for the tyme that his Majestie stayed in Leic xs."

In 1711 two trebles were added to the ring of six then in St. Margaret's from the foundry of Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, towards the cost of which the Corporation subscribed £20, as is recorded in the Chamberlains accounts. They were inscribed:—

(1) "A.R. 1711."

(2) "Prosperity to all our benefactors 1711."

In 1738 the ring was made up to ten by a gift of two more trebles, by Wm. Fortrey, Esq., of Norton-by-Galby. Eayre (the founder) at the same time recast the then 1st and 2nd bells recently added, and the whole ring was rehung, Mr. Fortrey bearing the greater part of the expense. This Mr. Fortrey was an enthusiastic admirer of church bells, and did much towards encouraging improvements in the different peals of Leicestershire. Nichols say of him "William Fortrey, Esq., of Norton-by-Galby, made it his business all his life to enquire into these matters" (i.e., bells and ringing). When John Holt published his "broadsheet" of peals in 1753 Mr. Fortrey is there shown

as a subscriber of four copies [see Snowdon's Grandsire, p. 130].

In 1739 the sixth bell was recast by Thomas Eayre, who placed upon it his testimony to the great reputation attained by its previous founder (Hugh Watts).

In 1883 Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. partly rehung and renovated the old frame of the bells, at the same time recasting the 5th bell. At the present time the bells are in a poor condition, the frame being out of order, and it is impossible to ring a long touch, much less a peal on the bells. In 1911-12 the tower underwent a thorough restoration and renovation, but the bells, unfortunately, were left in their old condition.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble and Second.

"T. Eayre Ex Dons Guil Fortrey de Norton in agro Leicesterenci Armig. 1738."

Third.

"T. Eayre, Kett: Rich: Denshire: and Rob: Page: C: W: 1738. Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei" (Do all to the Glory of God).

Fourth.

"T. Eayre, Kett: Rich: Denshire: and Rob: Page: Churchwardens Anno. Dom. 1738."

Fifth.

"Crede Resipede Mori Memento 1633" (Believe, repent, remember Death).

Round the Waist: "Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough 1883."

Sixth.

"Hugh Watts, of Leicester, the foremost in his Art cast the 6 largest bells 1633. T. Eayre, Kett: Recast this 1739. Morte Beata Nihil Beatius" (Nothing happier than a happy death).

Seventh.

"Statutumest Omnibus Semel Mori 1633" (it is appointed unto all men once to die). On the crown of the bell are the letters "M.V. + B.W."

Eighth.

"I. H. S. Nasareus Rex Jude-orum Fili Dei Miserere Mei 1633" (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, O Son of God, have Mercy on Me).

Ninth.

"Feare God Obaie The King. George Palmer P.D.E. 1633. I.M."

Tenor.

"Cum sono si non vis venire nunquam ad preces cupies. Ire 1633."

(If you're unwilling to come, when I call
To prayers, you'll not wish to come at all).

The tenor is 54 inches in diameter, and weighs 30 cwts. in D.

(To be continued.)

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH HATTO.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Joseph Hatto, of Beenham, Berks, who passed away, after a short illness, on Wednesday, January 20th, at the age of 74 years.

Beenham possess six bells, and in the early '80's, soon after the Oxford Diocesan Guild was formed, Mr. Hatto and his brother ringers decided to learn the art of change ringing, and he was a very proud man when in 1888 he rang in the first peal of Minor at the Parish Church which he loved so well, and in which he laboured for so many years, both as a ringer and chorister. The deceased was laid to rest in the churchyard of Beenham on Monday of last week, being borne to the grave by his brother ringers. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and the Rev. G. D. S. Bushnell (Vicar of Beenham). Among others in church were Mr. A. E. Reeves, general secretary of the Oxford Guild; Miss M. Chillingworth and Mr. Cyril Woodrider. After the funeral the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled.

THE DEATH OF MISS M. F. SAMPSON.

In addition to the muffled peals rung by the Ladies' Guild at Portishead and Erdington, and recorded elsewhere, an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples (Lates) was made at Tamworth on Wednesday of last week, as a tribute of respect to the late Miss Sampson, of Edinburgh. Unfortunately, however, a change-course brought the attempt to an end, after an hour and a quarter's ringing. The loss of the peal was keenly felt by the ringers, as it was the only attempt they were able to arrange in memory of Miss Sampson, who, until recently, was a greatly respected member of the tower. The ringers were: J. W. Timms 1, G. Chaplin 2, W. Chapman 3, O. Chapman 4, A. Chaplin 5, J. Pratt (conductor) 6, F. J. Cope 7, J. H. Gallimore 8. An attempt for a peal was also made at Handsworth Parish Church on January 23rd.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Shoreditch, on Saturday week. Some fine touches of Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus, etc., was rung on this splendid going twelve, among the visitors taking part being Sergt. W. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent. A good number of members assembled in the Parish Room, and enjoyed a substantial tea, the Vicar and Rural Dean of Shoreditch (the Rev. F. E. Birch, M.A.) presiding.

The Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) took the chair at the business meeting, which followed, and referred to the large number of Cumberlands who had taken the field, and were serving with His Majesty's Forces in the awful war in which we were engaged. The actual number could not be given, but from Shoreditch alone it would run into double figures. Mr. Andrew Warner and Mr. Duncan Christy were in the firing line. He (the Master) hoped that the next meeting would be held under more cheerful circumstances, and that the society would soon be ringing in honour of peace.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. J. Bradley) presented the balance sheet, which showed a satisfactory balance, although the expenses had been high.

Mr. J. D. Matthews was again elected Master of the Society; Mr. H. J. Bradley, hon. secretary; Mr. H. Dains, treasurer; Mr. Arthur Hardy (who is still in Buenos Aires, but is expected to sail for home shortly), senior steward; and Mr. F. I. Hairs, junior steward.

Mr. J. D. Matthews, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. H. Dains and Mr. F. Smith were elected to represent the society upon the Central Council. Mr. Andrew Warner, Mr. Cecil J. Matthews (son and heir of the Master) and Mr. Norman North were elected new members.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Highgate.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Hall, and the members then once more trod the time-worn stairs of the tower, and further ringing was indulged in up to nine o'clock.

THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.

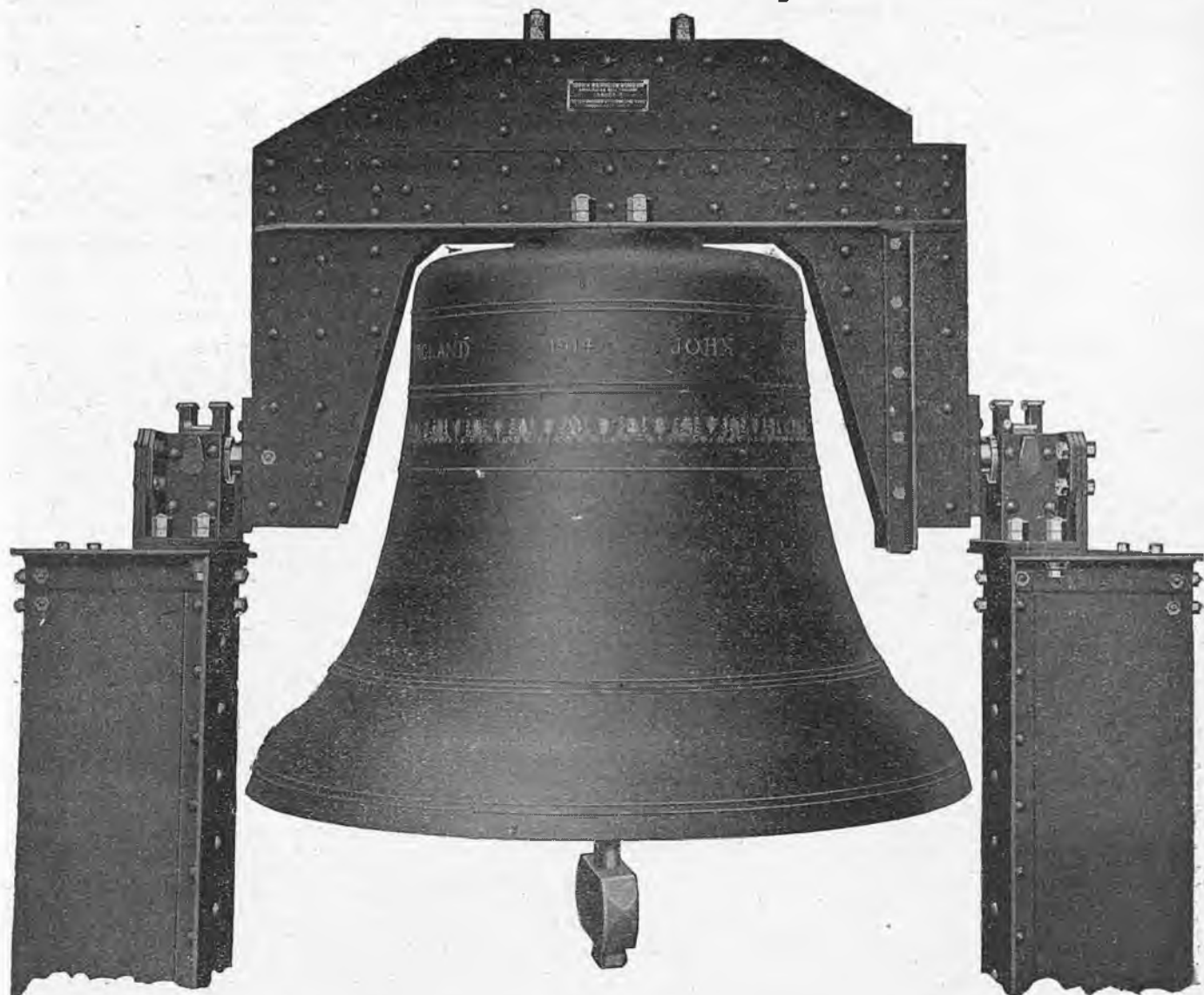
The annual meeting of this society took place on Thursday of last week in the Parish Hall. The Rector presided, and was supported by Messrs. Head and Field, vice-presidents. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. G. M. Hall; vice-presidents, Rev. H. H. C. Richardson, Messrs. Gabain, Head, Brooke, Field, Huntley, and J. Prowett; Master, Mr. B. Prowett; Deputy Master, Mr. F. A. Smith; secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Prowett; committee, the Master, Deputy Master and Mr. F. Edwards.—It was resolved to have the annual outing as usual, provided satisfactory arrangements could be made, the places selected being King's Langley, Berkhamsted, Chesham and Chenies.—Mr. Willis was elected as hon. member, and Messrs. A. Andrews and P. Parslow, members.—A vote of thanks to the President and to Messrs. Head and Field concluded the meeting.

The committee, in its annual report, states: The society can look back on a year of steady progress. The bells have been rung for 105 services, and with few exceptions it has been found possible to man the full octave. In deference to public opinion, peal ringing has been stopped during the war, and only three peals have been rung in 1914, viz., one each of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and one of Bristol Surprise Major, the latter rung with half-muffled clappers after the funeral of Sir Hubert Herkomer. The practices have been maintained, and good work is being done in teaching the younger hands new methods. The annual outing was held on June 27th, and a very pleasant day was spent, ringing being indulged in at Redbourn, Dunstable, Luton and Harpenden. As usual the New Year's Eve supper was a great success, and our best thanks are due to the President and to Mrs. Hall for a very enjoyable evening. One of the band has enlisted, and is now serving his country at Malta, and we all hope that he will soon return to England, safe and sound, to help us ring at the conclusion of peace.

In our biographical sketch last week of Mr. G. T. Potter, the hon. secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, we spoke of him as visiting, in the early days, St. Michael's tower, Newcastle. This was, of course, an error. The belfry which he used to take so much delight in visiting was St. Nicholas' Cathedral.

TORONTO TENOR BELL.

Note A. Weight 60 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.



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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SOUTHGATE.

There was a splendid attendance at the annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which was held on Saturday last at Southgate, nearly 70 members being present. A short service was held at 5.30, at which the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow) preached a very fine sermon on the lessons of the war, his remarks being much appreciated by those privileged to listen to them. Mr. J. A. Dart, of the Tottenham band, presided at the organ. The large number at tea proved a strain upon the resources of the host at the Cherry Tree Hotel, who, however, eventually satisfied everybody.

At the meeting following the chair was taken by Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., President of the Association, who, on rising to welcome the members, was given a great ovation.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that during the year the work done by the Association had had very satisfactory results, in spite of the almost complete cessation of ringing in August, consequent upon the outbreak of war. During the twelve months elapsing since the last annual meeting of the district there had been elected one honorary, two life and 32 ringing members (to which later in the evening were added 11 ringing members, making a total of 46). An entirely new band had been formed at Harrow-on-the-Hill, and but for intercessory services interfering with the practices, an instructor would now be attending. It was hoped, however, that as soon as the practices resumed their normal course, Mr. Martin would take up his duties. It was pleasant to see a number of the Harrow band present at the meeting. It was very satisfactory to note that the Willesden band had, during the year, become affiliated to the Association, and the Hon. Secretary stated that he was sure they would be a credit to the society. Mr. Coles went on to say that they hoped to compile a roll of honour of the members of the Association who had answered the call of their country for insertion in the annual report, and he was glad to be able to state that the response of their members had been very good indeed.

The balance sheet showed that the subscriptions received were not up to the usual standard, mainly owing to the fewer number of new members elected, through the general stoppage of ringing, but in spite of this there was a credit balance of £75 lls. 4d., an increase of £3 8s. 7d. on the year's working, and it was suggested that a sum of not more than £3, over and above the usual percentage already provided for, should be transferred to the Central Fund to meet a prospective deficiency in that account.

The President, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet, spoke of the excellent progress made by the society, and said how pleased he was at the affiliation of the Harrow and Willesden bands. He approved of the proposal to transfer a sum to the Central Fund, and hoped the members would agree to that course being adopted, to overcome a difficulty which he trusted would only be a temporary one.—Mr. B. Prewett seconded, and the members unanimously agreed.

On the motion of Mr. James Parker, seconded by Mr. W. Soer, all the retiring officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. Armstrong; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Kemp; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth; central committee, Messrs. G. B. Lucas, S. Wade and J. Waghorn, senr.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Southgate for his inspiring sermon, and for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. J. E. Miller, and the local ringers for their welcome. He also included Mr. J. A. Dart, who had added to the harmony of the proceedings.—The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.—The Hon. Secretary moved that the thanks of the members be given to Mr. King for presiding, stating how pleased they all were to have him with them again. They trusted that he would soon be completely restored to health.—The motion was carried with great enthusiasm, and after the President had suitably responded the meeting terminated.

Subsequently two plain courses of Stedman Cinques were rung upon handbells, kindly provided by Mr. J. Rayner, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, the following ringers taking part: Miss E. K. Parker, Messrs. R. Prewett, G. R. Pye, W. Pye, A. W. Grimes, J. Hunt and J. Herbert. Both before and after the meeting the beautiful peal of bells at the Parish Church were kept going, most of the standard methods from Grandsire to London and Bristol Surprise being rung.

EARLSHEATON RINGERS AT CONISBORO'.

The Earlsheaton society of ringers paid a visit to Conisbora' recently, and rang a date touch in 1 hr. 12 mins. on the beautiful ring of eight from the Loughborough foundry. The party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Strawbridge), who conducted them round the ancient castle, which proved an object of much interest. A course of Grandsire Major was rung on the top of the castle keep, which the Vicar declared was a novelty.—Mr. W. Idle entertained the party to tea at the Crowcroft Cafe, and the meal was much enjoyed. The Earlsheaton ringers were highly pleased with the "go" and tone of the bells. The ringers who took part in the date touch were: Messrs. A. Goodall, W. Idle, J. W. Dews, Hemingway Dransfield, J. Garforth, G. H. Hardy, Herbert Dransfield and G. Taylor. The visit was a most enjoyable one.

INTERCESSION TOUCHES.

The following were among the muffled touches rung on Intercession Sunday, January 3rd, in memory of those who have fallen in the war.

COALBROOKDALE.—At Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (composed by John Carter), in 49 mins.: Wm. Boden 1, J. Hanley 2, Pte T. Garbett 3, A. Garbett 4, J. York 5, W. Lago 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, J. Aston 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, half-muffled, ever rung on the bells. It was also W. Boden's first quarter-peal, Pte Garbett's first quarter with bob bell, and J. Aston's first quarter-peal in the method. Pte Garbett was at home on a few days' leave from Netley Hospital, where he is serving with the R.A.M.C.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, 598 Grandsire Triples: C. Greenfield 1, P. Knight 2, T. A. Doick 3, S. Stone 4, A. B. Corden 5, P. H. Doick 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

BRAINTREE.—Essex Association.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. J. Collins 3, E. F. Slade 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Pte F. Ely (8th Essex Cyclist) 6, G. Lindridge 7, H. Coots 8.

KING'S CLIFFE, NORTHANTS.—The bells were rung fully muffled, except the tenor, which was open at back stroke.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Stedman Triples: C. O. Hobbs 1, J. Harris 2, Allen Rowley 3, S. Dawe 4, T. Cox 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, J. Aldridge 8.

ABERAVON, SOUTH WALES.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: E. Joachim 1, D. Franckom 2, W. Nulton 3, J. Howells 4, C. Franckom 5, H. Perry 6, A. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8.

OLDHAM.—Lancashire Association.—At the Parish Church, a muffled date touch of Grandsire Caters (1915 changes, composed by C. Jackson, of Hull), in 1 hr. 15 mins.: H. Wright 1, S. Ellison 2, H. Hampson 3, A. Waites 4, M. Newton 5, S. Stott (conductor) 6, C. H. Mansland 7, H. E. Fielding 8, S. M. Butterworth 9, J. Garlick 10.

LONG EATON.—For morning service, 312 Stedman Triples: R. Seneschall 1, J. Harrison 2, J. Bailey 3, A. R. Hickton 4, T. Hutchinson 5, H. Green 6, W. R. Drage (conductor) 7, H. Makin 8. For evening service, 1068 Stedman Triples: R. Seneschall 1, A. R. Hickton 2, J. Harrison 3, N. H. Widdowson 4, T. Hutchinson 5, H. Green 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, W. R. Drage 8.

FRODSHAM.—At the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, before ringing for evensong, 434 Grandsire Triples: T. Lightfoot 1, J. Bibby 2, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 3, A. Unsworth 4, W. Bibby 5, F. Gleave 6, T. H. Lightfoot 7, A. Jones 8.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, with the 6 and 8 covering: V. Babberby 1, S. Roberts 2, W. Bullough 3, R. Bent 4, H. Eckersall 5, W. Foster 6, W. Ford 7, S. Clark 8. Conducted by Trooper W. Ford, of the Cheshire Yeomanry.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with half-muffled clappers: T. Crook 1, N. Crook (first quarter-peal) 2, J. Watkinson 3, A. Robinson 4, H. France 5, E. Watkinson 6, B. A. Knights (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.—Great Munden Society.—For morning service, with the bells fully muffled, 720 Double Oxford: H. Wallace 1, B. J. Miller 2, E. Siggers 3, N. Wallace 4, N. Patmore 5, B. Patmore (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Delight: Rev. A. G. Langdon 1, B. J. Miller 2, E. Siggers 3, H. Wallace 4, N. Patmore 5, B. Patmore (conductor) 6.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, with the bells half-muffled, three touches each of 720 changes of Bob Major were rung before military service. Matins and evensong: Messrs. A. Dye, Geo. Beverley, F. Harrison, C. V. Ebbewson, A. W. Baldwin, C. Wybrow, R. Cooke (conductor) and C. S. Tuthill (of local company), and Sergt. Dormer and Trooper R. Bishop, of the Berkshire Yeomanry, and belonging to Reading branch of Oxford Guild.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—In the afternoon, at All Saints' Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: George Wood 1, W. Hyde Inglesant 2, Charles Brown 3, Harry Wright 4, John Garratt 5, Henry Briggs (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 in the same method, in 27 mins.: Mr. W. Hyde Inglesant 1, George Wood 2, the rest as above.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.—The new peal of eight at St. George's, the Parish Church, were rung half-muffled in some slow and well-struck rounds for the intercession services.

LAVERHAM, SUFFOLK.—The bells were rung deeply muffled in the evening.

PROCTER.—At St. Peter's Church, with the bells muffled, three six-scores of Canterbury and two of Plain Bob Doubles.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.—The bells were rung half-muffled.

GARSTON.—On January 4th, with the bells half-muffled, a half-muffled 360 Grandsire Triples, and in the evening 672 Grandsire Triples. **GARSTON.**—On January 4th, with the bells half-muffled, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hooley 1, G. Woodall 2, E. Caunce 3, J. Allen 4, Cant. T. Murray (11th Cheshires) 5, Geo. R. Newton 6, W. Hughes (conductor) 7, R. Kelly 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

KIRBY MULOX, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Bartholomew's, on All Saints' Day, with the bells muffled, a six-score of Grandsire Doubles in whole pulls for morning service, and 720 Grandsire Doubles in ordinary changes, for evening service: A. Davey (age 16) 1, H. Hoyer (age 16) 2, N. T. C. Lambert 3, H. Hollia (conductor) 4, F. J. Bowley 5. This ringing was doubly appropriate, as one of the villagers was killed in action on October 26th.

TENTERDEN.—On All Saints' Day, the bells were rung, muffled. For morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, W. Tickner 2, N. Tickner 3, C. Tribe 4, W. Savage 5, A. Snelling 6, G. Neve 7, A. Field 8. For evening service, 588 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, W. Tickner 2, J. J. Mantelov 3, A. Snelling 4, W. Savage 5, C. Tribe 6, G. Neve 7, F. Gilbert 8.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On November 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, for those who have fallen in the war, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 76.8 covering: W. Bottle 1, P. Hodgkin 2, W. Waghorn 3, A. Slingsby 4, G. Penfold 5, Mrs. M. M. Gatehouse 6, A. Crouch 7, C. Murrell 8. Also several other 120's and touches in which the following took part: J. Murrell, W. Martin, C. Crouch, E. Blackman and Miss Doris Foreman; and L. Honess, Biddenden and J. Wells, Ulcombe, conducted by P. Hodgkin.

MIDDLEHAM.—Cleveland and North Yorks Association. — On November 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, for those who have fallen in the war, 240 Plain Bob Minor, and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and a 336 Grandsire Triples. The following ringers took part: Miss J. Parrish, Miss O. Lumley, Mr. C. Clarkson, Wm. Sykes, Hy. Parish, Dr. H. C. Pauli, Wm. Swann, Percy Beswick.

HAWKHURST.—Kent County Association. — On Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Billenness (conductor) 1, A. Stevenson (first quarter inside) 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, J. H. Durrant 6, O. Waghorn 7, G. Maskell 8.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Thursday, Nov. 5th, at All Saints' (within the octave of All Saints'), a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes): W. Buck 1, A. J. Perkins (longest length in method) 2, A. Boxall 3, F. Holder 4, A. Bundle 5, W. States (conductor) 6, A. Clayton 7, F. Boulter 8.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Saturday, Nov. 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Garrison 1, G. F. Swann (conductor) 2, C. Dickens 3, J. H. Shepherd 4, M. J. Morris 5, W. J. Anker 6, J. L. Wells 7, S. J. Jessop 8. Rung, after meeting too late for peal, with bells muffled.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, Nov. 8th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Hogarth 1, P. Burgess 2, W. Donyer (Ewhurst, Surrey) 3, S. Shelloek 4, Sergt. J. Bennett 5, C. Morris 6, F. Belsey (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8. Arranged for James Bennett, who returned to barracks on Saturday, after having been promoted to sergeant in the R.M.L.I. He naturally received the congratulations of his brother ringers.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 46 mins.: H. Whantlam 1, E. Cassell 2, W. H. Worsley 3, T. Bolton 4, C. Collis, junr. 5, J. Kent 6, J. Herbert 7, Arthur Jones (conductor) 8.

ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbots Guild. — On Sunday, Nov. 8th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, 1263 Stedman Caters: W. A. Garrard 1, A. Cutmore 2, W. H. Worsley 3, W. G. Matthews 4, A. V. Selby 5, A. W. Darlington 6, M. F. R. Hibbert 7, C. Charge (conductor) 8, W. E. Garrard 9, C. H. Collins 10.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, at St. Saviour's Church, for evensong, and on the occasion of a visit of the Rev. H. T. Maitland, late Vicar of the parish, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: G. B. Lucas 1, W. J. Cooper 2, W. J. E. Jones 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. Rumens 6, H. F. Hull 7, G. W. Cooper 8.

HULL.—At Holy Trinity Parish Church, on Nov. 9th, in honour of the re-election of Councillor J. H. Hargreaves, and Mr. E. O. Ohlson, as the Lord Mayor and Sheriff respectively, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: G. Dowling 1, T. Stockdale 2, M. Hedges 3, C. Jackson 4, G. F. Williams (conductor) 5, J. Highfield 6, G. T. Miller 7, T. Morton 8, D. W. Brown 9, J. Hodds 10. Also 1025 Grandsire Caters: F. Dale 1, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, M. Hedges 3, T. Stockdale 4, T. Morton 5, G. Dowling 6, J. Hodds 7, G. T. Miller 8, D. W. Brown 9, J. Chamberlain 10.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Monday, Nov. 9th, for the re-election of Mr. E. Howard as Mayor, 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, W. Tickner 2, J. J. Mantelov 3, A. Snelling 4, W. Savage 5, C. Tribe 6, G. Neve 7, F. Gilbert 8.

THANET.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Nov. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: *E. Gibbens 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, *J. Thornton 3, W. G. Birch 4, A. E. Jarman 5, W. J. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8. * First quarter.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 15th, on the occasion of the birthday of the King of Belgium, 720 Bob Minor: F. G. Griffin 1, W. L. Darlow 2, H. Wilkerson 3, R. Wilkerson 4, W. B. Manning 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Chivers 1, E. Chivers 2, J. Hambleton 3, I. B. Holm-yard 4, F. Speed 5, R. Jones 6, W. Keveill (conductor) 7, T. Dyke 8. All members of the local band. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, and first for all the ringers except the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and tenor. Rung also as a congratulatory touch to the conductor on the birth of a son and heir.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—On Sunday, Nov. 15th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: *F. Wines 1, H. Page 2, *F. Lasbury 3, G. Wines 4, T. Page (conductor) 5, J. Cross 6, W. Page 7, *H. Gillard 8. * First quarter-peal. — On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for a memorial service for the late Earl Roberts, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 53 mins.: T. Page 1, H. Page (conductor) 2, B. Davies (first quarter with a bob bell) 3, G. Wines 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Cross 6, W. Page 7, J. Cross 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-HILL, GLOS.—On Nov. 16th, 720 Bob Minor: P. Bird 1, F. Bird 2, F. E. Davis 3, E. Pardon 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob and several 120's Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. This is the first time Minor has been rung on the bells.

HAWKHURST. Kent County Association. — On Tuesday, Nov. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, O. Waghorn 5, J. Thomas (London) 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, F. Chapman 8.

LEEDS.—Yorkshire Association. — At 51, Wordsworth Place, Leeds, on handbells, on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, in 41 mins., Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: James R. Kemp 1—2, Percy J. Johnson (conductor) 3—4, J. Frank Smallwood 5—6, Arthur W. Trigg 7—8. First quarter-peal in hand in the method by all except the conductor. First quarter-peal in any method by the ringer of 7—8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX. At the Parish Church, on Wednesday, Nov. 19th, in honour of the wedding of Major F. W. Schofield, 4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, and Miss W. Maud Usbourne, of The House, Writtle, 504 Stedman Triples: R. Wood 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, G. R. Crush 4, H. Head 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln 7, F. Edwards 8. As the bride and bridegroom left the village another 504 Stedman was rung with G. W. Sorrell 2, W. Emery 8, and 224 Grandsire, J. Poole ringing the treble. The bride walked to the church from the house, the roadway being lined by the battalion of the 4th Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry which are stationed in Writtle, and as the pair left the church an arch was formed by the officers' swords.

BOLTON, BRADFORD. — On Nov. 21st, on the occasion of the Leeds and District Society's meeting, 720 Bob Minor: J. Nichols 1, S. B. Norfolk 2, F. Hopwood 3, J. Palfreman 4, A. Gill 5, B. E. Howe (conductor) 6, S. S. Palfreman 8. This was rung for the wedding of Mr. H. Hobson and Miss Beardsworth.

COLWELL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—For evening service, on Nov. 22nd, 720 Major: C. Evans 1, J. Thomas 2, H. W. Allen 3, C. Thomas 4, T. Hodges 5, W. Hartford 6, C. Webber 7, C. Layton (conductor) 8.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association and Acton (St. Mary's) Guild. — For morning service, at St. Mary's Church, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Holloway 1, W. Phillips 2, R. H. Boddington 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, V. Holloway 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, J. J. Gray 8.

WILLESDEN.—Middlesex Association. — On Sunday evening, Nov. 29th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: E. Lankester (first 720) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, F. Barrett 3, G. Chalkley 4, R. Kilby 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6. — On December 8th, 720 London Surprise Minor: B. Fiskell 1, F. Barrett 2, G. Chalkley 3, F. Grisdale 4, G. M. Kilby 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association took place on Saturday week, and was well attended, considering that two other meetings were in progress in London the same day.

At the business meeting, which was preceded by ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, the balance sheet was read and adopted, and showed a balance on the right side.

The election of officers resulted in the following being re-elected: Mr. A. D. Barker as Master, Mr. T. Walker as hon. treasurer, and Mr. L. B. Porter as hon. secretary, while the worthy and respected past Master (Mr. W. G. Matthews) was appointed as steward for the ensuing year.

The report showed good progress during the past year, especially as regards the young bands at St. Mary's, Islington, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, who are being instructed by officers of the Association.

At the conclusion of the meeting a few minutes were spent in touches and tunes on the handbells, before the familiar call was heard, "Time, gentlemen, please."

NOTICES.

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

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

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Hon. District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 1915, at St. James', Waterfoot. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 prompt. Subscriptions are now due. Annual reports 6d. each to life members.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bray on Saturday, February 6th. Service 4.45. Tea and business to follow. Bells will be rung before and after service.—Rev. P. Gordon Levy, 49, All Saints' Avenue, Maidenhead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) at Isleworth, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, tea in the Hartlands Road Mission Hall at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mrs. Gill. Members and friends heartily welcome. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid by the date of meeting.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Lent Meeting, 1915.—The Pre-Lent Meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday next, February 10th. By kind permission of the Rector, the bells (8, tenor 17 cwts.) will be available for ringing between the hours of 3 and 9 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the Church Institute (close to the church) at 5 o'clock. Tea in the same place at 5.30, tickets for which are 9d. to members; 1s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending being present must please notify the hon. secretary by the 6th February at latest, in order that adequate arrangements may be made.—Geo. T. Potter, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Harthill on Saturday, February 13th. Tea at 5.15 p.m., provided at 1s. per head to all those who advise the Rev. B. Darley, Harthill Rectory, Sheffield, not later than Tuesday, February 9th. Important meeting, and a good attendance desired.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting for practice will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea provided.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Warner, for those who notify me of their intention to be present not later than the previous Wednesday. The bells (6) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, February 13th, 1915. Service at 4 o'clock, tea at 5 and business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available at 2.30 if required, also after the meeting. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hyde on Saturday, February 13th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—F. Wilford, Honorary Secretary, 140, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 5.30.—Walter Hughes.

WINCHESTER GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 113, Angell Road, Brixton, S.W., Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's Church on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Pudsey on February 13th, 1915. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.; business meeting at the White Cross Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chesterfield Parish Church on Saturday, February 13th, business being for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on February 2nd and 16th; for handbell practice on February 11th and 25th. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles mem-

bers to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th February.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and contest (6 bells) will be held at Thornhill on Saturday, February 20th, 1915. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Saville Arms. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all sending in their names not later than Monday, February 15th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at High Halden (6 bells) on Saturday, February 20th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Arrangements for tea will be notified later. A new treble has recently been added and the rest rehung.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

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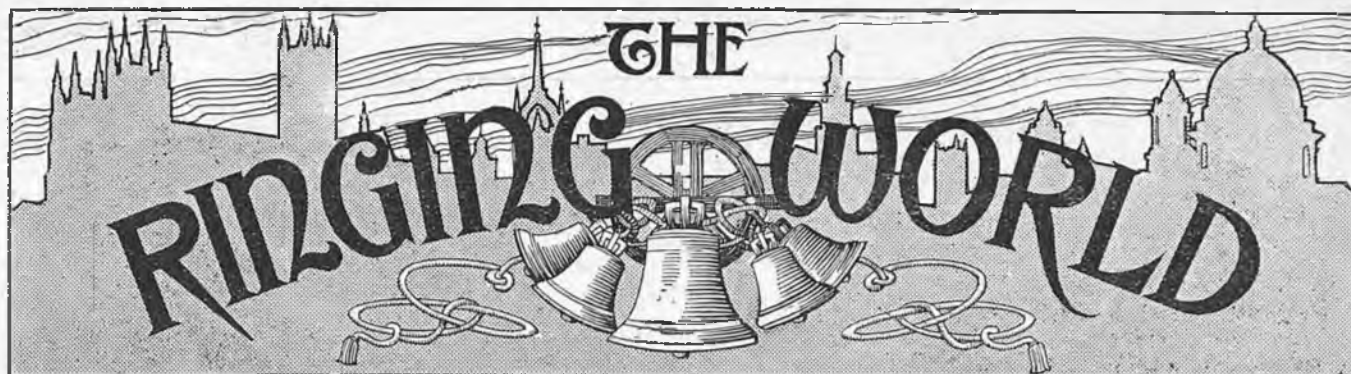


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect Diocesan Surveyor

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

The list, which we have for some months past been publishing week by week, of ringers who have joined the Forces of the Crown in the great national emergency, is steadily growing, demonstrating how well the young men, who in peace have found pleasure in pursuing our art and in discharging the duties of the belfry, have realised the sterner calls of the Motherland and have rallied to her aid. Already, unhappily, some are numbered among the slain, and soon many others will be facing the enemy's guns across the channel. That they will do their duty nobly as Britons is as certain as the display of patriotism which brought them to the colours. Whatever fate the chances of war may have in store for them, the recollection of their ready sacrifice in the cause of right, justice and honour will ever remain with and be cherished by their fellow members in the various towers and associations to which they belong.

It is extremely gratifying to see the various organisations throughout the country taking up the suggestion of officially placing on record the names of these volunteers. Quite a number of Associations are actively engaged in collecting the detailed information with a view to incorporating it in the next reports. The Hertford County Association, whose committee last week decided upon a similar line of action, is to take the further step of specially inscribing the names in the peal book, which seems to us a very happy thought. The peal book of an Association, frequently a handsomely illuminated volume, is, as it were, the record of achievements of prowess among the members and because of its value and importance will be carefully preserved. No place more suitably adapted for keeping the record of members who have joined the roll of honour could, therefore, it seems to us, be found.

Like some of the other Societies, the Herts Association also intends to keep paid up, during the period of the war, the subscriptions of those of its members who are serving. This is an action which we should like to see adopted everywhere. It is not because it will prevent the lapse of membership of many who, if the struggle is long drawn out, will be too fully occupied in other directions to trouble about annual contributions to a ringing organisation, but it will mark, in some small degree, the appreciation which we feel and, by the resolution which would be necessary, place it upon record. We owe much to these men and the little we can do in acknowledgment will, we are sure, be done. Ringers who are serving the country are from all classes and are working in many capacities. They are to be found in every branch of the service, from stokers on a warship to officers in the Army, from National Reservists to Chaplains of Forces, while one lady at least is a qualified Red Cross Nurse.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, January 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN Treble
EDWARD SPICE 2
WILLIAM SPICE 3

SAMUEL TAYLOR 4
JAMES NYE 5
WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 6, 1915, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 19½ cwt., in E.

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* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Eric Ellis, of Sapcote, who died on January 23rd from pneumonia after a brief illness at the early age of 16 years. He was a highly respected member of the Midland Counties Association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, February 2nd, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT 1-2 | WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4 | ALFRED W. GRIMES 7-8
ERNEST PYE 9-10

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and

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Umpire: CHARLES T. COLES.

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THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1915, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. DAVISON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JOHN R. BARTON 1-2 | HARRY GIBSON 5-6
ALBERT COATES 3-4 | FRANK DAVISON 7-8

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witnesses: MRS. DAVISON and MISS CHAMBERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Cole, tower keeper of St. Mary's Parish Church. This composition is now rung for the first time on handbells.

OMBERLEY RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Tuesday week the Omberley (Worcestershire) band met at their tower and rang 720 of Minor and several six-scores of Doubles. They then adjourned to the King's Arms, where they enjoyed a "leg of mutton" supper, provided by one of the ringers, to redeem the promise made if a certain 720 was rung before the close of 1914. The company included Messrs. A. Atkins, H. Davis, S. Duggan, A. Hobday, E. Kings, L. Longney, S. Miles, W. Pardoe, F. Styles and E. Wood. The repast was served by Host Millard in his usual efficient manner. Afterwards a selection of tunes on the handbells, interspersed with songs, brought the inevitable "Time, Gentlemen," all too soon. The wish was freely expressed for a repetition of the gathering twelve months hence.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions to the National Relief Fund have been received:

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	67	0	6
Ringers of St. Mary's, Maldon, Essex (per Mr. A. Gozzett)	0	10	0
Ringers of Cheshunt Parish Church (Messrs. H. G. Rowe, G. Andrews, C. Dilley, F. Jelf, G. Maxim, R. Smith, W. G. Darlington and C. Start, 3/- each) ...	1	4	0
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ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving in H.M. Forces:—

- Pte C. V. Ebberson, of Fakenham, 6th (Reserve) Batt. Norfolk Regt., now at Bridlington, Yorks.
 Pte Wilfred Graham, of Holy Trinity, Burnley, 18th Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C., now serving in France.
 Pte J. T. Taylor, of Christ Church, Dore, City Battalion Sheffield, York and Lancs Regt.
 P. H. Chalker, of Hurst, Berks, R.F.A., now at Cosham.
 Pte Arthur Faulkner, of St. Edward's, Shipston-on-Stour, King's Royal Rifles, now at Winchester.
 Pte Samuel Whitehead, of Honington, Shipston-on-Stour, R.A.M.C., now at Torquay.
 Pte Horace Heat, of Welford, Shipston-on-Stour, Army Service Corps.
 Pte F. G. Oakshot, of Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey, 2nd City of London Royal Fusiliers, now at Malta.
 Tpr. Leonard V. Belsey, of St. Margaret's, Rainham, Kent, Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles, now at Herne Bay.
- The following are serving in the 4th Battalion Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, now at Writtle, Essex:—
 Pte V. Bennett, St. Giles', Oxford.
 Pte. W. Goddard, St. Thomas', Oxford.
 Pte. L. J. Coles, Oxford.
 Corpl. F. Mitchell, St. Mary's, Charlbury.
 Pte W. Ladbrook, St. Mary's Thame.
 Pte. R. Edwards, Weston-on-the-Green.
- From Castle Cary Tower, Somerset, the following members of the National Reserve are serving as guards on H.M. Prison Ship "Tunisian," off Ryde, Isle of Wight.
 Pte George Goddard.
 Pte Harry Wines.
 Pte Harry Creed.
- From St. Barnabas, Linslade, Bucks, the following are serving with the Bucks Territorials:—
 J. Child, now at Chelmsford.
 W. Bacchuss, now at Northampton.
 C. Howe, now at Northampton.

TAMWORTH RINGER KILLED.**DEATH FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION.**

It is with much regret that he have to record the death of another ringer, who has given his life in his country's cause—Pte Francis J. Keen, of the 2nd Grenadier Guards, who died on January 20th from wounds received in action. Deceased, who is buried in Bethune Town Cemetery, was among the first to be sent to France at the commencement of the war.

Before joining the army, some two years ago, he was attached to the St. Editha's Church company, Tamworth, and was also a member of the Warwickshire Guild and the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society. Although he had only rung in one peal (Grandsire Triples) in the tower, he was an ardent handbell ringer, and was one of the young band formed at Tamworth some time ago, and of which, sad to relate, the late Miss Sampson also was one. Needless to say their places will not be easily filled, and their deaths are much regretted by all.

Pte Keen had many ringing friends, and his pleasant and genial disposition won him the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. S. REEVES.

The following further contributions to the proposed memorial tablet to the late Mr. S. Reeves, of West Bromwich, are acknowledged with thanks: St. Paul's Company, Burton-on-Trent, 10s.; St. Peter's Company, Wolverhampton, 2s. 6d.; Messrs. A. Mills, W. Short, 2s. each; W. Painter, W. R. Hughes, A. Little, 1s. each. Total received to date, £5 14s. 6d. This list is now closed.—E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.**DUPLICATE BOOKING OF PEALS.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with interest your report of the annual meeting of the above Association, but is it not a mistake to claim the peal of Oxford Treble Twelve, rung at Ashton, as the first in the North of England? Sheffield is very close to Ashton, and one was rung there many years ago.

Now that I am writing might I suggest to the executive of the Yorkshire Association, that it is about time they fell in with the almost universal custom, and refrained from publishing, in their report, peals upon which they have only a secondary claim? This peal of Oxford Twelve was published in the papers as being rung by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations. The Analysis Committee of the Central Council credits it to the former Association only, and yet our Yorkshire friends apparently claim it, too. The peals printed in the Yorkshire report never tally with the returns of the Analysis Committee, for the simple reason that some peals which should appear only in the Lancashire or the Midland Counties reports are also commandeered by Yorkshire, making for the latter an unreal and inflated list. A flagrant example is the record peal of Treble Twelve by the Ashton men, for both the Lancashire, to whom it rightly belongs, and Yorkshire Associations publish it in their reports. This is farcical, for the same record can hardly be held by two different societies.

If two can claim one performance, why should not a dozen societies? This would be quite easy round about London. Surely good sense points to the fact that the first Association named is the one, and the only one, the performance rightly belongs to. Duplicate booking of peals used to be common, but few Associations allow it now, and Yorkshire ought to fall into line.

I may add that I am not a member of either the Lancashire or Yorkshire Association, and, therefore, simply subscribe myself.

LOOKER-ON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROLL OF HONOUR TO BE COMPILED.**

A meeting of the committee of the Hertford County Association was held in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, on Saturday, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Papillon, there being also present Messrs. E. P. Debenham, B. Prewett, W. H. Laurence, H. Jarman, H. G. Rowe, A. Green, F. Edwards, F. A. Smith, J. Malyan, A. Hull, and the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel).

The annual meeting was fixed to be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and the new Dean of St. Albans has been invited to give the address. It was decided that a Roll of Honour be formed of all members on active service in His Majesty's Forces, and that the same be entered in the annual report and also specially in the peal book of the Association, and further that all active service members be kept in full membership during the progress of the war.

The Rev. Canon Papillon and the treasurer and secretary were instructed to prepare a form of service for use at meetings.

As regards the Roll of Honour, will secretaries of bands throughout the county send in their names to the following:—Eastern Division: Mr. W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Ware; Northern Division: Mr. F. C. Bacon, The Laurels, West Hill, Hitchin; Western Division: Mr. B. Prewett, Alderbury, Oxhey Avenue, Watford, or to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, St. Albans. Unattached and non-resident members please communicate direct to the secretary at St. Albans. It is important that the christian name should be written in full.

As so many of the regular supporters of the Association at the annual meetings have joined His Majesty's Forces, it is hoped that members will make a special effort this year of rallying to the annual gathering at St. Albans, to show that "business as usual" is intended, in spite of many drawbacks. Belated subscriptions should also be paid to respective district secretaries without delay.

LINCOLN GUILD.

On Saturday week the annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at St. Wulfram's Church, but, owing to many ringers at present serving with the colours, and also many having temporarily left the district for various armament workshops, the attendance was not so large as usual, about 30 members being present. The bells were kept going afternoon and evening in methods from Doubles to Caters. The Vicar of Grantham (Rev. W. J. Carr Smith) conducted a service in the church in the afternoon, and gave an eloquent address on the objects of the Guild.

Tea and the business meeting were held at the Dairy Company's Cafe, and were presided over by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (president of the branch), supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston) and members from Grantham, Burketon, Hough-on-the-Hill, Bottesford, Skillington and Colsterworth.

The retiring officers were elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. W. G. Thorpe as assistant secretary, he being instructed to carry out the duties during the temporary absence from home of the branch secretary. Colsterworth was the place chosen for the July meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. W. J. Carr Smith for the use of the bells and to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter for presiding concluded the business.

STEDMAN ON EVEN NUMBERS.

A REPLY TO CRITICISMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the article under this heading, which you were good enough to publish in "The Ringing World" on December 4th, a number of criticisms have reached me privately from ringers of repute, and as I am unable to reply to them privately, I shall feel obliged if you will allow me the use of your columns.

"That the method is not Stedman." This criticism is unreasonable, inasmuch as no one has attempted to point to a single feature of the Stedman system that is not faithfully portrayed.

"That the tenors are parted too frequently and too widely." This seems to be the general verdict, and, in order to see exactly what there is in it, I have made an analysis of courses amounting to 2688 rows (the least common multiple of 48, 112, 128 and 224), in twelve different Major methods. The analysis is appended, and I leave it to speak for itself.

the front five bells, is false in all numbers, and which parts the tenors to a much greater extent than any other method that I have examined. Shipway knew well how to transform an odd into an even-bell method—no one understood the nature of Stedman better than he, and I am of opinion that in the first place he arrived at precisely what I have ventured to place before the Exercise. But being out for something new and disdaining to follow Stedman, though willing enough to copy him, he affixed his name to a system of permutations, which ringers, perhaps instinctively but certainly rightly, have always declined to practise. The difference between the two men is this: Stedman did not count himself worthy to have a method called by his name, but the Exercise did; Shipway did count himself worthy, and the Exercise did not. But perhaps Shipway had never read that "whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." For the benefit of those who do not possess a copy of "Shipway," I give the plain course of Major showing the peculiar go off outside the method which Shipway found it necessary to adopt.

	Double Stedman.	Plain Bob.	Double Norwich.	Bristol Surprise.	Duffield.	Kent Treble Bob.	London Surprise.	Superlative Surprise.	Cambridge Surprise.	Stedman.	Oxford Treble Bob.	Shipway's Principle.
7th and 8th together, times	1120	672	864	1056	1120	624	756	864	828	756	624	525
1 bell between	896	1728	1320	1020	672	1440	1092	840	804	672	1056	735
2 bells	448	96	312	372	224	288	264	408	432	504	384	441
3	224	192	192	192	448	96	312	288	336	504	96	441
4					224	96	72	72	165	252	240	294
5				48	96	144	216	96			192	168
6					48	48	36				96	84
	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688
Mean number of bells between the 7th and 8th	0.92	0.93	0.94	0.96	1.02	1.29	1.43	1.45	1.49	1.56	1.71	2.08

"That it is a copy of Duffield." My critic speaks without knowledge. It is not the case that I copied Sir Arthur Heywood, nor is it the case (it will be understood that I am referring to this particular matter only) that I imitated him—imitating or following a master and copying him are very different things—but I discovered the method in imitation of Stedman himself by considering what he would have done had he lived to be confronted with the problem of making his system of permutations applicable to even numbers.

"That it is inferior to Duffield." In respect to keeping the tenors together it undoubtedly is, but this, like many other laudable objects, may be made too much of, and in other respects, Stedman has the advantage. I say this, not as taking any credit to myself, for I am entitled to none. It must be borne in mind that Duffield in an original method devised, to attain four well-defined objects which were beyond the reach of any method then known, whereas the method with which it is compared makes no claim to originality, nor is it in point of fact original. It was evolved simply by following Stedman without any thought being taken for the consequences, and had anyone else followed Stedman he would have arrived at exactly the same result, for the reason that no other result is possible.

"That the coursing order is continually changing." This objection applies to every form of Stedman. In Stedman only part of the bells hunt, and consequently there cannot be any coursing or hunting order, in the ordinary sense of the term. Whether it be a merit or a demerit, or neither one nor the other, Stedman cannot produce the Plain Bob lead ends.

"That the tenors come up wrong." This is a slip, due, I suppose, to my not giving the plain courses in full. The tenors come up right.

"That it is merely an adaptation of Shipway's principle." So far from following Shipway, I regarded him as a warning example. Shipway's principle complies perfectly with clauses 1 to 4 in the article, it has the three crowning qualities of Stedman, and it is Stedman in substance, and in fact. But it does not comply with clause 5, and it is Stedman spoiled. In Stedman, the divisions and sub-divisions are joined together, not clumsily by uncalled bobs as in ordinary methods, but artistically by hunting bells changing places with dodging bells. Now, Shipway, for reasons best known to himself, but assuredly not in ignorance, elected to use both of these devices, and he produced a method which, when the calls are made, on

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2413
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3412
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1435
4153
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5431
5341
3514
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13574826
3175
3715
7351
7531
5713
5173
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Repeat 7 times.

GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

LADY RINGER INJURED IN AIR RAID.

Miss Adcock, a member of the Ladies' Guild and of the Norwich Association, who resides at King's Lynn, had a narrow escape during the recent air raid. She was just retiring to bed, when one of the German bombs fell in the recreation ground about 60 yards distant. All the windows of the house were smashed, and Miss Adcock was severely cut by flying glass. We are glad to be able to say that she has made good progress, although for the first week she suffered severely from shock.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

The conclusion of the article upon St. Margaret's (Leicester) Church Bells is unavoidably held over.

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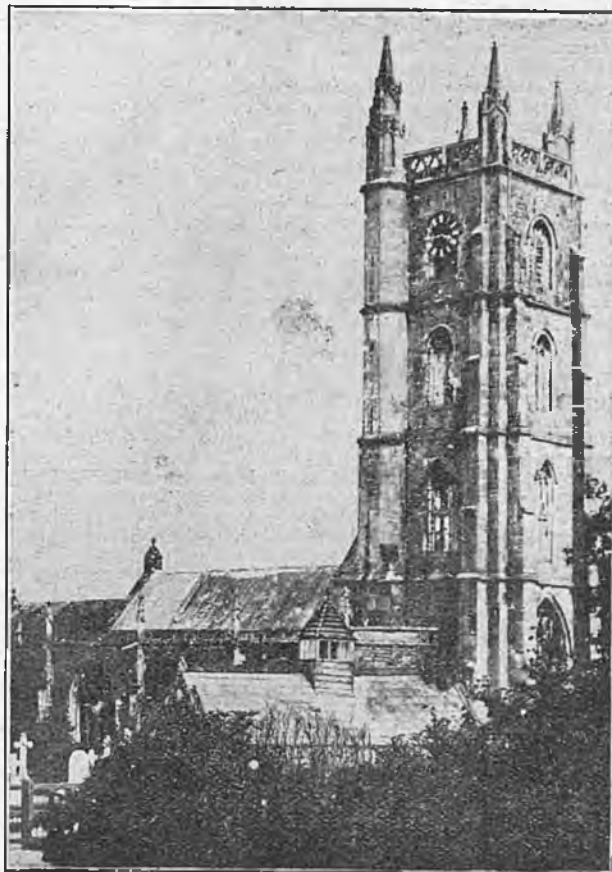


Each Row: MISS EDITH M. HOLE (6), MISS MARY E. N. JUKES (Tenor), MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM (7).
 Middle Row: MISS MABEL C. N. JUKES (Treble), MISS DORIS COLES, Conductor (5), MISS BLANCHE L. MITCHELL (2).
 Front Row: MISS ADELAIDE STOKES (3), MISS DOROTHY G. SAGE (4).

The above interesting group is that of the eight Portishead ladies, who, as reported in our last issue, rang the first peal for the Ladies' Guild.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As you remark in the current issue of "The Ringing World," the heartiest congratulations of the whole Exercise will go out to the company, and especially to the conductor, upon the performance at Portishead. There is, also, at least one other person in Portishead who I am sure will read the peal columns this week with feelings of pride and satisfaction, a feeling of "something attempted, something done"; somewhat, I should think, akin to the feelings of a schoolmaster reading a highly satisfactory inspector's report of the result of his year's work in his school. I refer to Mr. W. Gillingham. Last July, while on a cycling tour, my wife and I had the



PORTISHEAD PARISH CHURCH.

pleasure of visiting Portishead, and on the Sunday morning and evening we had the further pleasure of taking part in the ringing for the services. The touches were called by that very youthful conductor, Miss Coles, and I must say that I was more than surprised at the very efficient manner in which one and all of that youthful band of girls handled their bells, and it will not be necessary for me to point out to ringers what that has meant on the part of the man who taught them. All of us who have had to do with the teaching of beginners in our Art have no doubt experienced a kind of snug satisfaction when we see the names in the peal columns of those whose first movements in the Art we guided, but however devoted one may be in that direction it will certainly be a rare occurrence for that devotion to be rewarded in the way Mr. Gillingham's has been, viz., to see eight of his immediate pupils ringing a peal together and on their own. Mr. Gillingham has undoubtedly found some very apt pupils. Undoubtedly, also, he has taken a lot of trouble and pains, and I think that he also deserves the congratulations of the whole Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

Cranleigh, Surrey, February 8th.

R. WHITTINGTON.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT CHAGFORD.

The new ring of eight bells at St. Michael's Church, Chagford, Devon, were dedicated on Wednesday of last week by the Rev. Dr. T. Trevelyan Ross.

The old bells, a very ancient ring, needed restoration, being harsh and out of tune. The church records state that there was a peal of five at Chagford as long ago as the year 1553.

The tone of the new bells is very melodious and sweet, and they are in perfect harmony, having been tuned on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle. The well-known firm of Messrs J. Taylor and Co., bellfounders of Loughborough, were entrusted with the recasting of the bells, the work reflecting great credit upon them. The bells have been rehung in a massive frame ("Dreadnought" type), consisting of oak, iron and steel, constructed free from the walls and thus putting less strain on the fabric. Patent adjustable bearings have been fitted and the bells rehung on the most modern principles by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford.

The patent adjustable bearings referred to have made Messrs. Aggett and Sons famous throughout the West of England.

WELL-KNOWN LANCASHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

An old Lancashire ringer, in the person of Mr. William Schofield, of Middleton, passed over to the great majority on Wednesday, January 27th, in his 61st year. Mr. Schofield had, perhaps, a longer connection with Middleton Parish Church tower than any other ringer in the town, and was connected with prize ringing contests as early as 1872. He was consequently well known to most lovers of the art in the surrounding towns, and was always regarded as a good striker.

At the funeral, on Saturday week, at Middleton, the Lancashire Association was represented by Mr. W. H. Shaker (secretary), and Mr. H. Chapman, and ringers were also present from the neighbouring towers of Oldham, Glodwick, Heywood and Pendleton. The service was conducted by the Revs. W. Stanton Jones (Rector) and S. F. Cornell (curate). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. H. Chapman, S. Stott, J. Harrison and E. B. Shaw. Subsequently the ringers rang touches on the tower bells, which were deeply muffled.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties' Association was held at Loughborough on Saturday week. The bells at the Parish Church were not available, owing to the illness of the Rector's wife, but Messrs. John Taylor and Co., with their usual kindness and generosity, had placed their peal of tower bells at the foundry and a set of handbells at the disposal of the ringers. They also provided an excellent tea in their works, and thus did much towards making the meeting a great success. Ringing began on the tower bells soon after 2 p.m., and was kept up by relays of men until about half-past six, excepting during the interval for tea, at which 85 members and friends sat down. Among those present were Mrs. J. W. Taylor, the Misses L. and H. Willson, and several other ladies, Mr. J. W. Taylor (vice-president of the Association), Mr. E. D. Taylor, Rev. R. P. Farrow, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. J. P. Farlton, Mr. W. Wallace, Mr. W. Willson, Mr. W. E. White (hon. secretary), and representatives from Broughton, Arley, Bulwell, Burton-on-Trent, Colgrave, Derby, Duffield, Hinkley, Hugglescote, Ilkeston, Leicester, Mountsorrel, North Wingfield, Oakham, Stanhope-on-Soar, South Wigston and Whitwick, in addition to the local ringers and members of Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s staff.

Immediately following the tea the business meeting was held. The Vice-President occupied the chair, and announced that letters regretting their inability to be present had been received from the president (Sir A. P. Heywood) and honorary treasurer (Mr. W. C. Wakley), the latter having joined the 6th (Reserve) North Staffs Regiment, now at Harpenden.

The retiring auditors, Messrs. C. Draper and E. D. Taylor, were unanimously re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. J. H. Twinsfield, seconded by Mr. H. W. Abbott. One honorary, three life, and thirteen ordinary members were admitted.

The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, said that he supposed it was well known that the Association's second quarterly meeting of the year, which had been arranged to be held at Chesterfield, was abandoned, owing to the outbreak of war, and for this same reason there had been a considerable falling off in the ringing done throughout the country. In their own case only 25 peals had been rung since their June meeting, which brought our total for 1914 up to 106 as far as had been ascertained, viz., 102 on tower bells and four on handbells, as against a total of 138 in 1913.

As there seemed to be some doubt as to the society's rule for the nomination of representatives to the Central Council, the Secretary read the rule which was passed at the last annual meeting as follows: "Delegates to the Central Council to be nominated by two members of the Association, and nominations to be sent to the honorary secretary one calendar month before the meeting at which they are to be proposed."

Messrs. Taylor and Co. were heartily thanked for their kindness and generosity, on the proposition of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, seconded by Mr. W. Wallace.

WENDOVER BELLS RESTORED.

The completion of the restoration of the church tower and bells at Wendover, Bucks, was marked by a service of dedication on Sunday week. The morning service included special psalms, lessons and hymns suitable to the occasion, and was attended by a large congregation, amongst whom were many of the nation's sons and members of the new army. The dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Buckingham. At the conclusion, and while the procession returned to the chancel, the bells were rung in rounds, and as the people left the church two 120's of Stedman Doubles were brought round. Afterwards the first 720 of Bob Minor was accomplished. At the conclusion of the afternoon service, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 360 Bob Minor, and a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. For evening service 720 Bob Minor was brought round in 26 minutes, the falling of the bells in peal concluding the ringing: the arrangement of which had been entrusted to Mr. J. H. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, and which gave general satisfaction.

The bells (originally five in number, some dating back to the 16th century) have been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble and the recasting of one old bell, and make a capital peal, tenor 14 cwt. They are hung in a new iron frame, with the latest fittings by the well-known Whitechapel firm, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have made a complete success of the work. The only drawback is the close proximity of the ringing chamber to the bells, which makes them a little noisy. However, they run very smoothly, and are of excellent tone. The visitors were Messrs. J. W. Wilkins, George Twitchever and Fred Hayes (High Wycombe), William Goodchild and William Coles (West Wycombe), and Philbert W. Wilkins (Bledlow). These rang the rounds and the 720 for evening service, while Messrs. J. Thomas and W. J. Hazell (of the Whitechapel foundry) assisted in the 720 after morning service. Both extents were conducted by J. W. Wilkins, the 360 by Fred Hayes, and the 120 Grandsire by G. Twitchever. Churchwarden Adams and Sidesman Sharp entertained the ringers to dinner and tea, for which thanks were expressed. The visitors also tender their thanks to the Rev. C. C. Sharpe (the Vicar) for his kind welcome.

This interesting renovation of tower and bells is to commemorate the valuable ministrations of the late Vicar, whose labours in the parish will thus ever be kept fresh in the minds of the inhabitants.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Wraxall on Saturday last, and was well attended, 40 members being present from Barrow Gurney, Clapton, Easton-in-Gordans, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portishead, Wraxall, Yatton, Midsomer Norton and Congresbury. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and a service was held in the Parish Church. The members were very kindly entertained to tea at the Battle Axes refreshment rooms by Preb. Vaughan (Rector of Wraxall). The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. H. W. Humphreys. Mr. T. Wyatt was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Messrs. G. G. Court and G. H. Gale vice-chairmen, while Mr. George Yeo was re-appointed honorary secretary and treasurer. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Portishead, and a meeting for practice at Clevedon. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Preb. Vaughan for providing tea and allowing the use of the bells, to the organist and choir, and to the Rev. H. W. Humphreys for presiding. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch was held at Chilcompton on Saturday week. The weather was favourable, and the attendance very good. Proceedings commenced with the Association's special form of service, the officiating clergy being the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, and Branch President), and the Rev. W. H. W. Williams (Vicar of Midsomer Norton), who gave a most helpful and appropriate address to the members. The service was followed by tea in the Church of England Schoolroom, and the usual business meeting, the Branch President being in the chair. Some new members, all probationers, were admitted to the Association, after which the Chairman made an urgent appeal to all those affiliated towers which were in arrears with their subscriptions or lacking in enthusiasm in their work.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the churchwardens, the organist and choir, the chairman, and the hon. secretary (Mr. I. B. Holmyard) for their respective valued efforts towards making the meeting such a success.

Having got through their business, the ringers repaired to the tower, where the rest of the evening was spent in Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. A pleasing feature in the day's proceedings was the presence of two lady ringers from Midsomer Norton tower. The towers represented were: Midsomer Norton, Chilcompton, Linton, Chewton Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Fauton, Leigh-on-Mendip, and Ston Easton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Bromley, on Saturday week. Ringing took place at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, where a service was also held, an interesting address being given by the Rev. Canon D. Tait (Vicar) from the words of Isaiah, "Be ye clean that be at the vessels of the Lord."

After the service, the members adjourned to the Parish Room, where about forty sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.

The Vicar gave the members a hearty welcome to Bromley, and said he was sorry he was unable to stay to the meeting, as he had another gathering to attend.—A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, amid applause, for his kindness that day.

The business meeting followed, Mr. D. G. Simpson (Vicar's warden, and an hon. member) presiding.—Two new members were elected.

The District Representative read his report, which was adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded him.—Eltham and St. John's, Deptford, were proposed as the place of next meeting on the last Saturday in April, Eltham being eventually decided upon by the chairman's casting vote.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Simpson for presiding.

The tower was again visited, the touches rung during the day including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

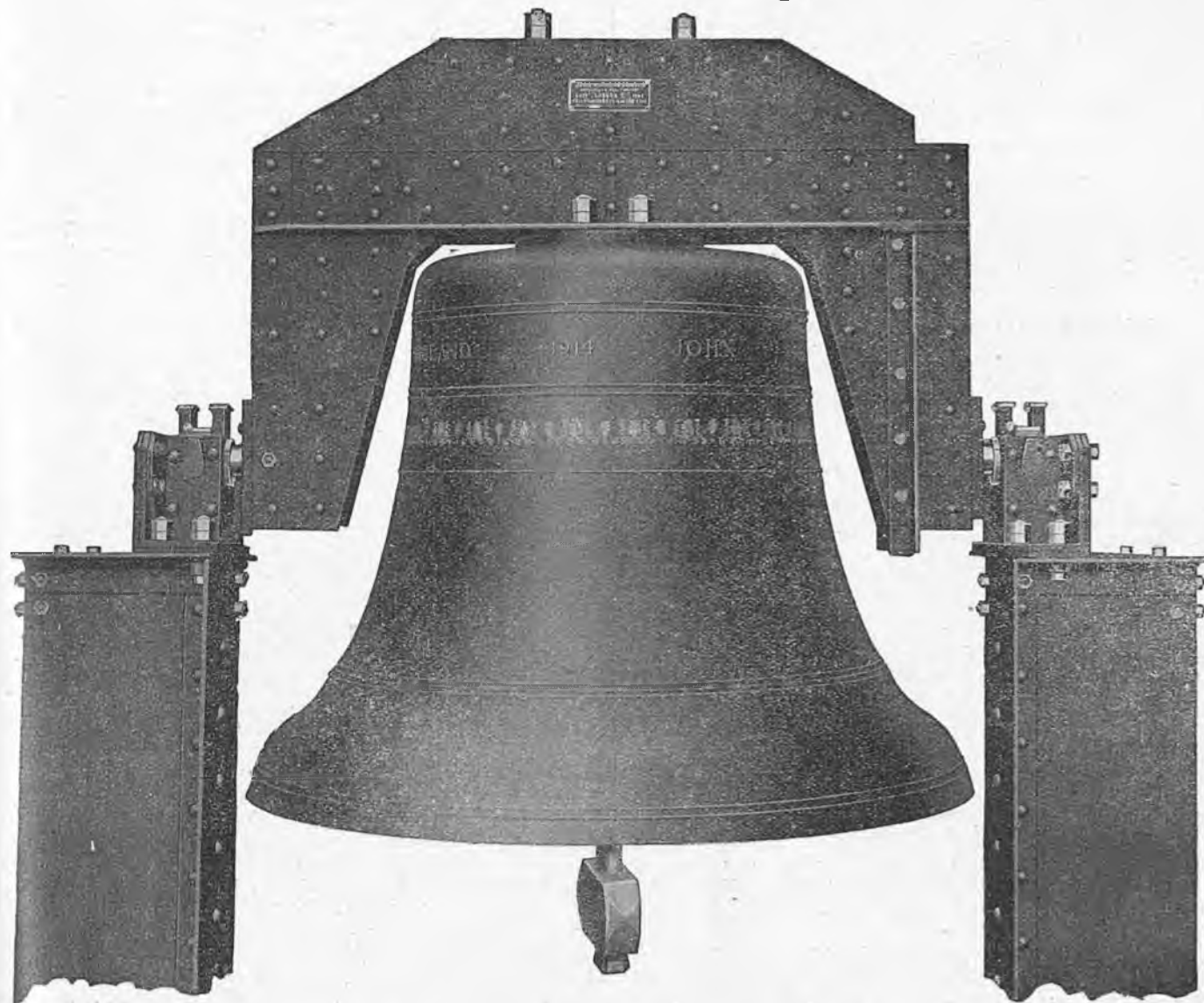
SALISBURY GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at the ancient Church of St. Mary's, Potterne, on Saturday week. After ringing during the afternoon tea was served in the Parish Room, 14 members being present. Afterwards a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington), supported by the Rev. W. H. Kewley (Vicar of Potterne), and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (honorary secretary of the branch), together with ringers from the towers of Holt, Devizes, Trowbridge, Potterne, Southbroom, Market Lavington and Bishop's Cannings.—It was proposed by Mr. Hector, seconded by Mr. Geo. W. England, and unanimously carried, that the Potterne tower should be affiliated to the Guild, and after some friendly conversation round the table the meeting closed, with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Potterne for the use of the church bells, and also the Parish Room. The ringers then returned to the tower, where some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought round.

The bells at Potterne are a fine ring of six, with tenor about 17 cwt., hung in a massive oak frame, the third and tenor being dated 1624, whereas the second is evidently of a date prior to 1500, and bears a most curious inscription.

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YOUNG WISBECH RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place on January 22nd, after a long illness, of Mr. Horace Banham, of Wisbech. The funeral took place at Elm, the service being conducted by the Rev. Arthur Parham (curate-in-charge) and Canon Stokes, Vicar of Elm. The Wisbech ringers (whose Ringing Master Mr. Banham was up to the time of his illness) acted as bearers, and, after the interment, Messrs. Duffield, Andrews, Nasborough, Haines, Wenlock and Story rung on handbells a plain course of Bob Minor at the graveside. Amongst the many beautiful wreaths was one in the shape of a huge floral bell. The bells at Wisbech were rung muffled after the service.

The deceased, who was only 32 years of age, commenced ringing in 1909, and learnt his change ringing with a band of beginners, under Mr. Chas. Goakes, in 1911. He had rung four peals of 5000. The Wisbech company have indeed lost a true and admirable friend, but his memory and splendid character will always remain. Ever willing and eager to help and instruct beginners, he had a kind and encouraging word for everyone, and was held in the very highest esteem by all who knew him, both in ringing circles and his place of business. He was a member of the Ely Diocesan and Peterborough and District Associations, and a member of the C.E.M.S., while he was also a Sunday School teacher from the time he ceased to be a scholar. Much sympathy has been extended to his mother and brother in the loss they have sustained.

RINGING PROGRESS AT HAWKHURST.

The annual meeting of the Hawkhurst branch of the Kent Association was held on a recent Tuesday in the Church Room, the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Walbrand-Evans) presiding. The collectors (Messrs. J. Blake, G. Maskell and A. H. Wellard) reported on their visitation to the parishioners, and the money kindly subscribed was distributed by the chairman, a hearty vote of thanks being passed to the subscribers.—Mr. Chapman mentioned that the editor of the "Ringing World" was receiving donations from ringers on behalf of the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund and moved that 10s. be sent in the name of the Hawkhurst branch.—This was unanimously agreed to.

The question of accumulated fines came up for consideration, and Mr. Chapman moved that each member's fines be waived, for every one of them made a great effort to attend the ringing.—Mr. G. Billenness, in seconding, said he felt that none of them were absent unless they had a very reasonable excuse.—The motion was unanimously agreed to.—The Hon. Secretary produced the touch book, which showed, that although the band had been reduced in number by two (Mr. F. Chapman, junr., having enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, and Mr. A. Stevenson had been called for home defence with the National Reserve), yet the year had been very productive. On December 31st, 1913, the band rang their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and now they had scored altogether eight quarters, and three touches of 1,050 changes each, while the best performance of all was the local peal of Grandsire in February last year. An attempt is now being made to raise a Stedman party. The band are ringing Stedman Doubles nicely, and hope to start on Triples shortly. The striking has greatly improved, and visitors to Hawkhurst can be assured that a hearty welcome will be extended to them in the helley, and every effort will be made to accommodate them with a piece of good "tapping."

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. Ashenden) moved that the band tender their thanks to Mr. G. Billenness for his assistance in establishing their band of change ringers. Mr. G. Maskell seconded, and after the resolution had received unanimous support, Mr. Billenness made a brief acknowledgment.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mr. F. Chapman (captain), Mr. T. Ashenden (hon. secretary), and Mr. G. Billenness (conductor).

The members decided to keep the tower in union with the Kent Association, and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association and Acton (St. Mary's) Guild.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, J. W. Frin 2, W. Phillips 3, R. H. Boddington 4, V. Holloway 5, Robt. 5, C. A. Gray 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, R. E. Pellatt 8.

CLAPTON.—On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: A. Dymist (first quarter-peal) 1, S. N. R. Cooper 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, W. J. Kemp 4, A. Coles 5, C. A. Gray 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, R. E. Pellatt 8.

WHITCHURCH.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Minor: L. Wright 1, Wm. Biss (conductor) 2, F. J. Bailey 3, T. Wood 4, F. Edwards 5, S. Dawe tenor. First in the method by all except the conductor. Also several 120's, Canterbury and Plain Bob, Bert Weaver standing in.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, for 11 o'clock service, 360 Bob Minor on the back six: Miss O. Wilson 1, Miss E. Reed 2, Rev. R. L. Gardner 3, E. Willis 4, T. Reed (conductor) 5, C. Willis 6. The bells were going to Bob Minor from 6.15 to 6.50 a.m., Mr. W. Glead taking the place of the Rev. R. L. Gardner.

NOTICES.

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

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Harthill on Saturday, February 13th. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Important meeting, and a good attendance desired.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting for practice will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea provided.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 5 p.m. The bells (6) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, February 13th, 1915. Service at 4 o'clock, tea at 5 and business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available at 2.30 if required, also after the meeting. R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—F. Wiford, Honorary Secretary, 140, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 5.30.—Walter Hughes.

WINCHESTER GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 113, Angell Road, Brixton, S.W., Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's Church on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Pudsey on February 13th, 1915. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.; business meeting at the White Cross Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chesterfield Parish Church on Saturday, February 13th, business being for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock.—W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on February 16th; for handbell practice, on 25th. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th February.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting and contest (6 bells) will be held at Thornhill on Saturday, February 20th, 1915. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Saville Arms. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all sending in their names not later than Monday, February 15th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at High Halden (6 bells) on Saturday, February 20th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, in the Schoolroom, kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. B. W. Gilpin. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, February 16th. A new treble has recently been added and the rest rebung.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

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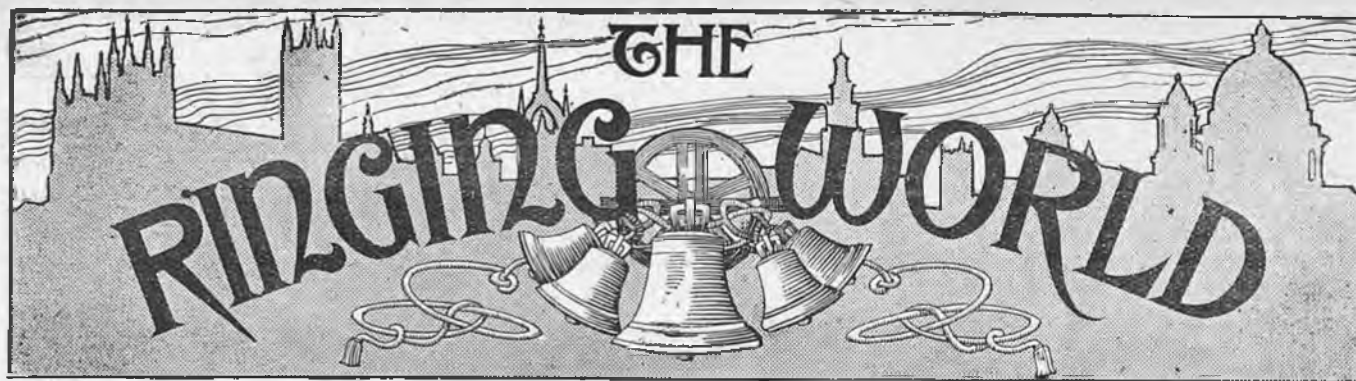


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A RECRUITING GROUND.

The present is a time when the ordinarily smooth routine of many towers is much upset by the absence of members engaged in the sterner tasks which now confront the nation. Gaps in the personnel of a belfry company cannot easily or hastily be filled, for it takes time, patience and perseverance to make a ringer qualified to take his place in the Sunday service ringing, and just now we hardly expect to find in our towns and villages young men available for the work. All who are fit and able, feel, or ought to feel, an imperative call to other duties, so that there arises the double difficulty, first of the loss of good men, and then of the lack of recruits.

In some towers, as we have seen, the strength of the company has been brought up by the addition of ladies, and probably the present opportunity will provide the occasion for a larger influx of the fair sex into the Art than has taken place in any previous period. At the same time, we hope where towers are suffering from the loss of men, that efforts are not lacking to replace the absent ones from among the men of the congregation. There ought to be found plenty among those who, for various reasons, are unable to undertake military duties, and we should like to see far more use made of the C.E.M.S. as a recruiting ground for ringers.

There are now few parishes where there is not a branch of this organisation, and as the members are definitely pledged to church work, some, at any rate, would find an outlet for their energies in the duties of the belfry. During the present winter there have been several papers on bells and ringing read by ringers to C.E.M.S. branches in different parts of the country, and, in those cases, we doubt not, advantage was taken to hold out the fascinations of the Art and to bring recruits to the Exercise. This example might be followed with profit in many places, but, whether the subject of ringing can be brought in lecture form before the society or not, there is no reason why more use should not be made of its ranks than in the past for the purpose of the belfry. Where ringers are members of the C.E.M.S. it will be generally found that they have joined the society from the belfry, and not the belfry from the society. Hitherto, to a large extent, ringers have been left to recruit their strength where they could, but in the C.E.M.S. there is now, it seems to us, a ready-to-hand organisation, composed of the right type of men, upon which we ought to be able to draw in order to keep filled and to increase our ranks. We see no reason for continuing shorthanded in any parish where the C.E.M.S. is carrying on active operations, for co-operation in this matter seems to be a perfectly natural arrangement.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA'S,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Private F. Keen, Grenadier Guards, who was recently killed in action, and also to the late Miss Margery Sampson, both of whom were formerly members of the belfry.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1915, in Three Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

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BERTIE W. HAYWOOD ... 4	*BRO. WOLSTAN Tenor

* Proposed a member before starting. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the donor of the bells (Mr. Genders) on the 24th anniversary of his death.

HANDBELL PEAL.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
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On Tuesday, February 9, 1915, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	ERNEST PYE 7-8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	JAMES HUNT 9-10
GEORGE R. PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

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Amount already acknowledged	68	14	6
York Minster Society, January collection (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	5	0
Ringers of Christ Church, Southgate, second contribution (per Mr. J. E. Miller)	0	5	0
Ringers of St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill (per Mr. W. H. Oram)	0	7	6
Total	£69	12	0

COMMISSIONS FROM THE RANKS.

The two sons of Mr. John Taylor, the respected head of the Loughborough foundry, who joined the Public Schools Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers some months ago, have both been given commissions. Mr. Arnold Taylor has been appointed Second Lieutenant in the 9th Leicestershire Regiment, and Mr. Pryce Taylor, Second Lieutenant in the 10th Leicestershire Regiment.

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East Yorks Regiment, now at York.

Pte Drury, and

Pte Thorley, junr., of St. Nicholas', Thorne, near Doncaster,
Kitchener's Army, now at Pontefract.

Lieut.-Col. F. T. Martin (2070), of St. Peter's, Caversham, 7th
Service Battalion Rifle Brigade.

Tpr. J. Clutton, of Wrexham, Army Service Corps, now at Aber-
gavenny.

Shoebur Smith Geo. A. Wightman, of Creetingham, Suffolk, Army
Service Corps, now at Earl's Colne, Essex

From the Langham, Essex, lower, the three following:—

Alf. Smith, 8th Essex Cyclist Battalion, now at Southminster.

L. Goldsmith, Essex Yeomanry, now at Cambridge.

T. Denton, 5th Essex Regiment, now at Shoreham.

The following ringers from Bolton are serving:—

Spr. W. H. Makin, West Lancs Division, Signal Co. R.E., now in
Kent.

Fitter J. Nuttall, 3rd East Lancs, R.F.A., now in Egypt.

N. Neweth, 20th Battery, R.F.A.

T. Beatty, 5th Battalion, Loyal North Lancs Regiment.

A. Thornley, R.A.M.C.

J. H. Ridyard, R.A.M.C.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO A VALUED MEMBER.

The Pre-Lent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday of last week. By the Rector's kind permission the bells were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Twenty-two members were present from Newcastle Cathedral; All Saints', Gosforth; St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland; St. Margaret's, Tanfield; and SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street. Mr. A. W. Layng, of Swindon, was also present.

A committee meeting was held in the Church Institute, and afterwards the members sat down to tea, to which ample justice was done. The President (Mr. C. L. Routledge) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. A. B. De Moleyns (Rector) and the Rev. A. W. Lister, of Tanfield.

The President addressed the meeting, and referred to the lack of ringing at the present time, owing to the war, but he asked the members of the Association to remember that when news of a victory of the Allies was received, every effort should be made to have the bells in every tower rung. By this means everyone in the parish would know there was good news being spread, and probably the sound would bring joy to many who were otherwise unable to obtain the glad tidings. He thought it was a pity there was no ringing on the occasion of the victories at the Falkland Islands and in the North Sea. He also mentioned that he hoped every belfry would keep a note of any of the ringers who were now serving their King and country with the naval or military forces, with a view to a record being prepared and preserved of all names in a roll of honour, which it was proposed would be sent to each tower and kept as a treasured memorial.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to obtain from the local secretaries all the information necessary as to name, rank, regiment, etc.

The President next referred to a very pleasing matter, of which possibly some of those present were unaware, and in doing so, said: "We have present with us Mr. Alf. F. Hillier, a very old friend of all, and who has been with us since 1890, so that for 25 years his ungrudging services have been among the ringers of the North. He has done a tremendous amount of work, and has always responded to any call for a ringer at any time. He has put his whole heart and soul into ringing. Some time ago Mr. Hillier had the misfortune to lose, by accident, his horse, and as the possession of another animal was absolutely indispensable for the carrying on of his business, a meeting was held in Newcastle, when it was decided to raise sufficient funds to purchase another one. There was not the least difficulty in the matter, and the required sum was soon forthcoming. A horse was obtained, and handed over to Mr. Hillier on December 1st. I have here a little book containing the names of the subscribers, which I have much pleasure in giving to our friend."

The recipient returned thanks, and said although he was no great speaker, he could and did appreciate the very kind thought which prompted the gift. He had now a most useful and valuable animal, and he would never forget the kindness shown to him.

A vote of thanks was cordially given to the Rector for his presence, and for allowing the ringers the use of the bells, and the Institute in which to hold the meeting.—The Rev. A. B. De Moleyns, in his reply, said he was only too delighted to have the meeting in his parish, and hoped all had enjoyed themselves.—Mr. Adam Thompson, an old ringer of Chester-le-Street, proposed a vote of thanks to the president, which was most heartily agreed to.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Forward and Double Norwich Major, and Stedman Triples were rung, all those taking part expressing themselves as highly pleased with the "go" of the bells, which were from the foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

BRAY.

UNIQUE BELL HANGING ACHIEVEMENT.
OXFORD GUILD MEMBERS' SATISFACTION.

When Oxforde gave the two decrees in Art,
And have possess the master of my heart.
Thy College fellowship thou lefst for mine,
And naught but death could sep'rate me fro thine.

February fill-dyke storms failed to deter enthusiastic ringers from attending the annual meeting of the South Bucks and East Berks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at the ancient Parish Church of St. Michael, Bray, on Saturday week, when the following towers were well represented: Hughendon, High Wycombe, Marlow, Beaconsfield, Boyne Hill, Cookham, Waltham, Twyford, Swindon, Woodburn, Missenden, Amersham, Binfield, Winkfield, Shottesbrook, Stoke Pogis, Fulmer, Farnham Royal, Slough, Old Windsor, Reading, Caversham and Bray.

Upwards of 80 ringers attended the choral service, the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Raymond), the choir and organist, being much appreciated by those present. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A.) read the prayers, and the anthem, "O how amiable are thy dwellings (Tours), taken from the 84th Psalm (4-7), was well rendered by the choir. The sermon by the Rev. W. A. Thackeray, M.A., a homely, beautiful address given in deep clear words, with just a slight touch of that directness peculiar to Yorkshiremen, was founded upon the first book of Corinthians, "Work together in God," i. 6. Looking across the nave one saw a number of familiar old faces who have for upwards of 30 years past endeavoured to carry on that work which had brought so many together that evening. Even the chancel walls seemed to speak to us, for upon its south pier exists to-day an early brass bearing the lines which head this contribution, while standing near the north pier was our well-known Master wearing Cambridge honours with his Oxford appointment. I would just like to mention for the information of those who care to look them up that Psalms 19, 84 and 150 were selected, and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to Goss in A. A solemn service concluded by the Blessing by the Vicar, who had generously supplied a specially printed order of the evensong. The collection in church was given to the Maidenhead Cottage Hospital funds.

The Master took the chair at the tea which followed in the School-room, and was supported by the local and general Guild secretaries (the Rev. P. Gordon Levy and Mr. A. E. Reeves, Reading), and amongst those present one heard in between the trickle of the tea cups, a well-known voice every now and again recalling distant belfries and past efforts at the ropes. Additional arrivals necessitated relaying one of the tables, the total number present exceeding a hundred, whose hearty onslaught speedily lessened the excellent provision by Mr. Spindlow, of Maidenhead. Seated at the tables I saw three ringers, who, in the prime of manhood years ago, had rung a 720 at the Parish Church by turning in the tenor (when it was supposed to weigh 36 cwt., since reduced to 30, like Olney and the Curfew at Windsor Castle)—a well-nigh impossible feat at that time. There were also three others who have recently done so with the greatest of ease, thanks to the bell-hanger—or, was it because we now know she weighs only 26 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs.?

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

"Tea fights" do not last long, especially in the absence of the ladies, and in this case it was very expeditious. As soon as the chairman had said grace we commenced the agenda of the business meeting.

A balance sheet was explained by the hon. treasurer, by which we were assured of solvency, notwithstanding the serious demands upon men and money of a six months' European War. Careful attention to arrears of subscriptions, the continued support of honorary members and an increase in the probation and ordinary (total strength 355 from 25 towers) allowed a sum of £7 14s. 5d. to be carried forward, about £3 10s. less than in the year previous.

The accounts had been duly audited by Mr. George Martin, and the following footnote added, which will bear repetition in your columns: "Subscriptions fall due at the beginning of each year, and it would be esteemed a favour if they could all be paid before the end of March."

A report on peals and ringing for the past year was read by Mr. Jos. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, giving details of 16 performances, from Minor to Cinques, scored mostly before the "declaration of war with Germany." He also explained the successful scheme propounded by Mr. G. Martin, dividing the branch into four districts, and holding a series of combined general practices at various towers: 1 High Wycombe (Mr. Evans, organiser); 2 Beaconsfield (Mr. Buckland); 3 Farnham Royal (Mr. Parker); 4 Boyne Hill (Mr. Martin). These were highly patronised judging by the methods employed, and the numbers attending, and it was decided to continue the same. At one belfry, which may be termed "hot stuff," no less than 14 men rang inside to more than one course of London Surprise, after six practices. At two towers, Wycombe and Fulmer, the unveiling of peal tablets took place, and at three others the visitors were kindly entertained to the "cup that cheers," by the local incumbents, who appear to be emulating the ancient custom of free hospitality to all wayfarers.

The Chairman read letters of regret from the Rev. Hart Davis, the Rev. Canon Drummoud, of Maidenhead, and president of the branch, who suggested a successor (which no one would hear of), owing to his

years and indisposition; but why not a vice-chairman to help bear the burden?

GUILD'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

The Master gave an address, in the course of which Mr. Reeves mentioned that 148 members of the Guild have joined His Majesty's Forces, drawn from 66 towers, the branch contributing 14 from nine towers. Foremen of towers are asked to send any other names so that a complete Diocesan Guild list may be published in the annual report for 1915.

A most refreshing letter from Mr. C. S. Tuthill, of Fakenham, Norfolk, was read to the meeting, stating that "a good number of our Oxford Guild ringers were stationed with units of Lord Kitchener's Army, camped around the town, and he had been happy to arrange a combined practice for them, and a welcome to his beffry."

The growing strength of this branch enabled eight additional members of the committee to be elected, and the following were unanimously approved, thus forming a good all-round peal band in themselves: Messrs. George White (Wycombe), George Alder (Burnham), George T. Leader (Slough), W. Welling (Old Windsor), J. C. Truss (Marlow), R. Buckland (Beaconsfield), J. Evans and R. Biggs (Hugghendon).

The election of officers simply meant "As you were," with the addition of an assistant secretary, for which Mr. G. Martin was selected, as he had done so much good work during recent and frequent changes in the secretaryship.

A vote of thanks to the local clergy, churchwardens, choir and organist, was proposed by Mr. W. H. Fussell, and carried with applause, showing that the warm reception given to the Guild by the local authorities was fully appreciated by the visitors.

Various touches were rung during the afternoon. An officer and two privates in khaki agreeably relieved the crowded groups in civilian garb, and carried one's thoughts from instruments of peace to weapons of war. Although a spacious room (18 by 20 ft. square) the numbers present gave little elbow room. It again became packed from 7.15 to 9 p.m. Excepting, perhaps, some half a dozen men, everyone had a pull on this doughty ring of six, even Mr. "Rounds" obliging some, an excellent mace coming to a close with the last sounds of the grand old tenor booming out.

THE UNOFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

As is usual in Early English villages there is, not far from the church, "a place" licensed under the Act for affording refreshment to man and beast. The one in this particular parish discovered by the laity concerned bore the name of "The Ringers," but it would be better described as the "Cycle-House." Here we trimmed our lamps, inflated cycle tyres, and our own inner tubes with sustenance for the homeward journey, another hour booming out upon the moist still night air, suggesting a parody upon the words of a famous song:—

And this is Law I will maintain,
Unto my dying day, Sir,
Yet, whatsoever King may reign,
I'll still be the Tenor of Bray, Sir.

The prowess of the ringers of Bray must have been great at one time, to be thus honoured by licensed victuallers. It occurred to me that similar distinction may well have been bestowed on "The Parson," for after all the famous inns throughout the country only continue the mediæval work of our monasteries, in giving food and shelter to the traveller, and care and aid to their neighbours.

During the afternoon an energetic party of ten men visited Cookham tower on the way, ringing Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

RESTORATION OF THE BELLS.

Cast by Thomas Swain, of Reading, in 1656, Bray tenor originally covered a peal of five, the treble being added in 1678, while the 2nd and 3rd are dated 1612 and 1613. The 4th was a modern bell cast by Thos. Mears, of Whitechapel, which was recast in 1914. The 5th was founded in 1771. She measured in 1882 4ft. 4ins. diameter and 3ft. 4ins. high—lip to shoulder—but a friend from Swindon discovered the circumference to be untrue, and gave the diameter 52 5-8 ins. in one direction. The note is D.

The bell frame is a unique piece of engineering, and is cleverly designed, providing for two additional bells at a future time, the whole to swing on one level. There are no upper and lower bearers with struts and braces so familiar in all modern frames of wood or iron. It can best be described as a square table with four vertical corner legs, its top perforated for bell pits, no part of which has any connection or contact with the tower walls whatever. These legs are about 14ft. long, and rest on the centre of heavy short steel joists built diagonally across each corner of the tower, thus forming angle ties to the four walls. Little or no effect of the "vibration" or "oscillation" which is given to the table top, while the bells are being rung, is conveyed to the bearers of the tower, and the latter has been tested to the fraction of an inch. The weak condition of the upper storey of this Campanile was such that special efforts had to be made to avoid its destruction, for the walls are rather thin for their broad surface, the buttresses inadequate, and the rubble, flint and soft chalk stone employed were not sufficiently bonded. Hence the frame was planned to remove the whole weight to a lower and stronger storey, and thus destroy the "strains and stresses" upon the fabric, a danger which has so recently been brought to our general notice. The first of its

kind, this undertaking promises a further revolution in bell craft, for it will now be possible to erect steel supports for both bells and frame as high as, say, 100ft. from the ground-level clear and independent of any brick or stone casing that may constitute the architectural design, and considerable lessening the cost of the latter. What daring architect will be found to advise such a structure I leave to providence, but the suggestion is quite ripe for adoption in our Colonies. As to the bells, they hang to C.I. headstocks, and fitted with Messrs. Warner and Sons' patent self-aligning, self-lubricating and oil ring bearings, and go in changes with an easy machine-like smoothness almost incredible for the weight of metal. They have also been machine-tuned, a decided advantage upon the old notation, and with the new 4th and the excellent 6th make up a rare sounding peal, worth going a long way to hear. The firm was represented by Mr. Jas. Hunt, a practical ringer, who also took part in the ringing, and was in attendance upon the visitors. He received their favourable comments upon the firm's successful contract at Bray; in fact, following the Cookham restoration, and with Boyne Hill as an old recommendation, they have obtained a sound footing in this part of the county of Berks.

RECOLLECTIONS.

Bray bells formed one of my boyhood expeditions, and led to a friendship with the sexton, Mr. Warrell, which continued till his death recently, well into his 90's. A small marble tablet on the south wall of the church records his long term of office, having been placed there by parishioners. One of his favourite duties was to carry a huge key of wrought iron (that appeared to be larger still on account of his small stature), which he was often tempted by our American cousins to dispose of. There was also an oak windlass some 25 years old to be seen in the clock room, exactly as it was left for hoisting the bells, but this has disappeared, together with the mighty timbers of the old bell frame and its curved braces with their hand-moulded edges. The churchwardens are to be congratulated upon their completion of a heavy task, but their consolation will be no more make-shift and costly patching up, such as has been the case for the past 25 years, and the preservation of the tower.

"While swiftly one by one
The years go rolling by."

W. H. F.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH ENTERTAINED AT TODDINGTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Toddington on Saturday last in very unfavourable weather, which considerably diminished the attendance, but despite the downpour, ringers were present from Evesham, Hampton, Fladbury, Hinton, Bretforton, and Childswickham. Service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Warner) gave an excellent address, the surpliced choir being also in attendance. The church, which resembles a cathedral, is a beautiful structure, and is situated near to the mansion of the late Lord Sudeley.

After service, tea was partaken of at the Vicarage, about 30 sitting down, the Vicar of Stanway (the Rev. E. Bateman) and the Rev. W. A. Warner being present.

A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, and he and the Vicar of Stanway were elected honorary members. Two performing members were also elected, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Toddington, with Mr. F. Johnson as conductor.—It was further decided to arrange a meeting for united practice at Evesham some time in April.

An invitation having been received of the secretary from the Vicar of Pershore (the Rev. A. H. Philips) to hold the summer meeting at his church, it was, needless to say, accepted with acclamation.—A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. Shawcross, of Bretforton, in her recent bereavement.

As several more members of this branch have joined the colours, it was decided to open a roll of honour, in the minute book.

Upon the proposition of Mr. F. Johnson, votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for the hearty welcome he had given the members; also to the ladies who had attended to the wants of the visitors, and to the organist and choir for attending at the service.—These votes of thanks were carried with applause, and the Vicar of Stanway suggested that the visitors should sing "For he's a jolly good fellow," in which the whole company heartily joined.—The Vicar made a humorous reply in acknowledgment, and the meeting closed. The handbells were then brought into use, tunes and touches being rung by the Johnson family, and two courses of Bob Major by: Miss E. M. Johnson 1—2, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 3—4, F. J. Johnson 5—6, J. Hamming 7—8. After about an hour's harmony the ringers made another move to the tower, where some short touches were brought round. Another call was then made at the Vicarage, where refreshments were dispensed before the visitors made for home, some having to cycle ten miles through the drizzling rain. This, however, did not damp their spirits, for all had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

HYDE, MANCHESTER.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, Dec 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Lancashire (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Shaw 2, J. Brierley 3, A. Houghton 4, Tom Wilde 5, S. Bowker 6, A. Hough (conductor) 7, J. Howcroft 8.

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DAVENTRY'S BROKEN BELL.

The new seventh bell to replace the old one which broke last August at Daventry tower has been hung, and on Saturday week was dedicated by the Rural Dean, after the service of induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. Alexander S. Lindsay). The old bell, it may be remembered, broke completely in two round the shoulder, and the result of the accident can be seen in the accompanying picture.

Until recently a "stone" band, with no ambitions, was connected with the tower, but steps have been taken, which, thanks to the efforts of the well-known Lincolnshire ringer, Mr. A. Andrews (formerly of Billingborough), who has recently gone to reside in Daventry, have resulted in a start being made with change ringing, and Bob Minor can now be rung with 6-8 covering. Those who took part in the touches



RESULT OF THE STRANGE ACCIDENT.

after the dedication service were: A. Towers, W. Moore, A. Clarke, G. Chapell, A. Moore, A. Andrews, W. Bradshaw and H. Abel.

The band are fortunate in having for the new Vicar one who, although not a ringer himself, is so keenly interested in the art as the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, who was formerly a vice-president of the Central Northants Association. His appointment may lead to further interest being taken in the bells and ringers at Daventry by the church authorities than has been the case in the past, while if some steps are taken to lessen the din which the bells cause in the immediate vicinity of the church, it may be possible to open the tower again for meetings and peals, which are now barred.

LINCOLN GUILD.

GRIMSBY BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby district was held recently at St. James' Church, but the attendance of members was disappointing. The bells were rung in the afternoon, but not in the evening, owing to their proximity to the coast. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Markham), president, and, owing to his unavoidable absence at the subsequent business meeting, Mr. J. W. Seamer was voted to the chair.—It was decided that the matter of having the names of those members of the Guild fighting for the country inserted in the annual report be placed in the hands of Mr. T. H. Parkin, district secretary, to bring forward at the next committee meeting.

In the election of officers the Rev. Canon Markham was re-elected president; Mr. T. H. Parkin, secretary; Mr. J. W. Seamer, ringing master, with Mr. C. Kennington as his deputy, while Mr. W. A. Miller was appointed representative of the branch on the Guild Committee.

A proposal to have no ringing meetings in the district until after the cessation of the war was unanimously agreed to.

The retiring officers were cordially thanked for their services, and those present made suitable replies.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. W. Seamer for presiding, terminated the proceedings.

RINGER'S DEATH IN AMERICA.

The death of Mr. Ernest C. Hunt, at the age of 41, occurred on January 18th at Philadelphia, U.S.A. He went to the States about seven years ago, where he met with a very serious accident, from which it was never expected that he would recover. He has left a widow and two children.

Mr. Hunt descended from a ringing family, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather having been ringers, and successively held the office of clerk at St. Andrew's, Droitwich. There are records of peals rung on those bells in which his ancestors took part, the ring being, by-the-way, the oldest peal of eight in Worcestershire.

Mr. Ernest Hunt joined the Kidderminster band about 1892, and rang the treble to his first peal on December 9th, 1893. A good opportunity presented itself at Kidderminster for a young ringer about that



THE LATE MR. E. C. HUNT.

time, and he took part in his first peals of Stedman and Double Norwich in 1894, Superlative in 1896, Duffield, Cambridge, and London in 1897. He removed to Darlington in 1901, where he rang in several peals for the Durham and Newcastle Association. At the end of 1901 he returned to Kidderminster, and his last peal in the district was Double Norwich, at Oldswinford, conducted by Mr. T. J. Salter. His total number of peals was about 70, a few of which he conducted. He was always good-tempered and willing, with any amount of pluck, and what he lacked in his ringing was easily made up for by perseverance and courage. His ringing friends will sympathise with his widow who mourns his loss, and with the children who have been deprived of a father's love.—S.

BENFIELDSIDE'S RECORD.

The following is a record of ringing by the band of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, County Durham, from October 1st, 1913, to September 30th, 1914, which is their recognised year: 87 1080's and 20 720's; total, 107. The 1080's were made up as follows: Nine each of Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Wells, Canterbury, Newcastle, Chester, Alnwick and Morpeth Surprise Minor; eight of London, two each of Lancashire, York and Durham, and one of Stamford Surprise. The 720's were one each of Staniford, York, Wells, Alnwick and Newcastle; two each of Durham, London and Canterbury, and three of Chester Surprise, and six of Plain Bob. The ringers taking part were: J. W. Forster 105, John Marshall 107, Robert Dixon 106, T. H. Surtees 107, Arthur Charlton 105, Frank Barron 107, Walter Rochester 4 and A. G. Shorter 1. F. Barron was conductor for all.

The band's record from January 1st to December 31st, 1914, was 25 720's and 73 1080's made up of one each of York and Alnwick, two each of Newcastle, Wells and Durham, three each of Canterbury and London, five of Chester Surprise, and six of Plain Bob. The 1080's were two of York, four each of London and Wells, eight each of Lightfoot and Wearmouth, nine each of Canterbury, Chester and Newcastle, ten each of Alnwick and Morpeth Surprise Minor; total, 98. They were rung by: J. Marshall 98, R. Dixon 98, F. Barron 98, T. H. Surtees 98, J. W. Forster 96, A. Charlton 94, W. Rochester 4 and A. G. Shorter 1; conductor, F. Barron. With the exception of twelve 720's, the foregoing were rung for divine service.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from p. 70, Feb. 5th.)

On these famous bells many notable peals have been rung, the first known peal being as early as 1730, as the following extract from the "Norwich Gazette" of February 23rd of that year shows:—

"Leicester. This morning, upon the celebrated peal of St. Margaret's, Leicester, was rung by the Leicester Scholars, the whole peal of 5040 Triples, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. and 27 secs., to the great satisfaction of all the hearers; and (save one bell) the same was performed on the best peal of eight in England; and considering the length of pull, the weight of the bells (the tenor being 32 hundred) and short space of time in which the same was rung, it's one of the greatest performances that has been heard in this age; except by the College Youths and London Scholars, the only performers in England, to whom all preference in this Art must be given, and who have rung much longer peals on greater numbers of bells."

From an old book belonging to the late John Martin, I find mention of many peals, amongst others the following: "August ye 12th. 1776. On Monday Being his Royal highness the Prince of Wales Birth Day it was observed By the Leicester Ringers who Rang this peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters in the Tittoms, which took in performing Four Hours and Twenty Minutes, which we can safely say that a peal of such a Length Never was performed so Compleat By Never a Society in this Kingdom, it Being the first Attempt Ever made for the same, and was Rung on those Much Esteemed peal of ten Bells of St. Margaret's, Leicester, the Tenor of which weighs 29 hundred 3 qrs. The Names of the Ringers:

Wm. Ryder	Treble	Mark Graham	7th
Benjm. Warburton	2nd	John Martin	8th
Thos. Armstrong	3rd	Wm. Bull	9th and call'd
Thos. Scott	4th	Samuel Nichols	} Tenor
Wm. Thacker	5th	and	
Thos. Michell	6th	James Slack	

"February 25th, 1777. It was Agreed on By the Leicester Change Ringers to go for a peal of Ten Thousand and Eighty Caters in ye Tittoms, which They Did Every Monday Morning and after a Tryal of Several, They Complented Their Desires. Four Times They Rung Eight Thousand and Once they Rung Nine Thousand, and then ye man that Rung the Third Miss'd his salley, and ye peal was Lost.—Another Tryal Twok place on the 25th Day of February 1777, and 5000 Changes was Rung in the Morning and In ye afternoon of ye same Day they Complented the Great peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters in ye Tittoms, in Seven hours and Twelve Minutes; the Next Day the Sociaty met and chear'd Three of the Oldest Members Through the principle Streets of the Town, and the Inhabitants of ye town made a Subscription and it Ris to the Eight of Thirty Three pounds and upwards which Names are hear wrote under.

Begin from St. Margrets Church." (then follows 22 columns of Names of Subscribers). The ringers of this peal were as follows:—

William Ryder	Treble	Mark Graham	7
Benjamin Warburton	2	Joseph Smith	8
Thomas Armstrong	3	William Bull	9
Thomas Scott	4	James Slack	} Tenor
William Thacker	5	and	
John Martin	6	Richard Wright	

Composed by John Martin, and Conducted by William Bull.

On Monday, May 30th, 1803 a peal of Bob Royal, 5040 Changes was rung in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Composed and Conducted by Thomas Sibson, who also on April 4th, 1807, called Annable's 5040 Bob Major, the whole hand being Woolcombers.

The following is an extract from the "Leicester Journal" of the date of June 20th, 1806:—

"The Amateurs of the Art of Chango Ringing must regret that the musical bells of St. Margarets are no longer engaged in that science—the Society, it is said, plead the pressure of the times, and cannot afford to sacrifice theirs, without a little assistance; as a small subscription would be sufficient to defray the expenses attendant on these meetings—it is hoped the inhabitants will contribute to remove the impediment and once more give a tone to that rational and interesting amusement."

Whether this appeal met with any remunerative success it is hard to say, nevertheless, as already shown, the Society rang a peal the following year, and almost every year they rang a date touch of either Grandsire Triples, Caters or Bob Major, of which the records are still extant. In 1848 a peal of 6012 Grandsire Caters was rung in 4 hrs. 1 min., conducted by Edward Biggs, and on December 27th, 1853, the S. Philip's Society, Birmingham, came over, and rang 5160 Stedman Caters, conducted by John Day.

On February 26th, 1877, to celebrate the centenary of the long peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters, the St. Margaret's Society rang 5075 in the same method, which was composed and conducted by the late Mr.

John Buttery, who for many years was the recognised conductor of the Leicester ringers, and who conducted the first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters ever accomplished by the Midland Counties Association, both being rung at St. Margaret's on April 18th, 1885, and March 19th, 1887, respectively, the latter peal being to celebrate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria's reign. He also turned the tenor into 5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal on December 5th, 1891, in 3 hrs. 40 mins., the only peal ever rung in that method on the bells. The last peal to be rung here was 5003 Grandsire Caters on December 20th, 1902, occupying 5 hrs. 37 mins., composed by Wm. Willson, and conducted by the late Alfred Millis.

CLANDON TOWER AND BELLS RESTORED.

In the month of October, 1913, the tower and bells of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, West Clandon, Surrey, were destroyed by fire; last Sunday the restored steeple and a new peal of bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford. The ceremony took place at a special service in the afternoon, at which a large congregation was present. In the reconstruction of the tower the roof has been covered with oak shingles, and all round the top half of the bell chamber are oak louvres.

The bells were cast originally at the Whitechapel foundry in the year 1714. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were entrusted with the work of making and erecting an exactly similar peal to the old one. The new bells are in the key of E natural, and the weights are:—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.		cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Tenor	17	0	0	3rd	8	2	8
4th	9	3	23	2nd	7	2	25
5th	12	2	18	Treble	6	1	24

making a total weight of 62 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. About 37 cwt. of the old metal has been used in casting the new bells, this being the total amount of clean metal recovered after the fire.

The bells have been fitted with iron headstocks, and hung in a new frame of best season English oak, constructed to carry also two additional bells to complete the octave. Owing to the war these have not yet been added, but it is hoped they will be obtained when peace is restored.

The inscription on the tenor is:—

Thomas Lester made us 1741.
Mears and Stainbank remade us 1914,
After the fire of October 1913.
G. F. Dalton, Rector.
Thomas Goacher, } Churchwardens.
Arthur H. Wood, }

"I BELIEVE IN THE LIFE EVERLASTING."

The service was of a specially appropriate and interesting character, the special prayers used indicating that services in the ancient church "have been maintained in unbroken order for more than 700 years by the Rectors and people of this village."

BISHOP IN THE BELFRY.

The Bishop's address made fitting reference to the restoration which had taken place. After the Blessing, his lordship, with the clergy, churchwardens and ringers, proceeded to the belfry, where the ringers uttered the responses to prayers offered by the Bishop, at the conclusion of which the Bishop handed to the secretary of the ringers a book in which to keep their records, and in which he signed his name in memory of his visit. After the Bishop had left the tower a short touch was rung.

Subsequently, at the kind invitation of the Rector and churchwardens, the ringers, choir, members of the C.E.M.S., and others, proceeded to the residence of Mr. A. H. Wood (churchwarden) to meet the Bishop and have tea. Returning to the tower they then rang half-muffled touches in memory of the late Mr. G. Bone, a much respected inhabitant of the village, and of Pte Chas. Rump, a member of the choir, who enlisted in "The Queen's" Royal West Surrey Regiment at the outbreak of war, and was killed in action just before Christmas.

The ringers present during the day were: Messrs. J. J. Jones (hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild), A. H. Pulling and C. Haselden (Guildford), H. L. Garfath (Croydon), S. Lawrence (representing the founders, the head of the firm, Mr. Arthur Hughes, being prevented by civic duties in London), and the following members of the local company: Tpr. W. Day (17th Lancers), Messrs. F. Bennett, J. Goacher, F. Day, H. Blackman and H. Neish, and all were well pleased with the extremely good work done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tone of the bells gives the greatest satisfaction, and the "go" leaves nothing to be desired. The only drawback is the rather considerable noise in the ringing chamber, which is immediately under the bells. A concrete floor has been put in under the bells, but has not entirely obviated the disadvantage to the ringers of being so near to the bells.

PORTISHEAD BELLS.

We dare say that the opinion has been very generally expressed that Portishead bells, with a tenor of 16 cwt., "must go pretty well for ladies to ring a peal on them." That is unquestionably so, and not only does it, in that respect, reflect credit upon the steeple-keeper, but upon the bellhangers (Messrs. Llewellyn and James, of the well-known Bristol foundry), whose work carried out in 1907, when they rehung and retuned the peal, has thus stood the most exacting test.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The February meeting of the Manchester branch was held at Pendlebury on Saturday week, when one of the best meetings ever held in that tower took place, some 40 members calling some time during the evening, while at times the belfry was uncomfortably full. Most of the towers in the Manchester branch were represented, as well as several in the Bolton branch, a most welcome visitor being Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, who was motoring in the neighbourhood, and paid a call. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. E. Ryder, of Rusholme, and he had a fairly easy task on this occasion. An apology was sent from the branch secretary for his non-attendance. Whitefield was chosen as the place of the March meeting, and two new members were made. After a few questions had been asked and answers given on local matters, a vote of thanks to the authorities and ringers was passed and acknowledged by Mr. A. Wallwork, the chief ringer. The bells were kept going to the various standard methods until nearly nine o'clock, the local ringers being quite pleased with the number of visitors who turned up.

A successful meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. Saviour's Church on Saturday last, when 24 members were present. Some good touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tyldesley.

SALISBURY GUILD.

On Saturday last, a monthly meeting of the Devises branch was held at the grand old Parish Church of All Saints', Westbury, Wilts, which contains a heavy ring of six bells, with a tenor weighing close upon 35 cwt. The day was very wet and stormy, but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather 13 ringers mustered from the towers of Holi, Trowbridge, Swindon, Westbury and Southbroom. Some well-struck touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung in the afternoon, and the handbells were also in requisition. Tea was partaken of in the "Library" adjoining the churchyard, kindly placed at the disposal of the Guild by the Vicar of Westbury (the Rev. W. H. McCann Clarke, B.D.), who presided at the meeting in the unavoidable absence of the chairman of the branch, and was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West. of Devises, the honorary branch secretary.—Afterwards the ringers again ascended the tower, and indulged in more music.

CENTRAL NORTANTS ASSOCIATION.

A largely attended quarterly meeting of the Central Northants Association was held at Finedon on Saturday week, about 40 members being present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Burton Latimer, Higham Ferrers, Isham, Earls Barton, Rothwell, Bedford, Kettering, and Northampton, as well as the Finedon ringers. By the kind permission of the Vicar, the bells were at liberty during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung during the day were London, Superlative, Norwich, and Stedman. Tea was served in the Star Hall, and a short business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. Others present included the Rev. C. Owen, Miss E. Steele, and Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary).—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Earls Barton.—Two new members were elected. It was hoped to compile a roll of honour of the members of the association who had answered the call of the country, for insertion in the annual report. The response of the members had been very good indeed.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.—The Vicar suitably replied.

DEATH OF MR. W. DYER, COGGESHALL.

The death took place, on February 9th, of Mr. William Dyer, the oldest member of the Coggeshall (Essex) company of ringers, in his 73rd year. He had been a ringer for about 40 years, and had rung 13 peals: One in seven methods on six bells, four of Bob Major, including 6,160; seven of Treble Bob Major, including 6,336 each of Oxford and Kent, and one of Double Norwich. Being of a kind and genial nature, he was liked and respected by all who met him, and he will be greatly missed, especially by his fellow ringers at Coggeshall, who valued him alike for his cheerful willingness, safe ringing, and good striking. His father and grandfather were ringers, the latter conducting a celebrated local peal of 5,690 changes of Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 47 mins., in 1828, at Great Tey, as a peal board in the tower records, and several other members of the family have been, and still are, ringers there. He was laid to rest on Saturday last, being carried from his home to the church on the shoulders of his fellow workmen as he desired. The church bells were rung before the funeral service, and half-muffled during the afternoon and evening.

ALDERSHOT.—At the old Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob-W. Dwyer (1st 720) 1, Alf. Croucher 2, G. Fisher 3, Pte F. T. Bindley 4, W. Fisher 5, Pte W. H. Day (conductor) 6. Rung for service of dedication of decorations in the side chapel of the above church.

WIST EALING.—For evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, on December 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Hubbard (Fulham) 1, G. Harbour 2, J. Hunnisett 3, G. Iles (Shepherd's Bush) 4, V. Holloway 5, J. A. Trollope 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, O. Edwards 8.

NOTICES.

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

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

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and contest (6 bells) will be held at Thornhill on Saturday, February 20th, 1915. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Saville Arms. — F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at High Halden (6 bells) on Saturday, February 20th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, in the Schoolroom, kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. B. W. Gilpin. A new treble has recently been added and the rest rehung.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tinterden.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, February 27th, 1915. Bells at All Saints' available all day. Subscriptions may be paid at this meeting.—Thos. Smith, Hon. Dist. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, February 27th. Service, with short address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Paynter, at 5 o'clock. Tea 9d. each, and business meeting to follow at the Plough Inn. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, February 24th. — F. W. Edwards, Honorary District Secretary, Clifton Villa, Writtle, near Chelmsford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal" Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date. Other members and friends tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Tower open for ringing at 4 o'clock, service in St. Thomas' Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland

(Vicar of Dudley). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards. All contributions should be paid at this meeting. — Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

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On Friday last the ringers of Christ Church, Crewe, numbering 14, spent a very enjoyable evening at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Cooke, at their residence, "Chester Place." A splendid repast having been partaken of, the party indulged in songs and recitations, which were contributed by Messrs. R. Langford, H. Overton, W. Gartside, R. D. Langford, and the Revs. W. Bidlake (Vicar), and J. E. Amies (curate). Mr. J. Platt (Crewe's favourite humorist) also amused the party, his share in the programme being much appreciated, whilst short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells.—A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke for their kindness to the ringers, proposed by the Vicar, seconded by Mr. R. T. Holding, brought the evening to a close.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Guild and St. Chad's Society. On Nov. 29th, at St. Chad's, 501 Stedman Caters: G. Byolin 1, W. Brooks 2, E. M. Atkins, R.E., 3, W. R. Stockdale 4, Major E. R. T. Corbett 5, T. W. Belton 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. Jones 8, A. E. Fullick 9, J. T. Wall 10.—On Dec. 13th, 207 Stedman Caters and another touch of 207. Recently, 198 Grandsire Cinques: C. R. Lilley 1, T. Peel 2, W. Brooks 3, G. Byolin 4, G. Scarratt 5, W. R. Stockdale 6, E. R. T. Corbett 7, R. Belton 8, T. W. Belton 9, E. M. Atkins 10, A. E. Fullick 11, E. V. Rodenhurst 12.—On December 18th, 207 Stedman Caters: G. Byolin 1, G. Pickering, R.E. (of Middlesbrough) 2, W. Brooks 3, W. R. Stockdale 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, T. W. Belton 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. Jones 8, A. E. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples and 112 Double Norwich Major.—On Dec. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 168 of Stedman Triples: W. Brooks 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, E. R. T. Corbett 3, J. Tudor 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, G. Pickering 6, A. E. Fullick 7, J. Wynn 8. Also 168 of Stedman, with 9, 8, 10 covering: J. Wynn 9, E. Auslow 8, H. Jones 10 (the rest as before).—At St. Julian's Church, on Dec. 15th, 180 Bob Minor: Rev. H. B. Beckwith 1, C. R. Lilley 2, R. Belton 3, A. E. Fullick 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6. Also 240 Stedman Doubles: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, R. Belton 2, J. Tudor 3, A. E. Fullick 4, E. M. Atkins 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6.

PONTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on December 27th, for evening service 504 Stedman Triples: H. Hoptrough 1, C. Groves 2, E. Reynolds 3, F. Burrow 4, J. Symonds 5, C. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, R. Stove 8.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS.—Stoke-on-Trent Association.—On Tuesday, December 1st, in honour of Queen Alexandra's 70th birthday, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: Jno Walker (first 720) 1, S. B. Bailey 2, Bertram Pegg 3, Jno. E. Wheelton 4, Geo. E. Lawrence 5, F. P. Dawson (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Dec. 6th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. C. Lawrence 1, Geo. E. Lawrence 2, Jno. E. Wheelton 3, Jno. Turner 4, Wm. Wibberley 5, Jno. F. Rylance (conductor) 6.

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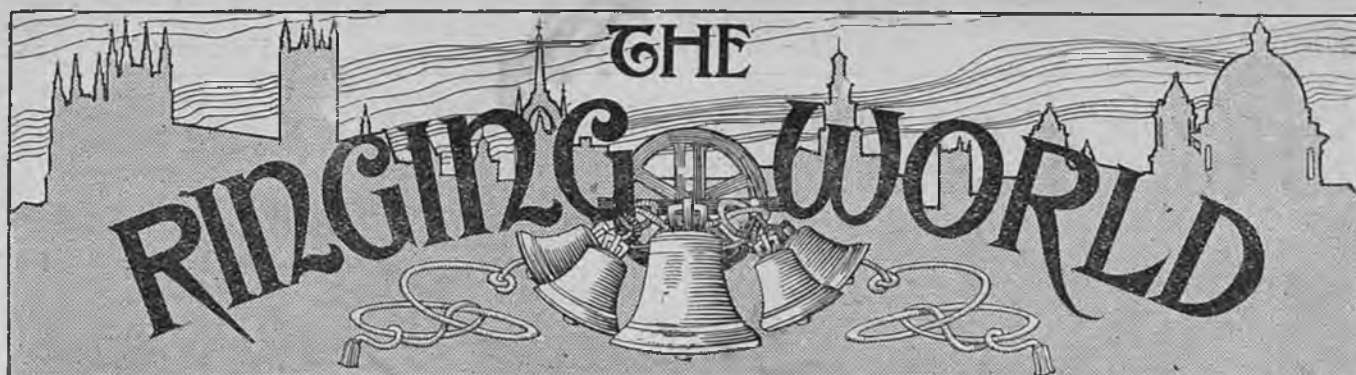


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INTER-AFFILIATION SCHEME

The inter-affiliation scheme propounded by some of the Associations, and discussed at the last meeting of the Central Council at Winchester, is not to be allowed to drop entirely, although the Council is not likely to hear much of it officially, for the present at any rate. The Worcestershire Association, who all along have been warm supporters of the idea, are now proposing to take the question up with a view to putting a scheme into operation as between themselves and other societies who support the principle. A notice in another column invites secretaries of those organisations in favour of inter-affiliation to communicate with the Secretary of the Worcestershire Association with the object of establishing the project.

The great fear among those who at present oppose the scheme is a financial one, and, in those cases where a substantial revenue is derived from compounding members, it must be admitted that the monetary consideration cannot be lightly overlooked. If, however, the Worcestershire Association's proposal develops, we shall have a working model which will enable the other organisations to judge of its value, and calculate from the experience of others whether the advantages are commensurate with the pecuniary sacrifice which may have to be made. It is, of course, obvious that the majority of those who become compounding members of a society are those who reside within reasonable reach of its sphere of activity, and in order that the experiment may be of real service, we hope that sufficient neighbouring associations may join in. We should not get a very practical demonstration, for instance, if the Worcestershire and the Llandaff Associations came in without the dividing county of Herefordshire, and, to some extent, Gloucestershire—each covered by a Diocesan Guild. The Warwickshire Guild has favoured the proposal, and if the reciprocal arrangement is carried out among the whole of those South-west Midland and South Wales counties, we should obtain a genuine idea of the practicability of the scheme, if the project was to take practical shape.

Nothing has yet transpired as to the details of the scheme which it is hoped to launch, but we hope it is one which will have simplicity in administration, and a capability of easy extension to recommend it. Anything which is involved in its machinery or cramped in its scope is foredoomed to failure. There is nothing in the way of the broad application of the principle of inter-affiliation among those who desire it, but there are certain minor difficulties which require careful consideration if the scheme is to be successful and is to lend itself to future development and when other societies feel inclined to come in on proof of its advantageous working. The result of the experiment will be watched with general interest throughout the country.

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HAROLD SMITH 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. G. BURT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal as conductor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Wilfred Wenham, one of the Stone ringers, who joined the East Kent Yeomanry, and died at Canterbury at the early age of 19 years. He was buried in that city on the above date. This method was rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 21, 1915, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Plain Bob, and one each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

*JOSEPH HALL Treble	†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	†JOHN HAMPTON 5
FREDERICK JORDAN 3	†FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor in five methods. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Pte. W. Ireland, who was killed in action in France on February 1st. He was a member of the local band and a member of the above Association, and joined the Worcestershire Regt. at the outbreak of war. This peal preceded a memorial service in Crophorne Church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, February 19, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. R. FRYIRS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

JOHN R. BARTON 1—2	FRANK DAVISON 4
JOHN R. FRYIRS 3	HARRY GIBSON 5—6

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witnessed by Mrs. and Miss J. FRYIRS.

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, February 19, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5067 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT 1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5—6
ERNEST PYE 3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7—8

WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9—10

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

The peal at Erdington on February 13th was conducted by Bernard W. Witchel.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers now serving in H.M. Forces:
Driver Joe Forby, of Isham, Northants, Army Service Corps.
Pte Harry Eden, of Barthomley Parish Church, 9th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment, now at Hastings.
Pte A. L. Ives, of St. Mary's, Cavendish, Suffolk, Army Service Corps, now at Aldershot.
Pte Frank Reynolds, of St. Michael's, Rushall, Staffs, Northumberland Fusiliers, now at Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Spr. E. V. Beadle, of Isleworth, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.
Pte W. Apps, of Isleworth, Middlesex Regiment, now in France.
Driver Joe Forby, of Isham, Army Service Corps.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ...				69	12	0
From towers of the East Derbyshire Association (per Mr. T. Allibone, hon. sec.):—						
Morton	0	4	0			
Pleasley	0	2	0			
Crich	0	3	0			
Mansfield Woodhouse ...	0	5	0			
Tibshelf	0	10	0			
Alfreton	0	10	0			
North Wingfield	0	3	0			
				1	17	0
Ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Woodford, Essex (per Mr. A. Tarbun)				1	6	6
Total	£72	15	6			

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford district was held at High Haldon on Saturday last, when about 30 members attended, representing the following towers: Ashford, Appledore, Biddenden, Benenden, Hawkhurst, Headcorn, Iden, Rolvenden, Rye, Sellenge, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden, and of the local branch. During the afternoon 720 of Plain Bob Minor and 120's of Stedman Doubles were rung previous to the service, which was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. W. Gilpin), the association's form being used, and Mr. C. Munn, of Biddenden, presiding at the organ. A substantial "knife and fork" tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was served in the schoolroom, Mr. H. Hawkins, one of the local members, catering in good style. The Rector presided, supported by Mr. E. B. Woodgate and Mr. W. Oliver (churchwardens).

A short business meeting followed, at which it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Tenterden in April.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kindness in giving permission to hold, for the first time, a meeting at High Haldon for the service, and for his kind and generous hospitality in providing the tea; also to the churchwardens for their presence amongst the ringers.—The Rector, in reply, extended a hearty welcome to the Association, and in remarking on the great improvement in ringers and ringing, drew a very vivid picture of the past and the present, and punctuated it with some very homely and wise counsel. He hoped the meeting would add to the membership of the Association from his own tower.

The tower was afterwards visited again, and 720 of Kent Treble Bob 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, and several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought home and the bells lowered in peal. Mr. O. Sippetts, a member of the Sussex Association from Crawley, received a hearty welcome, and took part in most of the ringing after tea. The 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by: G. Tribe 1, C. W. Player 2, W. H. Lambert 3, A. Daw 4, G. Billenness 5, O. Sippetts (conductor) 6. 720 Plain Bob Minor, by: G. Johnson 1, C. Tribe 2, C. W. Player 3, A. Daw 4, W. H. Lambert 5, P. Hodgkin (conductor) 6. 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by: W. H. Lambert 1, O. Sippetts 2, A. Daw 3, C. Tribe 4, G. Billenness 5, C. W. Player (conductor) 6; and three 120's of Stedman Doubles, by: H. Baker 1, W. Tickner 2, W. Savage 3, O. Sippetts 4, G. Neve 5, A. Blackman 6. These were the first touches in the methods on the bells.

THE LADIES' PEAL AT PORTISHEAD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the medium of the "Ringing World," to thank Mr. Whittington for his kind remarks regarding the ladies' peal rung at Portishead. The occasion which called forth this attempt was very lamentable, although most appropriate, and I must say that it gave me very great pleasure to listen to the striking of that peal. I quite agree that I was fortunate to secure such apt pupils. Great credit is due to them for the keen interest they have taken in the art, and there is no doubt that the secret of their success is the regularity of their attendance for Sunday ringing. It is very gratifying to find from the number of congratulations they have received, that they are heartily welcomed by the opposite sex into the Exercise. I venture to hope that this will stimulate other ladies to take up ringing, and so fill the gaps caused by our men leaving to serve their country in its hour of need, and so insure the bells being rung for our Sunday services.—Yours very truly,

W. GILLINGHAM.

TWO MELTON MOWBRAY RINGERS DEAD.

ST. MARY'S BAND'S DEPLETED RANKS.

It is our mournful task to record the death of two members of the Melton Mowbray band. On the 1st inst. Mr. Albert V. Potter passed away after about two years' illness. The funeral took place at the Thorpe Road Cemetery on February 4th, but owing to the illness of no fewer than five of the present ringers, and the absence of three others, who are serving the country, muffled ringing had to be postponed.

The late Mr. Potter joined the St. Mary's ringers in 1899, and from the start took a great interest in change ringing. He rang his first peal (one of Doubles) in 1900, and was one of the band that accomplished the first peal of Grandsire Triples by an entirely local band on the Melton Mowbray bells on April 23rd, 1901. Mr. Potter rang eleven peals in all, including Doubles, Minor, Triples and Bob Major. He was a keen reliable ringer and good striker, and his place has been difficult to fill.

A few days later the Melton Mowbray band lost another member by the death of Mr. John Townsend, who died on Feb. 9th, at the early age of 24 years, of typhoid and pneumonia, after only three weeks' illness.

Deceased was one of the most capable young ringers belonging to the St. Mary's company, and was most regular and punctual, both for practice and service ringing. Of a cheerful disposition he was liked by all who met him. He had only taken part in one peal, to which he rang the tenor, but he was anxiously looking forward to much greater achievements.

The funeral took place on February 13th, the Vicar, Canon Blakeney, M.A., R.D., conducting the service, and delivering a touching address, in the course of which he alluded to the prosperous future which the deceased appeared to have before him.

Many floral tributes were sent, one from his fellow ringers being in the shape of a bell. Two ringers, Messrs. R. H. Bartram and J. Gilson, assisted as bearers.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the St. Mary's bells as a token of respect to the deceased and to the late Mr. Potter, by: W. Jaggard 1, J. R. Bartram 2, T. H. Gillett 3, Pte E. Bartram (Luton) 4, F. Shepherd 5, W. James 6, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 7, Jos. Gilson 8. It was the first quarter-peal by Messrs. Jaggard and Shepherd.

Both deceased ringers were much respected members of the Framland Society and Midland Counties Association, and, needless to say, their death has considerably weakened the Melton Mowbray band. A singular coincidence is the fact that in our last issue we published the announcement of the death of Mr. E. C. Hunt in America. In 1906-7 Mr. Hunt was a member of the Melton Mowbray band, and rang four peals with them—one of Treble Bob, two of Bob Major, and one of Grandsire Caters for the Midland Counties Association—before he left for America. It may be interesting to some to know that his last peal was 5040 Bob Major at Belgrave, near Leicester, on April 6th, 1907, conducted by the late Mr. C. H. Fowler.

WARGRAVE CHURCH RESTORATION.

THE NEW BELLS.

At a cost of something well-nigh £9,000, Wargrave Church, destroyed by incendiaryism, is to be rebuilt. In addition the peal of eight bells is to be replaced, the tender of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank having been accepted by the committee, who had the advice of the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. The peal is to have a tenor of 17 cwt., and the total weight is to be 74 cwt. The contract amounts to £750, and this, like the pulpit, is being regarded as a separate account. Miss Rhodes is acting as secretary, and gathering the subscriptions. Doubtless she will welcome any contributions which ringers from outside the parish may care to make. The special insurance money on the old bells is, of course, to be allocated to the account, and full allowance will be made for all old bell metal that can be found. "Unfortunately," says the Parish Magazine, "the heat was so great that much lead has been fused with the bell metal, which renders it useless, but wherever a piece of bell remains it is of considerable value. If any such pieces of bells were innocently taken away as mementoes at the time of the fire, it is particularly requested that they be returned without delay, in order that all which remains of the old bells may be incorporated in the new peal."

LAST OF A FAMOUS BAND.

The last surviving member of Mr. William Escourt's famous twelve bell band at Painswick has passed away in the person of Mr. Henry Morris, of Worcester, who died at the age of 82 years. Mr. Morris took part in the celebrated 8448 Stedman Cinques at Painswick on February 16th, 1858, the peal being rung in 5 hrs. 52 mins. Although Mr. Morris migrated to Worcester in the sixties, he paid frequent visits to the old home, and retained to the last his interest in the Painswick Youths and the famous church bells with which he was once associated. Of late years he did not take any active part in ringing, but was always pleased to meet ringers. On the occasion of the deceased's funeral, which took place at Worcester, the Painswick Youths rang muffled touches, and the bells at St. John's, Worcester, were also muffled.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

CONTEST AT THORNHILL.

On Saturday the Halifax and District Association held their quarterly meeting and contest at Thornhill. The bells, a fine peal of six (tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.), which have recently been retuned and rebung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were in fine condition, and everyone was well satisfied with the "go" of them. Six companies had entered, and the draw having taken place, the first set was in the tower by 3.30 p.m. The day being fine, a large number of ringers and friends were present, and during the afternoon were served with a splendid "knife and fork" tea by the local company.

After the contest, which finished at 8 p.m., a meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, the President (Mr. Cotterell) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar-in-charge (the Rev. D. Cowling), the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Haymen) being with H.M. Forces in France. Invitations were asked for the next contest, but none being forthcoming, it was decided to leave the secretary to make arrangements.—A hearty vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies for the way they had catered for the visitors was accorded.

The judge's report was given as follows:—

Earlsheaton No. 2 Company	rung out.
Kirkheaton	198 faults.
Halifax	351 faults.
Birstall	372 faults.
Earlsheaton No. 1 Company	127 faults.
Tong	283 faults.

Earlsheaton were declared the winners of the cup, thus making the sixth successive occasion upon which they have secured the trophy.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for his presence and the use of his bells.

The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to be amongst the ringers, and said he was one of the unfortunate ones who had been driven from Germany by this dreadful war. He had, however, had a living offered to him, which he had accepted, and he hoped there would be a peal of bells in the tower, because he loved to hear the music, and would certainly do his best to look after the welfare of both the ringers and the bells. He thought that ringers often do not realise the good work they did, and that they were the first to give the invitation to people to come and worship.

He then presented the cup to the conductor of the Earlsheaton company, and Mr. Goodall replied, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the president and the singing of the National Anthem brought a very successful meeting to a close.

FORTY-SEVEN YEARS A RINGER.

DEATH OF A SUSSEX VETERAN.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William Pearce, of Shipley, Sussex, after a very short illness. After leaving his work on Saturday, the 6th inst., deceased complained of feeling unwell, and a medical man was called. Hemorrhage set in, but he rallied later, only, however, to have a subsequent relapse, and he passed away on the evening of the 10th inst.

Deceased, who was 63 years old, had been a ringer since the age of 16, thus having a record of no less than 47 years in the art he loved so well. As far as can be gathered he had only taken part in three peals, one of Grandsire Doubles at Henfield, when that tower only possessed five bells and two of minor; one at West Grinstead and one at Shipley, the latter being the first peal on the bells after they had been augmented to six.

The mortal remains were laid to rest in West Grinstead Churchyard under the quaint old tower on Monday week, the deceased being carried to his last resting place by four of his brother "strings" from Shipley, the other members of the company being at the graveside to pay a last tribute to one who will be sadly missed. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Hughes, of Brighton, who, in an address, spoke of the deceased's excellent character as a bell ringer and church worker.

Immediately after the service a 720 was rung in his favourite method (Kent Treble Bob), with the bells fully muffled. Touches of Oxford Treble Bob, College Exercise, and London Scholars Pleasure were also rung, the ringers taking part being: W. Denman, senr., W. Denman, junr., H. Tourle, T. Adams, G. Lucas, J. F. Bowell and A. Cripps (conductor).

ABSENT FACES.

The Rector of Eckington (the Rev. W. R. Hewson, R.D.), as in previous years, entertained the choir and ringers to supper on a recent evening. Besides several choirmen, two promising ringers were on this occasion absent, viz.: Mr. Harold Ward, who, having been in the trenches, now lies in hospital at Manchester suffering from wounds caused by shrapnel, and also with rheumatic fever, and Mr. Frank Humphries, who is now with the Expeditionary Force.—The Rector feelingly remarked on the several vacant seats, as for years past all have turned up in force to enjoy the hospitality of the Rector and Mrs. Hewson.—Games were indulged in until a late hour, when the party separated, after a pleasant evening, but feeling, more or less, the absence of those who have gone to serve their King and country.

A TRIP TO DOVER.

HANDBELL RINGING AMONG THE TROOPS.

Three members of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association paid a visit to Dover on St. Valentine's Day, and on arrival were met by their colleague, Lance-Sergt. J. R. Mackman, whom they accompanied to the sergeants' mess of the 10th Battalion East Surrey Regiment, where several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on handbells by G. E. Harbour, J. Armiger Trollope, Sergt. Mackman and W. Lawrence. Afterwards, by invitation, some further ringing was done in one of the large dormitories, where a large audience gathered around, and expressed delight on hearing the bells. Sergt. Mackman explained briefly the method, and the number of changes rung; one facetious "Tommie" remarking that "he didn't know anything about 'change' on bells, but he had often 'picked up the change' at the 'Eight Bells' at New Cross."

A walk that was full of interest followed, the visitors getting a sight of the harbour (upon the waters of which rode grim battle cruisers, torpedo boats and trawlers), the picturesque Connaught Park and the cliffs. For tea the party were the guests of Sergt.-Major Hill, whose jovial reception was much appreciated. After tea came one of the best items on the programme, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, on the grand ring at St. Mary's Church, conducted by J. A. Trollope, who had composed the touch at the tea table a few minutes previously. The quarter-peal was rung by: G. E. Harbour 1, C. R. Millway 2, Pte F. Smith (Royal Fusiliers) 3, W. H. Hollier 4, Lance-Corpl. T. Stroud (Royal Sussex Regiment) 5, W. Lawrence 6, J. A. Trollope 7, Lance-Sergt. J. R. Mackman 8. Then followed a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Lawrence, in which five of the local ringers took part. Representatives from the following towers rang in the quarter-peal, and the touch of Stedman: Acton, Dover, Fulham, Midhurst, Tunstall, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and West Ealing.

Special thanks are due to Sergt.-Major Hill, Lance-Sergt. Mackman, Messrs. C. R. Millway (St. Mary's, Dover), and W. H. Hollier, whose efforts made the visit so successful.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday week the Yorktown district held a quarterly meeting at Yateley, Hants. Although rain came down in torrents all day, and everything pointed to no one turning up, the meeting proved to be the most successful ever held at Yateley. Visitors from Reading and Caversham began to arrive about four o'clock, followed by members of the local band. The Bagshot ringers then arrived in style, by motor, together with members from Yorktown. Soon the bells in the old wooden tower were going to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, several members expressing their satisfaction at having their first ring at Yateley. Tea was held in the Parish Room, and through the kindness of the daughter of the President of the Guild, Miss B. Stilwell (who was unfortunately unable to be present through illness) those present were enabled to partake of an excellent meat tea. The business meeting was to have been held directly after tea, but by the time the tables had been cleared, the hon. secretary not yet arrived. However, he walked in a few minutes after, having been from 1 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. getting to Yateley from London, some 30 odd miles. The best part of the afternoon was spent in reaching Camberley by rail, and then came various adventures on a baker's cart, but a cordial welcome awaited him when eventually he reached the meeting.

The Vicar of Yateley presided over the business meeting, at which four new members were elected.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Miss Beatrice Stilwell was accorded. The tower was then again visited for an hour.

SURPRISE RINGING AT SOUTHGATE.

Later on, when the conclusion of peace enables peal ringing to resume its normal course, we look forward to a peal of London Surprise Major being rung at Southgate by a band who have not only learnt their ringing in the tower, but who were all born within the sound of the bells. We do not say that this will be absolutely unique, but certainly there are very few towers where a peal of London has been rung by a local band who can claim this distinction. That the Southgate men have the opportunity before them is proved by the fact that on February 10th they rang 1344 in the method on the occasion of a wedding, and as a birthday compliment to the Vicar and to Mr. J. E. Miller. It was rung in 55 minutes by: G. Bester 1, G. W. Fletcher (age 18) 2, E. G. Tomlinson 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, E. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, F. E. Tegg 8. It was the first quarter of London by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1280 Superlative was rung, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Smith, of Stroud Green, and Miss Tarnett, of Southgate: A. R. Glascock 1, G. Bester (first quarter of Superlative away from the treble) 2, N. A. Tomlinson 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, F. G. Tegg 7, W. Pickworth 8. On the following day, for morning service, 800 London Surprise: G. Bester 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, E. G. Tomlinson 4, J. Armstrong 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, F. G. Tegg 8. On February 4th a course of Cambridge Surprise was rung, being the first in the method by G. Bester and E. G. Tomlinson.

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who died in hospital at Canterbury.

BOSTON RINGERS ACTIVE.

The Perkins' Institute for the Blind, Watertown, Mass., was visited by ringers from Boston, on Sunday, the 17th January. Very little ringing took place, only the following being present: Messrs. Allfrey, Raudall, Bashford, Goodhead and Mackman. This was the first time the tower has been visited since the louvres have been boarded up to a considerable height, in order to lessen the noise of the bells in the locality of the tower.

On January 24th the ringers met at the Church of the Advent, Boston, and some good Grandsire Triples rung. A 500 was attempted the same evening, but came to grief about two leads from home. The ringers were: Messrs. Allfrey 1, Randall (conductor) 2, Laker 3, Gibbons 4, Mackman 5, Bashford 6, Goodhead 7, Newton 8. Everyone commented upon how much better the bells went on this occasion, after receiving some attention by the bell hangers, than when they were tried on December 24th.

Hingham was visited on the 31st January, and 120 Grandsire Doubles rung by: Messrs. Goodhead 1, Allfrey 2, Mackman 3, Randall (conductor) 4, Laker 5, Newton 6. A 360 of Minor was also rung by: Messrs. Goodhead 1, Allfrey 2, Randall 3, Gibbons 4, Mackman 5, Newton (conductor) 6, Laker 8.

The ringing was arranged to celebrate the wedding of Mr. William Bashford, a member of the Boston Guild, to Miss Mulvenny, which took place on the previous Thursday.

WANTED A PAMPHLET.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leader of last week is good. It is rare indeed that the teaching of young ringers was so general as at present. Gaps are everywhere. When you have spotted the fellows you would like to rope in as learners, how then?

It needs some little pamphlet or something of that sort that you can hand to a young fellow to think over. Of course anything said by a known ringer is taken at a discount. Something of this sort appeared a year or two ago, but then we don't all see "The Guardian." Would it be possible to reproduce these papers in pamphlet form? The general opinion of those you approach on this subject appears to be that "It is such hard work," "It is such empty-headed work." The best thing I ever came across on this subject was a paper by Col. C. A. W. Troyte, read to the Church Congress at Exeter in the early '80's. If I had it now I feel that I could make good use of it.—Yours truly,

WILLING TO TEACH.

TWO SOLDIER-RINGERS LOST FROM ONE TOWER.

We regret to announce the death of Trooper Wilfred Wenham, of the St. Mary's band, at Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, who died in hospital at Canterbury on the 11th inst., of cerebro-spinal meningitis, much to the regret of his friends and brother ringers.

The funeral took place on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Canterbury Cemetery, whither he was borne on a gun-carriage, followed by his immediate relatives and a company of Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (deceased's regiment), who accorded him the last impressive rites attached to a military funeral.

At the Parish Church, at Stone-in-Oxney, in the evening, his brother ringers of the Kent Association met, and, with the help of Mr. Tribe, of Tenterden, and Mr. George Johnson, of Appledore (who kindly came over for the peal at short notice), rang a half-muffled peal as a last token of respect to deceased's memory. This is the second ringer from this tower to be taken since the war began. Pte Harry Pellett has been missing since the retreat from Mons, and no tidings have been received of him. Both were getting on well with ringing, and could hunt the treble to Minor. Last Christmas morning, Wilfred Wenham being home on leave, helped to ring for the early service, and stayed to Communion. Little did his comrades then suspect that this would be the last pull they would have together.

His death seems all the more sad owing to the fact that his father (also a ringer) died only two years ago in the prime of life, leaving a widow and three other sons, of whom Cyril, the eldest, is a good ringer in Treble Bob and Plain methods at Stone-in-Oxney Church. He and his friends have the deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 24th, at the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: B. W. Wittchell 1, T. Ward 2, G. Garrison 3, J. Seaborn 4, G. Parsons 5, Bro. Pancras (O.S.B.) 6, J. George (composer and conductor) 7, Bro. Wolston (O.S.B.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, the former having been for 40 years Master of Ceremonies.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, February 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Coley 1, W. Stratford 2, J. Porter 3, J. B. Scrivens 4, G. A. Taylor 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett (conductor) 7, S. Price 8. Rung as a mark of farewell to E. Large, Tramway Battalion (6th Royal Warwickshires) on his leaving for service.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED IN THE CITY.

On Saturday last the ceremony of unveiling a peal board was performed in the tower of St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, E.C., by Mr. A. E. Pridmore (senior churchwarden), accompanied by his two brothers. The board, a handsome piece of workmanship, was erected by the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. Hudson Shaw, M.A.) and churchwardens, to perpetuate a peal of 5040 Stedman Triples (Thurstans' four-part) rung on the eve of St. Thomas' Day, 1913, in 3 hrs. 8 mins., by the under-mentioned members of the London County Association, the ringer of the treble being then only 16 years of age: Frederick V. Martin treble, Thomas Walker 2, Christopher H. Hughes 3, Arthur Jones 4, Thomas H. Taffender 5, Richard N. Runham 6, Arthur D. Barker 7, Thomas Groombridge, junr., tenor, Thomas H. Taffender conductor.

Mr. Pridmore, who, by the way, is a staunch friend of the ringers, thanked the band for ringing the peal, and expressed his great pleasure at being present. He assured the company that they could rely upon his support in every way where ringing was concerned, and the bells which had hung silent for so long must change their ways and be heard more frequently in the future.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung by the band with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the father of Mr. Pridmore, who, we regret to relate, died rather suddenly a few days previously.

The vacancy caused by the unavoidable absence of Mr. Groombridge, junr., was kindly filled in the ringing by Mr. W. A. Alps, Mr. M. P. R. Hibbert and Mr. W. J. Nelder (a local member).

The thanks of the band were tendered by Mr. T. Walker to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness in erecting the board, also to Mr. Pridmore and his brothers for attending, especially under the sad circumstances.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

February storms did not deter a few enthusiastic ringers of the North Notts Association attending the quarterly meeting held at Harthill on Saturday week. The elements were wrothed in the extreme, but one promising youth of 14 summers braved the storm, and cycled from Warsop, and had the pleasure of ringing his first touch of Treble Bob on six bells. The attendance, however, was only half of what was expected, ringers being present from Beighton, Killamarsh, Anston, Harthill, Warsop and Worksop, and some good ringing was accomplished in Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. The Rector (the Rev. B. Darley) welcomed the ringers at the Beehive Hotel, where he had provided a substantial meat tea, to which seventeen sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.—Three new members from Warsop were elected, and other important business transacted, after which a very hearty vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to the Rector for providing the ringers with tea, for the use of the bells, and also for presiding.—The reverend gentleman suitably responded, and expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of welcoming the ringers to Harthill, his only regret being that the weather was so unfavourable, and that more had not turned up. As the Association only came to Harthill once in about three years, he expressed the hope that the next visit would be in the summer months, when the flowers were in bloom, and when he could entertain them in the garden.

The ringers were very fortunate in having the use of a taxi to take them to and from Kiveton Park Station, and although the gathering was a small one, all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Hallow on Saturday week, and, despite the very unfavourable weather, quite a good number attended. Service was held in church, the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Korshaw, giving an excellent address. Tea was provided by Mrs. Whealey Lea, in the Workmen's Club Room, a hearty vote of thanks being given her, and also to all who assisted in helping and making arrangements.

At the meeting, at which the Vicar presided, six new members were elected, and it was arranged that the quarterly peal be attempted at Hallow, Mr. A. Winterton to be conductor; and the next meeting at Martley on June 19th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and local secretary (Mr. A. Winterton) were passed with applause.

The bells were well used before service and after the meeting, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major being rung, some of the members ringing their first touch on eight bells. A pleasant and satisfactory evening was spent, though the weather might easily have been better.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Feb. 9th, 720 Bob Minor: W. E. White 1, J. W. Cooke (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, W. White (conductor) 3, D. Burton 4, W. Clarke 5, T. Squires 6.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On February 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 6—8 covering: F. Bird 1, F. E. Davis 2, P. Bird 3, E. Pardon 4, H. Gillett 5, G. Pugh 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples,

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DOVER, KENT.—On January 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's), in 49 mins.: H. C. Saywell 1, A. Roberts 2, C. R. Millway 3, W. H. Hollier (Fulham) 4, R. Stevens 5, J. R. Mackman (Acton) 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. J. Bates (Newcastle) 8.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on January 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Marshall 1, G. Fuller 2, H. Price 3, W. Marshall 4, A. Henley 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Delamain, of the Brook, who was interred on the above date.—On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Marshall 1, W. Marshall 2, J. Hammond 3, A. Relfe (conductor) 4, G. Fuller 5, J. Waghorn 6.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association and Acton (St. Mary's) Guild.—For morning service, at St. Mary's Church, on January 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Holloway 1, W. Phillips 2, R. H. Boddington 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, V. Holloway 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, A. E. Smith 8.

EVESHAM.—Worcestershire Association.—On January 10th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Byrd 1, J. D. Johnson 2, T. Middleton 3, H. Street 4, J. Hemming 5, G. Steere (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell to T. Middleton, who was on a short leave before going to the front, and to G. Steere, who has joined the A.S.C.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, January 10th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: G. Valentine 1, A. E. Fourt 2, F. Talbott 3, W. T. Wilson 4, W. C. Lewis 5, G. A. Blaxley (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: W. T. Wilson 1, T. Garley 2, A. E. Fourt 3, G. A. Blaxley 4, D. Mallet 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—On January 10th, for evening service, at St. John's Church, 1064 Grandsire Triples: V. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, S. Wright 3, W. Freizer 4, T. Vaughan 5, H. Beechey 6, F. Cooke (conductor) 7, R. Gamble 8.

PORTSEA.—Winchester Guild.—On January 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. C. Hoptrough (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Symonds 2, Pioneer J. Wheeler, R.E., 3, F. J. Holloway 4, F. Burrows (first as conductor) 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Harris 7, C. Creasy 8. Arranged for Pioneer J. Wheeler, R.E., a member of the Portsea band, who was paying a visit to Portsmouth.

SEELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Worcestershire Association.—On January 10th, for evening service, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples: V. Cartwright 1, Jas. Dowler 2, W. Dowler 3, W. Mumford 4, H. Withers (conductor) 5, J. Eaton 6, W. Ikins 7, H. Parken 8.

ACTON.—For the service for intercession, on Wednesday, January 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Smith 1, A. Holloway 2, W. Phillips 3, H. Boddington 4, V. Holloway 5, J. H. Fruin 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, A. Gray 8.

BRAINTREE.—Essex Association.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 17th, 720 Bob Minor: Pte. T. Evans (No. 1880, 8th Batt. Notts and Derby), first 720 on a working bell, 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Lindridge 3, W. H. Dyeon 4, E. J. Slade 5, Pte. W. Thornley (No. 1440, 5th Batt. Notts and Derby) 6.

POOLE, DORSETSHIRE.—At the St. James' Church, for evening service, on January 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans), in 46 mins.: F. W. Townsend 1, Harold Baverstock 2, Pte. Harry Washbrook 3, Pte. E. Jones 4, A. F. M. Stewart 5, C. W. Goodenough (conductor) 6, Pte. F. Tayler 7, Frederick Beaumont 8. Arranged for Ptes. E. Jones and F. Tayler, of the 7th Battalion King's Own Shropshire Light Infantry, billeted at Bournemouth, and also for Pte. Harry Washbrook, of the 12th Manchesters.

PUTNEY.—For men's service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday afternoon, January 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: Miss Elsie Bennett 1, F. Hairs 2, L. Attwater 3, Arthur Jones 4, J. Kent 5, J. Herbert 6, A. W. Darlington (conductor) 7, T. Bolton 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On January 17th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Pte. Percy Thomas 1, C. W. Cooper 2, Geo. H. Pagett (conductor) 3, A. W. Dodd 4, W. Hand 5, W. A. Pugh 6, H. Thomas 8. Arranged for Pte. Thomas, a member of the band who was on a few days' leave from the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry Regiment, stationed at Falmouth.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On January 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: W. Parr 1, C. Waithman 2, T. Matthews 3, G. Roberts 4, W. Alsop 5, T. Bloode (conductor) 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8. Rung muffled as a last token of sympathy with the relatives of the late Lieutenant R. Farrar, son of the Rev. H. W. Farrar Vicar of All Saints', Woolwich, and nephew of the esteemed Rector of Sutton Coldfield (Rev. Canon C. M. Barnard, M.A.), also to the memory of the Rev. Canon J. Whitely, M.A., late Vicar of Maney, Sutton Coldfield, who died suddenly on January 20th at Maney Vicarage.

EVESHAM.—At the Bell Tower, for evening service, on Sunday, January 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Merton 1, F. Cook 2, R. Young 3, H. Jordan 4, Pte. F. Moss (conductor) 5, H. J. Phipps 6, J. Addis 7, F. Jinks 8. Arranged for Pte. F. Moss, who was on a week-end visit,

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INTER - AFFILIATION.—WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Will the secretaries of those Associations and Guilds in favour of Inter-affiliation kindly communicate with me, as the Committee of this Association wish, with their co-operation, to put this into operation, if possible.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

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

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, February 27th, 1915. Bells at All Saints' available all day. Subscriptions may be paid at this meeting.—Thos. Smith, Hon. Dist. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, February 27th. Service, with short address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Paynter, at 5 o'clock. Tea 9d. each, and business meeting to follow at the Plough Inn. Bells available from 4 o'clock.—F. W. Edwards, Honorary District Secretary, Clifton Villa, Writtle, near Chelmsford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal" Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date. Other members and friends tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on March 2nd, 16th and 30th; for handbell practice on the 11th and 25th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow on Saturdays at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The March meeting of this Society will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. The members of the committee are requested to meet in the Church Institute at 5 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, *pro tem*, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Norton, on Saturday, March 6th. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 14, West Street, Milton.—J. Johnson, Rev. J. Reay, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Tower open for ringing at 4 o'clock, service in St. Thomas' Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland (Vicar of Dudley). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards. All contributions should be paid at this meeting. — Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Southern District will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, March 13th. The bells of the Cathedral will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow in the Montgomery Hall. Business: Election of officers. A good meeting is expected. All ringers welcomed.—A. Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Thos. H. Reeves has removed to 57, Dartmouth Street, West Bromwich.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on December 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: O. Bennion (first away from tenor) 1, J. Brassington 2, J. Matthews 3, R. Sherratt 4, J. Bradshaw 5, S. Boffey 6, A. Allman (conductor) 7, A. Astbury (first quarter-peal) 8.

LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Monday, December 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. J. Bradley (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, E. T. Wigg 3, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 4, E. F. Pike 5, A. W. Grimes 6, H. C. Alford 7, A. Riley 8. Rung in honour of Prince Albert's 19th birthday.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Dec. 20th, for evening service, 840 Stedman Triples: William Boden 1, Joseph Hanley 2, Pte Jack Garbett (26705 R.A.M.C.) 3, Arthur Garbett 4, James York 5, William Jones 6, William Saunders (conductor) 7, John Aston 8. Pte Garbett was on leave for a few days from Netley Hospital.

LEWISHAM.—Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on December 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Fosdike 1, J. Law 2, P. Bacon 3, H. E. White 4, A. G. Bennington 5, E. B. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. Macklin 8.—On Christmas Day two quarter-peals of Grandsire by the same ringers, conducted by E. B. Crowder and W. J. Jeffries respectively.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE. — On Sunday, Dec. 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: J. Adams 1, H. Beddoes 2, W. Roberts 3, C. Minton (conductor) 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, S. Pearce 6.

OLDHAM.—Lancs. Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday afternoon, December 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): H. Wright 1, S. Elson 2, M. Newton 3, S. Stott (conductor) 4, C. H. Marsland 5, A. Waite 6, S. M. Butterworth 7, J. Garlick 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On Sunday evening Dec. 21st, at the Parish Church, 556 Bob Major: Pte Jones, K.O.L. (first touch on eight bells) 1, W. Elkins 2, C. Edwards (conductor) 3, Corpl. F. Barker, R.E. (Saltburn) 4, F. A. Barnett 5, R. Elkins 6, G. Upshall 7, T. Upshall 8. — On Sunday, Dec. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Edwards (conductor) 1, S. Davis, K.O.L., 2, G. Upshall 3, Corpl. F. Barker, R.E., 4, F. A. Barnett 5, W. Elkins 6, T. Upshall 7, A. King 8.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—Winchester Guild.—On Christmas morning, three Plain Courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. For service, on Sunday, 27th December, 546 Grandsire Triples.—On Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, the members taking part were: F. Pain, G. Wilkins, E. Squibb, A. Pain, E. Simmonds, I. W. Pain, C. Price, J. B. Williamson, F. Chaffey, and H. Jennings (conductor).

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Hollows 1, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 2, W. Berry (conductor) 3, T. K. Driver 4, W. Hardman 5, T. A. Ogden 6, S. Holt 7, T. Wellins 8.—On Sunday evening, January 10th, at the Parish Church, 1008 Bob Major, in 35 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, Pte F. Berry 3, T. K. Driver 4, J. Jacques 5, T. A. Ogden 6, D. Renshaw 7, S. Holt 8.—On January 11th, a date touch of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 5 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, Pte F. Berry 3, T. K. Driver 4, S. Holt 5, T. A. Ogden 6, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 7, D. Renshaw 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Christmas Day, for early morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Morgan 1, J. W. Jones 2, J. Bullen 3, Victor Morgan 4, F. Whitfield (first quarter-peal) 5, F. Morgan (conductor) 6, C. Greedy 7, A. E. Morgan 8. This was also rung as a farewell to Mr. Arthur Morgan, who has joined the 1st Monmouthshire Territorials (Reserve), and was leaving Newport for Aberystwyth.

THORNIAM MAGNA.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On December 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Nunn 1, E. Youngs 2, W. Rose 3, G. Kemp 4, J. Rose 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE. — On Sat. Dec. 27th, in 27 mins., 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 120 called differently: P. Allbrighton 1, W. Tigwell 2, F. Southam 3, H. Thompson 4, E. Tigwell (conductor) 5, J. Bailey 6. First 720 by all the band except the conductor, and the first 720 ever rung on the bells by a local band.

WICKHAM SKEITH.—Norwich Association. — On December 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Martin 1, J. Rice 2, T. Davy 3, G. Kemp 4, R. Last 4, W. Rose (conductor) 6. The two touches above were rung to oblige James Rose, of Ipswich, who was on a visit to his native parish (Wickham Skeith).

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—On Holy Innocent's Day, on Dec. 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles: G. Packer 1, E. Jefferies 2, H. Newman 3, F. Ponting (conductor) 4, H. Barratt 5, V. Hathaway 6.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on December 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: T. Cox 1, J. Harris 2, W. B. Biss 3, S. Dawe 4, T. Wood 5, F. Chamberlain 6, Alfred Rowley, from Tipton (conductor) 7, T. Middleton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Clutterbuck, the respected leader of the Cathedral band.

ALDERSHOT.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On December 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled for midnight service: W. Denyer 1, G. Fisher 2, Alf. Croucher 3, Alb. Croucher 4, W. Fisher 5, Sergt. G. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor) 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Hussey 1, A. Pratt 2, W. J. Mayes 3, E. Stratton 4, Sergt.-Major L. C. Franklin 5, R. Olney 6, C. A. Pratt (conductor) 7, A. Franklin 8. This was composed by Mr. F. Blond, a former captain of this company.

HESTON.—Middlesex County Association. — On Sunday, January 3rd, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Spencer 1, H. C. Chandler 2, T. Beadle 3, C. S. Bird (conductor) 4, F. C. Coles 5, J. H. Preston 6, A. Harding 7, A. Beckensale 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On January 3rd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Sheard 1, W. Lidbetter 2, C. Dell 3, T. Beadle 4, W. Biggs 5, A. Beckensale 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Beadle 8. For men's service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Spencer 1, H. C. Chandler 2, T. Beadle 3, C. Bird (conductor) 4, F. E. Cole 5, Pte J. Preston 6, A. Harding 7, A. Beckensale 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (6-8 covering): E. Webb 1, G. Ransom (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, Pte J. Preston 4, G. Spencer 5, H. Beadle 6, A. Beckensale 7, H. Brooks 8. J. Preston hails from St. Peter's, Staines, and belongs to the 8th Battalion Middlesex National Reserves.

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MODERN WORK.

REACHING THE CLERGY.

A circular has been issued by the officers and committee of the Yorkshire Association calling the attention of the clergy in the county to the objects and work of the Association. We hope that this circular may have the effect of enlisting the sympathetic support of a much larger number of incumbents and other church authorities than at present give the Association their practical assistance. We have often felt that, not only the Yorkshire Association, but all our ringing societies might do something more than they do to gain a greater active co-operation of the clergy and churchwardens. In most of their parochial organisations the clergy are always ready to give their unstinted support, but even to this day the ringers may be taken as an exception to this rule, although, admittedly, a great advance has been made in the last two or three decades. Where the clergy are genuinely interested in their ringers it is usually found that they support the ringers' central organisation, but when we find that in a great county like Yorkshire there are less than fifty of the clergy who subscribe to the Association as hon. members, it is obvious that there is much room for improvement.

In approaching the clergy the Association puts forward several points upon which they in turn can be of assistance to church authorities in the preservation and good management of bells and belfries, being willing to advise on the general care of bells and the proper persons to call in to effect repairs, the formation of bands of ringers and the making of belfry regulations, to recommend, where desired, capable instructors, and to arrange for meetings of the Association in places where no change ringing is done. "The committee is anxious that all peals of bells should be properly rung, and will welcome any suggestion which will bring the authorities and ringers into closer touch, and also forward this important branch of church work." We note, too, that the work is specially recommended to the consideration of members of the C.E.M.S.

This latter suggestion, which, by a coincidence, we strongly urged a fortnight ago, is one which we are sure, if it could be brought effectively to the notice of the clergy, would have good results. The Yorkshire Association is taking a step in the right direction in combining an effort to obtain the further support of the clergy and at the same time putting in a word for securing practical co-operation with another church organisation that should prove of the utmost use in strengthening the ranks of ringers. The action taken by the Yorks Association might well be followed by others who feel that they are not receiving the support of the clergy to which they are legitimately entitled, and although the claims upon all classes of the community are necessarily great at this time, we believe good results would accrue.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, March 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS H. REEVES... ..Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
*GEORGE GARRISON 2	JAMES GEORGE 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	SAMUEL GROVE... .. 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	THOMAS MILLER 10
ALF. PADDON SMITH 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6	JOHN NEAL... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright, for many years a much esteemed member of the Guild.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY ... ..Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
PERCY WILLIAMS 2	HENRY HOWELL 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
FREDERICK W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG 9
WILLIAM WHITE... .. 5	URIAH BRAVEN... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung with the bells muffled to the memory of Mrs. Bowen, the wife of the Vicar of St. Nicholas (Rev. T. J. Bowen), who was buried on this day.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

*HUGH WATTS ... ..Treble	†HARRY ALLRED 5
*JAMES ALLRED 2	†ROBERT ALLRED 6
†BENJAMIN ALLRED 3	HERBERT ALLRED 7
JOHN T. ALLRED 4	*JOHN HAMPSON... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method by the local band, all of whom are service ringers to the above church. Rung as a memorial to the late James Allred.

SIX BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 22, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. MORRIS ... ..Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
WALTER HUGHES 2	JOHN TURNER 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3	JOHN ALLEN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. P. F. Garnett, an old and esteemed resident of the parish.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At 58, MANOR STREET, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES:

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1-2	JAMES HUNT	...	5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	...	FRANK I. HAIRS	...	7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES	...	9-10		

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

This was the conductor's 100th peal on handbells.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	72	15	6
Ringers of Beaconsfield band, Bucks, further contribution (per Mr. R. H. Young)	0	5	0
Bushey Society, February collection (per Mr. B. Prewett)	0	4	6
"Wanderer," February contribution	0	2	0
"Mrs. Wanderer," February contribution	0	2	0
Total	£73	9	0

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M. Forces:

- H. Hampson, of Moorside, Oldham, 1st Manchester Regt.
- R. White, of Uxbridge Parish Church, Middlesex Regt.
- From St. Lawrence's, Surfleet, Lincs:—
- J. Lane Sansam and W. E. Burrell, Lincs Territorials.
- H. Tomlinson, Public Schools Battalion
- J. Madcalf, Kitchener's Army.
- C. W. Flowers, Royal Engineers.
- From Bakewell tower, Derbyshire:—
- Sergt.-Major W. Barker, Transport Sergt. W. Hopkins, Pte H. Turner and Pte J. Wallace, 6th Battalion Notts and Derby Regt.
- From St. Lawrence's, Thanet:—
- P. Pelley, R.N., S.B.R., at Chatham.
- S. Gibbs, East Kent Mounted Rifles, at Canterbury.
- F. Gibbs, Kent Cyclists Battalion, at Lydd.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Weston-super-Mare, some thirty-five members being present, representing Badgworth, Bristol, Burnham, East Brent, Congresbury, Enmore, Taunton, Weare, Weston-super-Mare, Winscombe, Uphill, Midsomer Norton, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church, and an excellent address given by the Rector (the Rev. Preb. Norton Thompson). Tea was partaken at Glass's Restaurant, after which the business meeting was held, the Rev. Preb. Norton Thompson presiding, in the absence of the President.—Twenty-five new members were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Congresbury on the third Saturday after Easter, and the intermediate meeting at Uphill.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed a satisfactory balance in hand. The Rev. Preb. Hayes Robinson was re-elected president for the year; Mr. G. H. Pruett, vice-president; Mr. J. Harris, hon. secretary; and Mr. G. Chamberlain, representative.

The secretary's report for the year was very satisfactory. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Preb. Norton Thompson for the use of the bells, arranging service, and presiding at the meeting.—The Rector suitably responded. During the afternoon and evening some good touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Bob Major, were rung on the bells which have recently been rehung, and two new bells added.

A HANDBELL CENTURY

Another ringer has reached his century on handbells, Mr. Will Shepherd, of Hershham, a member of a well-known ringing family, having reached this noteworthy mark on Saturday with a peal of Stedman Caters conducted by him at Clapham, and recorded elsewhere in this issue. Those who have previously accomplished the performance are: Messrs. W. Pye, E. Pye, G. R. Pye, C. Glenn, A. H. Pulling, J. Hunt, M. Smith and F. Blondell.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association, held at Tonbridge, was well attended, nearly all the towers in the district being represented. A special service was held in church, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Vicar of Shipbourne, an hon. member and also a member of the Central Committee of the Association) officiating. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, followed by the general meeting, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber presiding. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Lieut.-Col. Warner (churchwarden) and from Miss R. Macalpine-Leny.

The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, in which he said there were now 20 towers in union, an increase of one, Hawkhurst band having joined. Twenty-six new practising members had been elected, amongst them being Miss Kate Lambert, of Horsmonden, she being the first lady member resident in the district to be elected. The total number of practising members in the district was 185, two of whom were old age pensioners, and, therefore, exempt from paying subscriptions. He regretted to have to report the loss, by death, of Mr. Conrad Wilkinson, a life member, and also of Admiral Bosanquet, an hon. member, both of Seal Chart, and also of the Rev. A. S. C. Gayer, Vicar of Lamberhurst, an hon. member. The death of the latter was a great blow to the Lamberhurst band, coming as it had while the scheme for rehanging and augmenting the bells there to a peal of eight was pending, as the late Vicar had, of course, a thorough grasp of the situation which it must take a new-comer some time to obtain. He had heard, however, that the Vicar-elect was very much interested in bells and ringing, so he hoped that something more would be heard from that tower shortly. The number of hon. members was 18, a decrease of one.

The Chairman, in commenting on the report, congratulated the members on its excellence, but said one thing struck him and that was the small proportion of hon. members to the number of practising members. He thought the work of the Association ought to be better supported by the authorities of the church. On behalf of his fellow members, he extended a hearty welcome to Miss Kate Lambert (who was present), and hoped her example would be followed by others.—Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst, were unanimously re-elected district secretary and district representative respectively.

A discussion took place as to the desirability of holding district meetings during the war, two of the meetings last year having to be abandoned. It was ultimately decided to hold two instead of the usual four, these to be held at Speldhurst and Penshurst in the summer. The next annual meeting was fixed for Marden, and it was decided that the district secretary be empowered to arrange other meetings, should occasion arise.

The usual votes of thanks brought the proceedings to a close, and the members then adjourned to the tower.

DEATH OF A WALKDEN RINGER.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William Denner, of Walkden, Lancs, after a long illness. Deceased had been a ringer at Walkden for 39 years, being one of the first band of six when the bells were put in in 1876. He died on Wednesday of last week, and the funeral took place on Saturday. Deceased was carried to his last resting place by his brother ringers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Mower-Smith), and the hymn, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was sung in the church.

After the funeral an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made with the bells deeply muffled, but unfortunately it came to grief, after an hour and a quarter's very good ringing, owing to a change course. The following were the ringers: T. Barlow (Deane) 1, A. Potter (Walkden) 2, T. Worsley (Bolton) 3, J. Lowe (Pendleton) 4, J. Welsby (Walkden) 5, W. Pennington (Bolton) 6, J. Ridyard (Worsley), conductor, 7, A. Burton (Walkden) 8.

Afterwards a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1344 changes) was rung in 50 mins., by: W. Pennington 1, J. Potter 2, T. Worsley 3, J. Lowe 4, J. Welsby 5, T. Barlow 6, J. Ridyard (conductor) 7, A. Potter 8.

The deceased had taken part in 32 peals, viz., Kent Treble Bob, 12; Stedman Triples (on tenor), 7; Grandsire Triples, 4; Bob Major, 3; Bob Triple, 2; Double Norwich, 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; seven minor methods, 1.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the quarterly meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Springfield, and twenty-four members attended from Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Writtle, Widford, Braintree, Totham and Springfield. By the kind permission of the Vicar, the bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and the methods rung included New London, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Prittlewell.—Three ringing members and one honorary member were elected.—It was hoped to compile a role of honour of the members of the Association who had answered the call of the country.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for officiating at the service, and for his excellent address.

THE JOHNSON DINNER.

BIRMINGHAM'S ANNUAL GATHERING.

INTERESTING SPEECHES.

"RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

The annual gathering organised by the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, which is held to keep green the memory of the late Henry Johnson, took place at Birmingham on Saturday, when despite the fact that the war practically monopolises the attentions of everybody, a company of a hundred foregathered at the Old Royal Hotel. Birmingham is a great centre of activity in the manufacture of munitions of war, and a large number of ringers are "doing their bit" in the city in this important national service, but they managed to snatch a few hours for the purpose of attending the Johnson Dinner, although in the ordinary course the workshop claims them for long hours on week-days and Sundays alike. One of the characteristics of this dinner is the number of old friends who meet, and this year the "old brigade" were again in evidence, although there were a large number of younger men assisting in the commemoration who could never have known the famous Birmingham worthy whose memory they were delighting to honour. Birmingham has had many Rectors, but never one who took so much real interest in the ringers as the present occupant of the office, Canon J. W. Willink, M.A., and St. Martin's Guild counts itself fortunate indeed in having at the head of the mother church one whose sympathies are so wholeheartedly with the ringers and their objects. Canon Willink presided over the gathering last Saturday as he did a year ago, and his great geniality combined with his inspiring speeches did much to make the success of the evening what it was. The Rector was supported by Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Master of the Guild, the Revs. E. G. Elliott and R. F. Diggle (curates of St. Martin's), Messrs. J. J. Kendall (churchwarden), J. W. Taylor (Vice-President of the Midland Counties Association), A. E. Parsons (Master of the Worcestershire Association), James George (Master of the Warwickshire Guild), H. Mason, W. H. Godden (vice-president), C. Dickens and T. Russam (Trustees), Heaton, Tilley, and A. Paddon Smith, the enthusiastic hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, who was largely responsible for the admirable arrangements. Among those also present were Messrs. J. E. Groves (Deputy Master of St. Martin's), John Carter, and, of course, many other Birmingham ringers, W. R. Small (Tipton), H. Middleton (Master of the Southern District of the Worcestershire Association), W. Fisher (Master of the Archdeaconry of Staffs Society), and B. Gough (Coseley), F. J. Cope and J. H. Galleymore (Lichfield), C. Jones (Worcester), W. Short (Cleut), T. Salter (Kidderminster), A. Jones (London), J. Timms and Chaplin (Tamworth), etc. Apologies for absence were received from Sir Arthur Heywood, who wrote that he had too many anxieties at the present time to allow of his accepting any social invitations, but wishing success to his many friends of the St. Martin's Guild; Mr. C. H. Battersley, who was indisposed; Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Handsworth), the oldest member of the Guild in point of years and membership; Mr. J. Jagger (Oldbury) and Mr. W. T. Pates (Cheltenham). At the conclusion of a bounteous and admirably served repast, the Chairman submitted the toast of "His Majesty the King," and incorporated in it, in a speech a deep and true patriotism the toast of "Our Country, our Army and our Navy." Never, perhaps, at a ringers' gathering has this toast been so full of meaning, and it was honoured by the fervent singing of the National Anthem, and made the more impressive by the Rector's appeal at the close for a moment's silence, while every heart was lifted in prayer to God "for King and country and for all those who loved and served the dear motherland."

Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed the toast of "Church and State." He was one of those, he said, who believed the Church and State must never be separated. The Church, if ever they were separated, would do well without the State, but the question was, would the State do as well when the Church was divided from it? The State must have some religious ground upon which to found its actions and thoughts. The duties of the State were now exceedingly difficult, and they must give those in authority every latitude, and must not attempt to criticise them. Although there were many things which the public would like to understand and know, they must trust those who they had placed in charge of affairs to carry the war to a successful conclusion. He hoped it would not be long before they saw the enemy driven out of the fair lands of Northern France and Belgium. When that had been done they would be able to take breath. As one who had spent many happy hours among the towers and carillons of Belgium and Northern France, he felt it exceedingly that such magnificent buildings and bells should have been wantonly destroyed by the Huns, and that they would never be seen and heard again and enjoyed by future generations.

AN HONOURED NAME.

Canon Willink, whose name was coupled with the toast, said they would all feel there was something singularly appropriate in the fact that the toast should have been proposed at that dinner by one who bore the honoured name of Taylor, of Loughborough (applause). For five generations that well-known firm had upheld the honour of the bell world, and had raised it to a singular pitch of excellence. The name of Taylor on a bell or the knowledge that a peal had come from their works was sufficient to stamp it with the hall mark of perfection, and he thought they were highly favoured in having with them the head

of the firm. By the work that was a bond of sympathy between them, and drew them there that night, revealed them without imposing any test upon their principles, as a body of loyal Churchmen (applause). They did not exclude others, and if there were any there that night they extended to them the hearty right hand of fellowship and goodwill. It was a joy, as they could well understand, to one like himself, a keen and convinced Churchman, to feel he was among brothers, and that he was speaking to those who by association with those holy Houses of God, that were the glory of our land, were among the earnest and God-fearing sons of the Church. He thought there was something wonderful of their intimate association with those buildings of which he spoke with such reverence and love. There were modern churches, of course. Thank God the race of church builders had not died out, and the race of men and women who gave of their substance to the service of God was as much with them to-day as ever in the past, but when they thought of bells, and of church bells particularly, their thoughts inevitably centred round those time-honoured fanes that had stood as the representative of our English Christianity for centuries past.

A BOND OF UNION.

Their association with these ancient churches, and the knowledge that they were serving the God of their fathers in the same way that they themselves in their day and generation served the same God, was a wonderful link and a wonderful bond of union and sympathy. They were there representing in a very special way, therefore, the Church of the land, and they were representing also the State. As Mr. Taylor had said, might there never be a divorce between Church and State. The link which subsisted between them was much more than a link, it was a vital union, for the Church was a pioneer in England long before the State took its present form, and if, as Mr. Gladstone said in one of his great orations, they took out the story of the Church from the story of the State, they left behind but a lacerated mass, without shape or form, or continuity. Church and State must stand together, must be two complements of one whole if the country was to go forward as all true patriots desired. It had been so for many, many generations in our rough island story, might it be so to the end of time. He did not forget that there were other religious bodies in that State, and that they too were helping to build up the body politic, and it was a great joy to him personally to be able to assure them that the relations between the Nonconformist bodies and the Church of England in that City of Birmingham was strong and true (hear, hear). He for one would rejoice when all the bitterness of late legislation had died away, and the unity for which they longed, the unity of the spirit, could rule supreme throughout this England. Church and State must ever go hand in hand together, and he could not help feeling that the wave of bitterness and all misunderstanding had already spent themselves. He believed that after the war was over, and we had come forth in the larger liberty and truer brotherhood, they would look at these things from a true point of view, and that Church and State would go forward on their appointed way, each to help and strengthen the other, each to supply what the other could not supply to carry our English nation and our English name to higher heights of nobility and grandeur (applause).

HENRY JOHNSON.

To Mr. W. H. Godden was entrusted the toast of "The memory of the late Henry Johnson," and he spoke with a depth of feeling only possible to one who had been on terms of intimacy with Birmingham's grand old man of ringing. He said that in these times of stress of war, and the most colossal forms of arrogance, bluster, lies and frightfulness, it was quite a relief to look back upon the memory of that simple hearted genius, the late Henry Johnson. If he was known for anything it was for his simple-heartedness and his lack of anything like that which was called nowadays "swank" (laughter). Although to his (the speaker's) own knowledge, he carried on correspondence with some of the highest intellects in the country they might sit in conversation with him a whole evening and not hear as many big "I's" as they would find in somebody else's conversation in the course of two or three minutes. He could give them a very good illustration of that. In 1889, when Sir Arthur Heywood gathered together all that was finest and best in the ringing science in England in honour of Mr. Johnson's 80th birthday, it came to Mr. Johnson's turn to say something. What was it he said? It was very short, "God bless you all; God bless your wives and families." Then he sat down. If ever a man had an opportunity to laud himself it was at that gathering, but such was his modesty and simplicity of mind that he did not do so. That, he (the speaker) thought, was one of the reasons why they who had known him honoured Mr. Johnson so much, and it was a very happy thing for the St. Martin's Guild that they had decided year by year to hold that gathering at which one could meet friends, whom one did not, perhaps, meet at any other time in the year, on that common ground to honour the memory of Henry Johnson (applause).

The toast was drunk in silence, the Chairman afterwards remarking, that although he did not know Mr. Johnson, the feeling that was held for his memory was sufficient to prove that he was a remarkable man, a man of standing among his fellows, one whose memory was honoured. They were told that the memory of the just was blessed. He thought Mr. Johnson could be summed up in that word "just," for his memory was blessed among his fellows. They thanked Mr. Godden for the words he had spoken, for the tender reverence that he showed a dear friend.

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DEATH OF MR. ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT. A WELL-KNOWN MIDLAND RINGER.

Midland ringing circles have sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourn, Staffs, who passed away on Friday, after only a few days' illness at the age of 55 years. Mr. Cartwright caught a chill, which, pneumonia supervening, proved fatal. A pathetic coincidence is the fact that his brother, Mr. Gregory Cartwright pre-deceased him by only two days. In the Wolverhampton district where Mr. Cartwright is well known to a large circle of business men, as well as throughout the Exercise, his death is much regretted, and the deepest sympathy goes out to the widow and six daughters left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Rowland Cartwright belonged to a very old Wombourn family, his father having been for many years a farmer in the village. For a period of 37 years Mr. Cartwright had been engaged at the Wolverhampton Goods Department of the London and North Western Railway, and for the last eleven years had filled the important post of chief collector, in which capacity he was brought into intimate contact with business men of the town and district, by whom he was greatly esteemed.

Mr. Cartwright had two great hobbies—bell ringing and poultry breeding. In the latter direction he was an acknowledged expert, while as a ringer his name has been prominently connected with acti-



THE LATE MR. ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

vities in the Midland Counties for a long period. He has done much spade work, and for years—the actual time we cannot say, but it would have been sufficient to have discouraged most men—he laboured to raise funds for the addition of two bells to increase to eight the old six in Wombourn tower, and eventually had the pleasure of seeing his efforts crowned with success. Another of the ambitions of his life was realised when the peal of twelve at Wolverhampton was completed. Capable both as a ringer and conductor, his services were always readily given, and the Exercise is the poorer to-day by his death. For many years Mr. Cartwright represented the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs on the Central Council, and he was a member of all the Midland ringing organisations.

ALD. PRITCHETT'S TRIBUTE.

Speaking at the St. Martin's Guild's Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday, Alderman J. S. Pritchett made feeling reference to the sad event. He said: Only yesterday the hand of death smote another old member of the Guild, Mr. Rowland Cartwright, who was also a member of the Central Council, and a very well known ringer. I remember him for many years. He died at the age of 55, from pneumonia, after three days' illness. I used to think, when I looked at him, that I never saw a more handsome-looking young man in my life than Rowland Cartwright. It was a pleasure to know him; he was as kind as he was handsome. I remember him going over to Wombourn, where he lived, some twenty years ago to call my first peal of

Stedman Triples. Mr. James George was with us, and he took part in the peal. We had a pleasant afternoon, and I think Mr. Cartwright provided us with the finest dish of ham and eggs I have ever tasted in my life (laughter). Peace be to his memory. We are sorry we have lost him, and it adds to the sadness of his loss that at the time he died his brother was lying dead awaiting burial.

The funeral took place at Wombourn on Tuesday.

"SPY" IN A BELFREY TOWER.

STEEPLE KEEPER HELD UP BY ARMED GUARD.

The steeple keeper of St. George's Church, Stonehouse, Devon, has just been the innocent cause of alarming some people in the neighbourhood of the church, who were led to suspect the tower was being used to further the machinations of an enemy spy. A local paper thus describes the incident:—

"Some people at Stonehouse were alarmed on Saturday evening by a statement that night signalling was being carried on from the tower of the mother church of St. George's, and that the delinquent had been captured and was in military custody.

"For some weeks the fine peal of bells of the church have been silent, owing to the indisposition of some of the ringers, and of others in the Government employ.

"The handyman of the campanologists obtained the keys of the tower early on Saturday evening and repaired thither with the object of oiling the swivels, and overhauling the ropes connected with the bells. There is a gas jet in the belfry, and the windows admit air which causes the light to flicker. The attention of a pedestrian was attracted to the light, and he hurried to the Signal Station at Longroom. Telephone messages presumably passed from there to the R.M. Barracks, with the result that armed Royal Marines were soon surrounding the tower of St. George's.

"Having finished his task, the bell ringer emerged from the entrance at the base of the tower, oil can in hand, only to find himself surrounded by an armed party demanding 'whys and wherefores.' He, however, was ready to give reasons for his presence in the tower, and was speedily once more enjoying the warmth of his own hearth."

FORMER RIPLEY RINGER DEAD.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Francis H. Kay, of Moorwood Moor, South Wingfield, Derbyshire, who passed away on the 22nd ult., after only 15 days' illness. He leaves a widow to mourn her loss.

Deceased was 50 years of age, and had been a ringer for 30 years, having been associated with Ripley, Derbyshire; Girtou, Lincoln; Swanwick, Derbyshire, and, lastly, South Wingfield. He had rung 31 peals for the Midland Counties and East Derbyshire Associations in the following methods: Bob Minor and Major, Kent Minor and Major, Grand-sire Caters and Triples, and Stedman Triples. He was always willing to help in ringing, and would walk miles to help young ringers; in fact, he taught the Selston, Notts, ringers method ringing.

He was laid to rest in Ripley Cemetery on Thursday of last week, being carried to his last resting place by four brother ringers, viz.: Messrs. T. Stimpson (Swanwick), G. Brown (Crich), W. Booth and W. Hawksley (South Wingfield), Messrs. W. Piggitt (Crich), H. George and H. Day (Ripley) also attended to pay a last tribute of respect to one who will be sadly missed. Many floral tributes were sent, including one from the past and present ringers of Ripley Parish Church.

The bells of Ripley Church were half-muffled throughout the day on Sunday, and several touches of Stedman Triples were rung by the following old comrades: H. Day, A. Bowmer, C. Pileher, J. Bourne, F. W. Hill, F. Hill, A. Hutchison, S. Sander.

THE BAND AT DAVENTRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With your kind permission I should like to point out one or two statements in your report of Daventry's broken bell in your issue, which are rather misleading.

The first one is that the band at Daventry was a "stoney" one, but when Mr. Andrews came here he knew we could ring Grandsire Doubles, and by method. The second one is that they had no ambition to improve themselves. Now, I can prove that to be wrong, for when I joined them about three years ago they had started on Bob Triples, but I (a ringer of 30 years' standing, and having rung peals of all the Standard methods on 5, 6, 8 and 10 bells) persuaded them to give that up and start on Grandsire, and we were beginning to get on very well with Triples, when we had the misfortune to lose no fewer than four men in twelve months, two of them to serve their country, which brought us down to start at the bottom of the ladder again.—Yours truly,
A. MOORE.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On January 25th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Page 1, H. Badcock 2, W. H. Carr 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, A. E. Austin 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge Surprise by W. H. Carr, and first inside by A. E. Austin.

BELBROUGHTON.—Worcestershire Association.—On January 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. G. C. F. Toden (first 720) 1, H. Martin, jun., 2, H. Martin, sen., 3, A. Pardoe 4, G. Popkin 5, W. Short (conductor) 6.

THE JOHNSON DINNER.

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THE DEATH OF MISS SAMPSON.

Ald. Pritchett submitted "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild," and in doing so passed, as usual, the year in retrospect. He said he was afraid the gloomy events of the year were much more numerous than those that would excite their pleasure. Still, such were the chances and changes of this mortal life. They could not always be happy, and they must try to bear their troubles with as much patience as they could. He had to allude first to the great loss which the Guild and the ringing Exercise in general and the ranks of all good women had suffered in the death of Miss Margery Sampson, at the early age of 24. There were not many examples in history of men, and fewer still of women, who had died at the age of 24 or before, and who had left a name behind them. Miss Margery Sampson would leave a name behind that would last as long as the ringing Exercise was cultivated in this or any other country. While at Tamworth she got into touch with the Erdington ringers, and profited in a remarkable way by her opportunities—opportunities which could only be obtained by great self-sacrifice, by great diligence and great exertion. During the course of her short ringing career she rang in connection with that Guild seven peals, one of Stedman Cinques. She was the second lady to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, the first being Miss Parker. Miss Sampson rang the second bell in St. Martin's Church tower to that peal—a remarkable achievement for a young lady. Her other peals for the Guild were three of Stedman Triples, two of Grandsire Triples, and one of Bob Major. Those peals were or would be duly recorded in their peal book, and would hand her name down to posterity. She rang five of the peals with the Erdington band. They would all be glad to do what they could to keep her in remembrance, and fortunately they had an opportunity of doing something in that way. Her father had been good enough to send as a present to the Guild, through Mr. James George, a framed portrait of Miss Sampson, which, with the Rector's permission, would be placed in the tower of St. Martin's Church, and would always be contemplated with pleasure and with sadness by those who remembered her extraordinary abilities and those who lamented her early decease.

ALDERMAN PRITCHETT'S REVIEW.

Death, continued Ald. Pritchett, had taken away from them one of their most distinguished members in the late Mr. Samuel Reeves. He was a worthy man; he was a Johnson sort of man in his simplicity of character, his amiability and his uprightness. He was a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youth, and for some time President of that Guild before they succeeded in obtaining their former distinguished Bishop as their President, and at the time of his death was one of their vice-presidents. Those who knew Mr. Reeves would remember him with affection, and respect his memory as long as they lived. Shortly after his death, his partner of a lifetime also passed away, and they now lay in the same grave. After a reference to the death on Friday of Mr. Rowland Cartwright, which is reported elsewhere, Ald. Pritchett went on to say that of notable events during the year there had necessarily been few. The only one he need mention was the muffled peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the Guild to the memory of that grand old veteran, Lord Roberts. In deference to the general feeling, the Guild voluntarily offered to forgo their Tuesday evening practice at the tower of St. Martin's when war broke out. They hoped to resume them after they had rung their peals of rejoicing for the permanent conclusion of the war and a glorious peace. He took the opportunity of mentioning that the old custom of ringing at nine o'clock on Sundays at King's Norton was still continued, except that the hour was altered to ten to fit the service, and they would be delighted to see any ringer there. If they came he hoped they would stop to the service in the grand old church.

"HIGH OLD TIME" TO COME.

Some of their members, continued the speaker, had gone to serve their King and country, and they had one present with them that evening, Mr. Sidney Jessop (applause), who was in the Warwickshire Territorials, and who would do himself and them credit. They looked forward to his speedy promotion. Another matter to which he wished to refer was that they had elected two vice-presidents at their last meeting, their old friends Mr. Faux and Mr. Painter. Mr. James George had left Rugby (A Voice: "Shame," and laughter). He was no longer "James George of Rugby," he was now "James George of Birmingham" (hear, hear). Rugby's loss was Birmingham's gain, and he would be most welcome at the tower of St. Martin's. His ringing career unfortunately had been most seriously interfered with by the war. They hoped he would have completed his 600th peal this year, but he had had to stop at 547. When peace did come he would set to work again with renewed energy, and they trusted he would in due time reach his thousand. He (the speaker) called his 250th at King's Norton, and if he was alive and well he would like to have the opportunity of calling his one thousandth. Mr. John Carter was with them that night. He (Mr. Pritchett) did not know what he could say new about him. He had said all he could in his praise, but that was not nearly enough. He had, however, learnt a secret about him. He could not tell them what it was; all he could say was that if they did know it they would know something that would give them a still higher opinion of him. It might become public some day, and they would then be astonished at a

most noble instance of generosity. They looked forward, the speaker added, to a high old time when peace did come. Their members would soar to infinite heights, they would ring countless peals of rejoicing, and they would have a dinner after it such as they had never had before. St. Martin's Guild would, doubtless, soon make up for the peals which they had been unable to ring during the war, and the young men who were members of the Guild would in the future look back to that wonderful period in our history, when for a year or more peal ringing was suspended in this country. He trusted it would be the boast of every one of them that they took part in one or more peals to celebrate the peace (applause).

AN APPROACHING CENTENARY.

The toast was cordially honoured, and Mr. A. Paddon Smith responded. He said in looking round at such a good gathering that night he felt it was something to be proud of. It showed quite clearly that those who were at the annual meeting gauged the feeling of the members quite correctly when they reckoned there was not sufficient reason to break the continuity of those annual dinners. They were all doing their best in different ways, and they thought there would be no great harm in holding the dinner. The presence of so many and of their Rector in the chair confirmed the view they took (hear, hear). Mr. Pritchett mentioned that they had voluntarily given up their practice nights at St. Martin's. He felt that that was the correct thing for them to do, but in glancing through their peal book he found that their predecessors of 100 years ago did not take themselves quite so seriously. He was not quite sure whether they abandoned their practice nights, but they did not give up peal ringing, for on June 12th, 1815, which was exactly six days before the Battle of Waterloo, they rang a peal of Grandsire Maximus, the second ever rung and the first rung out of London. That was rather an interesting thing to remember, and he did not know whether as the day came round events would have taken so favourable a turn at the front that they might approach the Rector to ring a centenary peal. Continuing, Mr. Smith said that was the third year they had had the Rector with them, and the first time in the history of the Guild that they had had one Rector with them on three successive occasions, while never until last year had a Rector taken the chair at that gathering. With the presence of the two curates they had with them that night the whole clerical strength of St. Martin's (applause).

Mr. T. Russam, in submitting "Kindred Societies," said he was old enough to remember the inception of the great ringing associations, and to his mind they had done a wonderful work in combining men together. The old societies were all very well in their way, but the friendly rivalry of to-day was much different to that of the old days, and he did not think that in those times anyone would have dared to stand up to propose success to kindred societies. That they did so now with right goodwill showed the change that had come over ringers. He hoped all the ringing societies in Great Britain and beyond the seas would prosper, socially and financially (applause).

PRIVILEGES AND AN OBLIGATION.

Mr. A. E. Parsons proposed "Success to the Ringing Papers," and spoke of their inestimable value to the Art. Without them the ringing Exercise would be in a chaotic state. In order that they might appreciate the privileges which they bestowed they should try to imagine, if they could, what the conditions would be without them. The task of officials would be infinitely greater, and he doubted very much if the Central Council would exist. But the privileges which the papers afforded them carried with them obligations on the part of the ringers. They should give the papers whole-hearted support, and see that every member took a copy of one or both.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of "The Ringing World," responded to the toast.

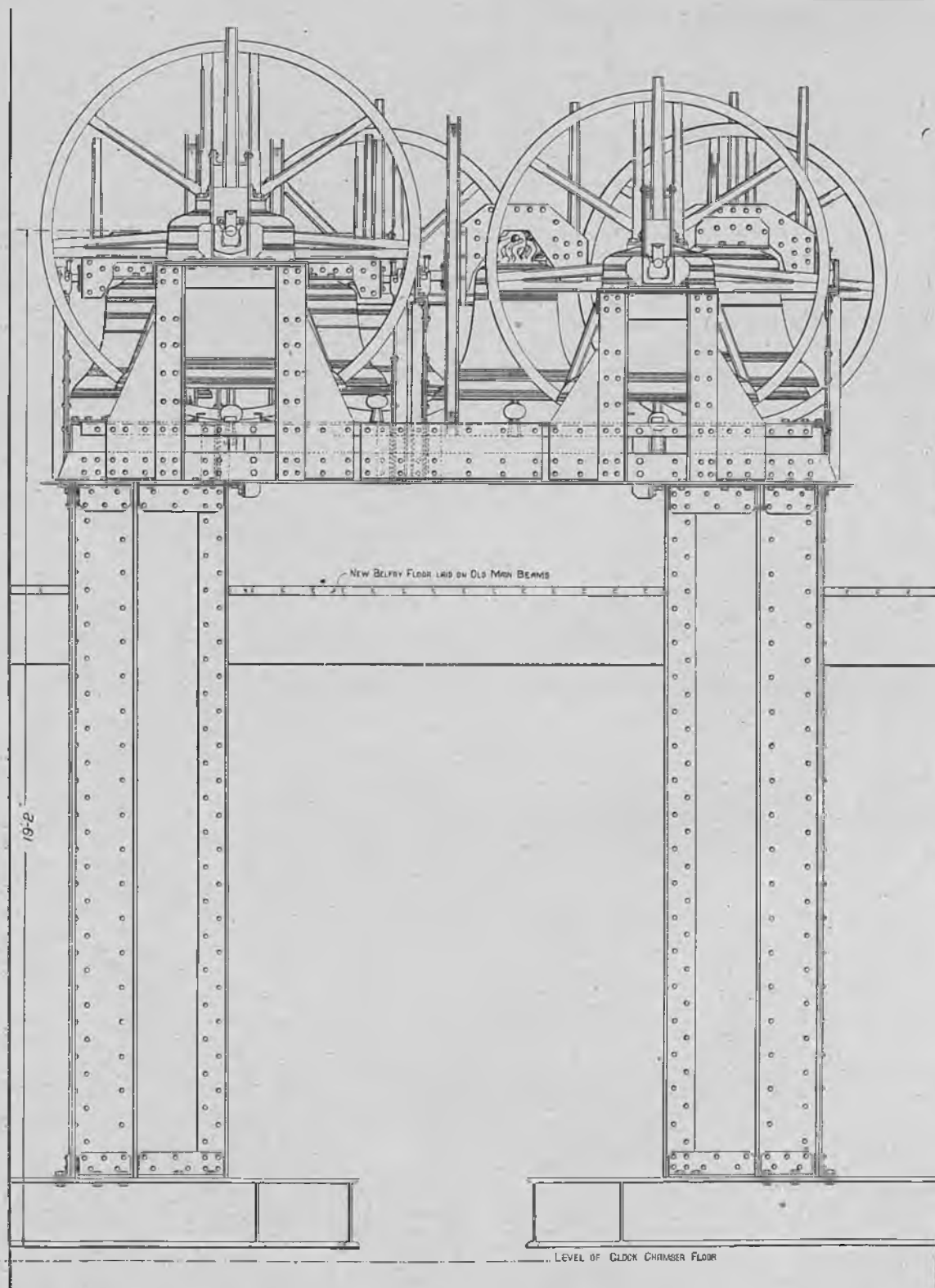
Mr. J. S. Pritchett submitted "The Chairman," and mentioned that the Rector had no less than 32 relatives by blood and marriage serving their King and country in this war.

The Rector's brief reply concluded the toast list.

The musical programme was such as to delight the heart of ringers: Mr. Harry Withers, the inimitable, was there with his dulcimer, and, despite the presence of many other good things in the programme, provided the "star" turn. He started with a course of Carter's Principle, which he tapped with marvellous accuracy; afterwards he showed his versatility by some beautifully played Welsh airs, and he also tapped Stedman Caters and Double Norwich, which was all really very wonderful. Mr. A. E. Parsons provided the only song of the evening, "The Skipper"; Messrs. Lafin, Carter, Miller, Russam, Groves and Smith rang an excellent "double-handed" course of Stedman Cinques, and a course of Caters followed later. The splendid handbell tune ringing, in which Messrs. Walker, Withers, Miller and Hunt took part, went to complete a musical programme of the most pleasurable kind.

During the afternoon the towers of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) were open for ringing, and full advantage was taken of the opportunity. A very fine new tablet, recording "the 100th peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the bells, and the first century of twelve-bell peals in any method ever rung in one tower" (rung on February 24th, 1914) was on view in St. Martin's belfry for the first time.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—Winchester Guild.—On December 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Roy Linter (age 14 years), first 720 in the method, 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishley 3, Walter Linter 4, W. Harris 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6.



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INTER - AFFILIATION.—WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Will the secretaries of those Associations and Guilds in favour of Inter-affiliation kindly communicate with me, as the Committee of this Association wish, with their co-operation, to put this into operation, if possible.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on March 16th and 30th; for handbell practice on the 11th and 25th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow on Saturdays at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The March meeting of this Society will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. The members of the committee are requested to meet in the Church Institute at 5 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, *pro tem*, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Norton, on Saturday, March 6th. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 14, West Street, Milton.—J. Johnson, Rev. J. Reay, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Tower open for ringing at 4 o'clock, service in St. Thomas' Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland (Vicar of Dudley). Business meeting after tea. All contributions should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle Le Woods on Saturday, March 13th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Tyldesley on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pibcott, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Southern District will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, March 13th. The bells of the Cathedral will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow in the Montgomery Hall. Business: Election of officers. A good meeting is expected. All ringers welcomed.—A. Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Armley on March 13th, 1915. Bells available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the White Horse Hotel.—Wm. Barton, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready at 5.30. Meeting held at 7 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea 6d. each, followed by business meeting at the Bull Inn at five o'clock. 1915 subscriptions are now due.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield (Car Nos. S. 40 and S. 50) on Saturday, March 20th. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, March 27th, 1915. Tower open from 3.30 till 9. Half rail fare will be allowed. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid on or before that date. Members on active service need not subscribe this year. — Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

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ST. WEONARD'S.—Hereford Diocesan Guild. — At St. Weonard's Church, on February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, ten callings, half-muffled, in 50 mins.: Rev. V. A. Creswell (conductor) 1, Arthur Brewer 2, H. Weale 3, T. W. Rowley 4, F. A. Oakley 5, T. Amos 6. This quarter-peal was rung in honour of Gunner George Williams, the first from this parish to volunteer for the front. He fell in action on January 25th, whilst serving his gun.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, N. Tickner 2, W. Tickner 3, C. Tribe 4, W. Savage 5, O. Sippetts (Crawley, Sussex) 6, G. Neve (conductor) 7, A. Field 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, Feb. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrell 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.

GOOLE.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 14th, 720 Bob Minor: Pte Jones (National Reserve) 1, H. Ward (aged 13 years), first 720 with a bob bell, 2, L. Drake 3, T. Smith 4, M. Tate (conductor) 5, R. Davis 6, J. Drake 8 (covering).

SWANBOURNE, BUCKS.—On Saturday, January 30th, six six-scores Grandsire Doubles: J. Harding 1, W. Sear 2, J. Price 3, H. Sear (conductor), E. Price 5, J. Sheffield 6.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Cyril Wooldridge 1, S. Chapman 2, J. Abery 3, C. Hunt 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 17th, for morning service, 240 Bob Minor; for evening service, 360 Bob Minor.—On January 18th, 720 Canterbury Minor: J. Passey 1, H. Lambert 2, R. Bethel 3, W. Watkins 4, W. Mantle 5, A. Tomkins (conductor) 6. First in the method for all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

FOLKESTONE.—Kent County Association. At the Parish Church, on Nov. 17th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original: G. Miller 1, J. Henley 2, G. Foord 3, S. Binfield 4, H. Croucher 5, F. Jordan 6, W. H. Wood (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Field-Marshal Earl Roberts, V.C.—On November 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: S. Binfield 1, P. H. Pierce 2, F. Jordan 3, C. R. Milway 4, W. H. Hollier 5, E. Cheeseman 6, W. H. Wood (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.—On Sunday, Dec. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. Henley 1, H. C. Saywell 2, G. Foord 3, H. Whitehead 4, H. Croucher 5, F. Jordan 6, W. H. Wood (conductor) 7, T. Farley 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 29th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Floyd 1, C. Golding 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, K. O. Wightman (of St. John's, Kennington), 6th London, R.F.A., 8.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association and St. Mary's Guild.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Holloway 1, Gordon Mackman 2, R. H. Boddington 3, C. Hes 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, O. H. Paine 8. Mr. Gordon Mackman is on a visit from America.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on December 6th, on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Rochester, for morning service, 544 of Double Norwich Major: A. James, senr., 1, A. E. Newick 2, W. Smith 3, G. Durling 4, S. Marshall 5, G. Huxley 6, E. G. Filtness 7, I. Emery (conductor) 8. For Confirmation service, in the afternoon, 1056 Bob Major: A. James, junr., 1, A. E. Newick 2, E. G. Filtness 3, G. Durling 4, I. Emery 5, G. Huxley 6, A. James, senr., 7, S. Marshall (conductor) 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Belsey 1, A. James, senr., 2, G. Durling 3, Driver G. Gibson, R.H.A. (first 500 with a bob bell) 4, I. Emery 5, G. Huxley (conductor) 6, S. Marshall 7, C. Austin 8.

HARPENDEN.—At the Parish Church, on December 6th, 1264 Bob Major, in 52 mins.: A. Day 1, H. Coburn 2, G. Newson 3, R. Coburn 4, H. Day 5, W. Hill 6, H. Jarman 7, B. Jarman (conductor) 8.—On December 7th, for the choir festival, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: O. Dellar 1, H. Day 2, W. Hill 3, R. Coburn 4, H. Coburn 5, H. Jarman 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, B. Coots 8.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On December 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Plain Bob: W. H. Carr 1, A. E. Austin (first as conductor) 2, *F. White 3, *T. Finch 4, F. Nunn (first 720) 5, *C. Peters 6. *First 720 on an inside-bell.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bedford district was held on Saturday last at St. Peter's, Bedford, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. J. E. Gilbert). The bells were utilised during the afternoon. The Rector and Mr. C. N. Peacock (churchwarden) visited the tower, the latter, in a few well-chosen remarks, opening the meeting, and the Rector, with a short prayer, unveiling a marble peal tablet, made by one of the St. Peter's company, Mr. W. Fineden, to record a peal of Surprise Minor rung by: C. A. Robinson, P. Cooke, G. W. Clarke, C. Stapleton, H. Sharp, W. Stapleton (conductor). After tea the election of officers took place, the Vice-President, Miss E. Steel, presiding. The bells during the day were kept going in Surprise, Treble Bob and Plain Methods, members being present from St. Paul's and Peter's, Bedford; Turvey, Elstow, Clapham, Biggleswade, Husbome Crawley, Bromham, Woburn, Sharnbrook and Wellington.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bromham on Saturday, March 27th.

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Gentlemen,

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

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

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

MODERN WORK.

THE BEGINNER'S OPPORTUNITY.

Not infrequently in the past we have heard it said and the Exercise has been reminded that there was not sufficient encouragement given to beginners; that the older hands, who had the knowledge, usually kept it to themselves. In some degree, we are afraid, this has been true, for we have known belfries where nothing but the keenest interest on the part of the beginner would have kept him in the Exercise. While he was taught to handle a bell and sent home to study the table of a simple method, so that he might fill a gap if needed, his customary place in the belfry was a seat upon a form, while, when his perseverance and persistence made it impossible for him to be longer kept aside, any ambition he may have had to reach the higher heights and gain a practical knowledge of conducting was quenched by the consistent manner in which he was ignored by the custodian of this department. Many a man, we believe, who might have revealed himself as a genius, has, in the past, had his talents smothered, as it were, by the policy of "keep him under."

But, as time has advanced, the democratic spirit of the age has crept even into the belfry, and we believe that at no time more than to-day has the capable man in ringing had a better opportunity of coming to the front. It is always necessary to have in a belfry some one individual responsible for the conducting and the good ringing of the bells, but more and more the young man is given a chance to show what he is made of. Nothing, however, can be worse for the future of a tower than for one man to try to retain the reins of conducting in his own hands. Sooner or later it becomes necessary for another to undertake the work, and then the band drops to pieces from want of one really fitted for the task.

At present there must be many towers where the principal conductor is absent with the Forces of the Crown, and there must be exceptional opportunity for many who have remained behind to gain experience in calling. We hope that, although the circumstances which have created the opening are of the most lamentable kind, full advantage will be taken of the opportunity. It provides the occasion for more men to reveal their best, and the Exercise, notwithstanding that it has now a greater number of ringers of outstanding merit than ever it had, must be the better for it. But those who would seize the chance must remember that for the true conductor there is much more in it than standing on a box and calling the bobs. The man who would excel must study and study deeply. Experience can only come in the tower, but knowledge is to be gained in the quiet hour at home, when with pencil and paper some of the mysteries of our Art are fathomed.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tuesday, March 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF CRANSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ISAAC PURSER Treble	DANIEL JONES 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	ALBERT LITTLE 7
BENJAMIN GOUGH 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rowland Cartwright.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*HERBERT STOW Treble	†WILLIAM DAFFIN 5
GEORGE HOLLIS 2	†JOHN R. BROOKS 6
FREDK. E. PARSONS 3	†SAMUEL SMEDLEY, Senr. ... 7
†HENRY MOTTERSHAL ... 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and
Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Jonathan Thompson, an esteemed member of the Staveley company, who was interred that day.

SIX BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, LOWER HOMERTON,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Canterbury, Beverley, Lincoln, London, Wells, York and Durham (all Class IV Methods). Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 4
GEORGE A. BLACK 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
JOHN MOULE 3	HARRY TORBLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

This was the first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector (Rev. W. E. Andrews) for giving permission to attempt the peal; also Mr. Dymont, the tower-keeper, for having everything ready and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 6, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT 25, WINCHESTER AVENUE, BRONDESBURY PARK, N.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT 1—2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 5—6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 3—4	MISS ELSIE MATTHEWS ... 7—8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. H. J. BRADLEY.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 2, CARLTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

ALBERT V. INNS 1—2	*EDWARD CHAPMAN 5—6
DAVID J. NICHOLLS ... 3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 7—8

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by EDWARD CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Major as conductor. F. W. Sawfoot's rooth peal for this Association.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, THE YORK-
SHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT
SOCIETY.

On Sunday, March 7, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At 31, HIGHER ALBERT STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES!

GEORGE HOLLIS ... 1-2 | CLEMENT GLENN ... 5-6
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 3-4 | ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 7-8
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Umpire: GEORGE DAVIES.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	73	9	0
Ringers of St. Nicholas, Islip, Northants (per Mr. R. C. Loveday)	0	13	0
Ringers of Selly Oak, second contribution (per Mr. W. Mumford)	0	5	0
York Minster Society, February collection (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	4	0
Total	£74	11	0

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

Pte H. Howarth, of St. Peter's, Sowerby, Yorks, 4th Battalion
West Riding Regiment, now at Derby.
Pte Sidney A. Wright, late of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.
3rd Battalion Scots Guards (No. 12,701).
From St. John's, Burslem, Staffs:—
Pte James Farrell, Grenadier Guards, now at Chelsea.
Pte W. Matthews, Royal Field Artillery.
Spr. S. Scarrott, Royal Engineers, now at Smethwick.
Pte L. Millington, Royal Fusiliers, now at Dover.
From Bottesford tower, Leicestershire:—
A. W. Ward, Army Service Corps.
A. E. Jallands, 5th (Res.) Leicesters, now at Epping, Essex.

W. SHEPHERD'S 100 HANDBELL PEALS.

The 100 peals rung on handbells by Mr. Will Shepherd, of Hersharn,
is an interesting list, inasmuch as four of them were record lengths,
one being the 19,738 of Stedman Caters at Guildford.

	Ring.	Conducted.
Bob Major (a)	28	22
Bob Royal	6	4
Bob Maximus	1	—
Grandsire Triples	14	13
Grandsire Caters	10	7 (b)
Stedman Triples	4	—
Stedman Caters (c)	19	8
Stedman Cinques (d)	15	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	—
Total	100	57

(a) Including 1 silent and 1 all-conducted.

(b) Including 8099 record.

(c) Including 14,031 and 19,738 records.

(d) Including 6063 record.

In the list of the ringers who have scored a "century" on handbells,
which we gave last week, that of Mr. F. Blondell, ought not to have
been included. Mr. Blondell informs us that he is still a few short of
that number.

A YORKSHIREMAN'S PLAIN LANGUAGE.

Some amusing communications are sometimes dropped into the
Editor's letter-box. Here is one which comes from a Yorkshire ringer:

Sir.—Will you tell the man that wrote that bit in the Yorkshire
Association Report about the twenty-four peals of Treble Bob that he
rings more peals of Grandsire and Bob Major than anybody else in the
society, and Treble Bob is as good as that any day. Also what is
lacking when he rings seven mouldy lengths of Bob Minor, and in three
Minor methods. Them Treble Bob peals are mostly good class peals
in one part and called by officers of the society.—Yours truly,

FIRST OF TREBLE BOB.

RESTORATION AT BERROW.

DAMAGE BY LIGHTNING MADE GOOD AFTER 30 YEARS.

About the year 1886 lightning struck the church tower at Berrow,
near Tewkesbury, and seriously cracked the larger of the two bells,
which afterwards caused a very disagreeable tone. In 1897 an en-
deavour was made to raise funds to provide and hang a peal of six
bells, using the two old ones in the new. The scheme had to be
given up, however, as sufficient money could not then be raised, al-
though the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Casey) received some few pounds
from landowners and others, which were deposited in the bank as
the nucleus of a bell fund, but it grew very slowly until Mr. C. J.
Green became churchwarden. He, with the able assistance of Mr. W.
A. Roberts and Mr. A. Waterson, set to work with the determined
intention of raising the required amount, and had it not been for
the war they felt confident that the sum would have been raised for
six bells; but they have had to be content for the present by putting
in only five, leaving space for the sixth to be put in at some future
date.

When the restoration was taken in hand, Messrs. Gillett and John-
ston, the well-known Croydon firm, were called in.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK.

After a thorough examination, they reported that the old timber
bell-frame was of weak and faulty construction, and the fittings of the
old bells in a very dilapidated condition. The two old bells, which
weighed about 17½ cwt., were found to be of poor tone, and, in the
light of modern musical requirements, far from being in correct tune.
Various proposals were fully considered, and it was decided as the
bells were of no historic value, to break them up and to utilise the
metal in conjunction with some 10 cwt. of new metal to cast an
entirely new ring of five. This was done, and Berrow can now claim
to possess a peal of bells of purest tone and guaranteed accuracy of
tune. This result has been obtained by casting and tuning the bells
upon the latest scientific, five-tone, harmonical principle. The tenor
is in A flat, and the following are the inscriptions and weights:—

		Cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915...	3	1	11
2	Ditto	3	3	9
3	Cost of this Peal and Restoration of Tower de- frayed by Subscriptions raised by Charles J. Green and Arthur H. Waterson. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915...	4	2	6
4	Two bells dated 1650 and 1825, recast and three added with new frame, 1915. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915	6	0	6
Tenor	Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915. Vicar, H. E. Casey. Churchwardens, C. J. Green and J. Woodward	8	2	10
Total weight		26	1	14

The bells have all been equipped with entirely new fittings of the
most modern type, including the improved pattern of cast-iron head-
stocks, oak wheels, independent clappers, etc., all of which ensure easy
ringing, whilst the old timber bell-frame has been cleared out of the
tower and replaced by an entirely new frame constructed of steel and
iron to the most approved engineering design. This frame consists of
massive steel foundation girders, upon which are erected heavy iron
castings which carry the bells. The whole frame being braced at top
and bottom, forms an entirely self-contained structure of great strength
and rigidity.

The whole of the work of recasting and hanging the bells has been
carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to the complete satisfac-
tion of the churchwardens. A new floor has also been laid immediately
below the bells to permit of easy access for lubricating the bells, clear-
ing away rubbish, etc.

The Bishop of the Diocese officiated at the dedication of the bells,
and was assisted by the Vicar (Rev. H. E. Casey), Rev. F. S. Griffith
(Poncock), Rev. H. E. Bicknill (Rector of Birtsmorton), and other
clergy. The Bishop gave a very appropriate address, and a large
congregation was present, including many of the subscribers. A col-
lection was made, and realised £8 9s., leaving only a small balance
now owing for the bells from a total of upwards of £300.

The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, and were
highly appreciated by the parishioners. The tone and tune being much
admired by all who heard them, and the "go" giving gratification to
the ringers.

ARUNDEL RINGERS' DAY OFF.

The illness of a prominent resident of Arundel, whose house is opposite
the parish parish, has necessitated the curtailment of ringing for a time.
Having an off-day, the Arundel band, under Mr. F. S. Smithers,
journeyed to the neighbouring village of Amberley, on a recent Sunday,
where, owing to the war, there has been little ringing of late. The
Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Carr, gave them a cordial welcome, and from
ten until eleven o'clock, the hour of the morning service, the bells
rang out merrily. The outing was much enjoyed, and is to be re-
peated at an early date.

ST. MARTIN'S PEAL TABLETS.

STEDMAN CINQUES "CENTURY" RECORD.

The peal record on the famous bells of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, is quite a remarkable one, and apart from the many notable performances which have been achieved in the tower, the mere fact of there having been over a hundred peals of Stedman Cinques rung on the bells is in itself a wonderful performance. The "century" peal was rung in February last year, and visitors to the tower on the occasion of the Johnson Dinner last Saturday week had the opportunity of seeing the handsome tablet which records this unique event, and it will take its place among others that commemorate performances of distinction, and from which, in letters of gold, stand out many names which will live in the annals of ringing as long as the art lasts.

Indeed, one of the first things remarked by a visitor upon entering St. Martin's well-kept belfry for the first time, is: "What a fine lot of peal tablets." And so they are. Few, if any, towers can boast of so great an array of such handsome tablets, and so effectively arranged. There are, with the latest addition, no fewer than fifteen wooden ones, the lettering in each case being done in gold leaf on black background, one stone, and five marble tablets, on which are recorded fifteen peals of Stedman Cinques, three of Kent Treble Twelve, two of Grandsire Cinques, and one each of Duffield and Forward Maximus, superlative and Double Norwich Major, and Stedman Triples.

But (and here we may say we share the regret of the Birmingham ringers) the finest tablet in the tower, and one of the very finest in the country, can no longer be seen. At least it can just be discerned up on the Baptistry wall, some forty feet or more above the

one of the restorations, the belfry floor was moved up to open the tower arches to the church, it had to be left where it was, so that now it is immediately beneath the present ringing floor.

This magnificent tablet, which measures 9ft. 4in. by 5ft. 4in., was given to the church by John Hopkins, a noted optician in the town, a famous ringer, and a member of the St. Martin's Guild for 46 years. It is said to have cost £40, and on it are given the full particulars, with names of performers, of no fewer than six twelve-bell peals, in the following order: Kent Treble Bob Cinques (first ever rung), Feb. 1st, 1832; Stedman Cinques, Jan. 11th, 1848; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, March 21st, 1848; Stedman Cinques, Dec. 12th, 1848; Stedman Cinques, Dec. 19th, 1848; Grandsire Cinques, April 17th, 1849.

A framed etching of the tablet is hung in the present belfry, but the members of the Guild are not without hope that some day some generous-minded person may come forward and offer to defray the cost of removing the original, and fixing it in a position where it may be seen and appreciated, in accordance with what would undoubtedly be the wish of its pious donor.

John Hopkins died on October 19th, 1862, aged 62 years, and is buried in St. Thomas's Churchyard, Birmingham.

The latest addition to the tablets, that recording the century peal of Stedman Cinques, is the work of Messrs. O. C. Hawkes, Ltd., Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham, and is of excellent design and workmanship.

It is interesting to note that in addition to the 105 peals of Stedman Cinques which have now been rung at St. Martin's, the following peals have also been rung there since 1785, the first having been rung there on November 19th in that year: Grandsire Cinques, 8; Kent Treble Twelve, 8 (including the first ever rung); Stedman Caters, 7; Grandsire Caters, 7; Kent Treble Ten, 4; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Maximus, 2; Bob Royal, 2; Oxford Treble Twelve, 2; Grandsire Maximus, 2; Forward Maximus, 2 (only two ever rung); Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Cinques, 1 (first ever rung); Duffield Maximus, 1 (only one ever rung); Double Norwich Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Caters, 1 (first ever rung); Oxford Treble Ten, 1; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1.

THE LATE MR. ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

The deep and widespread esteem in which the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourn (for many years chief district collector and canvasser for the London and North-Western Railway Co.) was held in the Wolverhampton district, was shown on the occasion of his funeral at Wombourn Church on Tuesday of last week, when the sad ceremony was attended by a large number of old colleagues and friends, many of whom came from long distances to be present and thus show their respect. The service was of a simple character, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Preb. E. P. Nicholas, assisted by the Rev. C. Barker, and during the service in the church the hymns sung were: "Hark, my soul" and "Rock of Ages." The Vicar read the committal sentences at the graveside, and after the church service was concluded the following rang a course of Grandsire Caters over the grave: A. Little 1-2, J. Jaggar 3-4, Company Quartermaster-Sergt. R. Pickering 5-6, H. Knight 7-8, Rev. E. V. Cox 9-10.

There was a beautiful collection of wreaths from various representative bodies, including the local ringers, St. Peter's (Wolverhampton), and members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The bearers who carried the coffin from the deceased's late residence to the grave were: J. Apse, H. Sadler, A. Little (ringers), W. Fox, W. Jones and A. May.

Besides the many ringers who were present, the Wolverhampton Town Council, magistrates and tradesmen were represented, as well as the following companies: L. and N.W.R., M.R., G.W.R., Shropshire Union Railway and Canal Co., Pickfords, Ltd., etc.

Immediately after the service, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the tower bells (half-muffled), by: H. Knight 1, J. Jaggar 2, Company Quartermaster-Sergt. R. Pickering 3, T. Bloore 4, D. Jones 5, Rev. E. V. Cox 6, B. Gough 7, B. Fullwood 8.

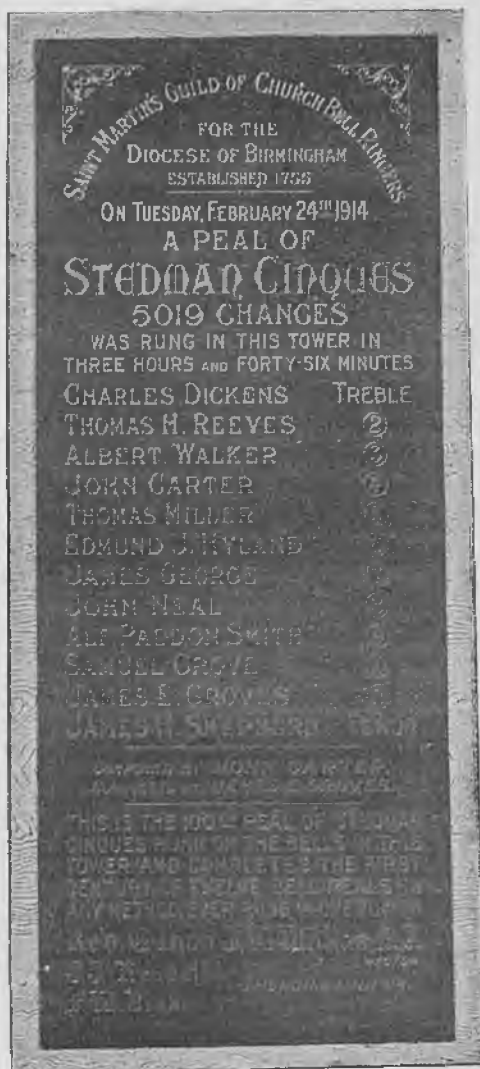
In the evening, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung—an account of which will be found in its proper place. Unsuccessful attempts were also made at Coseley, and St. Luke's and St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

The deceased kept no record of the peals he took part in, but the records of the Midland Counties Association and the Stafford Archdeaconry Society show that he rang about 70. He had a keen and musical ear, and was very particular in his striking. Of a kindly spirit and genial nature, he was ever ready to do anyone a good turn. As one of his old friends recently wrote: "I have many pleasant memories of his social and honest nature; would there were more of his genial character. His death is a distinct loss to the change ringing Exercise."

Mr. Cartwright was greatly instrumental in the recasting and augmentation of St. Peter's bells, Wolverhampton, likewise of the installation of the ring of eight at St. Luke's some few years ago. He will be greatly missed by all.

His peals rung for the Stafford Archdeaconry Society were: Grandsire Triples, 14 (conducted 5); Major, 1; Caters (including 8,009 and 11,563), 9 (conducted 1); Cinques, 1; Stedman Triples, 7; Caters, 1; Cinques, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 3 (conducted 2); Bob Minor, 2 (conducted 2); Triples, 5 (conducted 4); Major, 3; Forward Major, 1; Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Caters, 1; total, 52 (conducted 14).

Unfortunately we are unable to give his list of peals rung for the Midland Counties Association.



ground-floor of the church, hidden in perpetual gloom, unheeded, but not forgotten.

Years ago the belfry of St. Martin's was considerably lower than it is now, and this tablet, which is of Painswick stone, beautifully designed and executed, was so securely fixed to the wall that when, during

A BELLFOUNDER "TOMMY."

INTERESTING INCIDENTS OF A RIFLEMAN'S LIFE IN THE TRENCHES.

Rifleman Andrew Warner, a member of the firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, but now serving with his regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles), in writing to his brother Mr. Robert Warner, gives some extremely interesting details of life at the front.

"It is rather difficult," he writes, "to describe what one has to do here, as everything varies so, but I will try to depict our first introduction to the firing line.

"We were moved from our rest billets here, and marched about eight miles along awful cobble streets, straight and fringed with poplar trees which make them appear endless. Our destination was a certain small town in range of the enemy's guns, and a certain barn, where we remained for about two days. We slept in the straw in the top portion of the barn above the cows and horses, and the comfort was far better than our place here, notwithstanding large numbers of hungry rats, which gnashed their teeth outside my mess tin, which was redolent with cheese!

"We had to move off one afternoon to be ready to relieve some of the Regulars at no great distance. Our first point was a village absolutely torn to bits by fire and shell, and which had been the point d'appui of the troops some weeks back, and was taken at the point of the bayonet.

"The church being massively built, does not look much the worse at a distance, but on closer inspection it has had a good share of German shells. There are no inhabitants and our trenches are just beyond, and seem to be a salient or spear point projecting into the enemy's original position.

"The road is strongly held on both sides, at no great distance apart. The firing line seems a maze, and no one appears to be quite sure of the approximate line, but one had enough to do on one's own short front, to worry over what other Forces have to contend with.

FURROW BY FURROW.

"There is a considerable ridge sloping away from the village, and eventually the enemy will have to be pushed up this ridge, field by field, and almost furrow by furrow.

"It was quite dark when we arrived at the village, and we proceeded slowly along the road, halting when the enemy's flare balls shoot up. They are a great convenience to us, and they should be more frequent, as they cannot distinguish at any distance a single man or body of men when halted dead; any movement would be noticed, of course. By-the-way, this road to the village is subjected to guess sniping by night, but the hits can hardly compensate for the waste of ammunition. They lay a rifle or machine gun at a certain range at a certain point during the day, and fire intermittently throughout the night.

"We left the road and struck off across the fields, to a certain line of trenches, floundering through ditches and avoiding Jack Johnson holes which are large enough to drown an elephant. We passed two dead cows, and as they had been there some considerable time, one's sense of smell would guide one sufficiently on the darkest of nights. Our road lay between two farm buildings, one held by us, and one by the enemy, and only a stone's throw between, and then we proceeded on to our trenches, to all appearances behind the enemy's lines, but yet not so.

"There seemed to be a sort of gala night going on in our trenches that evening, and the enemy were busy all along the line firing into the darkness, and thus our new draft had somewhat of an awkward baptism of direct fire; you can quite understand that it takes some time to get men out and new men into a trench, so we were standing there for some considerable time waiting for our rabbit holes to be vacated before we could get out of danger of being hit. As only one of our men received a bullet in the ankle, it shows how wasteful it is to fire vaguely at night.

"We keep awake at night filling sand bags, and improving matters for defence, and comfort, and strolling back to the village in parties for food, water, wire or anything that may be found wanting. No hurry, no worry and everything as a matter of course. The day is spent in sleeping between guards, or watching aeroplanes being fired at by opposing artillery, the proximity of the shell being marked by a sticky ball of smoke which never seems to get any nearer.

TRENCH ENFILADED.

"Our artillery take offence at a certain barn and blow it to bits, and the same thing happens with the artillery on the other side; we never hear, of course, the reason or the result of this, but we do not do anything without reason. The firing trenches are too close for either side to shell much, but the reserve trenches get a hot time now and again with high explosives and shrapnel. Our trench was enfiladed all day, so we have to move about with caution. These trenches have dug-outs which hold about one or two men, and one can get a good sleep except for the cold.

"We do not take much notice of the opposing trenches, except as far as observation goes, but the Germans keep on firing except at meal times. We get relieved in the way we relieve the others, and march

back to our place here. The worst job is the rotten marching on these cobble roads, and a few London General Omnibuses would be much appreciated if the 'Daily Mail' or any other paper is sending any gifts to the soldiers.

"Our second lot of trenches did not have dug-outs, and the only protection against the weather were lean-to's made of rough timber, and waterproof sheets.

"The town here was in the hands of the Germans for about eight days, when they were pushed out to their present position. The cafes are called estaminets, and cheap wine, just like vinegar, can be obtained, and also coffee which is really very good, and the people cook food there, which one buys at the local shops, such as sausages, steak, liver, eggs and bacon, etc. All this sounds very excellent on paper, but I have only dined in this way once, as the general effect seems to be to make one wrong in the stomach at once, and the stuff is no approach on English food.

"The last few days I have not eaten much at all, except rolls, coffee and fruit, but I keep very well on that. Of course a good diet of chocolate spoils everything else in the way of meals.

"With reference to the consignment of cigarettes which you sent, I shall be glad if you would please note that out here in the firing line, we are absolutely inundated with tobacco and cigarettes. Playing cards are very much appreciated in the dug-outs, and candles are quite indispensable, as they serve as light and as cooking stoves, and they only issue us a few per man.

"We have just received orders to stand by to move off at ten minutes' notice, so I must end. There seems to be activity somewhere along the line."

SPITALFIELDS FOUNDRY ROLL OF HONOUR.

Amongst the many names on the roll of honour of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, are those of the following well-known ringers: Charles H. Austin, Richard N. Runham, Walter G. Rowe, Jesse B. Tylor and Thomas King.

Mr. Duncan F. Christy, also of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry (having seen service throughout the South African War, first as a trooper in the Middlesex Imperial Yeomanry, and afterwards as 1st Lieutenant in the Yorkshire Dragoons, to which regiment he was attached for distinguished services in the field) volunteered at the beginning of the war and joined the Mechanical Transport Section of the A.S.C., but has now been promoted to the rank of corporal, and the following interesting letter from him, recently published in "The Times" gives some idea as to how modern armies in the field are dependent upon machinery of every description, and it is certainly gratifying to know that we are so well equipped in this respect.

"Our company consists of 98 lorries, and this, of course, includes two store waggons, three 'First Aid' lorries (breakdown cars), one office and two repair workshops. The travelling workshops are wonders, and are in duplicate. They are fitted with electric light, and have on board, lathes, drilling and boring and slotting machines, electric riveters, forges, anvils, and everything required in a workshop, even melting pots for running in Babbitts metal in the worn-out bearings before being turned up afresh. The machines are driven by a motor, which is driven by a small motor engine.

"There are other wagons which carry heavy stuff such as portable forges, two or three grindstones, spare springs for cars, crowbars, jacks and heavy tools, and hundreds of other things. If we never came into contact with civilisation again for six months, we could still keep going except for petrol. Two wagons carry petrol, and they always get a fresh supply when going through a town.

"In the very severe weather that we had a few days ago, of course we had to empty all radiators when stopped for any length of time. However, several cars had cracked cylinders. These engines have all been taken down and cylinders brazed by the oxygen process by our own men, and are now in running order again.

"The remainder of the wagons, to the number of about 80, are all loaded up with ammunition of all kinds; for instance, one particular car has 40 boxes of 4.7 shrapnel on and three fuse boxes. Each box weighs about 130lbs."

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT MEETING.

The March meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society held on Saturday, at Bolsover, was, as usually is the case at Bolsover, a very successful one, some thirty ringers being present before the bells were raised, and the following towers being represented, viz.: Barlboro', Beighton, Chesterfield, Dronfield, Eastwood (Rotherham), Eckington, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Mansfield, Rammoor, Sheffield Cathedral, Workson, and the local company. Some good practice was obtained in quite a number of methods, from Bob Minor for the recruits to London Surprise for the ambitious.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. J. P. Tarlton (the President) being in the chair.—The Vicar, in replying to a vote of thanks, gave all the visitors a very warm welcome, saying the vote of thanks ought to be reversed, as he was delighted to hear the bells. He promised them always a welcome when they came to Bolsover, and expressed the hope that future meetings would be even more successful.—A vote of thanks to the local company concluded the business. Owing to Bolsover being situated "out of doors," as it were, 7.30 saw the last of the visitors hurrying towards the different railway stations en route for home.

BELLS OF LIVERPOOL DIOCESE.

In a recent issue of the "Liverpool Diocesan Gazette," Mr. F. H. Cheetham had an interesting article upon the church bells of the Liverpool diocese. It is a summary of results of his investigations in the thirteen ancient parishes which comprise the diocese, and which will be dealt with in more ample fashion in connection with a catalogue of the bells of all the other churches in the southern part of Lancashire, which is to be published in next year's volume of the "Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society." We give below some extracts from the article, dealing with the most ancient of the bells to be found in the diocese.

The oldest and in many respects the most interesting bell in the diocese, says Mr. Cheetham, hangs by itself in the modern church of Roby. The bell is said to have been originally the tenor of the old ring of four at Huyton, and was presented by the Vicar and churchwardens of Huyton to the new church at Roby in 1850. A note in the Roby Church book states that the bell "was discarded by Mr. Mears, bell founder of London, as being of too fine a tone and quality to harmonise with the new bells which he was commissioned to make for the increase of the Huyton peal from four to six." This was in 1846. The tower of the original church at Roby was built for the accommodation of this bell—a reversal of the usual order of things—but the present church dates from 1875. The bell itself is of unusual interest, and is, as far as I know, the only pre-Reformation bell in use in the diocese. It bears the inscription—

SCIE REDICITE. I.S.P. A.D. 1512.

each letter or numeral being cast on a separate patara. The lettering of the first two words is Gothic, but the date figures are in Arabic numerals—a very early instance of the use of such figures. As far as I know, there are only two English bells of a date earlier than this with Arabic numerals, one at Durham Castle (1496) and the other at Canterbury (1505). The Roby bell also bears a shield with the maker's initials, R.O. and an initial shield or cross proving it to have been cast in a late mediæval Nottingham foundry. The local belief that the bell is of Spanish manufacture is entirely unfounded. It is certainly of Nottingham make, and was probably by Richard Selyoke, using the stamp of an earlier founder. The bell is 40 inches in diameter at the mouth.

Next to the Roby bell the tenor at Ormskirk is the oldest in the diocese. It may even be claimed to be older than Roby, for it bears the date 1497. It was, however, recast in 1576, which date is on the waist. The next oldest bell in the diocese, as far as my investigations have gone, is the little bell, or ting-tang at Winwick, which is dated 1600. Following the Winwick bell in order of date are the second and fourth bells at Sefton, both cast in 1661 by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, and it is probable that the fifth and tenor, which are also by Oldfield and bear his name, were recastings at the same time, though they bear no date, and their inscriptions probably belong to older bells. The inscription on each of these undated bells is: "Hec Campana Beata Trinitate Sacra Fiat"; on the others—(2) "God bless the founder hereof 1601; and (4), "Nos sumus constructi ad laudem Domini, 1601."

The tenor at Huyton is dated 1606, and other 17th century bells occur at Warrington Parish Church; All Saints', Hindley; Holy Trinity, Warrington; and at Prescot. The oldest of these is the bell at Hindley, which is dated 1646, and bears the inscription—"Gloria in Excelsis Deo." It was cast at the foundry of John Scott at Wigan. The inscription is reversed owing to the founder having put the letters the right way in the mould so that they come out wrong in the casting. The bell hangs by itself over the west gable of the chapel (re-built in 1766). Next in date is the bell at Holy Trinity Church, Warrington, which was cast at Wigan in 1647 by the same John Scott or his son, for the Market Hall, or Court House of Warrington, and was the gift to the town of Colonel John Booth. It hung in the old Market Hall till its demolition about 40 years ago, when it was removed to Holy Trinity Church. This is another case of the bell being older than the church. Holy Trinity only dating from 1709. Warrington Parish Church possesses a ring of six bells, cast by Henry Bagley, of Ecton, Northamptonshire, in 1698, each of which bears an inscription in Latin. On the fifth after "Cantate Domino Canticum Novum" is "Vivat Gulielmus Rex," one of the very few instances in the country in which Dutch William's name occurs on a church bell. A treble and tenor were added to the original ring of six bells in 1884. At Prescot the bells were recast in 1638, but on obtaining a ring of eight new bells in 1845, the old ones are said to have been presented to "a neighbouring parish church." I have not been able to discover where this was, and should be very grateful for any information on the subject. The little bell, or ting-tang, at Prescot, however, is dated 1684, and has the stamp of a bell on the waist, but is without inscription or maker's name.

RUDHALL'S BELLS.

When we come to the 18th century, the number of bells still in use is naturally much larger. A good number, however, have disappeared, in many cases having been recast. The earliest dated bells of this period that I have yet noted are those now hanging in the towers of St. Augustine's, Everton, and St. John the Evangelist, Knotty Ash, but which were originally at St. Peter's, Liverpool. Both

were cast in 1707 by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, and bear his initials and the date. It was the tenor at St. Peter's, Liverpool, and was displaced in 1829, when a new ring of ten bells was obtained, and sent to the new church of St. Augustine, built in 1830. Rudhall's bells are still numerous in Lancashire, though many have disappeared. The firm came into existence at Gloucester in 1684, being founded by Abraham Rudhall the elder, and was carried on by his son, grandson, and great-grandsons till 1828, when it nominally closed. Bells with the name of John Rudhall, however, were cast till 1835. In the catalogue of bells cast by the Rudhalls between 1684 and 1830, and printed by Canon Ellacombe, seven churches now in the Liverpool diocese are included. These are: St. Peter's, Liverpool (eight), St. Nicholas, Liverpool (six), Wigan (eight), Walton-upon-the-Mount (six), Ormskirk (eight), Childwall (six), and Halsall (six). Of these the two rings at Liverpool have disappeared, and the tenor at Wigan, two at Halsall, and the whole of the ring at Childwall, have been recast. The Walton ring remains entire. Where the remainder of the ring at St. Peter's, Liverpool, has gone to I do not know, but should be glad of information on the subject. Also of the Rudhall bells cast for St. Nicholas in 1724.

The next oldest Rudhall bells in the diocese are the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth at Ormskirk which are dated 1714, and which bear respectively the names of the parish clerk, the Vicar, the constable, and the churchwardens. The treble, second, and seventh were cast or recast by Thomas Rudhall in 1774, and the tenor is the old bell already described. After Ormskirk in point of date comes Aughton, where there are four of Abraham Rudhall's bells cast in 1715, all with Latin inscriptions, which is not usual with bells from the Gloucester foundry. These are not mentioned in the list printed by Canon Ellacombe. The Wigan bells are all dated 1732, and there is also a ting-tang cast by Rudhall at the same time. The tenor was recast in 1870, but the old motto has been preserved. The Walton ring is by Abel Rudhall, 1736. At Halsall the three older bells are all recastings in 1785 by Charles and John Rudhall, and the tenor is by John Rudhall, 1811. Another of John Rudhall's bells is that at Christ Church, Hunter Street, Liverpool, cast in 1738. It bears the initials and crest of John Houghton, the builder of the church. The old bells at Childwall, recast in 1812, were by Abraham Rudhall, 1722, but the treble had been recast in 1751. The old inscriptions have been retained.

OTHER FOUNDERS.

Other 18th century founders whose work occurs in the diocese are Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, and Luke Ashton, of Wigan. Sanders' bells are to be found at Farnworth and Winwick. For Farnworth, Sanders cast five bells in 1718, but the tenor becoming cracked was recast in 1882. The other four still hang in the tower, together with a new treble, added in 1789, which is not, however, by Sanders. The Winwick bells date from 1711, but the fourth was recast in 1882. Its inscription has not been retained.

The bells at Hindley and Warrington cast by John Scott, of Wigan, have already been noted. This Wigan foundry was afterwards held by William Scott, whose bells occur as late as 1701, but a few years later Ralph Ashton was casting in Wigan, and it is possible he continued the Scott's business. To Ralph succeeded Luke Ashton, four of whose bells are found in this diocese, at St. Luke's, Lorton (1733), St. Peter's, Formby (1746), Melling (1748), and North Meols (1750). Another very interesting 18th century bell is that hanging in the turret of the old chapel of Maghull and dated 1709. It bears the motto, "Christo Ausp. ex. Dux." with the initials L.W. and the stamp of a bell. It is not one of Ashton's bells, the style of the lettering being entirely different from his, but may be by the same founder as the little bell at Prescot.

Other dated 18th century bells occur at Hollinford (1778) and Holy Trinity, Wavertree (Mears, 1794). Three ting-tangs are also of this period. St. James', Toxteth (1775), Holy Trinity, Wavertree (1782) and Holy Trinity, Liverpool (1792).

Most of the later bells of the diocese are from the foundries of Mears (later Mears and Stainbank), of Whitechapel, Taylor of Loughborough, or Warner of London. The famous ring of twelve at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, is the work of William Dobson, of Downham Market, Norfolk (1812-13), but the tenor was recast by Warner in 1911. Dobson's bells also occur at Hale (six, 1814), Sefton (two, 1815), and St. Luke's, Liverpool (eight, 1818). The bell at Holy Trinity, Liverpool, dated 1820, from the evidence of the lettering, also appears to be Dobson's work, though it does not bear his name.

A YORKSHIRE MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pontefract on Saturday week, when, despite the unfavourable weather, quite a good number of members attended. Tea was provided in the schoolroom, to which a company of about 40 did justice.—In the absence of the vice-president, the Vicar presided, and welcomed the ringers to Pontefract. The officers were then elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Market Weighton.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and various touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, etc., were brought round.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.— GRANTHAM.

By J. R. JERRAM.

For the following account of the bells of St. Wulfram, Grantham, I am chiefly indebted to the Rev. Canon Fowler and the late Mr. T. North's "Church Bells of Lincolnshire."

According to Street's "Notes on Grantham" it appears that in 1640 the bells, then five in number, were rehung,



ST. WULFRAM'S, GRANTHAM.

and the chimes were repaired and made to go "perfect and true." In Turnor's "Grantham" we read that the steeple was much injured by lightning in 1652. In the records of the Corporation it is notified that "Lord Rosse gives a bell at Belvoir towards a sixth bell, the Sancte bell in the steeple given and added to it to make a complete sixth bell, sutable and tunable with the other five, so as the Town be at no charge.—Jan. 13, 1652-3." Sir William Ellys, Bart., who died in 1728, gave £25 to cast the fifth bell.

In 1752 the front four bells of the six were recast, and two trebles added to make eight, by Thomas Eayre of

Kettering. The old inscriptions were reproduced on two of the bells. The chimes were put in order at the same time. Fifty-three contributors gave a total of £516 os. 2d. towards the expenses, the Duke of Rutland heading the list with £52 10s.

The first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the eight on Easter Sunday, April 22nd, 1764.

In 1775 the then treble, seventh, and tenor were recast, and two trebles added to make a peal of ten, by Pack and Chapman of the Whitechapel foundry. The tenor was recast by Thomas Mears in 1818. She now measures 59½ inches in diameter.

The inscriptions on the present peal are as follows :—

Treble.

PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT, 1775.

Second.

IF YOU HAVE A JUDICIOUS EAR YOU'LL OWN MY VOICE IS SWEET
AND CLEAR. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT, 1775.

Third.

PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT, 1775.

Fourth.

GLORIA DEO SOLI. GLORIA PATRI. FILIO & SPIRITUI
SANCTO. THO. EAYRE, KETTERING, FECIT.

Fifth.

CŒLORUM CHRISTE PLACEAT TIBI REX SONUS ISTE.
OMNIA FIAN'T AD GLORIAM DEI. T.E. 1752.

Sixth.

OMNIA FIAN'T AD GLORIAM DEI. GLORIA PATRI. FILIO
& SPIRITUI SANCTO. T. EAYRE FECIT. 1752.

Seventh.

OMNIA FIAN'T AD GLORIAM DEI. CŒLORUM CHRISTE
PLACEAT TIBI REX SONUS ISTE. T. EAYRE FECIT. 1752.

Eighth.

IN DEI GLORIAM IN ECCLESIE COMMODUM. GLORIA
PATRI, FILIO & SPIRITUI SANCTO. ANNO DOM: 1752.

Ninth.

YE RINGERS ALL WHO PRIZE YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
BE MERRY, SOBER, WISE, AND YOU'LL THE SAME POSSESS.

RECAST IN 1775. RICH'D. EASON, VICAR. JNO. CALCROFT & JNO.
HARDY, CHURCHWARDENS. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT.

Tenor.

T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. REV'D. WILLIAM POTCHETT, VICAR.
JOHN BROOKS, ROBT. STORR, CHURCHWARDENS, 1818.

Sanctus Bell.

✠ THE GIFT OF MRS ANN HURST OF BARBY DOCKTER HURST WIDOW
TO THE CHVRCH OF GRANTHAM, 1674.

The first part of the "Gloria" was one of Thomas Eayre's favourite inscriptions. Consequently we find it repeated here on three of the bells cast by him. "Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei" was another commonly used by him, and also by Joseph Eayre. This we find also repeated three times on these bells. "In Dei gloriam in ecclesie commodum" (i.e., "To the glory of God and for the use of the Church") is not so common. The other Latin inscription, on the fifth and seventh, "Cœlovam Christe," etc., is a reproduction from older bells, and signifies: "May that sound be pleasing to Thee, O Christ, King of Heaven."

Ann Hurst, the donor of the Sanctus-bell, was the widow of the Rev. Thomas Hurst, D.D., Rector of Barrowby, from which living he was ejected during the Commonwealth. He was a great benefactor to Grantham.

There are peal boards in the belfry recording the first peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on the old peal of eight in 1764, already mentioned; also one dated June 20th, 1814, and others dated January 12th, 1844, November 9th, 1860, December 24th, 1860, and February 4th, 1861, respectively.

PEALS ON THE BELLS.

Writing concerning the peals rung on the bells, Mr. S. Proctor, of Grantham, says: "The earliest peal rung on the bells is recorded on a peal board in the belfry, as follows: April 22nd, 1764. A complete peal, consisting of 5040 changes of Grandsire Triples, was rung in 3 hrs. 29 mins.: Treble J. Scarborough, 2nd E. Holt, 3rd H. Camm, 4th J. Hand, 5th S. Pickard, 6th E. Peck, 7th J. Wildmore, 8th J. Beck. Unfortunately neither the name of composition nor that of the conductor is given.

"There is recorded a peal of Grandsire Triples on January 12th, 1844, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., to celebrate the fact that Mr. Wm. Marshall, parish clerk, had on that day been a member of the ringers' society for 50 years. Like the preceding peal, no composition or conductor's name is given, and after considering the weight of the bells, and the time given for the peal, I am very doubtful if the peal was rung.

"As will be seen, St. Wulfram's possessed a change ringing band until the year 1881, when the following peal was rung:—

"Grantham Society of Change Ringers.

"On March 28th, 1881, this society, having been established 100 years, a centenary festival was resolved upon by the members, and in celebration of the event a full and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, was most excellently rung on these bells, which occupied 3 hrs. 5 mins., by the following members:—

T. Jackson	1st	W. Cawton	5th
W. Weaver	2nd	J. Challands	6th
H. Parker	3rd	H. Lounds	7th
G. Porter (conductor)	4th	W. Chasty	8th

Rev. C. E. Fisher, Vicar; C. J. B. Parker, and S. B. Rudd, Esqrs., Churchwardens.

"After this, peal change ringing at St. Wulfram's continued to flourish until the year 1888, when the bells were rebung in an iron A frame, mounted on Dantzig oak beams, by Taylor and Co., at a cost of £388, the money being found by public subscription. Unfortunately after the bells had been overhauled change ringing gradually died out, and nothing else but 'stony' was rung until the year 1910, when the bells again required the services of a bell hanger, Messrs. Taylor and Co. fitting the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and tenor bells with their patent metal cross heads. The clock and quarter jacks were also repaired by Messrs. Smith and Co., of Derby, at a cost of £186, the money being again found by public subscription.

"During the time the bells were thus silent as to change ringing, the Bishop of Grantham and the churchwardens became dissatisfied with the 'stony' ringers, and sought the advice of the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (the Rev. H. Law James). The result of this step was the 'stony' ringers received notice to 'quit,' and a new band was formed in October, 1910, and rang their first peal, one of Grandsire Triples, on Saturday, October 21st, 1911, this being followed by a peal of Grandsire Caters on Saturday, April 27th, 1912, the band having the honour of ringing the first peal of Caters on the bells, and for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by an entirely local band. Up to the outbreak of war St. Wulfram's possessed one of the finest and best 'going' peals of bells in the country, and also a regular ten-bell Sunday service change ringing band, but in common with all other towers, several members have answered the call of their King and country, with the result that many vacant ropes are to be found in St. Wulfram's belfry.

"The peal would make a fine ring of 12, there being plenty of room in the belfry to hang the bells all upon one level, and endless room for the ringers in the spacious ringing chamber."

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association was held at the Parish Church, Norton-in-the-Moors, on Saturday last, when about 40 members attended from the following towers which are affiliated to the Association: Crewe, Uttoxeter, Hanley, Stoke, Wolstanton, Fenton, Burslem, Biddulph and Brown Edge. The belfry was open for ringing at 3.0 p.m., when various methods were indulged in, after which an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea was in readiness.

The Rector (the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne) welcomed the Association to Norton, for, he said, he believed it was doing a very good work amongst the different towers in the Archdeaconry, and he was delighted to see such a large gathering. It spoke of the enthusiasm of the ringers for their art, when they turned up in such large numbers, despite the wretched climatic conditions prevailing. He also wished to thank them for the grant of £5 towards the rehanging of Norton bells, which he could assure them was greatly appreciated by all, both clergy and laity.—Mr. S. Churton (Stoke) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, wardens and ringers of Norton for entertaining them so royally, and mentioned specially Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Turner, Mrs. Wheatley, Miss M. Turner, Miss Walker and Miss H. Holdcroft for working so indefatigably.

Mr. J. Johnson presented a statement of accounts, which was very satisfactory.

The ringing on handbells of "Blue Bells of Scotland," with variations, by Messrs. Allman and Fitchford, of Wolstanton, was greatly appreciated. The belfry was afterwards visited again, and the bells kept going until 9 p.m., when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

LETTER FROM AMERICA.

EXPERIMENTS IN DEADENING SOUNDS.

Travellers in Italy are wont to extol the soft, mellow tone of bells swinging in plain view in open belfries of the lofty campaniles, notably in Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence and Pisa. While these bells are relatively noiseless in their immediate neighbourhood, their sound waves are thrown afar over a wide area.

In more northern countries, however, this ideal installation is generally inhibited by conceptions of that harmony of proportions appropriate to the prevailing style of architecture, or by certain precautions against exposure to wind-driven storms incident to more rigorous climate. Hence, the necessity of that virtual imprisonment and suppression of our bells which cannot be otherwise than detrimental to their best musical effects as well as to their carrying power. And when towers of restricted height are adjacent to habitations, hotels, offices or public institutions, the sound waves deflected by wide-sloping louvres, or roofs, form a nuisance and a bar to prolonged ringing.

If one of London's most famous rings, St. Bride's, has long been mute, here in the United States no less than three "chimes" have been "chloroformed" by injunctions resulting from agitation against street noises, a movement which in certain localities has become endemic.

In Boston and vicinity, of the five towers containing excellent rings in perfect condition, no less than four are poorly designed as regards the requirements of the bells, and this defect has been the cause of certain unfavourable criticisms by those who, having been accustomed to hear the execution of hymns and tunes, fail to appreciate the superiority of scientific changes. While our English ringers have not met thus far with plain sailing, they have learned how to gradually overcome obstacles to success, and, with the aid of influential supporters, to increase their opportunities for practice. This success is to be attributed less to their excellent striking on tower bells than to the educational process instituted by their public performance on handbells accompanied by explanatory talks. This novel form of entertainment has proved surprisingly attractive, and is capable of indefinite development. Indeed our ringers are beginning to discern that their accomplishments are leading to their recognition as professional artists, and that excellence in their art, as in other forms of music, should command commercial value. As a concrete illustration of the brilliant goal (not a rainbow), which may be within their reach, I may mention that on the evening of February 1st their performance given for the benefit of certain blind refugees of the war now in Paris, netted proceeds amounting to £26 12s.

Meanwhile they are putting their minds to the problem of reducing the noise of our garrulous bells. At Watertown, for example, where the roar of the bells in the quadrangles beneath was declared to be appalling, Mr. Allfrey, by boarding one of the four tiers of openings, has lessened the noise by about 30 per cent. At the Church of the Advent, whose fine ring has been lifted and rehung by Mr. Gibbons, the belfry openings have been entirely closed by means of movable shutters with satisfactory effect, and the Guild have since rung here regularly for service, no changes on these eight bells having been previously executed.

The use of leather, or hardwood, plugs in handbells and hemispherical bells respectively has suggested a similar treatment of tower bells, and a brief allusion to our experiments in this line may serve to deter others from repeating an expedient which we are compelled to unreservedly condemn.

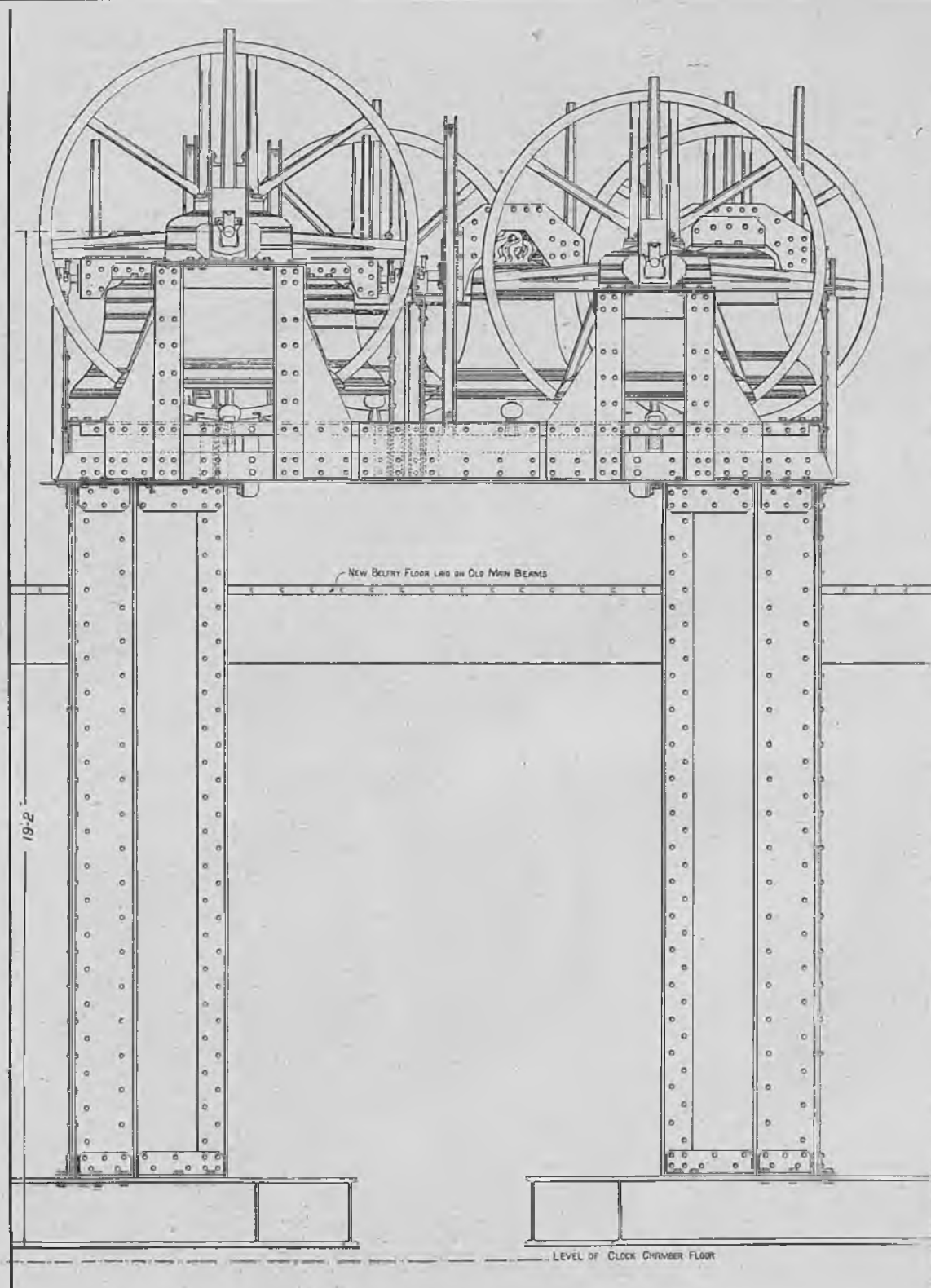
In the first place, in the absence of previous experience, it was no easy problem to find the species of tough wood capable of withstanding the sledge-hammer strokes inflicted on heavy bells. Rosewood, employed in all orchestral percussion instruments, is granular and speedily crumbles. "Lignum Vitæ," being straight-grained, chips at the edges. It is essential, therefore, that the wood should be composed of tenacious, small fibres of irregular grain, qualities possessed by quebrachos and ironwood (hornbeam). Plugs of slightly conical shape with bevelled edges when firmly driven into place retain their position, and if soaked in oil are easily withdrawn by means of an auger used as corkscrew. The practical objection to their effect upon the sound is, that while the small bells are unduly smothered, in the tenors one misses the clean cut resonance of the metallic hammer.

Our experiments tend, therefore, to confirm the opinion expressed by Sir Arthur Heywood in his recently published work upon bell towers and bell hanging, that the proper cure for noisy belfries consists in the depression of the bell-cage, the use of lighter clappers of malleable metal for the back bells, and the partial closure of the belfry openings. In the application of this treatment, however, we should not fail to recognise that, in accordance with a law of acoustics, sound waves intercepted, or deflected, by a solid object are not projected over as great an area as when omitted from wide open belfries.

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We gather that at the performance given for the benefit of blind Belgian refugees, for which the tickets sold for one dollar, "a short talk on scientific bell ringing in England and America" was given by Mrs. Arthur A. Shurtleff (Dr. Nichol's talented daughter).



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WHAT THE TENOR SAID.

MUSINGS ON THE WAR.

By G. F. MARGETSON.

How often have we felt the force of Shakespeare's reflection that there are "Sermons in stones, books in the running brooks, and good in everything." And if so, why should not the bells, with their iron tongues and voices, hold converse with those who interpret their language? Do not inanimate things often appeal to us more forcibly than the living? When I looked at our old tenor the other morning, she appealed to me for grease, for we have these last six months been as silent as the tombs round the old church tower. "How can we find heart to ring," says the Rector, "while the nation labours under such serious and momentous issues?"

"Halloo, steeplekeeper!" cheerfully exclaimed the tenor, as I approached her for lubrication. "Haven't seen much of you lately. Whatever has happened to the outer world? It must be six months since we gambolled together in this tower, and to speak the truth, I am as stiff as the flag-pole. So much idleness and ease has added years to my age." "I am sorry," said I, "but I fear your complaints and sufferings are identical with mine, and I know not whether I shall be able, after so long an interval, to throw you frame-high. I am not only stiff, but exceedingly melancholy, not only on my own account, but for the world. You ask me what has happened. Why, the whole earth is convulsed with war, so that I have much anxiety for your safety as well as my own."

"Ah!" exclaimed the tenor, "I judged something terrible had happened, as I constantly hear the Woolwich guns, and the roads appear to be deserted. That motley group of unemployed at the corner of the 'Maypole,' too, have dispersed, and I noticed the hotel shuts off gas at ten o'clock, the sound of departing footsteps scarcely being heard. Serious enough; but tell me the cause of it all?"

Here another report from the Woolwich guns made us both tremble. How could I explain all the circumstances of the war, though I had read Bernhardt, Treitschke, Nietzsche, and other Germans, of whose names I forget the spelling.

"The German Empire," I began, "intoxicated with what Shakespeare styles 'the pride and pomp and circumstance of glorious war,' with an ambition for world-power, is the chief cause of the present calamity. They have already, notwithstanding previous treaties, violated the neutrality of Belgium, and have desolated that peaceful and happy nation, their excuse being that of necessity. The Kaiser and his admirers believe themselves God's appointed rulers, and regard the English and her Allies as degenerate nations."

"Ah!" said the tenor, "everything may be excused on the plea of necessity, for it is certain that all things happen by the laws of necessity. Does not Pope tell us 'Whatever is is right?'"

"Many of their foremost scholars," I returned, "have asserted that peace leads to the decadence of nations, among whom are Goethe and Humboldt."

"And how do you think it will all end?" inquired the old tenor.

"In the desolation of the fairest provinces of Europe; in an increased hatred of those who conquer; perhaps, eventually, in a long and universal peace."

"A consummation devoutly to be wished," replied the tenor sincerely; "war is brutality and madness."

Here a ray of sunshine shot through the louvres of the bell chamber, reminding us that amidst the deepest gloom there exists an element of hope to surmount such evils as appear to be inevitable, and as the clock of a neighbouring turret announced the hour of day, and my duties urged me on, I slipped from the entanglement of speculative argument by saying:—

"Excuse me, dear tenor, I must have your services for an hour, as the passing bell."

"For whom do you require me?" she asked.

"For the dead," I reverently replied.

"For the dead!" she repeated in surprise.

"Why, from all you have informed me, we should be mourning the living and give the dead our praise for having escaped the evils of life.

But toll me or ring me,

Which way you will,

Life is a mixture

Of good and ill.

Lo! as the sea waves,

Beat on the shore,

So are we restless,

Till we are no more."

Thus did I gain a little sermon from the tenor bell, and an inspiration to hope that peace may soon terminate the war, and then won't we ringers proclaim it!

MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

His many friends throughout the country will learn with pleasure that Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who has been confined to bed for about a month with influenza, is now improving.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, February 7th, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Webb 1, G. Spencer 2, C. Tricker 3, T. Beadle 4, F. Skevington 5, E. J. Dewey 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. Brooks (first quarter-peal) 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Sheard 1, G. A. Ransom 2, E. V. Beadle 3, T. Beadle 4, C. Dell 5, A. Beckensale 6, W. H. Lidbetter (conductor) 7, W. Howlett 8. Rung as a farewell to E. V. Beadle, who has left Isleworth to join the Royal Engineers at Chatham.

DENTON.—Chester Guild.—At St. Anne's Church, on February 7th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: D. Wilde (first 720) 1, H. Bardsley (first on inside bell) 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. Pollitt (conductor) 4, E. Walters 5, — Wright 6. For morning service, on February 21st, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: D. Wilde (first in method) 1, H. Bardsley (first in method away from treble) 2, J. Pollitt 3, J. Heckingbotham (conductor) 4, A. E. Walters 5, W. Wright 6.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Feb. 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: J. Hunt 1, F. Andrews 2, H. Hastings 3, H. Kettle 4, C. Aylett (first inside) 5, A. Roberts (conductor) 6.

YARNTON, OXON.—On Tuesday, Feb. 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor: F. Webb 1, W. Stone 2, V. Webb 3, G. Holifield, junr. (conductor) 4, W. Cox 5, J. Franklin 6.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On February 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor: F. Webb 1, G. Holifield, junr. (conductor) 2, W. Stone 3, V. Webb 4, W. Cox 5, J. Franklin 6.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 14th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Caters: W. E. Judd 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, *A. W. Davis 3, A. Cutmore 4, *J. H. Payne 5, C. Charge 6, W. J. Daubney 7, A. V. Selby 8, A. F. Harris 9, *G. Hannell 10. * First quarter-peal in any method.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on Sunday, Feb. 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: W. A. Alps (conductor) 1, F. Andrews 2, H. Franks 3, T. Walker 4, A. Turner 5, T. H. Taffender 6, M. F. R. Hibbert 7, W. J. Nelder 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: T. T. Hayward 1, S. Freke 2, I. B. Holmyard 3, E. Chivers (conductor) 4, A. Speed 5, W. J. Mills 6, D. Loxton and E. Lush 7, H. Fry and A. Berry 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on February 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Blundell 1, W. Thompson 2, Pte E. Large (8th Warwickshire) 3, J. White 4, H. Rainbow 5, W. Farey 6, W. Allen (conductor) 7, J. Dean 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At St. George's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., with the bells deeply muffled: H. Watts 1, James Allred 2, R. Allred (conductor) 3, B. Allred 4, Harry Allred 5, John T. Allred 6, Harbert Allred 7, J. Hampson 8. For evening service, 340 Grandsire Triples, with William Hindley taking the place of Hugh Watts. This above are all local ringers, and the touches were rung for those who have fallen in the war.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—At St. Anne's Church, on Sunday evening, Feb. 21st, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Pearce 1, H. Gould 2, J. Corbett 3, H. Stapleton 4, T. J. Gould 5, F. Francis (conductor) 6, F. Nye 7, W. Nye 8. Longest length on the bells, and all are local men.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 21st, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. J. Thyng 1, A. Knights (conductor) 2, P. Sault 3, F. Jacobs 4, W. Allwood 5, G. Davies 6, F. E. Smith 7, W. Jacques 8, G. Hollis 9, T. W. Gore 10. Rung as a farewell touch to Mr. Jacques, of Staveley, who was leaving the district.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 22nd, at St. Luke's Parish Church, 504 of Grandsire Triples: T. Rhodes 1, Percy Taylor 2, R. Johnson 3, Wm. Wright 4, T. Birch (first 504 as conductor) 5, Wm. Myatt 6, G. Deighton 7, J. Ferneyhough 8. Longest touch for the ringers of the treble, 2nd and tenor.

CRICH.—East Derbyshire Association.—On Feb. 22nd, 720 of Doubles, consisting of four 120's of Grandsire and two of Mauchester: E. Bower 1, G. Brown 2, W. Drake (conductor) 3, H. Allwood 4, J. Worth 5, W. Pigg 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to H. Kay, a ringer of the above association, and also of Midland Counties.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: F. S. Price 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 7, P. Price 8.

LONDON.—Ancient Society of College Youths.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 14th, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, E., 1257 Stedman Caters: H. Springall (conductor) 1, W. Tanner 2, E. Gibbs 3, T. Langdon 4, E. W. Green 5, A. B. Peck 6, J. Scholes 7, E. Hall 8, H. Langdon 9, J. Nicholls (first quarter-peal) 10.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—At the Parish Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Marshall 1, H. Price 2, G. Fuller 3, W. Marshall 4, A. Henley 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 560 Bob Major: L. Hammond 1, Corpl. E. Easter (N.R.), 2, Col. Sergt. F. C. Lambert, Suffolk Regiment (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, Corpl. A. H. Took (N.R.), 5, J. Howard 6, Corpl. H. Walker (5th Beds Regiment) 7, C. Moss 8. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. On Dec. 13th, for evening service, four courses of Stedman Triples by the same company. On Monday evening, Dec. 14th, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, and 168 Stedman Triples, with F. W. Watling tenor, others as before. Corpl. H. Walker hails from Luton, Beds, and with the 5th Beds has been quartered in the town for the past fortnight.

DAGENHAM, Essex Association.—On December 8th, a quarter-peal of Minor, in seven methods, comprising 120 each of Double Oxford and Double Court, 240 each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and 60 Plain Bob: Miss C. Playle 1, G. Playle 2, E. Hawkins 3, E. Butler 4, A. Chaplin (conductor) 5, E. Eye 6.

ELTHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 10th, 720 Bob Minor, with bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. T. Pritchard, who passed away on December 6th at the age of 92 years: J. Martin 1, J. Hedger 2, T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor) 3, F. Fraser 4, E. Crowther 5, J. Hurrell 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 11th, at the Parish Church, previous to a confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. W. Lidbetter 1, W. Lawrence 2, H. H. Noakes 3, C. R. Walker 4, J. Tricker 5, A. Beekesale 6, Geo. Spencer (conductor) 7, A. Sheard 8.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Sunday, December 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Barrett 1, R. Mackrill 2, C. Hunt 3, H. Cook 4, W. Worsley 5, H. Dewey 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Barrett's first grandchild.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On December 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Luff 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, G. Luff 3, Pte E. Jones 4, T. Attwell 5, T. W. Burdock 6, Pte E. Mullins 7, A. J. Bartlett (composer and conductor) 8. Pte Mullins hails from Pendleton and Birmingham, and Pte Jones (whose first touch of Major it was) from Chirk, Salop. Both are attached to the 5th King's Shropshire Light Infantry, billeted in Chiddingfold.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, December 13th, for morning service, 280 Grandsire Triples, E. Pagett conductor. Also 216 Stedman Triples. In the afternoon, for the men's service, 97 Grandsire and five courses of Erin Triples. For evening, 144 Stedman, six courses of Erin Triples, and a course of Plain Bob. The following members of the band took part in the ringing: G. Griffiths, T. Taylor, W. Peart, F. Bondall, E. Pagett, H. Pagett, W. Reynolds, A. Caddick, D. Jones and A. Mills (conductor).

WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH.—On Dec. 14th, 720 Bob Minor, with the treble leading and tenor covering: J. Watts 1, T. Hyde 2, W. Rose 3, J. W. Rose 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, C. Stubbington 6, A. Rose 7, R. Lee 8. First 720 by all except the ringer of the 5th.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, Dec. 20th, for morning service, at St. Alfege's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: I. G. Shade (conductor) 1, Pte F. J. Robinson, R.A.M.C., Olney, Bucks. 2, W. J. Rawlings 3, J. J. Lamb 4, H. Hoskins 5, W. Berry 6, W. Shimmans 7, Staff-Sergt. T. Jakeman (4th London Howitzer Battery) 8.

GRANTHAM.—Lincoln Guild. At St. Wulfram's Church, on Sunday, December 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins.: Harry Thorpe 1, J. C. Whetstone 2, E. Nidd 3, Pte L. Mears 4, W. Thorpe 5, S. Proctor (conductor) 6, Lance-corporal Ballance 7, D. Overton 8, F. Turner 9, T. Hall 10. The ringers of the 4th and 7th are members of Kitchener's Army, the 6th Lincoln, now in camp at Balton Park. On Sunday, December 27th, at the residence of Mr. S. Proctor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells: H. Thorpe 1—2, W. G. Thorpe 3—4, S. Proctor (conductor) 5—6, Lance-corporal Percy Ballance 7—8. Arranged for Lance-corporal Ballance, of Gainsborough.

MIDSOMER, NORTON, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Dec. 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins.: S. Froke 1, I. B. Holmvard 2, E. Chivers 3, F. Oliver 4, F. Sneed 5, R. Jones 6, J. Hamblston 7, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and first for all the band except the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Intercession Sunday, the bells of Bishop Ryder's Church were muffled, and for evening service Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung by: W. Stratford 1, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 2, G. A. Taylor 3, E. Large 4, J. T. Perry 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett 7, S. Coley 8, as a mark of respect to Sergt. C. S. Wellings, 3rd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, who was killed in action Nov. 6th. He was nephew of the ringer of the tenor. For evening service, on Sunday, January 24th, on the occasion of the unveiling by Sir John Holder of a tablet to the memory of the late Vicar (the Rev. J. Phelps Gardiner, D.D.), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Coley 1, W. Stratford 2, E. Large 3, A. T. Scrivens (composer and conductor) 4, G. A. Taylor 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. Porter 7, S. Price 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 51 mins.: W. Farey 1, W. J. Allen 2, J. S. White 3, J. Dean 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, H. Rainbow 6, J. T. Hensman 7, H. Blundell 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. T. Hensman.

HYDE, MANCHESTER.—At St. George's Church, Hyde, on January 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Stopford 1, W. Shaw 2, J. Brierley 3, A. Haughton 4, Tom Wilde (conductor) 5, S. Bowker 6, J. Shaw 7, J. Howcroft 8. The same band also rang 588 in the same method, after morning service. For evening service, 640 Bob Major, with A. Hough (conductor) 7, J. Shaw tenor, the rest standing as before. Rung muffled for those killed in action.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On January 5th, 1376 Bob Major: L. Palmer 1, W. Jacques (conductor) 2, A. Parsons (longest length) 3, S. Smedley, junr., 4, J. Daffin 5, F. Parsons 6, S. Smedley, senr., 7, J. L. Wright (Darley Dale) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to all those fallen in the war.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Thursday, January 7th, 1915, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: B. Bladen 1, J. Harper 2, F. Colclough 3, J. Adams 4, J. A. Brown (conductor) 5, T. Justice 6. This was the first quarter-peal of Doubles by all the band, on the bells and in Bilston. Rung on the 24th birthday of B. Bladen, his brother ringers wishing him "Many happy returns." It is the earnest desire of the secretary for a peal, if only of Doubles, to be rung by an entirely local band while he holds office.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 10th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, arranged for J. Wheeler, who was at Bordon Camp: H. Hoptrow (first quarter) 1, J. Symonds 2, F. G. Holloway 3, J. Wheeler 4, F. Burrow (first quarter as conductor) 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Harris 7, C. Creasy 8. On Sunday evening, January 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Symonds 1, H. Hoptrow 2, C. Groves 3, F. G. Holloway 4, F. Burrow (conductor) 5, J. Harris 6, E. J. Harding 7, Rev. Alexander Corry 8. On Sunday evening, Feb. 7th, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harris 1, C. Groves 2, H. Hoptrow (first quarter inside) 3, J. Symonds 4, F. Burrow 5, J. Harding (conductor) 6, G. Inshall 7, H. Murley 8.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—For evening service, on January 17th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: W. Leslie 1, G. C. Johnson 2, H. Cox 3, E. Burnham 4, A. Swan 5, J. Stone (conductor) 6.

HESTON.—Middlesex County Association. On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins.: Pte F. Smith, R.E., 1, H. C. Chandler 2, Sapper Alan R. Macdonald, R.E., 3, C. J. Edwards 4, C. S. Bird 5, E. R. Gladman 6, S. Carter (conductor) 7, G. A. Gladman 8. Pte F. Smith hails from Tunstall, Staffs, and Sapper Alan R. Macdonald (formerly the well-known Middlesex ringer) from Bournemouth.

ACTON.—The Middlesex Association. For C.E.M.S. service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. H. Boddington 1, C. Iles 2, J. W. Fruin 3, C. Hunt 4, Robt. Holloway 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, A. Harding 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, H. Holloway 2, W. Phillips 3, R. H. Boddington 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, J. R. Sims 8.

CURDREIDGE.—Winchester Guild. On January 17th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, believed to be the first on the bells in the method: G. Jupe 1, E. Elcock 2, W. J. Ryves 3, A. Pook 4, Andrew Mears 5, Alfred Mears (conductor) 6.

CASSINGTON, OXON.—On January 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor: V. Webb 1, F. Webb 2, H. Holifield 3, G. Holifield, junr. (first 720 as conductor) 4, Frank Webb 5, W. Cox 6.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On January 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor: F. Webb 1, H. Holifield 2, V. Webb (first 720 on bob bell) 3, G. Holifield, junr. (conductor) 4, W. Cox 5, Frank Webb 6.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On January 23rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Tullet 1, J. Farmer 2, J. Paice 3, G. Norris 4, E. Lindup 5, A. W. Groves (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 Changes): Pte Anderson 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, W. Johnson 5, H. Haigh (conductor) 6, T. Wilson 7, E. Clark 8. First quarter-peal by Pte T. Anderson, a member of this company, who was home on leave from Bocking, Essex. On Sunday, January 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. Johnson 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, W. Roberts 5, H. Haigh 6, T. Bartholomew (conductor) 7, E. Clark 8. Also 672 of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to the late William Cotton, who was the verger and sexton of the Priory Church for upwards of 40 years.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Fairhead 1, R. Fleuty 2, G. A. Wightman 3, J. Fleuty 4, F. Claydon 5, J. French (conductor) 6. On Sunday, January 31st, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Fairhead 1, R. Fleuty 2, J. Turner 3, G. A. Wightman 4, F. Claydon 5, W. Scillitoe (conductor) 6. Also touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich for morning and evening services.

NOTICES.

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

INTER-AFFILIATION.—WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Will the secretaries of those Associations and Guilds in favour of Inter-affiliation kindly communicate with me, as the Committee of this Association wish, with their co-operation, to put this into operation, if possible.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on March 16th and 30th; for handbell practice on the 25th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow on Saturdays at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle Le Woods on Saturday, March 13th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Tyldesley on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Southern District will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, March 13th. The bells of the Cathedral will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow in the Montgomery Hall. Business: Election of officers. A good meeting is expected. All ringers welcomed.—A. Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Armley on March 13th, 1915. Bells available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the White Horse Hotel.—Wm. Barton, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready at 5.30. Meeting held at 7 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Secretary, 31, St Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea 6d. each, followed by business meeting at the Bull Inn at five o'clock. 1915 subscriptions are now due.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield (Car Nos. S. 40 and S. 50) on Saturday, March 20th. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, March 27th, 1915. Tower open from 3.30 till 9. Half rail fare will be allowed. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid on or before that date. Members on active service need not subscribe this year. — Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short service in church 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 9d. per head to all giving notice to A. Gill, 795, Bolton Road, Bradford, not later than the 16th inst. Subscriptions received and reports issued at this meeting. — P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, March 20th, 1915. The bells will be available from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., after which the business meeting will be held at the King's Head at 8.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury, N.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea 9d. each, followed by business meeting at the Warwick Arms, five o'clock. Those intending to be present kindly inform Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, The Vicarage, Great Totham. Subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Siddans) on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Will all those requiring same kindly inform me by the 24th inst., so that arrangements may be made? Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. Thos. Smith, Hon. District Secretary for the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, has removed to 12, Sutton Street, Goole.—The address of Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert is now 6, Grove Cottages, Falconer Road, Bushey, Watford, Herts.

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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on January 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Walker (first 504) 1, W. H. Nellwell 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, C. Golding 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, E. Hedges 2, W. Sear 3, H. Morris (first 504) 4, L. Meager 5, T. Best 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major.

BURBAGE, DERBYSHIRE.—At Christ Church, for evening service, Sunday, January 31st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: S. Kirk 1, R. Ashmore 2, W. Longdon 3, J. Backhouse 4, H. Kirk (conductor) 5, Sapper R. L. Patterson, R.E. (of Sunderland) 6.

EPSOM.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins.: T. Goff 1, E. Fisher 2, A. L. Brown 3, T. Miles 4, J. Crawford 5, T. Tuttle 6, R. Kendall (conductor) 7, R. Etherington 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, February 7th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins.: G. King 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, T. Taylor 4, W. W. Fox (conductor) 5, H. Warnett, junr., 6, H. Warnett, senr., 7, H. Goodwin 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Pannett.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, February 7th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: L. G. Reeves (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Watmore 2, C. Giles 3, W. A. Webb 4, A. T. Reeves 5, J. Swain 6, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 7, F. W. Hopgood 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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MODERN WORK.

THE HOUR AND THE MAN.

A correspondent in a letter elsewhere in this issue raises a question closely akin to the subject of our article on this page last week. We dealt there with the opportunity of the beginner; our correspondent, whose communication was penned before our article was in print, raises the question as to coming men upon whom the mantle of our present leaders is to fall. He fails to see the promise of men to fill the gaps when, presently, those who, for many years past, have been looked up to as experts are no longer with us. Honestly we do not think there is much real reason for anxiety.

There was never a period in ringing history when the Exercise had actively identified with it so many men of such great capability as it has to-day. Some of those who, two decades or more ago, were so deeply engaged in solving many of the engrossing problems which the mathematical side of ringing presents, are now resting on their oars, but others like Charles Hattersley, Henry Dains and John Carter are continuing a life-long work. To those names mentioned by "Once a Beginner," one might add others like Gabriel Lindoff, Armiger Trollope and Joseph W. Parker, who have, we hope, long years before them of usefulness in the realms of research and composition. There are, too, numerous others who are very able composers who may still be looked to to supply the needs of ringers in this respect.

True, there is not at the moment any new bright particular star in the firmament, but then we do not expect it. The knowledge, the skill and the aptitude which characterises the work of those whose names have been mentioned—and we do not for a moment wish it to be believed that we have exhausted the list—is the outcome of years of patient study and experience. The younger generation will profit by their labours, and the results which have been attained should be an encouragement to emulation, but it takes time to place a man in position as an authority on subjects relating to ringing. Nevertheless, there is room—ample room—in our Art for more of its devotees to probe its depths to the full.

As to the other side of the question raised by "Once a Beginner," we have no doubt that the supply of able conductors is by no means diminishing. We could name a score of comparatively young men of outstanding ability, worthy of taking their place in the front rank and who acquit themselves equally with the best when they have the opportunity. They are not all "heavy bell" men, it is true, but the combination of these two qualities is exceptional, and Washbrooks and William Pyes are not to be found every day. Still, we do not think the Exercise is in any real danger in this respect. The hour, when it arrives, generally brings with it the man.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATER'S. 5045 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	WALTER E. BRITAIN ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	GEORGE HUGHES 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
THOMAS BLOORE 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 9
JOHN BARBER 5	THOMAS HUGHES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Rowland Cartwright and Mr. William Rogers, both of Wombourne, and of the above Society, who were much respected by the members. Mr. Rogers was laid to rest by the side of Mr. Cartwright in Wombourne Parish Churchyard on the above date. It is the first peal of Erin on the bells, and the first peal of Erin Cater's by all the band, and for the above Society and Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Thursday, March 11, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 5
JOHN JAGGER 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
ALBERT LITTLE 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourne, one of the founders of the above Society, and for many years one of the Society's representatives on the Central Council; also for Mr. William Rogers, another Wombourne ringer, who rang the 2nd in the muffled peal for Mr. Cartwright on the 2nd inst. (published in last issue) and who died very suddenly on the 8th inst. It is nearly eight years since Mr. Jagger rang a peal, and it was to show his sympathy in the death of Mr. Cartwright that he took part in a peal to his memory.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

With seven different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE PACKHAM Treble	WILLIAM VINCENT 3
MISS E. H. COMBER-TAYLOR 2	EDMUND DAVEY 4
ALFRED SAYERS Tenor	

Conducted by E. DAVEY.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the Rector's birthday, as a mark of respect on his leaving the parish.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 7, 1915, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT 5, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

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

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire ... C. POULSON.

This is T. Reed's first peal on handbells. It was rung to celebrate the birthday of the wife of the conductor.

SCARBOROUGH.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 9, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. R. BARTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

HARRY PRIEST Treble | JOHN R. BARTON 3-4
JOHN R. FRYIRS 2 | FRANK DAVISON 5-6

Conducted by F. DAVISON.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined the Forces of the Crown:—

Pte Bertram Prewett, of Bushey, 5th City of London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade).

Pte Fred G. George, of Bushey, 5th City of London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade).

F. W. Elliott, formerly of Little Munden, Herts, and Farnham, Surrey, King's Royal Rifles, now at Hindhead

Driver A. W. Ward, of Bottesford, Leicestershire, A.S.C., now at Bradford.

Pte Archibald Body, of St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, Sportsman's Battalion, attached to Royal Fusiliers, now at Exeter.

A. Hague, of Rotherham, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Lieut. Sowell, of St. Kea, Cornwall, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, now at Witley, Surrey.

J. Sherburn, of Howden, Yorks, 5th Cyclist Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment, now at Louth, Lincolnshire.

G. Ashman, and

E. King, of Leigh-on-Mendip, Royal Engineers

A. M. G. Daniell, of Frome, North Somerset Yeomanry.

MILITARY RINGERS.

One of the latest ringers to join the army is also one of the best known in the country—Mr. Bertram Prewett, of Bushey, who has enlisted in the 5th City of London Rifles (London Rifle Brigade). He makes, we believe, the fourth member of the Central Council who has joined the army since the war began. Mr. Prewett represents the Hertford County Association. The others are Lieut. C. F. Johnston (Surrey), Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse (Middlesex) and Sapper T. E. Dennis, R.E. (Ely Diocesan).

Another ringer has attained commissioned rank, Corporal A. G. Shorter, a member of the Consett band, Co. Durham, who has been serving in the R.F.A., having been granted a commission as Second Lieutenant in the 16th Battalion Durham Light Infantry.

Enlisting in the Royal Engineers soon after the war broke out, J. W. Russell, of Abinger, Surrey, and formerly of Farnham, has had rapid promotion, and has now gained the rank of sergeant.

Pte Maurice Bignold, of Shere, Surrey, who has been serving in the trenches with the Wilts Regiment, has been invalided home with frost-bitten feet, and is now in hospital, we understand, at Oxford.

Wherever members of H.M. Forces who are ringers are stationed near a tower, they may always be sure of a hearty welcome in the belfry, where "brother strings" will be delighted to give them facilities for a pull.

We are asked to say that if there are any ringers among the many thousands of troops quartered near Darley Dale, they would be welcomed at St. Helen's for Sunday ringing, and a week-night practice could be arranged through Mr. A. C. Wright, Stratallan, Darley Dale.

The North Stoneham (Hants) ringers meet for practice every other Saturday, at 7 p.m., and will be pleased to welcome any visitors. The next meeting will be on the 20th. On Saturday, February 20th, a visit was paid by Mr. Martin Stewart and Pte H. Washbrook, when Stedman and Double Norwich were rung.

Many hundreds of ringers will shortly be off to the scene of the fighting. Any news of home is always welcome, why not send them every week a copy of "The Ringing World" so that they may see what is going on in the belfries of old England and keep in touch with the art they have loved so well? For 1s. 8d. per quarter we will undertake to do this for you on receipt of remittance and the correct postal address.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—The Framland Society.—On Saturday, Feb. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: T. Rawdin 1. Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, D. Gilden 3, W. Turner 4, A. W. Ward 5, S. Baker 6, A. Mackears (conductor) 7, H. Thorby 8.—On March 6th, 350 Bob Major: W. Turner 1, D. Gilden 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, A. Mackears (conductor) 4, M. Bend 5, R. Bend 6, Dvr. A. W. Ward 7, S. Baker 8. Longest length of Major by all except the ringers of 3 and 4. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: T. Rawdin 1. Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, W. Turner 3, S. Baker 4, M. Bend 5, R. Bend 6, Dvr. A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, A. Mackears 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor who has joined the 4th Company A.S.C., and was leaving for Bradford.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday week. The weather being favourable, a large number of members were present, though the pleasure of the meeting was marred through serious illness near the church, a letter having been sent to the Ringing Master (Mr. S. Spittle) asking him to limit the ringing as far as possible before and after the service. Although disappointed of the pleasure of a long ring on the beautiful peal of ten bells, the members refrained from ringing after the service.—The President of the Guild, the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland, LL.D. (Vicar of Dudley) conducted the service in church, and the Rev. Charles M. Stuart-King (curate) delivered an eloquent and instructive address based on the parable of the talents, which was attentively listened to by upwards of eighty members hailing from Bilston, Bradley, Blakenhall, Brierley Hill, Clent, Coseley, Dudley, Netherton, Oldbury Old Hill, Sadgley, Tipton, Halesowen, Lichfield, Tettenhall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Willenhall, West Bromwich and Walsall.—Mr. Flavell (deputy organist) presided at the organ.

The service over, the members made their way to the schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was in waiting, prepared during the afternoon by the wives of the local band and other lady friends, the tables being presided over by Mrs. A. Gray Maitland, Mrs. Councillor Wilkes, Miss Ruby Maitland and Miss Bridgwater, and other lady friends who were ready to look after the wants and comfort of the visitors.

At the business meeting which followed, the President, who was in the chair, gave the members a hearty welcome again at Dudley. He expressed his pleasure at being with them again, and spoke feelingly of the illness near the church.

The President, vice-presidents and all the officers who had performed their duties during the past year to the satisfaction of the members were re-elected, and on the proposition of Mr. F. Coleclough (Bilston), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their services.—A similar vote was also passed to Mr. Harry Mason (Old Hill), one of the vice-presidents, for kindly promising to provide a new supply of the forms of service used in church at the meetings of the Guild.

Bilston was the place selected for the next quarterly meeting, if permission can be obtained of the Vicar.

Mr. John Smith, one of the auditors, read the balance sheet, which showed that the Guild had prospered financially and numerically during the past year.

At the close of the meeting votes of thanks were passed to the clergy, the ladies, the organist, the donors of the tea, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting both a happy and pleasant one.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A PEAL IN EQUAL HALVES.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

The question as to the possibility of obtaining a peal of Stedman Triples in two exact parts, has always attracted students of the method, and up to now it has, so far as I know, remained unanswered. Yet the solution of the problem is contained in a peal rung so long ago as 1819, and which has now been prominently before the Exercise for many years.

The peal is that of the late Henry Cooper, on page 120 of "Stedman," and, from what is said of it in the "Investigations" contained in the same work, it has evidently been little understood. One may, therefore, be permitted to devote a little space to give an impression, after a careful analysis, as to how the author of the peal arrived at the result obtained.

It is as well to state at the outset that the peal, as given in "Stedman," is false. It is so evident, however, that the author had a complete knowledge as to where falsoness could come, and as to the method of correcting it, that one is led to believe that it has been incorrectly copied. This view is strengthened by the fact that the original manuscript is faded and difficult to understand.

AUTHOR'S EVIDENT INTENTION.

The author's intention of obtaining a peal with an undisturbed observation bell is plainly evident, and naturally he chose the seventh. Assuming that he could only prove by bob-blocks, the start would be from the pair with 6-7 behind containing the six-end 2314567, as follows:—

A	B
2314567	1423567
34251	43152
34512	43521
41325	32415
41253	32154
15432	25341
15321	25413
52143	51234
52431	51342
23514	14523

At this point it may be further assumed that, to simplify the proof, he would as far as possible restrict the number of bob-blocks used until he arrived at a definite round block. This explains the use of

singles at 1 and 10, which keep 6—7 together behind, and the odd single when the 7th is in front, both slow and quick. These latter may occupy any possible position, and the original places used by the author are most probably 8 and 13. They serve a double purpose by keeping the 6th behind, and bringing it into the position for being with the 7th when the latter returns to the back.

It is thus that the author would arrive at a basis calling for his round block, as follows: S1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, S8, S10, 12, S13, and repeating this to its extent, obtain a true round block of five courses. Examination shows that regular sixes of the bob-block A form the 9th and 14th sixes, and regular sixes of B in reversed order form the 1st and 10th sixes of this round block, the whole of A and B being used without repetition.

In addition to the latter the round block contains portions of only five other pairs of bob-blocks, and the pair following is sufficient to illustrate the sixes used, these occupying similar positions in every pair:—

C	D
* 5723416	3457216
* 57342	47325
* 74523	47253
* 74235	75432
* 43752	75324
* 43527	52743
32475	* 52437
* 32754	23574
* 25347	23745
25473	* 34257

The starred sixes of C and D are used in regular order, the former reversed and the latter direct, and as the remaining four pairs have different bells in 6th's place, the truth of the five-course block is assured.

A REMARKABLE HALF-PEAL.

Having arrived at this point, the first desire of a composer would be to work up the unused portions of these five pairs, and if the same calling is adhered to, the remainder of C and D will follow the course-ends 236451 and 524361, part after the former when the 7th is in slow and part after the latter when the 7th is quick.

These two courses have the necessary relationship to form part of another five-course round block similar to the original, and as each of the five pairs of bob-blocks are identical in every respect, the using up of the remaining sixes in each, leads to the formation of five such round blocks. It is thus seen that if the author followed this plan in building up his peal, the natural result would be six five-course round blocks altogether, called exactly alike.

Moreover, it is easily seen that each block has a different bell working behind with the seventh, and in the other sixes the same bell in 6th's place (direct) throughout. Further, the 6th's place bell of the last five blocks does not appear in the same position in any other block except the original. As repetition between the first and any other block is avoided by utilising only the unused portions of the bob-blocks which appear therein, the truth of the whole six blocks is assured.

At this point, having a sufficient number of true changes for a half peal, the composer would look for a method of joining together the isolated blocks, and we see from the peal itself that the whole six blocks become a complete half-peal by the omission of singles at 1.

Thus, one may believe, would Henry Cooper obtain a remarkable half-peal of Stedman Triples, remarkable because of the fact that, except for the omission of 10 singles at 1, every course is called alike. That is to say, every course is called according to the basis calling already given, except for the omits at 1, shown in the first half-peal on page 120 of "Stedman."

"INVESTIGATIONS" QUESTIONED.

Every composer, it may be supposed, has visions. Working for a result not previously obtained, he sees in fancy, while the end is still far off, the attainment of his object. Henry Cooper obtained half a peal with such properties, and in his mind's eye he saw the whole peal on the same plan, with but two extra calls. To accomplish this he reversed a pair of bells (4—5) in his first course-end, and from that wrote out his second half-peal.

There is, of course, no repetition within this half, but, alas! for Cooper's dreams, there is a great deal between the two halves. Examination shows that the relationship required between the courses so as to use up whole bob-blocks without repetition, does not exist throughout. For instance, having the course-ends 231456 and 524316, which use up portions of the same pair of bob-blocks, the first when the 7th is slow and the second when she is quick, it is necessary to have 236451 and 524361 if the remainder only is to be used. Noting the positions of 1 and 6 (the bells behind in the bob-blocks) in these four course-ends, it is at once seen that there must be repetition between the courses 412635, 346125 and 465312, 143652, which all appear in the peal.

It will waste space to point out all the places where repetition occurs, because those sufficiently interested can work out the whole with the aid of the bob-blocks C and D. It is enough to say that Cooper undoubtedly discovered these repetitions, most probably by comparing the six-ends. Not only did he do this, but he also found how to correct them. This can only be done by shifting, and in four courses adding to, the singles when the 7th is in front. As the relationship between the courses concerned varies considerably, so also would the

positions occupied by the singles be erratic when the author had corrected his peal.

No one who has been able to follow my possibly vague explanation, will agree with the pronouncement on this peal in the "Investigations." We are told that the casual way in which the singles are distributed can only be accounted for by the "hand-to-mouth" theory, and that there are perpetual and unmethodical shunts from one bob-block to another. Knowing the reason for the eccentric placing of the singles, we know that the author of "Investigations" will be the first to acknowledge that he has hardly done justice to the late Henry Cooper.

EXPENSIVE OVERSIGHTS.

Cooper evidently knew all about his peal except two very important points. First he overlooked the fact that the two halves are reciprocal, that what corrected the first course of the first half with the 13th and 15th of the second, would do the same for the first of the second half with the 13th and 15th of the first, and similarly throughout. Secondly, he unaccountably failed to see that the two halves could be joined direct, at several places, by the omission of a pair of singles.

These oversights cost the author dear. But for them he would have given us a real peal of Stedman in two equal parts nearly a hundred years ago, and would also have been the first to compose a complete peal with ordinary bobs and common singles only.

For the sake of showing the possibility of this, I give below a variation of Cooper's peal. In it are retained the singles at 1 and 10 as the author has them, although many may be omitted, and it is only altered so that the two halves may be called alike, and to give the minimum of eccentricity in the placing of the singles consistent with truth.

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A Variation of the late Henry Cooper's Peal.

231456	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13
412635	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S	—
624515	S	—	—	S	—	—	—	S	—	S
346125	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
163245	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
231465	S	S	—	S	—	—	S	S	—	S
412536	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
524613	—	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S
645123	S	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
156243	S	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—
261453	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
412563	S	—	—	S	—	—	—	S	—	S
524316	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
345621	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	S	—	S
653241	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
236451	S	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S
462531	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
524361	S	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
345126	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
153642	—	S	—	S	—	—	S	S	—	S
631452	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
416532	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
564312	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
345162	S	—	—	—	—	S	—	S	—	S
153246	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
231654	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
612435	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S
426315	S	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
364125	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
143265	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
231546	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S

Repeated.

FORMER RINGING RECTOR DEAD.

On Saturday, the remains of the late Rector of North Stoneham, Hants (the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne, M.A.), were laid to rest in the Churchyard of North Stoneham, close to the tower and near the bells which he loved to hear, and in which he took a great interest, for, when he resigned the living of North Stoneham in 1912 and went to reside at Bournemouth, he was able to hunt the treble in Grandsire.

Owing to the funeral taking place at 9.45 a.m., the ringers could not meet at that hour, but a muffled peal was arranged for in the evening. However, two of the ringers failed to put in an appearance for various causes, and a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was, therefore, rung by: G. Williams 1, O. Giles 2, A. Stubbington 3, C. J. Fray 4, W. H. George 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6. The whole peal and stand was also rung 67 times, denoting the reverend gentleman's age.

ACTON.—Middlesex County Association.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Holloway 1, R. H. Boddington 2, Miss E. Jones 3, C. Iles 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, A. E. Smith 8. For morning service, on March 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. R. Sims 1, H. Holloway 2, W. Phillips 3, R. H. Boddington 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, J. J. Gray 8.

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MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CORPORAL BARTON.

The first memorial erected to a ringer who has fallen in the present war, has been placed in the Church of St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, to the memory of Corporal Ernest Barton, a Reservist of the Shropshire Light Infantry, who fell near Lille on October 23rd, 1914. The tablet of marble is of dignified design, and artistically executed. It is the work of the well-known firm of Messrs. Caspar and Co., of 33, King's Road, St. Pancras, London, and surmounting the gilt inscription are impressed in colours the national flags of Britain, France, Belgium, Russia and Japan. The wording will be gathered from the illustration, and the quotation "Cheery, Reliable and Brave" is from the letter of Major Payn in writing to the corporal's widow to inform her of his death. It may, perhaps, be remembered that Corpl. Barton met his death in the early morning as he, with six others, were creeping up a ditch to turn some Germans out of a trench in which they were establishing themselves. "I am sure," said the officer in his letter, "it must be some relief to you to know that he died so bravely in the defence of his country, but from my short acquaintance with him it is only what I expected of him. He was always cheery, reliable and brave. If you have lost as good a husband as the Army has lost a soldier, you have suffered a great loss."

Among his ringing friends, Corpl. Barton was held in high esteem, and, a muffled peal having been rung in his memory, it was resolved to place a memorial tablet in the belfry, a suggestion which the church authorities readily fell in with. The tablet was dedicated on Sunday week, in the presence of a large congregation, the tablet being taken by the ringers to the chancel steps, where the Vicar offered appropriate prayers.

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

On the following day the tablet was erected in the belfry, and in the evening the unveiling ceremony was performed in the presence of a numerous gathering.



The late Corpl. ERNEST BARTON.

Councillor Walter Scholes was invited to perform the unveiling ceremony. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pughe-Morgan) presided, and those present included the widow of the deceased corporal, the Rev. H. G. Prescott, Councillor S. Baguley, Messrs. J. C. Sanderson, J. A. Ford, Walter Wolstencroft, Joseph Schofield, R. Hall, J. Harrison, Daniel Heap (the veteran Ashton ringer), and the majority of the ringers. After prayers,

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pughe-Morgan) announced that they were met to do honour to one who used to be a ringer in the tower, and one who before that joined the King's forces and trained himself to defend his country. When the war broke out he was called upon as a reservist to take his place in the fighting line. He had now laid down

his life for his country. The cost of the tablet had been subscribed to by Ernest Barton's co-ringers and friends in the church, and in the scheme they had had the co-operation of the church officials and others.

Councillor Walter Scholes, prior to unveiling the tablet, said: We are met together under very trying and painful circumstances, and yet great as the sorrow must be to the late Corporal Barton's widow and near relatives, I cannot help pointing out to them the touch of pride and gratitude they must feel knowing that he gave his life nobly and gloriously for his King and country. Much as he may and will be missed both at home and in the family surroundings, still those nearest and dearest to him can always with thankfulness feel the glorious surroundings of his parting from this life. He died nobly fighting to uphold what we all believe to be right, namely, that the weak shall not be cruelly and unjustly dealt with by the strong. You, his fellow ringers, I also deeply sympathise with. You will miss a kind and willing helper. May you, when your eyes turn towards this tablet, be reminded of the grand sacrifice Corporal Barton made both for you and me, and may it always be a lasting memory to make us show our gratitude for such noble and glorious deeds by thanking Almighty God that we have been able to find Britishers willing to do so much for their country as to lay down their life for it. I most deeply sympathise with you, Mrs. Barton, and must say, may you be long spared to us. May your grief be somewhat appeased by the thought that you had a husband who was considered noble by all his fellow citizens, by his fellow workers, and by all the friends he has left behind. May you always be reminded he was a man who died for his King and country, as every Christian should be ready and willing to do. It is not with pleasure or any pride that I have the honour and the privilege of unveiling this tablet, yet the dignity is one which I should be jealous of if anyone else were asked to do it. The honour is great, and I can only

feel a greater honour than this is that of a man to whose memory I unveil the tablet.

MISSED BY THE RINGERS.

Mr. Walter Wolstencroft, the leader of the bellringers, moved a vote of thanks to Councillor Scholes for his presence. Prior to doing so he read letters of apology for non-attendance from Mr. Joseph Bardsley, of Sheffield, and Lady Aitken, who wrote on behalf of Sir Max. Her ladyship mentioned that Sir Max had gone to the front, and could not attend the unveiling ceremony. "I am sure," she added, "it will be a most impressive sight and service, yet one so richly deserved." Sir Max Aitken is the Canadian "Eye-Witness" at the front. Mr. Wolstencroft remarked that from the commencement of the scheme for the memorial Councillor Scholes had taken the keenest interest in the matter. None would miss Corporal Barton more than the ringers at St. Peter's.—Councillor S. Baguley seconded the resolution, and said they were deeply grateful to Mr. Scholes for the many kindnesses he had shown to them.—Councillor Scholes, in acknowledging the resolution, spoke of the uncertainty of life, and said if they could all say at the last they had done their duty, the same as their beloved brother could say, that would be quite sufficient.

Mr. J. A. Ford, the leader of St. Peter's Men's Class, of which Corpl. Barton was a member, also paid a tribute to the memory of the deceased. The members of the class, he remarked, were proud to be asked to take a share on that interesting, remarkable, and in some degree melancholy occasion. They knew and they sympathised with the deceased, not only as a member of the Men's Class, but as a ringer in the tower. The members of the class were much attached to the traditions that gathered round the church, and anything that concerned its welfare and prosperity appealed to them. They were specially interested in Corporal Barton, not only because he was a member of the class, but because he was one of the three connected with them who had laid down their lives at that special time. The ringers were to be congratulated on having in that beautiful and enduring form some memento of what in years to come would be looked upon as the great war when England was fighting for its existence, and when one of their number gave his life for England's safety.

Mr. J. Pidecock also joined in the tribute to the late corporal, who, he said, was not only a member of the Men's Class, but was also a willing and able worker on the committee. The late Corporal Barton left behind him a lasting memory of cheerfulness and willingness.

Mr. Daniel Heap, who was introduced by the Vicar as a ringer of the old days, said that whilst he had a recollection of the late Corporal Barton he had heard of his capabilities in many ways. He noticed another tablet in the belfry placed there to record a bell ringing feat 41 years ago. Of the names on that tablet he and Mr. Moss, who was now in America, were the only ones alive. It was the first time to his knowledge that a tablet had been unveiled in a belfry to the memory of a ringer who had lost his life fighting for his country.

The Vicar said he felt they had lost one of their most useful helpers, and he trusted that the young men would come forward and take an interest in the ringing of the church bells. He hoped the ringers would always try to remember that in ringing the bells they were calling the people to God's House of Prayer. He hoped that little gathering would make an impression on the minds of all present. They were there to honour a man of whom his officer said in a letter to the widow, "If you have lost as good a husband as I have lost a soldier your loss has been great indeed" (hear, hear).

Afterwards touches were rung on the bells, the local band and the ringers of the Parish Church taking part. Their operations were watched with interest by many of the visitors who had not been into a belfry before.



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DEATH'S HEAVY HAND.

ANOTHER WOMBOURNE RINGER'S UNEXPECTED DEMISE.

Following close upon the death of Mr. Rowland Cartwright, the Wombourne ringers have sustained another very sad loss by the death of Mr. William Rogers, at the early age of 42 years. Deceased had only been confined to his bed for three days with acute congestion of the lungs, when syncope brought about his unexpected death.

It is a pathetic coincidence that the deceased attended the funeral of his respected friend Mr. Rowland Cartwright, and rang in the muffled peal following the funeral on the 2nd inst., while he also attempted another peal four days before his death, his indisposition making the attempt futile.



THE LATE MR. WILLIAM ROGERS.

Mr. Rogers had been a ringer of the Wombourne Guild for 20 years, a member of the Staffordshire Archdeaconry since 1896, and was well known among local ringing Guilds. He was a keen and persevering man in the art of bell ringing, and much respected by his fellow ringers, who feel his loss very greatly. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and family—a daughter fourteen years and a son seven years—to whom the condolence of the Exercise will go out.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, when the deceased was buried by the side of his friend Mr. Rowland Cartwright. His fellow ringers rang a touch on the handbells over the grave, and after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal at the Parish Church rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins., with the bells half-muffled: H. Sadler 1, J. Corns 2, T. Thorpe 3, J. Apra 4, W. Fisher (conductor) 5, G. H. Sadler 6, E. Bowyer 7, A. Piper 8.

BAND OF LADY RECRUITS. COMBINED PRACTICE AT HURST.

On Saturday, the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a combined practice at Hurst, and many members of the Reading Branch took the opportunity of attending the meeting in order to meet, help and encourage the band of ladies, who, led by the Vicar's wife (Mrs. E. Broome), are nobly striving to fill the gaps made in the band by the eleven brave fellows "on service." It was arranged at first for a band, conducted by Mr. H. Bungay, to ring a quarter-peal. This came to grief, and so touches were rung for an hour, when the whole party of 16 or 17 were welcomed to tea by the Vicar. At the close of this repast, Mr. A. E. Reeves (general secretary) thanked the Rev. E. Broome on behalf of those present, and was supported by Mr. W. Newell. The band then returned to the tower, where the ladies' band had been keeping the bells "up." Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major kept the bells going until nine o'clock, when the members from Reading rushed off to Twyford to catch their train.

One more word must be said about these ladies. Although they do not ring by "method" yet, having only taken up the art since Christmas, under the able instructorship of Mr. "Joe" White, they can handle the bells remarkably well, and in a short time the Ladies' Guild will be the richer by a number of keen ringers who have been brought out by the war.

FOURTH'S-PLACE DELIGHTS.

Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, writes that the St. Peter's Company, Bedford, desire to know if any other band has rung and named Nos. 13, 19 and 26 of the Fourth's-Place Delight methods published in 'The Central Council Collection.' If not, they wish to name them as follows: No. 13, Merton; No. 19, Bedford; No. 26, Burndby.

EXPERTS OF THE FUTURE.

WHERE ARE THE COMING MEN?

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is written in the 13th verse of the 2nd chapter of the second book of Kings: "He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him." This paragraph must give us all food for thought; especially as some time ago you published in "The Ringing World" letters from some who chose to think they had a grievance against those whom they called "the experts" that the experts were not helping the beginners as much as some people seemed to think they should have done. You are now publishing every week accounts of the number of young hands who are being brought along, so we, perhaps, may turn our attention to the poor experts again. We always have had in the past, and have now men amongst us who gave all their spare time to the overcoming of difficult compositions, men who never call a composition more than twice or thrice; men—their names are well known—who give all their time to research and to new methods. We have to thank them for a great deal, and the debt the Exercise owes them could never be paid. But, are we giving a thought about preparing the shoulders upon which their mantle is to fall? Upon consideration one cannot really see that the beginner has as much to complain about as he would make us believe. After he has rung his first peal, how often does he drop away from the Exercise and is never heard of again? But we would like to know who are going to be the successors of our experts. The writer, up to now, after being a ringer for more than twenty years, cannot see as many experts coming forward to fill the gaps which must be caused in our ranks as another decade or so rolls on. Have we got another William Pye to conduct our peals, or another George Williams to fill the gaps? Have we got another Henry Dains to head our articles? Have we got another C. H. Hattersley or another H. Law James ready to guide the beginners, or men who will adequately fill the place of many other leaders I could mention? Perhaps we have, one never knows. It would, however, seem more promising if some more of our youth took up the good work, and instead of finding cause for complaint against the poor expert, studied harder to fit their shoulders for the mantle which must assuredly fall some time. And those who are older and more expert, had we not better bear with those who are younger, and give what encouragement and help we can, not only in teaching others how to walk, but in helping those who can walk to run.—Yours faithfully,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

MIDDLESEX MEETING AT HESTON.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held an enjoyable meeting at Heston on Saturday last. The fine weather brought many members from towers far and near, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Superlative were brought round between 4 and 6 p.m. Tea was provided by the Heston ringers at the Schools, but to the regret of all the Vicar had to hurry away during the meal.

The business meeting, which followed, was presided over by the Master (Mr. T. Beadle), who ably voiced the thanks of those present for the kind and generous way the Heston band had always entertained the members, not only on the present occasion, but many times in the past, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all those who had assisted in various directions.

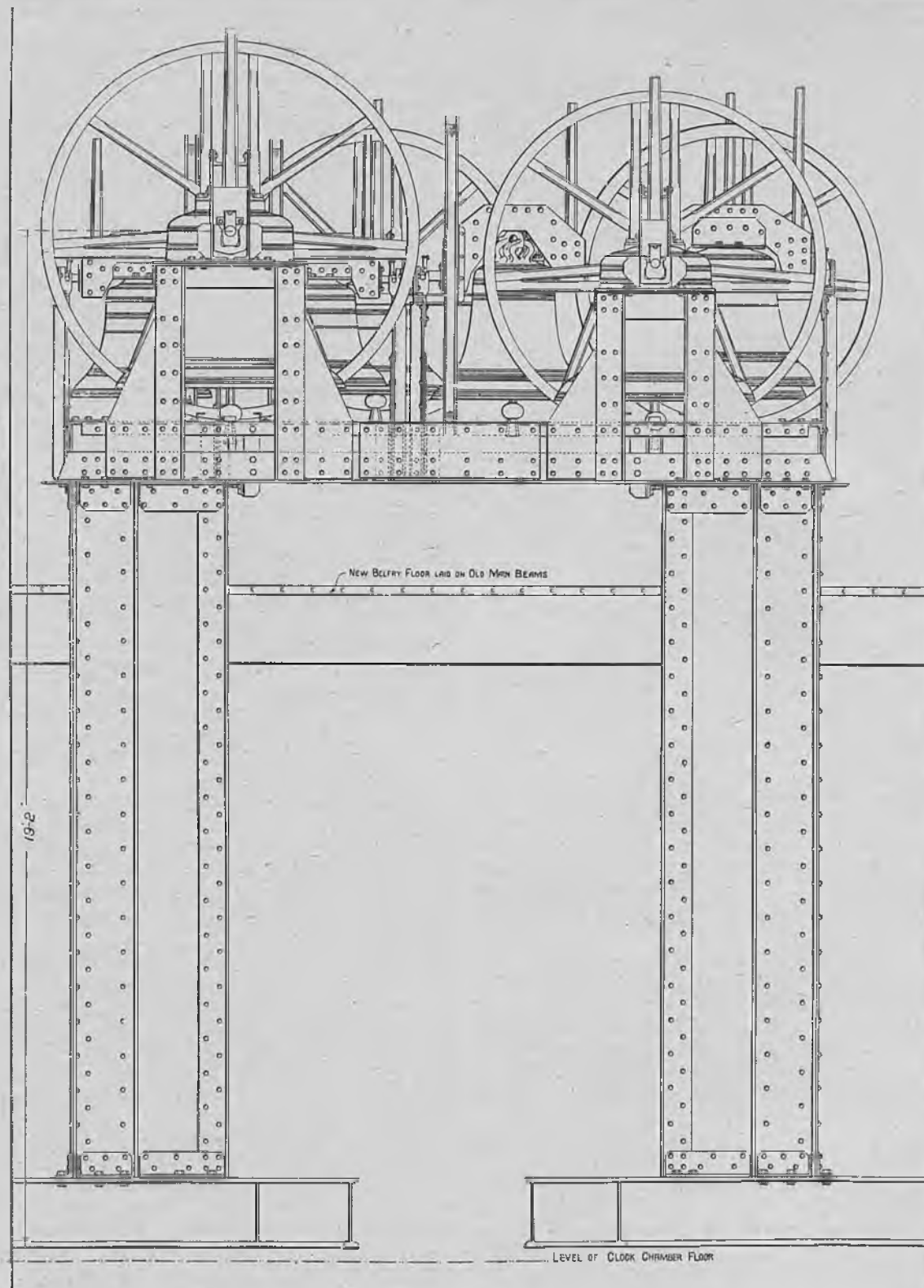
It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon. Touches on handbells and tower bells terminated the proceedings.

OCTOGENARIAN RINGER'S DEATH.

At Goods Hill Farm, Tenterden, Kent, on Thursday, March 4th, there passed away an old ringer, in the person of Mr. Benjamin Southon, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. The late Mr. Southon was born at Benenden, Kent, and lived in the parish over three-quarters of a century. It was at Benenden Church that he figured in the helfry for many years, but whether he ever did any method ringing we do not know. However, he lived a life of great activity and usefulness. He was also a chorister at Benenden, and in 1860, when the Volunteer movement was inaugurated, he joined the force, being given the rank of sergeant. Twenty-five years' faithful and devoted service comprises his record, and he became colour-sergeant, finishing up by filling the office of quartermaster-sergeant. In March, 1863, he journeyed to Dover, and was in the guard of honour to Queen Alexandra, when the Queen Mother trod English soil for the first time.

The mortal remains of the deceased were conveyed to Benenden, and reverently laid to rest on Tuesday week. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, on which deceased's helmet, sword and other accoutrements were placed.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Feb. 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. E. Watkinson, one of the local ringers: T. Crook 1, N. Crook 2, P. Watkinson 3, J. Watkinson 4, H. France 5, B. A. Knights (conductor) 6, E. Banister 7, J. H. Harrison 8.



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NOTICES.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637)—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on March 30th; for handbell practice on the 25th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow on Saturdays at 7.30. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea 6d. each, followed by business meeting at the Bull Inn at five o'clock. 1915 subscriptions are now due.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield (Car Nos. S. 40 and S. 50) on Saturday, March 20th. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short service in church 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 9d. per head to all giving notice to A. Gill, 795, Bolton Road, Bradford, not later than the 16th inst. Subscriptions received and reports issued at this meeting. — P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, March 20th, 1915. The bells will be available from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., after which the business meeting will be held at the King's Head at 8.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury, N.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea 9d. each, followed by business meeting at the Warwick Arms, five o'clock. Those intending to be present kindly inform Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, The Vicarage, Great Totham. Subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, March 27th, 1915. Tower open from 3.30 till 9. Half rail fare will be allowed. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid on or before that date. Members on active service need not subscribe this year. — Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Siddans) on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3.30. Ringing at St. Mary's, Walthamstow from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Will all those requiring same kindly inform me by the 24th inst., so that arrangements may be made? Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 27th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Barmouth, N.W., at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tea will be provided in Church Hall at 4 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. Mocke, Maindee House, Barmouth, a week previous. Bells available all day.—H. Moore, 16, Poplar Road, Wrexham, Honorary Secretary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Albans, Easter Monday, April 5th, when the four towers of the City will be open for ringing at 2 o'clock. Choral Evensong in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address to ringers by the new Dean of St. Albans. 5.50 p.m., tea at the Abbey Institute, Romeland Hill entrance, followed by annual business meeting. In order to arrange satisfactorily for tea, I should be grateful for a postcard by Easter Monday's post notifying attendance. — G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The 33rd annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 5th. The bells at St. Alkmund's, St. Andrew's, St. Luke's and St. Peter's will be available from 10.30 a.m., and All Saints' after the general meeting. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at 4.30, followed by general meeting at Ramsden's Cafe, Corn Market. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, Derby, by Thursday, April 1st, of their intention to be present.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Saturday, April 10th. Full particulars will be given later.—C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretaries.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. Thos. Smith, Hon. District Secretary for the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, has removed to 12, Sutton Street, Goole.—The address of Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert is now 6, Grove Cottages, Falconer Road, Bushey, Watford, Herts.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield, on Saturday last, when about 50 members were present, representing 14 towers. The bells of the Cathedral were available, several young aspirants thus being able to have a pull on ten or twelve. During the afternoon a most cordial message of welcome to the Cathedral was conveyed to those present from the genial Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Jones, who would certainly have been present had it been possible.

The business meeting was held in the evening at the Wolstenholme Hall, the chair being occupied by Mr. F. Willey. Mr. C. H. Hattersley was unanimously re-elected vice-president. Not being well enough to be present, Mr. Hattersley sent a letter full of inspiration and good counsel. He had, he said, been perusing the report, and said that there was talent in the southern district which, if properly directed and with unity, could in friendly rivalry with the other districts place it in the premier position.

Mr. A. Hague, the district secretary, is now serving with the forces. The patriotic spirit he showed is worth special mention, seeing that he tried at least four times and could not get through. Not to be denied, he made himself competent to pass into a branch of the R.A.M.C.

No one present seemed anxious to undertake the secretarial duties pro tem, and ultimately it was decided to ask Mr. S. F. Palmer, now recovering from illness, if he would agree to act. The nine committeemen were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. J. T. Eason, of Wakefield, resigned, a successor being found in Mr. T. R. Hensher. Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held at Bolsterstone in June, and the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Sheffield for his cordial welcome and for the use of the bells, also to the local company for their arrangements.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GREAT WOLFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On February 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Bird 1, P. Bird 2, H. Gillett 3, E. Pardon 4, C. Bird 5, W. Large (conductor) 6. Also some Grandsire Doubles, with A. Large and C. Lock taking part.

READING, BERKS.—On Feb. 4th, at St. Giles' Church, 840 Stedman Triples: H. Neighbour 1, H. Osborne 2, Corpl. F. V. Sinkins 3, Miss E. Goodship 4, A. Bailey 5, A. W. Osborne 6, F. Griffin (longest length as conductor) 7, L. Osborne 8.—On Feb. 21st, for evensong, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Neighbour 1, C. Higgs 2, Pte. — Goodchild 3, Miss E. Goodship 4, L. Osborne 5, A. W. Osborne 6, F. Griffin (conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8. Also 210 Grandsire, Miss W. Neighbour ringing treble, and conducted by A. W. Osborne.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild and St. Chad's Society.—On Feb. 5th, at St. Chad's, a course of Stedman Cinques: C. R. Lilley 1, G. Scarratt 2, G. Bylin 3, J. Tudor 4, W. Brooks 5, G. Jones 6, B. R. T. Corbett 7, W. J. Taylor 8, W. R. Stockdale 9, E. M. Atkins 10, A. E. Fullick 11, H. Jones 12. This was the first course of Stedman Cinques on the bells; also by all the band except the ringers of 1 and 10. Also 180 of Bob Royal and 315 Stedman Caters, the latter by: G. Bylin (conductor) 1, G. Scarratt 2, W. Brooks 3, J. Tudor 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, W. J. Taylor 6, G. Jones 7, A. E. Fullick 8, E. M. Atkins 9, W. R. Stockdale 10.—On February 12th, 305 Grandsire Caters: J. Tudor 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, G. Scarratt 3, W. Brooks 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, W. J. Taylor 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, E. V. Rodenhurst (first touch of Caters with a bob bell) 8, A. E. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10. Also 208 of Grandsire Caters, 180 Bob Major, and 210 Grandsire Triples.—On Feb. 14th, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Tudor 1, G. Scarratt 2, W. J. Taylor 3, W. Brooks 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, A. E. Fullick 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. Jones 8. 350 Grandsire Triples, with J. T. Wall (treble), 315 Stedman Caters: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, G. Scarratt 2, W. Brooks 3, J. Tudor 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, W. J. Taylor 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, G. Jones 8, A. E. Fullick 9, J. T. Wall 10; and 288 Kent Major.

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Gentlemen,

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

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

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

MODERN WORK.

THE EXPERT—PRESENT AND FUTURE.

The comments in this column last week upon the prospects of the future have drawn two interesting letters which will be found on another page, and, in so far as they take the optimistic view that the times will produce the men, we believe they express the opinion of the majority of ringers, for there is, we think, abundant evidence that the coming generation of ringers will find no lack of guiding lights. Moreover, those who follow in the footsteps of the present leaders will have all their knowledge to work upon. Many of those still living have been real pioneers in research work, and in regard to composition it is not infrequently said that, in many directions, what is worth getting has already been obtained. True, in regard to peals of ordinary length most of the popular standard methods seem to have been worn threadbare, but we should hesitate to say that some genius of the future may not yet light upon something original, and prove that there are still fields open to talent and enterprise.

One point of immediate interest, however, is raised by Mr. Proctor in his letter, and certainly deserves notice, for he raises the question as to whether the performances of some of the present-day experts, so far as they relate to actual peal ringing, are of real value. We think that, on reflection, most ringers will see that there is some benefit traceable to the numerous peals which certain men ring. Let us put it in this way: It is a well established fact that no man can make a good ringer without much practice, and it is only because of the practice they get, coupled with their natural gifts, that these men have gained the pre-eminence they hold. The fact that they are highly accomplished has resulted in many a score of ringers obtaining their first peals in advanced methods which, without the opportunity thus offered, they might not have attained for years, if at all. The stepping stones to the advance of the individuals have been the encouragement and stimulus they have received by the peals rung with hands more or less certain of reaching the desired goal whenever they meet. And the help and insight these aspirants obtain when ringing with the experts re-acts in other towers where this newly gained knowledge and experience is brought to bear by the man who has rung with others more advanced than himself.

Whether a peal of London Surprise rung by a band in constant and regular practice in the method, is as meritorious as, say, a first local peal of Grandsire, is another matter altogether, and does not affect the question of present or future experts. But we do think that the rapid strides made in the practical side of our Art in recent years is largely due to the efforts of those who, not infrequently, are looked upon as selfish by many in ignorance of the circumstances.

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IDLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1915, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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HANDBELL PEAL.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 1—2	†FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 5—6
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3—4	†JAMES HEMMING ... 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: HARRY MIDDLETON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major in hand. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 16th birthday, and at the first attempt.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Owing to Good Friday falling in next week, the "Ringing World" will be published a day earlier.

All reports, notices, etc., for publication should therefore reach the Office not later than Monday next.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers are serving in H.M. Forces:—

T. E. Sone, of All Saints', Maidstone, R.A.M.C., now at Windsor.
C. H. Sone, junr., of Linton, Kent, R.A.M.C., now at Windsor.
Pte Fred Smith, late of Tunstall, Staffs, 5th Royal Fusiliers, now at Dover Castle, Northfall.

From St. Mary's, Brecon:—

Ven. Archdeacon Bevan (hon. member), Chaplain to 1st Brecknockshire (T) Battalion now at Aden.

Sergt. G. Hardwick, 1st Brecknockshire (T) Battalion, now at Aden.

Pte C. Powell, 2nd Brecknockshire (T) Battalion, now at South Hook Fort, Milford Haven.

From St. Maelog's, Llandefllogfash, Brecon:—

Capt. F. G. Dickinson, 3rd Battalion South Wales Borderers, now at Salisbury Plain.

Pte W. Williams, Army Service Corps (Motor Transport), with the Expeditionary Force in Northern France.

Pte A. Snelling, of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, B Company "The Buffs," at Canterbury.

O. S. C. C. Tribe, of St. Clement's, Hastings, Royal Naval Division, C Company Benbow Battalion, at Crystal Palace.

James Moorhouse, of Wakefield Cathedral. Army Service Corps, Transport Section.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contribution to the Prince of Wales' Fund has been received:—

Amount already acknowledged	£	s.	d.
Ringers of All Saints', Arksey, Doncaster,	74	11	0
4th contribution (per Mr. F. Clarke)	0	5	0

Total £74 16 0

MODERN PEAL BOARDS.

THE QUESTION OF DURABILITY.

The desire to see a permanent record of one's achievements is common to all mankind. Shakespeare, ever true to human nature, chronicles the work of one of his characters concerning a certain action, "That it in golden letters should be writ." In every generation we find men have erected monuments to record their exploits, and as a memorial to coming generations of those who have gone before. Many and various have been the forms which these have taken from the rude mound of the Stone Age, which marked the prowess of some savage warrior, to the "Roll of Honour" which to-day records the names of those who have given themselves in the time of their country's need.

This practice of setting up a tablet as a memorial of past deeds is a perfectly natural and laudable one. Bell ringers have long made it a custom, and in many a belfry will be found tablets testifying to the fine work of the various bands who have visited the tower. We trust that the custom will long continue, and that every bell tower in the kingdom will have its quota of tablets recording the peals which have been rung on its bells.

An important point concerning the peal board, and one which is so often overlooked by the average ringer, is the question as to its permanency. A tablet which will only stand a few years and then becomes unreadable is perfectly worthless, and is dear at any price. Too often the work is given into the hands of the local signwriter, who may be skilful in turning out cheap sign boards which are not expected to last, but who has no experience whatever in making a tablet which is to form a permanent and lasting record. Often a soft grained wood is used in its manufacture, which, however well painted over, will in time rot with the damp. And even where a good solid oak board is used, the lettering is simply painted on, or gilded with an inferior gold leaf. The useful life of a tablet of this nature is always a short one. It may look very handsome while new, but sooner or later the colour will fade away, or the gold will tarnish, and the board remain an eyesore to all who see it.

Of late years a new material has been introduced for the manufacture of tablets which are required to be of a permanent character. Because of its similarity to marble, this material has been named "Marblette," but its lasting properties are far greater than either marble or granite. Anyone visiting a cemetery will observe how the face of each of these substances is affected by atmospheric conditions. "Marblette," on the other hand, has a highly polished flint-like surface, which is not attacked in the slightest by climatic changes. A peal tablet made of this substance will last as long as any church tower. A unique method, also, is used in lettering the material. Instead of the wording being merely written on the face, to peel off or be gradually rubbed away, it is actually engraved deeply into the surface of the material, so that it is quite indelible. It is then gilded with pure gold, producing a really handsome and striking effect. The material is made in two colours, black and white. The latter is being extensively used for memorial tablets, with the lettering and border in black, which forms a strong contrast to the pure white of the tablet itself.

Ringers who have seen any of the Marblette peal boards which have been erected will bear out our remark that their appearance is far superior to the old style of peal board. Taking this into consideration, as well as the fact of their great durability, we have no hesitation in recommending those who are considering the erection of a tablet, to insist on it being made of "Marblette."

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the South Western Division was held at Hornchurch on Saturday, and was attended by about 40 members and friends. Some excellent ringing was enjoyed, the methods rung varying from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise. Tea was served at the Bull Inn, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the District Master (Mr. E. J. Butler) presided, supported by Mr. H. Rumens, district secretary.—Three new members were elected, viz: Miss M. M. Jukes, and Mr. J. Wardley, of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, and Mr. W. Riches, of the Leytonstone Company.—Epping was selected as the place for the next meeting, but should Epping be unavailable the district officers were requested to make other arrangements.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Hornchurch for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Dale for making the arrangements for the meeting.

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EXPERTS OF THE FUTURE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I agree with you that your correspondent "Once a Beginner" need not worry himself about a due supply of ringing experts in the future. In most professions and occupations, as in every branch of science or art, there are generally "as good fish in the sea as came out of it," and there is always "room at the top" for aspirants to fame. I have never been an "expert" either in the science or the practice of ringing. But I have known something about the Exercise and about individual ringers for thirty years; and in that time I should say that the number of really good ringers and capable conductors has largely increased, and is year by year increasing. As for the bright particular stars to whom your correspondent alludes by name, even their places will in due course be filled. I have very little doubt, by those competent to follow in their steps. The scientific experts, "who give all their time to research and new methods," must always be few and far between. Like the poet, they are born, not made. But let every young ringer, who feels within him (or her) the call to composition and scientific study, qualify himself to follow it; and new composers, at present mute and inglorious, will arise for those who come after us.

St. Albans.

T. L. PAPILLON.

ARE THE PRESENT EXPERTS' METHODS RIGHT?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is cheering to find that your leading article of last week holds out brighter hopes for the future success of the Exercise than does that dismal letter penned by your correspondent, "Once a Beginner." With regard to compositions, we all admit that we owe a great debt for endless hours spent in the production of compositions to such men as the late Henry Johnson and Thomas Thurstons, etc., and to such present stars as Gabriel Lindoff and C. H. Hattersley, etc. The compositions produced for us by such men are masterpieces, and they will be well worth ringing for generations to come. But any young ringer who has watched the ringing papers for the last two years will find that even those present masters have been having a "go" at each other, all of them claiming the same particular composition, while, again, we have seen the figures of a supposed new composition appear in the "Ringing World" one week, only to find it claimed a week later by someone who has had it on their books, perhaps a dozen or more years. So young beginners in this particular branch of the art know beforehand that their labours will only result in them improving their own knowledge, and not benefiting the majority of the members of the Exercise.

"Once a Beginner," asks: "Have we got another William Pye to conduct our peals." Personally, I have no grievance against Mr. Pye or against the number of peals that he and his friend Mr. Alf. Grimes ring in a year, but here we have two men who, from a peal ringing standpoint, live in a favourable district, a district where a threepenny or sixpenny tram or bus ride will land you at the church at which to ring the peal.

Now, suppose the occupations of these two men had required them to reside somewhere in the broad acres of Yorkshire, or the fenlands of Lincolnshire, where eight-bell towers are very often twelve or even twenty miles apart, would they have been keen on attending the Guild meetings, or going miles to conduct for some struggling band their first peal of Minor, as is done by some of those "quiet experts" that reside in those counties?

What about those men who never call a composition more than twice or thrice? Take Stedman Caters, for instance, and you find Mr. Pye's band has rung a 5043, composed by Mr. C. Charge, over and over again. The conductors of the band must know every change in the peal by this time. And again, notice the peals of London Surprise Major rung by the same band—nearly always the same men in the peal, fifty per cent. of whom could call the peal from any bell in the tower, providing they knew the figures. Undoubtedly Mr. Pye's band contains some remarkable men, but I, like 95 per cent. of the "present-day beginners," fail to see how such performances as these benefit the learner. I think that "The Ringing World" makes far too much fuss of those present-day "experts." We know from history that Lord Nelson was the greatest admiral of his time, but we require a far greater man to successfully guide our Navy in the present war, at a time when the enemy can strike under the water, on the water, and in the air at the same time.

And so it is with our art, the experts of the future will have to be much greater men than we have at present. If we want to carry the Exercise on successfully, the future experts will be the men who can find a means of limiting the number of peals rung in thickly populated districts, and, above all, the experts of the future will be those who can more successfully carry out the main object for which our associations are formed, namely, to encourage Sunday service ringing, and, by their advice and practical help to those on the lower rungs of the ladder, gain the respect and admiration of the majority of the members of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

Grantham.

S. PROCTOR.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association and St. Mary's Guild.—For morning service, at St. Mary's Church, on March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, H. Holloway 2, H. Noakes 3, R. H. Boddington 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, C. Edwards 8.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. G. J. CLARKSON.

A FOUNDER OF TWO NORTHERN ASSOCIATIONS.

The many friends of the late Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton-on-Tees, will be sorry to learn of the demise of that gentleman, at the age of 61 years, death having taken place suddenly on Sunday, the 14th instant. Mr. Clarkson had not done any ringing of late. He was a native of Suffolk, his father being Vicar of the little village of Walsham-le-Willows, where he first learned to ring. He migrated to Stockton-on-Tees in the early seventies, and there built up a flourishing business as a patent agent, having clients in every quarter of the globe. At the church tower he found things not at all to his liking, "stone" ringers, six bells out of tune, the two trebles with no stays, and striking on the wrong side. These two bells when set had to be fastened by the ropes to strong wooden brackets bolted to the belfry wall, which brackets still remain and make capital clothes pegs. The tuning and stays were soon corrected, but the striking on the wrong side continued for many years.

This did not affect the local men much, but visitors soon got into difficulties. The "stone" men, some of whom were aged, did not take kindly to method ringing, and dropped out as younger hands came on. Nothing but the very best would suit Mr. Clarkson; he was one of the few that could ring as well by ear as by eye. Progress was fairly rapid, and soon peals followed, and in Jubilee year the first 5049 in seven Surprise methods was rung, being the first of the kind within the county.

A LASTING MEMORIAL.

Getting to the top in Minor, Mr. Clarkson turned his attention to something higher. He initiated a scheme to augment the old peal of six to ten by the addition of four larger bells, one of which he presented himself, and is suitably inscribed. This now forms one of the most pleasant rings of ten in the northern counties, and is a fitting and lasting memorial to his memory.

He was one of the small company who met at Durham in August, 1877, and set afoot the Durham and Newcastle Association, of which he was the secretary and guiding star for many years doing a tremendous amount of spade work. He was also one of the founders of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, being president for a number of years. He was quite an authority on all matters appertaining to bells and ringing, and was quite at home even at bell tuning on the "Simpson" principle. As before mentioned he has done no ringing of late, but his memory will long linger tenderly with many of his old associates. His one motto was: "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

His mortal remains were laid quietly to rest in the Oxbridge Cemetery on Wednesday of last week amid signs of deep sympathy. The two associations named were represented at the funeral. May he be at rest. N.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Bolton, near Bradford, on Saturday last, when a good number of members attended, representing 15 towers. During the afternoon and evening the bells were well utilised. A short service was held in the church, and was well attended. A substantial meat tea was partaken of in the schools.

The business meeting was afterwards held, with the vice-president (Mr. G. B. Bolland) in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. P. Gower-Rues, Vicar of Bolton; Mr. P. J. Johnson (Ringing Master), and other officers.—Mr. G. B. Bolland was unanimously re-elected Vice-President for the next three years, and the nine retiring committee-men were again elected, two of them, Messrs. J. Broadley and H. Williams, to serve also on the Central Committee. No invitations being received for the June meeting, the venue was left to the committee to select.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Bolland, and seconded by Mr. J. Lawson, was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the short and bright service.—The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Bolton, and hoped it would not be long before they came again.—Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed, and Mr. Elliott seconded a vote of thanks to the local company, the organist, and the ladies who helped at the tea-table, and this was acknowledged by Mr. A. Gill.—It was decided to have a practice meeting at Holbeck, at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 17th.—Handbell ringing in a variety of methods terminated a very pleasant meeting.

A CENTENARY COMMEMORATED.

Quite an interesting centenary has just been celebrated at Nutfield, Surrey, where, on March 18th, at St. Peter and Paul's Church 720 Double Bob Minor was rung, in 23 mins., by: J. Tassel 1, W. Beeson 2, A. Wood 3, W. Cheesman 4, E. Snelling 5, F. Hawkins (conductor) 6. The touch was rung to commemorate the centenary of 720 in the same method on March 18th, 1815, the following having been the ringers, according to a board in the belfry: Wm. Fuller 1, Thos. Tidy 2, Wm. Tidy 3, Richard Tidy 4, Jas. Tyler 5, Rt. Roffey 6. Conducted by Rt. Roffey.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original, in 43 mins.: G. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, T. Taylor 4, H. Warnett senr., 5, H. Warnett, junr., 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. Goodwin 8.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A MEETING AT NORTHIAM.

The members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild held their March meeting at Northiam, Sussex, on Saturday last, but unfortunately the attendance was small, Fairfield, Hawkhurst, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden being the only towers sending representatives. The local ringers turned up in practically full force, but as yet have not turned over a new leaf, and abandoned call changes for method ringing.

Northiam bells were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston towards the end of last year, and the treble, second, third and tenor were recast. The work seems to have been carried out very satisfactorily, the "go" of the bells being excellent, while the new ones appear to be nicely in tune. The bells are in capital ringing order, and the work reflects great credit on the firm, especially when taking into consideration that the peal swing in the old frame. We append herewith the inscriptions:—

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2.—R. Phelps, London, fecit 1737. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1914.

3.—R. Phelps, London, fecit 1737. This ring of six bells was rehung by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, with new fittings, and No. 1, 2, 3 and 6 were recast November, 1914.

4.—R. Phelps, London, fecit 1737

5.—R. Phelps, London, fecit 1734.

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The belfry is on the ground floor, and there is a long stretch of rope, but not too long to make it uncomfortable for ringing. The ceiling of the belfry is, as it were, the floor of the bell chamber, and in the course of rehanging it was necessary to make new rope holes, while the old ones have not been stopped up. The result is that the bells are much too noisy. Undoubtedly the diseased holes want filling in, and further improvement might, perhaps, be effected by other measures to deaden the sound.

The Rector (the Rev. Augustus Frewen Aylward) paid a visit to the belfry early in the evening to welcome the visitors.

At the business meeting, on the proposition of Mr. T. Ashenden, seconded by Mr. J. Blake, it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Rye. This will probably take place on Saturday, April 24th.—Mr. G. Billenness moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the guild to assemble there, and also to the local ringers for extending a cordial welcome to the members.—This was seconded by Mr. T. Ashenden, and unanimously carried.

Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung during the evening. It was the first meeting at Northiam, and the first time change ringing has been practised there since the rehanging. The Guild hope to visit the church again, and hold a bigger meeting, for the first 720 on the bells still remains to be rung. While we say this we do not mean to infer that futile attempts were made at the meeting. Everything went off as satisfactory as could be expected. The members tried to create a favourable impression, and all touches attempted were brought round.

YOUNG STAVELEY RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Jonathan Thompson, of Staveley, at the early age of 23. He was a hard worker at whatever he set his hand to do, and his death came as a great surprise to even his own people, so quick was the decline to which he succumbed. He had only been totally confined to his bed for three days before the end came. He had been a member of the Staveley Ambulance Brigade for the past four years, and so recently as New Year's Day volunteered for active service in ambulance work at the front, but was rejected on examination. His illness dates from that day, it being generally thought that he caught a chill, which caused him to contract influenza, the forerunner of the rapid decline which caused his death.

The interment took place at Staveley Cemetery. He was borne by members of the Ambulance Brigade, with full honours, to the Parish Church, where a full choral service ended with the Dead March in "Saul" being rendered on the organ. The whole service was very impressive, and was conducted by the Rector (Canon Molanieux). The service at the graveside was taken by the Rev. Lumley (curate), after which the "Last Post" was sounded by his bugler comrades: Messrs. P. and J. Hay and Master Hay. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was then rung by: J. R. Brookes 1—2. W. Allwood 3—4. A. Craven 5—6. and G. Hollis 7—8. A muffled peal of Bob Major was afterwards rung at the Parish Church, which will be reported in its proper column. The deceased's life was work. He commenced ringing in 1910, and had four peals of Treble Bob Major to his credit. May he rest in peace. A. C.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, at Christ Church, for evening service, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, J. H. Odey 2, R. W. Hyner 3, D. W. Jackson 4, E. Bishop 5, G. W. Town send 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

KING'S NORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

The Church of St. John the Baptist, Norton-by-Galby, Leicestershire (otherwise known as King's Norton) possesses a fine peal of eight bells, bearing the following inscriptions:—



KING'S NORTON CHURCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

- Treble.—"OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI" (Do all to the Glory of God).
 2nd.—"PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD."
 3rd.—"STATUTUM EST OMNIBUS SEMEL MORI. MORTE BEATA NIHIL BEATIUS. GLORIA DEO SOLI. THOS. EAYRE 1760." (It is appointed unto all men once to die. Nothing happier than a happy death. Glory to God alone).
 4th.—"IHS: NAZARENVS: REX: IVDEORVM: FILI: DEI: MISERERE: MEI. WA 1641 RBC U." (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, O Son of God, have mercy on me).
 5th.—"LAUDATE DOMINUM CYMBALIS SONORIS. CÆLORUM CHRISTE PLACEAT TIBI REX SONUS ISTE 1760." (Praise the Lord on the loud cymbals. Be Christ the King of Heaven. Pleased when this sound is given.)
 6th.—Same as 3rd but dated 1761.
 7th.—"T. EAYRE ST. NOETS. FECIT IN ANNO DOM 1764."
 Tenor.—"OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. JOSEPH EAYRE ST. NEOTS HUNTINGDONSHIRE. FECIT 1764."

Nichols, the historian of Leicestershire, informs us that Wm. Fortrey gave a peal of ten bells to this church when he rebuilt it, but, finding the weight dangerous, he re-

duced them to eight. The present 4th is, of course, one of the previous ring. This Mr. Fortrey was an enthusiastic admirer of church bells, and did much towards encouraging improvements in the rings of different parishes in Leicestershire. He rebuilt the Church of Galby, and placed in it, in the year 1741, a peal of six bells. He did the same at King's Norton, hanging a peal of ten—preserving one of the old bells—since reduced to eight, as explained above. In 1738 he gave two new trebles to St. Margaret's, Leicester, making them ten, and bore the greater part of the expense by rehanging them. In 1771 he gave a treble to Houghton-on-the-Hill, and his name is mentioned in connection with other bells in the county. His memory is still cherished by the old ringers of Leicester, who speak of him as "Squire Fortrey." Nichols says of him:—"William Fortrey, Esqr., of Norton-by-Galby, made it his business all his life to enquire into these matters (i.e., bells and bell ringing). He was possessed of all the anecdotes that remain relating to the founder of the old bells in that steeple—St. Margaret's, Leicester—(Hugh Watts, once Mayor of Leicester) and was himself the patron and director of Thomas Eayre, late of Kettering."

In 1753, when John Holt published his "broadsheet" of peals (which contained the treble leads of his six and ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples, his six-part peal of Union Triples, and his three-part peal of Plain Bob Triples without a single) Mr. W. Fortrey, of Galby, Leicestershire, is there shown as a subscriber for four copies.—[See Snowdon's "Grandsire"].

Squire Fortrey died at his seat at Norton on December 11th, 1783. About three weeks before his death, as he was going into his garden before going to bed, he fell down a flight of stone steps in the front of his house, and, not being able to recover himself, and the only servant that slept in the house having gone to bed, he lay out all night, and was found in the morning by the servant, but not quite dead. From that time, however, he languished for the short period mentioned.

Only one peal has been rung on this fine peal of bells at Norton-by-Galby, as is testified to by a board in the belfry, dated Tuesday, June 4th, 1816, and recorded by the "Leicester Chronicle" of June 8th, 1816:—

Ring.—Tuesday last, being his Majesty's birthday, the Leicester Scholars met at Norton in this county, by particular desire of the Norton and Gaulby Scholars, to strike off the musical peal of eight bells of that place; they rang a true and complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in a masterly style, in 3 hrs 29 mins., by the following persons, viz.:—

Jonathan Haywood	Treble	George Harris	5th
John Clarke	2nd	Lawrence Stains	6th
Thomas Clarke	3rd	William Reeves	7th
James Gill	4th	William Wood	Tenor

The peal was called by Wm. Reeves.

After it had been rang the Leicester, Norton and Gaulby Scholars partook of an excellent dinner, and the day was completed by ringing several courses of Grandsire Caters on the handbells.

The bells are still as they were originally hung, in their massive two storey oak frame, without stays or sliders. They go rather heavily—the local ringers only ring the back six occasionally. Surely, however, there could be found in Leicester a band willing to go to a little trouble and patience, and give to this magnificent peal the attention it deserves, and, with pluck and endurance, at least equal the performance of our forefathers, whose feat has remained unchallenged for nearly a century. On September 28th, 1907, a party from Leicester visited the church, and rang 168 and 350 Grandsire Triples. Who will go for a 5000?

NEW BELLS AT BUCKLEBURY.

DEDICATION OF TWO TREBLES.

Bucklebury folk are very proud of their ancient parish church, which has lately been enriched with the gift of a beautiful east window, the subject being the Crucifixion, the work of Frank Brangwyn. And now the hearts of our ringers have been gladdened by a gift of two new bells, presented by Mrs. G. W. Palmer, in memory of her husband, the late Right Hon. G. W. Palmer. Not only have these two new trebles been given, but also a new steel frame has taken the place of the oak frame (300 years old), which was in a very bad state. The work has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, and pronounced excellent. The tone and "go" of the bells leave nothing to be desired. Mr. Howell has contrived an excellent circle in the ringing chamber, and is to be congratulated on his work. Monday, March 8th, was the day chosen for the dedication of the bells. In spite of the inclemency of the weather, ringers from Aldermaston, Beenham, Bradfield, Chieveley, Compton, Hampstead, Norris, Midgham, Newbury, Theale and Yattendon, and last but not least the popular Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), with a band of eight Reading ringers, came to support us. After the blessing of the bells, the Reading men rang them round while the clergy returned to the chancel.

RINGERS' HIGH VOCATION.

The Bishop, who performed the ceremony, preached an appropriate sermon, which he prefaced by saying that his remarks would be chiefly directed to the members of the guild of ringers. In the 150th Psalm, they read: "O praise God in His holiness; praise Him in the firmament of His power. . . Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord," and eight instruments of music were mentioned whereon to praise God—the same number as were now their complete peal of bells. But such instruments of music and peals of bells were unable of themselves to praise God. They were instruments for the praise of God which responded according to the skill of the player, and led up to the last verse, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Only they who had breath could praise the Lord, so they would see what a high vocation they had chosen in becoming bell ringers. Like the instruments of music mentioned in the Psalms, so this peal of bells had the effect of bringing people into the church to praise God. He could imagine each ringer with the rope in his hand, and as he pulled it Sunday after Sunday, singing, or rather praying silently to himself, having remembered the words of the Psalmist, "Let everything that hath breath." Each man should say let this always be the desire of my heart that they who hear my bell should come to church to praise the Lord. That bell of which each ringer was so proud and grateful, if rightly rung, was always a sermon to themselves. As soon as the service of bell ringing was over, they should go down and join with the others, so that everything that hath breath could praise the Lord. Then, whatever the bells were rung for, whether for church or for a marriage, or for a funeral, or for a passing knell; whether peals of joy and thanksgiving, or muffled peals of sorrow and sympathy, the peal rung would always be an acceptable service, bringing happiness to others and blessing to themselves.

After service there were some delightful touches. We are looking forward to the time that, when peace is declared, our bells shall speak with no uncertain sound, and we shall take our part in heralding in the glorious news, and still more glorious shall have the privilege of welcoming home once more the men who through perils of war are serving this nation. The new bells bear the following inscription:—

Treble: Righteousness and Peace;

2: Mercy and truth;

while the old treble, which has been recast, has the following inscription:—

DUM INVOCAREM (Hear me when I call).

E. M. S.

YOUTHFUL MERIT.

The ringing genius of the children of Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton, Worcestershire, has often been commented upon, and two of them have just added another to their noteworthy performances. "Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 16th birthday" reads the footnote to a handbell peal recorded in this issue. When it is observed that this peal was one of Bob Major, that the youthful conductor rang 3-4, and his sister, younger than himself, 1-2; that it was the first peal of Major that either of them had rung, and that neither of the other two members of the band—Mr. F. J. Johnson and Mr. J. Hemming—had rung a peal of Bob Major on handbells before, the merit of the achievement is obvious, and the young folks deserve congratulations.

RINGER IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

One of the members of the Benenden, Kent, company, Mr. R. Williamson, had a narrow escape in a motor accident at Iden Green, on Wednesday week. Mr. Williamson is a chauffeur, and when driving a car, the motor, owing to the sudden development of a mechanical defect, swerved across the road and ran into a hedge. Mr. Williamson's head and arms went through the wind screen, but, fortunately, with the exception of a scratch or two, he was not injured.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DAGENHAM.—Essex Association.—On Feb. 16th, 720 London Surprise Minor: G. Chaplin 1, E. Hawkins 2, A. Chaplin 3, E. J. Butler 4, G. Playle 5, E. Pye (conductor) 8. First 720 of London Surprise Minor by all excepting the conductor.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 21st, 720 of Double Court Minor: Miss C. Playle 1, Str. A. Playle, R.N., 2, G. Playle 3, J. Baker (Malden) 4, A. Chaplin (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 14th, for evening service, 704 London Surprise Major: W. Haddon 1, A. E. Payne 2, W. R. Hensher 3, J. E. Chapman 4, R. F. Turner 5, C. W. Bird 6, F. W. Sawfoot 7, D. J. Nichols (conductor) 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Feb. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. A. Lambert 1, J. D. Drewitt 2, D. W. Drewitt 3, Pte B. Morris (Coldstream Guards) 4, W. H. Joiner 5, A. Calver 6, T. Langdon (conductor) 7, W. S. Smith 8. For evening service, on March 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. A. Lambert 1, T. Langdon 2, D. W. Drewitt 3, R. Prethbridge (first quarter of Stedman) 4, H. Langdon (conductor) 5, T. Steers 6, R. Grimwood 7, W. H. Joiner 8.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On February 21st, after evening service, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 31 mins., with 7-8 covering: F. G. Semper 1, F. S. W. Butler 2, J. C. Tinker 3, C. H. Baker 4, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 5, H. Torr 6, A. H. Curtis 7, Pte F. W. Sykes (K.O.Y.L.I., Ossett) 8. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the seven soldiers of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry billeted at Gainsborough, who lost their lives the Friday previous in a drowning fatality, while practising pommel building on one of the Gymes between Gainsborough and Walkerton.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, Feb. 21st, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: B. Chorley 1, C. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, Pte W. Smith (Loughborough) 4, M. Smither 5, J. T. Lee 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, C. Hazelden 8.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Bennett 1, J. Day 2, G. Spencer 3, C. Nash 4, W. Nash (conductor) 5, A. Groom 6.—On March 1st, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. C. J. Ward (first 720) 1, J. Day 2, F. Bennett 3, C. Nash 4, W. Nash 5, A. Groom (conductor) 6.

WEST RETFORD.—North Notts Association.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung in 45 mins. at St. Michael's Church, West Retford, as a farewell to Mr. F. A. Blagg, a member of the tower, who left Retford the same evening to take up a position in London: C. Blagg 1, F. A. Blagg 2, J. Segar, junr., 3, G. Turner 4, R. Potter 5, L. L. Blagg (conductor) 6. Mr. J. Segar, junr., a member of the East Retford tower, very kindly took part in the above, as two members of the local tower, Messrs. W. Gibson and F. Wilson, are serving with H.M. Forces.

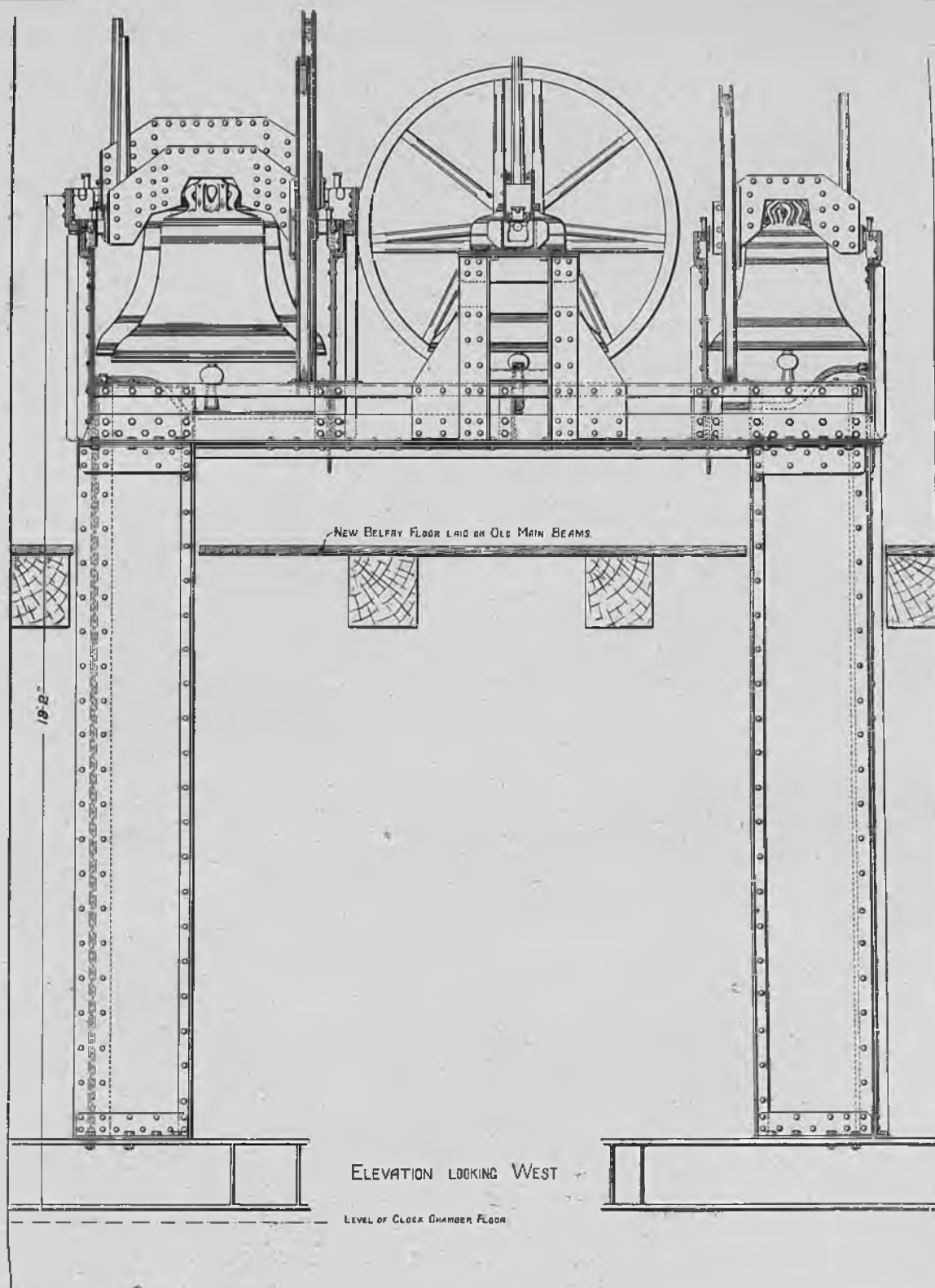
THANET.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Feb. 23rd, three separate and differently called 504's Grandsire Triples: (1): E. Gibbons 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, P. Finch 3, P. Petley 4, W. Birch 5, A. E. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8. (2): P. Finch 1, S. G. Twyman 2, P. Petley 3, W. Birch 4, W. J. Jarman 5, A. E. Jarman (conductor) 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8. (3): E. Gibbons 1, S. G. Twyman 2, P. Finch 3, W. Birch 4, A. E. Jarman 5, W. J. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman (conductor) 8. All are members of the local band except Mr. Finch, who hails from Birchington.

EPSOM.—Surrey Association.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 25th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. W. H. Corbett, a much-respected member of the choir, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Mann 1, T. Goff 2, H. Corbett 3, T. Miles 4, J. Crawford 5, T. Tuttle 6, C. Read (conductor) 7, R. Etherington 8. Also 280 Grandsire Triples.

SOUTHGATE.—Middlesex Association.—On Feb. 25th, a plain course of Bristol Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, F. G. Tegg 3, E. G. Tomlinson 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, C. T. Coles 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. First by all except the ringers of 6 and 8.—On Feb. 28th, for morning service, 576 Superlative; for evening service, 384 London Surprise.—On March 4th, two plain courses of Bristol, being the first by G. Bester, H. Miller and S. Wade.—On March 11th, 576 Bristol Surprise: A. R. Glasscock 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, F. G. Tegg 3, E. G. Tomlinson 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, S. Wade 8. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.—On March 14th, for morning service, 1280 London Surprise, in 49 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, J. Armstrong (conductor) 3, E. G. Tomlinson 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, F. G. Tegg 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3, 6 and 8.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On Feb. 28th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, 1260 Stedman Caters: W. E. Judd 1, A. Cutmore 2, A. W. Davis 3, A. B. Bennett 4, J. H. Payne 5, P. G. Miles 6, W. E. Garrard 7, A. V. Selby 8, C. Charge (conductor) 9. G. Hannell 10.

FOLKESTONE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 28th, in honour of the 89th birthday of Mr. S. Barker, who for many years was a member of the local band, 89 treble leads of Grandsire Triples (1296 changes), in 48 mins.: E. L. Dale 1, J. Hanley 2, F. Jordan 3, G. Ford 4, H. Croucher 5, W. H. Wood 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.



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NOTICES.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, March 27th, 1915. Tower open from 3.30 till 9. Half rail fare will be allowed. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid on or before that date. Members on active service need not subscribe this year. — Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Siddans) on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3.30. Ringing at St. Mary's, Walthamstow from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Will all those requiring same kindly inform me by the 24th inst., so that arrangements may be made? Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 27th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at St. Albans, Easter Monday, April 5th, when the four towers of the City will be open for ringing at 2 o'clock. Choral Evensong in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address to ringers by the new Dean of St. Albans. 5.50 p.m., tea at the Abbey Institute, Romeland Hill entrance, followed by annual business meeting. In order to arrange satisfactorily for tea, I should be grateful for a postcard by Easter Monday's post notifying attendance. — G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—ALTERATIONS TO PREVIOUS NOTICE. — The 8th annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Warwick on Easter Monday, April 5th, at 2.15 p.m. The towers of All Saints', Emscote (8) and St. Mary's (10) will be open for ringing, All Saints' from 11 a.m. and that of St. Mary's from 6 p.m. Committee Meeting will be held in St. Mary's Vestry at 12.30. Dinner can be provided at the Globe Hotel at 1s. 6d. per head, if members let me know of their intention to be present, by April 1st. Tea will be provided free at Emscote Vicarage at 4 o'clock for all members who let me know by March 30th. Further particulars next week.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Cottage, Allesley, Coventry.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Barmouth, N.W., at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tea will be provided in Church Hall at 4 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. Mocke, Maindee House, Barmouth, a week previous. Bells available all day.—H. Moore, 16, Poplar Road, Wrexham, Honorary Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Central District.—The Easter meeting of the Central District will be held on Monday in Easter week, April 5th, at the Parish Church, Banstead. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea (members 3d., visitors 9d.), and short business meeting 5.45 at the Church Institute. Members of the Southern District and visitors will be welcome; please notify intention to be present before Thursday, April 1st to Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1915. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, at 2 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Claughton. Tea will be provided free in the College Hall, at 5.15 p.m., for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 31st, 1915. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10) 11 to 12; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, expenses received, and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1. Peal Book on view.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at schoolroom at 5. Short service at 7 o'clock. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by March 30th. — J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, 9, Colenso Road, Fareham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Dinner at St. Mary's Schoolroom at 1, meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's and St. Peter's will be available. —A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Easter Monday. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Members intending to be present please inform me by Thursday, April 1st. — H. Evans, Northbrook, Goring, Wokingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—ALTERATION OF ARRANGEMENTS for the annual meeting at Derby on Easter Monday, April 5th. The Committee will meet in St. Andrew's Church Schools at 3.45, general meeting at 4.30, at the same schools, for the election of officers, representatives to the Central Council and other business. The arrangements for the tea are cancelled, and there will be no church bell ringing.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, April 10th, 1915. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 6d. each. Intending visitors please advise early.—H. Brownlee West, Honorary Branch Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on April 8th and 22nd, and for business on the 13th and 27th; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerell, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 17th annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (by kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Birch), on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. G. Langdon, M.A., Rector of Great Munden, Herts. Tea at 6 p.m., 7d. each to those who inform either of the honorary secretaries by April 7th of their intention of being present. Business meeting to follow, for election of officers, Central Council representatives, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Leonard's from 3 to 5, and after the meeting; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 7.30 to 9. — C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, April 17th, 1915. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock at George Inn. Business to follow. Association ringers are invited.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary.

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WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 7th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples and 72 in the same method: R. Wood 1, F. W. Edwards 2, F. G. Radley 3, T. Lincoln 4, R. Edwards 5, Pte V. Bennett 6, W. Lincoln 7, W. E. Emery 8. For evening service, 408 Stedman Triples: R. Wood 1, F. W. Edwards 2, F. G. Radley 3, W. G. Sorrell 4, H. Head 5, Pte V. Bennett 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

NEWCHURCH, LANCs.—Lancashire Association, Rossendale Branch. — On Sunday evening, Feb. 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins., in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Newman: James Taylor 1, Lawrence Taylor 2, James Ashworth 3, Samuel Lord 4, Algernon Newman 5, Walter Taylor (conductor) 6, John W. Wright 7, John W. Dunerod 8. At the close Mr. Newman was heartily congratulated by the ringers. The marriage was solemnised at St. Michael's Parish Church, Workington, Cumberland, on February 6th, 1890.

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Gentlemen,

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

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

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

EASTER MEETINGS.

The Easter meetings this year will be, in a few cases, shorn of some of the attractiveness which usually attaches to them, for proceedings are being curtailed. That, perhaps, was only to be expected in view of the existing state of things, although we observe from the notices that, in other instances, the arrangements are much on the lines of former years. Except in regard to the cessation of peals there has, all through this war, been great diversity of opinion as to what course should be followed in regard to ringing. Some towers have suspended practices, others have continued them, while others again stopped for a time and have now resumed. In some places everything apart from Sunday service ringing has been barred, in others the towers have been open as usual—except, as we have remarked, for peals—meetings having been held, and the bells rung for half the day.

Just as the proceedings at towers have differed, so has the practice of associations. Some have carried on as usual, others have gone into a state of suspended animation. Whatever action has been taken, we may be sure it has been the result of the best motives. Where associations are carrying on their business on the usual lines, they must be credited with feeling that present conditions do not warrant the indefinite putting aside of their business, and in this we are inclined to agree with them. On the other hand, where activities have ceased or been curtailed all will readily appreciate that the executives concerned feel that the course taken is the reasonable one in the circumstances.

At the same time we have been wondering why the Midland Counties' members are to do without their tea after their annual business meeting next Monday at Derby. It may be, of course, that there are difficulties of catering, but it looks as if the war is responsible, for we read that "the arrangements for the tea are cancelled and there will be no church bell ringing." Men must eat, even though the enemy were among us, but, seeing that the country is in no more parlous plight than it has been for many months, to cancel the arrangements, whereby visitors could assure themselves of a meal, seems to us a rather unnecessary step—even in war time. We say this, of course, only on the assumption that the change in the programme is due to the existence of the war. If the meeting is to be held at all, there seems to us no more harm in the members taking tea together than in having to separate into small parties and having to get a meal where and if they can. The cancelling of the ringing arrangements is another matter, and the difference here and in the case of some of the other associations, who are meeting to transact their annual business the same day, shows that the varied feeling that exists as to the use of the bells at this time is most marked.

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On Tuesday, March 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRANK COOK Treble	JAMES HEMMING 5
*HERBERT JORDAN 2	*HENRY J. PHIPPS 6
†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	†HARRY MIDDLETON 7
*FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 4	*JAMES ADDIS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman, and first peal of Triples on tower bells. † First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells by a local band. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to those who have fallen in the present war.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 24th, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. E. GOFTON.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JAMES E. GOFTON 1-2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4	*COLIN GRESTY 7-8

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal on handbells and first peal of Major.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

At 130, CLONMORE STREET, SOUTHFIELDS, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*EDGAR G. MATTHEWS... .. 1-2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 5-6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3-4	MISS ELSIE MATTHEWS 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Umpire: MR. HENRY DAINS.

* First peal by the ringer of 1-2, whose age is 13½ years. This is believed to be the first peal of Major rung in hand by a father and three children.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

GEORGE R. PYE... .. 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5-6
ERNEST PYE 3-4	JAMES HUNT 7-8

ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Umpire: B. S. THOMPSON.

This was the conductor's 1000th peal; also W. Shepherd's 100th peal of Stedman. | 2880-9

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

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Composition.

	5088			
	23456	M	B	H
12345678	43526	—	—	—
21354768	54326	—	—	—
12537486	35426	—	—	—
21573846	45236	—	—	—
25137864	62534	—	—	—
52318746	52364	—	—	—
25138476	35264	—	—	—
52314867	23564	—	—	—
53241876				
35428167				
34521876				
43258167				
34528617				
43256871				
42365817				
24638571				
42365871				
24638517				
26483571				
62845317				
26485137				
62841573				
68245137				
86421573				
84612537				
48165273				
84615723				
48167532				
41876523				
14867253				
41682735				
14628375				

Twice repeated.

Plain 14263857

Bob 16423857

A BEGINNER'S DIFFICULTY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I, with four others, am trying to learn method ringing, but our great difficulty is, that the ringer of the 4th bell—although he has been ringing for five months—cannot yet hold his bell every time. I am anxious to know if this means he will never make a ringer, or if there are some people who can only manage light bells.

We could have rung the first ten changes of Plain Bob months ago if it had not been for this difficulty. Would it be as well to go on with the 40, on handbells, even though we cannot yet manage the 10 on the tower bells? We have been having two practices a week since October, and always ring for service on Sunday morning, but, of course, only cross changes. Is it usual to stop practising in Lent?—Yours, etc.,

"READER OF THE RINGING WORLD."

[We would advise the ringer in question to pull harder and keep a tight rope. A man ought to be able to manage a bell in five months, and if a little additional physical exertion will not do it let him try a lighter bell before he gives up altogether. There is no reason why the band should cease to go forward with handbell practices. Many companies stop practising in Lent, but it is by no means universally done.—Ed.]

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Kempston on Saturday last, when members were present from St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford; Sharnbrook, Turvey, Elstow, Husbome-Crawley, and the local band.—Some good ringing was done in the afternoon in various methods, from Doubles to London Surprise.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything ready.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Turvey, on Saturday, April 24th.

THE EXPERTS OF TO-DAY.

ARE THE PRESENT METHODS RIGHT?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Proctor, seems to be so anxious to decry the methods of certain present-day "experts" that he has quite forgotten to be sure that his opinions are correct before making them public. Does he think that all the peals rung by Mr. Pye and myself have been rung in and around this "favourable district"? If he will take the trouble to turn up the pages of the ringing papers, he will find that he is quite wrong. My friend, Mr. Pye, has travelled almost as much as any man in pursuit of his hobby, and has not confined it to ringing peals only.

How many ringers owe it to Mr. Pye and other "experts" in this district that they have rung peals in Surprise methods? It is not only in the districts mentioned by Mr. Proctor that "quiet work" is being done. For weeks past I have attended practice in a well-known London tower to help the ringers there in their attempts to master the intricacies of Grandsire, and have also travelled to a distant part of London to practice Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on handbells, which he cannot say is for my own benefit.

Does Mr. Proctor think that peal ringers here never ring on Sundays? If he does, he is greatly mistaken. When he has rung as much on Sundays as I have he can consider he has done a great deal.

As to his statement that a peal of 5043 Stedman Caters by Mr. C. Charge, ought to be known by the conductors change by change, which peal of that number does he refer to? If he thinks there is only one he is only exposing his ignorance on the matter, and should not have made such a foolish statement. I can recall at least three, and no doubt there are others. In conclusion, let me say that we ring for pleasure, whether helping at practices, or ringing on Sundays, or ringing peals, and Mr. Proctor will do well not to declaim men of whom he, by his own showing, knows nothing at all.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. GRIMES.

Sir,—Your leading article in your issue of the 19th inst. deserves every commendation; but it is beyond my comprehension why that article should be used as a means for an attack on Messrs. Pye and Grimes.

Before rushing into print, it is at least wise to make sure of facts, this Mr. Proctor has lamentably failed to do, and I would suggest that he reads your issue of December 22nd, 1911, page 666, thereby gaining some first hand information, which, I expect, would come as a surprise to him.

It is all nonsense for Mr. Proctor to write as he does, for the whole Exercise has to thank Mr. Pye for a lot, in raising the standard of ringing in advanced methods, and, incidentally, helping many "a lame dog over the stile" by practical advice, example and encouragement, and further for arranging peals for the said "lame dogs," who, thanks to him, have reached a fair degree of proficiency in the method their ambition was set on. This Mr. Pye has often done, to my certain knowledge at great personal inconvenience and loss to himself.

The remarks respecting compositions I will leave entirely alone, as by them Mr. Proctor reveals total ignorance of the subject he has taken up; but I will say this, that if it could be proved, it would be found that Mr. Pye and the other conductors in his band have called as great, if not a greater variety of compositions than any other conductors in the Exercise, taking everything into consideration.

As for "spade" work, Mr. Grimes is not a stranger to that by a long, long way.

In conclusion, it would not have made one iota of difference to the gentlemen concerned whether they lived in the Fens, Yorkshire Moors, or any other out-of-the-way spot; they would still have reached the pinnacle now occupied by them, owing to their ability allied to enthusiasm and perseverance. So far as their status as service ringers and churchmanship is concerned that can be vouched for by yours faithfully,

BEN. THOMPSON.

Romford.

RINGING AT BOSTON, U.S.A.

The Boston Guild of ringers paid a visit to Watertown on March 7th, and the following band succeeded in ringing a 720 of Plain Bob Minor at the Perkins' Institute: J. Goodhead 1, P. J. Allfrey 2, G. Mackman 3, C. C. Randall 4, Wm. Bashford (conductor) 5, R. Newton 6.

In the afternoon of the same day 240 of Minor was rung at the Church of the Advent by the following: J. Goodhead 1, G. Mackman 2, P. J. Allfrey 3, J. F. Laker 4, E. E. Randall 5, Wm. Bashford (conductor) 6, R. Newton tenor (cover).

CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

Mr. A. T. King, one of the members of the Analysis Committee, writes: "An Essex peal, rung at Homerton in seven Surprise methods on March 6th last, is stated to be comprised of seven Class IV methods. May I point out that in the classification of Minor methods, to be found on page 381 of Vol. vi of 'The Ringing World,' Lincoln, which is the name given to Surprise method No. 16 in the 'Collection,' has been relegated to Class III."

STEDMAN MAJOR.

In our issue of December 4th last we published an article by Mr. George T. Clayton, in which Stedman as applied to even numbers was dealt with. The method aroused a lot of interest, and in response to requests the full plain course of Major is here published. The hunting work is carried out by the bells in 3-4 and 5-6, and the pairs in front and behind dodge. The latter are, therefore, not given except at the "eight" heads and ends.

12345678	35827146	87654321	64172853
13254768	38572416	86745231	61427583
5274	7542	4725	2457
5724	7452	4275	2547
7542	4725	2457	5274
7452	4275	2547	5724
4725	2457	5274	7542
4275	2547	5724	7452
(1) 31245786	(5) 83527461	(9) 68754213	(13) 16472538
32154876	85372641	67845123	14627358
1458	3276	8541	6723
4185	2367	5814	7632
4815	2637	5184	7362
8451	6273	1548	3726
8541	6723	1458	3276
5814	7632	4185	2367
(2) 23518467	(6) 58736214	(10) 76481532	(14) 41263785
25381647	57863124	74618352	42136875
2361	6813	1638	3186
8631	6183	1368	3816
6813	1638	3186	8361
6183	1368	3816	8631
1638	3186	8361	6813
1368	3816	8631	6183
(3) 52318674	(7) 75836142	(11) 47681325	(15) 24163857
53281764	78563412	46718235	21436587
2187	5364	7812	4635
1278	3546	8721	6453
1728	3456	8271	6543
7182	4365	2817	5634
7812	4635	2187	5364
8721	6453	1278	3546
(4) 35827146	(8) 87654321	(12) 64172853	(16) 12345678

BOB	TABLE OF COURSE ENDS.	
(7) 75836142	12345	1 8 10 12 RUNS
78563124	31245	— Short course of 8 changes
5361	24515	— 3 times
3516	23145	— 3 times
3156	13542	— 3 times
1365	43215	— Twice
1635	21543	— Twice
6153	23514	— 5 times
(8) 87651342	42513	— Twice

NOTE.—Should bobs at "quicks" be preferred, the same course ends are brought up by bobs at 7, 9 and 11.

STEDMAN MAXIMUS.
Plain Course. 192 Changes.

1234 5678 90ET
1325 4769 8EOT
3152 7496 8ET0
1325 7946 8EOT
3152 9764 8ET0
1325 9674 8EOT
3152 6947 8ET0
1325 6497 8EOT
3152 4679 8ET0
3514 276E 9T80
5341 267E T908
3514 62E7 9T80
5341 6E27 T908
3514 E672 9T80
5341 E762 T908
3514 7E26 9T80
5341 72E6 T908
Repeat 11 times.

By placing the hunting bells centrally, in addition to the advantages enumerated in "The Ringing World" for December 4th, peals are obtainable without moving the 6th and without consecutive bobs.

STEDMAN ROYAL.
5280 by George T. Clayton.
123456 10 12
43521 — —
53124 — —
13425 — —
14235 — —
32541 — —

52143 — —
41325 — —
23514 — —
53412 — —
54132 — —
31245 — —
Repeat twice
Eighth-place bobs.

STEDMAN MAXIMUS.
5184 by George T. Clayton
123456 12 14
24315 — —
51423 — —
31524 — —
42135 — —

53241 — —
14352 — —
45312 — —
21543 — —
31245 — —
Repeat twice.
Tenth-place bobs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
MEETING AT MALDON.

A quarterly district meeting of the Essex Association was held on Saturday week at Maldon, when there was a good attendance of members. During the afternoon and evening the bells of All Saints' and St. Mary's Churches were utilised, and touches of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung, the conducting being shared by Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave, R.E., Messrs. F. Chalk (Langford) and A. Gozzett.

Tea was provided at the Warwick Arms Hotel, and at the subsequent business meeting Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) presided, the hon. secretary (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre) being also present. Three new members from Maldon and two from Sible Hedingham were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sible Hedingham in June.—A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. W. Chalk, of Langford, who was one of the founders of the Association.

RINGING MEETING AT COGGESHALL.

A most enjoyable ringing meeting, arranged by Mr. D. Elliott, was held at Coggeshall on Thursday evening of last week. The purpose of the gathering was to meet Quartermaster-Sergeant Cave and Sapper E. Ridler, R.E., serving in his Majesty's forces, and now stationed at Baintree. The pressure of evening duties leaves little time for recreation, for the Quartermaster-Sergeant, nevertheless, leaving the orderly room at Baintree, a distance of some six to seven miles from Coggeshall tower, at 7.45, and returning to duties again at 9.45, gave time for some ringing of a very high order. Every attempt was successfully brought round, the methods rung being Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, concluding with a 447 of Stedman Triples: Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave (conductor) 1, W. Sadler 2, F. Claydon 3, C. H. Howard 4, A. Shuffebotham 5, Sapper E. Ridler 6, D. Elliott 7, P. Langston 8. Messrs. J. Sadler and W. Howell were also present, and took part in Surprise ringing.

LADY RINGER'S VISIT TO HAWKHURST.

The Bishop of Croydon (Dr. Peravia) conducted a Confirmation at St. Lawrence's Church, Hawkhurst, Kent, on Friday in last week. Ringing took place before and after the service, and capital striking prevailed. Mrs. Gatehouse, the wife of the Vicar of Headcorn, paid a visit to the tower before the service, and took part in the ringing. Although not yet a change ringer, Mrs. Gatehouse handles a rope with gracefulness and ease, exercises excellent control over a bell, and is an adept striker. She has now rung in about thirty towers, thus showing she is exceedingly keen. In time, no doubt, she will become a successful aspirant in change ringing circles. Mr. P. Hodgkin, of Headcorn, has taught her to ring, and is to be congratulated on the progress of his pupil.

Two of the local ringers (Messrs. O. Waghorn and A. H. Wellard) being unable to attend, Messrs. C. Tribe, of Tentenden, and A. Marshall, of Lamberhurst, kindly gave their services for the half-day's ringing. Altogether the total number of changes rung was 2,454, which included Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Triples, a quarter-peal of the latter being rung by: G. Maskell 1, T. Ashenden (first quarter inside) 2, G. J. Kemp 3, J. Blake 4, A. Marshall 5, C. Tribe 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. Another member of the local band (Mr. J. H. Durrant) also took part in most of the other touches, which included a 504 and a 210 of Grandsire Triples.

A FAMILY PEAL.

Ringers will join in congratulating Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and his children upon scoring a family peal. Father, daughter, and two sons, the youngest 13½ years, last Saturday rang a peal of Bob Major "in hand," and thus achieved a notable performance. For some time past they have been most assiduously practising, and once or twice recently they have managed more than half the peal. Their success is the reward of perseverance, and to the able tuition which the enthusiastic parent has bestowed upon his equally keen off-spring. We believe the only other family of father and children to score a handbell peal on eight bells is the Shepherds, of Hersham, in which case it was father and three sons.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—The Bushey Society.—On Thursday, March 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. Darlow 1, J. J. Allen 2, F. A. Smith 3, W. G. Whitehead 4, W. I. Oakley 5, M. F. R. Hibbert 6, W. Seeley (conductor) 7, G. A. Hughes 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Seeley.

EWINGSTON, SURREY.—On March 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Whittington (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, F. Francis 2, A. Charman 3, W. Tidy 4, J. Luff 5, R. Whittington (conductor) 6.

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His 1,000 peals are made up as follows:

			Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
			Rung.	Con.	Rung.	Con.
On Six Bells	...	...	1			
Grandsire Triples	...	...	8		5	1
Grandsire Caters	...	...	3			
Grandsire Cinques	...	...	1			
Stedman Triples	...	...	124	5	35*	3
Stedman Caters	...	...	117		43	1
Stedman Cinques	...	...	56a		29	
Bob Major	...	...	5			
Double Norwich Major	...	...	62b		5	
Double Oxford Major	...	...	1			
Duffield Major	...	...	1			
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	13c	1	7	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	...	...	2			
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	28		5	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	...	...	2			
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	8		1	
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	150	5	7*	1
New Cumberland Surprise Major	...	...	1			
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	32	1		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	21		3	
London Surprise Major	...	...	114d	2	5	
Bristol Surprise Major	...	...	83e	1	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
Cambridge Surprise Royal	14			
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	2			
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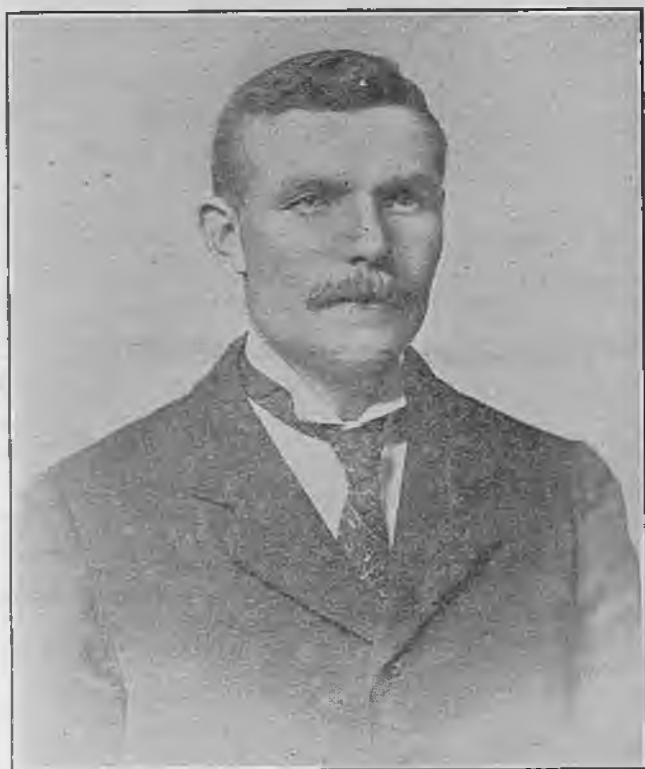
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426315			x	x			
536421			x	x			
146532			x	x			
356412			x	x			
246351			x	x			
136245			x	x			
526134			x	x			
416523			x	x			
421536			x	x	—		
342616		x	x	x	—		
631542			x	x		x	
251634			x	x			
654132	—		x	x			
532146		x	x	x			
453126		x	x	x	—		

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On March 1st, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Misses M. G. Hudleston (first quarter-peal) 1, B. Mitchell 2, A. Stokes 3, D. Sage 4, M. E. N. Jukes 5, N. Gillingham (conductor) 6, William Gillingham 7, Ernest Goldstone 8.

GUILDFORD.—On Wednesday, March 3rd, at the residence of Mr. C. Hazelden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: C. Hazelden 1—2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3—4, M. Smither 5—6, Mrs. C. Hazelden 7—8. This was rung as a birthday compliment to Pte C. H. Dobbie, A.S.C., who is with the troops in France, his Guildford friends wishing him a safe and speedy return.

COSELEY.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Thursday, March 4th, with the bells half-muffled, for the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright, an attempt was made to ring Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing nearly two hours it came to grief through a change course: James George 1, John Jagger 2, William Rock Small 3, Albert Little 4, Daniel Jones 5, Abraham Greenfield 6, William Fisher (conductor) 7, Benjamin Fullwood 8.—On Sunday, March 7th, for Matins, touches of Grandsire Triples and Oxford Bob Triples: W. A. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, E. J. Bowyer (Penn) 3, S. Pearce 4, W. Fisher (conductor) 5, W. Greensill 6, B. Gough 7, A. E. Law 8. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: W. A. Jeavons 1, S. Pearce 2, W. Grinsell 3, Sam Baker 4, B. Gough 5, W. Fisher (conductor) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Saturday, March 6th, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan), in 45 mins.: W. T. Tucker 1, G. Williams 2, C. J. Fray 3, Pte H. Norman (S.L.I.) 4, A. Stubbington 5, Pte A. J. Andrews (S.L.I.) 6, W. H. George (conductor) 7, E. Dumper 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The ringers of 4 and 6 hail from Milverton, Somerset.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, March 7th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 738 Grandsire Triples: S. Brook (longest length) 1, J. E. Pickard 2, J. Carter 3, J. H. Lenton 4, W. Pearson 5, A. Walker (conductor) 6, H. Walters 7, J. Jackson 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, March 7th, 518 Grandsire Triples: Pte D. Morgan (8th Battrn. South Wales Borderers) 1, T. Ashenden (longest length on an inside bell) 2, J. H. Durrant 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, F. Chapman 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday evening, March 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: S. Coley 1, W. Stratford 2, J. T. Perry (conductor) 3, A. T. Scrivens 4, G. A. Taylor 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett 7, S. Price 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On March 7th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Mead 1, W. Sear 2, W. Pether 3, F. Stenton 4, L. Meager 5, T. Best 6, F. Hedges 7, H. Sear (conductor) 8. First touch in the method by all except H. Sear.

UPPER CLAPTON.—On Sunday, March 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. E. Pellatt 1, S. H. R. Cooper 2, Norman North (first quarter-peal of Triples) 3, S. S. Dunwell 4, W. Powell 5, A. Coles 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, Miss Grace Adams 8.

ST. WEONARD'S, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On March 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled, in 52 mins.: H. Brewer 1, Arthur Brewer 2, Rev. V. A. Creswell (conductor) 3, T. W. Rowley 4, S. F. Williams 5, F. A. Oakley 6. This quarter-peal was rung as a tribute of respect for an aged and life-long parishioner, Mrs. Elliott, who was buried that same day. The ringer of the treble is a boy of fourteen years. This is his first long length since he learnt to handle a bell about three months ago.

EWGHURST, SURREY.—On March 12th, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: James Rose (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Francis 2, Mrs. R. Whittington (first quarter-peal away from the treble) 3, William Tidy 4, John Luff 5, Robert Whittington (conductor) 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Saturday, March 13th, on the occasion of the marriage of Sergt. L. Rolfe, of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, and an esteemed member of the local band, to Miss T. Wallace, 408 Stedman Triples: L. Batting 1, H. Wingrove 2, J. Batting 3, H. Balaam 4, J. Blackmore 5, R. H. Young 6, R. Buckland 7, A. S. Bagley 8.—On March 17th, 210 Grandsire Triples and 254 Stedman Triples; also 400 Double Norwich: H. Wingrove 1, L. Batting 2, W. Horro 3, H. Cox 4, J. Batting 5, H. Balaam 6, J. W. Wilkins 7, R. Buckland 8; also 224 in the same method.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 14th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: C. W. Cooper 1, W. A. Pugh 2, Geo. H. Pagett 3, A. Whatmore 4, Jos. Smith 5, A. W. Dodd 6, R. Matthews (conductor) 7, William Hand 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Edser, senr., 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, A. Woodrow 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, A. F. Shepherd 5, F. J. Shepherd 6, Lieut. A. D. Sowell 7, J. Emery 8. Lieut. Sowell hails from St. Kea, Cornwall, and is now in training with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry at Witley. It is his first quarter of Major.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas's Parish Church, on Sunday, March 14th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples, also 504 in the same method: J. Simmonds 1, T. Scarnell 2, W. Chambers 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, Corpl. C. Blake (Royal Warwick Regiment) 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On March 14th, at St. Clement's Church, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. A. G. Wady, formerly Vicar of Horsley, 1160 Grandsire Doubles (each 120 called differently). Rung by the local members of the East Derbyshire Association.

DOVER, KENT.—On March 16th, at St. James' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: Lance-Corpl. T. Stroud, 10th Royal Sussex Regiment (conductor) 1, R. Stevens 2, C. R. Millway 3, C. Turner 4, W. H. Hollier 5, Sergt. J. R. Mackman, 10th East Surrey Regiment, 6.—On Sunday, March 21st, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks'), in 47 mins.: H. C. Saywell 1, R. Stevens 2, C. R. Millway 3, A. B. Bennett 4, Pte F. Smith (5th Royal Fusiliers) 5, Lance-Corpl. T. Stroud (10th Sussex Regiment) 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. J. Saunders 8. Arranged in honour of the visit to Dover of Mr. A. B. Bennett, of St. Mary Abbott's, South Kensington (late general secretary of the Sussex Association).

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On March 17th, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. —, Soden 1, H. Martin 2, J. Parton 3, G. Popnell 4, W. Boughton 5, W. Short (conductor) 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On March 18th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Dennis 1, W. Streeter 2, Pte C. A. Hughes 3, A. Gear 4, H. Edwards 5, T. Streeter 6, E. Harman (conductor) 7, W. Claydon 8. Pte C. A. Hughes, of the 17th Battalion County of London Regiment, has been billeted at Reigate for the last three months, and he has thus been able to frequently attend St. John's Church for practice, and to show their appreciation of his help the members arranged the quarter-peal as a farewell, his battalion being on the point of leaving the borough.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: G. R. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, G. King 4, W. W. Fox 5, H. Warnett, junr., 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and his daughter (Miss Nellie Warnett). Also to Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Simmonds, the wives of the ringers of the 5th and treble respectively.

AMERSHAM.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, March 21st, previous to evening service, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Trooper H. W. Tyrwhit-Drake, who died from pneumonia in France, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins.: F. Star 1, H. Edwards 2, W. Edwards 3, W. Horne (conductor) 4, A. Elburn 5, W. Vickery 6. First quarter-peal and longest length by all except the conductor. Mr. Drake joined the 19th Hussars at the commencement of war.

BRAINTREE.—For Matins, on Sunday, March 21st, at the Parish Church, 713 Grandsire Triples: H. Coots 1, H. E. Hammond 2, F. Webb 3, C. H. Howard 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Quartermaster-Sergt. W. A. Cave, R.E. (conductor) 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8. For evensong, 896 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Webb 1, H. E. Hammond 2, W. H. Hammond 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Quartermaster-Sergt. W. A. Cave 6, G. Lindridge 7, H. J. Collins 8.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On March 24th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Hubble 1, H. Martin, junr., 2, J. Parton 3, Wm. Shorl 4, G. Popnell 5, H. Martin (conductor) 6.

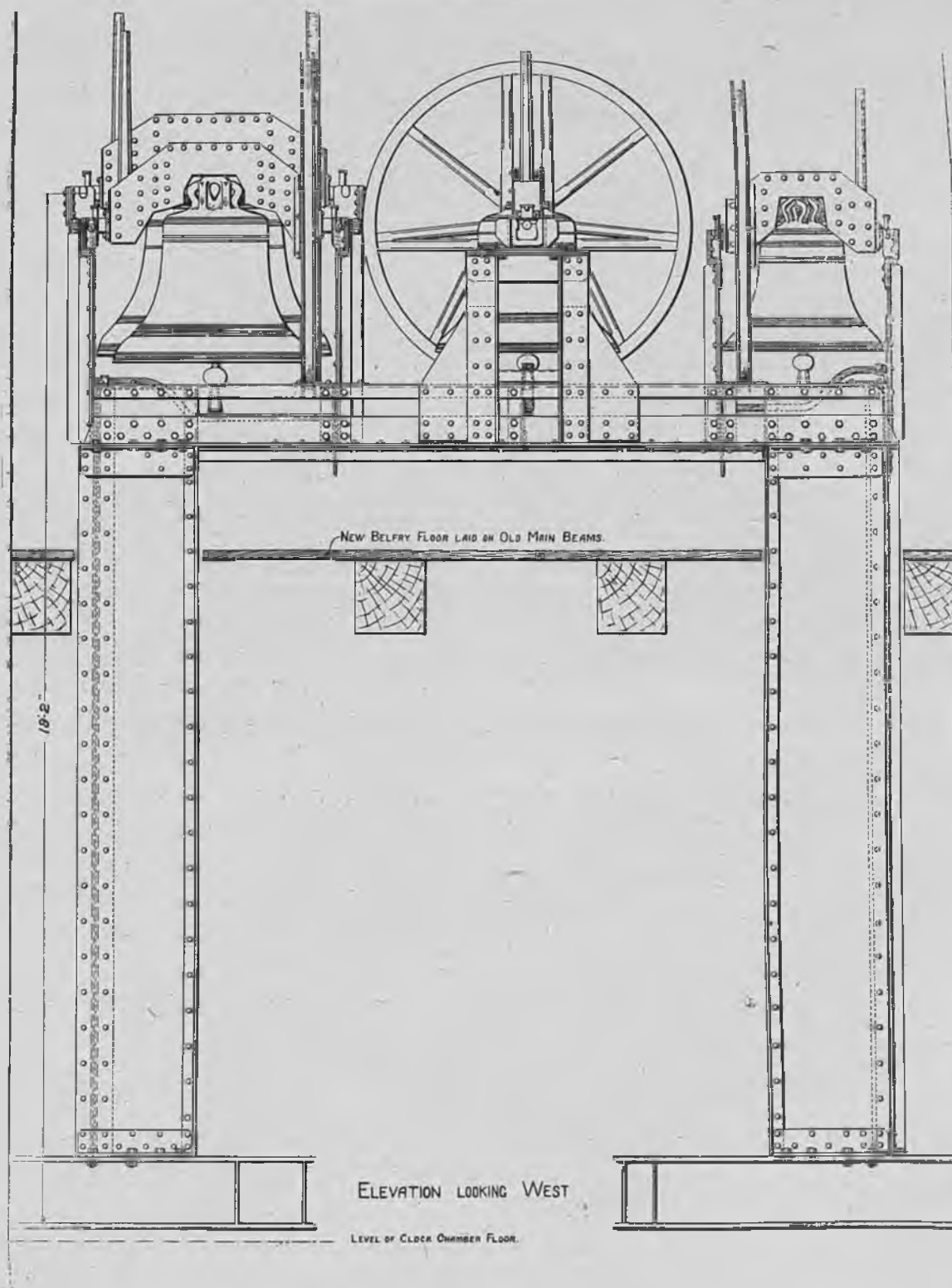
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By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY

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NOTICES.

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

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Albans, Easter Monday, April 5th, when the four towers of the City will be open for ringing at 2 o'clock. Choral Evensong in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address to ringers by the new Dean of St. Albans. 5.50 p.m., tea at the Abbey Institute, Romeland Hill entrance, followed by annual business meeting. In order to arrange satisfactorily for tea, I should be grateful for a postcard by Easter Monday's post notifying attendance. — G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Barmouth, N.W., at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tea will be provided in Church Hall at 4 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. Mocke, Maindee House, Barmouth, a week previous. Bells available all day.—H. Moore, 16, Poplar Road, Wrexham, Honorary Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The Easter meeting of the Central District will be held on Monday in Easter week, April 5th, at the Parish Church, Banstead. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea (members 3d., visitors 9d.), and short business meeting 5.45 at the Church Institute. Members of the Southern District and visitors will be welcome; please notify intention to be present before Thursday, April 1st to Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Guild will now be held at Emscote on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells available, Leamington (8) 11.30 till 1, and 3 till 4, Emscote (8) from 11 a.m., and St. Mary's (10) from 6 p.m. Dinner can be arranged at 1/6 per head at 1 o'clock at the Globe Hotel, if members will let me know by April 1st. Tea will be provided free at Emscote Vicarage at 4 o'clock for all who have let me know by March 30th. Committee Meeting at 3, at Emscote; General Meeting after tea. The Service has been cancelled.—H. Kettle, Hon. Secretary.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Scarborough on Easter Monday next, April 5th, 1915. The bells of the Parish Church (St. Mary's), tenor 21cwt., available for ringing. Dinner will be provided at Bailey's Central Cafe, 8, Newborough Street; Members 1/-, Non-Members 2/-. Ringers from any other Associations visiting Scarborough on the above day will receive a hearty welcome.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Easter Monday. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—H. Evans, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1915. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, at 2 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Claughton. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10) 11 to 12; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, expenses received, and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1. Peal Book on view.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at schoolroom at 5. Short service at 7 o'clock.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, 9, Colenso Road, Fareham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Dinner at St. Mary's Schoolroom at 1, meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's and St. Peter's will be available.—A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—ALTERATION OF ARRANGEMENTS for the annual meeting at Derby on Easter Monday, April 5th. The Committee will meet in St. Andrew's Church Schools at 3.45, general meeting at 4.30, at the same schools, for the election of officers, representatives to the Central Council and other business. The arrangements for the tea are cancelled, and there will be no church bell ringing.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—All being well on Saturday evening, April 10th, from 5 to 6 o'clock, Mr. Harry Withers, of Bournbrook, Birmingham, will give a selection of tunes, etc., on Coalbrookdale bells, also on Sunday morning, 10 to 11; afternoon, 2.30 to 3; evening, 5.45 to 6.30. There will be a short musical service in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Withers will probably give selections upon his dulcimer. Mr. Wallace Wall will also give a short organ recital.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The General Meeting of the Society will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m., at which the election of officers will take place.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery Branch will be held at Huntspill on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the School Room.—A. E. Moulton, Branch Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing meeting at Kettering on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Worksop on Saturday, April 11th, at the Priory Church of St. Cuthbert; 8 bells, available from 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 and from 7 to 8.30 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Secretary pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, April 10th, 1915. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 6d. each. Intending visitors please advise early.—H. Brownlee West, Honorary Branch Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on April 8th and 22nd, and for business on the 13th and 27th; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerell, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 17th annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (by kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Birch), on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. G. Langdon, M.A., Rector of Great Munden, Herts. Tea at 6 p.m., 7d. each to those who inform either of the honorary secretaries by April 7th of their intention of being present. Business meeting to follow, for election of officers, Central Council representatives, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Leonard's from 3 to 5, and after the meeting; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 7.30 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, April 17th, 1915. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock at George Inn. Business to follow. Association ringers are invited.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church at 5.15. Tea (9d.) in the Institute at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 13th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

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HONORARY MEMBERS.

In the annual report presented to the members of the Hertford County Association on Monday, the hon. secretary laid some stress upon the lack of financial help which is accorded to the Association by the clergy of those churches where, Sunday by Sunday, the ringers give their assistance by regularly ringing the bells for the services. This is a subject to which we have more than once referred in this column, and, even at the risk of being held to labour the point we return to it because of its importance. The proportion of clergy who support the ringing associations is very small and, in reality, nothing approaching the number which, we feel, ringers are entitled to expect. The Herts Association, as an instance, has over thirty towers where service ringing is regularly carried on, yet there are only seven incumbents who support the organisation.

It must not be thought that the absence of the names of clergy from the hon. members' list of a ringing society is evidence that the incumbents do not take any interest in the welfare of their own ringers. We believe that in the vast majority of cases in these days, the belfry does see something of the parson and that the ringers are made to feel that their office is recognised. Are we not, however, entitled to expect something more than this? The band of ringers affiliated to this or that tower is, usually, but a part of a larger body—the county or diocesan association—without the agency of which, it is only too well known, the conditions of the belfry would not be as satisfactory as they are to-day. The improvements which have taken place are the outcome of the work of the associations, and these improvements are no less in the direction of raising the standard of the ringers' ideals than of the ringing. Both should be, and in many cases are, the personal concern of the clergy, but there are, obviously, far too many instances in which the clergy fail to realise the source from which these improvements have arisen.

If they fully appreciated this we believe there would be no reason to lament the lack of clerical names on the hon. members' lists of our associations. Indeed, we do not think it is altogether due to the clergy themselves that so few of them, comparatively, financially support the ringing organisations. It is the rule rather than the exception to find the incumbent joining as an hon. member, if he is not already in the ranks. When an association meeting is held in his parish, which only goes to show that if the work of the organisation is properly brought before his notice his support can generally be counted upon. How best this may be accomplished is for the associations to decide to circularise the clergy, as the Yorkshire Association has done, is one of the means, and the personal appeal, which usually can best be made through the local bands, is another, while a third is provided by the means of meetings, as already mentioned.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 5, 1915, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... 2	HENRY L. GARFATH 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 8
DAVID WRIGHT 4	WILLIAM GROVES 9
ALFRED CLAYTON 5	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 3, 1915, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S FIVE-PART.

JOHN WADHAMS Treble	ARTHUR W. PIKE 5
HARRY BUNGAY 2	WALTER A. WEBB 6
LEONARD OSBORNE 3	CHARLES GILES 7
ALFRED T. REEVES 4	JOHN SWAIN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

This peal, with the ready consent of the Vicar, Rev. E. Broome, was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Joseph White, the captain of the Hurst band. Immediately after the ceremony the ladies' band rang the bells in rounds for a time, the peal following. The Vicar very kindly entertained the ringers to tea in the Parish Room and he was accorded the thanks of the company. H. Bungay hails from Binfield, J. Wadhams and A. W. Pike from Sonning, the remainder from Reading.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 3, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

Tenor, 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS WHITE 5
PTE. FRANK R. CUNDALE ... 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	JAMES L. WRIGHT 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES L. WRIGHT.

Rung for the wedding of Miss E. Lindop and Mr. H. Keeling. Pte. F. R. Cundale belongs to Leeds and is stationed at Darley Dale with the 8th West Yorks. Regt.

SIX BELL PEAL.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 5th, 1915, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

HENRY BRIGGS Treble	GEORGE WOOD 4
W. HYDE INGLESANT ... 2	JOHN GARRATT 5
*CHARLES BROWN 3	HARRY WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by HENRY BRIGGS.

*First peal. Rung for the Easter festival. The band, through the medium of the "Ringing World," wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. A. G. Lound, for permission to ring the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 29, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At 22, WILLIS ROAD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* WILLIAM JACKSON ... 1—2 | HAROLD JACKSON ... 5—6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3—4 | † EDWARD A. JACKSON ... 7—8
Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Umpire: THOS. JACKSON.

* First peal in hand. † First peal.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At 24, WIMBORNE GARDENS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Bells, Size 15 in C.

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... 1—2 | ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4 | WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 7—8
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

This peal was rung on the 56th anniversary of the birthday of the ringer of 7—8; and upon handbells, part of a set of 52 in chromatic scale, cast at Aldbourne, Wilts. his birthplace; founder, Robert Wells; date of casting, 1788. During the peal the bells "before" were checked by Mr. C. Edwards.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ...	76	6	0
Bushey Society, March contribution ...	0	4	6
"Wanderer," March contribution ...	0	2	0
Mrs. "Wanderer," March contribution ...	0	2	0
Total ...	£76	14	0

SITTINGBOURNE'S PATRIOTIC CHURCH OFFICIALS.

Sittingbourne's Church of St. Michael must nearly hold the record for its patriotic list of church officials. The only curate, the organist, sixteen choirmen and ten of the bell ringers have gone on active service. The names of three of the ringers have already been published, those of the other seven will be found in the "Roll of Honour" to-day.

Despite the absence of so many of the band, a company was whipped up for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, which event was kept up in great style at Sittingbourne, where the 4th and 5th Battalions of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers are stationed. In the evening, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: J. Excell 1, E. J. Bottle 2, S. Taylor 3, W. Spice 4, F. S. Macey 5, H. E. Simpson (conductor) 6, E. J. Dobbie 7, A. Burley 8.

RINGERS' BEREAVEMENTS.

Much sympathy, we are sure, will be extended by members of the Exercise to two well-known ringers who have sustained heavy bereavement.

Mr. William Pye, the Master of the Middlesex Association, who resides at 8, Sansom Road, Leytonstone, has lost his wife by death. Mrs. Pye had been ill for some four months, and despite all that medical skill could do she passed away on the afternoon of Good Friday.

Mr. Robert H. Brundle, a much-respected member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, and of the Norwich Association, has also suffered a great loss by the death of his wife, Mrs. Louisa Brundle, who died after only five days' illness on March 25th, at the age of 62 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week, and in the evening, by the permission of the church authorities, the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect, and as a token of sympathy with Mr. Brundle and his four sons in their sudden bereavement. The touches included Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, conducted by Mr. James Motts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

The members of the Hertford County Association gathered at St. Albans on Monday as usual for their annual festival. During the day the towers of the churches of the city were thrown open to them, and touches rung in various methods. At five o'clock they assembled in the choir of the Cathedral for choral evensong, at which the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. G. W. Blenkin) delivered a very appropriate address on the words, "That I may finish my course with joy" (Acts xx. 24).

After the service tea was served at the Abbey Institute. Over a hundred sat down, and, at the conclusion of the repast, the business was transacted.

The Rev. Canon Papillon (President) was in the chair, and was supported by the Dean of St. Albans, the Rev. Canon Glossop, Mr. C. H. Howard and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Master and secretary respectively of the Essex Association). Mr. C. T. Coles (secretary of the Middlesex Association), Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer), Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary), Mr. H. Lewis, the Rev. B. Tyrwhitt-Drake, and others.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President said his year of office, from a ringing point of view, had been very uneventful. Of course, there had been events of absorbing interest—events that were changing the history and re-making the geography of Europe—going on all the time, but these events had imposed upon ringers, by general consent, a programme of masterly inactivity—they had abstained from bell ringing and done the best they could to keep things going until happier times returned, and they could ring peals in welcome of peace (applause). The President went on to say they all missed that day the genial presence of the late Dean Lawrence, who assisted at the birth of that Association, who sat by its cradle, and watched it grow to maturity with continued kindly interest. In welcoming his successor (the Very Rev. Dean Blenkin), he would say no more at present than that they were very glad to see him present, and accepted it as an earnest of the interest he would take in the ringers of St. Albans and Hertfordshire. They had also lost another old friend and staunch supporter of ringing in the city, namely, Mr. H. Lee Waddington, since they last met. They were glad to welcome with them that day the Master and hon. secretary of the Essex Association—Mr. C. H. Howard and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, and also the secretary of the Middlesex Association, Mr. Coles (applause). They were always pleased when members of other associations visited them at their annual festival, and he hoped that on that occasion their visitors would see by the large number who attended that gathering that the Hertfordshire Association was living, and flourishing, and keen. He was particularly glad to welcome the head of the Essex Association. Perhaps he knew more than anybody else what they had done for ringing in Essex, and for the management of an Association which now numbered about nine hundred members.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. Charles Howard, Master of the Essex Association, was elected an honorary life member of the Association, and the Dean of St. Albans was also elected an honorary member.

A number of ringing members were also elected, including the following: A. J. Trappitt (Barnet), Cyril Wright and Wm. C. Lawrence (Aldenham), Bertram Coote (Harpenden), R. Melville (Tring), Ernest Day (Hitchin), H. C. Childs, A. Groom and F. Bennett (North Mymms), J. H. H. Dye, C. Pentimmon and W. Page (All Saints', Hertford), F. Downman and G. Radley, junr. (Bromsbury), W. Williams (Little Munden), H. E. Browne, H. Haines, W. F. Codling, A. E. Cooper, G. A. French and J. Vernon (Oxhey), W. B. Manning (Royston), F. Sear and Bert Arnold (St. Albans Abbey), W. H. Newell, Owen Bayes, and Ernest Smith (Berkhamsted), P. Parslow and A. Andrews (Bushey), and C. S. Burden (Bermondsey), life member: L. Rush, R. Smith and H. Cheshire (St. Stephen's, St. Albans), F. G. Tegg, N. A. Tomlinson, E. G. Tomlinson, and G. W. Fletcher (Southgate).

The honorary treasurer's financial statement showed that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £4 8s. 7d. The subscriptions amounted to £21 5s. 1d. The expenses of the annual meeting which fell upon the society amounted to £4 9s. 9d. The year ended with a balance in hand of £2 1s. 6d. The reserve fund amounted to £21 6s. 5d.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

In his annual report, the Hon. Secretary first referred to the momentous times in which we are living, and pointed out that as a result they missed many faces from their meeting, of men whose years and physique befitted them for the task of actively defending the cause of King and country, who had joined His Majesty's forces on land and sea. They honoured them for their courage and patriotism, and wished them God-speed and a safe return. In this terrible conflict they needed a long pull, and a strong pull, and he felt sure that their ringers at the front, and in the home defence, would not cry "Stand" until they heard the welcome call, or its equivalent, "This is all." In consequence, their belfries were somewhat depleted in ringers, and what were strong bands a few months ago were now very weak, and often a difficulty was experienced in getting sufficient to ring. The circumstances warranted an appeal to many older ringers who had laid ring-

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ing aside for awhile to again take up the work. The advisability of instructing new men (preferably lads) in the mysteries of ringing, should also not be forgotten. It needed a little sacrifice of time; but they must remember that it was the same sacrifice that enabled themselves to learn.

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO DEAN LAWRENCE.

Continuing, the report stated that during the year death had removed from the ranks of the Association three of their oldest supporters: Mr. Henry Lee Waddington, who acted as President in 1911, and was present at the inaugural meeting of the Association in 1884; the Rev. Canon Davys, a most consistent supporter from the very beginning; and Dean Lawrence. "I can unhesitatingly say," remarked the Hon. Secretary, "that the Association has never had a better friend than Dean Lawrence. He ever regarded it an honour that this Association was formed under his roof at the Rectory, and rejoiced with us at the success attained, after much patient toil. However tired, after the exertion of Easter Sunday, he could not resist the opportunity afforded of meeting the members round the tea table, and by his vivacious and inimitable remarks, seasoned always with pregnant words of counsel, contributed greatly to the success of our gatherings. From the annual meeting in 1896, up to last year, he never missed a meeting, and as he preached on two occasions previous to that date, in all probability he never missed a single one of the annual meetings held in St. Albans—24 in number. It fell to his choice to give the address at the annual service on fourteen occasions, and he always unearthed some 'fresh touch.' In 1913 he became our honoured President, and in acknowledging the honour conferred upon him, said: 'The Association had well justified the hopes expressed for its future when formed at his house.'"

Half-muffled touches were rung upon the bells throughout the county as a token of sympathy and to the memory of a good friend. Anticipating that some day, when the war clouds have rolled away, a movement might be initiated to raise a memorial to the late Dean, might I suggest, with your concurrence, the feasibility of augmenting the Cathedral ring to a peal of ten or even twelve bells, as a project worthy of consideration, and a befitting memorial to perpetuate the late Dean's love of church bells, and his keen association with the bell ringers of Hertfordshire. Death has also called away Miss Margery Sampson, a talented ringer of great promise, and Mr. J. Wells, of Tring.

NO PEAL RINGING.

As regards peal ringing achievements very little can be said, as only two peals have been rung, both conducted by Mr. W. H. Lawrence: a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, at Bennington, believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells; and a peal of Minor, in seven methods, at Little Munden, half-muffled.

As regards the work of the district secretaries, actual aggressive work has been out of the question. Our western secretary having joined the forces, the work has remained in abeyance in his division. In the Northern Division Mr. Bacon tried to arrange a meeting at Knebworth, but without success. Mr. Lawrence did not arrange any meetings in his district. The work of collecting the subscriptions has, of course, been continued by them, and whatever they have done, whether much or little, we are grateful to them for the services so faithfully rendered. They have their disappointments (we all have) when appeals fail to meet with response, and consequently the treasurer's funds fall short of the silver coins. But, Macawber-like, they are always optimistic enough to expect that something will turn up. We are grateful to our honorary members for their most welcome support, but I should like to see a more general sympathy shown by the benefited clergy. We have between 30 and 40 bands, who ring year in and year out, yet we have only seven benefited clergy attached as honorary members. A little practical sympathy would be appreciated in this direction.

After paying a tribute to the thoroughness with which the auditor did his work, the Hon. Secretary concluded his report with a few homely maxims: "Let us," he said, "never be late for ringing, Sundays especially. The ten minutes multiplied by six, eight or ten, is a lamentable loss of valuable time, and often prevents a probationer from having a pull. In a word, be thoughtful for others: forget self. Let us always ring our best: it is a service rendered to God. Bad ringing satisfies nobody, pleases nobody, encourages nobody—not even the ringers. The best that can be said of it is—it is bad. Let the belfry steps lead to the pew whenever possible. If the parson won't come into the tower, let him see us in the pew. It may even capture his interest in the ringers. Lastly, let us all strive to be manly and true to Almighty God, diligent in our service as bell ringers, that when in His good Providence peace is restored to the nations, we may be able to take our part in sending forth a joyous peal of thanksgiving and praise from the belfries of our churches."

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The President announced that the committee had selected Mr. E. P. Debenham, of St. Albans, as the most suitable person to be President this year. They all knew what Mr. Debenham had done for ringing in St. Albans. If every churchwarden throughout the country took a quarter of the interest in ringing, and if they were seen even one-tenth of the times in the belfry that the churchwarden of St. Peter's might be seen, there would be a very different state of things in many of the belfries of the country. He had very great pleasure in proposing that Mr. Debenham should be their President for the ensuing year.

Mr. R. Hammond seconded. He said all who knew Mr. Debenham had learned to respect and love him as a ringer. The interest he had taken in the Association was second to none, and they could not have done better than secure him as their President. He hoped they would see him round the different towers in the course of the year, although he knew there was very great pressure upon his time.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

The President-elect, when returning thanks for his election, recalled the fact that he was the second honorary secretary of the Association in 1888, and held office for some fifteen years. He had had a great deal of assistance from Mr. Cartmel throughout his connection with the Association. The fact that, during its thirty and a half years of existence the Association had had only three honorary secretaries—Canon Wigram being the first, himself the second, and Mr. Cartmel the third—spoke very well for the Association. Mr. Debenham recalled that he served as President seven years ago, and that this year he had completed forty years in St. Peter's tower. Mr. Arthur Hull and Mr. Ted Hull had also accomplished a similar period of time in the same belfry. This was rather a unique experience. Until better days came the ringers would be ready and willing to do all in their power to keep the bells ringing in the best way they could. Meanwhile, they were not idle, and though the bells might not be ringing frequently, that did not prevent change ringing being taught in the various towers. There was a good deal of quiet work going on, not only in Hertfordshire, but in other places.

Mr. E. P. Debenham was also re-elected honorary treasurer.

THE HON. SECRETARY.

The newly-elected President proceeded to propose the re-election of Mr. G. W. Cartmel as hon. secretary with thanks for the services he had so ungrudgingly rendered to the Association for many years past.

Mr. R. Hammond seconded, and said the members of the Cathedral Society of Change Ringers had been very grateful to Mr. Cartmel for filling a breach in the band caused by the absence of members on active service.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel, replying, thanked the members for electing him for the twelfth time to the position of hon. secretary. He said it was a great pleasure to him to do anything he could to help forward ringing. When they had year by year these gatherings of ringers, it was a great inspiration to go forward with this work of the Church. There was a great deal for him to do, but when one's heart was in that task it made it ten times lighter.

Mr. Bertram Prewett was re-elected hon. auditor and representative on the Central Council, and Messrs. F. R. Bacon, W. H. Lawrence and H. Eden were re-elected hon. district secretaries, Mr. R. Kirby being re-elected hon. librarian.

THANKS.

Canon Papillon proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean of St. Albans for his address, which, he said, they regarded as an earnest of the Dean's desire to be friendly and sympathetic with the ringers. Those who had heard that address must have thought that the Dean had been a ringer all his life.

The Rev. B. Tyrwhitt-Drake, supporting the vote of thanks, suggested that as the Dean had evidently learned the most difficult part of ringing—the language—he would suggest that he should learn the other part, which was ringing (applause).

The Dean of St. Albans, replying to the last speaker's suggestion, said he was among those who had what had been described by some speakers on that occasion as "increasing weight," and, as they used to sing in an old Harrow song, he was now "Shorter in wind as in memory long" (laughter). For a great many years he was in Cambridge, where there was a good deal of ringing, but his days were so fully occupied that he had no opportunity of practising the art. He had, however, a number of friends and pupils who were good ringers, including the Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyn, who was, perhaps, the only bridegroom who rang his bride to church. When he was at Bradbury, in the Isle of Wight, for the first time in a hundred years, an Island band succeeded in getting a peal, and one of his curates who used to chime for daily service managed to chime seven bells himself—taking one rope with each hand, one with each foot, one under each arm-pit, and one round his neck (laughter). In that way he could chime seven and make them ring true, and he had said he was determined to get eight. The Dean added that when quite a small boy at Boston Stump he used to chime the bells. There there was a clear drop of 200 feet from the ringing chamber to the ground floor, and he was able to chime them, but when he was installed Dean of St. Albans they tied a string to the clapper and he could only make the bell speak once. Though he had taken no actual part in change ringing, he wished the Association every success and every blessing, and he hoped, now that the diocese had been reconstituted, they might have a little welcome to the Bedfordshire Association (hear, hear). He was afraid that would not take place this year unless we experienced the blessing of peace earlier than they contemplated. The Dean closed by emphasising the passage in the annual report, in which the ringers were urged to visit the pews, and said he always liked to regard ringers in a very real sense as being church workers.

The proceedings of the annual meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Dean and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's for granting the use of their bells for the day, and to Canon Papillon for presiding.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S NEW PRESIDENT.

MR. E. P. DEBENHAM'S WORK FOR RINGING.

For some years past it has been the custom of the Hertford County Association to pass round the honour of occupancy of the presidential office, and on Monday, at the annual meeting, Mr. E. P. Debenham, one of the society's oldest and most esteemed members, and its present treasurer, was elected to the position, in succession to Canon Papillon. Although Mr. Debenham has once before filled the post, his appointment this year is but a just recognition of his continued service in furthering the work of the



MR. E. P. DEBENHAM.

Association, which has received his most active assistance ever since its foundation in 1884.

Mr. Edward Percy Debenham was born on Sunday, November 28th, 1858, at Ivy House, St. Albans (adjacent to St. Peter's Church) so he has probably heard the sound of bells from the day of his birth. The ringing of bells has always had a fascination for him, and it was no matter for wonder that at the age of only 16 years he sought participation in the Art. On March 18th, 1875—exactly 40 years ago—he had his first practice in St. Peter's belfry.

Mr. Debenham was identified first of all with the St. Albans Association of Change Ringers, which was formed in January, 1876, chiefly through the energies of Messrs. T. Bamford, A. Godman, H. Younger, T. Waller, Henry Lewis and W. Heath. The late Mr. J. R. Haworth was engaged as instructor, and the band met twice weekly, the

late Mr. J. Cox and Mr. J. Pettit also giving assistance. The band progressed as far as Grandsire Triples, and disbanded about the years 1880-1. In 1878 Mr. Debenham was asked to take over the conductorship of St. Peter's Society, and he has remained at his post ever since, also adding to his office that of treasurer to the society.

He is essentially fond of "spade" work, and the hours spent in the belfry (often going straight from his office without thinking of his meal) coaching beginners, testifies to the reality of his keenness for bell ringing. Business appointments, both on Saturday and other evenings, however, have prevented him from taking part in as much peal ringing as he wished; at the same time he has rung a fair number, and is always considered safe whether in the tower or with a pair of handbells. He is passionately fond of handbell ringing, and in the early days formed one of the band of St. Albans' men who took up handbell ringing so successfully. If he lacks time on week days, no one could be more regular in his Sunday attendance in the belfry, and from the discharge of this duty he is scarcely ever missing.

He scored his first peal at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on March 2nd, 1878. It was conducted by Matt. Wood, and Mr. Debenham also rang his first of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major at the same church. He took part in the first local peal at the Cathedral at St. Albans on the 4th April, 1883. He joined the Herts Association on its inception in October, 1884, and was secretary for many years, succeeding the late Canon Wigram, and resigning in 1905, owing to pressure of professional business. At the same meeting, however, he was appointed its treasurer, which post he still holds. In the year 1907 he was elected President of the Herts Association, and it was at his suggestion during the time he held the post that the office was made an annual appointment. He felt that as the society had few honours to bestow the presidency should be offered to other members.

Besides his ringing activities Mr. Debenham has been a churchwarden of St. Peter's Church since Easter, 1896, and a more active representative could not be found. The church is his home. If you wish to find him on a Sunday he is either in the church or the belfry. He is a member of the St. Albans Diocesan Conference, and the Ruri-Decanal Conference. He became a Freemason in 1882, and received honours in the Grand Lodge of England in April, 1914. He holds the post of Past Provincial Grand Registrar of Hertfordshire, and is treasurer of the Halsey Lodge, which meets at St. Albans, and is named after the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, the present Deputy Grand Master of England.

He was admitted a solicitor in April, 1881, and in 1883 joined the firm of Messrs. Thompson and Debenhams, of London and St. Albans, of which firm he is now senior partner. In 1894 he was appointed clerk to the St. Albans School Board, and still acts as clerk to the Managers of the County Council Schools of St. Albans. In 1899 he was appointed clerk to the Income Tax and Land Tax Commissioners of the district, and in 1909, on the death of his brother, succeeded him as town clerk of the City of St. Albans and clerk to the governors of the St. Albans Grammar School, where he was educated.

In April, 1897, he married Miss Bessie Harriet Burt, of Needham Market, Suffolk, and has four children, two boys and two girls. The eldest, known familiarly as Master George, has already exhibited a great love of bells, pursu-

ing his hobby of collecting dates and inscriptions in the belfries where he can gain access. He is learning to handle a bell, and but for the fact that his opportunities are few, would probably have scored some touch before now.

Despite the many claims upon his time, Mr. E. P. Debenham is still heart and soul in ringing, and it was due to his perseverance, aided by other young enthusiasts, that change ringing became general in St. Peter's belfry. The band was formerly a "stoney" company, but by tact the whole of the members were retained and all have succeeded in ringing peals. Under Mr. Debenham's conductorship there has sprung up a wonderful cohesion among the members of St. Peter's, and one of the band, Mr. T. Conley, has rung at the church for over 50 years, and still takes his place each Sunday. Mr. Debenham is extremely keen when ringing, and his stamp upon the belfry floor, when a mistake is made, is proverbial. He has a retentive memory, and a quick ear, and can follow the coursing order of bells when out of the tower, and can tell the touch of Grandsire that has been called, or where a mistake was made. His willingness to help beginners has been extended beyond the towers of St. Albans, and several bands in the district have benefited by the assistance he has been ready to give at every opportunity. In addition to his long connection with the Hertford County Association, Mr. Debenham is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

As mentioned above, Mr. Debenham's first peal was rung at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on March 2nd, 1878, but it was not until April, 1883, that he rang another, and it was Sept., 1885, before he rang his third, and Feb., 1887, before he scored his fourth. All these were Grandsire Triples. It was towards the end of 1887 that the St. Alban's handbell band started peal ringing operations. Mr. Debenham rang 3—4 to Grandsire Triples on Sept. 12th, 1887, and thereafter, up to 1890, there followed peals of Grandsire Caters and Triples, Bob Triples, Major and Royal, in 18 of which Mr. Debenham took part. His first peal as conductor was on tower bells at St. Peter's Church in December, 1887, and altogether he has scored 53 tower bell peals, the last of which was in 1909. We hope Mr. Debenham and others, like the hon. sec. of the Association (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) who was associated with him in much of his early ringing, and who have now been out of peal ringing for some years, may at least come back again to join in those peals of joy and thanksgiving when peace is proclaimed. Appended is the list of Mr. Debenham's peals:—

	Tower bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Grandsire Triples ...	29	15	4	1
Grandsire Caters ...	8	5	5	
Stedman Triples ...	4			
Stedman Caters ...	2			
Bob Triples ...	4		3	
Bob Major ...	4		5	
Bob Royal ...	1		1	
Treble Bob Major ...	1			
	53	20	18	1

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On March 21st, for Evening Service, 1260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 46 mins.: R. Wood 1, F. W. Edwards 2, F. G. Radley 3, G. W. Lorrell 4, H. Head 5, Pte. V. Bennett 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8. Arranged as a farewell touch for Pte. V. Bennett, 4th Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, now leaving for the front.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M. Forces:—

- Lance-Corpl Abberley, of St. Michael's, Stone, Staffs (4018193), 18th Divisional Train, 152 Company A.S.C., at Earl's Colne, Essex.
- Driver H. Goodall, of St. Michael's, Stone, Staffs (1559), Transport Section 1—5, North Staffs Regiment, 1st North Midland Brigade, British Expeditionary Force.
- Corpl. A. C. Otway, of Leatherhead, Surrey, 5th (Reserve) Batt. East Surrey Regiment.
- Sergt. Robt. W. Falconer, of All Saints', Gosforth, Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry, 16th Service Batt., Northumberland Fusiliers, now at Alnwick Park, Northumberland.
- Sydney Ernest Daynes, of St. Nicholas', Deptford, Rifle Brigade, now at High Wycombe.
- Pte W. Siddall, of All Saints', Stand, Whitefield, Lancs, 13th Middlesex Regiment, now at Shoreham.
- Pte H. Huntley Noakes, of St. Stephen's, West Ealing, 25th County of London Cyclist Battalion.
- From St. Michael's Church, Sittingbourne:—
- Rev. H. McCalman, Chaplain to the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd Battalions of the Lancashire Regiment stationed at Morecambe.
- Sergt. H. J. Tidy, Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles.
- Tpr. B. Tidy, Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles.
- Pte J. Jarrett, Army Service Corps.
- Pte S. Bottle, 4th Buffs.
- Tpr. W. Measday, 12th Lancers.
- Lance-Corpl. F. Macted, 16th Lancers.

THE LATE MR. G. J. CLARKSON,



whose death, at Stockton-on-Tees, we recorded in a recent issue. He was one of the founders of the Durham and Newcastle Association, of which he was secretary for some years, and of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, in which he occupied the position of President. He was mainly instrumental in increasing the peal at Stockton from six to ten, giving one of the new bells himself. His genial presence will be much missed in northern ringing circles.

NEW PEAL AT ERITH.

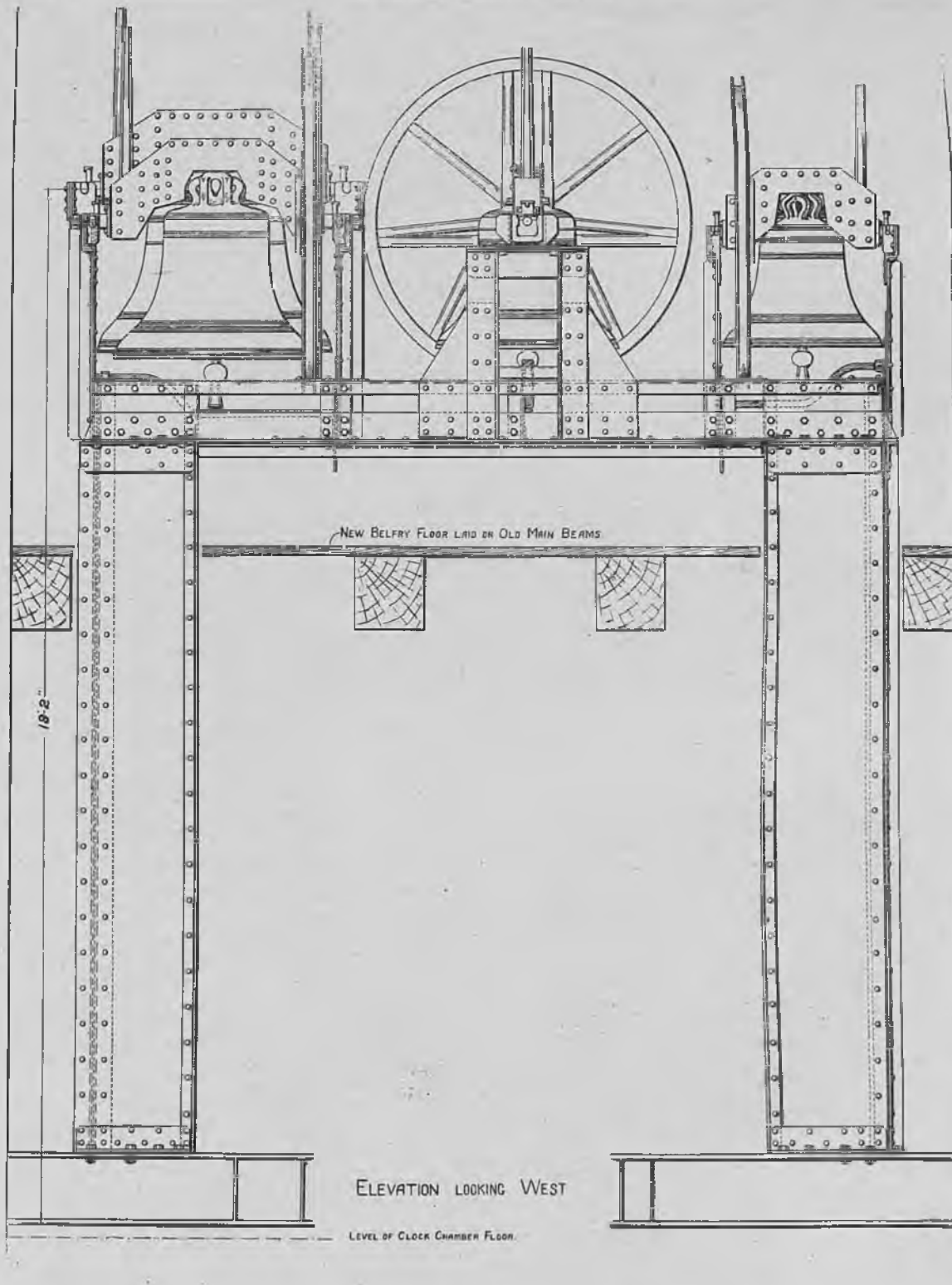
A new ring of eight bells have just been placed in a new tower at Christ Church, Erith, by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry. At a trial of the new bells on Thursday of last week, the ringers found everything to their satisfaction. The tenor is 17 cwt. 23 lbs., in E flat.

The peal of eight bells at Darlington have just been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and have been re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Auckland.

Further particulars of these bells will be given in our next issue.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of some of the Essex members of the Ely Association was held at Earl's Colne on Easter Monday, the bells of the Parish Church being kindly placed at the disposal of members by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Methuen). The first touch was 1120 Superlative Surprise, which was followed by a course of Double Court Minor, in which one of the old local ringers, Mr. D. Claydon, who is now enjoying his well-deserved old age pension, took part. A capital tea was partaken of at the Lion Hotel, after which other touches were rung in various methods, including London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, etc. A social hour was afterwards spent at the Lion Hotel, where handbell ringing was indulged in till closing time, which, owing to the presence of "gentlemen in khaki," is no later than 9.15.



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THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. DEATH OF AN OLD AND VALUED MEMBER.

A meeting of the North and East District, held on Saturday week at Walthamstow, was a very successful and enjoyable one. Ringing took place in the afternoon at St. Saviour's Church, touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative and Bristol Surprise being rung. A short service was held, at which an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Siddans), whose remarks were much appreciated by the ringers present.

Tea was served in the Mission Room adjoining, and was followed by the business meeting. The chair was taken by the district vice-president (Mr. F. A. Milne), and three new members were elected.

The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells, and also to the Rev. H. D. Lampen for the use of the bells at St. Mary's Church, which were placed at the disposal of the members for ringing in the evening. Mr. Milne also thanked the ringers at each tower for their kind welcome to the Association, and also the caterer and the ladies who had helped at tea.

The Hon. Secretary referred to the death of Mr. W. Tubb, of Finchley, which had taken place a few days previously. Mr. Tubb had been a member of the Association since its formation, and was a member of the old North Middlesex Association, previous to the present society being formed. He had been connected with the Finchley band for about 50 years. Mr. Coles proposed that a vote of condolence be passed and forwarded to the family of the late Mr. Tubb, expressing the great sympathy of the members in their bereavement. — This was seconded by Mr. Milne, who spoke of the great help given to the society in its early days by Mr. Tubb. He suggested that the resolution should be placed on the minutes as a token of their appreciation of the work done for the Association by the late member. — This was unanimously agreed to.

After the meeting the members adjourned to St. Mary's Church, where they were welcomed by Mr. F. Rumens, on behalf of the local society. Touches of Stedman and Grand-sire Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal were very much enjoyed, and the ringing concluded with a course of London Surprise Major. Over 40 members and friends were present during the afternoon and evening, and all went away with pleasant recollections of a most enjoyable meeting.

EASTER RINGING.

The following touches were rung on Easter Day:—

WOKING.—At St. Peter Church, for morning service, 720 Bow Minor: L. Street 1, J. Lloyd 2, G. Harding 3, D. Hampton 4, J. Brackley 5, T. Strudwick 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Edwards 1, J. Lloyd 2, G. Harding 3, G. Huxley (Bromley, Kent) 4, I. Brackley 5, T. Strudwick 6.

IPSWICH.—At St. Mary-le-Tower Church, for morning service, a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus: E. Pemberton 1, A. S. Boar 2, W. Garrett 3, W. Molts 4, C. Sedgley 5, *W. Kinsey 6, W. I. Catchpole 7, C. A. Catchpole 8, H. C. Gillingham 9, *E. Burgess 10, E. Evans 11, J. Molts 12. * First course in method.

BRAINTREE.—For the 5.30 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, a touch of Grand-sire Triples, and for evensong, 768 Kent Treble Bob: F. Webb 1, H. E. Hammond 2, C. H. Howard 3, Q.-M.-S. Cave, R.E. (conductor) 4, H. W. Dyson 5, Sapper E. Ridler 6, G. Lindridge 7, H. J. Collins 8.

RAYNE.—For first evensong, 720 Oxford and 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard 2, H. E. Hammond 3, H. W. Dyson 4, Sapper E. Ridler, R.E., 5, Q.-M.-S. Cave, R.E. (conductor) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. Evans 1, W. Smith 2, A. J. Stanley 3, C. H. Perry 4, J. Cox 5, R. Bunstone 6, D. R. James (conductor) 7, B. Toby 8.

EALING.—For the morning service, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, 574 Grand-sire Triples: C. Edwards 1, J. Walsom (conductor) 2, J. Hunnisett 3, A. Himes 4, Pte J. A. Snow ("Devous") 5, W. Lawrence 6, A. Harding 7, P. Harris 8.

WEST EALING.—For evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, 636 Grand-sire Triples: C. Edwards 1, J. Hunnisett 2, Pte J. A. Snow 3, G. Harbour 4, J. A. Trollope 5, G. Spencer (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, W. Lawrence 8.

PRESENTATION.

At Langport Church, Somerset, on Easter Day, a presentation was made to Mr. A. Kentfield, one of the ringers, who, to the great regret of the band, is leaving the district for Plymouth. The gifts consisted of a clock, subscribed to by the Langport ringers, and a framed photo of the vestry door of the church. The Vicar made the presentation in a few well-chosen words, wishing Mr. Kentfield success in his new position.

As a farewell, two touches of Bob Minor were rung, the first, a 300, by: W. White 1, T. Creed 2, T. J. Lloyd 3, K. Kentfield 4, C. Sandford 5, G. Locke 6; the second, a full 720: T. W. Creed 1, A. Whendon 2, T. J. Lloyd (conductor) 3, A. Kentfield 4, C. Sandford (first 720) 5, G. Locke 6.

NOTICES.

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

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

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—All being well on Saturday evening, April 10th, from 5 to 6 o'clock, Mr. Harry Withers, of Bournbrook, Birmingham, will give a selection of tunes, etc., on Coalbrookdale bells, also on Sunday morning, 10 to 11; afternoon, 2.30 to 3; evening, 5.45 to 6.30. There will be a short musical service in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Withers will probably give selections upon his dulcimer. Mr. Wallace Wall will also give a short organ recital.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Branch Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing meeting at Kettering on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. —F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Worksop on Saturday, April 11th, at the Priory Church of St. Cuthbert; 8 bells, available from 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 and from 7 to 8.30 p.m. —Sam Thomas, Secretary pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, April 10th, 1915. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 6d. each. Intending visitors please advise early. —H. Brownlee West, Honorary Branch Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on April 22nd, and for business on the 13th and 27th; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerell, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 17th annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (by kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Birch), on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. G. Langdon, M.A., Rector of Great Munden, Herts. Tea at 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow, for election of officers, Central Council representatives, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Leonard's from 3 to 5, and after the meeting; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 7.30 to 9. — C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, April 17th, 1915. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock at George Inn. Business to follow. Association ringers are invited.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bolton Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

PRACTICE AT CROYDON.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon (10), on Saturday, April 17th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Charles Dean.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, April 17th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided and the bells (8) available for ringing.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A. and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secretaries.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church at 5.15. Tea (9d.) in the Institute at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 13th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mathew's, Stretford, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells at 4.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deritend, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided free for those members who advise me not later than the 20th inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Wandsworth, Birmingham.

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WAR'S EFFECT ON MEETINGS.

The effect of the war on ringing has loomed largely in the business of the various associations who have met for their annual meetings during Easter, but, with one or two exceptions, it is noteworthy that the meetings themselves have been, really, very successful. In most cases, perhaps, there has been a falling off in the attendance, though that is probably due more to the suspension of cheap travelling facilities than to any other cause. For the most part, also, the clergy who have been approached have been willing to allow the bells of their churches to be rung, and the ringers have specially appreciated this permission at such a time.

The Midland Counties' Association's annual meeting at Derby seems to have been more affected by the conditions than any other, and the fact that the attendance in so large an organisation numbered less than a quarter of a hundred, goes to show that the average ringer does not care a great deal about the business of his association, as long as things go on satisfactorily. When he attends a meeting it is for the pleasure he gets of meeting old friends and having a "pull" with them; the purely business part of the proceedings, shorn of the opportunities for social intercourse, have very little attraction. At least the experience of the Midland Counties' Association points to this, for the small attendance may be directly traceable to the change of plans, which cancelled the ringing and made the fixing of arrangements for tea impossible. Sir Arthur Heywood, the president, has taken a strong line upon ringing in war time, and one must admire his consistency in the stand he took with regard to the use of bells for the Derby meeting. But the fact remains that with nothing but a purely business programme as an inducement to members, the Midland Counties' Association's gathering was numerically, at any rate, a very poor affair.

We are glad to see that the associations, wherever they meet, are hastening to secure that those of their members, who have demonstrated their patriotism by responding to the call to arms, shall not lose the connection with their respective organisations through unpaid subscriptions while they are engaged upon the stern task in which they are taking a hand. The numerous meetings held through Easter have shown a general desire on the part of ringers to honour their comrades, who are giving their all to their country. To ensure the retention of their membership while the war lasts is, of course, the least the associations could do, but we think that rather than the associations should suffer financially, it would be better and would show a greater individual appreciation of what is being done if the various towers paid the contributions of their absent members. Where a large number have gone from one belfry this might not be possible, and in such cases, perhaps, a part might be raised by those who remain behind.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Easter Tuesday, April 6, 1915, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5020 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
SAMUEL COTTON 2	T. LEONARD ALLEN 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 8
HAROLD G. JENNEY, P.C. 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
ERNEST MORRIS 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 5th, 1915, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	FRANK WITHERS 5
PERCY LAFLIN 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
CHARLES WAITMAN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
GEORGE GARRISON 4	*CHARLES WEBB Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

* First peal. This completed the conductor's 50 peals which have been rung in 20 different towers. Rung as a wedding peal on the marriage of Miss Florence Palmer (daughter of Mr. W. Palmer, the tower-keeper) to Mr. William Crawford, of Bromsgrove. Mr. Palmer has now completed 50 years' service at the church. It was also a birthday peal for Mr. P. Laflin.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1915, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDGAR BOTTOMLEY Treble	†JAGGER RUSHWORTH 5
*FRANK BOOTH 2	ELI BARBER 6
EDWARD KERSHAW 3	ALBERT JAGGER 7
ERNEST LAWSON 4	*MALLINSON TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by J. FIRTH, and
Conducted by ALBERT JAGGER.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and tenor were proposed members of the Yorkshire Association previous to starting. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Samuel Lord Watkinson, the donor of the bells and tower, and brother of the Vicar.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1915, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THOMAS DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp

JOHN MARSDEN Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD 5
TOM LOFTHOUSE 2	PETER CROOK 6
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 3	REGINALD L. INCE 7
FRED RIGBY 4	WALTER BLACKLEDGE Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

First peal on the bells and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop Moorhouse, who passed away on the previous day. The ringers of the 5th and 6th hail from Bolton, 7th from Whittle-le-Wood, and the remainder from Chorley.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 10, 1915, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
VICTOR WHITE 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
*RICHARD ROUND 3	†ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
HARRY HILL 4	*GEORGE POPNELL Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Miss Wood, who for many years was an earnest church worker in the parish of Netherton.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1915, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN PALFRAMAN Treble	JAMES COTTERELL 5
GEORGE ROBINSON 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 4	THOMAS B. KENDALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

SIX BELL PEAL.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1915, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. J. TUNE Treble	G. C. TERRY 4
M. T. TUNE 2	E. D. TUNE 5
A. HATFIELD 3	REV. W. P. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by REV. W. P. WRIGHT.

Rung by the local band as a farewell peal to their Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Wright, President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, who is to be instituted Vicar of St. Silas Church, Sheffield, on April 15th.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving with H.M. Forces:—

- Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Chaplain to Forces.
- Second-Lieut. Francis J. L. Mitchell, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, Royal Garrison Artillery, Weymouth.
- Sergeant J. Bennett, Royal Marines, is now serving on H.M.S. "Phaeton."
- Spr. Wm. Gilmore, of St. Andrew's, West Hartlepool, Royal Engineers.
- Gnr. John Hughes, of St. Andrew's, West Hartlepool, Royal Garrison Artillery, stationed at Hartlepool.
- Robert E. Waterson, of the Fakenham, Norfolk, Society, 9th Batt. Norfolk Regiment, volunteered at Rangoon, India, and came home to serve with the regiment.
- W. M. Tuthill, of Fakenham, Norfolk, Divisional Royal Engineers.
- From St. John's Guild, Darlington:—
- Pte W. Broadley, A.O.C., last heard of on an armoured train at the front.
- Pte J. Craven, R.A.M.C., at the front.
- Pte A. Hunter, 5th Durham L.I., at Newcastle.
- Pte L. Venus, Medical Unit, R.N.D., Blandford, Dorset.
- From St. Chad's, Shrewsbury:—
- Pte F. Taylor,
- Pte E. Jones, and
- Pte T. W. Belton, Kitcheners' Army.
- Pte A. Tickner, Shropshire Regiment (T.), now in India.
- From St. Augustine's, Broxbourne, Herts:—
- Pte F. G. Saban, Herts Regiment (T.).
- Pte T. Clarke, Herts Regiment (T.).
- Pte A. Brenton, 4th Beds Regiment.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

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Amount already acknowledged	76	14	0
Ringers of Heston, Middlesex (per Mr. H. C. Chandler)	0	15	0
York Minster Society (March collection) (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	3	6
Total	£77	12	6

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT WARWICK.

The eighth annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Emscote on Easter Monday, and, taking everything into consideration, may be said to have been fairly successful, about 32 members being present from Allesley, Birmingham, Berkswell, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, Emscote, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke Golding, Southam, and Tamworth. The bells at Emscote and Leamington were raised about 11.30 a.m., and kept going in various methods, with intervals, till 4.30, when the members adjourned to Emscote Vicarage, where they sat down to an excellent tea, very kindly provided by Miss Dickins, and to which full justice was done.

After tea the business meeting was held, and the various officers appointed. The Rev. H. C. A. Back, of Berkswell, was elected President, in place of the Rev. A. Williams, who has resigned on account of ill-health and left the district, and it was resolved that a letter of thanks be written to him for his services to the Guild. The vice-presidents were all re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Canon Wood. Mr. James George was again elected Ringing Master; Mr. H. Kettle, hon. secretary; and Mr. G. Dickins and Mr. L. Lapworth, hon. treasurer and hon. auditor respectively. The following members were elected to serve on the committee: Mr. A. Roberts, Stoke-in-Coventry; Mr. A. J. Hessian, Rugby; Mr. T. Bloore, Sutton Coldfield; Mr. A. James, Berkswell; Mr. T. W. Chapman, Nuneaton; Mr. J. Upton, Wolvey; Mr. G. A. Martineau, Solihull; Mr. John King, Southam; Mr. John Pinfold, Dunchurch; and Mr. H. Reader, Chilvers Coton.

The Secretary reported that, owing to the war, only three peals had been rung since the last general meeting, held in June, and all these had been rung with the bells half-muffled, one at Stoke-in-Coventry in memory of Lord Roberts; one at Stoney Stanton in memory of Mr. C. H. Fowler, a life member of the Guild; and one at Erdington in memory of Mr. Genders, the donor of the bells.

The question of subscriptions of the numerous members who have enlisted was discussed, and it was resolved that these members should remain on the books without further payment till their return. Mr. H. O. White kindly offered to pay the subscriptions of the Rugby members who have joined the colours, and a suggestion was made that in every band where members had enlisted, the remainder should pay the subscriptions of the absentees between them, and this met with general approval.

It was also reported that two members of the Guild had been killed in action—Private Keen, of Tamworth, and Private Griffin, of the Southam band.

The quarterly meeting for July was arranged for Erdington, and a monthly meeting in May for Brinklow, while the President gave the members an invitation to Berkswell for the June meeting, which was accepted.

A very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Dickins for providing the tea, and to the clergy for the use of their bells, concluded the meeting.

The members afterwards adjourned to St. Mary's, Warwick, where the bells were kept going till 8.30. The methods rung during the day included Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, and Plain Bob Major and Bob Minor.

RINGERS AS CHURCHWARDENS.

At the Easter Vestry, held at St. Barnabas', Linslade, Bucks, Mr. A. Vickers was elected Vicar's churchwarden, in succession to Mr. W. Jeffs, who had held the office for 18 years. Mr. Vickers has been a ringer at St. Barnabas' for several years, and Mr. Jeffs was a former member of the band. Both Mr. Vickers and Mr. Jeffs are employees of the London and North Western Railway, the former as clerk in the district manager's office, and the latter as signaller at Leighton Buzzard Station.

WOUNDED AT NEUVE CHAPELLE.

A. E. Carder, a member of the Ickleton company, who is serving with the Cambridgeshire Regiment, was wounded in the left arm in the fighting at Neuve Chapelle on March 14th. We are pleased to hear he is progressing favourably.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

There was a capital attendance of members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at the annual meeting at Shoreditch on Saturday. The war had no serious effect upon the day's proceedings, except that some familiar faces were absent—detained by military duties elsewhere. Among these were Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse, the vice-president of the South and West District, and Pte B. Prewett, who has recently gone into training. The Master, Mr. William Pye, was also absent, but from another cause—the death of his wife—and many were the expressions of sympathy that were heard with him. Mr. Arthur T. King, the genial President, was once again among his old friends, and one could not help noting that the attendance included quite a number of men whose names have been familiar to the Exercise for well over a generation—such men as Mr. Isaac Shade, Mr. Ben. Foskett, Mr. Edwin Barnett, Mr. W. Doran, and Mr. James George, who had come up specially from Birmingham, to mention only a few. That the day's proceedings should centre round a twelve-bell tower made them all the more attractive, and most of the branches of the Association were represented. Indeed, quite early the belfry was crowded, and not a few of the visitors had their first pull on twelve.

The congregation that assembled in the church for the special service was of quite goodly proportions. The Rector (the Rev. E. F. Birch) officiated, and the sermon was preached by the Vicar of Little Munden, Heris (the Rev. A. G. Langdon) himself a ringer and a past President to the Berks County Association. He based his address on the words: "I will not offer unto the Lord my God that which doth cost me nothing" (2 Samuel xxiv, 24), and here are some of the salient points from his remarks:—

"Why," he asked, "do we want a service or a sermon when ringers come together?" Possibly one answer is that it is because ringing in our minds is connected very largely with the service of God, and it is certainly connected with the House of God. Where else in this country, except in the House of God, can you find a peal of bells like that upon which we have been exercising ourselves this afternoon? There is nothing particularly sacred about bell ringing, any more than there is about any other exercise, and yet it is connected in our minds and always will be, I believe, with the Church of God. Now there is another, and I believe, a deeper and, maybe, a truer answer to the question than that. Why did we take up bell ringing? Was it in order that we might serve our Church in that way, that we might do some work for the Church? Well, I tell you honestly, that is not the reason why I took up bell ringing. I have never got very far with it, but I took it up because I liked it, and I think probably a good many of us ringers took it up for the same reason; not because we wanted to work for our Church, but because we liked it, because it fascinated us and we wanted to go in for and overcome the difficulties that are connected with it. I believe in the minds of a great many of us, however, there is a deep longing to offer unto the Lord our God something that we have got and not always something that somebody else appears to have got, and which somebody else seems to think we ought to have. We feel that we should like to offer up our best, and if we are to look upon religion as something which is merely piety—I think everyone of us feels a deep respect for those who look on religion in that way—it does not appeal to us, and we are not going to offer to the Lord our God something which costs us nothing, and which, if only the truth be told would to us be very little short of hypocrisy, very little short of humbug. We have a deep feeling that our religion ought above all things to be sincere, that it ought to be true and without any pretence whatever. Now, I do not believe for one moment that everything we like in this world is wrong, but at the same time let us beware of casting from our religion everything that we find hard. If we can regard this bell ringing as part of our service to God, very well and good, but there are other ways of looking at bell ringing. If we look upon it as an art—and we, as bell ringers, want it to be regarded more than it has been in the past as a serious art—then do not let us offer that which costs us nothing. There may be some of us who do not even regard it as an art, possibly, but only as an exercise, much as we should regard cricket or football. Personally, I believe I took up bell ringing many years ago for much the same reason as I should have taken up cricket or football. Well, even then, do not let us offer, for our own self respect, that which costs us nothing. Let us, however we look at bell ringing, be among those who are regarded by the outside world as men who live clean, upright, honest, temperate and sober lives, and then, even though our bell ringing, in our own minds, is not regarded as in any sense connected with the worship of our God, it will, if we are living this kind of life, provide a sound and a sure foundation on which we can build up more especially spiritual things afterwards, even when this world is passed away. However, we regard our bell ringing, or anything else, beware of making an offering—giving of our strength, giving of ourselves in any way—which is among the things which cost us nothing.

The tea was held in the Church Room, and about 90 members and friends sat down, the Rector (the Rev. E. F. Birch) presiding, supported by the President (Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O.), Miss E. K. Parker the hon. treasurer (Mr. F. A. Milne), the hon. secretaries (Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler), and the District Masters (Messrs. J. Armstrong and T. Beadle). Before the business meeting began, the Rector welcomed the members to Shoreditch, and said he hoped to see them there again. The President then took the chair.

THE REPORT.

The annual report naturally contained a reference to the cessation of ringing owing to the war, prior to which, it was stated, the society had been making satisfactory progress. Up to that time the number of peals accomplished was 71. Subsequently only twelve peals were rung, including nine peals on handbells—a fitting tribute to those who were obeying their country's call. The report continued:

One of the chief features of a year of abundant promise was the number of peals of Stedman Cinques rung upon handbells. To have rung ten such peals in the course of a single year is undoubtedly a record to be proud of, and it is even more remarkable than it seems to be at first sight, because one of the peals, rung at 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston, on May 4th, was the first short-course peal of Cinques ever rung double-handed. The composition was one of 69 courses, and contained no less than 339 bobs and three singles. We offer to the whole band our congratulations on the achievement of a really remarkable performance, and especially to the conductor, Mr. William Pye, whose ability as a conductor, whether on lower bells or handbells, is a household word to ringers everywhere.

We heartily congratulate the Acton (St. Mary's Guild) on ringing, on the 15th February, their first peal by an entirely local band, viz., a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. J. R. Mackman, to whose unwearied energy is largely due the great progress made by this branch of the Association. A new record was set up on Easter Monday, April 13th, by the ringing of four Surprise Major peals by the same band in one day. These peals were rung at Egham, Chertsey, Staines (St. Peter's) and Old Windsor, the methods being Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative, and were conducted by Mr. William Pye. Such a performance could not have been accomplished without the kindly co-operation of the clergy and tower-keepers at the above churches, which we hereby gratefully acknowledge. On April 23rd, a "George" peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at the Church of St. George, Camberwell, conducted by Mr. George E. Pye, the whole forming a fitting accompaniment in celebration of St. George's Day. The first peal of Bob Royal by the Association on tower bells was rung on August 1st, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, conducted by Mr. Robert Maynard, junr., it being also the first peal in the method by the whole of the band. The half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques which was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on November 21st, was the 100th twelve-bell peal by the conductor, Mr. W. Pye, who is the first to accomplish a century of peals on twelve bells.

During the year there were elected three honorary members and 63 ringing members, and after allowing for deaths, resignations, etc., we close the year with a very satisfactory total membership of 735, this being the highest yet reached by the Association. An entirely new band has been formed at Harrow-on-the-Hill, and has become affiliated to the Association. The band at St. Mary's, Willesden, has also joined the Association.

Our record of bell restoration is the smallest for many years. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have completed the rehanging of the eight bells at All Saints', Edmonton.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank also report having recast the tenor bell of a set of four bells at Ashford, rehanging the peal in a new frame. The same firm have completely overhauled the bells at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Idol Lane, E.C., refitting the gudgeons to the bearings, and causing the ringing of the bells to be a much greater pleasure than before. The ninth bell at St. Margaret's, Westminster, has been rehanging in new fittings.

Before closing this report, we must not omit to place on record our appreciation of the work done by our Joint Hon. Secretaries. We have on more than one occasion pointed out that we can better show our appreciation of them by saving them trouble, and this chiefly in the matter of the payment of our subscriptions. It is not fair to any Association to drain it of its lifeblood, by neglecting to pay these very elusive shillings. And so let us pay them promptly—lest we forget; lest we forget!!

The 83 peals rung were made up as follows: Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Grandsire Triples, 11; Minor (one method), 3; Bob Major, 4; Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 10; Cambridge Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 2; Norfolk Surprise Major, 2; London Surprise Major, 4; Bristol Surprise Major, 4; Stedman Triples, 7; Stedman Cinques, 15; total, 83; of which 19 were rung on handbells, viz.: Grandsire Triples, 2; Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Stedman Cinques, 3; Stedman Cinques, 10.

The 64 peals on tower bells were rung in 44 different towers, and, inclusive of those who rang in the handbell peals, 180 members took part in them. There were 23 conductors, and of those who took part in the peals on tower bells 47 rang their first peals in a new method, ten their first peals in any method, four their first peals of Superlative, one his first peal of Cambridge, five their first peals of Norfolk, one his first peal of London, one his first peal of Bristol, two their first peals of Cambridge Royal, one her first peal of Stedman Cinques, and three their first peals of Stedman Cinques. On handbells six rang their first peals in a new method, three their first peals of Stedman Cinques, and one his first peal of Stedman Cinques on two working bells. Two members were successful in their first peals as conductors, both on tower bells.

The balance sheet of the Central Fund showed a loss on the year's working of 2s. 5d., the balance in hand being £17 17s. 8d.

The President reviewed the report at some length. The war apart, he said, they had had a very satisfactory year. Many good things had been done, and there were, he supposed, very few associations which were able to boast of having rung no less than 15 peals of Stedman Cinques in the year. Ten of them were on handbells, and that in itself was a great achievement. It was fitting that they should observe silence generally in regard to peals for pleasure at this time, as such peals would not be quite in accordance with their feelings at such a time of anxiety and trouble. — The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The election of one member in the tower was confirmed, and Mr. York Bramble was elected a non-resident member.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The re-election of Mr. King as President was carried by acclamation, on the motion of Mr. F. A. Milne, seconded by Mr. J. Armstrong.

Mr. King briefly acknowledged his re-election in felicitous terms, and then proposed the re-election of Mr. William Pye as Master. He touchingly referred to Mr. Pye's recent severe bereavement, and said he took upon himself to write to him in the name of his colleagues in the Association, to express to Mr. Pye their deep sorrow at his loss. — Mr. Alps seconded the motion for Mr. Pye's re-election, and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Alps, as an old friend, asked to be permitted to move "That the members of the Middlesex Association, in annual general meeting assembled have learned with profound regret of the loss which their worthy master has sustained, and tender their sincere and heartfelt sympathy with Mr. Pye in his sad bereavement." — Mr. James George seconded, and the resolution was carried in silence by the members standing.

The following officers were then re-elected: Mr. F. A. Milne, hon. treasurer; Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler, hon. secs.; Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth, hon. auditors.

The President again nominated Mr. F. A. Milne (North and East District) and Mr. J. H. B. Hesse (South and West District) as vice-presidents.

The President and Messrs. J. H. B. Hesse, W. Pye and J. R. Sharman were re-elected representatives of the Association on the Central Council.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) said they had inserted a Roll of Honour in the Annual Report. It was as complete as they could make it at present, but there would be others to add to it next year. The committee had considered the question of these members subscriptions. Some had paid before they went; others had had their subscriptions paid for them by the local societies. The committee thought it would be unfair to ask these men for their money if they had not paid, and recommended that their names should be retained on the books. If hands wished to pay the subscriptions of their members who were away in the Army and Navy, they were at liberty to do so, but if the subscriptions were not paid the society would keep the absent men in full membership. He, therefore, moved: "That the names of all members of the Association serving in H.M. Forces be retained on the books during the period of the war." — Mr. F. A. Milne seconded, and the motion was carried.

The question of a Sunday service ringing scheme, which has been under consideration of a special sub-committee, was brought forward by the hon. secretary. It was based upon attendance, Mr. Coles pointing out that the committee thought if points were given for methods, it would be a great hardship on those who could only ring Grandsire and Plain Bob. — Mr. W. Lawrance moved that no scheme for Sunday service ringing be considered that did not take into account the methods rung. — Mr. Milne seconded.

Mr. J. Parker and Mr. J. Armstrong both spoke against any Sunday ringing scheme, the latter remarking that if a man wanted to ring on Sunday he would go, and if he did not want to ring he would not go, points or no points.

The President thought the more fact of having a number of rules would be of very little use. The members' own sense of what constituted a Sunday duty ought to be sufficient to bring them to the church and to the bells. While they thanked those who had taken the trouble to draw up the rules, he thought it would be better to accept a resolution which would, in fact, for the moment stop the scheme and give opportunity for further consideration. — Mr. J. Waghorn, senr., however, moved the previous question, and this was carried nem. dis.

It was decided to visit West Ealing or Heston for the next annual meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. F. E. Birch for the service and permission to use the bells at Shoreditch, to the Rev. H. Shaw for the use of the bells at Bishopsgate, to the Rev. A. G. Langdon for his eloquent sermon, to Mr. H. J. Bradley (Shoreditch) and Mr. T. Walker (Bishopsgate) for their help in making the arrangements, to the organist of Shoreditch, and the ladies concerned in serving the tea.

A vote of thanks was passed to the officers for their services during the year, and a similar compliment to the chairman for presiding terminated the business.

Afterwards handbell ringing, including Stedman Caters and Cinques, took place, those taking part being Miss E. K. Parker, and Messrs. E. Pye, G. R. Pye, A. W. Grimes, J. Hunt, W. Shepherd, W. J. Nudds and W. A. Alps. The tower bell ringing during the day included Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve at Shoreditch, and various Triple and Major methods at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

THE NEW PEAL AT ERITH.

FOUNDERS' TRIAL AT CHRIST CHURCH.

On Thursday, April 1st, 1915, the writer formed one of a band of ringers invited to carry out on behalf of the Founders (Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London), a test of the ring of eight bells installed in the newly-erected tower of Christ Church, Erith, the tower, spire and bells being a gift to the church by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Boulden).

The tower and bells are not yet dedicated. In fact, the hanging of the bells has been completed only during the last few days, and the finishing touches have yet to be put to the tower. Before ringing, the band went aloft to inspect the bells, which are hung in a steel frame, with Warner's patent self-aligning bearings, and present a very smart appearance. The weight of the tenor is 17 cwt. 23 lbs., and diameter 46 inches, and the octave is in the key of E. The bell chamber is fitted with louvres, and the window openings behind the louvres are lined with heavy glass, in order to prevent the sound of the bells from annoying the occupiers of residences near the church.

Ringling commenced in the presence of the Rev. A. W. Boulden, Capt. W. T. Allen and Mr. H. Palmer, churchwardens, and Mr. R. Warner, representing Messrs. Warner and Sons, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, the bells being lowered before the commencement of evensong at 8 p.m. The ringers were delighted with the tuneful sound and "go" of the bells, both of which are excellent. In spite of the fact that the new ropes had a natural tendency (common to all new bell ropes) to stretch to a considerable extent, the men controlled their bells with ease, and there is no doubt that when the ropes have settled down with use, the ringing of these bells will be a pleasure to all who have the opportunity of using them.

The ringing chamber is not yet completed, but it is clear that the band of ringers which will presumably now be formed in connection with the church will have exceptionally comfortable quarters in which to practise the art.

The band invited to take part in the trial was as follows: Messrs. E. Barnett, senr., R. Brough, G. L. Povey, and P. E. Bex (of Crayford), Mr. D. Barnes (St. John's, Erith), and Messrs. J. Hunt, F. Smith, and Powell, of the founders' firm. During the evening, Messrs. E. Davis, J. Lowry and O. Robinson (of St. John's, Erith) also took part in ringing on the bells.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

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2. Praise God in His Holiness.
3. Let everything that hath breath, Praise the Lord.
4. We Praise Thee O God.
5. All the earth doth worship Thee.
6. Day by day we magnify Thee.
7. Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty.

Tenor.—O all ye Works of the Lord praise ye the Lord.

Each bell also bears the inscription: "John Warner and Sons, Founders, London, 1915."

WINCHESTER GUILD.

PLEASANT MEETING OF PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild was held on Easter Monday at Shedfield. Representatives were present from Portsmouth, Portsea, Fareham, Wickham, Swaomore, Bishop's Waltham, Gosport, Titchfield, Ryde, Curdridge, and the local band. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) and the hon. secretary (Mr. G. Williams) were also present. Forty-two members sat down to tea, the tables having been tastefully decorated by Mrs. Tithrage and Mrs. Pritchett, who attended to the wants of the visitors. — The Vicar (the Rev. L. R. Smith) welcomed the ringers to Shedfield, and said he would be happy at all times to assist them in the great work they were called on to do for the good of the church. He was pleased to tell them that Mrs. Franklin, of Shedfield Lodge, had borne the whole cost of the tea, and had given permission for the members to view the extensive grounds and gardens.

The Master presided over the business meeting, at which three full members and two probationers were elected. It was decided to have another meeting at Titchfield on Sept. 4th, the Master remarking that he would be pleased to welcome the Guild members there. — Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to Mrs. Tithrage and Mrs. Pritchett for their kindness. The Master was asked to write to Mrs. Franklin to thank her for her generosity in giving tea, and her kindness in permitting the ringers to inspect the grounds, an offer which was taken advantage of, and was much appreciated.

Afterwards a service was held in the church, at which the Guild form was used. The prayers were read by the Vicar, and the organist and choir were in attendance. The sermon was preached by the Master from 2 Kings xx, 2, "Thus saith the Lord, get thine house in order for thou shalt die and not live."

The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise, Miss Carden, of Titchfield, taking part.

THE EXPERTS OF TO-DAY.

MR. WILLIAM PYE'S REPLY TO MR. PROCTOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sorry I could not reply to Mr. Proctor before, but, as many readers of this journal are aware, I have unfortunately been occupied in more important duties. He says he has no grievance against Mr. Grimes or myself, if that be so I wonder he makes a target of us alone. When he has done as much for others as either Mr. Grimes or I have, it will be time then for him to dictate to other people. He says we live in a favourable district where a threepenny or sixpenny tram or bus ride will take us anywhere. Perhaps he will be surprised when I tell him that the average cost of my peals exceeds £1. I realised many years ago that if I had any ambition to climb to the top of the ladder, whether in ringing or any other hobby, some sacrifice must be made, and rather than be tied up I have let many opportunities slip away, and I should not be exaggerating in the least in saying that, had I not taken up ringing seriously I should have been able to retire before now. I have never hoped, as your correspondent appears to have done, to make a name at someone else's expense.

I can assure Mr. Proctor that the broad acres of Yorkshire or the fenlands of Lincolnshire would never have stopped me getting about. Probably he will be surprised when I tell him that my brother and myself and W. Keeble used to go 70 miles after a hard day's work to help a band practice Surprise methods till a peal in everything up to London had been rung. To do this we had to be up till 12.30 midnight, and then get up at 5 a.m. to work the next day. Never a believer in flattery, no unnecessary ink was spilled over footnotes, and like many other things, it passed by unnoticed.

As regards the attack he makes about ringing the same composition over again, I have called this peal once, and, if I remember rightly, no other member has called it more than once with one exception, and he has called it several times. But in justice to him it is only fair to say that four times to my knowledge it has been done at a minute's notice, after meeting short for either Royal or Cinques, and it is amusing to hear Mr. Proctor's "tommy rot" about the band knowing every change. I can safely say that I could not write down this particular peal from memory. When one has called over 600 different compositions, it is no easy task to retain any particular peal in your head, unless it was a peal of Triples which you had rung several times, and if Mr. Proctor is so clever as to be able to do it, I think it's a great pity he does not put his ability into practising a little more instead of trying to poison the minds of beginners against the present-day experts.

It is within the power of every individual to help himself, and if he does not do that he cannot expect others to help him. I was taught to ring the treble to Doubles; what other knowledge I possess I have had to pick up myself by persevering and getting about among ringers. Never were the opportunities so great as they are to-day for beginners. A man may be a Samson in strength or a Goliath in stature, but these will avail him little unless he is strong in character. He must possess a certain amount of will power if he wants to get on.

Mr. Proctor says my band contains some remarkable men. Quite true, but these men, by their energy and perseverance, have helped to make themselves what they are. He also says Nelson was the greatest admiral of his time, but we require a greater one to-day. I have grave doubts as to whether we have a greater man to-day than Nelson. What would he have done had he the modern weapons at his disposal that our men have to-day?

I think your correspondent makes a bold statement when he talks about the opinions of 95 per cent. of the present-day beginners. Here we have a man who, outside his own district, is practically unknown, talking about the opinions of the Exercise at large. I don't think I shall be exaggerating when I say I have met more thousands of ringers than he has hundreds, and I should not be so bold as to say I know the opinion of 95 per cent. of ringers. I have travelled far and wide, and met and made many friends, and have had invitations to places where I have not yet been able to visit. I am pleased to say that I have always been well received, and although much has been expected we have generally exceeded expectations. And during the past 17 years I have received visitors to London from all parts, and I can safely say that everything possible has been done to oblige them, and the majority have returned home more than satisfied.

As regards Sunday service ringing, I walked ten miles every Sunday for years, whether it rained, hailed, snowed or "blowed," and my brothers are still doing it to-day. In conclusion, I may tell Mr. Proctor that when he has helped as many ringers to score their first peal in various methods on all numbers of bells as I have, and has helped to arrange over two thousand attempts for peals and only failed to put in an appearance about half a dozen times, he can then start to dictate to other ringers as to what they ought to do.—Yours faithfully,

W. PYE.

CRITIC CRITICISED.

The subject was discussed at the meeting of the Middlesex Association on Saturday, when the President (Mr. A. T. King) proposed the re-election of Mr. W. Pye as Master. Mr. King said he felt very strongly that a matter of perfectly legitimate discussion about experts should have degenerated into the abuse of a man whose qualities they all admired. They might not always agree with Mr. Pye on all matters, but whether as a composer, a ringer or a conductor, there were very few who came up to his standard (applause). Of such a man as that they

ought, as an Association, to feel proud, and he was glad to see Mr. Grimes' able letter, in which he had put Mr. Proctor right. On the question of calling the same composition over and over again, he could say confidently that there was no man living who had called as many different peals of Stedman Caters as Mr. Pye. While he believed in fair criticism, he thought a man should make sure of his ground before he criticised another. So far as that Association was concerned, they knew Mr. William Pye, and appreciated him, and his re-election as Master would be a sufficient answer to Mr. Proctor.—Mr. W. A. Alps seconded the motion in a trenchant speech. Their friend, Mr. Grimes, he said, in the democratic vernacular, had attributed Mr. Proctor's remarks to ignorance, but to his mind, before anybody found fault with a man who had displayed the great merits of Mr. William Pye as a ringer and conductor on 8, 10 and 12 bells, both in the tower and "in hand," he must have a great amount of confidence in himself, which he (the speaker) could only call "cheek" (laughter and applause).

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BEDFORD.

Considering the adverse conditions now prevailing, the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association on Easter Monday was a successful one. As usual, the meeting was held at Bedford, and about 40 members in all were present. During the day, the towers of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches were open for ringing, and in addition to the various six-bell methods practised at the latter church, touches of Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung at St. Paul's. The lunch and business meeting took place at St. Mary's School, the President (Canon Baker) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. Rust (hon. secretary), Miss Evelyn Steel and Mr. Edwin Ransom (vice-presidents), Miss D. Steel, etc.

The 32nd annual report of the Committee stated that the work of the Association, considering the adverse circumstances, had been satisfactory. The summer festival, which was held at Dunstable on July 11th, was well attended, and they were fortunate in securing Canon Papillon as their special preacher. The outbreak of war in August naturally affected the work of the Association, and many ringers had responded to the call of their country. It was recommended that all performing members who had enlisted should be retained as members for the period of the war. No peals had been rung since the commencement of the war, but up to the beginning of August the following had been rung: Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 1, Surprise Minor 1, other peals of Minor 4, Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells 1. It was also recorded that 108 720's of Minor in 57 methods had been rung during the year at St. Peter's, Bedford.

The report was adopted, and Mr. Harris, of Woburn, suggested that the names of members serving the country should be put on record.

Owing to two or three of the District Secretaries having joined the colours, it was not found practicable to prepare a complete balance sheet, but the Hon. Treasurer reported a balance on the right side, and it was arranged that a statement should be prepared for the Auditor.

The Rev. A. Rust proposed the re-election of Canon Baker as President, and Mr. E. Ransom, in seconding, said they were not unmindful of the fact that their President was gaining in confidence and respect as he advanced in life.

The resolution was carried, and the President said Mr. Ransom and he were the only two present who had "known the child from its birth." Other responsibilities came as he advanced in life, and the County Education Committee claimed a good deal of the time and work of Mr. Ransom and himself.

The Vice-Presidents, Mr. Charles Herbert (founder of the Association), Mr. E. Ransom, and Miss Steel were re-elected.

Mr. King (Luton) proposed, and Miss Steel seconded, that Mr. Rust be re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, with the best thanks of the Association for the trouble he had taken.—This was carried with acclamation, and Mr. E. Tanqueray was re-elected Hon. Auditor, the President stating that Mr. Tanqueray was one of the original members, and he conducted the first 720 Bob Minor rung by the Association.

JOINT MEETING WITH HERTS ASSOCIATION SUGGESTED.

The Chairman said they had been for one year in the Diocese of St. Albans, and, while maintaining their independence as a County Association, it seemed desirable that they should recognise the community of interest existing between themselves and the Hertfordshire Association. Both were of about the same age, and started at a time when there was a great revival of interest in ringing. It would be pleasant to meet and express their brotherly sentiments at a joint summer festival at some place on the borders of the two counties, and they might ask the Bishop to preach the sermon. He understood that the Bishop was of opinion that the Diocesan organisations should be kept going.

After some discussion, the meeting decided nem. con. that a summer festival should be held, but some doubt was expressed as to whether a joint meeting would be practicable this year. It was, therefore, agreed that the festival be held independently this year, at Leighton Buzzard and Linslade, on Saturday, June 26th.

Mr. Rust read a letter from the Rev. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (late of Sandy), stating that owing to his removal from the county, he had not found it possible to proceed with the Sandy ringing scheme, but he should be happy to help, when the war was over, if they desired to continue the scheme.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

ST. MARTIN'S, LEICESTER.

BY ERNEST MORRIS.

As long ago as Henry VIII's time St. Martin's Church, Leicester, had a peal of bells. It is presumed that there were five, for the charges for ringing at funerals and obits never mention more than that number. North, in his "Church Bells of Leicestershire" and "Chronicles of St. Martin's, Leicester," gives many extracts from the churchwardens' accounts which are very interesting, and a few of which are appended:—

- "1544.—Buryals of wyche the bels be not pd. for (then follows a list of receipts for the burials of many persons. The payment for 3 bells was 8d.; 4 bells 20d.; 5 bells 5s. 4d.; for burial in the church 6s. 8d.) More oying to ye chirche ye same day for the bels as aperryth, on this syde of this Lefe. xxxvijs. iiijd."
 "1546-7.—Itm pd. to the ryngers for Kynge Henry the eyght. xijd."



ST. MARTIN'S, LEICESTER.

- "1549-50.—Itm pd. to Thomas Wylmore for hys qrt wags for rynging of the day bell.xxd."
 Itm pd. to Wm. Smyth for mendgng ye gret bell clappr. ijs."
 "1558-9.—pd. for ale to the Ryngers when the quenes grace was pelamyd viijd."
 "1585-6.—Reseaved of the p'ishners of St. Martins for the charges and castinge of the forr (fore or treble) bell as followethe. [Then follows a list of donations amounting to £11 18s. 6d.] charges for castinge the forr bell of the parish of Saynt Martin in Leicester, in the yeare of our lord 1585, Master James Clarke then beinge Mayor. [Then follows a list of all expenses of taking down, recasting and rehanging the treble—which was done by Newcombe—amounting to £10 11s. 8d.]
 "1603-4.—Item payd to the Ringers when her Ma'tie was in town. ijs iiijd."

- "1604-5.—Item leade forth when the greate Bell fell downe. xxijjs. xjd."
 Item payd for mendinge the chyme when the greate bell fell downe. ijs."
 (The bell was rehung by Mr. Newcombe, who in 1610-11 recast the second.)
 "1612-13.—Item pd. to the Ringers for Ringinge 3 days when the Kinge and prince was here xvijjs vjd."
 "1614-15.—Item payd to the Ringers for Ringinge when his Ma'tie came to Leicester xiijs."
 "1616-17 (a similar payment).
 "1617.—M. That if the seckerston shall Ringe at any tyme when any nobleman cometh to the towne he must have ijs. vjd. from the churchwardens if he have nothings sent him from the Inn where they lye."
 "1621-2 ffor ringinge to praiers every sabboth and holie daie. . . . iijjs."
 "1624-5.—Paid for 5 Ringers for Ringinge at the first and second time pclaiminge the Kinge vs."
 In 1629-30, a new frame being required for the bells, 9s. was spent in going to Lutterworth to view the frame there. The timber was bought at Beaumanor. £10 is charged in part payment thereof to Mr. John Hericke and 3s. was expended for work at "beamanor."
 "1630-1.—Paid for Ringinge of the Bells when newse was brought the Queene was brought to bed. ijs. vjd."
 "1634-5.—Pd. to the ringers being viij for the time that his Maiestie stayed in Leic. xvs."

In the year 1657 it was agreed "that the ring of bells be made into six tuneable bells, the treble and tenor to be cast into three bells tuneable under the other three, and the fourth bell that now is, to be made a tuneable tenor without casting." This was undertaken by Thos. Norris, of Stamford, but he failing to please, an agreement was made with G. Oldfield, of Nottingham, to recast the whole six for £50. On July 1st, 1689, it was agreed to have all the bells rehung, and in 1700 the 5th bell was recast by Wm. Noone, of Nottingham, for which he was to receive 20s. per cwt. In 1702 the tenor, being cracked, was sawn at a cost of 24s., and in 1704 Mr. Noone was engaged to recast it. It was found to weigh 19 cwts. 1 qr. 16 lbs., and the casting cost £26 8s.

- "1754.—Oct. 16. Agreed to take down the Ringing loft and make a new Ringing loft with a ceiling under at a cost not exceeding £20 and the old Materials."
 "1765.—Jan. 24. Agreed that the churchwardens be fully empowered to take down the second bell which is become crakt and unfit for use, and that they cause the same to be recast and replaced at ye expense of ye parish, and do therein what further repairs shall appear necessary." [This bell was recast by Eayre of St. Noels.]

In 1871 Ed. Arnold, of Leicester, recast the whole ring, and although the accounts for this year are lost, it is fair to presume that Arnold cast these into eight, to which two more were added in 1787, thus making a light peal of ten. This is corroborated by the following note of the weight of St. Martin's bells, taken about this time by Thos. Hedderley, a Nottingham founder:—

	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
1.		7	2	12
2.		8	0	3
3.		7	3	24
4.		9	1	23
5.		10	0	11
6.		11	3	6
7.		14	2	3
8.		21	3	6
Total	4	10	3	20

(It will be noticed the total is not added correctly.)

The two trebles cast in 1787 were inscribed:—

1. "Edwd. Arnold Leicester Feat."
2. "T. Lockwood, E. Webb, J. Mallett, churchwardens 1787 E. Arnold Feat."

In 1854 the four lightest bells were recast by J. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough, and upon them were found the following inscriptions:—

- 1 and 2 as above.
3. "Omnia Fiant Ad Gloriam Dei. Edwd Arnold Feat."
4. "Praise Him upon the Well Tuned Cymbals
Praise Him upon the Loud Cymbals."

In this way the present ring of ten were completed, and are now inscribed:

Treble, Second and Fourth.

"John Taylor and Son Founders Oxford and Loughborough 1854."

Third.

"John Taylor and Son, Bellfounders, Loughborough, late of Oxford, Buckland Brewer, Devon, and St. Noets, Hunts, successors to the old and celebrated founders Newcombe, Watts, Eayre and Arnold of Leicester, Names of High repute dating as early as 1560."

Fifth.

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

Sixth.

"Praise Him upon the well-tuned Cymbals; Praise Him upon the loud Cymbals."

Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenor.

"H. Watchome Esquire Mayor. J. Nichols and W. Capp churchwardens. Edward Arnold Fecit 1781."

On November 12th, 1781, at the opening of the first peal of eight bells, a 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung, and again in 1784 and 1785 peals of 5040 of the same method, but no particulars can be found as to the performers. In 1782, on Thursday in Whitsun week, a peal of 5040 Bob Major was rung in 3 hours 1 minute, and in 1786 a 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours 31 minutes, both conducted by John Martin. On Sept. 6th, 1787, at the opening of the ten bells, a peal of 5130 Grandsire Caters in the tittums was rung in 3 hours 37 minutes, conducted by Joseph Smith. On May 26th, 1795, a peal of 6160 Bob Major was rung in four hours and fourteen minutes, and conducted by John Denton. At the opening of the four new trebles, cast by J. Taylor & Son, on April 9th, 1855, a 701 Grandsire Caters was rung, conducted by Edward Biggs, and the cause of them not attempting a 5000 was that the bells went too badly.

In 1860 the old spire of St. Martin's was taken down and rebuilt, being completed in 1867. On August 9th, 1902, a peal of 5021 Grandsire Caters was rung in 3 hours 28 minutes, in honour of the Coronation of King Edward VII, conducted by G. Cleal, and it is interesting to note that this was the first peal on the present ring of ten and in the tower, the last peal being one of Grandsire Triples on March 27th, 1837, on the old peal, and in the old tower. Very few peal attempts are allowed at St. Martin's on account of its being in the centre of the town, and only six peals have been rung since the 1837 peal. On Oct. 21st, 1905, Mr. G. Cleal conducted the first of Stedman Caters, 5010 changes, in 3 hours 27 minutes. On June 22nd, 1907, Mr. F. H. Dexter composed and called 5111 Grandsire Caters, and on June 22nd, 1911, he conducted 5000 Stedman Caters in honour of King George V's Coronation. The next peal was one of 5141 Stedman Caters, which was rung at midnight on Dec. 31st, 1912, and the last on Easter Tuesday this year, both of these having been composed and conducted by Mr. F. H. Dexter.

The early morning bell is still rung during the summer at 6 o'clock and in the winter at 7 o'clock, and the curfew (9th bell) is rung every evening at 9 o'clock.

CARILLONS.

Mr. John Lane is publishing on April 21st a book on the "Carillons of Belgium and Holland," by W. Gorham Rice, illustrated with 32 photographs. This book should be of particular interest at the present time when many of these fine peals have been destroyed with the magnificent towers that contained them. (6s. net.)

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EASTER MEETING AT BANSTEAD.

Upon the uplands of breezy, bracing Banstead, 521 feet above sea-level and amongst the highest plough lands in Surrey, the Central District of the County Association held its Easter meeting on Monday in Easter week. Thirty-five members and visitors attended, the following towers being represented: Beddington, Burstow, Cheam, Chislehurst, Croydon St. Peter's, Epsom St. Martin's, and Christ Church, Ewell; Hersham, Isleworth, Mitcham St. Peter's, and Christ Church, Leatherhead, Reigate, Waltham Abbey, and St. Paul's Cathedral. In the absence of the hon. secretary, Lieut. Cyril Johnston, His Majesty's forces were represented by Pte. F. G. Woodiss, some time of Hersham, but now of the Guards Depot at Caterham.

Ringling commenced at 3.30 and continued, with interval for tea, until 8.30. This eight bell ring is on the whole of good tone and weight, and has the distinction of including a "Lester and Pack" bell. The going might be easier, as those who handled the 7th could testify, and the long draft (ringing from the nave floor level) makes the handling a little awkward until one gets used to it. All ringers know the difficulty of bringing on a call change band into method ringing, but it seems a pity, with such a ring of bells at hand, that greater advantage is not taken locally, and the Association is poorer by not numbering Banstead amongst its affiliated towers. The Church dedicated to All Saint's is a delightful specimen of the village church. It has a squat shingle spire, and some remarkably good details of the Early English work.

The Association received a very hearty welcome from the Vicar, whose engagements prevented the holding of the customary service for common worship, but he was present at the meeting in the Church Institute, which he had kindly lent for the purpose, and upon the motion of the Master, Mr. J. D. Drewett, he was elected to the chair.

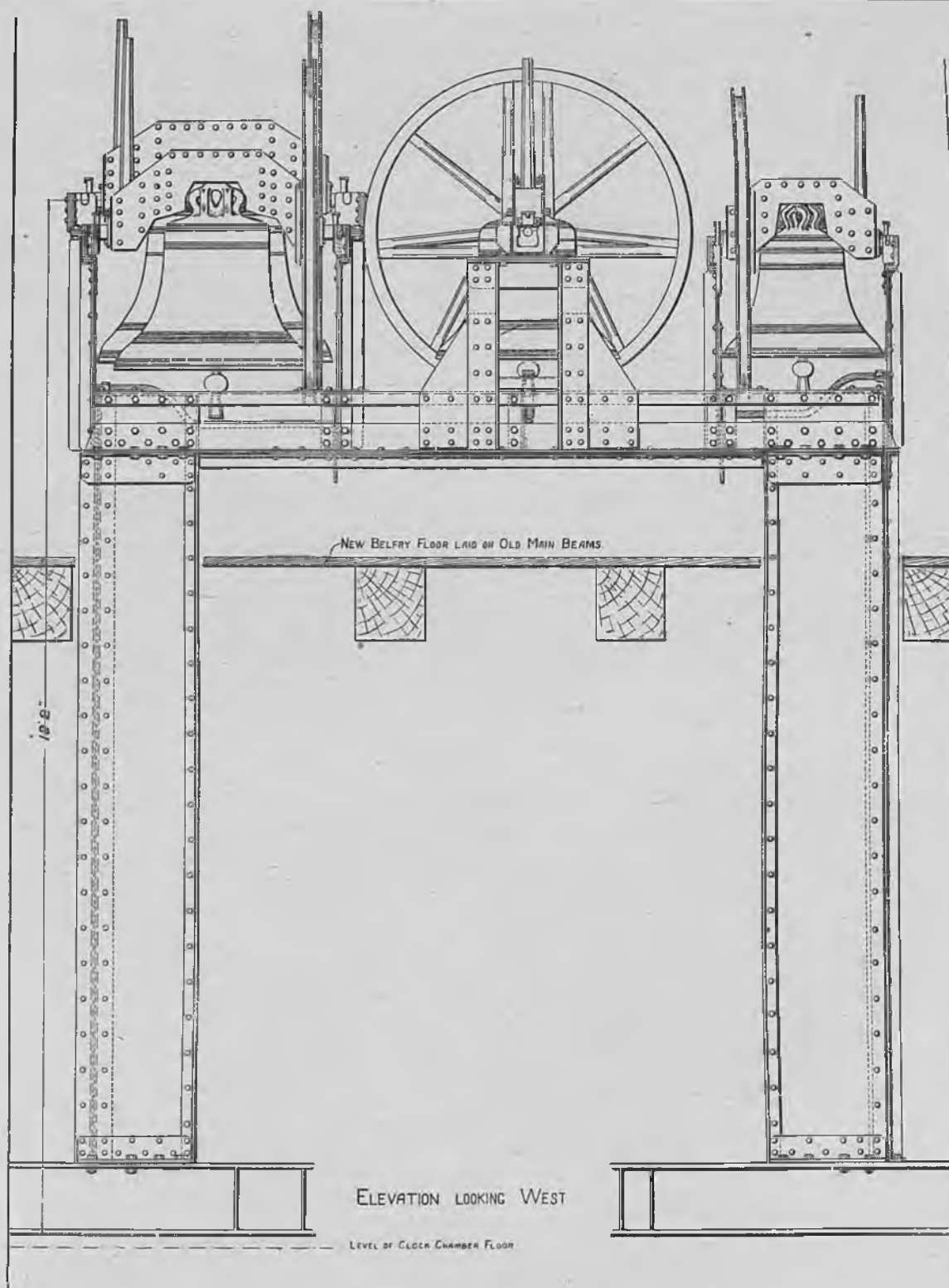
It was reported that sanction had been obtained for the exhibition of the case containing the illuminated MS. records of the Association peals in the Parish Church of Croydon, that owing to pressure of work and duties on the district hon. secretaries, arising from the present military crisis, it had not been possible to print and publish the yearly accounts in time for this meeting, but that they would shortly be issued together with a short report, leaving the publication of peals for 1914 and other matters, for more peaceful and prosperous times; that the only peal rung in the district since the last meeting in January was obtained at Beddington that morning; that the July and October meetings of the Central District had been provisionally fixed for Dorking and Carshalton respectively, with the annual general meeting at Leatherhead in January next.

The audited accounts of the Central District, showing a balance in hand on December 31st last of £24 odd, were read and received; two members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Banstead and to the local steeple-keeper, brought the meeting to a close.

AN EASTER OUTING IN THE FENS.

A few members belonging to the Heckington and Great Hale companies of ringers had a little tour to one or two towers in their neighbourhood on Easter Monday. Several districts had been suggested, and it was almost decided to visit Sutterton, Kirton and Gosberton, but hearing that Mr. Arthur Andrews, of Daventry (formerly captain of the Billingham company), would in all probability be home for Easter it was at once decided to visit towers in that district. A start was made about 10 a.m., and, after cycling some 12 miles, the small village of Newton was reached. The bells, a light ring of five, by Taylor, hang in a slender western tower, and on account of their weight they require a little careful handling, the tenor being about 7 cwt. The ringing included a well-struck 720 Grandsire Doubles, and gave delight to the villagers who are badly off for ringers. After a little refreshment, the cycles were mounted again for Folkington. The tiny village of Walcot was passed through on the way. The church, with its fine crocketed spire, although from outside appearance apparently in good repair, is in sore need of the attention of builders, it having suffered on two or three occasions from the ravages of lightning. The belfry was inspected, and things were found to be worse in that quarter. Of the bells, four in number of "Tobie" Norris, the fourth was minus a clapper, the third cracked; and the frame and fittings in a terribly decayed and dilapidated condition. On reaching Folkington, the local ringers were found busy ringing for a wedding, and the visitors were asked to have a "peal," which included a 720 Grandsire Doubles, after which all were invited to drink the bride's health.

Billingham was reached just after five o'clock, and after partaking of tea, the fine musical ring of six were soon set going, and a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob was tapped off, in 28 minutes: J. T. Holmes 1, A. Andrews 2, C. Ward 3, J. H. Clark 4, W. H. Wood 5, W. Dickinson (conductor) 6. Touches of Stedman and Plain Bob followed, in which J. Rogers and M. Clark took part, the ringing concluding with 720 Plain Bob, in which W. E. Allen, of the local company, scored his first 720 at first attempt: W. E. Allen 1, J. T. Holmes 2, C. Ward 3, J. H. Clark 4, A. Andrews (conductor) 5, W. Dickinson 6. Through the medium of this paper, Mr. Andrews wishes to thank the ringers (who knowing he has gone to reside in a poor ringing district) for altering their plans, thus giving him opportunity of some good ringing with them.



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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING.

At the commencement of the war, the question naturally arose in the minds of the officers of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, as also in those of others, as to the advisability of holding the meetings as usual, and it was felt that, while ringing, except for services and practice, must be much curtailed, there was no reason why the business should not be continued on the usual lines, as a service is always held on these occasions, and to discontinue them in a time of trouble and anxiety, as at the present, would not be right. The annual meeting, therefore, was arranged to be held at Worcester, as is customary, on Easter Monday, and the attendance, although not quite so good as last year, was better than might have been expected, considering that travelling was more expensive than usual at holiday times.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the chair being taken, in the absence of the President, by the Rev. Canon Southwell, vice-president.

Arising out of the minutes, the question of "Inter-Affiliation" was reported upon by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. R. Newman), who stated that apparently nothing could be done. The Central Council had refused to help in any way, and, although at the request of the committee he had advertised and tried to get into communication with those associations who were in favour of it, and who supported the proposal brought before the Central Council, he had received no replies at all.

A few new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Worcester again. Mr. S. Grove was selected as conductor of the annual peal to be attempted on the bells of All Saints', Worcester, and a proposal from the committee that the subscriptions of those members who were serving in His Majesty's Forces should be remitted while the war lasts was agreed to unanimously.

A considerable discussion arose in regard to a proposal that "No handbell performance be considered a peal, unless a competent umpire be present." On being put to the meeting, the proposition was not carried.

It was decided to erect, with the consent of the Dean and Chapter, in the Cathedral tower, a peal board to commemorate the peal of Stedman Cinques rung there on Whit-Tuesday, June 2nd, 1914, it being the first peal of Cinques on the bells.

THE OFFICERS.

The President, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean, was re-elected, as also were the vice-presidents, Mr. W. Rock Small being elected in the place of Mr. J. Naylor (deceased). The Master (Mr. A. E. Parsons), the clerical and lay secretaries (the Rev. J. F. Hastings and Mr. J. R. Newman), and treasurer (Mr. W. H. Johnson) were re-elected. The re-election of the Central Council representatives, Messrs. T. J. Salter and J. E. Newman, was agreed to, but as, owing to business, Mr. J. R. Newman wished to resign, Mr. W. Short was elected in his place, Mr. A. E. Parsons being elected as an hon. representative. The election of Messrs. W. C. Jones and E. E. Barber as auditors, was agreed to, and the usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

The service was held in the Cathedral at 4.15, when those present had the pleasure of listening to an address by the Rev. Canon Claughton. The Bishop of the Diocese (Patron of the Association) had been asked to preach, but could not, unfortunately, attend. Tea was afterwards served in the College Hall, kindly lent by the Governors of Worcester Cathedral King's School, more than 100 sitting down.

The ringing facilities throughout the day were not as good as usual, the bells at St. Helen's and St. Nicholas' not being available owing to illness. Those at the Cathedral were open from 1 to 2 p.m., and those who tried them were of the opinion that the band who had succeeded in ringing the peal of Stedman Cinques on them were indeed much to be congratulated. The bells at All Saint's, a fine peal of ten by Rudhall, have for some years been silent, owing to the need of rehauling and the restoration of the tower. Thanks to the energy of the Rector, the Rev. J. E. MacRae, this has now been done, and permission, which was much appreciated, was given to ring there, when it was found that Messrs. Barwell had done the work excellently, touches of both Royal and Caters being brought round. The other bells available were Hallow, St. John's and St. Swithin's.

THE REPORT.

In the secretaries' report it was stated that the work of the Association had not been so disturbed by the war as one might have expected. The meetings had been held as usual, for it was felt that there was, if anything, more call for everyone in this time of trouble to meet together and attend the services always held in connection with these meetings. It was when they turned to the peals rung during the year that they saw one of the effects most plainly, for when war was declared, and our soldiers and sailors were losing their lives in the defence of their country, it was felt that peal ringing should be suspended; except muffled peals in memory of those who had been killed, and the Association was proud to think that it was ringers themselves who decided this without being asked to do so. In order to keep in practice for the great day, when peace should be declared, peals were being rung instead on handbells, and in most towers meetings for practice and ringing for Sunday services were, most rightly, being carried on as usual. The fact that ringers had, all over the country, responded so readily and in such large numbers to the appeal for a large army, made

them all feel proud, and especially in the case of those who were members of that Association, and they prayed that God in His mercy would protect them while doing their duty honourably and well, and that He would bring them safe through the dangers of the war. The balance sheet of the general fund, although satisfactory, was not quite so good as last year. There was a decrease in the number of both honorary and performing members who had paid subscriptions, partly due, no doubt, to the war. The belfry repairs fund had, however, increased, there being over £17 standing to its credit, no application for a grant having been received. With the exception of the peal of Stedman Cinques at Worcester Cathedral, there were no peals which called for special mention. Until the end of July, the year 1914 again promised to be a record, but owing to the war, the total number was not as great as, no doubt, it would have been. There were, in all, 48 peals rung, seven being on handbells.

RESTORATION AT ST. JOHN'S, DARLINGTON. BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

In consequence of the very unsatisfactory condition of the bells at St. John's Church, Darlington, and the difficulty of ringing, it was decided during the early part of last summer to call in expert advice. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known bell founders of Croydon, made an inspection, and reported that the fittings required a thorough overhaul with entirely new bearings, steel gudgeons, etc. The timber frame in which the bells were hung was also found much too weak to withstand the thrust of the bells when in full swing, the component timbers being much too light in section, and chiefly to this can be attributed the unsatisfactory "go" of the bells for some time past. As no amount of patching or strengthening was considered to guarantee permanent results, it was decided to clear away the whole of the timber bell frame, and to erect in its place an entirely new frame of the all-steel girder type. This frame designed upon up-to-date engineering principles with its foundation girders firmly built into the walls ensures exceptional rigidity combined with great strength. Upon close examination at the foundry it was found that the timber headstocks were in a state of decay, besides being much cut away in places; these have been replaced by new headstocks of well-seasoned elm.

From the historical and archaeological point of view, and in comparison with some campanological veterans, the peal cannot claim special notice, the five middle bells being erected in 1848, whilst the two trebles and tenor bear the date of 1893. Probably owing to the fact that the bells were cast at different periods they have never been in good tune, especially in the light of modern musical knowledge and requirements. Advantage has, therefore, been taken of the rehanging to send the whole peal to the Croydon Foundry, where they have been accurately tuned to each other as single notes and the "harmonies" or overtones corrected as far as possible without recasting. The result has been a considerable improvement both in the tune and quality of tone.

The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who, among other bells in the district, have restored the peals at Bishop Auckland, Robin Hood's Bay, Barton-on-Umber, Kirkby Malzeard, Aysgarth, Keighley, etc.

The tenor of the peal at Darlington is 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs. in G, and, with the treble and 2nd, is inscribed: "LAUS DEO. Revd. Alfred Boot, M.A., Vicar. Jno. T. Teasdale, William Sewell, Churchwardens, 1893."

The third bears the inscription: "Presented to this Church by Nathaniel Plews, Esq., and Messrs. R. and W. Thompson. Incumbent the Revd. W. H. G. Stephens, B.A. Churchwardens, Robert Thompson, Richard Child Skinner, 1848."

The four other bells are dated 1848.

The bells were re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Auckland (the Ven. P. A. Derry), who, in the course of an eloquent sermon, referred to the use of bells in connection with religion from earliest times, and said they once did duty for clocks to the people, by notifying to them the hours of prayer at morning, noon and night. He added that he hoped that one of the earliest functions of the bells now restored would be to ring for the glad news of victory and an abiding peace.

At the ringing which followed the ceremony ringers were present from North Ormesby, Stockton, Skelton, Sheldon, and St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity, Darlington, as well as the members of the local band. All expressed themselves delighted with the "go" and the marked effect of the retuning.

OXFORD GUILD MASTER.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN GOES ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Among the latest clergy to offer their services as chaplains of H.M. Forces is the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). Other ringing clergy who are similarly serving include the Master of the Winchester Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), and the hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association (the Rev. Connop L. Price).

As, in his new capacity, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn will be away indefinitely, he will be unable, until further notice, to make any engagements or visit in the Diocese. All communications on Guild matters that would otherwise go to him should be sent to the secretary, Mr. Albert E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD AND RINGING IN WAR TIME.

The 33rd annual general meeting of the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers was held in St. Andrew's Schoolroom, Derby, on Easter Monday afternoon. As might naturally be expected the war had an adverse effect upon the attendance, many members having responded to the call of patriotism, and there were but 23 present at the opening of the proceedings, which were purely of a business character, it being deemed expedient to dispense with the usual ringing, and in anticipation of the small number likely to be present no satisfactory previous arrangements for tea could be made, as the caterers would not entertain the task without a guarantee of 60 being present. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. (President of the Association) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Vice-President (Mr. John W. Taylor).

The Hon. Treasurer's report and balance sheet were adopted, on the motion of Mr. C. Draper, seconded by Mr. J. Beustead.—A vote of thanks to the auditors for their services was moved by Mr. Sudgen, seconded by Mr. C. E. Hart.

The President, in his review of the past year's work, said: "I shall not trespass upon your time this afternoon in attempting a comparison between this year's work and that of previous years. Owing to the outbreak of the war there has been practically no ringing since August, except for special purposes, and as a matter of fact the number of peals rung in 1914 was 107 only. As the Vice-President remarked at the last quarterly meeting, but for the present unfortunate state of affairs on the continent the number of peals would have been equal to, if not in excess of any previous years. No good purpose will, therefore, be served by my attempting the comparison I usually make. On the whole, the ringing has been of a high-class character, and there have been quite a large number of ringers taking part in it. I want first of all to explain regarding the change of plans. When I heard that it was proposed to have ringing at the various churches in Derby, I wrote to the hon. secretary stating I was very sorry, but I had taken up a very strict attitude both in speaking in public, and also through the public press. I was of opinion that during the war there ought to be no ringing of bells for pleasure. The ringing of peals at unexpected times might jar harshly upon the ears of those people—and there are many in every district—who have lost their sons, brothers, or husbands in the present terrific struggle. Of course, I do not ask anyone to share my views on this point, but if you will study the records of the last six months, I think you will find that ringers generally are of this opinion. No objection can be raised to the usual regular ringing for practice, to muffled peals, when required, or wedding bells, and I hope presently, please God, we shall be ringing for a real victory. Apart from that, our instruments of music are such that the general public cannot help but hear them. We are entrusted with the working and management of these instruments, and we must be very careful in these days, when people are sore at heart, that we do not take undue advantage of the limited influence and power we have. It is a time when the ringers might do themselves an inestimable amount of harm for the future. You know that during the past two or three years a very strong set has been made against bell ringing, owing to the great amount which has been done, but I have strongly held that so long as ringing is done in a proper way and at reasonable times there is nothing to complain of. I feel that a period has come now when we must restrict ourselves sternly to duty. With these views I wrote to the secretary, and said that having taken up this definite position, it would be impossible for me to attend a meeting conducted on the usual lines. By the kindness of our Derby friends, the arrangements were altered to come into line with my sentiments. I give this explanation to show how it came about that the arrangements were altered.

SIR ARTHUR AND THE PRESIDENCY.

I have been talking privately with the committee, stating that now I have been President for 30 years, and owing to extreme pressure of affairs, I really have not the time to give the necessary thought to the management of this great Association. I do not wish to upset any existing arrangements during the war, as I feel none of us ought to throw up our responsibilities if it can be avoided. After the war, of course, it will be another matter. At the present time if you are good enough to re-elect me as your President, I will do what I can to fulfil the duties, but I cannot promise to devote the same amount of time as I have done in the past. It is a great disappointment to me that I have been unable to get to the meetings, and meet the new members, and I feel that a younger man ought to be at the head of affairs, but, as I have already said, it is our business to try and "carry on" until we get out of this fog, and I trust that the Midland Counties Association will be none the worse for holding itself in for a time. I think your officers have managed very well; the expenditure has been reduced, and, financially, we are in a better position; if we can come out of the war financially sound, I am quite certain that the impetus that will be given to ringing will be such that this Association will be as strong as ever before (applause).

The meeting then proceeded with the election of new members—11 ordinary and one honorary member were unanimously admitted.—A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was passed and suitably responded to. The whole of the officers were re-elected, there being no other nominations received.

The voting for four representatives on the Central Council resulted in the election of Mr. John W. Taylor, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.,

Mr. William E. White, Mr. Joseph Griffin. The two other candidates nominated were Mr. Edward C. Gobey and Mr. Albert Coppock.

Owing to existing circumstances, it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. White, not to proceed with the fixing of centres for the quarterly meetings during the war, but to leave this to the President, Vice-President and secretary. The President stated that the permission of the clergy had been obtained for use of the bells, but he thought it would be desirable to intimate to them that we considered it best not to take advantage of that permission.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Derby committee, Sir Arthur Heywood mentioned the kind manner in which they had taken his "interference," and once more asserted his grounds for the cessation of the usual ringing during the war.—The Vice-President ably seconded this proposition, which was carried.

The business proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, moved by Mr. C. Draper, and seconded by Mr. C. Sanders.

Mr. White thanked the Mickleover handbell ringers for their kindness in coming and entertaining the company with some excellent tune ringing after the close of the business meeting, and the majority of those present then took tea together at Ramsden's Cafe, and afterwards attended the weekly ringing practice at St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Barmouth on Easter Monday. The attendance was very good considering that all present had, on an average, a journey of 50 miles in order to attend. The following were the towers represented: Barmouth (2 members), Bangor (7), Llangollen (7), Wrexham (6), Gresford (1), Dolgelly (1). A short service was held in the church at 2 p.m., the curate (the Rev. — Ward) giving a short and appropriate address.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall. The Rev. T. Lewis Jones presided, supported by Mr. A. Peglar, Ringing Master; Mr. Ed. Rowland, treasurer; and Mr. H. Moore, junr., secretary.

The Chairman referred to the sad death of Mr. J. W. Davies, of Llangollen, one of the founders of the Association. Mr. Davies had been connected with Llangollen Church since boyhood as a ringer, and was also in the choir, and had served as a churchwarden.—A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the deceased by the members standing.—The balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, was adopted.

Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, said he would like to see the names of all members who had joined the colours printed in next year's report, and that their subscription be excused until the war is over.—This was unanimously agreed to, and the tower secretaries were instructed to send the names of their soldier ringers to the secretary at Wrexham.

The half-yearly meeting was fixed for Llandudno, in September, and the next annual meeting at Ruthen, on Easter Monday.

All the officers were re-elected, and the chairman (the Rev. T. Lewis Jones) kindly consented to represent the Association on the Central Council.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Tea was kindly provided, after the meeting, by the Vicar, who was thanked most heartily by the Rev. T. Lewis Jones on behalf of those present.

The beautiful bells of Barmouth were then rung to touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire. The bells and the church were much admired, both being quite new, and the gifts to the town by Mrs. Perrin, who resides in the district. The day came to a close all too soon, all having to leave shortly after 6 p.m. upon their long journeys.

YOUNG RINGERS' GOOD START.

Several young ringers are being brought on at Pudsey, Yorks, and last Friday four of them rang their first 720 of Bob Minor. The first was rung by: T. Kitchen (age 12 years) 1, Wm. Barton (conductor) 2, S. Helliwell 3, A. Ellis (age 14 years) 4, R. Hyland (age 14 years) 5, E. Mann 6. This was the first 720 of the ringers of the treble, 4th and 5th. The second 720 was rung by: T. Kitchen 1, Wm. E. Lumby (age 14 years), first 720, 2, E. Mann (conductor) 3, Wm. Barton 4, S. Helliwell 5, S. Ward 6.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The last of the monthly meetings of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society, arranged for 1914-15, was held at Worksop on Saturday, and in spite of the discontinuance of cheap railway fares, proved a success, ringers being present from Anston, Barlboro', Bolsover, Eastwood, Mansfield, and Sheffield Cathedral, also a lady ringer, in the person of Miss Dorothy Steel, of Bedford. From 4 o'clock to 6 and from 7 to 9 the bells were kept almost continually going with touches and courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. A very pleasing feature of this meeting was the splendid attendance of the members of the local company, who obtained some good practice in various methods. A very brief business meeting was held in the tower. Mr. H. Haigh presided, and the usual formal business was quickly disposed of.

THE CLERGY AND RINGERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Apropos of your leader in last week's issue, I am of opinion that the clergy, many of them, like the middle classes, fail to recognise the dignity of labour even for the glory of Christ and His Church. In that case, the least they might do would be to support the ringers' associations. We know there are many of the clergy unable to contribute to all the pressing needs of a parish from an ever-dwindling income.

My condemnation of the upper classes is their supineness to an art so full of intricacies and enjoyment, on account of the labour attached to it. It seems that the most severe sentence passed on mankind through Adam was the penalty of hard labour, which every pupil of the higher schools avoids.

I never yet found a good ringer a lazy man, without he was, like myself, fond of work when the days are not too long, or had no clothes to wear. Another objection to the belfry comes from the bump of self-esteem. Many there are who will join the choir in order to be arrayed in fine linen and seen by the congregation, but when it comes to a matter of muscular exercise in a chamber isolated from the public or the church, they cover at the very thought of soiling their collars and cuffs, or being seen in their shirt-sleeves, or suffering by the sweat of the brow.

Our late revered rector was an exception to the rule. He accepted a living where there was no tower or bells, and the best of his life's efforts were devoted to the attainment of them. The tower was built, and the bells eventually arrived. But there were no ringers in the parish. He had five sons, none of whom evinced any desire to be taught, though football engaged their leisure. The good old gentleman had to appeal to the working men to get his bells rung. Neither the churchwardens nor any of the upper classes came forward to take up the labour involved, and it is the most surprising event to find one of them enter the belfry.

It is fortunate where a churchwarden or clergyman shows an interest in the bells. By their influence the company is refused. We shall never find many like the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who affirmed that the exercise of change ringing was a physical and mental benefit. And, lastly, there is little remuneration for ringers. I sometimes have a suspicion that the clergy rely upon the ringers' infatuation of their art, instead of eagerly giving them every support and encouragement.

Chigwell Row.

G. F. MARGETSON.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICAR OF HEMINGBROUGH.

The Rev. W. P. Wright, Vicar of Hemingbrough, and President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers, has recently accepted the parish of St. Silas, Sheffield, a living once held by his father, the late Canon Sisum Wright, and he is removing there this month.

On Monday, March 29th, Mr. Wright was the recipient of a very handsome present from his band of ringers at Hemingbrough in remembrance of the happy hours they have spent together in the belfry. The presentation was made in feeling terms by Mr. M. T. Tune. It takes the form of a magnificent framed enlargement of the beautiful church, with the inscription: "Presented to our Vicar as a token of esteem by the Hemingbrough Ringers. March, 1915."

Mr. Wright, in gratefully acknowledging the gift, expressed the great sorrow he felt at his impending departure from the parish and his official severance from his loyal and willing ringers, hoping they might have many opportunities of meeting again.

A farewell peal to the Vicar was rung on Wednesday of last week.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, March 28th, at the Cathedral, 639 Stedman Cinques, for morning service: E. Ferry 1, A. Dalton 2, Lieut. Sayer 3, W. H. Barber (conductor) 4, W. Sinclair 5, J. McKeay 6, J. Foreman 7, B. C. Dixon 8, A. F. Hillier 9, J. E. Keen 10, R. Richards 11, J. Youll 12. For evening service, 1191 Stedman Cinques: W. H. Barber (conductor) 1, A. Dalton 2, W. Story 3, J. E. Keen 4, W. Sinclair 5, J. McKeay 6, Lieut. Sayer 7, B. Horton 8, A. Hillier 9, B. Dixon 10, R. Richards 11, J. Youll 12. These touches were rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. C. L. Routledge and R. Richards, to whom the band tendered congratulations.

ROTHERHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Albert Nash (a Wath ringer) to Miss Twigg, of Rotherham, on March 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the ringers of Wath-on-Deane: Wm. Bramham 1, T. Nicholls 2, J. Panther 3, A. Nicholls 4, A. Panther (conductor) 5, E. G. Nicholls 6. Other short touches were rung, in which J. Champion and L. Garrison took part.

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NOTICES.

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

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on April 22nd, and for business on the 27th; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays, at 7.30.—W. T. Cockerell, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, April 17th, 1915. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock at George Inn. Business to follow. Association ringers are invited.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bolton Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

PRACTICE AT CROYDON.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon (10), on Saturday, April 17th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Charles Dean.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, April 17th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided and the bells (8) available for ringing.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A. and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secretaries.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church at 5.15. Tea (9d.) in the Institute at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 13th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mathew's, Stretford, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells at 4.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deritend, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided free for those members who advise me not later than the 20th inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Wandsworth, Birmingham.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea in the schools at 5 o'clock.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (members 6d. each) and business meeting at 5 p.m. — I. B. Holmyard, Honorary Secretary, Midsomer Norton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — A meeting for practice will take place at Evesham on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available: Hampton (6) 3 p.m. till 4, Bengeworth (6) 4 till 5, Evesham (10) 5.30 till 9.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 24th. Bells at the Parish Church of St. Michael available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—Chas. Bower, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 24th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting for the transaction of the business of the above society will be held at Ranmoor (Sheffield) on Saturday, May 1st, 1915, the following being the arrangements for the afternoon: The bells will be available from 3 to 5.30 p.m., service in the church at 5.30, tea will be served in the Parish Room at 6 o'clock, followed by the business meeting, after which the bells will be available until 9 o'clock. A good attendance is desired. Tea will be provided gratis to all who notify Mr. R. W. Collier, 88, Cruise Road, Ranmoor, not later than Tuesday, April 27th.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, May 1st, Eltham not being available. Full particulars next week. — T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. W. C. Hunt has removed to 20a, Villa Street, Beeston, Nottingham. — The address of Mr. C. R. Lilley (Ringing Master of St. Chad's Society, Shrewsbury) is now Ferndale, Canon Street, Shrewsbury.

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

MODERN WORK.

RINGERS' OPPORTUNITIES.

As we have frequently noted in this column, much uncertainty still prevails, not only among ringers, but among clergy as well, as to when our church bells should be rung while the war lasts. The one point of agreement is the discontinuance of peals except for special objects, and these, up to the present time, have been chiefly of a mournful nature. Sir Arthur Heywood, in another column, however, suggests an occasion when the bells might very fittingly be rung for a joyous celebration—one not connected with the Church's calendar, but one which, from the unity of purpose which now marks the Motherland and her Colonies, is of fuller significance and more pregnant with inspiration for the nation than ever before—Empire Day. This year it falls upon Whit-Monday, which will be an extremely convenient day for the celebration from the ringers' point of view, while, as it comes within the octave of a Church festival, the ringing will serve a dual purpose. With the suggestion coming from so influential a quarter doubtless many ringers will avail themselves of the opportunity.

As to the question of general ringing, we think the following, which appears in the annual report of the Master to the members of the Oxford Guild, strikes a line which will commend itself to the Exercise as common-sense advice: "It is no time for peal ringing (in the technical sense) or for ringing tours, etc. We should be otherwise engaged. But Sunday is still Sunday, and the truths of Christmas, Easter and of all the festivals of the Catholic Church remain unchanged, be the earth never so quiet. So the bells have still a message and the ringers their work, and to do this well they require practice. Again, inasmuch as we are a Church Guild, let us not, anyhow entirely, forsake the assembling of ourselves together, that is the Guild meetings. A notice in church to the parishioners of the place of meeting would be the means of ascertaining the general feeling with regard to a limited amount of ringing on such an occasion and the incumbent could act accordingly; but Guild meetings, even without ringing, are an opportunity of social intercourse, and, above all, for united prayer for those for whom such is desired. With regard to muffled ringing, I would suggest that this were limited, as, for instance, to such days as Good Friday, November 2nd (known as All Souls' Day), New Year's Eve, the occasion of the death, or more correctly of the burial, of incumbent, churchwarden or ringer, or some occasion of great public mourning." A lead of this kind is a thing which ringers will be glad to avail themselves of, and it is, perhaps, a pity that something was not done at an earlier stage by the Central Council, from among whose members authentic opinion could have been obtained.

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

On Saturday, April 17, 1915, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6006 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

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JAMES GEORGE 2	GEORGE HUGHES 7
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MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	ALF PADDON SMITH 9
ALBERT LITTLE 5	SAMUEL GROVE Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This was Mr. George's 550th peal and his 100th peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the long peal of Treble Twelve at Ashton-under-Lyne in which Mr. James George rang the tenor. At the conclusion of the peal Mr. George kindly entertained the company.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1915, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT ELLAM Treble	ALBERT NORTH 5
WALTER KNOTT 2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 6
WILLIAM CLARKE 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
HEMMINGWAY DRANSFIELD 4	JOHN F. CLAYTON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH TEBBS, and
Conducted by JOHN F. CLAYTON.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1915, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs.

JOHN COLEMAN Treble	WALTER GILBERT 5
FRANK KIRK 2	LESLIE GROOM 6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3	DANIEL REDHEAD 7
FREDERICK ARNOLD 4	JAMES M. NICKERSON Tenor

Composed by E. J. GABE, and
Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the ring of the 6th.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	77	12	6
Mr. W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley	0	5	0
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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Hunslet on Saturday week, when the bells of the Parish Church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and various touches were rung during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Mr. J. Peacock; vice-presidents, Mr. G. Bolland and Mr. E. Mann; treasurer, Mr. J. Guy; secretary, Mr. W. Barton. Mr. P. J. Johnson was elected as the Central Council delegate. Mr. George Wettleton was elected a trustee, in place of Mr. H. Lockwood.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local band for their kind arrangements, was carried on the motion of Mr. H. Williams, seconded by Mr. J. Guy. Mr. J. Kemp ably responding. After the meeting the tower bells were again utilised, while some of the members had a touch on the handbells.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with H.M. Forces:—

Miss K. Bowen Cooke, hon. member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, with Y.M.C.A. at the Advance Base in France.

Pte William Johnson, of Workop Priory Church, 2nd/8 Sherwood Foresters (3538), now at Luton.

Spr. H. J. Taylor, Hereford Cathedral, Reserve Signal Section, Royal Engineers, Aldershot.

Pte W. D. White, St. Mary's, Taunton, Somerset Light Infantry.

Pte H. F. Holding, of Christ Church, Crewe, R.A.M.C., now in Dublin.

Pte George Williams, of Christ Church, Crewe, Cheshire Regt.

Driver J. E. Foulds, and

Gunner Sydney Lane, of St. Bartholomew's, Colne, Lancs. County Palatine Artillery, now at St. Annes.

John Henry Martin,

John Turner and

Alec Wilkin, of Pen Ditton, Cambs, Kitchener's Army.

R. H. Richardson, of St. Laurence's, Surfleet, Lincs, K.O. Yorkshire Light Infantry, making the ninth member of the company to join since the outbreak of the war.

From St. Helen's, Eserick, near York, a five-bell tower, six ringers have enlisted, the following being the latest to go:—

John Steel, and

Reginald Rochester, Royal Engineers, stationed at Chatham.

Arthur Lofthouse, Seaforth Highlanders.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It has been a very real pleasure to me, after each of the past London meetings of the Central Council, to invite the members to meet me and accept my hospitality. I greatly regret that, owing to the present financial pressure, I am unable this year to follow the same course. I should also like to express the opinion, which I gather is held by the majority of ringers, that, while there can be no objection to a social gathering similar to those arranged at the country meetings of the Council for the evening of Whit-Tuesday, it is desirable there should be none of the usual "pleasure" ringing of church bells on that or the following day; for there are at the present time many sore hearts and anxious minds upon which the unexplained sound of bells would inevitably jar.

What, however, seems to me not only an opportunity but a duty lies open to ringers on "Empire Day," which this year falls on Whit-Monday. Just as in so many of our churches we, in this stressful hour, give public expression to our loyalty by singing "God save the King" at the conclusion of divine service, so should every loyal ringer—and all ringers are loyal—do his best to voice on "Empire Day," with the most widely-appealing of musical instruments, the national sense of rejoicing upon the magnificent way in which all our Daughter Colonies have whole-heartedly united with the Mother Country to preserve the existence of the most glorious Empire the world has ever seen.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Durfield, April 19th.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

THE REV. E. V. COX'S COMING DEPARTURE.

The last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at Willenhall on Saturday last, when upwards of 50 members were in attendance. Various methods were rung upon the bells during the afternoon and evening, but a course of London was unsuccessful. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox, and a practical address given by the Rev. W. E. Thomas, in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Pratt).

Tea was partaken of in the Church Institute, after which a little surprise was sprung upon the assembly by the clerical secretary, the Rev. B. V. Cox, who intimated that he would, in the course of a few weeks, be leaving the district to take up a curacy at Bampton, Devon. The speaker expressed feelings of gratitude to the members for the support given him during his six years term of office.

The society will thus lose one of the most conscientious and energetic officials it has had since its inception.—Mr. W. R. Small voiced the feeling of the members when he said that all would be sorry to lose Mr. Cox, but that they should not be selfish if it was for the latter's gain.

Feeling references was made to the death of two members at Wombourne, viz., Messrs. R. Cartwright and W. Rogers, and of Pte F. J. Keen, of Tamworth, who fell in battle.—A vote of sympathy to the representatives of the deceased was moved, and carried by all standing.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. W. E. Thomas for his address, to the organist for his services, the ladies who had arranged for the tea, and to the Institute Committee for the use of the rooms.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space we have had to hold over the reports of some Easter tours and numerous reports of miscellaneous performances.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES MEETING.

A MEMBER'S CRITICISMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As a member of the Midland Counties Association, I think some of the recent actions of the management are open to very severe criticism. The last and most serious action is in connection with the annual meeting held at Derby on Easter Monday, and I will confine my remarks to this only.

As you have previously drawn attention to the matter in your leader, I think it will be generally known that this meeting was first advertised with the usual additions regarding arrangements for ringing and teas. In a later edition, the advertisement stated there would be no church bell ringing, and that the arrangements for teas were cancelled.

Assuming that the first advertisement was inserted by the secretary on instructions received from the committee, many members and others (including yourself) wondered what was the cause of the change, and I have awaited with much curiosity your report on the meeting. The explanation of the change, as published in this week's "Ringing World," is simply and solely that the President could not attend a meeting conducted on the usual lines, owing to his views, and that the arrangements were altered to come into line with his sentiments.

Sir Arthur Heywood's position as President of the M.C.A. may be such that he has the right to direct the affairs of the Association, but if he has this right, is it fair to use it, when it is practically certain that it will interfere with the sentiments of a large number of members?

In your leader this week I consider you hit the right nail on the head in your remarks on the attendances at meetings, and I agree that it is useless to expect members to travel from long distances to attend meetings for business only, especially when they do not know what business is on the agenda. I see there was one very important item settled at the Derby meeting, at which, I understand, under four per cent. of members were in attendance; when the four representatives of the Central Council for the next three years were elected. As one of the objects of the meeting was quashed at the eleventh hour, surely an important item like this could have been postponed; it is almost the only thing in which an ordinary member has a voice.

One also wonders what the clergy, who consented to the use of the bells, and other Associations, are thinking of the M.C.A.? I know what many members think!—Yours truly,

ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

Strathallan, Darley Dale, 17th April, 1915.

Dear Sir,—The general opinion of the Nottingham District is that Sir Arthur Heywood has, to use a vulgargism, "done it on us." The notice distinctly stated that there would be no church bell-ringing. Now we find two towers open. The excuse of the weekly practice is decidedly "weakly." Had Sir Arthur's remarks been published a fortnight previously or some explanation offered, things might have been different, but when a meeting is shorn of its most attractive feature, it is no use blaming the war. Besides, opinions differ, and in this case even, the clergy were not opposed to a little ringing. We are not unreasonable and expected some curtailment of the privileges we usually enjoy, but to advertise a meeting in the "Business as usual" terms, and then to countermand it next week without any explanatory matter, is, to put it mildly, "a bit thick." It has robbed the annual meeting of all its authority, as the meagre attendance cannot be accepted as representative. With no other nominations, the officers of the Association cannot be otherwise than accepted by the rank and file, but where there is competitive election, the matter ought to have been left over to a more representative meeting, and the old delegates undisturbed. I submit respectfully that Mr. W. E. White withdraws from the Central Council in favour of Mr. Gobey, until a proper election can take place. As one nominated for the post, I am pleased that I was unsuccessful, for I could not conscientiously have accepted office from such a poor meeting, and I am perfectly certain, from the letters I have already received, that with a full company present the result of the election would have been different. As it is, the representation of the M.C.A. takes a step backward, which should surely not be a motto of the Association. I sincerely trust that Sir Arthur will set the example in peal ringing when the time comes (which we hope will be very soon), with as much force of character as he has shown in the opposite direction during the present crisis, and I might point out also, that the ringing at these meetings is not so much for pleasure as for instruction, if the rules of the Association are carried out. Personally, I was looking forward to a bit of Cambridge, or, perhaps, London, but now it may be a year before I can get it.—Sincerely yours,

35, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham.

ALBERT COPPOCK.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—Llandaff Association.—On Feb. 27th, 720 Kent Minor: S. Dawe 1, F. J. Bailey 2, W. B. Biss (conductor) 3, C. O. Hobbs 4, F. Chamberlain 5, J. W. Jones 6. First 720 of Kent on the bells.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. G. Bedford (first quarter) 1, J. Guttridge 2, W. Henley 3, T. Smith 4, T. Gosling 5, G. Beeby 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, F. Guttridge 8. Also 168, with Pte R. Runham (Coldstream Guards) ringing the 3rd.

THE EXPERT AGAIN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My letter in your issue of March 26th was a reply to "Once a Beginner," but now that Messrs. Grimes, Thompson and Pye (who for convenience I will call the experts) have taken up the argument, I appeal to you for space to reply to them.

In the first place, let me make it perfectly clear that my previous letter is not intended to "decry" their performances. Decrying a man's performance, and questioning whether such performances are doing good, from a learner's standpoint, are entirely different things. And it is apparent to me that these experts do not, or will not, recognise the difference between the two. Mr. Pye asks, "Why do I make a target of him?" Well, he is the person referred to by "Once a Beginner," and naturally the discussion should keep to him.

I would ask the experts if they expect to see their performances praised in "The Ringing World" by a writer using an assumed name. If their doings are so beneficial to the learners, they will not require any praise from a writer seeking the cover of the "Old Umbrella," but will speak for themselves.

The most remarkable thing about their letters is the number of learners they claim to have helped. Take, for instance, the peals of 1913, and you find that 102 peals (on tower bells) were rung, in which either Mr. Grimes or Mr. Pye took part. These peals required 852 ringers (or thereabouts); out of this number only 50 rang their first peals in the method, not one learner ringing his first peal. Looking at these figures makes me wonder who Mr. Grimes calls "the learners," surely these 50 men ringing their first Surprise peal cannot be called learners. To class them as third-rate experts would be nearer the mark. Learners from my standpoint are those who have learnt to handle the bell, and can ring it to touches in plain methods. In the majority of cases such learners usually are anxious to ring the first peal in either Grandsire Triples or Plain Bob Major, and it would be interesting to know how many such learners has Mr. Pye helped through their first peal in these methods. And again, 55 of these peals were rung within a twelve miles' radius of St. Paul's, and any learner can form his opinion whether these peals are rung in a favourable district or not.

Having been a reader of "The Ringing World," and possessing a copy of every issue since its commencement, I know exactly what page 666 contains, and being interested in change ringing I usually read the contents, and still claim to form my own opinion whether such contents are right or wrong. Also I know where Mr. Pye has rung peals, but we should remember that England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales have been toured over and over again by men each in pursuit of their particular hobby. Surely the experts will not be so foolish as to say that their tour of 1913 was arranged for, or did any good to the learners in Devonshire. It has become an established fact that the tours of this band are arranged for peal ringing for pleasure, with a first-class band from start to finish.

It is not now a question of how much these excessive peal ringers are doing for the learners, but how much harm are they doing to the Exercise. Take, for instance, the years 1912 and 1913. Many complaints were made against peal ringing in various parts of the country, in some odd cases towers were closed. The Exercise has received carefully-worded warnings from such gentlemen as Sir Arthur Heywood and Mr. F. E. Dawe, and yet previous to the war, the experts were ringing peals as usual. Being assured by Mr. Pye that the "fenlands of Lincolnshire would never have stopped him from getting about," I accept his word, but let me tell Mr. Pye that when he has a more intimate knowledge of this county, both with regard to the way in which the churches are situated, and the facilities for travelling, he will come to the conclusion that it would be impossible even for him to ring 50 or 60 peals a year in the county; that is, unless he happens to be one of those fortunate gentlemen who have plenty of money, and can spend his whole time following his hobby.

I cannot speak for 95 per cent. of the beginners in the Exercise, but what I can do is to assure the experts that quite 95 per cent. of the beginners in the two counties I have mentioned, do not look upon the peal of London Surprise Major rung at Southgate on March 24th, 1913, as being anything remarkable or helpful to them, especially when we remember that the peal total of four of those taking part exceeds 300 peals in that particular method.

My first letter says "Mr. Pye's band has rung a peal of Stedman Caters over and over again." I know perfectly well the man who has called this composition "several times," and the experts should read my letter more closely before putting this part down as alluding to Mr. Pye.

In conclusion, let me appeal to the experts to help a few more so-called "lame dogs" over their first peal stile. By so doing they will be doing again that which they are so fond of telling us they have done in the past. It will produce a better feeling between expert and beginner, and then there will be no need for a learner to make complaints in the columns of "The Ringing World," while it will certainly save the experts from classing such complaints as "total ignorance and cheek."—Yours faithfully,

Grantham.

S. PROCTOR.

100 PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.



Mr. JAMES GEORGE, of Birmingham.

Last Saturday, the fourth anniversary of the record peal of Treble Twelve at Ashton-under-Lyne, in which Mr. James George rang the tenor, that youthful veteran rang his 100th peal of Stedman Caters, and his 550th peal.

This took place at Welnesbury, when Mr. J. E. Groves called Mr. George's well-known 5005 peal.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Favoured with beautiful weather, the quarterly meeting held at Trevelin, Pontypool, on Saturday last, proved quite successful. Among the first to put in an appearance was the band from Llanfrehfa, who are quite young lads, and, considering the long draught of rope, they handled their bells remarkably well. Their conductor, Mr. Powell, is deserving of great praise for the way he has brought them out.

The bells, which are a light ring of eight, came from the Croydon foundry, having been erected about 27 years ago, would now stand overhauling. They were kept going during the afternoon and evening. In the schoolroom an excellent tea was generously provided by the Vicar (the Rev. Edward Morgan) and churchwardens of the parish. The Vicar's wife and other ladies, who had kindly volunteered their services, attending to the wants of the visitors.

At the conclusion of the tea, the Vicar passed round a box of cigars, and, needless to say, this was much appreciated.—The Vicar presided over the business meeting, and said he considered it a very great compliment to him that the Association should visit his parish. He congratulated the Association on the good work which he knew had been done in the Diocese since its formation, and hoped it would stimulate his own ringers to ring the higher methods.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) then moved a vote of condolence with Mr. Fred Atwell, one of the Association's oldest members and leader of the St. Woolos ringers, Newport, who had, during the week, had the misfortune to lose his wife, and had been left with a very large family, several of whom were still attending school.—The motion was carried, all standing in silence.

Reports of instructors were received, progress being reported at St. Mellons.

The place for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting was discussed, Machen being chosen, the Glamorganshire quarterly meeting having been previously arranged to be held at Bridgend.

New members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens then brought the meeting to a close. Touches in Standard methods were afterwards rung on the bells, and concluded a most enjoyable gathering.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

ST. PHILIP'S, BIRMINGHAM.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The Church of St. Philip was erected early in the 18th century, and this year sees the bicentenary of its consecration. Some time appears to have elapsed before anything was done in the way of providing bells for the steeple. In the Vestry minutes we find "3rd Aprill 1727. By an order of a generall meeting this day it was agreed that Joseph Smith shall receive the mettle from Mr. Bradburn in order to cast a Bell for the parish church of St. Philips in Birmingham to be done with all expedition." And further on we find "At a meeting 13th day of June 1727, ordered that

Third.

AT PROPER TIMES MY VOICE I'LL RAISE AND
SOUND TO MY SUBSCRIBERS PRAISE \$\$\$
T: LESTER FECIT, 1750.

Fifth.

PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT, 1772.

Sixth.

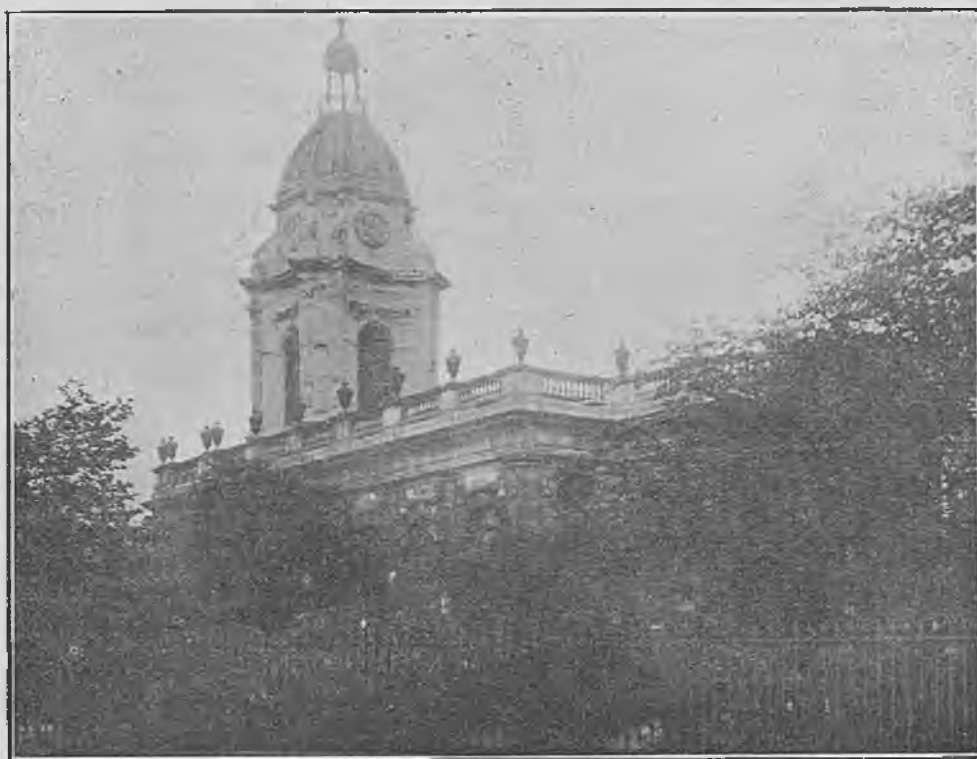
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WARDENS 1796. THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT.

Eighth.

T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1823. \$\$\$

Ninth.

THOMAS LESTER FECIT 1750.



ST. PHILIP'S, BIRMINGHAM.

a frame of good Timber be erected & fixed in the Steeple of the New Church for Hanging of Eight Bells & that the Two Bells already made be hung there with all convenient speed."

From the above extract it appears that Joseph Smith, of the Edgbaston foundry, first supplied two bells and afterwards a peal of eight. This appears to have been replaced by the present peal of ten, cast by Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel foundry, in 1750-1, six of which still remain, but the rest have been recast since by Pack and Chapman, and Thomas Mears, junr.

The present tenor is 55½ inches in diameter, weight 29 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble and Seventh.

THOMAS LESTER OF LONDINI (sic) FECIT, 1750.

Second and Fourth.

THOMAS LESTER OF LONDON FECIT, 1751.

Tenor.

IN WEDLOCK BANDS ALL YE WHO JOIN WITH HANDS
YOUR HEARTS UNITE SO SHALL OUR TUNEFULL
TONGUES COMBINE TO LAUD THE NUPTIAL RITE.
\$\$\$ [below] PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT
1772.

The eighth was a bell which the founder had in stock, and was supplied to replace the old eighth which was cracked. She is said to be much inferior to the original bell.

Among the "Recollections of Mr. John Day," which appeared in print about twenty years ago, the following incident which occurred in 1834 is recorded. It appears that at that time a certain church official and his son who was a ringer, were employed to do any repairs to the bells which were needed from time to time. In those days days great Musical Festivals were held annually in aid of the General Hospital, for which the bells were rung before and after the performances. It was observed that just

before each Festival the bells invariably got out of order and required repairs. Shortly before the Festival of 1834, when the ringers met for ringing one Sunday morning, they were told by the elder of the two worthies above mentioned that the tenor was in a dangerous condition and could not be rung, and they found the rope drawn up into the clock-chamber. As she was all right the last time they had rung they were somewhat suspicious and determined to investigate matters. They accordingly gained admission to the clock-chamber and let down the rope and pulled her up. They rang as usual and found nothing the matter. The fraud was thus discovered and the two officials were taken to task by the authorities, who refused to employ them for any bell repairs again.

There is a peal board in the belfry dated 1844 recording two peals, also others recording peals rung in February, 1893, September and December, 1894, December, 1895, and in February, March and May, 1896. The last peal on the bells was a 5017 Stedman Caters rung by St. Martin's Guild on August 22nd, 1903.

Mr. H. B. Walters, in his notes on these bells taken in March, 1908, and published in his "Church Bells of Warwickshire" remarks, "Bells very grimy and encrusted with accumulated deposits which largely obscure the lettering. The tower is said to be in an unsafe condition and the bells are no longer used for ringing; in fact the treble only is used for services, and the tenor tolled for funerals, the rest being silent except for the clock chimes."

As to the present state of affairs we learn that some few years ago the stonework of the tower had got into a very badly decayed condition, and the vibration set up by the bells when ringing caused "scales" of stone to drop down, to the danger of pedestrians passing by. Consequently ringing was stopped, and in 1911 the tower was "dressed" and chemically treated.

In the interval, however, the belfry had been turned into a choir practice room, the floor having a series of raised platforms to which the music desks for the choristers were fixed, a harmonium was introduced, and heating apparatus (hot water) installed. This was done under the Rectorship of Canon Carnegie (now Rector of St. Margaret's, Westminster), who is reputed to have little sympathy with bellringing.

The venture, however, was hardly a success, as the room was never much used, and when last an official of St. Martin's Guild went up there with a view to inspecting the place and bells (by permission of the present Rector, Bishop Hamilton Baynes) in January, 1914, the desks, etc. were covered with dust to such an extent that copies of music lying on them could hardly be seen until the dust was touched!

At that time Bishop Baynes was approached about the bells, and gave permission to a band to try them, he agreeing to move the desks, etc., in the meantime. This was done, and the bells were found ringable, but not pealable, the ninth going very badly. They have only been rung twice since that date, one occasion being on the "Johnson" Dinner day, 1914.

The church authorities do not seem able to decide to spend money on the bells (although it is rumoured that a certain wealthy lady who is, or used to be, a member of the congregation would defray the whole cost if approached), and consequently they remain silent.

The present ten are a "middling" lot, with the exception of the tenor, which is a beauty, and ought to be cleared out and replaced by a good ring of twelve, consistent with the importance of the church, which is now the "pro-cathedral."

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

The Easter meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Scarborough on Bank Holiday. This meeting was arranged at the annual meeting last Whitsuntide, but the war breaking out and the town having been subjected to bombardment, the committee seriously thought of postponing the gathering. When this intimation, however, was conveyed to the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers at Scarborough, a special invitation came from them that the meeting should be held as arranged.

The committee, therefore, went ahead with the necessary arrangements, and the meeting was presided over by the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright) who was supported by the vice-presidents (Mr. G. F. Alexander and Mr. W. Pick), one of the churchwardens (Mr. W. Lowson) and the secretary (Mr. T. Melcalfe).

Dinner was provided at Bailey's Cafe, and was attended by ringers from Hemingbrough, Robin Hood's Bay, Selby, Sharow, Pateley Bridge, Middleham, Ormesby, and the local company.

The President submitted the loyal toast, which was most enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

The election of several new members then took place, including the Rev. C. H. Cooper, Vicar of Scarborough, as an hon. member.

The President proposed that the best thanks of the Association be given to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the Association the use of the bells, and for the pressing invitation to hold the meeting at Scarborough. He also included their thanks to Mr. J. R. Barton, the energetic captain and leader of the local ringers, for making the necessary arrangements for the dinner and comfort of the visiting members. This was seconded by Mr. G. F. Alexander, and responded to by Mr. Churchwarden Lowson, who gave the Association a most hearty welcome, and said he hoped they would make good use of the bells during the afternoon. He hoped to pay a visit to the tower later in the afternoon, which promise, by-the-way, he fulfilled, bringing with him his "better half."

REMOVAL CAUSES PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION.

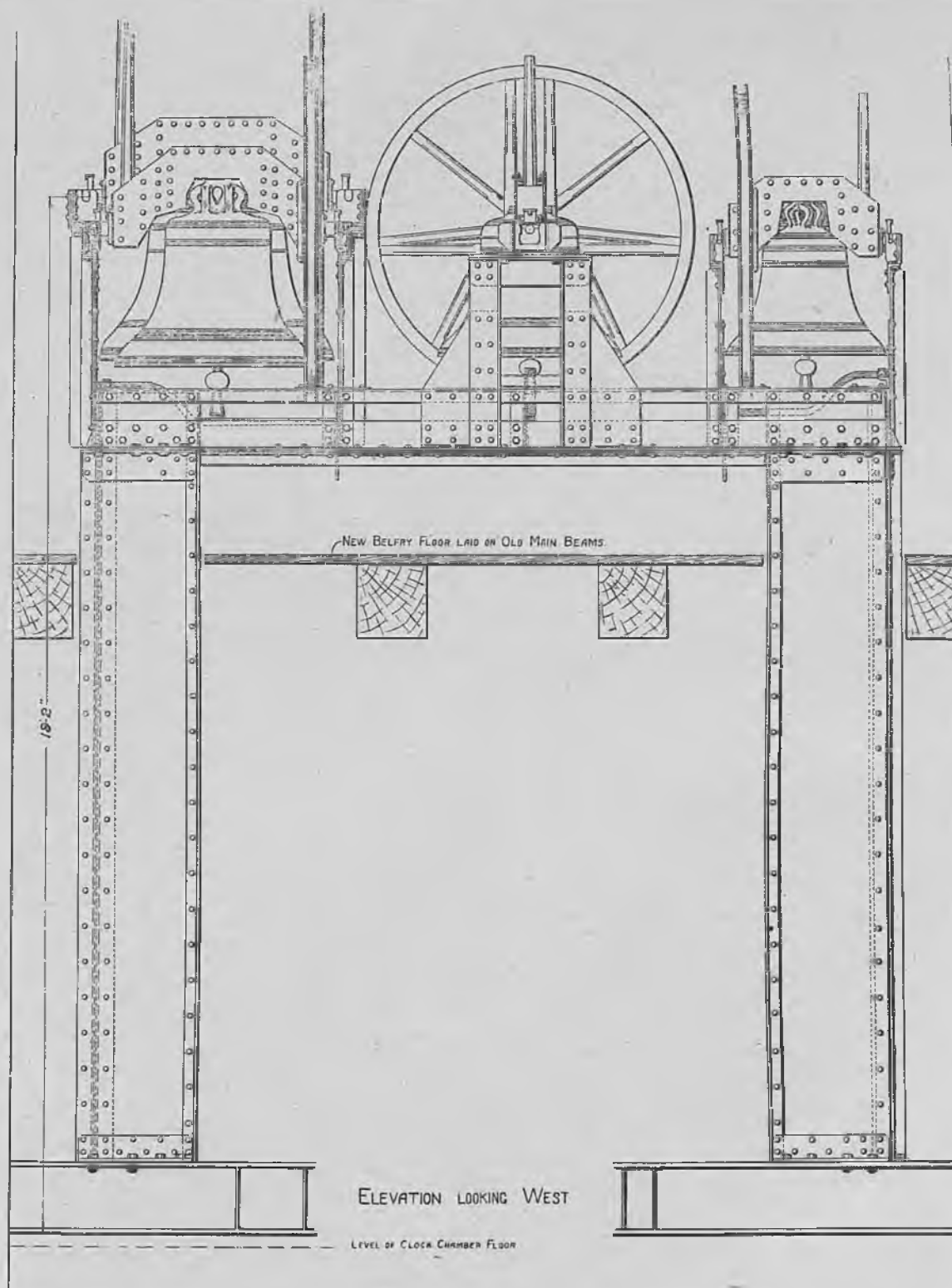
The President next made reference to his having to resign the presidency of the Association as he had accepted the living of a large parish in Sheffield, which would keep him away from the two most important meetings in the year—their Easter meeting and the annual meeting which was held on Whit-Monday. As they all knew, these days were very important and busy days for a Vicar in a large town, and by remaining as their President it would not be fair to the members of the Association, seeing that it would be impossible for him to attend the principal meetings of the year. He, therefore, very reluctantly had sent his resignation as President of the Association to the secretary. He need hardly say how much he felt having to sever his connection to a certain extent with the great many friends he met at those meetings, besides the pleasure he had received in ringing with them. He had been connected with the Association since its commencement sixteen years ago, being its first secretary, then vice-president, and of late years its president. He had hoped if ever there was a change that it would have taken him into the Tees-side or its immediate neighbourhood, but at present that was not the case.

The President next referred to the death of Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton-on-Tees, whose death had come as a great shock to them. They all felt that Mr. Clarkson had done a great deal of spade work in the early days of the Association, being instrumental in its formation, and being also its first president, which office he held for about ten years. He was a man whose ear, when ringing, was bad to beat; he was a perfect striker, and, when teaching a band, was most particular about the striking—a thing most essential to learners, which he (the speaker) was sorry to say was greatly neglected by some teachers who thought they were great ringers.

The ringing done during the day was of a fair average, considering the obstacles that had been put in the way by the railway companies having suspended all cheap travelling. This kept many good ringers from attending the meeting. The methods rung were: Bob Minor, Kent Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A well attended quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Pulborough on Easter Monday. Ringers, to the number of 40, were present from Arundel, Angmering, Brighton, Billingshurst, Chichester, Heene, Slinfold, Shipley, West Tarring, Warnham, and some of the local band, and also Miss Parker, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, Miss Parker taking part. Tea was provided at the Five Bells Inn. The Rector not being able to be present, Mr. P. H. Doick presided. The usual business followed.—Mr. Frank Bennett proposed, and Mr. Lindup seconded, that the annual general meeting should be held as usual for transacting the necessary business, even if no ringing could be done, and this was carried.—The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for granting the use of the bells.—The tower was again visited afterwards, and further ringing indulged in.



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The bells were the gift of Mrs. Horner, of Caton, and a native of Idle, and are a splendid peal from the Loughborough foundry. After the formal dedication the Bishop delivered a short but interesting address on "The Message of the Bells" to a large number of ringers who had assembled in the tower. The Bishop said that the bell ringers, like other church workers, had a message. When they took part in ringing they sent a message of invitation to the people to come to church. The power of the message they sent out depended on the heart they put into the work.

The opening ringing was done by the Calverley company, who have taken a great deal of pains in training the Idle contingent. The other ringers who took part were a selected band of the Yorkshire Association, and the Shipley, Bingley and Bolton companies. They rang various short touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grand-sire.

The ringers present included the Rev. C. C. Marshall, of Leeds (President of the Yorkshire Association), Messrs. W. Idle (Dewsbury), G. Bolland (Tong), J. Cotterill (Halifax), H. Williams (Leeds), Denison Taylor (Loughborough), J. Broadley, P. Maude (Pudsey); Saml. Wheatley, Walter Popplewell, Sydney Keighley, Walter Stanhope, Harold Wheatley, Wilfred Lee, Chas. Pratt (conductor), and Fred Waller, Calverley; T. B. Kendall, J. Ross, J. Broadley, G. A. Nettleton, J. Joyce, W. Joyce, E. Murgatroyd, and E. Simpson, Shipley; James Nichols, Arthur Ainge, Baldwin Norfolk, Arthur Gill, John Palfraiman, Firth Hopwood, B. Howe, Samuel Palfraiman, Bolton; W. Foster, A. Hopewell, J. Jacques, H. Gill, F. Goodings, G. Whittaker and H. Foster, Bingley.

On Saturday week the Earlsheaton Society, in answer to an invitation, visited Idle to ring on the new peal of bells. They were met at the tower by Mr. Foster, who gave them a hearty welcome. Four courses of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and on its completion the ringers expressed themselves highly delighted with the "go" and tone of the bells, which in their opinion were excellent. The ringers were: A. Goodall 1, J. Garforth 2, J. Hewett 3, H. Dransfield 4, W. Idle 5, G. H. Hardy (conductor) 6, Hubert Dransfield 7, G. Taylor 8. Afterwards they were entertained to tea by Mr. Idle. The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing.

FUNERAL OF MRS. W. PYE.

The interment of the late Mrs. William Pye, whose death, at the age of 45 years, we have already recorded, took place in accordance with her expressed wish in the quiet little churchyard of Aldborough Hatch, near Romford, the home of her husband's early days. The sympathy which is felt with Mr. William Pye in his heavy bereavement found expression in the many beautiful wreaths that were sent, and the large number of kind letters which he has received, while, in addition to the family mourners, many ringers attended the funeral to pay a last mark of respect to one who has truly been described as "an ideal ringers' wife." She was never so happy as when doing a good turn to others, and many ringers will recall the whole-hearted welcome extended to them whenever it has been their pleasure to call at 8, Sanson Road. But while in health she was always anxious to be helping others, her one fear in her last illness was that she was giving trouble to others. Mrs. Pye, as has already been stated, passed away on Good Friday, and, by a strange coincidence, an elder sister of hers died also on a Good Friday a few years ago at almost the hour of the day. Mrs. Pye's illness had extended over several months, and early this year she underwent an operation in one of the London hospitals. Although this appeared at the time to have been successful, she gradually sank, and passed peacefully to rest.

At the weekly practice night, at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, two 720's were rung with the bells muffled.

DEATH OF ANOTHER RINGER'S WIFE.

A great blow has befallen Mr. Fred Atwell, of Newport, Mon., and leader of the St. Woolos ringers, by the death of his wife. Mrs. Atwell was apparently quite well in health until two days before, but on Sunday week she had a seizure, and passed away on Tuesday morning, leaving a large family. As a mark of respect the bells of St. Woolos Church were rung half-muffled the same evening.

The funeral took place on Friday, at Malpas, six of the Newport ringers acting as bearers. In the evening the bells were again rung half-muffled in touches of Triples.

TOTTENHAM—For evening service at St. Ann's Church, on March 28th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: W. Ringrose 1, E. Hibble 2, E. Davidson 3, H. C. Stubbs 4, F. Fensome 5, H. O. Ross (conductor) 6).

NOTICES.

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

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deritend, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided free for those members who advise me not later than the 20th inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Wandsworth, Birmingham.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Newport tomorrow (Saturday), April 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; business meeting in the Church Room at 5 p.m.—William Watts, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (members 6d. each) and business meeting at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Honorary Secretary, Midsomer Norton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Evesham on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available: Hampton (6) 3 p.m. till 4, Bengeworth (6) 4 till 5, Evesham (10) 5.30 till 9.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 24th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, May 1st, 1915. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30 p.m.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Church Stretton, on Saturday, May 1st, 1915. Ringing at the Parish Church at 3 p.m., business meeting at 5 p.m. in the Vestry.—H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Bidgemount, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, May 1st. Tea at Glass's Restaurant at 4.15 p.m., meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting for the transaction of the business of the above society will be held at Ranmoor (Sheffield) on Saturday, May 1st, 1915, the following being the arrangements for the afternoon: The bells will be available from 3 to 5.30 p.m., service in the church at 5.30, tea will be served in the Parish Room at 6 o'clock, followed by the business meeting, after which the bells will be available until 9 o'clock. A good attendance is desired. Tea will be provided gratis to all who notify Mr. R. W. Collier, 88, Cruise Road, Ranmoor, not later than Tuesday, April 27th.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting will be held at Dorchester on Monday, May 3rd. Service at St. Peter's Church 12.30, preacher Rev. H. C. Coote. Luncheon at St. Peter's Church Institute, at 1.30, by kind invitation of the Rector and local friends. Towers open: St. Peter's (8), Wyke Regis (8), Fordington (6), Puddletown (6) and Upwey (6).—F. L. Edwards, Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—**ALTERATION OF DATE.**—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and Address by the Rev. W. F. Jepson (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow at the Whidbourne Institute. Those who intend to be at tea must send me notice not later than first post, Tuesday, May 4th.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by invitation of J. F. Stilwell, Esq. Members intending to be present please notify me by May 5th.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, May 15th. By kind permission of the authorities the bells of St. Leonard's Church will be available from 3.30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Schools at 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

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MODERN WORK

THE EXPERT'S POSITION.

For some few weeks now we have had in our columns correspondence upon "the experts," which arose out of a quite innocent, if somewhat pessimistic, letter penned by "Once a Beginner," and which has drifted, as such newspaper debates not infrequently do, when names are mentioned, into personalities. This is always regrettable, but it is not always avoidable, for each side is naturally and legitimately anxious to reply to the other. The unfortunate part is that, when this happens, the principle under argument is often lost sight of and the discussion leads nowhere and satisfies no one.

In the present instance the controversy has been diverted from consideration of the future of ringing, in so far as it depends upon experts for guidance, to a debate upon whether the performance of a particular man or men has been of use to other members of the Exercise. As a matter of fact it cannot be said of anyone, we imagine, that all his peal ringing has always been for the benefit of other people. At the same time no one would suggest that ringers of peals in higher methods have never done anything for the beginner. It is only to be expected that those who are highly skilled will devote their attention to helping what, perhaps, for convenience, we may call the advanced students of the Art. We do not expect to find a professor of, say, literature at a University teaching the rudiments of grammar. That task is usually left to someone in a less exalted position, and we think the experts in ringing may be looked upon as being in a similar situation to the professors. If they are to spend all their time in teaching others the rudiments, who is to help the more advanced to reach higher stages?

It is here that the argument comes back to the original discussion—the experts of the future. Unless there were men able to supply the help which enables others to reach the highest heights, the future would not be very encouraging. Some, of course, can reach these eminences almost unaided, but they are exceptions. We are bold enough to say that a large majority of ringers of London Surprise would have still been waiting for a peal in that method but for the assistance of the experts—for the conductor who can keep London Surprise going when a serious trip occurs is a real expert, whatever his name may be. Whether in practical ringing or in the theoretical side, we must still have our experts, who will devote most of their attention to the higher phases of the Art if change ringing is to continue its progress and to develop as we would wish it to. The man who can ring the more complex methods and can help others to do so, is as essential to the maintenance of our Art as he who devotes himself to working out new and more intricate methods. We need them both.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 21, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

*BERNARD ALLSOP Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
†ALFRED C. WRIGHT 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	JAMES L. WRIGHT 7
THOMAS WHITE 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal, 25th as conductor. Rung at the wedding of Mr. Hugh W. Gregory, and also for the birthday of Pte. John Siddall, 6th Sherwood Foresters, both members of the above Society.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 22, 1915, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

*WILLIAM PARR Treble	WILLIAM ALLSOP 5
CHARLES WAITHMAN 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM 7
GEORGE ROBERTS 4	JAMES REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

* First peal away from the tenor. This peal was rung in honour of Mr. Thomas Matthews, who has now completed 40 years as a ringer in the above tower, 30 years as tower keeper, and is in his 25th year as Deputy Parish Clerk. In thanking him for his kindness after the peal, the ringers all expressed their best wishes and hopes that they may be able to renew the compliment on his jubilee. All the above ringers belong to the service band except Mr. Garrison, who hails from Erdington Parish Church.

GLODWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, April 25, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JOHN CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ISAAC SCHOFIELD Treble	JAMES W. TAYLOR 5
FRED CROSSLAND 2	JAMES LEES 6
SAMUEL STOTT 3	ALBERT CLEGG 7
JOSEPH OGDEN 4	JAMES GARLIC ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

Messrs. Stott and Garlic hail from Oldham Parish Church, and Ogden from Moorside.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 17th, 1915, in Two Hours,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

With seven different callings.

*SIDNEY HALE 1—2	OLIVE BROYD 3—4
†LEWIS WISEMAN 5—6	

Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal as conductor on handbells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 23, 1915, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES!

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1-2	JAMES HUNT	...	5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	...	3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: H. C. ALFORD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside pair. Rung in honour of St. George's Day, after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined the Forces:
Pte R. H. Stevens, of Dover, K.C.B., now at Tonbridge.

The following are serving from Pudsey, Yorks:—

Ernest Hoyle, R.A.M.C.
Fred Jones, West Yorks.
Fred Thorpe, West Yorks.
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A MONMOUTHSHIRE RESTORATION.

The Bishop of Llandaff on Wednesday afternoon of last week performed an interesting ceremony at Dingeston Church, when he dedicated four old bells which had been silent for about half a century owing to being out of repair. There was a large congregation present and the surplized clergy present were Canon Harding, R.D., the Vicar (the Rev. T. Parry Pryce), the Rev. A. Maclavetty, and the Rev. T. Davies. Among the congregation were Lady Llangatlock and Mr. S. C. Bosanquet, of Dingeston Court, and the latter read the lesson. The choir rendered the anthem, "Who are these like stars appearing."

The Bishop having dedicated the bells, delivered the bell rope to the Vicar, asking him to receive the bells as a sacred trust. The bells were then rung in rounds, after which a special hymn, composed by Miss Bosanquet (who was the organist), was sung.

The sermon was preached by Canon Harding, who said that the new bell emphasised a beautiful life and a beautiful example, and she who was dead would, through it, yet speak to them calling them to go forward and respond quickly to Divine inspiration, whisper to them to be quiet, gentle, meek, or patient, and constant in praise.

In the evening the Bishop preached to a large congregation.

It is gratifying to know that the whole of the cost of the work has been raised during the past two years, and the bells are now free from debt, with a small balance in hand towards a sixth bell, the frame for which is already provided. The collection was towards a sixth bell. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and pronounced excellent. Some weeks prior to the dedication a band selected from members of the Llandaff Association tried the bells, and found that the "go" and tone left nothing to be desired.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A practice meeting of the Western District was held at St. Matthew's Holbeck, on Saturday week, when a good number of members attended the following towers being represented: Birstal, Bolton, Bradford, Guisborough, Halifax, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Holbeck, Leeds Parish, Lightcliffe, Pudsey, Shipley, Skipton and Tong. During the evening touches of Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung. Afterwards the handbells were well utilised, touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being successfully brought round, this bringing a very enjoyable practice to a close. The committee take this opportunity, through the medium of "The Ringing World," of thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, also the local company for making all the necessary arrangements.

HAWKHURST RINGERS AT TENTERDEN.

Six of the Hawkhurst ringers enjoyed a visit to Tenterden on Sunday last, when they had a capital ring on this famous peal (tenor 30 cwt.) prior to evensong. Their object was to attempt a quarter-peal, with the assistance of two of the local band, and their ambition was turned into an accomplished fact, a quarter of Grandsire being lapped out satisfactorily, in 48 mins., by: J. H. Durrant 1, W. Tickner 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, C. Tribe 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. Messrs. Tribe and Tickner belong to Tenterden, and it was Mr. Tickner's first quarter. The company subsequently enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. C. Tribe, who had invited them to tea, and to whom they return their best thanks. They also thank Mr. Tribe for making all the arrangements at the tower, and the local band for allowing them to have a ring on Tenterden's magnificent bells.—The Tenterden ringers are contemplating visiting Hawkhurst, and a cordial welcome awaits them.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch was held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday last. Soon after three o'clock the bells (a splendid peal of eight) were going, and it was not long before the belfry was packed with a goodly company of eager ringers. Evensong was sung at 4.15, the officiating clergy being the Revs. W. H. W. Williams (Vicar of Midsomer Norton) and E. W. Suart (assistant-priest), the former of whom gave a most inspiring and appropriate address. Mr. I. B. Holmyard (hon. secretary) was at the organ, and the musical portions of the service were well rendered, under the direction of Mr. Wilson-Ewer, Mus.Bac., the choirmaster. Divine service was followed by the usual tea and business meeting in the C. of E. Schools. In the regrettable absence of the Branch President (the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill) the chair was taken by the Rev. W. H. W. Williams.

The usual routine business was transacted, and several new members were admitted to the Association. A hearty welcome was extended to visitors from other Associations, whom it is always a real delight to see at these gatherings.—The Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, that most popular of ringers' friends, was unanimously re-elected president and chairman, and cordially thanked for his past services.—Mr. I. B. Holmyard (Midsomer Norton) was re-elected hon. secretary.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and to the Rev. E. W. Suart for their kind and genial assistance, both at the church and at the meeting, and these gentlemen, in responding, expressed the great pleasure it had given them to help in the afternoon's proceedings, and to be associated with the ringers as co-churchworkers. It is gratifying to know that Mr. Williams is an honorary member, and Mr. Suart a ringing member of the Association.

Before rising the members passed a most cordial vote of thanks to Mrs. Holmyard for providing such an excellent tea, and to the hon. secretary for his efficient services (through the past year).—Mr. Holmyard suitably acknowledged the compliment, and said that it was always a pleasure to his wife and himself to do what little they could to further the interests of the branch and to make the meetings at Midsomer Norton a success. The members then repaired to the tower, where the bells were kept busy till quite a late hour. The towers represented were: Midsomer Norton, Paulton, Chewton Mendip, Stow Easton, Trowbridge, St. Stephen's (Bristol), Shepton Mallett, Litton, Orston (Notts).

SALISBURY GUILD MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held on Saturday week at the beautiful old Church of St. Katharine, Holt, Wilts, and, favoured with a fine day, was very well attended. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and tea was held in the Parish Room (kindly lent by the Vicar), 25 sitting down and doing full justice to the repast, Mrs. Roberts, the wife of the Vicar, most kindly presiding at the tea urn.

A short business meeting was held afterwards, presided over by the Rev. Thos. Roberts, the Vicar of Holt, supported by Mr. H. Brownlee (Vicar, honorary secretary, together with ringers from Trowbridge, Westbury, Holt, Southbroom, Melksham, Keevil, Devizes, Swindon and Wootton Bassett. The venues of the next three meetings were discussed and decided upon as follows, viz.: May 8th, Bishop's Cannings; June 5th, Market Lavington; July 3rd, Seend and Keevil.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Holt for the use of the bells and the parish room, and the ringers then returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman and other methods were successfully rung, and a very pleasant day brought to a close. During the afternoon, six of the party paid a visit to St. Michael's Church, Hilpertion, where, through the kindness of the Rector, they were allowed the use of the pretty ring of six in that tower.

VICAR'S WIFE'S FIRST 120.

On Thursday of last week at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Marden, Kent, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung on the back six bells, by: Mrs. M. M. Gatehouse 1, D. Hodgkin (Marden) 2, P. Hodgkin (Headeorn) 3, G. Penfold (Headeorn) 4, C. H. Sone (Linton) conductor 5, G. Hadaway (Linton) 6. Also another 120 by the same band, P. Hodgkin conducting. Mrs. Gatehouse is the wife of the Vicar of Headeorn, and although these were her first 120's, she has rung on the bells in quite a large number of churches.

FAREWELL TO LEWISHAM RINGER.

Mr. E. F. Blackwell, who has been connected with St. Mary's band, Lewisham, for the past ten years, has been appointed to take up railway duties at Boulogne Quay. He has been with the S.E. and C. Railway for a great number of years, having risen from signman to traffic inspector. On Sunday morning, April 11th, he paid a farewell visit to the tower to join in the ringing for morning service, when a 600 of Grandsire Triples was well struck by: E. J. Pannett 1, C. H. Walker 2, W. W. Fox 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, G. King 5, E. F. Blackwell 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

Mr. Blackwell, who is well known to ringers in the S.E. district of London, carries with him the best wishes of all.

THE EXPERTS OF TO-DAY.

MR. PYE'S REPLY TO MR. PROCTOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I see in your last issue that Mr. Proctor continues his prattle about the experts. He says his letter is not intended to decry their performances. It contains nothing else; it is nothing but a combination of jealousy and ignorance. No genuine person would ever take the trouble to go through all the peal records for the sake of picking other people to pieces and abusing them. His excuse for making a target of me is because I was the person referred to by your correspondent, "Once a Beginner." That does not excuse Mr. Proctor bringing Mr. Grimes into it. I wish to inform Mr. Proctor that I am not responsible for what "Once a Beginner" says. As regards the number of peals Mr. Grimes rings in a year, which seems to trouble Mr. Proctor a lot, I can tell him that Mr. Grimes happens to be one of those enthusiasts who makes ringing his hobby, takes his ringing seriously, whether it be Plain Bob or London Surprise, and can always be depended on to do his best, never objects to distance or tackling the big bells, whether they go well or badly, and has said more than once when asked for a peal, "I am not keen on going, but will come if you cannot get enough." Surely a man of this type, who, like the other experts, never asks for praise, certainly does not deserve abuse.

Mr. Proctor says he wonders what we call "learners." I contend that anyone is still a learner who has still got the higher methods to ring, but to satisfy him I will term them as "improvers." He seems to think that it is only those who teach anyone to handle a rope and how to ring Bob Minor who do any good. My experience from a ringer's standpoint is as wide as anyone's, and I have found in my travels that there are any amount of ringers who can ring the plain methods, but have difficulty in overcoming Stedman and the Surprise methods. In some cases the whole band are struggling at a new method, and perhaps the conductor has enough to do to look after himself, and many ringers give up ringing altogether because they don't make any progress. The only way to keep a band together is to keep learning fresh methods till they have reached the top. They will then look forward for their practise night or Sunday to come, and no difficulty will be found in getting them there. Mr. Proctor has a lot to say about London Surprise. I should say he knows almost as much about that method as the man in the moon. Apparently he thinks, because he has got a few through their first 720 Plain Bob, he has done everything, but he would find himself confronted with quite a different task if he had one or two lane ones in a peal of London. There is no comparison whatever, and I consider that anyone who is assisting the improvers is doing quite as much good as those who are teaching Plain Bob, for many of these improvers take a lot of polishing up.

He asks how many I have helped to ring their first peal in the plain methods. I cannot say from memory, and as he has taken the trouble to search through the records for the sake of abusing experts he must do the same again, and by going back about 26 years he can find out for himself. The majority of young ringers do not bother me for peals in plain methods, they apparently have more sense than to travel to London for what they can get at home. There is one thing, however, I cannot help noticing, that is that Mr. Proctor has not said how many he has helped himself. He also criticises our annual tour. Whether these tours do any good or not he certainly is not in a position to say, but if the enthusiasm shown by ringers young and old, and the hospitality shown by many of the clergy is anything to be guided by, they are much appreciated, while, as regards the band being all experts, I can assure him that many of them don't look upon themselves as such. But surely Mr. Proctor is not so simple as to think I should take men 300 or 400 miles if they could not ring when they got there. The local ringers look for something out of the ordinary, not an exhibition of firing, and they seldom get disappointed.

As regards the excessive peal ringing, I have heard few complaints myself. My experience is that there are few complaints about good ringing. It is bad ringing which brings about complaints. There is little reason at present, apart from the war, to curtail the number of peals rung, as long as ringers do not ring too late at night and at churches, during business hours, where they are surrounded by shops or offices. Most of the churches where peals are not allowed are either in unfavourable districts or the sound of the bells is badly regulated, while in some cases the clergy listen to all complaints regardless of where they come from. I see Mr. Proctor again hints at the favourable district we live in. There are plenty of bells, it is true, but the number that are in good order are few. I have rung many bells where it has been nothing but slavery at the back, and no one short of an expert could ring them. As regards my being able to spend my whole time on ringing, I can assure him that the year when I rang the most peals, my average working hours were nearly 80 per week.

Mr. Proctor, I see, has climbed down a bit over his "95 per cent." and has confined it to Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. I think he would be more correct if he excluded Yorkshire. I have no doubt that the beginners in his own district are opposed to what we do. It is quite natural they would be if he is always trying to poison their minds against us.

In conclusion, I must remind him that it is not the experts who are in fault of talking about what they do. Few ringers have advertised themselves less than I have; it is the likes of Mr. Proctor who are so fond of telling us what we don't do. But probably he cannot help it;

it may not be his fault, but his misfortune, and under these circumstances we must make a little allowance.—Yours truly,

W. PYE.

MR. GRIMES' REPLY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Proctor's second letter is as wide of the mark as his first. He now says that his first letter was a reply to "Once a Beginner," and that as Mr. Pye was the person referred to in "Once a Beginner's" letter, naturally the discussion should be kept to him. As the names of four other ringers were given, and my own name was not mentioned, why did he single out Mr. Pye and myself for his unfair criticisms?

No doubt Mr. Proctor is satisfied that he is doing a lot of good in running down other men's work, but he quite ignores my statement that for weeks past I have been helping the ringers in a well-known tower in London, and wonders if those whom I call "the learners" are the men who ring their first Surprise peals with me. I did not call anybody "the learners"; in fact, I did not use the words, and he has "wondered" too much.

But we in London are doing our share in helping young ringers, as I have stated above, and if we choose, when we ring peals, to ring them in advanced methods, what right has Mr. Proctor to unfairly criticise us for doing so?

In another part of his second letter, Mr. Proctor flatly contradicts a statement he made in his first, when he claimed to speak on behalf of "95 per cent. of the present-day beginners." Now he says, "I cannot speak for 95 per cent. of the beginners in the Exercise," and goes on to speak for 95 per cent. of the beginners in two counties only. This is a good sample of the whole of his statements.

Nobody ever claimed that the peal of London, rung at Southgate on Easter Monday, March 24th, 1913, was a benefit to beginners, especially to the 95 per cent. in the two counties, whom he speaks for, but does he deny the right of ringers to ring what they please, especially when they are out for holiday ringing?

In his first letter he referred to a 5043 Stedman Caters by Mr. C. Charge, and said that the conductors of Mr. Pye's band ought to know every change of that peal by this time. Now he says that he did not mean Mr. Pye. Then what did he mean? He used it as an argument for trying to prove that Mr. Pye was fond of calling one composition over and over again, and in his "ignorance and cheek," failed to remember that there are at least three peals of 5043 Stedman Caters by Mr. Charge, so that it would be quite impossible for him, or for anybody else, to say which had been rung unless they heard it.

I should advise him to leave us in London alone, as we are quite capable of keeping ringing alive, as has been done so well in the past, and will be, we hope, in the future.—Yours, etc.,

ALFRED W. GRIMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Many of the Exercise, I feel sure, read with pleasure Mr. Pye's reply to Mr. Proctor. Not that any reply was needed from one who, I should say, has assisted more novices than any man living. I should have thought that by now the miles Mr. Pye has travelled (not always a 3d. bus ride) would have gained the respect of all ringers throughout the country, but apparently it is not so. As Mr. A. T. King rightly says, no one minds fair criticism, but to abuse is quite another thing. Mr. Pye mentions that his brother and myself used to go 70 miles to help a band practise Surprise methods. How many men are there I wonder who could lay claim to having done this? Also how many of the present-day beginners are aware that the three brothers and myself, when practising for the first handbell peal of London, travelled or walked 1,000 miles each before we accomplished the performance? No one can gain experience as a ringer unless he goes where it is to be had; it will never come to him. That is what I think Mr. Proctor has not yet found out. He mentions the distance some towers are apart, but surely it is clear to anyone that the art of ringing cannot in ordinary circumstances flourish in such districts as it would do in more thickly populated places, and where, naturally, better ringing is to be had. But unfortunately those who help others do not always get their reward, as I know only too well. It is a hard job to please everyone. One can only do his best to assist others. As to whether the future will bring forth any such experts as we have to-day remains to be seen; personally, I have no doubt whatever on that point, although we must not forget that the war this country is now engaged upon will make a vast difference to ringing and ringers, and peal ringing may in the not far distant future be greatly curtailed. I think the hour and time will produce the experts in all walks of life in the future as they have in the past. No science stands still. Possibly there may be facilities in the future for getting over the broad acres and fenlands otherwise than by bus, tram or train. Who knows? Who would have dreamt of fighting in the air 20 years ago? It would have been laughed at, and yet it is taking place to-day. Who will be the first man to fly and ring a peal? One must not forget aircraft is as yet in its infancy. In conclusion, let me ask Mr. Proctor to make more sure before he criticises again, whether it is experts or novices so-called.—Yours faithfully,

W. KEEBLE.

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ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO, LEICESTER.

BY ERNEST MORRIS.

The church records relating to the old peal of bells at the Church of St. Mary, Leicester, are unfortunately lost, but Nichols, the historian, preserves a few entries from the Churchwardens' Accounts, from which we learn that there were five bells only in 1495:—



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LEICESTER.

1495.—The frames for the five bells made this year: wages to workmen were:—

Carpenters per diem 6d.
Inferior servants under them ... 3d.
Labourers 4d.

Wm. Gibson subscribed four shillings and four pence 'to the frames of the bells for Margaret his wife's soul.'

1504.—Paid to the bellringers quarterly 10d.

1507.—Paid to Henry Yerle Pye bellringer for his quarter of Michaelmas 20d.

1509.—Paid to the ringers of all the bells for our King Harry the Seventh, the which deceased the 25th April £0 s1. d2."

In 1830, one of the ancient ring of five being cracked, it was agreed that the 4th should be retained as the tenor for a new ring of eight bells, the other four being taken away. Mr. T. Mears, of London, cast the new bells, which, when hung, completed the present ring. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

"T. Mears of London. Fecit 1830. John Moore born June 19th 1787."

Second.

"T. Mears of London. Fecit 1830. John Warburton born August 20th 1778. Parishioner. John Baxter born October 14th 1771. Parishioner."

Third and Fourth.

"T. Mears of London. Fecit 1830. W. L. Fancourt, D.D. Vicar; Simeon Morris, Thomas Dexter, churchwardens."

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh.

"T. Mears of London. Fecit 1830."

Tenor.

"I.H.S. Nazarevus Rex: Ivdeorvm Fili: Dei Miserere: Mei 1631: T.W. ISC U" (Trade mark of Watts of Leicester).

Translation: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, O Son of God, have mercy on me." Weight of tenor 18 cwt. Key F.

The bells were opened on March 7th, 1831, as the following extract from an old peal book shows:—

"St. Mary's Bells open'd on Monday March 7th 1831 with a true and compleate peal of 5040 Grandsire tripples which was compleated in 3 hours and 3 minutes by the following persons viz:—

Robert Stringer	Treble	Robt. Lloyd	5th
John Smart	2nd	Wm. Harrold	6th
John Rufsell	3rd	Edwd. Biggs	7th & call'd
Thos. Langham	4th	Wm. Wood	Tenor

(This composition by Thomas Sibson was afterwards found to be false.)

On March 12th, 1832, Edwards Biggs called another peal of Grandsire Triples here, in 2 hours 58 minutes. The Leicester "Chronicle" of March 10th, 1843 published: "On Wednesday the 7th inst. the Leicester and Loughborough ringers rang a true and complete peal of 5040 'Grandsire Triples' in two hours and fifty-eight minutes on St. Mary's bells: the following are the names of the ringers: Wm. Clifton, Leicester, treble; Alfred Fewkes, Loughborough, 2; George Cook, Loughborough, 3; Thomas Langham, Leicester, 4; Henry Bramley, Loughborough, 5; William Fewkes, Loughborough, 6; Edward Biggs, Leicester, 7; John Jee, Loughborough, tenor: composed and conducted by Edward Biggs."

A number of peals of Grandsire Triples have been rung here from time to time, and the first peal of Major was one of Kent Treble Bob, 5024 changes, in three hours three minutes, on August 20th, 1864, conducted by John Wilson. On April 8th, 1872, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, the tenor man being Charles de Quincey, who was totally blind, and who was for a number of years steeple-keeper of this church. This peal was conducted by the late Alfred Millis. Only two peals of Stedman Triples have been rung on the bells, the first on Aug. 2nd, 1892, conducted by G. Cleal, and the other on Oct. 13th, 1895, conducted by G. Lindoff. The first time Holt's Original was ever rung in Leicester on tower bells was at this church, on May 12th, 1894, conducted by W. Willson, who also on Oct. 29th, 1898, composed and called the only peal of Bob Major on them, and this was the last peal to be rung on the bells.

At the present time little or no change-ringing is done on account of the bad "go" of the bells, which sadly need rehanging.

MR. W. PYE'S BEREAVEMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I be permitted through your columns to thank the many ringing friends who have expressed their sympathy with me in my sad bereavement. I cannot reply to them all separately, and trust this brief acknowledgment will be accepted in the same spirit it is sent.—Yours faithfully,

W. PYE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at St. Peter's Church, Sharnbrook, on Saturday last, when Miss E. Steel was voted to the chair. Members were present from St. Paul's and Peter's, Bedford, Elstow, Harrold, and the local company. One new member was elected, and a vote of thank was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything ready. The methods rung during the day were Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Minor, Double Stedman, Cambridge, and London Surprise.

EASTER TOURS. NORTHANTS TRIP.

On Easter Monday, a ringing tour in Northants was arranged by Mr. Smeathers, and a most pleasant day was spent. The band met at Burton Latimer at 11 a.m., and an excellent 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung by: J. R. Main 1, G. Barford (first in the method) 2, L. Wyman 3, A. Smeathers 4, G. Lines 5, R. C. Loveday (conductor) 6. A 360 of Woodbine followed, with Mr. A. Pettit, of Leicester, ringing the 5th, and conducted by A. Smeathers. A move was then made to Isham, where on the light ring of five a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by: R. C. Loveday 1, L. Wyman 2, A. Smeathers 3, G. Barford 4, G. Lines (conductor) 5, J. R. Main 6. A 360 of Double Oxford was also rung with R. C. Loveday conducting. Another move was then made to Finedon, where a good touch of 1046 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on the splendid peal there by: G. Lines 1, L. Wyman 2, H. Meadows 3, T. Abbott 4, G. Barford 5, R. C. Loveday 6, J. R. Main 7, A. Smeathers (conductor) 8. This was the longest length in the method by all except the ringers of the treble, 6th and tenor. A 336 of Stedman Triples followed, by: A. Smeathers (conductor) 1, T. Abbott 2, G. Lines 3, H. Meadows 4, G. Barford 5, R. C. Loveday 6, J. R. Main 7, L. Wyman 8; and a course of Double Norwich. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent at the Old Bell Inn, which is believed to be the oldest public-house in England, handbell ringing and tune playing being kept up till time came for home. The ringers wish to thank the Rectors of the various parishes visited for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Smeathers for making all the arrangements.

ON THE HANTS AND SUSSEX BORDER.

An Easter Monday tour amongst the border six-bell towers of Hampshire and Sussex, arranged by Mr. C. Edwards, of Farnham, turned out most thoroughly interesting and enjoyable. The cycling part of the programme, writes Mr. R. Whittington, commenced at varying times and places, whilst the ringing portion was scheduled to commence at Blackmoor tower at 9 a.m., and continued at Hawley at 10.30, but as either of these towers is nearly 30 miles from our home, my wife and I, who were invited to join the party, very reluctantly had to come to the conclusion that the time of meeting and the distance constituted a little too much of a "tall order." We, therefore, decided to pick the party up at Liss at noon. A 720 of Bob Minor was brought round a few minutes after we arrived at Liss by the following ringers: J. Fowler 1, H. Gardiner 2, H. Chaffey (conductor) 3, A. R. Elkins 4, Pte E. Drew 5, C. Edwards 6, and was the first 720 of Minor by the ringers of 2nd and 5th. A few more touches were rung before lunch.

During lunch I learnt that about 12 ringers met at Blackmoor, at 9 a.m., where touches in various methods were rung, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob by: Pte Albert Croucher 1, C. Edwards 2, A. R. Elkins 3, H. Chaffey 4, E. Nowell 5, Alfred Croucher (first 720 of Kent as conductor) 6. All then made a move for Hawley, a distance of about four miles, where they found a very quaint tower, a well-kept ringing chamber, and a fine ring of six bells, touches and 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung so that all might get a pull, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, by: W. G. Elkins 1, H. Chaffey 2, Alf. Croucher 3, C. Edwards (conductor) 4, A. R. Elkins 5, E. Nowell 6. This was the first 720 ever rung on the bells, and the inhabitants were delighted to hear their bells rung in a scientific manner, and gave the ringers a pressing invitation to ring a full peal when the war is over. They also said that it was the first occasion on which any members of the Winchester Guild had taken the trouble to pay them a visit, and I find to my surprise that the tower is not included in the list of rings of six in our report—further good evidence (if any more is required) of the need for the formation of the proposed new district in that locality.

The next tower on the programme was Liss at 12, where, as stated above, we joined the party, took part in some ringing, had lunch, and then started off, 14 strong, to invade Sussex by way of Rogate, a very prettily situated old-world village, with a delightful little ring of six bells, to which, moreover, there is quite a history attached, although a modern one. Previous to 1904 there were but three bells at Rogate, the Vicar at that time being the Rev. A. H. Simpson, eldest son of Canon Simpson, known (by name at least) to all ringers as the gentleman who initiated the five-tone principle of timing church bells. By the efforts of the Vicar of Rogate the three old bells were recast, and three more added, the work being done by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were at that time, I believe, about the only firm who tuned on Canon Simpson's principle, and who, to show their appreciation of his work in that direction, recast the old tenor free of charge, the bell bearing the following inscription:—"S. Paul. Brianus Eldridge me fecit. R.T.B.B. 1624. Recast by John Taylor in commemoration of the Rev. Arthur Barwick Simpson, Rector of Littleworth 1876-1900." Those ringers who like to hear bells which we tuned on Canon Simpson's principle would be delighted with the peal at Rogate, and I should like some ringers, who I have heard pass complimentary remarks on that principle, to hear Rogate bells also. For their weight (8½ cwt.) they are, I think, the best peal of six that I have ever heard. We raised them in peal and rang 120 Stedman Doubles, and several touches in other methods to give all a chance, Mrs. Whittington being told that she was the first lady to have handled

a bell in that tower. A 720 of Oxford Single Bob was then rung by: W. G. Elkins 1, R. Whittington 2, Alf. Croucher 3, E. Nowell 4, A. R. Elkins 5, C. Edwards (conductor) 6. There is rather a lot of rope, and the comfort of ringing would be much increased if a light guide frame was fitted for the ropes to pass through.

(To be continued).

THE BELLFOUNDER "TOMMY."

MR. ANDREW WARNER SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

Ringers generally, and particularly those who have visited the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, or who have met Mr. Andrew Warner at their own towers, will learn with regret that his brother (Mr. Robert Warner) has received information that Mr. Andrew, who was serving in the London Rifle Brigade with the British Expeditionary Force, is lying seriously wounded in the Casino Hospital at Boulogne-sur-Mer. His regiment suffered severely during the famous storming of Hill 60. Rifleman Warner's injury is a wound in the skull, and was due to the bursting of a shrapnel shell. He will have the best wishes of all for his speedy recovery.

FURTHER INTERESTING LETTERS FROM THE TRENCHES.

A further account of life "somewhere in France" sent home by Rifleman Andrew Warner was received by his brother, Mr. Robert Warner, prior to the news of his having been wounded. The Bellfounder Tommy says: "We are again in the firing trenches to-day, and have seven men now in our shelter, which number adds to the warmth and general comfort. Our reserves are behind, and they are having at the moment a nice warm dose of high explosive in their dug-outs. I hope none of my pals will get underneath. We are about 150 yards from the opposite trenches, and we are indulging in snap shooting on both sides. It has been miserably cold these last few days, and there has been sharp frost, snow, rain, etc., but the sun is now shining, and it is warm out of the wind."

FOOD IN THE TRENCHES.

"We have hot bacon for breakfast and cocoa, but the former product of the country is shockingly salt, and makes one terribly thirsty. My supper, about three in the morning, was biscuits and cheese and French mustard; we are now hotting up Army vegetable rations and getting some more water on the boil. It is a terrible trouble messing about with the ingredients, and the results are hardly worth the trouble, but it gives one occupation to pass the hours away and helps to keep the circulation going, to make up for lack of exercise."

"We are to be in the trenches for an indefinite period, probably eight to ten days. Our old Brigade has gone on to Ypres, and we are now in those they have relieved here. We hear they had a bad time the first few days they arrived, and they especially asked that we could go with them, as they have a very high opinion of us and the work we do."

"I made brief mention of the Artists' Corps in my last letter to you, and you will notice that they were mentioned in the last Dispatches. They are serving a very useful purpose, but they come in for endless chaff and back slang, which will never be washed out of Army annals. Their pet names are the 'Estaminet Lancers' and the 'Baillet! Barnacles.' The last name is that of the town where they have been all the time we have been here, and where we incidentally come for our rest and meat cure."

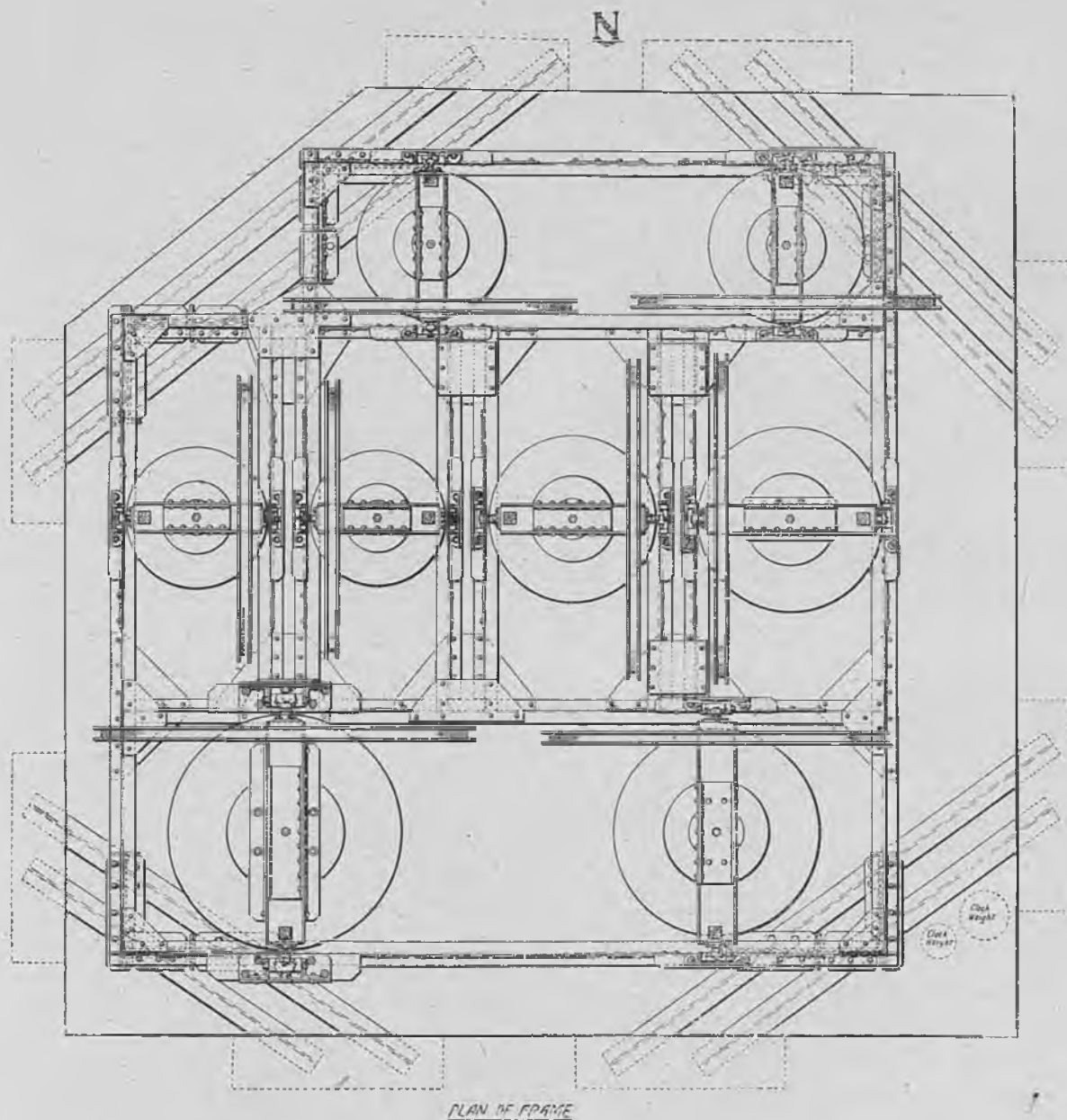
"I forgot to thank you for the last lot of food which you sent. The condensed milk is much better than the general article here 'Lait condense,' and one cannot have too much. Our tea is well sugared, only no milk, but one gets used to the absence of the milk."

EXCITING WORK.

"It is now nearly 11.30 p.m., and I have to start fatigue work, that is to say, taking trench boards and boxes to the firing line, or something equally exciting. This fatigue job is more dangerous than any trench work, as the bullets make the whole country draughty. One of our officers got a bad head graze last night, and one of our chaps was killed. I did some good shooting the night before last, and silenced some opponents opposite, who were worrying one of our working parties. It was only by firing at their flashes, but they gave in, and consoled themselves by waving a charcoal stove above the trench, which was their way of signalling a 'wash out' or miss, I expect. Our routine now is to have two days in the trenches and two days in the reserves just behind, and then two more days in and two more behind."

"Of course I am badly in need of a wash and shave, as water is more precious than silver, which one has in the pocket and cannot spend, and in fact for drinking we have to be very careful. The dirt seems to collect on the hands and face and work off before long, and also on the coat and puttees, but I consider our battalion looks a fierce lot of men, and capable of any blood-thirsty work; in fact, when we are all clean and shaved, it appears that butter would not melt in our mouths, as we all look so eminently respectable, but at the present moment as I look round in the frelight, I see many who look as though they would make excellent burglars and also candidates for the Stepney Municipal carts, while the rest have quite the appearance of having spent some of their career in Pentonville."

"We have still another four days to go, and at the present moment we are in a barn in the reserve hollow, that is out of the enemy's observation, and their shells are now passing over into what is left of the village beyond. There is not much chance of any dropping here, but there would be a fine bag if they did."



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NOTICES.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, May 1st, 1915. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30 p.m.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Church Stretton, on Saturday, May 1st, 1915. Ringing at the Parish Church at 3 p.m., business meeting at 5 p.m. in the Vestry. — H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Bidgemount, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, May 1st. Tea at Glass's Restaurant at 4.15 p.m., meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting for the transaction of the business of the above society will be held at Ranmoor (Sheffield) on Saturday, May 1st, 1915, the following being the arrangements for the afternoon: The bells will be available from 3 to 5.30 p.m., service in the church at 5.30, tea will be served in the Parish Room at 6 o'clock, followed by the business meeting, after which the bells will be available until 9 o'clock. A good attendance is desired. — Sam Thomas, Secretary, pro tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting will be held at Dorchester on Monday, May 3rd. Service at St. Peter's Church 12.30, preacher Rev. H. C. Coote. Luncheon at St. Peter's Church Institute, at 1.30, by kind invitation of the Rector and local friends. Towers open: St. Peter's (8), Wyke Regis (8), Fordington (6), Puddletown (6) and Upwey (6).—F. L. Edwards, Honorary Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637. — Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell ringing on May 6th and 20th, and for business on May 11th and 25th, all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—**ALTERATION OF DATE.**—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and Address by the Rev. W. F. Jepson (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow at the Whidbourne Institute. Those who intend to be at tea must send me notice not later than first post, Tuesday, May 4th.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, on Saturday, May 8th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by invitation of J. F. Stilwell, Esq. Members intending to be present please notify me by May 5th.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Guisley on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Red Lion Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—William Barton, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 8th. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at Baker's Cannon Cafe 5 p.m., 9d. to members, 1s. to non-residents, and 1s. 3d. to others. Ordsall and West Retford bells (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening, and East Retford (10) from 2 p.m. to 6.45 p.m., after which the general business meeting will be held.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Meeting at Weybridge on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available 4 to 4.50 p.m., and 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Tea, etc., in the Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. Service in church 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824. — Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. John at Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, May 15th, 1915. There will be ringing from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., after which a business meeting will be held at 8.30 p.m. in the "Earl of Derby." All ringers will be welcome.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansion, Canonbury, N.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the North and East District will be held at St. Ann's, South Tottenham, on Saturday, May 15th. Further particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, May 15th. By kind permission of the authorities the bells of St. Leonard's Church will be available from 3.30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Schools at 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. Divine service at the Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, at 11.30; business meeting in the Vestry Hall at 12.30; lunch in the Boys' Schoolroom at 1.30. Members intending to be present must, without fail, notify me before Wednesday, May 19th.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary, Great Totham.

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LATE NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bolton Branch).—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Horwich, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—E. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday afternoon, May 8th. Meat tea at 4.30 p.m., tickets 1/6 each, followed by usual business meeting. Service at St. Nicholas' Church at 6 p.m. Half fares, without limit, as also 1/- towards cost of tea allowed only to members resident in the county who notify me by Wednesday, May 5th, of their intention to be present. For place of meeting see next week's issue of this paper.—G. Watson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Vale Road, St. Leonards.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 15th. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 2 till 2.40 p.m., and after the tea S. Stephen's (8), S. Alphege (6), and S. Dunstan's (6), from 2 till 8 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. in S. Alphege Church. Tea at Gaywood's Restaurant, High Street, at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 6d. per head will be made. Business meeting after the tea. All subscriptions should be paid before this meeting. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, May 11th.—E. Trendell, Hon. Dist. Sec., Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week, a very successful and well-attended meeting of the Manchester Branch took place at Stretford. Mr. Moss, senr., took the chair at the business meeting, and gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors, expressing the hope that before the next meeting in that tower they would have two trebles added to the present ring to complete the octave. This was heartily concurred in by the whole of the ringers present.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Birch-in-Rusholme.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and local ringers for the use of the bells.

Several 720's and shorter touches were rung, both before and after the meeting.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's Church, on April 11th, 287 Grandsire Caters: J. T. Wall 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Scarratt 3, W. Brooks 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, W. Taylor 6, W. Stockdale 7, G. Jones 8, A. Fullick 9, R. F. Turner 10. 224 Bob Major and 84 Stedman Triples.—For evening service, 423 Stedman Caters: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, G. Scarratt 2, G. R. Bylin 3, J. Tudor 4, W. Brooks 5, W. J. Taylor 6, W. E. Stockdale 7, G. Jones 8, A. E. Fullick 9, J. T. Wall 10.—For St. Chad's Festival, 1007 Grandsire Caters: E. V. Rodenhurst 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Bylin 3, W. Brooks 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, B. Head (of Bridgnorth) 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, G. Jones 8, A. Fullick 9, J. T. Wall 10.

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

MODERN WORK.

WHAT WILL THE COUNCIL DO?

In a letter which appears elsewhere in this issue, Mr. W. Willson makes a suggestion to the Central Council that they should undertake the issue, through the County and Diocesan Associations, of a certificate to each of those towers which has given men to the Navy and Army in connection with the war; in other words that in each tower should be placed a "Roll of Honour," supplied, except as to details of names, etc., by the Council. Many members of this body would doubtless like to see some such step taken by the central organisation, to place a permanent record in all towers of those who have so readily gone to the aid of the Empire and of humanity in this titanic struggle. Coming from this representative authority, such a scheme would have added weight and bear a greater significance than if carried out merely by individual associations.

Admirable as the thing may be in principle, however, we doubt if the suggestion is likely to see fruition. While special occasions call for special measures, it must not be forgotten that in the past the Council has been slow to act in anything outside a very circumscribed sphere. There are those connected with it who would like to see the scope of its activities extended, but hitherto its work has been confined within limited bounds, and anything beyond has found no support except, may be, a pious expression of approval. Where, too, financial considerations are involved the Council has always been very chary of active participation, preferring to confine its expenditure—outside its own actual administrative costs—to the publication of printed works. We do not suggest that in the financial aspect the Council, with its limited income, is not right in reserving its funds for the issue of works—a responsibility which few individuals would care to undertake. In other matters, however, there is a widespread feeling that the Council might show more initiative.

It is possible that in its general lines Mr. Willson's proposal may be carried into effect by the Council, although in detail it may need adjustment, and as, at the moment, it is not possible to say from how many towers men have gone out, it might be worth while leaving consideration of the question to a committee for report at the next meeting, rather than shelve it for lack of information. The whole thing, of course, is not a really big question nor a vital one, but it is just one of those practical things in which the Council might show its interest in the personal affairs of the individual towers, where at present, without question, there is a feeling that the central body holds itself in aloofness.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

TROOPER JOSEPH W. BELL Treble	HERBERT E. HOLDER ... 5
CHARLES W. BELL ... 2	RICHARD J. COUSINS ... 6
*PTE. FRANK C. BILLOWS 3	SERGT. WALTER FARLEY 7
*CORPL. HENRY JONES ... 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

* Elected members previous to starting for the peal, which was arranged for members on H.M. Service stationed at Bath. Ringers of the treble and 7th belong to the North Somerset Yeomanry, of the 3rd and 4th to the 10th Devons and 8th Cornwalls respectively.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, April 28, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

PERCY O. LAFLIN ... Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5
*GEORGE GARRISON ... 2	JAMES E. GROVES ... 6
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MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEAL.

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On Saturday, May 1, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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WILLIAM DENMAN, Junr... Treble	GEORGE LUCAS... 4
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RICHARD H. BOWELL ... 3	ALFRED CRIPPS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED CRIPPS.

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HANDBELL PEALS.

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On Wednesday, April 21, 1915, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

*FREDERICK DAKIN ... Treble	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS... 3-4
*CHARLES POULSON ... 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 27th birthday of the conductor.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1915, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER 1-2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 7-8

Composed by FRED G. MAY, and

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

The above peal has 52 course-ends.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

*MISS EDITH K. PARKER	1—2	JOHN THOMAS...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3—4	ERNEST PYE	7—8
ALFRED W. GRIMES	9—10		

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 1, 1915, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. T. COLES,
49, WOOD STREET, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

JOHN THOMAS	1—2	GEORGE R. PYE	7—8
ERNEST PYE	3—4	WILLIAM PYE	9—10
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES	11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Umpires: C. T. COLES, J. ADAMS and R. K. KNIGHT.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT KING EDWARD VI'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 8 in B flat.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES...	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING	5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	3—4	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON...	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, A. WHITE and L. WHITE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1915, in Two Hours and Seven-and-a-half
Minutes,

AT KING EDWARD VI'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Size 12 in F.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES...	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING	5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: J. B. WILLIAMSON.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, A. WHITE, L. WHITE and C. REILLY.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT KING EDWARD VI'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Size 12 in F.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1—2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	MADRICE SMITHER...	7—8
FRANK BLONDELL	9—10		

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: J. B. WILLIAMSON.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, A. WHITE, C. REILLY and L. WHITE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 29, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT KING EDWARD VI'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 6 in C.

*REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING	5—6
*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON	3—4	REV. E. BANKES JAMES	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, A. WHITE, L. WHITE and C. REILLY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples "in hand."

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	78	2	6
Bushey Society, April contribution (per Mrs. B. Prewett)	0	4	0
"Wanderer," April contribution	0	2	0
Mrs. "Wanderer," April contribution	0	2	0
Total	£78	10	6

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with H.M. Forces:—

A. T. Verralls, of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, and Pembury,
Kent, A.S.C., now at Woolwich.

Henry John Dewey, of Reigate, Surrey, R.A.M.C., now at Alder-
shot.

From St. Luke's, Wellingborough:—

Horace Plowman, and

Albert Plowman, 3rd Batt. Northants Regiment, now at West-
ham Camp, Weymouth.

Leonard Waterfoot, R.A.M.C., now at Aldershot.

From Lavenham, Suffolk:—

Pte C. King, 5th Suffolks, Thetford.

Pte L. Poulson, 6th Suffolk Cycle Corps, South Lines.

Corpl. W. R. J. Poulson, 6th Suffolk Cycle Corps, Anderley,
Lines

Pte T. Fryke, National Reserve, Colchester.

Pte F. A. Poulson, 4th Norfolks.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master of the Winchester Guild, Chaplain
of the Forces, left for the Front on Friday last.

DEATH OF VETERAN RINGER.

A veteran Glossop ringer has passed away in the person of Mr.
James Sellars, who died at the age of 73 years. The deceased had
resided in Old Glossop practically all his life. He began work in a
mill, but for 27 years was "mine host" of the Bull's Head, a well
known hostelry, where ringers of that district were wont to foregather
to discuss their feats and the art they loved. Mr. Sellars became a
ringer when quite a young man, and in this he followed in his father's
footsteps. He became an able exponent of change ringing, and was
also a member of the renowned band of Old Glossop Handbell Ringers,
who several times gained championship honours at Belle Vue, and who,
at the time were looked upon as the cleverest band of handbell ringers
in the country. They visited London, Newcastle and other towns to
give performances.

The deceased was passionately devoted to church bell ringing, and
was regularly at his post at Glossop Parish Church until advancing
years, and failing health caused him to desist. On completing fifty
years' service at Glossop Parish Church, Mr. Sellars was, in 1909, made
the recipient of a handsome gold-mounted ebony walking stick, suitably
inscribed, the presentation taking place at a commemorative gather-
ing, and being made by the Vicar. Mr. Sellars was President of the
Glossop Association from its formation in 1910.

For some few years past Mr. Sellars had lived in retirement, and for
eighteen months before his death was confined to bed.

On the evening of the funeral, representatives of the three local
churches, All Saints', Glossop, Whitfield and Dinting, rang a muffled
touch of 1400 Kent Treble Bob Major at the Parish Church as a last
token of respect.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS' CRITICISMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am very pleased to see from letters of Mr. Wright and
Mr. Coppock that there were other gentlemen awaiting the results of
the Easter meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Derby
besides myself. I consider it was a very unjust affair to allow the
voting for the delegates to the Central Council to be carried out, as
there were so few members present. I was rather disappointed myself
at the ringing being off, but that was not the reason why I was not
present. It was owing to family affairs that I was kept away, this
being the first annual meeting of the M.C.A. that I had been absent
from for ten years. If I had been there I should have objected to the
voting for the delegates to the Central Council under the circum-
stance, and should have asked for voting papers to be sent round to
each belfry to give each member an opportunity of voting. It would
only have delayed the results for about a week or so, and would have
also been fair play, besides giving every man a chance.—Yours faith-
fully,

23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

E. C. GOBEY.

DEATH OF MR. ANDREW WARNER.

BELL FOUNDER "TOMMY" DIES OF WOUNDS.

We deeply regret to record the death of Rifleman Andrew Warner, a member of the well-known firm of Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry who died in Boulogne Hospital on Wednesday week. As we briefly stated in our last issue, Rifleman Warner received serious injury in the storming of the now famous Hill 60, being struck in the head by bursting shrapnel during a charge. He was removed to hospital in a desperate condition, and unhappily succumbed. The ringing Exercise will extend its sincere sympathy to the members of the family who are left to mourn the loss of so gallant a soldier.

Rifleman Warner, who was 28 years of age, and was educated at Uppingham, where he was a member of the O.T.C., enlisted when the war broke out in the Queen Victoria Rifles (9th London Regiment), and went out to France just before Christmas as one of the first drafts to replace casualties. Some of his letters sent home to his brother, Mr. Robert Warner, have appeared in our columns, and have been full of interest. By a pathetic coincidence we publish another from him to-day, written a short time before the attack in which he sustained his fatal injuries.

Mr. Andrew Warner was a Freeman of the City of London, and a member of the Founders' Company.

THE RIFLEMAN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

In a letter to his brother, written, of course, before receiving his fatal wound at Hill 60, Rifleman Warner says: "There is a possibility that you may see my name under slightly wounded, but I am glad to tell you that a bullet struck my water bottle buckle, and cut the skin a bit, and they inoculated me against lockjaw, which entailed two days' detention in the hospital at our base."

"I have got two bullet holes in my overcoat. The bullet did not seem to like the look of me, and went out the other side. I have now rejoined the battalion, which has just come into the town. They did not give us much rest this journey, as they turned us out again on Sunday at nine in the morning, and gave us a good 12 to 14 miles march to a set of trenches we had not hitherto been in. Owing to the recent operations there seems to have been some confusion, as the lot we relieved came back again after two hours. We had, therefore, to be turned off again about nine at night to find some billets somewhere."

"We went back again next night and relieved the same lot. The spot is quite close to where Evan Warner was shot, and I scrutinised some of the many graves to see whether there were any of the L.R.B. (London Rifle Brigade), but saw none."

THE "R.I.P." REGIMENT.

"Apropos of this, I had a good laugh when one of our chaps wandered into the burial enclosure in the morning from our dug-out, and also examined the graves; he returned and said to me: 'This lot seems to have lost very heavily round here. I wonder what regiment they belong to, as I have never heard of the R.I.P. before.'"

"We are all known by our initials out here, such as Q.V.R.'s (Queen Victoria Rifles), N.F.'s or K.O.S.B.'s, and so on."

"We were moved from here next evening, and spent an unpleasant night in a foul, slimy cellar which smelt of everything unpleasant. The trenches themselves were very comfortable and dry, and some natural springs have been harnessed to supply water throughout the whole length of the trenches. Hand grenades are a drawback here, and the dropping of same is woefully accurate at times, and we lost six men in three nights. Behind us are considerable woods which enables the trenches to be rationed by day if necessary, and it was these woods which took a lot of capturing in the early part of this campaign."

"The dead lie very thick in them, and the sight is extremely unpleasant. If you happen to have read in the 'Daily Mail' about a certain lot of trenches called 'Hyde Park Corner,' 'Shaftesbury Avenue,' etc., you will be interested to know that these are the trenches referred to."

"We were relieved on Wednesday night, and returned to Baillie at three o'clock on Thursday morning, and to-day the snow is thick on the ground, and the wind is piercing. We have a rest now until next Monday. We shall be shifted before long, and in fact you can guess by the papers that things are on the move, and we shall have to be content with a minimum of rest, or none at all very soon. We hear rumours of the battalion being relieved, but we shall want all the men we have got to keep things going, as the enemy are stickers, and want a lot of shifting. I think they will get it hot sooner or later. We have had our bayonets sharpened to-day."

"It really looks as if the authorities have got some strenuous work for us to do. As a matter of fact, a large portion of our lot are crooked up with frost-bitten feet, and other complaints incidental to being exposed throughout the winter months."

"THE RINGING WORLD" IN THE TRENCHES.

"I was interested to receive a copy of 'The Ringing World,' in which was the letter which I wrote to you. I notice from the different copies which you send every week that few peals are now being rung, and by the length of the names contained in the Roll of Honour, it should not be long before I run across an ardent campanologist, trying to while away the weary hours with pencil and paper in the hope of finding 'something new.'"

"We get our nights disturbed now and again when in billets by shells being dropped amongst the houses, to the detriment of bricks

and mortar, though none have come near us as yet. Last night we had a Zeppelin over here, which dropped about nine bombs on us. They kicked up a tremendous noise, but only seemed to have spoilt some growing crops. The holes are about 26ft. in diameter, and quite 10ft. deep, so they could have done some damage if they had dropped amongst us."

"The airship was fairly low, and within easy gun shot, but it was gone before one thoroughly woke up. Our new trenches are as dry as a bone in moderate weather, as the soil is sandy and porous. The wind is chilly at times, but the weather is now much better, and it is a treat to sit in what little sun there is and have a good prolonged sluice down in the stream near by."

"The French who used to be about here have left their dead all over the place, and their arrangements for burial seem to have been very easy-going. All along the trenches the back barricade is the graveyard, unmarked by any cross or stone, and the action of the weather has laid bare many gruesome sights, and it is impossible to dig without running up against something extremely unpleasant. Other bodies lying behind us are only covered by a sprinkling of light soil, and there is a German guardsman close by, whose height is 7 feet 2 inches, and his body has been officially measured."

"The British will stick at nothing to get in their dead, and to find a nice quiet spot to bury them in, and to mark a wooden cross with the letters R.I.P. and a register for future reference."

A "TICKET" TO ENGLAND OR HEAVEN.

"The work we have to do varies very considerably, and it is very hard to lick off just what is exciting to write about, and we are forbidden to mention those items which are of the most interest to us here."

"We are, of course, all waiting for our new General, i.e., 'General Advance,' and we are being prepared to take part in the new offensive operations by excessive close order drill in our rest hours. This is really very good for us, as trench work tends to loosen the ties of discipline. We manage, however, to get in some football to play or to watch, and also an occasional concert."

"I have joined a special squad of snipers, bomb throwers, trench mortarers and grenadiers, and our duty is to make as great a nuisance of ourselves as possible to the enemy. We are thus able to more readily gain distinction or extinction, in so much as the chances of a ticket to England or Heaven are correspondingly greater. Anyhow it will be a bit of excitement and a good test of nerves, so we shall see how things turn out."

EXPERTS AND BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The "Experts" and their critics have given us their views at such length, that I am reluctant to add even a drop to the stream of words; but I should like to endorse your contention that the "expert" is, so to speak, a professor who ought not, as a rule, to be employed in teaching the rudiments of grammar. That, as regards ringing, may be done by average ringers wherever there are novices who need help and encouragement. But these average ringers are often just the men who cannot or will not take the trouble to teach beginners. They have no patience with the ignorance of others: they only say "When you have learned to ring, we will come and help you." When I myself and a young band in my parish were learning, I tried to get help from the ringers (quite a good band) in a neighbouring parish, but found them almost useless as teachers; and the man who really helped us was an "expert" ringer, the late Mr. T. Field, of Oxford. He was ready to take infinite pains with beginners; and so, I believe, are many of the experts of to-day, though we hear more of their peal-ringing activities.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans, May 1st.

T. L. PAPILLON.

S. MARY-DE-CASTRO, LEICESTER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My friend, Mr. Morris, was somewhat in error in his account of these bells in your last issue. It was the peal rung on January 31st, 1831—the opening peal—which was false. That on March 7th was certainly true, being Holt's Ten-part rung correctly. At the time, Thomas Sibson, who was an old man, and who had turned St. Margaret's tenor in to Bob Royal in 1803, thought Holt's Ten-part could be rung with two common singles. He varied the peal and used the common singles. The next best man to Edward Biggs, the conductor, was John Harper. He pointed out immediately its falseness. For his courage, he was let down. The band met again on March 7th, but with Robert Lloyd in his place; the rest as before. The "composer" of the false peal was then an inmate of the adjoining Trinity Hospital, and it is said his remorse for his mistake hastened his end. A remarkable coincidence of the "cussedness" of these false variations turned up again when at the opening of St. Mark's bells in this town on Whit-Thursdays, 1878, the same false peal was rung! I knew the men of the last and some of the 1831 peal. When time permits, I will give you their history.

W. W.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Durham and Newcastle Association. — On April 11th, for evening service, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 720 Berwick Surplice: J. W. Forster 1, John Marshall 2, R. Dixon 3, T. H. Surtees 4, A. Charlton 5, F. Brannon (conductor) 6. First 720 of Berwick by all the band and on the bells.

TOWER MUSIC IN THE LOW COUNTRIES.

A NEW AND INTERESTING VOLUME.

"Carillons of Belgium and Holland," by W. G. Rice. Price 6s. net. John Lane and Company, The Bodley Head, London; and New York.

At a moment when Belgium is ravaged with war and Holland is torn by anxieties lest any moment may find her plunged into the sanguinary conflict, there is a touch of pathos in the appearance of the first book to give us anything like an exhaustive survey of the famous carillons of the Low Countries. The stately and beautiful towers, with their famous carillons, are a source of national pride to the people of these countries, and bell music such as we in England have but a faint idea of, is one of the charms of those lands. When one thinks of it, therefore, it is somewhat remarkable that until now there has been no publication dealing comprehensively with the subject. Lovers of bells will, therefore, welcome Mr W. G. Rice's attractive volume which should find a place on the book-shelf of every ringer. The book made its appearance in America a little while in front of its publication in England, and is the only volume on bells ever issued in America. Included among the numerous illustrations are towers and steeples rarely reached by tourists, each possessing marked individuality and of exquisite architectural design; such, for instance, as that of Zutphen, Mons, Delft, Schiedam, Veere, Oudenarde, Utrecht and Groningen. Other prints serve to explain the system of installation of sets of bells and their various appurtenances, such as the gun-metal cylinders, or barrels, with inserted pegs, transmission bars and wires, keyboards, or claviers, and foot-pedals for manipulation of the bass bells; all contributing to elucidate the "modus operandi," whether automatic, by means of weights controlling the movements of outside hammers, or by the action of a single performer, the carillonneur, who operates the clappers striking the soundbow from within. Of the thirty principal carillons in Belgium and twenty in Holland, a short description of each is given with an estimate of its qualities.

As in England, writes Dr. A. H. Nichols, in reviewing the volume, the art of bell founding seems to have been transmitted in families, and thus for many years the Hemons ranked as the Rudhalls of the Low Countries, having cast the bells of Mechlin and Antwerp. Scarcely less famous was the older firm of the van den Gheyns, who conducted a foundry at Mechlin as early as 1566, thus antedating by four years the establishment of the Whitechapel foundry. Since the year 1730 work has been carried on by the successors of this family at Louvain, the present representative being Felix van Aerschodt, who, by-the-way, supplied the set at Catlistock, England. Per contra, the Taylors, of Loughborough, have acquired the reputation of skilled carillon makers, and their bells sent to Appingedam, Flushing, and Eindhoven are pronounced of superior tone and more accurate attunement than those of former times.

We have to deplore the loss of many carillons by fire, by cannon shot in time of warfare, or by sequestration as part of the spoils of war. At Aranjuez, Spain, for example, is a set of thirty-one bells by Melchior de Haze, one of the successors of the Hemons, while another set of fifty-nine bells in the same town were destroyed by fire in 1821, all carried off as loot.

Of the carillons of the Low Countries, that of St. Rombold, Mechlin, has generally been considered "facile princeps." Composed of 45 bells attuned to the chromatic scale, it has been made famous by the meritorious work and writings of Joseph Denyn, municipal carillonneur, whose artistic performances attract from far and wide devotees of this peculiar bell music, and who is well known in England. Though the church edifice was virtually destroyed in the bombardment of 1914, the stately tower and bells sustained no irreparable loss. Prize competitions held in this tower in 1910 brought together many bell masters; while in 1912 more than 20,000 people assembled upon the occasion of a national celebration, held in honour of the completion of Mr Denyn's twenty-fifth year of service in the tower. It is said that in the evening Mr. Denyn's exquisite rendering of van den Gheyn's third Prelude and some more familiar melodies held his immense audience spellbound. St. Rombold's bells, by-the-way, were barely saved from the melting pot in 1792 by the diplomatic plea of Haverals, the carillonneur, who managed to persuade the French officials that one set of bells should be preserved to celebrate "la gloire de la republique."

In no country is the music of the bells so generally appreciated as in Belgium, whose towers seem to be throwing forth an almost constant succession of operatic airs, military marches, melodies and songs. The principle upon which these selections are divided is thus explained by Mr. Price:—

"The hour is divided into either four or eight parts (for the quarters are sometimes sub-divided). The eighth hour play, when it occurs, consists of a flourish of not over two bars. The quarter-tunes before and after the hour are comparatively short and of equal length—about four times as long as those of the eighths. The half-hour play is at least four times as long as that of the quarters, and is followed by the striking of the next hour by a bell of higher pitch than that used at the hour itself. The play before the hour is at least twice as long as that before the half-hour."

It is one of the noteworthy features of bell music that, notwithstanding the interest developed in the various countries and for a period of centuries, no provision has anywhere been made to give opportunity for systematic education. With agreeable surprise, we learn, therefore,

that incident to the rejuvenescence of carillon playing in Belgium, till recently decadent, both the municipality of Mechlin and the National Government had worked out in 1914 a scheme for the establishment and partial support of a school designed to facilitate the acquisition of this art, all now rendered nugatory by a cruel war which must impoverish the survivors for at least a generation.

Within this volume is collated at first hand a compendium of additional information relating to the cost of carillons, the time of the weekly performances in various towns, a critical notice of certain performances, etc., which render the work invaluable for reference.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**MEETING AT DERITEND.**

The first quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at St. John's, Deritend, on Saturday week, and was most successful.

The belfry of St. John's is "old familiar ground" to the St. Martin's Guild, and has been so for generations, as testified by a peal tablet recording two peals rung by them—Kent Treble Bob Major in 1821, and Stedman Triples in 1844—both being the first in the method on the bells.

The original church was founded in 1375 as a chapel of ease to Aston Parish Church. The present structure, erected in 1735, is a building in modern Italian style, with a square tower terminating in an open balustrading and pinnacles, and containing a ring of eight bells cast by Wells, of Aldbourne, 1777, tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

The bells were raised for the meeting early in the afternoon, and ringing was indulged in in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. London was also tried but wouldn't "go."

Tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Eric P. Gonner, M.A., was partaken of in the church room, when a goodly company sat down, and were favoured with the presence of the Vicar and his strapping son, who is a lieutenant in the 16th King's Royal Rifles. The business meeting followed, at which Canon Gonner took the chair, and this was chiefly remarkable for the small amount of business on the agenda.

The Secretary proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Canon for the use of his bells, for the excellent tea, for presiding at that meeting and for the very warm welcome which he had extended to them.—This was seconded by Mr. Godden, supported by Mr. Painter (who the members were very glad to have amongst them again after his serious illness), and was, needless to say, carried unanimously.—In replying, Canon Gonner gave a very interesting account of the history of St. John's, and invited everyone to have a look round the church under the able guidance of Mr. Sumner.

Of particular interest were two paintings in the vestry, showing the first "chapel" erected in 1375, and its successor. When looking at these pictures it is almost impossible to realise that one is standing on the very spot depicted there, for a greater and more complete change in the topography of a district could not be imagined. The pictures show a quaint little building standing in a beautiful position beside a babbling brook, a path across green fields which must have been a delight to lovers, and giant trees towering over all. Where are now the fields and the trees? Not a single tree of any kind or sort can be seen, nor a blade of grass; the district is to-day one of the poorest and dirtiest parts of Birmingham. Only the brook remains, and of this ———!

Hearing the strains of the organ, it was found that Mr. J. Price, who, we were given to understand, is clerk, vergier, and deputy organist all in one—a most useful man to have about a church—was playing hymn tunes for our benefit. "God save the King" was given by special request, and was most heartily sung by everyone.

Most of us wondered what was going to happen next when we saw Mr. Harry Withers get on to the organ seat, and all were more than astonished when he commenced to manipulate the keys in sacred tunes as though to the manner born. The versatility of this man is marvellous. All of us had heard him play the dulcimer, piano, carillon and handbells, but we did not know he was any good at a three-manual church organ!

Later the belfry was again visited, the bells being kept going until about 8.30 p.m., and it was agreed that it had been a most enjoyable meeting. The best thanks are due, and are hereby conveyed, to the tower keeper, Mr. Webb, for his part in the arrangements, and for having the belfry ready and for his general courtesy.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Bromwich in July.
A. P. S.

ST. CUTHBERT'S SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

The annual dinner of the above society was held in the Caledonian Station Hotel, Edinburgh, on the evening of Wednesday week, when the chair was occupied by Mr. Kenneth Sanderson, Writer to the Signet, President of the Society. After dinner, the Chairman gave the toasts of the King, Queen, and other members of the Royal Family, which was heartily received.—The Rev. Dr. Fisher, senior minister of the parish, then, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the immortal memory of the donor of the bells (Mrs. Anderson), which was received by all present, standing. Songs were afterwards given by several members of the choir, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Cowie, the organist of St. Cuthbert's, and a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, brought a most enjoyable and social evening to a close.

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By the permission and kindly interest of the Vicar and wardens of Leeds Parish Church, and through the generosity of Mr. Wm. Whitaker (the first secretary of the Yorkshire Association), a handsome tablet has been erected in the ringing chamber of the Parish Church tower, recording the accomplishment in 1830 of a peal of New Treble Bob Royal (5000 changes), by a band of Leeds ringers as a token of loyalty and respect to their late Sovereign. The following is the inscription:—

"NEW TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

On Thursday the 15th of July 1830,

Being the day appointed for the

INTERMENT OF HIS LATE MAJESTY GEORGE THE FOURTH.

The Amateur Society of Change Ringers, Leeds, out of respect to their late beloved Sovereign, ascended to the Tower of the Parish Church, a little after nine o'clock in the evening and rung with the bells muffled a Peal of

NEW TREBLE BOB ROYAL,

consisting of 5,000 changes exact,

which was completed at forty-three minutes past midnight, occupying three hours and twenty-three minutes in the performance.

PERFORMERS' NAMES:

Mr. Thos. Rafton	Treble	Mr. Joseph Moxon	6
Mr. John Hudson	2	Mr. John Mortimer	7
Mr. John Thorp	3	Mr. Wm. Gawkrödger	8
Mr. William Groves	4	Mr. Sam Smallpage	9
Mr. Christopher Isles	5	Conductor of the Peal,	
		Mr. James Naylor	Tenor

The above Peal was composed for this occasion by Mr. Hugh Wright, of Leeds, formerly of Nottingham, author of 15,163 Treble Bob Major, Albion Surprise, etc., etc."



MR. WM. WHITAKER.

Mr. William Whitaker has been an assiduous collector of records and interesting items connected with change ringing for many years, and now that he is getting well on to becoming an octogenarian he is anxious to see these placed where they are of the greatest interest. Hence his desire to place this historical record of the work of Leeds ringers nearly 100 years ago permanently in the tower.

It is interesting to find that Yorkshire men of those days preferred the Kent Variation (or New Treble Bob as it was called) to the Oxford variety with its broken music, and the county has more or less maintained its fidelity to its first love. Very little is known of the performers of this peal, but there are men living who well remember Kit Isles and Mr. Gawkrödger, who is spoken of as being a clever ringer.

Mr. Whitaker succeeded the latter as President of the Leeds Society in 1874, and held the office with credit for nine years.

A very kind and brotherly custom prevailed in the Parish Church belfry in those days. When an old member of the company became somewhat infirm and not well able to climb the steps, he was made a "pensioner," which meant that he took an equal share with the others in all moneys received, and only mounted the steps if wanted to make a band of ten or twelve. Kit Isles was the last old pensioner to stand at the tower entrance and count the men up.

Mr. Whitaker is not well known to the present generation of ringers,

but it is as well they should be reminded how much we owe to men of his stamp.

He was contemporary with such ringers as the late Henry Hubbard, a man of fine character, who came to Leeds from Norwich before 1867, and many interesting stories could be told of this worthy old gentleman. Mr. Whitaker was a friend also of the late Jasper Snowden, James Lockwood, Tom Lockwood, and other Leeds worthies.

In conjunction with these men and the brothers Hattersley, of Sheffield, Mr. Howard, Mr. Tuke, Mr. Bolland and others, Mr. Whitaker found time during a very strenuous business career to manage the clerical work in connection with the foundation and early years of the Yorkshire Association. He stood shoulder to shoulder for many years with that veritable giant of the Exercise and man of sterling worth, the late Mr. Jasper Snowden. These two men and Mr. Tuke were as brothers, and to hear Mr. Whitaker speak of Jasper, as he still calls him, is to know that a very intimate feeling existed between them. They worked together and put forth their whole energy in the common cause, and it is men such as those we should think of with pride in connection with the great Yorkshire Association.

Mr. Whitaker is Lancashire born, being a native of Padiham, near Burnley. In his young days he found many difficulties in the way of learning the art of ringing, and to learn to ring Bob Minor, he walked regularly to the neighbouring town of Accrington, five miles away. In 1867 he removed to Leeds, and soon became a member of the Parish Church company, and remained in connection during the whole of his active ringing career.

Characteristic of the man was his desire to impart the knowledge he had gained to his ringing friends at Padiham. At his own expense he journeyed there often, and had the great satisfaction of hearing the bells in the church tower of his native village rung scientifically as the result of his labours, and the art has flourished there continually since.

His fourteen years' service as hon. secretary to the Yorkshire Association was handsomely recognised by the members on his retirement in 1889. A beautiful epergne on plinth was presented to him at Pudsey in October of that year, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. Wm. Whitaker by the members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his valuable services as honorary secretary for fourteen years. (October 12th, 1889.)"

It is needless to add that Mr. Whitaker values very highly this kind gift, knowing, as he does, that it was the outward form of expression of goodwill and thanks from his fellow members for work well done.

During Mr. Whitaker's long connection with the Parish Church, his high ideals of churchmanship gained for him the esteem of several Vicars, notably Dr. Jayn, now Bishop of Chester, and also the late Dr. Gott, and others. A man's work and worth to his fellows is not always to be measured by the number of times his name appears attached to peal performances, etc., but more by his work and sacrifice of self for others, and it is no doubt the practice of this virtue which has built up the sterling character so well seen in the subject of these few words.

MONK'S ELEIGH BELLS

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—All those who know the church at Monk's Eleigh, in Suffolk, and its bells, will be sorry to hear that since last October this beautiful peal of six has been silent, owing to the fact that the tower was in urgent need of repair.

These repairs are now being carried out, and as secretary of this district, I have received a request to make an appeal to all those who have rung in this tower, to ask if any will send donations, small or great, towards the cost of securing the structure upon which the bells rest.

If any ringers are willing to help this work will they either send direct to the "Rector, Monk's Eleigh, Bideston, Suffolk," or to me at "The Red House, Hadleigh, Suffolk."

REV. R. L. GARDNER,

Hon. Secretary, Sudbury District, Ely D.A.R.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The above society held a meeting at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, Apple-dore, Hawkhurst, Fairfield, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden and the local tower being represented, while one ringer, residing at Hastings, but not associated with any tower in that town, also attended. The welcome "that's all" was found to a touch or two of Grandsire Triples, and a six-score of Doubles in the same method also came home.

At the business meeting the company resolved to assemble for their next practice at Rolvenden on the first Saturday in June.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Howes) for the use of the bells, and to the Rye ringers for showing a friendly and brotherly spirit in allowing the Guild to meet again in the ancient town.

Ringers in the Rye district, especially the members of the Romney Marsh Guild, sympathise greatly with the energetic hon. secretary of that society, Mr. G. J. Youngs and his wife in the trial and anxiety which has just been their unfortunate lot to experience. They have had some troops billeted at their residence, and one of the "Tommys" was stricken with pneumonia, to which he succumbed.

ON THE HANTS AND SUSSEX BORDER.

Concluding the narrative of an Easter Monday cycle tour on the Hants and Sussex border, Mr. Whittington writes:—

The next tower on the programme was Milland, where there is a nice ring of six. Here the party were joined by Pte F. W. Elliott, late of Frensham, now serving in the King's Royal Rifles, and stationed at Hindhead. The bells were raised in peal, and after several touches had been rung, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was brought round, by: H. Chaffey 1, Pte Albert Croucher 2, C. Edwards (conductor) 3, E. Newell 4, R. Whittington 5, Pte F. W. Elliott 6. The character of the country side and the views between the towers of Liss, Rogate and Milland are amongst the prettiest in the South of England; indeed so nice is it between Rogate and Milland that about half of the party very promptly got themselves lost in it, and I was told (on the quiet, of course), that they had to wait until they heard the other half of the party raising Milland bells in peal before they could again find their bearings. Milland Church occupies a very secluded position, although it almost adjoins the main Portsmouth Road. It is a comparatively new building, erected only about 30 years ago, but the little ancient original chapel it still standing close by, with its quaint old box pews still to be seen. It is interesting to note that Milland was the 650th tower that Mr. C. Edwards has rung in. The time was now 5 o'clock, and several of the party were making inquiries for "the cup that cheers but not inebriates," which looked like being somewhat of a problem, there being nothing in the nature of a house of refreshment within about a mile of Milland Church. Some of the party, however, were sent forward to try and fix up arrangements, and the good lady of "The Black Fox" Inn nearly did a faint when she was asked if she could supply tea for 15 ringers in about 15 minutes' time. However, she "fitted us out" beautifully, and, considering the way she was pounced on, put on a tea that for promptness and quality would have done credit to many a larger and better equipped establishment. Needless to say, it was a very jovial party that sat down, and not by any means the least enjoyed item on the day's programme, Mrs. Whittington being kept very busy indeed at the tea-pot.

The next and last tower on the programme to be visited was back over the Hants border—Bramshott, where we were due at 6 o'clock. Here the party were joined by Mr. T. Mack, of Haslemere, whose jovial face is very rarely absent from any meeting of ringers within reasonable distance of Guildford. The bells were raised in peal, and several touches rung. This tower, however, was to supply the inevitable "fly in the ointment." A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but failed after about 400 changes had been rung, and was the only 720 lost during the day. Touches of Woodbine, Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise brought the ringing for the day to a close.

We were met and welcomed at each tower by one or more of the local bands, and at Milland and Bramshott by the clergy also, who took the trouble to come personally to the tower to give us their welcome. We wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank all the clergy who very readily gave their permission to use their bells, and to the local bands for so kindly having everything in readiness and meeting us. The party was composed of three from Farnham, three from Aldershot, two from Frensham, two from Seale, one from Busted, two from Cranleigh, and two unattached. I hear that the Farnham men made a tour of exactly 40 miles of it, but, by the time we had reached Cranleigh again, my cyclometer showed that we had ridden 63 miles during the day.

MEMBER OF LADIES' GUILD MARRIED.

On Tuesday, April 20th, at Portishead Parish Church, the marriage took place of the Rev. H. S. Briggs, curate of the parish, and Miss M. E. N. Jukes, second daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Jukes, of Portishead Rectory. The bride has been a member of the Portishead band of ringers for the past seven years. She took part in the ladies' peal rung at Cubitt Town in 1912, and rang the tenor in the first peal for the Ladies' Guild at Portishead in January last. The Rev. H. S. Briggs also does a little ringing, and as they are not leaving the parish it is hoped that they will long continue to assist in the belfry. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a large number of presents, including a gong of eight tubular bells from the Portishead ringers.

ANOTHER RINGER-CHURCHWARDEN.

At the Easter Vestry meeting at St. George's Church, Clun, Shropshire, Mr. W. Mead, captain of the recently formed band of ringers, was unanimously elected one of the churchwardens, and the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Machen) spoke of the valuable services Mr. Mead had rendered on the Tower and Bells Restoration Committee. This is the first time in the history of Clun Parish Church that a member of the belfry has been elected warden. Clun Church now joins the few churches where some of the clergy and wardens take their places in the belfry regularly. Clun is the parish which gave their new bells such a charming public welcome last summer, of which we gave some illustrations in our pages.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Thanksgiving Sunday, April 11th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: S. Coley 1, W. E. Stratford 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, J. B. Collett (conductor) 4, J. T. Perry 5, W. H. Carrod 6, G. A. Taylor 7, S. Price 8.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

SUGGESTED ROLL OF HONOUR CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In a few weeks, the Central Council will assemble—unless suspended—to transact its and our business. Since the last meeting, events in our national life have occurred which have thrown ringing—and rightly so—into the background of our thoughts. Events that have sent the blood leaping through our veins, that have made us burn with passion; and has sent a call to every fit man to shoulder a rifle for his country and for humanity—or else carry for ever the conscience of a coward.

How that call has been answered we know full well. From the ranks of ringers numbers have gone cheerfully, and are still going, although I venture to think that many who remain might have put their love of bells second to their country's hour of need. Yet for those who have gone forth we all must feel a thrill of pride as we read their names, and that is why I write.

The Central Council is the hub, presumably, upon which our various organisations revolve. It has considerable funds, with no immediate object of expenditure. What I beg to suggest will, I hope, meet with the approval of most whose eyes are on the battlefield of Europe. It is that the Council rise to the occasion and issue a "Roll of Honour" certificate to those towers whose ringers are playing the manly part and serving the colours. Such ornamental certificate should be issued under the Central Council auspices to all affiliated associations who required them in the first place. A space could be reserved for the name of the association and the picture of the tower; with the names of the ringers and their regiments inserted by each association. Although there are such certificates of honour used by firms already, and I have a specimen which could be adapted for ringers before me as I write, such a one specially prepared could be obtained by the Council at a low figure after the initial outlay of a few pounds for a litho stone, and, being purchased in bulk, would be more economical than if bought by separate associations. Many societies will during the war be upon a low expenditure, though apart from that, we owe something at least, to our fellow ringers who are taking their lives in their hands. Most ringers feel proud of seeing their names upon tablets in the tower. I would rather my name were upon a "Roll of Honour" in this world war than on a hundred peal boards.

If the men return, theirs is the glory, and if they fall! well, greater love hath no man than this, and in Macaulay's prophetic words:—

How can man die better
Than facing fearful odds,
For the ashes of his fathers
And the temples of his gods.

I should like some abler pen than mine to take this matter up.

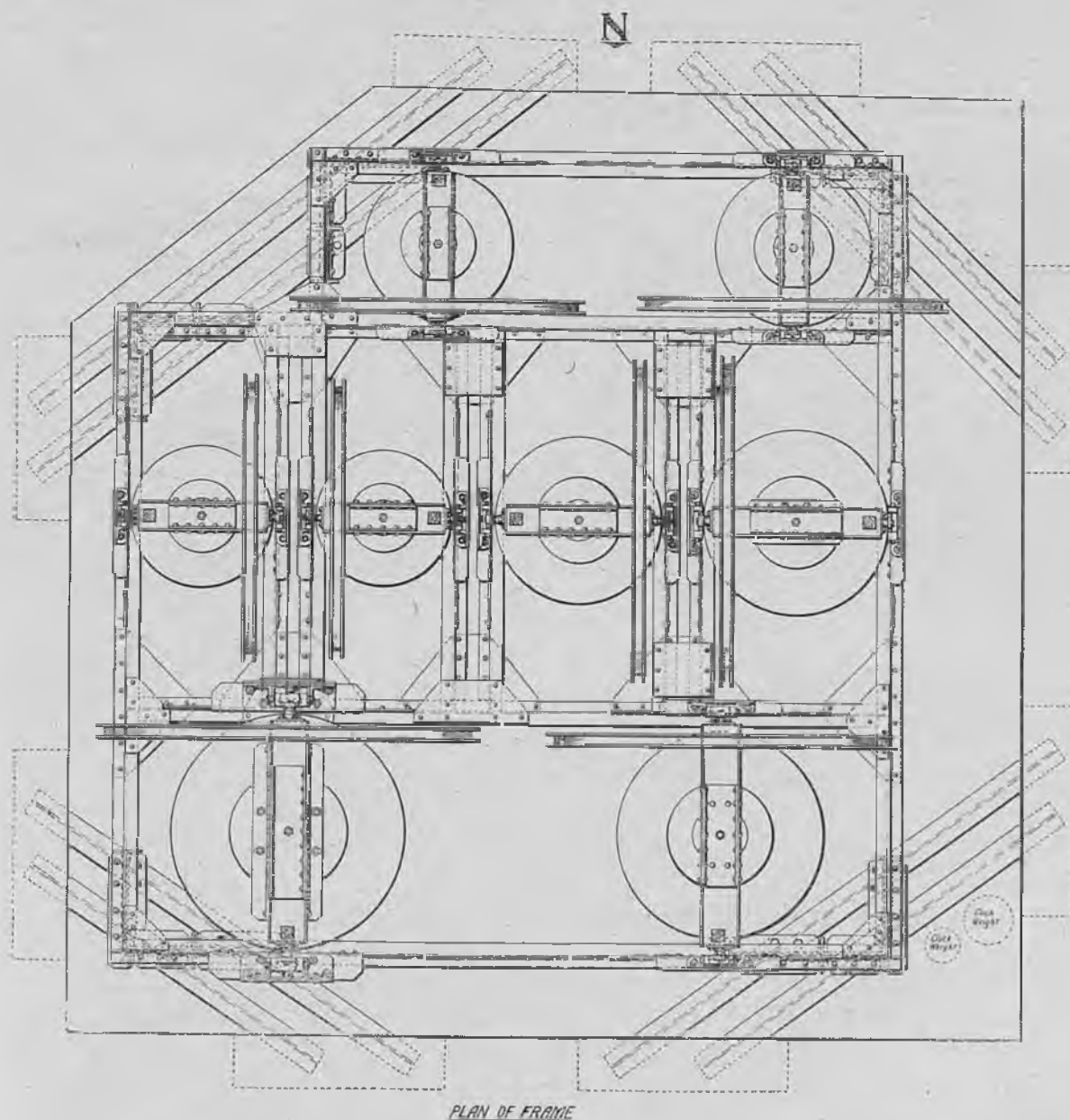
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RINGER'S WEDDING.

A typical ringer's wedding of more than local interest took place on Saturday week at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Wordsley, when Mr. John Bass was married to Miss Ada E. Rudge, Mr. R. Matthews acting as best man and Miss S. Pigott as bridesmaid. The Rector having granted permission to ring, the following ringers assembled to do honour to the occasion, and after the usual rounds and firing, rang a 720 of Plain Bob: C. E. Perkins 1, T. Heathcock 2, G. Poppiell 3, H. Jones 4, W. Short (conductor) 5, C. H. Woodberry 6. Other ringers had now arrived, and touches were rung, in which J. Pigott, J. Smith and W. J. Bretherton took part. After falling the bells, the ringers adjourned to 22, Stewkins, for tea, when the health of the bride and bridegroom was drunk, and best wishes were expressed for their happy and prosperous future. The handbells were then brought into use, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung, interspersed with tunes, and altogether a happy evening was spent. On the following Tuesday, at Wollaston, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor, when after ringing six 720's and being well in the Plain Bob, the tenor rope broke, and thus brought the peal to grief much to the regret of the following ringers: J. H. Parsons 1, C. E. Perkins 2, J. Bass 3, J. Pigott 4, W. Short 5, R. Matthews 6.

BENENDEN RINGER'S MARRIAGE.

On Saturday week the marriage took place at Benenden Church, Kent, between Mr. Horace Henry Coley, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. George Coley, of Iden Green, Benenden, and Mrs. Ellen Mabel Holyer, widow of the late Mr. Charles Holyer, of Appledore, and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Holdstock, of Tenderden. The bridegroom is a ringer at Benenden, and bell ringing has met with favour in the bride's family circle, Mr. Henry Holdstock, of Tenderden, who used to ring at Tenderden, and who has a number of peals to his credit, being one of her near relatives. The bells were rung immediately after the ceremony and in the evening, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round, by: F. Judge 1, T. Ashenden 2, W. H. Lambert 3, J. Blake 4, F. G. Burden 5, G. Billenness 6, A. H. Wollard 7, F. Chapman 8. The ringer of the third belongs to Benenden, those on the treble and fifth to Rolvenden, and the remainder to Hawkhurst.—Messrs. F. C. Clark, R. Williamson, G. Hurl and S. Johnson (Benenden), and A. Blackman (Rolvenden) also rang, the first-named ringing his first 120 of Grandsire Doubles.



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NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637. — Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell ringing on May 20th, and for business on May 11th and 25th, all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—ALLOCATION OF DATE.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and Address by the Rev. W. F. Jepson (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow at the Whidbourne Institute. — T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by invitation of J. F. Stilwell, Esq.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 8th. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at Baker's Cannon Cafe 5 p.m., 9d. to members, 1s. to non-residents, and 1s. 3d. to others. Ordsall and West Retford bells (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening, and East Retford (10) from 2 p.m. to 6.45 p.m., after which the general business meeting will be held.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, May 8th, 1915, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. The bells at Rowde will also be available. Intending visitors please advise early. All are welcome. — H. Brownlee West, Honorary Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, May 8th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting to follow. Bells from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting to-morrow, May 8th, at Pavilion Creamery, Castle Square, Brighton. Meat tea at 4.30. St. Peter's bells open 3 to 4 and 7 to 8. Half fares allowed to members resident in the county; also 1s. towards cost of tea, as announced last week.—G. Watson, Honorary General Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bolton Branch).—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Horwich, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—E. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Meeting at Weybridge on Saturday, May

15th. Bells available 4 to 4.50 p.m., and 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Tea, etc., in the Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. Service in church 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824. — Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. John at Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, May 15th, 1915. There will be ringing from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., after which a business meeting will be held at 8.30 p.m. in the "Earl of Derby." All ringers will be welcome.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansion, Canonbury, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, May 15th. By kind permission of the authorities the bells of St. Leonard's Church will be available from 3.30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Schools at 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 15th. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 2 till 2.40 p.m., and after the tea S. Stephen's (8), S. Alphege (6), and S. Dunstan's (6), from 2 till 8 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. in S. Alphege Church. Tea at Gaywood's Restaurant, High Street, at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 6d. per head will be made. Business meeting after the tea. All subscriptions should be paid before this meeting. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, May 11th.—E. Trendell, Hon. Dist. Sec., Boughton, Faversham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Luton, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, Luton District, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Alveston (6 bells) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells open 3.30 p.m. Service, by the Vicar, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow service. Please kindly notify how many present for tea not later than Monday, May 10th. Almondsbury tower (8 bells) open 6.30 p.m. Visitors very heartily welcome. 'Bus leaves Felton 3 p.m.—G. Tomkins, Branch Secretary, 5, Chelsea Park, Easton, Bristol.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—By kind permission of the Rev. B. S. Batty, a meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem's Church, South Hackney, on May 22nd. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea free to those who notify me by May 18th. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 5.30. Meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. The bells of St. Giles', St. Edmund's and St. Peter's will be available from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Giles' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon, at the Peacock Hotel, at 1 o'clock, members 1s. each, non-members 2s. Business meeting to follow. The bells of All Saints', St. Giles' and St. Sepulchre's will be available after the meeting from 4 to 7 p.m.—Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149. Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock, and a special service in the church at 4.30. An allowance of one penny per mile (single journey), maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending, provided their subscriptions have been paid for this year. Arrangements for tea will be notified later.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Market Weighton on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. Bells available all day. Tea at 4.30 for all who notify me by Tuesday, May 18th, 1915 (1s. each).—Thos. Smith, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. Divine service at the Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, at 11.30; business meeting in the Vestry Hall at 12.30; lunch in the Boys' Schoolroom at 1.30. Members intending to be present must, without fail, notify me before Wednesday, May 19th.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary, Great Totham.

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THE SALOP GUILD.

A meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild was held at Church Stretton on Saturday afternoon, when, in spite of the wet weather, there was a good attendance of members, the following towers being represented: St. Chad's, Shrewsbury; Coalbrookdale, Crewe, Whitchurch, Malinslee, Dawley, Little Wenlock, and Stockton. The bells (a light ring of eight, tenor about 11½ cwt., going fairly well, but striking false) were raised in peal, followed by 560 Bob Major by the following: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, W. Brookes 3, W. Saunders 4, G. Jones 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, A. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples followed.

The meeting was held, with the Rector (the Rev. S. C. Woods) in the chair, the chief object of discussion being the date of the next annual meeting.

Afterwards the members adjourned to the Stretton Cafe for tea. Ringing was then again indulged in, but the members from Coalbrookdale and Malinslee had to leave hurriedly to catch their train. In this they were just successful, but some of the Shrewsbury band who also went to the station were too late. They returned to the tower again and rang two touches of Stedman Triples, the last being a 420, two of the local men ringing the tenor behind (Messrs. Griffiths and Whiting), and this being their first touch.

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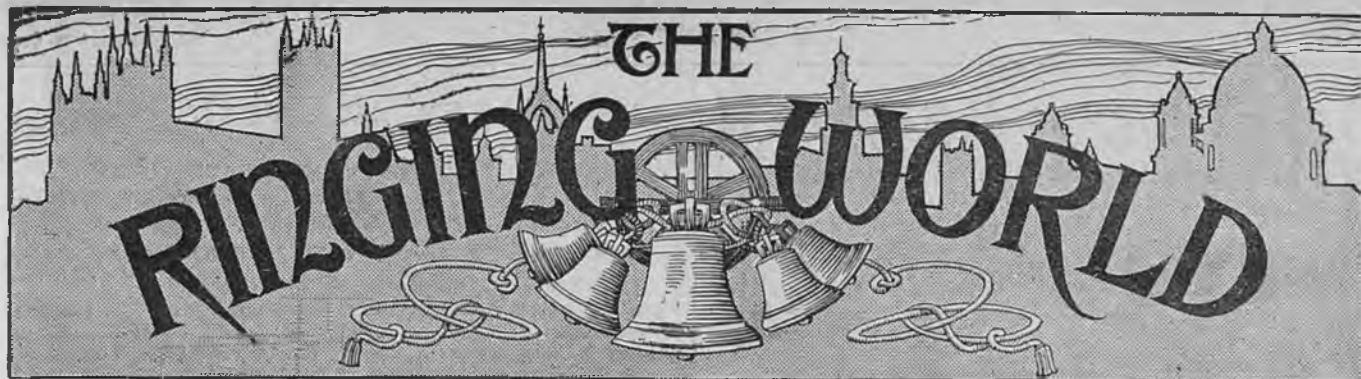


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

RINGERS' PATRIOTISM.

Most of the associations up and down the country are compiling their rolls of honour, so that they may place on record the list of their members who have given their services in the great conflict in which we are involved, but few of the ringing organisations can, we think, claim a finer record in this respect than the Salisbury Guild, from whose total ranks of 756 members no fewer than 172, or more than 23 per cent., are serving with the colours. This is a record upon which the Guild may be justly congratulated, and there was good reason for the expressions of pride voiced at the annual meeting last week. Probably no section of church workers has supplied such a large proportion of members to the service of the country as the ringing fraternity, among whom, when we remember that the Exercise contains a very considerable number of men over military age, the ratio of eligible men who have volunteered must be a really big one. Ringers everywhere have a right to be proud of the share their confreres are taking in the struggle, and, when it is over, not the least part of our pleasure will be the welcome we shall be able to give those men who return.

In the meantime the Exercise is gradually going back, as far as possible, to its normal course—except in regard to peal ringing for purely pleasurable purposes, which is rightly now in abeyance. Meetings, for the most part, are being well attended, and the clergy are by no means averse, now that the first shock of war has been shaken off and the nation has settled down in grim earnestness to wrestle with humanity's outlaw, to the ringing of bells for such special occasions as meetings, etc.

Even the public, where ringing has been altogether stopped, are beginning, it seems, to inquire what has become of the bells. A writer from Wicken in the "Newmarket Journal," the other day, says "Of week evenings of late we have missed the sound of the bells from Soham Church, as they were very often distinctly heard here; also the soft tones of St. Mary's at Burwell, which were frequently heard across the fenland, and those of St. Laurence at Wicken. We trust that, as the evenings are now getting longer, we may hear these familiar sounds again." Presumably the war did not occur to the writer as the probable cause of the silence of the belfry music in these and other towers, and that, may be, the ringers are taking their part in the stern struggle, but it is pleasing to know that the bells are missed. It will help the public later to realise that the ringers have made some sacrifice, and, when the bells ring out again for victory and peace, that they still fulfil their mission as the interpreters of national feeling.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 8, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

NORMAN NORTH Treble	RICHARD BEVAN 6
JAMES TRAPPITT 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL 7
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN 3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 8
EDWIN BARNETT 4	FRANK SMITH 9
GEORGE B. LUCAS 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Andrew Warner, a member of this Society, who gave his life for his country in the battle of Hill 60. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th are employees of the firm of Messrs. John Warner & Sons, of which deceased was a member.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 26, 1915, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble	CHARLES DYSON 5
EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 2	SAMUEL NEWMAN 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	WALTER PUGH 7
JOSEPH DEVEREUX 4	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. S. Meek, son of one of the local ringers, who was accidentally drowned in the river Severn. Also to Corporal A. T. Brunsdon, who was accidentally killed whilst serving in the Royal Engineers out in France.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

YORKS ASSOCIATION AND
SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 8, 1915, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT V. MOORE Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	FRED R. KITTLEBORO 6
EDWARD ROBBINS 3	THOMAS RILEY 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by J. FLINT.

Rung, half-muffled, to the memory of six noble soldiers of this parish, who have fallen in action for their country's cause.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being eight six-scores of Plain Bob, 24 of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grandsire.

JOSEPH HALL Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 4
*ERNEST HARTWELL 2	*GEORGE ASHLEY 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	*LEONARD HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. JOHNSON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Toddington (the Rev. W. A. Warner), and to Mr. L. Harrison, one of the band, to whom congratulations were offered. Quarterly peal of the Branch.

BURBAGE, BUXTON.

On Saturday, May 8, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of one 720 Merchant's Return, two each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. W. HAMPSON	Treble	EGBERT STAMPER	4
SYDNEY KIRK	2	HENRY KIRK	5
WILLIAM LONGDEN	3	JAMES R. BACKHOUSE ...	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

Rung muffled in memory of Rev. Matthew Marshall, late Vicar of this Parish, and Rev. H. S. Williams, who was in charge of Burbage when Mr. Marshall's health gave way, both of whom died on the 9th ult. Also in memory of Mrs. Lowthian, wife of the Vicar's Warden.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	78	10	6
"Anonymous"	0	1	0
York Minster Society, April contribution (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	4	0
	£78	15	6

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Appended is a further list of ringers who are serving their King and country:—

Lieut. G. Bernard Ward, of Foxearth, Essex, 9th Service Batt. North Staffs Regiment. Joined as private in A.S.C. at outbreak of war, rose to sergeant, and has now received a commission.

Pte H. Goodwin, of St. Lawrence's, Surfleet, 9th Batt. Lincs. Regiment. He is the tenth member of the company to join since the war began.

Pte W. Moore, of Daventry Parish Church, 4th Batt. Northampton Regiment.

Lieut.-Corpl. J. W. Cupit, of Alfreton, 13th Lancashire Fusiliers, now at Whittington Heath. Enlisted April 6th, promoted April 22nd.

Sapper Percy Gridley, of Foxearth, Essex, Royal Engineers, now in Ireland.

From Elham Parish Church, Kent:—

Albert Whitnall, and

Henry Blanford, Kent Cyclists.

Herbert J. Wilcox, Naval Brigade, now at the Crystal Palace.

Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse, A.S.C., a vice-president of the Middlesex Association, left for the Front on Monday.

**THE LATE MR. ANDREW WARNER.**

A muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Shoreditch on Saturday, to the memory of Rifleman Andrew Warner, of the Queen Victoria Rifles, and a member of the firm of Messrs. Warner and Sons, who, as recorded last week, died of wounds received in the storming of Hill 60. Our photograph is taken from the only one of the deceased gentleman in the possession of the family. It is in postcard group taken just before Mr. Warner left for the front.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 18th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Cowell 1, J. Bowell 2, P. Almond 3, E. Eady 4, J. Souter 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. Also 360 Plain Bob: W. J. Nevard 2, A. Cole 6. After the service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing the same as in the Oxford. These bells had not been rung since last July. J. Souter hails from Misleigh; E. Eady from Thorpe-le-Soken; J. Bowell from Great Bentley; the rest from Great Bentley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

Brighton was again the venue of the annual meeting of the Sussex Association, held on Saturday last, when over 70 members, representing a goodly number of towers, attended. The business meeting followed tea at the Pavilion Creamery, the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins) presiding. Four new members were elected: Messrs. A. E. Baker, Hensfield, W. Miles, Warnham, and W. G. Hibbert and H. W. Brown, Christ Church, St. Leonard's.

The Bishop of Chichester was re-elected President, and all the vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Scott, of Christ Church, Eastbourne. Mr. F. B. Tompkins was re-elected Master, Mr. G. Watson hon. general secretary, and Mr. R. C. Ford hon. treasurer. Mr. G. Howse was re-appointed hon. secretary of the Eastern Division, and Mr. A. D. Stone of the Central. On the score of advancing years Mr. H. Evans retired from the secretaryship of the Western Division, and Mr. A. W. Groves was elected to fill the vacancy. Messrs. C. J. E. Harfey and W. White were re-elected hon. auditors, and Mr. A. Gravett hon. peals secretary. The following were appointed delegates to the Central Council: Messrs. G. Howse (Eastern Division), R. Stredwick (Central), E. H. Lindup (Western), and G. Watson (Association).

The annual report stated that one effect of the war had been to curtail ringing efforts, and almost entirely to prohibit peal ringing, whilst another had been to decrease the number of subscriptions to a small extent. Notwithstanding this, however, the financial position continued to remain in a highly satisfactory condition—a profit of rather more than ten pounds having been made on the year's working. The Benevolent Fund—though still in its infancy—was proving its utility, grants of two guineas each having been made in the early part of the year to three members greatly needing help. As several of the members were now serving with the colours, and some of these might lose life or limb in defence of their country, larger calls might be made upon this fund in the immediate future, and, if so, they would be met with the most sympathetic treatment by those called upon to administer it. To those ringers who had temporarily discarded the rope for the rifle, the hearty congratulations of the committee were gladly accorded. Seven district meetings had been held, and fifty-four peals rung, during the year. The challenge bell had been won by the Heene band with 250.775 points, St. Peter's, Brighton, band—the first on the list last year, and on many previous occasions—occupying this time the second place. Mr. Gravett had again kindly acted as peals' secretary, and had most ably carried out the duties connected with his office. But little in the way of bell repairs had been done this year, the only notable work being that the Goring bells (6) have been rehung in a new iron frame—one of the six having been recast—by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £42 3s. 11d., as against £29 12s. 5d. at the beginning of the year, while the reserve fund, out of which a grant of £1 5s. 1d. was made to the Benevolent Fund, stands at £50. The balance in the Benevolent Fund, after making three grants of £2 2s. each, is £26 5s. 9d.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, general satisfaction being expressed at the continued improvement shown in the financial position of the Association.

Mr. Evans received the challenge bell on behalf of the Heene band, and Mr. Lindup stated that they would not again compete for the bell. On the proposition of the General Secretary, seconded by the Hon. Treasurer, the following addition was made to Rule 2 relating to the administration of the Benevolent Fund: "Applications may be made by, or on behalf of, widows of such members."

Brighton was chosen for the next annual meeting, the date to be left to the discretion of the committee.

After deciding that the challenge bell should not be competed for this year, votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Evans for his services during many years as hon. secretary for the Western Division, and to the Vicar of St. Nicholas' for allowing the service to be held in his church, for consenting to preach the sermon on the occasion, and for kindly allowing the offertory to be given to the Benevolent Fund.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Any members of the Central Council who may be in London on Whit-Monday, and would like a pull at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, should communicate with Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberlands, 130, Clonmore Street, Southfields, S.W., at once, stating the time most convenient to them. The hour will be fixed to suit the majority, and will be announced in "The Ringing World" next Friday.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Permit a member of the Central Council to supplement Sir Arthur Heywood's admirable letter by pointing out that, following Empire Day, Tuesday in Whitsun week is one of the "Feasts to be observed in the Church of England throughout the year" (see Prayer Book), while Wednesday, 26th, is the Queen's birthday. It is thus a fortunate coincidence for ringers attending the Council, that, in spite of the self-denying ordinance rightly observed during this time of war, the exercise of their art will be fully justified, at least during the daylight hours, on precisely the three days in question.—Yours truly,

CAMPANARIUS.

AND PUBLISHED IN ONE OR OTHER OF THE RINGING PAPERS. COMPILED BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

The greatest number of changes in one peal, viz.: 14,000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung by members of the Lancashire Association at Ashton-under-Lyne on April 13th, 1914, constitutes a record, by beating, after an interval of 130 years, the previous record of 12,000 changes in this method, accomplished by the Society of Royal

Cumberland Youths on March 27th, 1784, at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch. Other long peals rung in 1914 were: 7777 Stedman Caters by the Ancient Society of College Youths, 7008 (on handbells) of Kent Treble Bob Major by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, 6356, 6048, and 6000. There were 1409 peals of under 6000 changes.

The number of peals rung on church bells was 1253, on handbells, 182; making a total of 1415.

Among the noteworthy performances of the year, we must not omit to mention the four Surprise peals of Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative, rung on April 13th, by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

Owing to the war, there has been a considerable fall in the number of peals rung during 1914; the total being 1415, as compared with 2359 rung in 1913: but if the comparison were confined to the first six months of the year, it would be found that there was a steady increase, the figures for 1913 being 1077, and for 1914, 1129. In order to facilitate comparison, the peals rung month by month in the two years are given side by side:—

	1913	1914		1913	1914
January	171	211	July	124	121
February ...	150	216	August	188	63
March	197	143	September ...	191	26
April	183	183	October	208	21
May	245	189	November ...	261	37
June	131	187	December ...	310	18
	1077	1129		1282	286

Total for the year 1913, 2359; for 1914, 1415, being a decrease of 944.

THE CONDUCTORS.

The conductors of five peals and upwards are shown in the following table. A figure in brackets added to a name denotes the number of handbell peals conducted:—

41 Peals: A. H. Pulling (32).
37 Peals: W. Pye (13).
24 Peals: C. F. Bailey (15).
21 Peals: C. Glenn (9).
18 Peals: F. Bennett.
17 Peals: E. M. Atkins (10), F. W. Naunton (1).
15 Peals: E. Barnett, senr., K. Hart.
14 Peals: A. C. Wright.
13 Peals: J. T. Dyke (3), W. Steele.
12 Peals: B. Prewett, S. H. Symonds (5), T. H. Taffender.
11 Peals: D. J. Nichols (5).
10 Peals: C. R. Lilley, F. G. May, W. Short (1), B. Thorp, G. Williams, S. Wood.

9 Peals: G. H. Cross (6), C. Edwards, R. Matthews (1), Joseph Ridyard, C. F. Winney (6).

8 Peals: C. W. Clarke, F. Hopper, A. Knights (2), S. Proctor, E. H. Stoneley.

7 Peals: J. E. Davis, J. E. Groves, R. T. Hibbert, J. Molts, G. R. Newton.

6 Peals: J. Austin, F. Dench, T. Groombridge, senr., A. Harman, Rev. H. L. James (1), J. D. Johnson (4), W. Perkins, W. Poston, G. F. Swann, Edwin Whiting.

5 Peals: Rev. A. T. Beeston, F. C. Burrows, W. A. Cave (4), E. C. Gobey, A. W. Grimes, G. H. Harding, G. Hughes, F. C. Lambert, J. R. Mackman (3), J. W. Parker, J. Pigott, J. Polter, G. R. Pye (1), O. Sippetts, G. E. Symonds, A. P. Wakley (1).

In addition to the above, 40 persons conducted four peals; 52, three peals; 100, two peals; and 286, one peal. There was a peal of Doubles, in which two conductors took part. Two ladies appear as conductors of peals in the year 1914, viz.: Miss Parker, who conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques for the Royal Cumberland Youths, and a peal of Stedman Caters and another of Stedman Triples for the Middlesex County Association; and Miss E. M. Johnson, who conducted a peal of Doubles in five methods on handbells for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

The 162 peals on handbells were rung as follows: Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinques, 11; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 3; Little Bob Royal, 1; Bob Royal, 9; Stedman Caters, 14; Grandsire Caters, 6; Double Norwich Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 9; Little Bob Major, 3; Bob Major, 30; Stedman Triples, 25; Grandsire Triples, 26; in seven Minor methods, 1; in five Minor methods, 1; in four Minor methods, 2; in three Minor methods, 3; in one Minor method, 7; one peal of Doubles was rung in six methods; one in 5 and 6 in one method, for the following Associations:—

Ancient Society of College Youths	10
Bath and Wells Association	2
Bedfordshire Association	1
Cambridge University Guild	8
Central Northants Association	10
Cheshire Diocesan Guild	2
Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association	2
Ely Diocesan Guild	7
Gloucester and Bristol Association	6
Kent County Association	1
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	4
Middlesex County Association	19
Midland Counties Association	4
Norwich Diocesan Association	24

Peterborough and Districts Association	3
Royal Cumberland Youths	1
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	1
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	1
Surrey Association	1
Winchester Diocesan Guild	35
Worcestershire and Districts Association	7
Yorkshire Association	10
Independent Societies	3

Total 162

The total number of peals, whether on tower bells or on handbells, rung year by year since 1881, is as follows:—

1881...156	1888...759	1895...768	1902...1313	1909...1628
1882...244	1889...797	1896...791	1903...1469	1910...1725
1883...330	1890...699	1897...905	1904...1512	1911...1739
1884...419	1891...878	1898...1002	1905...1519	1912...2329
1885...500	1892...802	1899...912	1906...1313	1913...2359
1886...556	1893...705	1900...924	1907...1339	1914...1415
1887...646	1894...859	1901...1194	1908...1474	

Grand Total, 35,978.

The following tables give the first twenty Societies and their positions since 1903:—

	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14
Norwich Diocesan	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	1
Middlesex County	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Midland Counties	10	5	5	5	4	1	1	3	4	4	3	3
Winchester Diocesan	23	18	15	10	9	9	12	8	1	7	4	4
Lancashire	19	22	9	8	6	8	8	11	9	6	5	5
Kent County	6	9	3	3	3	4	5	4	5	5	6	6
Central Northants	14	14	16	22	20	16	20	16	12	17	7	7
Sussex County	3	7	7	11	10	7	7	6	7	3	8	8
Yorkshire	9	3	4	4	7	5	4	5	6	8	9	9
Oxford Diocesan	4	8	8	6	5	6	6	7	10	9	10	10
Stafford Archdeaconry	18	25	21	21	13	18	18	19	19	13	11	11
Essex County	8	6	6	7	11	11	10	9	11	10	12	12
Worcestershire	20	23	17	14	8	14	9	14	8	14	13	13
College Youths	5	4	10	11	16	21	22	22	16	16	14	14
London County	28	21	19	20	18	17	24	21	18	26	15	15
Gloucester and Bristol	7	11	14	13	22	12	11	10	23	12	16	16
Lincoln Diocesan	26	26	26	25	29	25	17	18	17	25	17	17
Ely Diocesan	15	16	24	24	31	28	33	34	33	19	18	18
Warwickshire	—	—	—	—	—	35	34	31	26	20	19	19
Surrey	16	13	18	23	14	22	23	20	25	11	20	20

Note: In the Analysis for 1912 the Societies were placed in alphabetical order, owing to changes in the classification of peals.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The official notice of the meeting on Whitsun Tuesday, at the Church House, Westminster, has been issued. The Standing Committee will meet at 9.45, and the Council at 11 a.m. In addition to the formal business, which this year being the first of a new session, will include the election of president and hon. secretary and treasurer, notice of the following motion has been given:—

"That the Central Council approve and issue a National Badge for Ringers."

"That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the Legitimacy of Methods, as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions,' 1904."

"That this Council recognises with emphatic approval the good judgment and consideration shown by ringers throughout the United Kingdom in their spontaneous abstinence from peal ringing since the outbreak of war; but that at the same time (the Council) regards it as the privilege and sacred duty of ringers, wherever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other Feasts of the Church, as also on Royal and National Anniversaries, to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to this Empire and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies."

"That the Council desires to draw the attention of the Exercise to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal, as a result of which a large proportion of ringers do not acquire the necessary skill to enable them to take part in this ancient and musical practice."

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The war has made the work of the Analysis Committee easier than it would have otherwise have been. There was every appearance that the figures of 1913, huge as they were, would be left behind, and a new record set up. The first seven months showed an increase of 49 peals on the figures of 1913. Then came the war, and after the August Bank Holiday, peals on tower bells practically ceased, except for muffled peals and a few special occasions. The figures which appear under the last five months of the year, omitting the early August peals, are made up of 51 muffled peals, 12 peals on special occasions and 61 handbell peals. Only five peals were rung for which no reasons were given.

The committee have been able to reduce the size of the analysis table by the use of footnotes. Fourteen methods were represented by one peal only, and by including Plain methods with Grandsire Triples they have been able to cut out no less than fifteen columns.

The scale of points for peals of Minor appears to have met with the

approval of the Exercise. The committee have not received or heard of any objections.

Reports of peals seem, on the whole, to be sent to the papers fairly soon after performance; one peal, however, which was rung on May 23rd was not published until September 18th. But this example of dilatoriness was eclipsed by the case of two peals published on January 15th, 1915, which were rung on January 19th and February 13th, 1914. A peal rung in the latter half of the year, and not published for twelve months, would not be included in the Analysis, and the committee would be glad of some instruction from the Council as to whether there should be a limit of time between the ringing of a peal and the publication of a report. Formerly complaints were sometimes made that peals sent for publication were not printed, but we are sure that there is no foundation for a similar complaint at the present time.

WHAT PEAL FOOTNOTES REVEAL.

The footnotes to the peals give, as usual, a good deal of interesting information; but, unfortunately, the figures we are able to give are only approximate, as the footnotes are often vague, and cannot always be depended on. As an example, one who appeared in the list of clerical peal ringers in 1913 is stated to have rung his first peal in 1914. Possibly "in the method" was intended to be added in this and in other cases. It would make the results more interesting if greater care were exercised by those who send in reports. That care is often taken we are glad to see; e.g., on more than one occasion we find the note "This is believed to be the first peal on the bells." The following may be taken as approximate figures: Peals rung for Church Festivals, 32; welcome to Bishops and Incumbents, 11; King's Accession, Royal birthdays and visits, 18; Empire Day, 11; Dorchester Missionary College, C.E.M.S., George Peal (on St. George's Day), Thomas peal, Navy and Army, Three Towns Amalgamation, Market Gardeners, and four Quarterly Association peals: Welcome and Farewell, 31; Muffled peals, 105 (including five on Good Friday and 28 for those fallen in the war, and for Field-Marshal Earl Roberts. Other muffled peals for the war were rung in January, 1915.

First peals were said to have been rung by 438; first away from the tenor, 16; first with a bob bell, 49; first by local band, 11; first as conductor, 58; first on the bells, 54; first after augmentation, 13; after restoration, 16; and first on handbells, 35.

We find a number of ringers of 14, 15 and 16. One peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Saxlingham Nethergate, of which the ringers were from 14 to 20 years of age, giving an average of only 18½. On the other hand, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Deptford by ringers of the age of 76 downwards, with a total of 480, or an average of 60, and a peal of Grandsire Caters at Aston, the total ages of the ringers being 653, or an average of over 65½. One gentleman rang his first peal at the age of 68, and another conducted a peal at the age of 69. Other ringers of 70 and 76 appear, but the most remarkable achievement is that of Mr. Joseph Bates, who rang the 7th in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Wednesbury, which was his first peal for nearly 50 years, on his 83rd birthday!

The 58 peals which are reported as having new conductors were as follows: Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Bob Major, 9 (2 on handbells); Stedman Triples, 3; Grandsire Triples, 13; Seven Minor Methods, 3; Five Minor Methods, 1; Four Methods, 1; Three Methods, 2; Two Methods, 2; One Method, 7 (1 on handbells); Doubles in five Methods, 1; in three Methods, 3; in one Method, 11. In 1913 there were 104 new conductors, and if ringing had not been stopped by the war, this total would probably have been surpassed. Only two of these peals were rung after the declaration of war, one being a muffled peal for a former ringer, and the other a handbell peal.

CLERICAL AND LADY PEAL RINGERS.

One clerical peal was rung in 1914, Stedman Triples at Lydney, and 30 clergy appear as ringing in 94 peals, six of whom were conductors. The Methods rung were Maximus, Kent Treble Bob, 1 on handbells; Cinques, Stedman 3 (H.B. 2); Royal, Kent Treble Bob 2 (H.B. 1); Little Albion 1; Caters, Stedman, Surfleet and Grandsire 7 (H.B. 2); Major, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Reddish Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Little Albion, Little Bob and Plain Bob 30 (H.B. 7); Triples, Stedman and Grandsire 32 (H.B. 3); Minor 16, and Doubles 2; total 94, of which 78 were rung on tower bells and 16 on handbells. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn rang in 16 peals, of which he conducted 4; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 14 (conducted 5); Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 10 (H.B. 9); Revs. E. B. James (H.B. 7, cond. 2), H. L. James (H.B. 3, cond. 6), and W. C. Pearson, 9; Rev. R. P. Farrow, 7; Revs. H. S. T. Richardson (H.B. 4, cond. 2), and C. J. Sturtion, 5; Revs. G. F. Coleridge, E. V. Cox, V. A. Creswell, F. J. O. Helmore, B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (H.B. 2) and H. B. Wolley, 3; Revs. H. A. Cockey, C. C. Cox (cond. 1), C. D. P. Davies, R. L. B. Oliver, E. S. Powell and E. J. Teesdale, 2; Revs. W. W. C. Baker, R. Bond, C. A. Clements, H. J. Elsee, C. B. D. Farrow, F. G. Hume, A. Rust, W. S. Willett and W. P. Wright, 1 peal.

We find the names of 25 ladies in the records of 61 successful peals in the past year, compared with 30 ladies and 114 peals in the year before. We miss, alas! the name of Miss Margery Sampson, who, in 1913, earned the distinction of ringing her first peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells. She has been cut off in the flower of her youth; but she has left behind, as a ringer, a glorious record of which the Ladies' Guild may well be proud. Miss Edith Parker has continued her distinguished career as a ringer by conducting three peals, Stedman Cinques, Caters and Triples, and by ringing in a peal of Superlative Surprise. Miss Elsie Bennett has rung seven peals on handbells, three of Stedman Caters, two of Bob Major, and one each of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Miss Kate Holfield has rung seven

peals on tower bells, one of Grandsire Caters, four of Grandsire Triples, and two of Stedman Triples. Miss Winifred Hague has rung eight peals, five on handbells and three on tower bells, comprising one peal of Stedman Caters, two of Grandsire Caters, one of Bob Major, three of Stedman Triples, and one of Grandsire Triples. Miss Evelyn Steel has rung twelve peals in all, a very fine record, comprising four peals of Minor, two of Surprise Minor, two of Stedman Triples, two of Superlative Surprise, one of Double Norwich, and one of Yorkshire Surprise. Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Whittington, the Misses W. Carden, D. Coles, E. Goodship, E. M. Hole, M. E. M. Jukes, R. Johnson, S. Martin, B. L. Mitchell, H. Willson and L. Willson rang one peal; the Misses M. Chillingworth, N. Gillingham, E. A. Jones, O. Lumley, E. Matthews (on handbells), rang two peals; Miss D. D. Steel, three peals; the Misses E. K. Parker, and S. Piggott, four peals; Miss E. M. Johnson, five peals; the Misses E. Bennett and K. Holfield, seven peals; Miss W. Hague, eight peals; and Miss E. Steel, twelve peals. The methods rung were: Cinques, 1; Caters, 9; Major, 16; Triples, 24; Minor, 9; and Doubles, 2. It is interesting to note that no fewer than five ladies took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples rung for the Bath and Wells Association.

E. W. CARPENTER, Boothby Pagnell Rectory, Grantham.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, 77, Shobnall Street, Bourn-on-Trent.

ARTHUR T. KING, 7, Cavendish Road, Southsea.

GEO. WILLIAMS, West End, Southampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

With something like one-fourth of its members serving at present with the colours, the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Dorchester on Monday last week, was nevertheless of a very successful character, nearly 100 members putting in an appearance during the day from all parts of the Diocese. In the morning ringing was indulged in at St. Peter's Church, and at Fordington St. George, and the Guild service was held at the former church, conducted by the Rev. H. C. Coote (Rector), assisted by the hon. secretary of the Guild (the Rev. F. L. Edwards), the singing being led by the surplined choir, and heartily joined in by the large congregation of ringers.

Having read out a list of 172 members belonging to the Guild, who were serving in one part or the other of the Empire in His Majesty's Forces, and commended them to those present in their prayers, the Rev. H. C. Coote gave an earnest address on the text, "Love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King" (1. Peter ii., 17). He said that the words, "Love the brotherhood," seemed to him to sum up the whole object of the Guild. That day they met under circumstances that were exceptional and unique to them, for 172 members of their brotherhood were on active service, and were unable to be with them. That was a very remarkable membership. Many of the absent ones were no doubt aware of the Guild gathering that was taking place that day and thinking about it, and it was a support of them, especially those in the firing line, to know that those at home were not forgetting them, and that the brotherhood of the Guild was a real bond of union one with another. He believed that a brotherhood of this kind was a very real power for God's service in the diocese to which they belonged, and also in the neighbourhood in which they lived. He looked upon it as a duty and a privilege to be a bell ringer in the house of God, and as brothers let them love the brotherhood and do all in their power to forward its aims and its service. But there could be no real foundation for their work unless they had the fear of God, and as workers together for God he was sure that they realised the second of St. Peter's instruction in the text and put the fear of God in the forefront of their work. Then as to the third instruction, "Honour the King," he was sure that no body of Church workers in the diocese could have furnished a higher percentage of its members to serve their King and country than the Guild, with 172 members either gone to the front or in some way serving the King. Every single member of the Guild was doing his part either for good or evil, and each one had to remember that he was a subject of the King of that great world-wide Empire which God had committed to their charge to carry on and hand on intact to their descendants.

A collection having been taken for the Guild funds, the service ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE MEETING.

After the service, an excellent luncheon was provided at St. Peter's Institute, through the generosity of the Dorchester branch. Capt. J. E. Acland (President of the Guild) presided over a company numbering between 80 and 90, and was supported by the Revs. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary and treasurer), W. G. Barclay (Vicar of Charmistur), C. F. Langford (Vicar of Bradpole), and C. G. Cox (Symondsburry), Messrs. T. H. Beams (assistant hon. sec., Bradpole), A. F. Martin Stewart (Wimborne), and A. Hughes (of the firm of Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel). The Rev. C. A. Phillips (Curate of St. Peter's), Messrs. J. Hannah and R. N. Dawes (churchwardens), F. G. Longman and J. T. Godwin (sidesmen) were assiduous in waiting on and securing the comfort of the company.

After lunch had been enjoyed the toast of "The King" was loyally drunk.

The Chairman thanked the members for electing him as President of the Guild last year, and said he was sorry he was not present at the time of his election to return thanks. It would be recollected that at a meeting held a few years ago at Dorchester he was elected Ringing Master of the Guild, and change ringers would understand that he considered this to be a greater honour than to be elected president, be-

cause a Ringing Master would have to be a change ringer, but a President need not be. Therefore, it was a great sorrow to give up being Master, as it meant his giving up change ringing, in which he had been interested all his life. Still it was an honour to become their President, and he believed he was right in saying that Lord Nelson was the President of the Guild from its foundation up to the time of his death. Therefore, to succeed a man like Lord Nelson was a very great honour. It was a question whether the annual meeting of the Guild should be held this year, but after consideration it was rightly settled by the committee that it should take place; and they met that day not in the spirit of conviviality, but as church officers. No war, however serious, should stop the work of the Church from going on, and he hoped that they all felt, down to the youngest ringer, that they were helping in the work of the Church (hear, hear). The remarkable figures that were given to them in church showed that 172 members were specially serving King and country, but let it be remembered, to the comfort of those who were not wearing khaki, that those people who stayed at home were able to work for their country in many ways. In that way they ought to particularly congratulate themselves on the excellent attendance at that meeting. He proceeded to thank the gentlemen who had kindly provided the luncheon (applause). The idea, he believed, originated with the Rector of St. Peter's, who had been well backed up by his churchwardens and others in the district, and on behalf of the Guild he thanked them all very heartily. The President then read the following letter that he had received from the Rev. H. Tilney Bassett, of Beechingstoke, Ringing Master of the Guild:—

"Dear Captain Acland,—As you will be presiding at the annual meeting on Monday will you kindly express on my behalf the deep regret I feel at being absent. It is entirely on account of the altered date and the inconvenient railway service. I shall be with you in spirit and thought, and hope that the business will be carried through smoothly. I appreciate the patriotism of all those our members who are serving their King and country. In Wilts we have done so well that in many villages, when peace is proclaimed—may God hasten it on a just and lasting basis—there will be hardly any ringers to ring. Please convey my hearty greetings to my brother ringers."

A SUGGESTION.

Captain Acland continued by throwing out a hint on the practical part of bell ringing. Last year, he said, he wrote a letter as to the great importance of bringing on beginners, and the suggestion that he now wanted to make was that they should do as they used to do in his old Devonshire home, namely, ring a little bit after the service (hear, hear). He had always had a little objection to proper ringing before church, but he had recommended chiming before service and, if possible, a peal afterwards. He was very fond of music and liked to hear the organist play the people out of church, but where they had bells let the ringers play them home, and let them hear the notes on the bells, if only for 20 minutes or half-an-hour. He did not think that this would answer in a town like Dorchester, where they had three churches grouped together within 100 yards of each other, so that they could not be quite sure that all the churches had finished their services; but in the country it would be different. This was just an idea of his own, and if any of them liked to carry it out he hoped that when he met them next year they would be able to tell him whether the ringing after service was appreciated or not.

THE LATE REV. W. P. SCHUSTER.

The Hon. Secretary announced the receipt of apologies for non-attendance from Canon W. Gildea (Upwey) and Mr. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis, hon. secretary of the Dorchester branch), who is now serving with the naval forces. In the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting reference was made to the illness of the Rev. W. P. Schuster, of West Lulworth, and the Hon. Secretary said that unfortunately the reverend gentleman did not recover from that illness. The committee met in March and forwarded a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Schuster expressing deep regret with her in her bereavement and at the loss of one who had been the devoted secretary of the Guild for five years. A presentation that was to have been made to Mr. Schuster at the last annual meeting of an inkstand in the shape of a bell and also the badge of the Guild in gold was sent to Mrs. Schuster, who replied that she hoped to wear the badge in memory of her husband, and she also thanked the Guild for their letter of sympathy.

The President said he was instrumental in getting Mr. Schuster, rather against his will, to take the secretaryship. He made an excellent official, and they would hold him in grateful memory for his work (hear, hear).

On the proposition of Mr. Martin Stewart, seconded by Mr. J. Benger, the following officers were re-elected with unanimity: President, Capt. J. E. Acland; Master, Rev. H. Tilney Bassett; hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. T. Hervev Beams; hon. auditor, Mr. W. R. Hussey.

The following were elected representatives on the Central Council: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. A. F. M. Stewart, Walter D'Aeth, and T. H. Beams.

SERVING MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS REMITTED.

The Hon. Secretary, on behalf of the committee, brought forward the proposition that the 172 members who were bringing honour to the Guild by serving with the forces should have their subscriptions remitted for this year.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips: Will the subscriptions be paid out of the central fund, or will the branches also suffer?

The Hon. Secretary: The idea is that the subscriptions should be remitted altogether.

Mr. Beams, in seconding the proposition, said he did so because he

wanted the ringers on active service to come back as members.

The Rev. C. F. Langford said that, as the central body would really be poorer by the proposed remission of the subscriptions, he moved as an amendment that arrangements be made whereby the different branches could pay the subscriptions of their members who had gone on active service.

Mr. F. Bugler (Beaminster) said that some of the smaller branches had a difficulty in making both ends meet, and as the Guild had a nice little balance in hand the central fund was better able to bear the payment of subscriptions than individual branches.

Mr. Wiffen suggested that a collection should be made in the room towards the payment of the subscriptions, and that any deficiency should be made up from the central fund.

On a show of hands the amendment was defeated, and the proposition was carried with the addition that the subscriptions should be paid out of the central fund for one year, it being understood that if members are on active service when the next annual meeting is held the question of continuing the payment of their subscriptions will be further considered.

The Hon. Secretary said that it was intended to publish with the report this year a roll of honour containing the names of those members who were serving with the forces. This would entail extra expense, and as the central fund was going to suffer by the loss of subscriptions, the committee recommended that the branch funds be asked to make a contribution to the cost of printing in proportion to the number of members on the roll of honour.

On the initiative of Mr. Bugler it was decided that each branch should be asked to contribute in proportion to its membership, and the committee's recommendation was amended in this form and agreed to.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards presented the statement of accounts for the past year. They commenced the year with a balance in hand of £29 6s. 3d., and after all expenses had been met there remained an increased balance of £29 8s. 5½d., so that they had gained about 2s. (laughter and hear, hear).

The Hon. Secretary moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of St. Peter's for offering the Guild the use of the church for the service, to the organist and choir for their beautiful rendering of the music, and to the Rector for his thoughtful and earnest sermon.—The vote was carried with acclamation, and the Rev. H. C. Coote suitably returned thanks.

The Hon. Secretary spoke of the dearth of ringers in the diocese, patriotism having risen so high in some parishes that all the ringers had gone on service, and he emphasised the importance of youngsters being taught to ring. As to the President's suggestion that the bells should be rung after service, he hoped that it would become general. The next Thursday would be the anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the Throne, and he hoped this year, above all others, to see the ringers showing their loyalty by ringing a good peal or touch on that day—preferably at five o'clock in the morning (laughter and hear, hear).

Mr. A. Hughes, in proposing "Prosperity to the Salisbury Guild of Ringers," said he happened to hold the office of treasurer to the Ancient Society of College Youths, and two well-known gentlemen who had been great friends to that society were Capt. Acland and his brother (applause). He thought that the very best test of the prosperity of the Guild was to be seen that day in such a large attendance, when they had over 170 serving with the colours (hear, hear). Mr. Hughes also mentioned with pride that at Bradpole the previous afternoon eight youngsters, whose average age was 14, rang some call changes on the bells very well.

The President, responding, said that some of his best hours were spent in ringing with his friends of the Ancient Society of College Youths in London, although he must confess that he preferred Dorset (hear, hear). He hoped that the Guild would ring lots of good touches that afternoon, and he only wished that he could ring with them.

The company then dispersed, and visits were paid to the local towers and others in the adjacent country districts.

The excellent arrangements for the day's proceedings were made by the Hon. Secretary, who received invaluable assistance from the band at St. Peter's, Dorchester.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bromham on Saturday afternoon, and the day being fine, was very well attended, some of the ringers cycling from Wootton Bassett and Swindon. By the kindness of the Vicar of Rowde, who placed his bells at the disposal of the Guild, ringing commenced at Rowde Church at three o'clock, the ringers afterwards moving on to Bromham, where Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob were indulged in until an adjournment was made to the Hope Coffee Tavern for tea, to which 23 sat down.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Branch Chairman, the Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington), supported by the Rev. J. L. Thovold (Rector of Bromham), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke), Master of the Guild, Mr. H. Brownlee West (of Devizes), honorary branch secretary, and ringing members from Devizes, Bromham, Trowbridge, Holt, Southbroom, Melksham, Swindon, Market Lavington, Beechingstoke, Bishops Cleeve and Wootton Bassett. — Six new ringing members from St. Leonard's Church, Keovil, were duly elected.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Bromham, and the Vicar of Rowde for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and after further ringing in the Bromham tower, the company dispersed, after enjoying a very pleasant and successful meeting.

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BICENTENARY OF FIRST PEAL.

HISTORIC EVENT AT NORWICH.

Last Sunday week, May 2nd, was the two hundredth anniversary of the first recorded peal ever rung, and it is to be regretted that present circumstances made it impossible for the event to be fittingly celebrated.

This peal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 2nd, 1715, and is duly recorded on a highly decorative board still in the belfry, and we have to thank Mr. G. P. Burton, of the St. Peter Mancroft Society, for the facilities to publish a picture of this highly interesting and historic record.



THE PEAL BOARD AT ST. PETER MANCROFT.

The peal attracted attention as long ago as 1816, when Shipway, in his "Art of Ringing," then published, writing of the early peals, says as to "the three peals, viz., Bob Triples, in 1715; Grandsire Triples, in 1718; and Stedman Triples, in 1731; said to have been rung at St. Peter Mancroft not one can be found to ascertain the truth."

He wrote in ignorance of the fact that the figures of at least one of the peals was in existence, and he would have discredited all three performances on the sole grounds of the absence of the manuscript. In his day, and earlier, composers seem to have held the mistaken idea that the surest way to safeguard their right to a composition was to withhold it from publication, and the figures were often, as we know, guarded with the greatest jealousy. It is not surprising, therefore, that the actual composition cannot now be found. Thanks, however, to the interesting discovery by Snowdon, the truth of the earliest peal of Grandsire Triples—Garthon's, which followed in 1718—

has been established (see the account in Snowdon's "Grandsire"). As Garthon was successful in getting the first true peal of Grandsire, there would seem no reason to doubt his ability to compose the length of Bob Triples. Of this latter peal Snowdon says:—

"In the book of rules of the Ancient Society of College Youths a short history of that society is given wherein it is stated that the first account of a peal of Grandsire Triples being rung is one performed on January 17th, 1689 or 1690, at St. Sepulchre-without-Newgate, in 3½ hours, by members of the Society. From what source this information is obtained I am unable to state, and although, from the known performances in change ringing which were accomplished not very many years later, it seems not improbable that such a performance may have taken place at this date, I believe that tradition is the only source to which this statement can now be traced. I may here remark that the tablet of a peal of Bob Triples rung at St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich, in 1715, is the oldest known record in the form of a tablet that exists, and that the first peal, rung in 1718, entered in the peal book of the Society of the Union Scholars, now in the British Museum Library, is the first known record that exists in writing, and so far as I am aware there is no existing record of a true peal of 5000 changes having been accomplished previous to the peal at Norwich in 1715."

The actual inscription on the tablet is as follows:—

May the 2d. 1715. Here was Rung by the Ringers call'd Norwich Scholars, that most Incomparable Peal call'd Grandsire Bob Triples, it being the 3d. whole peal that they have rung, but the first whole Peal that ever was Rung to the truth by any Ringers whatsoever. It has been studied by the most Acute Ringers in England (but to no effect) ever since Triple changes were first Rung; but now at last it's found out to the truth By JOHN GARTHON one of the said Society, and Rung by him and the rest of the Society in 3 hours 18 minutes, which is about 1550 Changes in an hour, the whole Peal being 5040 Changes and not one Bell misplac'd or out of Course. The Names of which Ringers are underwritten against their Respective Bells as they Rung:—

John Garthon	...	...	1st	David Sannecill	...	...	5th
Isaac Pearce	...	...	2nd	Tho. Gardiner	...	...	6th
John Briggs	...	...	3rd	William Dixon	...	...	7th
James Brooke	...	...	4th	Robert Woodcock	...	...	8th

On the bicentenary of the peal, for evening service, to mark the event, a touch of 840 Bob Triples was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, on the Gabriel eight, in 32 mins., by E. W. Rix 1, C. E. Borrett 2, G. P. Burton 3, H. J. Borrett 4, G. Mayers 5, J. Freeman 6, J. E. Burton (conductor) 7, D. O. Holme 8. Also for the morning service, 454 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Rix 1, A. W. Downing 2, C. Thompson 3, H. J. Borrett 4, G. Mayers 5, J. Freeman 6, G. P. Burton (conductor) 7, D. O. Holme 8 (19 cwt.).

At the present time the opportunities for ringing at St. Peter Mancroft are restricted to the occasions of the church services; otherwise a quarter-peal, or a longer length, would have been attempted.

A VANCOUVER CELEBRATION.

On Sunday, April 4th, there mustered in the tower of the Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, a full band of ringers, when some excellent rounds, queens, tittums, etc., were rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Buckley. Those taking part on this happy occasion were: A. C. Limpus (Windsor), Gilbert Pearce (Bristol), G. W. Foster (Borden), W. H. Harvey (Lustleigh, Devon), Farrington Jones (Wolverhampton), H. Hollis (Milnrow, Lancs.), J. T. Buckley (Milnrow, Lancs.), W. D. Bond (Cheltenham, Glos.). Mrs. Buckley also graced the tower with her presence.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Horwich on Saturday last, when 25 members were present from Bolton, Manchester, Newchurch and Walkden, with some of the local company. Some very good touches of Superlative, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung. It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Hindley, a new tower added to Bolton branch. A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for use of the bells, and also to the ringers for having all in readiness.

"DOUBLE-HANDED" RINGING.

There are not many ringers capable of ringing two church bells at one time—at any rate with any success—but Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, happens to be one of them, and it is rather a useful accomplishment where bands are depleted through the call to arms. On Sunday evening, for service, he rang 1—2, and conducted 720 of Oxford Bob, the band being: W. H. Lawrence 1—2, S. Game 3, A. Phillips 4, E. A. Overall 5, A. Woolston 6. On the preceding Sunday the same band rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob, which A. Woolston conducted.

KENSINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR.

A MUSICAL DODGING HUNT METHOD.

By HENRY DAINS.

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Plain lead 15738264
Bob 13578264

The foregoing is the first lead of the plain course of a method of which the succession of its changes are triple and quadruple, alternately throughout, constructed by means of Bob Major lead-ends and back-changes. It contains 24, 7—5's and 5—7's, 6—8's and 8—6's, and 8—7's and 7—8's. When in the front the tenor never works with 2nd and 3rd, while, when behind, it works only with the treble, 7th and the 6th's place bell throughout a 5000 composition.

The method produces almost a new class of composition, and the following is an example:—

	5088			
	W	B	H	
23456	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—

This peal has three pairs of bells reversed in 5—6 at course-ends, with 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in the latter position.

All peals of Superlative with tenors together will go true to this method, except those in which bells are reversed in 5—6 at the course-ends.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Guiseley on Saturday, when there was a good attendance of members, the following towers being represented: Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Dewsbury, Pudsey, Holbeck, Ilkley, and the local band. The bells (a light peal of eight, tenor 10½ cwt.) were rung in the evening to Treble Bob, and the business meeting was afterwards held at the Red Lion Hotel, with the President (Mr. Peacock) in the chair, the usual routine of business was quickly gone through.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of Guiseley for the use of the bells, and to the local band for their kind arrangement was proposed by Mr. Helliwell, seconded by Mr. Mann, and unanimously carried, and acknowledged by Mr. Smith. Touches were then rung on the handbells by some of the ringers, while others again visited the tower and rang various touches in different methods.

SELBY, YORKS.—On April 11th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Fenton 1, J. Morley 2, H. S. Morley 3, T. Morgan 4, F. Cryer 5, W. A. Hall 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, T. Strudwick 8. Rung for Mr. James Jackson on his restoration to health, after a serious illness. Also on January 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: G. Fenton 2, H. Fairlam 3, J. Morley 4, T. Morgan 5, W. A. Hall 6, H. S. Morley (conductor) 7, F. Cryer 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RINGING DURING THE WAR.

A very successful meeting of the North-Western Division of this Association was held at Newport. Ringing was opened with a well-struck 720 Kent Treble Bob, by: J. F. Penning 1, F. Pitstow (conductor) 2, Pte W. Duffield (Beds Yeomanry) 3, W. E. Carr 4, A. E. Austin 5, W. Watts 6.

The business meeting was held at the Church Room, kindly lent by the Vicar, and was followed by tea at the Hercules Inn.

Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master) presided, supported by the district secretary (Mr. W. Watts). The following members, elected in the tower, were brought up for conformation: Mr. R. Law and Master H. G. Watts, Stansted; Mr. J. Mansfield, Nazing; Mr. J. Challis, Roydon.—The next meeting was fixed for Roydon and Hunsdon.

Referring to the subject of ringing during the war and the attitude taken by different societies, Mr. J. F. Penning remarked that, whilst fully appreciating the sentiments of those who considered that the bells should be silent, he thought that even sentiment might in some cases exceed discretion. There were many points to be taken into account. Why should the bells be silent? Was it to show that the church bells were the primary medium of denoting to the country occasions of sorrow or rejoicing? Much might be advanced on this point, but it must be borne in mind that if Association meetings, practices, etc., were discontinued during the war, which might last for many months or even years, the whole system would be disorganised, the bells be unfit for ringing when occasion required; and many of the country companies entirely disbanded. If it were urged that the bells should be silent to show respect to those members who had left, he thought that the very opposite should be the case, as he was convinced the absent ones were only too pleased to know that their old comrades were meeting together, as far as possible, and that the vacant places were the means of their being remembered with fervent hopes for their speedy return. There was no doubt that sentiment might be carried too far, and, without proper balance, might be even dangerous. They were all hoping for a speedy end of this terrible war and the return of their comrades, and there was little doubt that England, from end to end, will never have heard such joyous bell ringing as when that happy day was reached, but it was necessary in the meantime to see that their associations, their local societies and their bells were kept in a state of efficiency.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the church room.

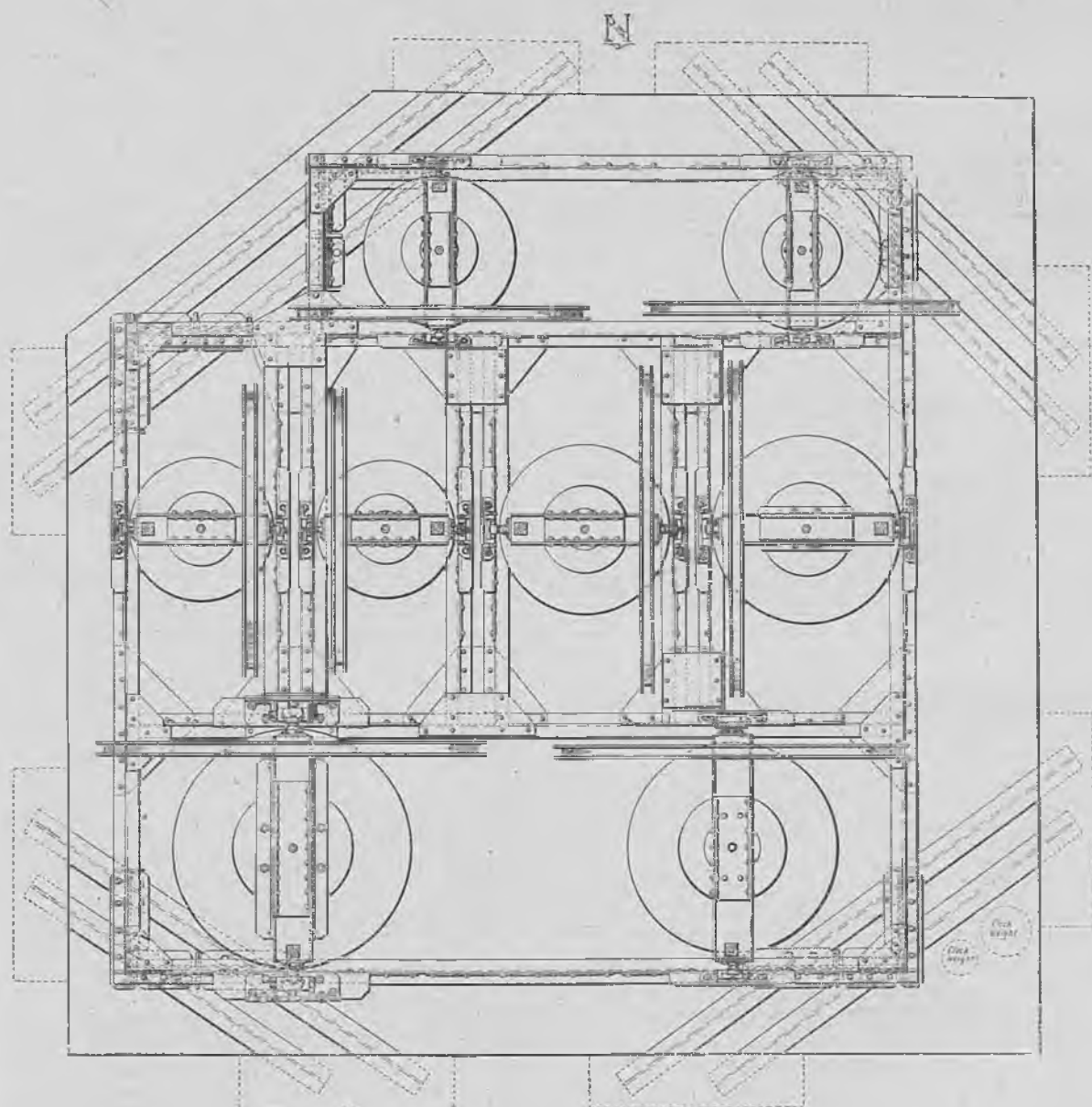
About 25 members attended from Newport, Saffron Walden, Stansted, Rickling, Wenden, Ickleton, Stapleford and Shelford. Touches in the following methods were brought round: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

DEATH OF LAMBERHURST RINGER.

The death of Mr. John Tapp, of the Lamberhurst (Kent) band, occurred on Friday week, at the age of 57 years. He had been connected with ringing in Lamberhurst for over forty years. When he learnt to handle a rope, change ringing had not been introduced in the parish, but verging on 20 years ago a start was made with method ringing, and Mr. Tapp and the other members soon began to ring Doubles. A Mr. Chatfield was the conductor, and after his departure from the parish, Mr. Tapp took over the duties. He was always very keen, and walked many miles in pursuit of ringing. After a number of years there seemed to be a yearning to proceed a stage further, and Minor was taken up, and Mr. Tapp, while entering fully into the forward move, handed over the conducting to another. What he did he accomplished well, and for a long time was undoubtedly the mainstay of the band, and but for his energy, coupled with the assistance of admirable colleagues, in nursing change ringing in its infancy, it is doubtful whether the science would have reached the high standard it has attained in the parish. After grasping Minor, success followed success, with the result that the company can ring any Plain or Treble Bob Method and Cambridge Surprise. Mr. Tapp succeeded in conquering practically all the plain methods, and several peals stand to his credit. He was very reliable, and an excellent striker.

The deceased was interred at Lamberhurst Churchyard on Thursday, 6th May, the new Vicar (the Rev. Canon Boyd) who is also a ringer, reading the burial service very impressively. Three of the local ringers, Messrs. J. Bailey, A. Relfe and G. Fuller, and Mr. J. Wagborn, of Kiddown, acted as bearers. Other local ringers present at the interment were: Messrs. H. Price, A. Marshall and W. Marshall. After the service the ringers ascended to the belfry, and rang the "whole pull and stand" with clappers half-muffled: J. Bailey 1, J. Wagborn 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Relfe 4, W. Marshall 5, H. Price 6. In the evening further half-muffled ringing took place, the local company ringing a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, those taking part being: J. Bailey 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Relfe (conductor) 4, A. Marshall 5, H. Price 6.

On Sunday last, the half-muffled ringing was continued for morning and evening service, touches in a variety of methods being brought round. Thus did the Lamberhurst ringers pay their last tributes of respect to one whom they dearly loved, and whose presence they will sadly miss.



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NOISY BELLS IN AMERICA. HINTS FROM VANCOUVER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice reference is again made to the subject of noisy towers in Boston, U.S.A., and, as we had the same trouble here in Vancouver, I would like to say it has been entirely overcome by bricking three louvres to the top. The brick is only one layer thick, but seems to be ample to stop all sound emanating therefrom. The fourth louvre is boarded with double planks, one inch thick, but that is more to keep out the wet than anything, as the high roof of the church rises completely over the louvres. There are large openings above the stone work of the tower in the wooden spire where all sound escapes, which is, perhaps, helped by an eight-sided sound board hanging something like an inverted and shortened spire. The effect is that in the immediate neighbourhood, the bells sound soft and mellow; in fact, the nearer one gets to the tower the further away the bells seem to appear.

I don't think any difference in the sound, compared with that before the bricking up, is noticeable at a distance, taking into consideration the great many high buildings which have been recently erected, some of them overtopping the cross on the spire some 200 feet. Father Welsh kindly found bricks and mortar, your humble servant carried them to the man at the scaffold who did all the work, and happened to be no less a personage than our worthy conductor, Mr. G. W. Foster. We have never regretted the couple of days thus spent, as we have not had a single complaint since. The openings at the base of the spire are about twenty-five feet above the bells. Hoping this may be of some use to our brother ringers on the other side of the Continent, I am, yours very truly,
Vancouver, B.C.

A. C. LIMPUS.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Weston on Saturday week, when 39 members were present, representing twelve towers. Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung before tea, which was partaken of at Glass's Restaurant.—The business meeting followed, the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) presiding, and being supported by the Rev. E. B. L. Williams, curate of Weston. Several new members were elected, and the Master announced that the next meeting, being the annual gathering, would this year be held at Minehead, probably on the first Saturday in July. On behalf of the Association and himself, the Master congratulated the ladies of Portishead (some of whom were present) on their successfully ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, thus adding another record to the Portishead tower and the Association.—Several members present also tendered their congratulations.—Miss Gillingham thanked the members for their congratulations. Mr. W. Gillingham also thanked the members for the kind words said of the Portishead tower. He also asked what constituted full membership of the Association, as he knew of towers where no change ringing was done, but where the members considered themselves full members.

The Master quoted Rule 6, which states that a full member must be able to ring either the treble or tenor through 120 half-pull changes.—A discussion arose over this, and notice was given of an alteration to the rule to be brought forward at the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded Preb. Thompson for arranging the service and granting the use of the bells, and to the Rev. Williams, who was to officiate at the service and give an address.—This was carried unanimously.—Service was then held in the Parish Church, the Rev. Williams giving a very appropriate address. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and touches in various methods rung.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN P. BRADLEY.

It is our sad duty to announce the sudden death of Mr. John P. Bradley, a ringer and composer, which occurred at Barking, Essex, on Monday, April 26th, at the age of 70 years.

Eight years ago, Mr. Bradley retired on a substantial pension from the General Post Office, after fulfilling faithfully 40 years' service.

The funeral took place at Ilford Parish Cemetery on Saturday, May 1st, when several of his intimate friends and ringers followed his remains to the grave.

The deceased was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association, and at the close of the burial service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by: R. Sanders 1—2, J. Moule 3—4, A. Neale 5—6, A. Scrambler 7—8.

Among those present at the funeral were an old friend of the deceased, Mr. A. Linslead, of London; Mr. W. Doran, of West Ham; Mrs. Monie, Leyton; Mr. G. F. Margetson, Chigwell Row, and others. There were many wreaths, including one from the employees of the General Post Office.

On the following Thursday, the usual muffled "whole pull and stand" and a touch of Stedman Triples (conducted by Mr. J. Cranfield) was rung upon the West Ham bells, to which society the deceased belonged for many years.

GREENWICH—Kent County Association.—On April 11th, for evening service, at St. Alfege Church, Greenwich, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Rabbit (late of Hadlow Kent) 1, J. J. Lamb 2, I. G. Shade (conductor) 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, W. Shimmans 5, G. Rawlings 6, W. Berry 7, Sergt. T. Jakeman 8.

EASTER TOUCHES.

The following were among the Easter Day touches rung:—

HAWKHURST, KENT—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Maskell 1, T. Ashenden 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. For evening service another quarter-peal: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, rest as above.

BAGSHOT—At St. Anne's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted in the morning, but came to grief after 35 minutes' ringing. The same quarter-peal was attempted in the evening, and brought round in 50 mins.: W. Nye 1, T. J. Gould 2, J. Corbett 3, H. Stapleton 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, F. Francis 6, H. J. Gould 7, W. Varndell 8. First quarter-peal by W. Nye and W. Varndell also on the bells. It was rung by all local men.

LONDON—London County Association.—For evening service, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. J. Nelder 1, F. Andrews 2, F. Davis 3, F. A. Smith 4, C. H. Hughes 5, W. A. Alps 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, T. Walker 8.

BRADFELD, BERKS—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Wooldridge 1, J. Abery 2, T. Hillier (1st 720) 3, S. Chapman 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Atery (conductor) 6. Also 360 Bob Minor: S. Chapman 1, C. Hunt 2, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 3, M. Bowley 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6.

MITCHAM, SURREY—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. A. Lambert (conductor) 1, J. D. Drewitt 2, D. W. Drewitt 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, A. Calver 5, T. Steers 6, W. H. Joiner 7, J. Currell 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—Llandaff Association.—At All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): H. Morgan 1, F. Whitfield 2, J. Bullen 3, V. Morgan 4, S. Jones 5, C. Greedy 6, F. Morgan (conductor) 7, J. W. Jones 8.

WANTAGE, BERKS—For evening service, 643 of Grandsire Triples: F. Prince 1, A. Mayo 2, A. Gregory 3, A. V. Gibbs 4, R. C. Mayo (conductor) 5, C. Lay 6, A. J. Gregory 7, H. Gregory 8. R. C. Mayo hails from Andover, Hants.

KIDDERMINSTER—For morning service, 560 Bob Major: J. Woodberry 1, W. Wakeman 2, T. J. Salter 3, E. J. Brooks 4, W. Smith 5, J. Smith 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, C. H. Woodberry 8.—For evening service, 448 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Wakeman 1, N. Davis 2, T. J. Salter (conductor) 3, W. Smith 4, E. J. Brooks 5, C. H. Woodberry 6, J. Smith 7, W. H. Smith 8. First touch of Bristol Surprise for the Association by a local band.

BEDFORD—At St. Peter Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Robinson 1, Miss D. Steel 2, W. Stapleton 3, W. Finedon 4, P. J. Cooke 5, L. Harlow (conductor) 6. 720 London Surprise: A. Robinson 1, Miss D. Steel 2, W. Finedon 3, Miss E. Steel 4, P. J. Cooke 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6. 720 Plain Bob: W. Stapleton (conductor) 1, Miss D. Steel 2, A. Robinson 3, Miss E. Steel 4, W. Finedon 5, P. J. Cooke 6.

BROXBORNE, HERTS—For evensong, at St. Augustine's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: C. Gouldsmith 1, A. Hersey 2, Sergt. C. Cann (2nd/4 Gloucester Regt.) first quarter-peal 3, Pte F. Smith (2nd/4 Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry) 4, J. Puppitt 5, G. Radley 6, Wm. Saban (conductor) 7, F. Shepherd 8.

SHREWSBURY—Salop Archidiaconal Guild and St. Chad's Society.—For morning service, at St. Chad's Church, 315 Stedman Cateters: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, G. Scarratt 2, W. Brooks 3, Pte E. Jones 4, J. Tudor 5, G. Jones 6, W. Stockdale 7, Pte F. Taylor 8, A. Fullick 9, J. T. Wall 10. For evening service, 396 and 394 Grandsire Cinques: J. Tudor 1, G. Boylin 2, M. J. Taylor 3, W. Brooks 4, Pte E. Jones 5, Pte F. Taylor 6, G. Jones 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8, W. R. Stockdale 9, W. Weatherby 10, A. E. Fullick 11, G. Scarratt 12.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES—For morning service, 840 Grandsire Triples: Jos. Clarkson 1, W. H. Stephens 2, R. Alcock 3, J. Waller 4, W. Newton 5, T. W. Waller 6, T. Stephenson (conductor) 7, F. P. Howcroft 8. The majority of this band have been ringing together since the late seventies, and hope to do so for some considerable time longer. Their first 720 Minor was rung in June, '78.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS—For morning and evening service, several touches of Stedman Triples by the following: G. Tomkins (Bristol), W. Edwards (Eastleigh), E. Reader (Loughborough), T. Best, L. Meager, F. Hedges, A. Crane, H. Morris, J. Mead, W. Mead, W. Sear, H. Sear, V. Sear, E. Marks, W. Pether, J. Sinfield. Conducted by E. Reader.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK—For 7 a.m. service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 300 Plain Bob; for 11 a.m. service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 120 Plain Bob; for 6 p.m. service, 600 Canterbury Pleasure, the following taking part: G. Bertram, A. J. Naunton, W. H. P. Mellin, E. Chatten, A. J. L. Naunton, J. Spencer, F. W. Naunton (conductor).

CHESHUNT, HERTS—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, F. Jelf 3, H. G. Rowe 4, G. Maxim 5, C. Dilley 6, H. Simmons (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. G. Darlington 1, G. Andrews 2, F. Jelf 3, G. Maxim 4, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 5, C. Dilley 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8. This is the 50th quarter-peal rung on the bells.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—The following miscellaneous touches on handbells have been rung at 55, Rhondda Street: January 7th, 720 Plain Bob Minor; January 14th, 720 Plain Bob Minor; January 23rd, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 720 Plain Bob Minor; March 6th, 480 Kent Treble Bob Minor; March 11th, 504 Kent Treble Bob Minor; March 18th, 720 Plain Bob Minor; March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 20 mins. The above were rung by: S. Perry 1—2, J. A. Hoare, senr., 3—4, A. Hoare (conductor) 5—6; ; March 11th, 120 Stedman Doubles; March 18th, two 120's Stedman Doubles, conducted by J. A. Hoare; March 20th, three 120's Grandsire Doubles; March 25th, 240 Grandsire Doubles; April 2nd, two 120's Grandsire Doubles: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, H. Perry (age 11 years) 5—6; March 27th, 168 Grandsire Triples: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, J. A. Hoare 5—6, H. Perry 7—8.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On March 10th, 360 Bob Minor: Cyril Woodridge 1, M. E. Chillingworth 2, T. Hillier (1st 360) 3, M. Bowley (1st 360) 4, S. Chapman 5, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 6.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On March 14th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, 1248 Kent Treble Bob Major in 46 mins.: K. Hawkins 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, W. Henley 3, J. Pratt 4, F. Grisdale 5, J. Blackmore 6, E. Hancox 7, W. Welling (conductor) 8.

LITTLE HEATH, ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—On March 14th, at St. James' Church, for morning service, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles and seven 120's Stedman Doubles: A. J. Neale 1, W. Truss 2, A. A. Scambler 3, F. C. Newman 4, R. Sanders 5. Conducted by A. J. Neale, W. Truss and R. Sanders.

WOLVERLEY.—Worcestershire Association.—On March 16th, 360 Bob Minor: F. Shaw 1, T. J. Salter 2, E. J. Brooks 3, W. Wakeman 4, W. Smith 5, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 6. — On March 30th, at the Queen's Head Hotel, the residence of T. J. Salter, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Wakeman (first touch on handbells for 22 years) 1—2, T. J. Salter 3—4, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 5—6, E. J. Brooks 7—8. First 504 on handbells by ringers of 5—6 and 7—8.

EALING.—On March 21st, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 538 Stedman Triples: W. Lawrence 1, J. Walsom 2, A. Taber 3, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 4, F. Harris 5, G. Spencer 6, A. Harding 7, C. Winter 8.

HORNSEY.—Middlesex Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 47 mins.: H. C. Stubbs 1, E. Hibble 2, A. Howell 3, F. Fensome 4, T. Langdon 5, Henry C. Ross (conductor) 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 46 mins., by the same band, conducted by T. Langdon.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On the occasion of a Confirmation at the Parish Church, by the Bishop of Groydon, 518 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, W. Tickner 2, J. Mantilelow 3, C. Tribes (conductor) 4, N. Tickner 5, G. Neve 6, A. Allen 7, A. Blackman 8. After the service, 308 in the same method, conducted by A. Allen.

SOUTHWARK.—London County Association.—On March 21st, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: F. Davis 1, H. Franks 2, F. A. Smith 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, W. G. Matthews 5, T. Walker 6, Pte. R. N. Runham (12,686 Coldstream Guards) 7, W. T. Walden 8. Rung as a farewell to Pte. Runham, who is shortly leaving for the front.—On March 28th, for confirmation service, by Bishop Morley, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 48 mins.: F. Davis 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, W. G. Matthews 4, A. Jones 5, T. Walker 6, C. F. Winney 7, O. W. R. Grimwood 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on March 25th, 1288 Treble Bob Major in 47 mins.: W. H. Stevens 1, E. F. Cole 2, A. Darlington 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, E. Cassell 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

CREWE.—On March 25th, at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: *W. Edge 1, W. T. Holding 2, R. D. Langford 3, J. Dentith 4, G. H. Crawley 5, *H. Overton 6, R. T. Holding (conductor) 7, *W. Gartside 8. *Longest length of Grandsire. Also 252 Stedman Triples: H. Overton (first in the method) 1, R. T. Holding 2, G. H. Crawley 3, R. D. Langford 4, W. T. Holding 5, J. Dentith 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, W. Gartside 8.

WOOD GREEN.—Middlesex Association.—On March 28th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 44 mins.: H. C. Stubbs 1, T. Langdon 2, F. Fensome 3, A. Howell 4, M. Fensome 5, H. C. Ross (conductor) 6.

DARLEY DALE.—On March 28th, 504 Stedman Triples: A. C. Wright 1, Pte. F. R. Cundale (8th W. Yorks) 2, Hy. Gregory 3, T. White 4, J. W. Derbyshire 5, E. Blackwall 6, W. Taylor (conductor) 7, B. Allsopp 8.

LONDON.—Essex Association.—At St. Bartholomew's the Great, E.C., on March 28th, for morning service, four 120's of Grandsire Doubles and four 120's of Stedman Doubles: A. A. Scambler 1, W. Truss 2, F. C. Newman 3, A. J. Neale 4, R. Sanders 5. Conducted by W. Truss and R. Sanders. It is several years since there was any ringing done at this church, and the band wish to thank the Rector for his kind permission to ring; also the caretaker for the pains he took in having everything ready for the visitors.

WEST EALING.—Middlesex Association.—For evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, on March 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Edwards 1, G. Harbour 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, J. Hunnissett 4, G. Iles 5, J. A. Trollope 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, Pte. Percy Clark, R.M.L.I., 8.

BORDEN.—Kent County Association.—On March 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Milliner 1, E. H. Spice (composer) 2, F. Staines 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, J. Exell 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, G. Mills 8.

HULL.—Yorks Association.—At All Saints' Church, on March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. Hedges 1, H. Jenkins 2, A. B. Cook 3, M. Hedges 4, D. Meadley 5, E. Cutsforth (conductor) 6, T. Whitfield 7, F. Moulson 8. Rung on the occasion of the Archbishop of York's visit to the church.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Easter Sunday, 720 Cambridge Surprise: P. Dewick 1, H. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, G. Valentine (conductor) 6. Also 720 Wells Surprise: A. Clarke 1, H. Edwards 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, C. Valentine (conductor) 6; and 720 York Surprise: P. Dewick 1, H. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, C. Valentine (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, April 11th, 720 Beverley Surprise: A. Clarke 1, H. Edwards 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, C. Valentine (conductor) 6. Also 720 London Surprise: A. Clarke 1, H. Tucker 2, C. Valentine 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Saturday, April 10th, at the Parish Church, 504 of Grandsire Triples: W. Wigmore 1, A. Arlott 2, Miss E. Goodship 3, Miss S. Davis (first 500) 4, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 5, W. Clark 6, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 7, C. Giles 8.

PUTNEY.—On April 11th, two courses of Stedman Triples: Miss E. Bennett 1, F. I. Hairs 2, S. J. Collins 3, C. J. Matthews 4, John Kent 5, T. Bolton 6, J. Herbert (conductor) 7, C. Collis, senr., 8. Two courses of Double Norwich Major and two courses of Superlative Surprise Major, the latter by: W. Worsley 1, F. I. Hairs 2, S. J. Collins 3, L. Attwater 4, A. W. Darlington 5, John Kent 6, Arthur Jones (conductor) 7, J. Herbert 8.

TUNSTALL.—Kent County Association.—On April 11th, before Matins, 720 Plain Bob (42 singles): F. G. Elliott 1, G. Webb 2, E. H. Spice (conductor) 3, G. H. Spice 4, W. D. Spice 5, W. Spice 6.—On April 14th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure: Miss C. N. Jarrett 1, W. E. Spice 2, G. Webb 3, G. H. Spice 4, W. Spice 5, E. H. Spice (conductor) 6.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association.—For morning service at St. Mary's Church, on April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. E. Smita 1, R. H. Boddington 2, J. W. Fruin 3, G. E. Harbour 4, C. Iles 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, B. Brewer 7, C. H. Paine 8.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.—On April 12th, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Brook (conductor) 1, J. Foulds 2, J. E. Foulds 3, C. Mallinson 4, H. Foulds 5, W. H. Harrison 6, R. Foulds 7, W. Mallinson 8. Rung as a farewell to J. E. Foulds and Sidney Lane, who have joined the County Palatine Artillery.

BROMLEY.—Kent County Association.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on April 11th, for evening service, 608 Double Norwich: A. James, senr., 1, E. G. Filtness 2, A. E. Newick 3, G. Durling 4, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) 5, A. Bygrave 6, S. Marshall 7, I. Emery (conductor) 8.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, April 11th, for evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: B. Chorley 1, C. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, J. T. Lee 4, M. Smither 5, Pte F. S. Hodgson, A.S.C. (Whitby, Yorkshire) 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, C. Hazelden 8.

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NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637. — Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell ringing on May 20th, and for business on May 25th, all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District. — Meeting at Weybridge on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available 4 to 4.50 p.m., and 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Tea, etc., in the Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. Service in church 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824. — Northern District. —The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. John at Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, May 15th, 1915. There will be ringing from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., after which a business meeting will be held at 8.30 p.m. in the "Earl of Derby." All ringers will be welcome.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansion, Canonbury, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, May 15th. By kind permission of the authorities the bells of St. Leonard's Church will be available from 3.30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Schools at 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. —The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 15th. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 2 till 2.40 p.m., and after the tea S. Stephen's (8), S. Alphege (6), and S. Dunstan's (6), from 2 till 8 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. in S. Alphege Church. Tea at Gaywood's Restaurant, High Street, at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 6d. per head will be made. Business meeting after the tea. All subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. —A meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Alveston (6 bells) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells open 3.30 p.m. Service, by the Vicar, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow service. Almondsbury tower (8 bells) open 6.30 p.m. Visitors very heartily welcome. Bus leaves Filton 3 p.m.—G. Tomkins, Branch Secretary, 5, Chelsea Park, Easton, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824). — A special general meeting will be held on Monday, May 17th, at St.

Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. The tower will be open for ringing from 7.15 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. The business meeting will take place at the Citizen, Houndsditch, at 8.30 sharp. — T. H. Taffender, Master, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—By kind permission of the Rev. B. S. Batty, a meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem's Church, South Hackney, on May 22nd. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea free to those who notify me by May 18th. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 5.30. Meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —A meeting will be held at Bennington on May 22nd, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be given by the Rector, Rev. Canon Mills. Business meeting after. All will be made welcome. Kindly notify me during the week.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. —A meeting will be held at Farnham on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. Bells (8) available from 4 to 5.30, and 7 to 8 o'clock. Service at 5.30, when an address will be given by the Rector. Tea at the Assembly Rooms at 6 o'clock. Tickets 1s. to members, 1s. 6d. to visitors. By kind permission of the Lord Bishop of Winchester, Farnham Castle and grounds will be open to members and friends from 3 to 5.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. The bells of St. Giles', St. Edmund's and St. Peter's will be available from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Giles' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon, at the Peacock Hotel, at 1 o'clock, members 1s. each, non-members 2s. Business meeting to follow. The bells of All Saints', St. Giles' and St. Sepulchre's will be available after the meeting from 4 to 7 p.m.—Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock, and a special service in the church at 4.30. An allowance of one penny per mile (single journey), maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending, provided their subscriptions have been made for this year. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Crawford) Ashford bells will be available from 11 to 1 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 17 cwts.) and Felixkirk (6, tenor 9 cwts.) are available for ringing all day. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. Dinner, at 1.15 p.m., at the Three Tuns Hotel, Thirsk. Those intending to be present please notify the honorary secretary not later than Wednesday, May 19th, 1915. Members 1s., non-members 2s. 6d. Divine service in the Parish Church 12.15 p.m., when an address will be given by the Rev. W. R. Hannam, Vicar of Felixkirk, and Rural Dean.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Market Weighton on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. Bells available all day. Tea at 4.30 for all who notify me by Tuesday, May 18th, 1915 (1s. each).—Thos. Smith, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. Divine service at the Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, at 11.30; business meeting in the Vestry Hall at 12.30; lunch in the Boys' Schoolroom at 1.30. Members intending to be present must, without fail, notify me before Wednesday, May 19th. The following towers will be open for ringing: The Cathedral, Broomfield, Springfield, Widford, Boreham, Writtle, Allday.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary, Great Totham.

ST. PETER'S, SOUTH CROYDON.—This tower (10) will be open for ringing on Whit-Monday (Empire Day) from 3 to 5 o'clock, and after 6.30. All ringers welcome.—Charles Dean, 2, Biddulph Road, Croydon.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock, service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. M. M. Connor (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than May 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

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

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

DEATH.

HUNT.—At 98, Clyde Road, Tottenham, on May 3rd, Dorothy Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt, aged 13 years. Interred in Tottenham Cemetery on May 8th.

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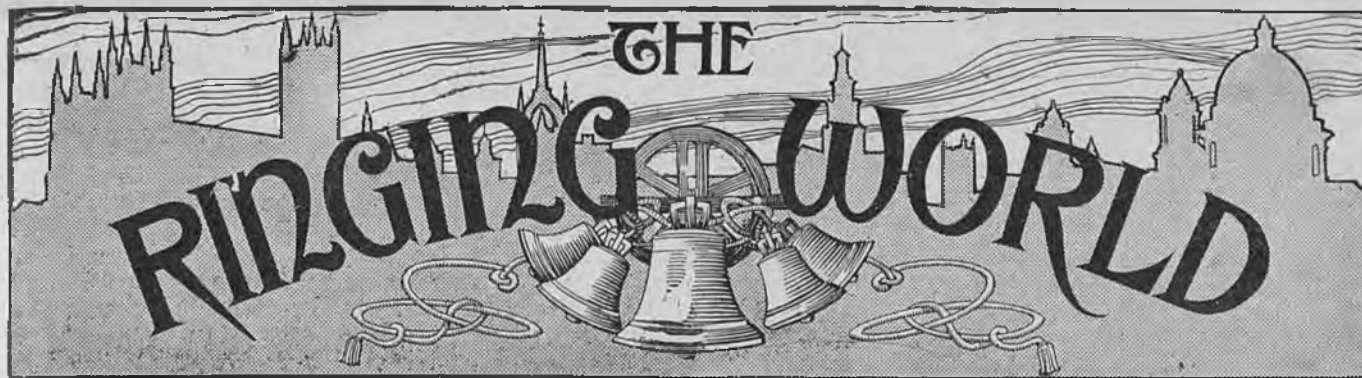


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MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The business before the Central Council, who assemble for their 25th annual meeting next Tuesday at Westminster, appears, from the agenda, likely to provide a tolerably full day. Being the first of the triennial period (this is the ninth Council since its inauguration) the president and hon. secretary will have to be elected, but the holders of these offices are so much respected by the Council and valued for the ungrudging labours they have given to the work for a long period of years that this part of the business will be purely formal.

The usual committee reports are down for consideration, the only one which has been published for the members' perusal beforehand having been that of the Analysis Committee, the result of whose labours are studied with interest by the whole Exercise. Of the four resolutions of which notice has been given, that seeking for the reconsideration of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods is likely to be the most debatable. It is one of those questions dear to the heart of theorists, but of which the merely practical ringer has little more than superficial knowledge, and in which he is apt to get lost in the labyrinths of technicalities. The ventilation of such subjects as these are, however, essential if the art is to be put upon a sound foundation, although ordinary mortals may be excused if they fail to grasp their full significance.

It was, perhaps, to be expected that the ringing of bells during war time should come up for discussion, and the motion which will introduce this subject is one which, we think, will appeal to the majority of the members. It recognises with emphatic approval the cessation of peal ringing, but regards it as "the privilege and sacred duty of ringers, wherever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other Feasts of the Church, as also on Royal and national anniversaries to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to this Empire and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies."

The question of the issue by the Council of a national badge for ringers, a matter adjourned from last year in order that the feeling of the various associations may be taken, is to come up again. As far as it is possible to judge from the reports of association meetings the matter has really been considered by very few of the county and diocesan bodies, and so far as the Council is concerned we fear that it will not be in a much better position than it was last year to voice the direct feeling of the various organisations upon this matter.

The remaining motion is one drawing attention to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling in peal.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble	ALBERT A. BRIGHTMAN ... 5
ERNEST BONFIELD 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6
GEORGE B. LUCAS 3	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 7
RICHARD BEVAN 4	FRANK SMITH Tenor

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Tenor 13½ cwt.

SAMUEL GROVE Treble	GEORGE SWANN 5
*JAMES GEORGE 2	JAMES E. GROVES 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	PERCY O. LAFLIN 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	JOHN NEAL Tenor

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

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. 100th peal by the ringer of the 4th.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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JAMES H. RIDYARD 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
HARRY CHAPMAN 4	WILLIAM JONES Tenor

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Rung in honour of the birth of Lord Brackley, son and heir of the Earl of Ellesmere.

DEATH OF MR. A. HARRIS, OF LOUGHBOROUGH.

It is with deep regret to record the death of Mr. Albert Harris, of Loughborough, at the early age of 19 years. Having learnt his ringing at Stanford-on-Soar, Notts, he rang, in all, three peals on the treble. His last peal was on Sunday, September 27th, 1914 (Harvest Festival), it being then noticed that his constitution was far from perfect, and he really did but very little ringing afterwards. Although of a quiet demeanour he was always willing to stand for a peal. His loss will be keenly felt by his brother ringers. At the funeral a wreath was sent by the members of the Stanford-on-Soar company.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Pte John Palmer Jaggard, eldest son of Mr. John Jaggard, of Oldbury, has been wounded in action while serving with the 4th Worcester-shire Regiment at the Dardanelles.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving with H.M. Forces:—

Pte Alfred Jones, of Aston Parish Church, Army Service Corps.
 Tpr. W. C. Duffield, of Tasburgh, Norfolk, Bedfordshire Yeomanry, now at Staunsted, Essex.
 Cpl. F. Copeman, of Tasburgh, 4th Batt. Norfolk Regiment, now at Bury St. Edmund's.
 Pte Alfred Butler, of St. Peter's, Staunton-on-Arrow, Hereford Territorials.
 Pte Frank Taylor, of Moorside Parish Church, Oldham, 1st London Sanitary Corps.
 Pte Percy Harris, of Ospringle, Kent, Home Counties (Kent), R.G.A.

YORKSHIRE, NOT KENSINGTON SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dains is guilty of an unintentional act of piracy in putting forward in your last issue a method under the name of Kensington Surprise. As a member of the Yorkshire Association, if he will turn to his Report for 1902 and 1903, he will find the method there given as Yorkshire Surprise by Mr. A. Craven, and also the first peal in the method rung at Ranmoor, Sheffield.

Mr. Dains gives an excellent and unsolicited, though rather late testimonial, and I have no doubt he will not grudge it to the author for his production of this most musical method. It contains all the combinations mentioned, and has a most perfect coursing order. At St. Michael's, Headingley, it is one of four Surprise methods we keep in practice for service ringing. Our men like it for its music, and it is not without trickiness in ringing. We often wonder why the peal experts have not included it in their usual programme of methods.—Yours faithfully,
 H. WILLIAMS.

RINGER'S WEDDING AT STOKE POGES.

A pretty and interesting wedding took place at the picturesque Parish Church of Stoke Poges on Saturday, April 24th, when Miss Nellie Walden, of Fernacres Farm Gardens, Fulmer, was married to Mr. James J. Jolley, of Farnham Road, Stoke Poges. The Rev. Canon Barnett officiated.

The bridegroom has been for several years a ringer at Fulmer Parish Church, as have, also the bride's two brothers. As the wedding party left the church, members of the Oxford Guild rang a well-struck 720 of Oxford Bob Major: J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal) 1, E. Harding (Fulmer) 2, W. H. Fussell (Slough) 3, G. H. Gutteridge (Fulmer), conductor, 4, W. Henley (Stoke Poges) 5, W. J. Bateman (Stoke Poges) 6, the ringers wishing the bridal pair good luck, and many years of happiness. In the evening, at Fulmer Church, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by: F. Clarke 1, E. Harding 2, J. Walden 3, F. Sheppard (Broxbourne) 4, G. Gutteridge 5, K. G. Hawkins 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Alveston last Saturday, and was favoured by fine weather. There were 29 members present, representing 14 towers. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were brought round before the service, the latter being conducted by the Rev. E. Langley, Vicar, who gave a very appropriate address, while the singing was of a bright and hearty character. The Rev. G. R. Wood (Almondsbury), an honorary member, read the lesson. Tea was provided at the Ship Hotel, the donor being Mr. G. Gardiner (churchwarden), to whom thanks are due for so successful a meeting.—Mr. Gardiner gave a very interesting account of the church and bells, which was appreciated by all.—At the business meeting the Rev. E. Langley took the chair, and Marshfield was selected as the next place of meeting on June 19th.

It was a pleasure to the members to have with them the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. K. Howell), the hon. secretary (pro tem) Mr. R. J. Wilkins, and Messrs. J. W. Jones (Newport, hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association), and W. A. Lewis (Berkeley).—Mr. H. Howell (chairman of the branch) extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors, and the Master proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for so readily granting the use of the bells and welcoming the Association to Alveston. This brought the meeting to a close.

The tower was again visited, while some members went on to Almondsbury. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were successfully brought round. Thanks are due to Mr. H. Attwell for having everything in readiness at Almondsbury.

In the report of the funeral of Mr. John Tapp at Lamberhurst last week, we omitted, through a slip of the editorial pencil, to mention that the Lamberhurst ringers sent a beautiful floral tribute in the shape of a bell.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The committee of the Lancashire Association chose Middleton for their half-yearly meeting, so on Saturday last ringers to the number of 40 met there to try the ancient bells of this still older church, touches in Standard methods being practised by those present. Portions of the church date back to 1120, and the first mention of a priest by name was in 1183, when one witness to a grant of land was Adam, Priest of Middleton. There are in the church three rolls of honour to Middleton men, the first being to the archers on Flodden Field, and is in the form of a stained glass window with the heads of the archers and their names written on the arrows that they carry. Alongside it is the flag, helmet, sword and spurs supposed to have belonged to Richard Assheton, who was knighted on the field of battle, and afterwards dedicated by him to this church. The next is an oak board containing the names of those in this parish who fell in the Boer War, and now there is a temporary one with the names of those who have enlisted in the present cause.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee (the President of the Association), in his remarks mentioned that there was only one peal of bells in the Rural Deanery of Middleton, which was unique for the diocese of Manchester. There were some old bells in the tower, but there was no trace as to how many, as they were taken away and a new peal of six by Rudhall, of Gloucester, were placed on the top of the tower in 1714, and covered over with a wooden roof. These were made into a peal of eight in 1891. There is a bell rung here every night for ten minutes before ten o'clock to warn people that it is closing time; it is known locally as the "nowster" (now stir), and some of the older inhabitants tell how they used to rush home when it started, for fear of being locked out by their parents.

The Rector (the Rev. W. S. Jones) arranged a short service, and also explained the points of interest in his church. He also gave the ringers an invitation to visit the oak room at the Rectory, which is well worth seeing. His lady met the party and showed them round, while the gardener, not to be behind, afterwards took them on a tour of inspection of the kitchen garden and the glasshouses.

The Rector gave the Association a hearty welcome, and said that when they were short of a place for an annual meeting he would be pleased to do all he could to entertain them.—Mr. Elsee thanked him for his kind offer, and also for doing what he had done that day. This was supported by Mr. J. H. Banks, and the best thanks were given to the ringers for having everything ready for the visitors, who congratulated the local men on the belfry, which had been newly decorated for the occasion. The ringing continued almost till the "nowster" started, and brought another successful half-yearly meeting to a close.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT MEETING AT WEYBRIDGE.

A very successful meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild was held at Weybridge, Surrey, on Saturday, when among the towers represented were: Hersham, Yorktown, Oatlands, Weybridge, Hawley and Chertsey, while the number of visitors present was most pleasing. They included Miss Dorothy Steel, of Bedford; Miss Elsie Bennett, of London, three "gentlemen in khaki," and other ringers from Leatherhead, Isleworth, Slough, Binfield, Old Windsor, Clapham, Hounslow and Swindon.

Ringings took place during the afternoon, and the members attended service conducted by the Rector (the Revs. S. R. A. Buller), who subsequently presided at the business meeting which followed tea in the Parish Hall.—The Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd) reported that Sunday ringing and practice had been fairly well maintained, but the demands of the war had depleted the ranks of many bands. There had been only one peal rung during the quarter, on handbells, at Clapham, but two quarter-peals had been rung, and he congratulated the Bagshot band on having rung theirs with entirely a local company. They worked hard to get their new peal, and were now reaping the reward.

It was decided to hold an all-day meeting on some Saturday instead of on August Bank Holiday as in former years.

Mr. Ferris Shepherd proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his reception of the members, and for granting the use of the bells.—The Rev. S. R. A. Buller, in replying, expressed his great pleasure in welcoming the Guild to Weybridge, and said nobody could overrate the services of the ringers for the Church, and he looked for the time when the bells would celebrate peace after the war, which we were fighting for God against the Devil.

Courses of Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung on handbells, and in the tower touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were brought round.

MR. M. J. MORRIS'S CENTURY.

Minor, 4 Methods, 1; Bob Triples, 1 (conducted 1); Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1 (cond. 1); Grandsire Triples, 17 (cond. 10); Stedman Triples, 18 (cond. 1); Bob Major, 9 (cond. 3); Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Forward Major, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 6; Double Yorkshire Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 9; Grandsire Caters, 5; Stedman Caters, 8; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Stedman Cinques, 11; total, 100.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, when in spite of a wet afternoon and other adverse circumstances, over 70 ringers put in an appearance from Anston, Barnsley, Beighton, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Darley Dale, Doncaster, Dore, Dronfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, New Mills, North Wingfield, Norton, Ranmoor, Rotherham (Parish Church and Eastwood), Sheffield (All Saints', Cathedral and Norfolk Row), Staveley and Worksop. Short touches of Grandsire and Steadman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Duffield and Superlative were rung during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar of Ranmoor (the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls, M.A.), an honorary member of the society. Mr. J. C. V. Stacey, the talented organist, presided at the organ, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. P. Wright (ex-President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), who has quite recently taken up his duties as Vicar of St. Silas', Sheffield. He took his text from the first lesson for the day (SS. Philip and James), Zechariah iv, 6 and 10, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit," said the Lord of Hosts. For who hath despised the day of small things," and he gave an inspiring and encouraging address. The service was followed by an excellent meat tea (kindly provided by the Ranmoor company), in the Parish Rooms.

The business meeting was afterwards held, the Vicar presiding, supported by the President of the Society (Mr. J. P. Tarlton), the hon. treasurer (Mr. David Brearley), the hon. secretary (Mr. J. E. L. Cockey), and the acting secretary (Mr. Sam Thomas). The balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of 13s. 6d. on the yearly account and £13 6s. 11d. on the capital account, was adopted. The hon. secretary's report showed the society was still making progress. The number of towers affiliated was now 20, a gain of two on the year, and the number of members 255, a net gain of six. The total comprises five honorary, 15 life members, 184 attached to affiliated towers, and 51 unattached members. Three members had been lost by death, and a like number by removals. The monthly meetings were well attended and successful until the outbreak of the war, which had caused three meetings to be abandoned, and, to a slight extent, adversely affected some of the others. The number of peals rung during the year was 14, which compared very favourably with the 16 rung last year, the outstanding feature being the three Surprise Minor peals rung by the Killamarsh band, including one of 14 methods, and the first peal on two new rings of six, viz.: Barlboro' and Norton Cuckney. In addition there were peals each of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters, one each of Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Norfolk and Yorkshire Surprise Major, and one Kent Treble Bob Royal. Mr. Arthur Knights conducted five, Messrs. C. Severn and S. Thomas three each, Mr. G. Hollis two, and Mr. John Flint one.

A FINE RECORD.

The society's silver cup and framed certificate for the best average attendance for Sunday service ringing had been won this year by the Eckington company, with 99.87 per cent., followed by Anston with 97.38, Doncaster with 96.32, Beighton with 92.32, Worksop with 91.66, while a new company in Barlboro' had 98.91 per cent. for three-quarters of the year. The Eckington company were to be congratulated on their exceedingly fine record, which was the second highest ever obtained. Anston who were also runners-up last year, were also deserving of special mention, as, but for a run of sickness in the last quarter, they would probably have "lifted" the cup. Sickness also greatly interfered in the case of Doncaster, while Worksop had lost two members who had joined His Majesty's Forces.

In arranging the fixtures for the coming year, the committee, taking into consideration the suspension of cheap railway tickets and other matters arising out of the war, had decided to hold the meetings bi-monthly, which, by having the first in June and the annual in May, would give seven meetings in place of twelve, and the hon. secretary urged all members residing near a meeting place to make it a point of honour to attend if at all possible, not necessarily with a view to obtain some practice, but rather with the idea of giving assistance to others, and in this manner furthering the objects of the society by trying to raise the standard of ringing, and of orderliness and good conduct in the belfries. In conclusion he thanked all those whose regular support of the society, in many ways, had given great encouragement to the officials, and he also wished to place on record the continued and increasing support and encouragement given by the clergy.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The retiring officers were all re-elected, viz.: President, Mr. J. P. Tarlton; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Knights and W. Bignin; hon. treasurer, Mr. David Brearley; hon. secretary, Mr. J. E. L. Cockey; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. G. Hollis, and the hon. auditors, Messrs. G. W. Bennrose and W. Peabody.

The Hon. Secretary expressed a desire to retire, but the meeting wished to retain him, Mr. Sam Thomas undertaking to continue to do the duties as secretary pro tem, the difficulty was overcome. The whole of the committee were also re-elected, as were also the cup sub-committee.

The Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls then presented the cup and certificate

to the ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Eckington, a duty, he said, which gave him great pleasure, as he was only recently informed the society was doing this good work in encouraging a regular attendance for their Sunday duties. He heartily congratulated the Eckington ringers on their achievement, more so as they had made the second highest record obtained in the history of the competition, a record which he hoped others would try to emulate.

The fixtures for the ensuing year were confirmed.

One honorary (the Rev. W. P. Wright) and twelve ringing members were elected, including a lady.

It was decided to retain in full membership all those who were serving the King in the war, and, on the motion of Mr. H. Haigh, the question of suitable permanent recognition of all such members was deferred until a later date, as no doubt there will be others who will respond to their country's call.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Ranmoor company for the excellent tea provided and for making arrangements for the meeting.—Mr. F. Ward suitably responded, and a similar compliment was paid the ladies for serving tea.

Mr. Cockey, in moving a vote of thanks to the Rev. W. P. Wright for his excellent address in church, extended to him a cordial welcome as a valuable addition to the Exercise in Sheffield. Thanks to Mr. Stacey, the organist, was also included in the motion.

Mr. Haigh moved that a like compliment be paid to the chairman for presiding, which was carried with acclamation. The meeting then concluded with prayer.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The 27th annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford on Saturday week, and was very well attended. The towers represented included East and West Retford, Anston, Ordsall, Blyth, Worksop, Warsop, Norton Cuckney, East Markham, Tuxford, Harthill, Gainsborough, Everton, and several members from kindred associations. Proceedings commenced with a short service at the Parish Church, at which the Vicar of Anston preached, the service being conducted by the Rev. Canon Gray and the Rev. Eric Read. Afterwards a splendid tea was served at Cannon Cafe, over 50 members being present.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) gave a most interesting report, in which a hearty welcome was given to the Norton Cuckney and Warsop ringers on their initiation into the society. Good hopes are entertained that, when peace is declared, the ring of four bells at Warsop will be augmented to a ring of six or eight. The Association members live in the brightest hope that before the end of 1915 the bells of every town, village and city will be ringing out with joy and thanks-giving the welcome proclamation of peace. Although the Association fully maintains its numerical and financial position, the report of performances was but meagre; the sum total for entry in the peal book being the smallest for several years. The list of special performances was confined to the towers of Anston, Worksop, West Retford, East Markham and Tuxford. The October quarterly meeting was not held owing to the high tension of feeling in the country and the news from the seat of war. There were 132 efficient members, 16 probationers, and 19 ex-officio, making a total of 167, being an increase on the year of 27. The finances showed a gain on the year of £1 17s. 4d., the balance in the bank and secretary's hands being £12 0s. 3d.

The report was adopted, and the officers re-elected.

Votes of thanks to the preacher, the Rev. R. Hodson, for his admirable address, to the chairman, the Rev. J. T. Mumford, Vicar of East Retford, for presiding and use of bells, and to the Rectors of West Retford and Ordsall for use of bells, brought the meeting to a close.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Steadman Triples and Treble Bob Major were rung at East Retford, whilst at the six-bell towers, Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford and Violet Treble Bob were rung.

EMPIRE DAY RINGING.

By the kind permission of the Incumbents and Cathedral Chapters, the following London peals of bells will be rung on Empire Day (Whitsun Monday), in honour of the magnificent response made by our Colonial brethren in coming to the aid of the mother country in her time of need.

St. Michael's, Cornhill, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

St. Paul's Cathedral, 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 3 to 5 p.m.

Southwark Cathedral, 3.30 to 5 p.m.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 11th, before evensong, at the Parish Church, 984 Bob Major: George Beverley 1, A. Dye 2, C. Wybrow 3, Miss A. E. Adcock (longest length of Major) 4, A. W. Baldwin 5, Chas. S. Tutbill 6, Pte C. V. Ebberson 7, R. Cooke (conductor) 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On April 11th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. G. Bedford 1, W. Bavin (first quarter-peal) 2, T. S. Smith 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. Beeby 5, E. W. Butler 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, W. S. Greenwood 8. Messrs. Greenwood, Butler and Bavin are local ringers; the others are from Slough. Mr. Beeby (late of Sittingbourne) was paying a visit to his native belfry.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. NEXT TUESDAY'S MEETING.

As already announced the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will assemble at the Church House, Westminster, for the 25th annual meeting, next Tuesday. The Standing Committee, which is really the executive of the Council, will meet at 9.45, and the full Council at 11 a.m.

The triennial meeting in London usually attracts a fairly full attendance of members, although this year the exceptional conditions prevailing may have some effect on the numbers present. Railway facilities, which are important when members have to travel from all corners of the country, are more restricted this year, and several of the representatives are away on military duties. Nevertheless there is every prospect of a good meeting. In past years the London assembly has been made the occasion of a big re-union of ringers, and while, in the present state of affairs nothing has been pre-arranged, there are certain to be friendly gatherings in the evening. One such will be at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, where the College Youths will be holding one of their periodical meetings, to which members of the Council are invited.

As to the business before the Council, the agenda includes the election of President and hon. secretary, the election of committees, and the consideration of their reports and discussion on the motions, the terms of which we published last week.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

One of the motions down for discussion was before the Council in identical form when last they met in London—three years ago:

"That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the Legitimacy of Methods as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions, 1904.'"

On that occasion the motion was brought forward by the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), and was eventually out-voted. A new Council, with possibly numerous changes in personnel, is now to consider the subject, which is really a highly technical one, and one, also, which few ringers have studied really deeply.

It may, therefore, be of assistance if we give the definitions which—if we may be guided by what took place three years ago—it is the object of the mover to get reconsidered. They are as follows:—

"The working bells shall be in the same coursing order at each lead head, and end in the plain course"—this means that all methods must have what are known as Bob Major lead ends.

"A plain lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work from the lead head to the lead end, it is in a different relative position among the working bells, but the working bells are in the same coursing order.

"A bob lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work it is in a different relative position among the working bells and the working bells have three of their number in a different coursing order.

"A single lead is a succession of rows so arranged that . . . the working bells have two of their number in a different coursing order."

The crux of the argument on the previous occasion seemed to be that the mover was against the retention of the rule that a method, to be legitimate, must have the Bob Major lead ends, while, by those who opposed the motion, it was held that Bob Major lead ends had not been laid down as an arbitrary rule, but had been found, upon investigation, to be the result of natural laws.

Of course it is not possible to say that this will be the ground of argument next Tuesday, for the subject opened up is a very wide one, and, while we do not wish to anticipate the discussion, we have no doubt that the new members, particularly, will find a knowledge of the points mentioned of use in following the debate.

RINGING AT SHOREDITCH.

As no intimation has been received of members who will be able to ring at Shoreditch on Whit-Monday, an effort is being made by the Master of the Cumberland Youths (Mr. J. D. Matthews) to get permission for ringing at that tower on Tuesday evening, and, if granted, it will be announced at the meeting.

KENT RINGERS IN SUSSEX.

The Hawkhurst (Kent) ringers cycled to Salehurst (Sussex) on Sunday evening, and, thanks to the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward) and the courtesy of the local company, had a very enjoyable ring. The party numbered seven, and on their arrival everything was in readiness. With the help of one of the local band a quarter-pool of Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 mins., by: G. Maskell 1, J. H. Durrant 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, —, Perry (Salehurst) 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. The Vicar favoured the company with his presence in the belfry, and extended a cordial welcome to the men from Kent. Several of the visitors remained for the service, at the conclusion of which the Vicar bade them farewell. The Hawkhurst band return hearty thanks to the rev. gentleman for granting them permission to ring, and to the local ringers for allowing them to come to Salehurst.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Tuesday evening, April 13th, on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. S. Rys Williams), 520 Grandsire Doubles: Willis Cresswell 1, William Smith (conductor) 2, John Harrison 3, Thos. H. Whilton 4, Thos. Morriss 5.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT STAMFORD HILL.

There was a capital attendance at a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday last, over 40 members and friends joining in the ringing during the afternoon and evening. The "experts," too, were present, and one noticed that they took their turn at helping learners through Kent Minor, or "standing behind" ringers endeavouring to master the intricacies of Grandsire Doubles. In this way all present had a "pull," the methods rung ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge and London Surprise.

There was a short service at 5.30, when an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Rice), who made some interesting observations with regard to bells, which were listened to very attentively by the many ringers present.—Tea was served in the Memorial House, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, at which four new members were elected.

Mr. F. A. Milne, vice-president, referred to the severe loss sustained by the late President of the Association (the Rev. H. G. Bird, now Rector of Newdigate, Surrey), in the death of his son, Lieut. W. S. Bird, of the 6th Bait. K.R.R. (attached 2nd Battalion), who was killed in action a few days previously. Mr. Milne stated that the deceased gentleman had played cricket for Oxford University and Middlesex, and was for some years captain of Mr. G. O. Smith's school at Cock-fosters, Hadley. At the outbreak of war he obtained a commission, and now the news had been received that he had died fighting for his country in France.—Mr. Milne proposed that a vote of condolence be passed and forwarded to the Rev. H. G. Bird, expressing their sincere sympathy with him in his great loss.—The Hon. Secretary seconded, and the vote was passed in silence, the members all standing.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that there was another sad duty they had to perform. It had just come to their knowledge that one of their members, who had been connected with the society for many years, had had the misfortune to lose his wife. He proposed that they should show their sympathy with Mr. George A. Card, of the Edmonton band, by passing a vote of condolence with him in his bereavement.—This was seconded by Mr. G. B. Lucas, and passed in the same manner as before.

SUGGESTED AUGMENTATION OF BELLS.

With regard to the next meeting, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the hon. secretary.—Mr. Milne proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. Rice for allowing them to use the bells that day, for his presence amongst them, and for his excellent address. He was very interested in what the Vicar had said, and had learned many things that were quite new to him. Mr. Milne also thanked the local ringers and the ladies who had prepared tea for them.—The Hon. Secretary, in seconding, stated how pleased they were to visit St. Ann's. He said that the success of the meeting was in a great measure due to Mr. Ringrose, and he should like to thank him for his help in arranging the meeting. He had heard whispers of two new bells at Stamford Hill, and hoped that on their next visit they would have the pleasure of ringing on a peal of eight.—The vote of thanks was carried with enthusiasm, and the Vicar, in replying, said how pleased he was to meet the members of the Association. He was sure not to forget about the extra two bells as Mr. Ringrose was always quietly telling him how nice eight bells sounded, and how there was just room in the steeple for two more. He would like to give a hint to the secretary. In whilst playing there was a rule, "When in doubt, play trumps." He would like to say, "When in doubt where to hold a meeting, come to St. Ann's."

Mr. Ringrose said that he felt he had made a record, for this meeting was the first held at Stamford Hill since the bells were placed in the tower 50 years ago. He, too, was very pleased to see so many present, and hoped they had all enjoyed themselves.

The meeting concluded, after a touch of Stedman Triples and a course of Stedman Calers had been rung on handbells (which were provided by Mr. J. Rayner) by the following members: Messrs. W. Pye, A. W. Grimes, J. Hunt, J. Armstrong, and C. T. Coles. The tower was then again visited for a short period of ringing, to celebrate, as the Vicar said, the further advance of the Allies in Flanders.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Northern Branch (Gainsborough District) was held at Willingham on Saturday, and well attended. The bells of St. Helen's were available during the afternoon and evening, and some excellent ringing done in various methods, including a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, by: H. Plowright (first in the method) 1, C. H. Baker 2, W. Roberts (first in the method) 3, F. S. W. Butler 4, W. Herring 5, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 6. Tea was provided at the Half Moon Inn, and was followed by the business meeting.—The Rector of Willingham (the Rev. S. Malkinson) presided, and was elected an honorary member.—Votes of thanks to the Church authorities for the use of the bells, Mr. Hy. Plowright for making the necessary arrangements, and the host and hostess, were unanimously passed.—The best thanks of the visitors are also due to Mr. R. C. Bacon, J.P. (Willingham Hall), who kindly granted permission to the visitors to stroll through his beautiful grounds. This was very much appreciated by those who took advantage of the opportunity.

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ST. MARY'S, MELTON MOWBRAY.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

The magnificent church of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, contains a fine peal of 10 bells, which have a very interesting history. In 6 Edward VI (1553) there were "v great bells in the stepyll wth ye sance bell." The churchwardens' accounts supply some interesting particulars relating to this peal, and the following are a few extracts :—

" 1546 Itm payde for ij bawdryckes to ye bells	xxd.
" Itm payde for a wele to on of ye bells	vs jd.
" Itm payde for medying of the lytyll bell	vd.
" 1547 Itm pd. to ye Smyth of Kyrkeby for peesying the Grett beill clapper	vs.
" Itm pd to ij Ryngers wch. rong to ye Simon when the bisshop of lincoln was here	ijd.

recast in 1656, and to have been inscribed : " Glory be to God on High. Roger Waite and John Hodgkins, churchwardens, 1656." In 1728 the present 5th was added, making them six, and in 1754 the tenor was recast by Eayre, while in 1766 the present 9th was recast. In 1802 two more were added, making a peal of eight, and in 1894 they were all rehung in a new frame, and two trebles added, making the present ring of ten, which are inscribed as follows :—

Treble.

" Presented to this Church by Wm. Giles of this Parish in memory of his parents, William and Martha Giles of Colston Bassett, Not'rs. A.D. 1894. John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough."

Second.

" Presented to this Church by Eliza Brown in memory of her parents, Joseph and Mary Ann Littlewood. A.D. 1894. Vicar R. Blakeney; Churchwardens J. H. Petch and W. Willcox; John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough."



ST. MARY'S, MELTON MOWBRAY.

- " 1553. October. Itm payd to John Hynmane and to Robert Bayworth for rynginge of ye great bell for Master latimore [Hugh Latimer's] sarmon
Itm payd to the Ryngers at the dyryde for the Kyng [Edward VI.] ijd.
- " Itm paid the x daye of Aprell to Thomas Owefield for casting the Santa bell xs.
- " 1557-8 Itm pd for a galland of ale to ye Reyngars when ye byschype was here ijd.
- " 1562. Pd for drinck at the lifting up of or Ladye bell iijd.
- The townwarden's accounts also tell us more about "our Lady bell" (the present 7th) which was cast by Newcombe of Leicester. The churchwardens' accounts for 1601 state :—
- " Rec. of the Bellfounder for mettell wch was overplus of the forthe Bell wch was caste by him xxijs.
- " It. pd Willm Smarte and his men for hanginge the bells and mending them vjs viijd.
- Nichols preserves the inscription of this bell, which was "I will sound and resound unto thi people Lord with my sweet voyse to call them to thy word. Thomas Owndle Thomas Clowdesley Wardens 1601."
- " 1610 Another levie made the x of december for castinge the third bell and other nedefull charges about the church wch came to xli ixs viijd.

This bell was inscribed " Hec campana sacra fiat Trinitate Beata 1610."

The great bell of the ring of five appears to have been

Third.

" Two bells were added to the peal by Subscription Anno Domini MDCCCII. Thomas Ford LL.D. Vicar; Vincent Wing and John Mowbray C.wardens. John Briant of Hertford. Fecit: Gloria Deo in Excelsis." (Glory to God in the Highest).

Fourth.

" Statutum est omnibus Semel Mori. Octo campanas sacra exaudimus in arce dulces altisonas O Hilaris, Hilaris: John Briant Hertford Fecit Anno Domini MDCCCII." [It is appointed unto all men once to die: We hear eight bells in the sacred tower sound soft and loud O joyful! joyful!]

Fifth.

" Benefactors to this bell. Duke of Rutland, Sir T. Parkens, T. Bennett, Esqr., E. Smith, Esqr., Mrs. D. L. Fountaine, Mrs. Green, Mr. J. Reeve, Mr. S. Stokes, Mr. J. Browne, Mr. T. Craven, Mr. J. Brewin. A.D. 1728."

Sixth.

" HVIVS SANCTE MARIA " (In Early Gothic Capitals 2 inches high, under which is a shield)

Seventh.

" BE A TA MA RI A " (The shield contains the Trade Mark of Thomas Newcombe).

Eighth.

" Gloria Patri Filio et spiritui Sancto 1730 Calorum Christe Placeat

"Tibi Rex Sonus Iste" (under which is an impression of a Queen Anne's Groat) [Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Be Christ the King of Heaven, pleased when this sound is given.]

Ninth.

"William Durrance, William Hill, Matthew Simpson, overseers 1766. Robert Wartnaby, Richard Worrill, Churchwardens. Joseph Eayre, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire 1766." (There is an impression of a George II farthing).

Tenor.

"Thos. Eayre de Kett. Fecit. James Fowkes and James Durrance C.Ws. Ao Di 1753 Wm. Hose and James Fowkes C.Ws. Ao Di 1754. Cum sono si nou vis venire nunquam ad preces cupies ire: Sit nomen domini benedictum laudate illum cymbalis sonoris." [If you're unwilling to come when I call to prayers, you'll not wish to come at all: Blessed be the Name of the Lord, praise Him on the loud cymbals.]

The tenor weighs 25½ cwt., is 53½ inches in diameter, and 42½ ins. in height. When the bells were rehung all the old crowns were taken off, and fitted with new iron headstocks. There was a carillon fitted in 1878 by Gillett and Bland, of Croydon, and played the following tunes every three hours: Monday "Last rose of Summer," Tuesday "Harmonious Blacksmith," Wednesday "See the Conquering Hero Comes," Thursday "Blue Bells of Scotland," Friday "Eisenach," Saturday "Home Sweet Home," Sunday "Hanover." Unfortunately they are now out of repair and do not play. The earliest record of a peal being rung here that I am able to trace is the following: "On Tuesday in Whitsun week—June 1st 1830—was rung at Melton Mowbray a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 22 minutes, by the following persons from Leicester viz:—

James Harrott	Treble	Edward Biggs	5
John Smart	2	William Harrott	6
Thomas Langham	3	James Harper	7
Lawrence Staynes	4	William Billington	Tenor

Conducted by James Harper.

On January 28th, 1882, eight members of St. Margaret's, Leicester, visited Melton and rang 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 16 minutes, conducted by George Burrows, and in recording this peal in a book. Mr. Stephen Cooper remarks: "It is more than 50 years since a peal was rung on these bells, and unless they are made to go better, I think it is very likely to be as long before another is rung; the above band made an attempt last year, but when they had rung 2520 changes the conductor called the bells round; however, we were determined to have the peal if possible and a very tough task it was for the 5th, 7th and tenor." The first peal on the 10 bells was 5008 Stedman Caters by the Loughborough ringers, in 3½ hours, conducted by Mr. John W. Taylor, junr. (bellfounder). The next peal was 5021 Grandsire Caters rung muffled to the memory of the late Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, conducted by Wm. Willson on May 28th, 1898. Only three peals of Royal have been rung on the bells, two of Bob Royal, conducted by the late Chas. H. Fowler and W. Willson respectively, and one of Kent conducted by F. H. Dexter. A number of peals of Grandsire Triples have been rung by the local Society, conducted by the captain, Mr. R. H. Bartram. On May 2nd, 1908, the writer rang there his first peal as conductor—Holt's 10-part—at the age of 18. Of late years several peals of Grandsire Caters have been called by W. Willson, and Stedman Caters by F. H. Dexter, among the latter being the first peal on ten bells by the Warwickshire Guild out of that county. Only one peal of Major has been accomplished—Double Norwich—conducted by the late Mr. C. H. Fowler, and rung muffled to the memory of the Duke of Fife, on Feb. 3rd, 1912, in 3 hours 35 minutes.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday week. The tower was open during the afternoon, and the bells were kept going in various touches until 5.30 p.m., when about forty members attended service, the Association Form being used, and a very interesting address given by the Rev. W. F. Jepson, Vicar.

The members then adjourned to the Whidbourne Institute, where a splendid meat tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and his churchwardens, who were also present, was thoroughly enjoyed.—The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, and giving the Association a most hearty welcome to St. John's. He also spoke in glowing terms of the local band, and the way they had worked to put the belfry into the respectable condition it was now in.—Mr. C. W. Young and Mr. Harry (wardens) both said how pleased they were to meet the members, and spoke of their long connection with St. John's Church.

Three new members were elected, and Chislehurst was selected for the next quarterly meeting in July, the secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge, senr.) being left to arrange the date.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells and for presiding, also to the Vicar and churchwardens for the splendid tea they had so kindly provided, and this, needless to say, was carried with applause.

Mr. C. W. Young then joined the Association as an hon. member.—A course of Stedman Caters was rung by C. H. Stonely, A. D. Barker, W. A. Alps, A. W. Grimes and C. H. Hughes. The ringing in the tower consisted of touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London.

THE EXPERT.

ANOTHER VIEW.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The expert is not, as you and Canon Papillon say, a professor who ought not to teach the rudiments, for are not all ringers experts? The term "expert" is, in ringing, only one of degree; that is, one who can ring in rounds is an "expert" compared to the one who can only toll a bell; the six-bell change ringer considers himself an "expert" against the five-bell man; the eight-bell man considers himself better than the six, while those who have the privilege of ringing on 10 and 12 beat the lot (in their own opinion) and, going backwards, the eight-bell man considers himself more of an expert than the 10 and 12 man, for is not 10 and 12 almost like call changes, and he (the eight-bell man) rings more methods. As for the six-bell ringer, is not six the foundation of all methods? And having got the foundation the rest is simple, while more methods are practised on six than any other number. So now who is the expert? It seems to me that the acknowledged top as far as practical ringing goes is London Surprise, and that should be our aim, but, when that end is attained and the whole band can ring it, what is to be done should one or two die or leave the parish, for if the "expert" should not teach the rudiments who should? Should the expert then look round and try to induce some from a neighbouring band, who are not "experts," to fill the vacant places for polishing purposes? If this be the idea the ultimate result would be most lamentable, for to induce a young ringer to leave his own church where he has been taught to handle a bell and where he is a member of its various organisations for the doubtful honour of ringing with a further advanced company is very likely to break him from the attendance at the services to which he is calling others. No, sir, that is not the way. The expert should always see to it that he has one or two youngsters in his own tower to whom he should be imparting the rudiments; then he would be doing something to forward the work of the church instead of giving a knock-down blow to the neighbouring tower and church organisations, if he followed your and the Canon's advice.—Yours sincerely,

AU FOND (Not AU FAIT).

P.S.—I am not acquainted with any who have been mentioned in this correspondence.

[Our correspondent is wrong in his conception of our views. To begin with, we do not look upon an expert merely as a man who rings on 10 or 12 bells. The expert is the man who can ring any method on any number—and ring it well. Indeed, he must not only be able to ring his own bell, but he must be able to give others help when they stumble. There are plenty of men able to ring Stedman Cinques who cannot ring London Surprise, and, while they are able men, they are, in the words of our correspondent, only experts in degree. As to the experts teaching the rudiments, it has never been argued that they should not do this. They have all done their part in the days gone by, and our argument is that it ought not to be expected that they should still devote all their time to elementary matters. There are others, whose assistance to beginners would be equally useful, who could do that, leaving the "professors" to help on and encourage those who have left the "elementary class."—Ed.]

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL REEVES.

MEMORIAL TABLETS UNVEILED.

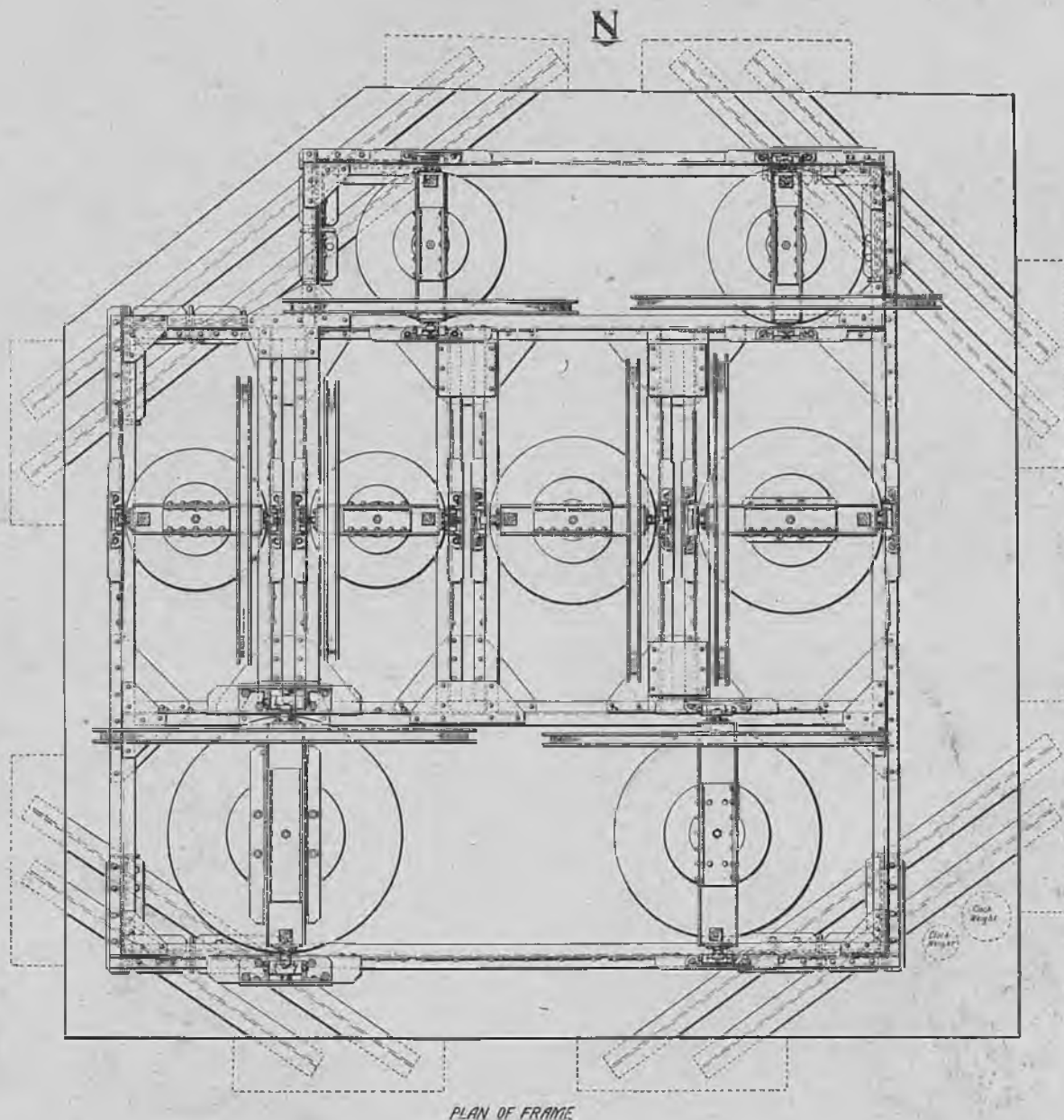
On Thursday week (Ascension Day) the two brass tablets erected in Christ Church, West Bromwich, to the memory of the late Mr. Samuel Reeves, were unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. Basil G. Nicholas. One tablet, erected by the congregation of the church, recorded the 27 years he had been clerk, vergor and ringing master at the church, and also a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the local band on the day of his funeral, June 24th, 1914.

The other tablet, erected under the auspices of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford by a number of his personal friends, was formally handed over to the Vicar by Mr. W. Rock Small, representing the society. This records the 23 years the late Mr. Reeves was hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, his official connection with the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, viz., formerly President and latterly vice-president, and also a peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect, on June 27th, 1914.

The Vicar, taking as his text, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me," gave an interesting address on the doctrine of the Ascension, in the course of which he stated that he had personally known Mr. Samuel Reeves for twelve years, and during the whole of that time he had been his right-hand man. He had always found him perfectly honest, straightforward, punctual; a most conscientious servant, and a true witness of Jesus Christ.

The service, which was fully choral, was attended by a good number of ringers, the St. Martin's Guild being represented by one of the vice-presidents, the ringing master, hon. secretary and others. Ringing in various methods took place before and after the service.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 11th, for evening service; also as a birthday compliment to William Flinders, who was unable to take part owing to indisposition, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: Miss Mary Woolley 1, Alfred Barrett 2, Edwards Hughes 3, Geo. H. Parlett 4, Geo. West 5, Geo. H. Johnson 6, Walter C. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. R. Cobbin 8.



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NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on May 25th, at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—By kind permission of the Rev. B. S. Batty, a meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem's Church, South Hackney, on May 22nd. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 5.30. Meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on May 22nd, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be given by the Rector, Rev. Canon Mills. Business meeting after. All will be made welcome. Kindly notify me during the week.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. The bells of St. Giles', St. Edmund's and St. Peter's will be available from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Giles' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon, at the Peacock Hotel, at 1 o'clock, members 1s. each, non-members 2s. Business meeting to follow. The bells of All Saints', St. Giles' and St. Sepulchre's will be available after the meeting from 4 to 7 p.m.—Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 17 cwt.) and Felixkirk (6, tenor 9 cwt.) are available for ringing all day. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. Dinner, at 1.15 p.m., at the Three Tuns Hotel, Thirsk. Members 1s., non-members 2s. 6d. Divine service in the Parish Church 12.15 p.m., when an address will be given by the Rev. W. R. Hannam, Vicar of Felixkirk, and Rural Dean.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock, and a special service in the church at 4.30. An allowance of one penny per mile (single journey), maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending, provided their subscriptions have been made for this year. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Crawford) Ashford bells will be available from 11 to 1 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Market Weighton on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. Bells available all day. Tea at 4.30 for all who notify me by Tuesday, May 18th, 1915 (1s. each).—Thos. Smith, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. Divine service at the Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, at 11.30; business meeting in the Vestry Hall at 12.30; lunch in the Boys' Schoolroom at 1.30. The following towers will be open for ringing: The Cathedral, Broomfield, Springfield, Widford, Boreham, Writtle, Allday.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary, Great Totham.

ST. PETER'S, SOUTH CROYDON.—This tower (10) will be open for ringing on Whit-Monday (Empire Day) from 3 to 5 o'clock, and after 6.30. All ringers welcome.—Charles Dean, 2, Biddulph Road, Croydon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting this year will not be held owing to bells at Alnwick not being available, and there being no reasonable travelling facilities to Rothbury.—Geo. T. Potter, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock, service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. M. M. Connor (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than May 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Birch Fields, Rusholme, on Whit-Saturday, May 29th. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

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

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

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.—On April 11th, being the anniversary of the opening of the two new trebles, for morning service, 560 Bob Major: E. Kendall 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, W. Clark 3, H. Hale 4, F. Wiseman 5, H. Cooper 6, S. Hale 7, W. Ruffle 8. For evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples: E. Kendall 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, R. Rayner 3, H. Hale 4, O. Broyd 5, F. Wiseman 6, S. Hale 7, W. Cross 8. Also 224 of Bob Major. After evening service, 700 Grandsire Triples: E. Kendall 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, R. Rayner 3, H. Hale 4, W. Clark 5, S. Hale 6, B. Pettitt 7, W. Cross 8.

GREAT HAMPTON, EVESHAM.—Worcestershire Association. — On April 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Gould 1, R. Cook 2, E. Robbins 3, J. Robbins 4, A. Jordan 5, J. Hemming (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. Dain, a prominent Churchman and sidesman, and to Pte W. Harding, who died from wounds received in action in France, a memorial service being held in the evening.

EASTER TOUCHES.

BARNET.—Middlesex Association. — At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, for evening service, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Chandler 1, W. Childs 2, J. Sumpter 3, C. J. Tricker 4, W. Seer 5, F. A. Milne 6, A. J. Trappitt (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8.

GREAT HALE, LINGS.—For 7 a.m. Communion, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Ward 1, F. Ekins 2, J. T. Holmes 3, T. Humberstone 4, W. H. Wood 5, W. Dickinson (conductor) 6.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) by the local band, in 45 mins.: David Lewis 1, Geo. Hyde 2, Walter B. Althorp 3, William Morgan 4, Samuel Oakley 5, William Badham 6, Alban E. Slatter (conductor) 7, Frank Stirk 8. First quarter-peal by all except W. Morgan and A. E. Slatter.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—At St. Martin's Church, for 7 a.m. service, three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 7-6-8 covering: E. Phillips 1, *J. Roberts 2, H. Broughton 3, *P. Jones 4, G. Cooke 5, F. Vicary 6, C. Hawkins 7, A. Jayne 8. For 11 a.m. service, four six-scores of Doubles: E. Phillips 1, J. Roberts 2, *A. Jayne 3, H. Broughton 4, G. Cooke 5, P. Jones 6, C. Hawkins 7, F. Fry 8. *First 120 on an inside bell. For evening service, three six-scores, in which C. Hawkins rang his first 120 on an inside bell. The old band at this tower has been broken up owing to six having joined the army. These 120's of Doubles are the result of the efforts to bring in recruits to fill the gaps.

HECKINGTON, LINGS. — For 6 a.m. Communion, 504 Grandsire Triples: M. Clark 1, A. Dixon 2, J. T. Holmes 3, C. Ward 4, W. H. Wood 5, J. H. Clark (conductor) 6, F. Ekins 7, J. Rogers 8. Also 504 in the same method for morning service: M. Clark 1, J. Green 2, J. T. Holmes 3, C. Ward 4, W. Dickinson (conductor) 5, F. Ekins 6, J. H. Clark 7, J. Rogers 8.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Thursday last was the one hundredth anniversary of the first peal on the bells of Lichfield Cathedral, as recorded in the peal book of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. The entry reads as follows:—

"On May 20th, 1815,

A Compleat Peal of Grandsire Caters

containing 5039 Changes

was rung at

Litchfield Cathedral

by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham,

in 3 hours 21 minutes.

James Jarvis	Treble	Henry Cooper	6
Thos. Worrall	2	Wm. Newman, junr.	7
John Edmunds	3	Short and Dovey, senr.	8
Wm. Hassall	4	Saml. Lawrence	9
Thos. Chapman	5	Wm. Marsh	Tenor

Composed and called by Henry Cooper.

The above was the first peal ever rung upon those bells, having been hung 127 years."

There is an interesting link between the band that rang this peal, and St. Martin's Guild of to-day, for William Marsh was the great-grandfather of the present Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith). It seems a pity that permission to ring a centenary peal could not be obtained.

AN INVITATION.

The Ancient Society of College Youths will be pleased to welcome any members of the Central Council to their meeting room at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, May 25th, at 7 p.m.

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Gentlemen,

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

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

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

ST. MICHAEL'S BELLS, COVENTRY.

The history of a large number of famous peals of bells has been recorded in our columns, thanks to various authors, but principally to the kindness of Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, that most assiduous of contemporary bell antiquarians, to whose patient collection of material over a long number of years, members of the Exercise now owe the possession of interesting facts concerning many of the most notable rings in this country. These articles, we are sure, have aroused among numerous readers of "The Ringing World" an interest in the historical side of the bells which previously they had not had, purely because they were without the opportunity of acquiring the knowledge. To no inconsiderable extent, also, the story of these famous bells has been the story of ringing in the early days, and the historical and the practical side of our art has, to that extent, been interwoven in these contributions by Mr. Jerram and others.

Of all the records, however, none makes more melancholy reading than that of St. Michael's, Coventry, which we give this week. The steeple is one of the most famous in the country, not only for its height and stately proportions, but also for beauty of architecture. For four hundred years the tower contained bells, and the last peal of ten from the Whitechapel foundry had the reputation of being among the finest in the land. Alas, just 30 years ago, the restoration of the church brought with it the removal of this grand ring. The instability of the steeple to carry the mass of swinging metal had been known for a hundred years previously, and towards the end of the eighteenth century a huge wooden frame, unconnected with the tower walls, was carried up on which the bells hung and were rung. The opening up of the western arch necessitated the removal of the unsightly frame, and one of the glories of the church—the bells—had to go. They now occupy an ignominious position in which they are chimed, and their great beauty sacrificed. Is it too much to hope that some day their stately music may once more be heard pouring over the city? The present, perhaps, is not a time to talk of great projects, but when victory is achieved by our arms and peace once more reigns in the world, there will doubtless be a desire to commemorate it, and Coventry could do worse than fittingly house its peal of bells in a belfry where they could once more serve their real purpose as of old. Could not the Warwickshire Guild, for instance, keep an eye on this matter? It may be out of the question for anything to be done, but if any action be possible it ought not to be lacking for the want of an advocate.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	FRANK JACOBS 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	SAMUEL WESLEY 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	JOHN FLINT 8
HERBERT DAY 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9
WILLIAM J. THYNG 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

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

* 150th peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 20, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM DOWLER Treble	WILLIAM IKIN 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	*JOHN EATON 6
ERNEST BOYLIN 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
GEORGE GARRISON 4	†HARRY PARKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. E. Ball, the mother of one of the local band, who passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 16th, and was laid to rest on the 20th.

DUFFIELD.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24, 1915, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*HARRY HILL Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
JOSEPH LORD 2	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 6
JOHN W. GLEW... .. 3	HENRY LETTS 7
†PERCY J. COOKE 4	GEORGE TANDY Tenor

Conducted by HENRY LETTS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since rehanging. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOSEPH PIGOTT... .. 1-2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5-6
WILLIAM SHORT 3-4	JOHN BASS 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Referees: CHARLES H. WOODBERRY and THOMAS HEATHCOTE.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by the Association and all the band except the conductor.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving in H.M. Forces:—

W. Jacques, of Olney, Bucks, R.A.M.C.
Albert Francis, of Ewhurst, Surrey, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, now at Chatham.
E. McWilliam, of Rothwell, R.A.M.C. (T.), now at 2nd Northern General Hospital, Leeds.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON.

The Central Council met on Tuesday for the twenty-fifth time, the assembly being the first session of the ninth Council. As is customary when a new Council meets for the first time, the gathering took place at the Church House, Westminster, and despite the claims which the war is making upon the time of a number of the members, the attendance was quite a good one, there being 74 present during the day. The record of attendance was as follows:—

College Youths.—Present: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, A. A. Hughes and A. Hughes.

Royal Cumberlands.—Present: Messrs. H. Dains, J. D. Matthews, J. Parker and F. Smith.

Bath and Wells.—Present: Rev. C. C. Parker. Absent: Messrs. E. E. Burgess, A. E. Coles and J. Maddock.

Bedfordshire.—Present: Rev. Canon Baker.

Birmingham, St. Martin's.—Absent: Mr. W. H. Godden.

Cambridge University.—Present: Mr. E. H. Lewis.

Chester Diocesan.—Present: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. J. Ashmole and J. Morgan.

Cleveland and N. Yorks.—Absent: Rev. W. P. Wright and Mr. T. Metcalfe.

Devon.—Present: Rev. M. Kelly and Rev. E. S. Powell. Absent: Mr. A. W. Searle.

Dudley and District.—Present: Mr. W. R. Small.

Durham and Newcastle.—Absent: Messrs. G. T. Potter, C. L. Routledge and W. Story.

Ely Diocesan.—Absent: Mr. T. R. Dennis.

Essex.—Present: Messrs. G. A. Black, G. Dent and W. J. Nevard. Absent: Mr. C. H. Howard.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Present: Mr. J. Austin.

Hereford Diocesan.—Present: Mr. J. Clark. Absent: Mr. R. Marston.

Hertfordshire.—Present: Pte Bertram Prowett.

Kent.—Present: Messrs. E. Barnett, T. Groombridge, senr., and W. Haigh. Absent: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

Ladies' Guild.—Present: Miss E. K. Parker.

Lancashire.—Present: Rev. H. J. Elsee, Messrs. H. Chapman and S. Wood. Absent: Mr. J. H. Banks.

Leeds and District.—Present: Mr. P. J. Johnson.

Lincoln.—Present: Mr. R. Richardson. Absent: Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. G. Chester and J. W. Seamer.

Liverpool Diocesan.—Absent: Mr. W. Bentham.

Llandaff Diocesan.—Present: Mr. J. W. Jones.

London County.—Present: Messrs. E. A. Young and T. H. Taffender.

Middlesex County.—Present: Messrs. W. Pye and J. R. Sharman. Absent: Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. A. T. King.

Midland Counties.—Present: Sir Arthur Heywood, and Messrs. J. Griffin, J. W. Taylor and W. E. White.

Central Northants.—Present: Messrs. W. Perkins and F. Wilford.

North Notts.—Present: Mr. H. Haigh.

North Wales.—Absent: Rev. T. Lewis Jones.

Norwich Diocesan.—Present: Mr. G. P. Burton. Absent: Messrs. C. E. Borrett, W. L. Catchpole and J. Motts.

Oxford Diocesan.—Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hopgood.

Peterborough and District.—Absent: Mr. R. Narborough.

Salisbury Diocesan.—Present: Rev. F. L. Edwards, and Messrs. T. H. Beams and W. Hughes D'Aeth. Absent: Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart.

Salop Archidiaconal.—Absent: Mr. J. Bradney.

Staffs Archidiaconal.—Present: Mr. H. Knight. Absent: Rev. E. V. Cox.

Surrey.—Present: Mr. C. Dean. Absent: Lieut. C. F. Johnston.

Sussex.—Present: Messrs. G. Howse, R. Stredwick and G. Watson. Absent: Mr. E. H. Lindup.

Towcester and District.—Present: Mr. J. Clarke.

Warwickshire.—Present: Mr. H. Argyle. Absent: Mr. A. Roberts.

Winchester Diocesan.—Present: Mr. H. White. Absent: Rev. C. E. Matthews, and Messrs. A. H. Pulling and J. W. Whiting.

Worcestershire.—Present: Messrs. A. E. Parsons, T. J. Salter and W. Short.

Yorkshire.—Present: Rev. C. C. Marshall and Mr. C. H. Hattersley. Absent: Messrs. G. Bolland and C. Glenn.

Hon. Members.—Present: Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, E. W. Carpenter, H. A. Cockey, C. D. P. Davies, and Canon Papillon, and Messrs. R. A. Daniell, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and G. Williams. Absent: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and Messrs. J. Carter, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett and W. Snowdon.

PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED.

The Hon. Secretary temporarily took the chair, and said they had only one nomination for the office of President, and that was Sir Arthur Heywood. They all knew what an excellent President they had had in Sir Arthur, who had been President since the Council began.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said as he had the privilege of nominating Sir Arthur as President, he had pleasure in formally proposing that he take the chair for the ensuing three years.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded the motion, which was carried with applause.

On taking the chair, Sir Arthur Heywood said it was with mixed feelings that he responded to their invitation for the ninth time. He confessed that he felt it a very great honour to be elected to be President again, and at the same time he felt that he was getting con-

siderably older, and he kept looking round to see who, by-and-by, before he became incapable, there would be to take his place, because when they got, as he was, nearer 70 than 60, one began to think the time was not very far off when, if one was to retire from one's work with honour, there might, perhaps, not be many more years before him in office. But it was an extreme pleasure and satisfaction to have the honour of again presiding over the Council. He thought they would all admit, and he thought the Associations they represented would admit, that the Council had entirely answered to what was hoped of it 25 years ago, when it was founded. He believed by careful attention to every point in connection with ringing and of interest to ringers that had been brought before them they had gradually built up a sense of confidence amongst the ringers of the country, and he would like to take the opportunity of saying how much of that success was due to their being very careful to keep their discussions and their resolutions within the proper confines of the work of that Council. He would solemnly impress on the Council the desirability of remembering that they simply expressed through the various delegates the views of the various societies and associations. They had always been careful in no way to assume the roll of legislators on behalf of the majority of the associations as against the minority. The majority of the associations had no right whatever to impose their wishes or desires upon the rest of the associations, because every association had a perfect right in its own district to make its own rules and proceed in the way its members consider best, and for the Council to attempt to legislate and to over-ride by an opinion of the majority of the associations the wishes of the minority of the associations, would be, in his opinion, a mistake. What they wanted there was to try and focus the opinion of the Exercise at large, and so far as they found it to be in agreement to put forward propositions which might be carried for the benefit of the Exercise.

THE HON. SECRETARY.

The President, proceeding, said they had next to elect an hon. secretary, and there had been only one nomination, that of his friend, Mr. Davies (hear, hear). He could only say that no President and no body who had the business they had to transact, involving a large amount of pen and ink work, and work requiring a considerable amount of time, could by any possibility have had a man who had been more keen and more active or more successful in the work than their friend Mr. Davis.

Mr. Griffin proposed the re-election of Mr. Davis. — Canon Baker seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

In acknowledging his re-election, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he was deeply conscious of the honour that they had done him, and the trust they placed in him in re-electing him to the position. Although the office entailed a certain amount of work it had been a pleasure from first to last.

FINANCIAL.

The accounts presented, which had been audited by the Standing Committee that had met earlier in the day, showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £42 15s. 2d.; affiliation fees received amounted to £12 17s. 6d.; sale of publications to £1 15s. 10d.; interest, £1 0s. 7d., making a total of £58 9s. 1d. The expenditure had been £4 7s. 10d., leaving a balance in hand of £54 1s. 3d.

The Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) reported that since he made his return to the Hon. Secretary, before he left home six weeks ago, a sum of 16s. 5d. had been received from the secretary of the Chester Guild for the sale of publications, making a total from that source of £2 12s. 3d.—The accounts were passed, on the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

HON. MEMBERS.

It was decided to re-elect the retiring hon. members: Mr. W. Snowdon, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Canon Papillon, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. John Carter, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. S. Pritchett and Mr. J. A. Trollope.

SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS A RINGER.

After the introduction of new members to the President, Sir Arthur drew attention to the fact that they had with them the grandfather, or the great-grandfather of ringing, in the person of Mr. William Banister (applause). They all knew what he had done for the Exercise, and on behalf of the Council he congratulated him on being with them that day as he was three years ago, and in apparently as good health (applause).

Mr. Banister thanked the members for their kind reception. He was pleased to meet them again. He was, he thought, the oldest member of the College Youths, for he had been a member for 74 years (applause). He was an old man, being in his 92nd year, but he hoped he might meet them again on a future occasion.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley spoke of meeting Mr. Banister at Woolwich as long ago as 1863, and gave reminiscences of his trip to London at that time. Mr. Banister was now the oldest member of the Exercise who had had any theoretical knowledge of ringing, and in proof they only had to look at his records in 1854, and they would see what he knew then about London Surprise (applause).

ABSENCES.

The Hon. Secretary said apologies for absence had been received from the Revs. E. V. Cox, F. J. O. Helmore, H. S. T. Richardson and W. P. Wright, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, J. Carter, W. H. Godden, A. T.

King, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett, C. L. Routledge, and W. Snowdon. The following were absent serving their King and country, and their absence needed no apology: Sapper T. R. Dennis, Royal Engineers; Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse, Army Service Corps; Rev. C. E. Matthews, Chaplain of Forces; Pte R. Narborough, Cambridgeshire Regiment; and Lieut. C. F. Johnston, Royal Fusiliers. These, with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Chaplain of Forces, and Pte B. Prewett, London Rifles, who were present, completed the Council's roll of honour.

The Standing Committee were re-elected as follows: The President, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. W. Snowdon. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, as hon. librarian, was added.

A full report of the remainder of the Council's proceedings will appear in subsequent issues, but the following is a summary of the rest of the business.

The Council discussed at length the question of advertising their publications, and decided to issue slips to the associations for circulation among members, giving particulars of the publications.

The report of the Peal Collection Committee was presented by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and the committee were re-elected with the exception of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who expressed a wish to retire.

Mr. Lewis reported progress for the Legitimate Methods Committee, which was re-elected.

The Peals Analysis Committee's report was adopted on the motion of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and it was decided that no peal published more than eight weeks after it had been rung should be included in the analysis. The committee was re-elected with thanks for its services.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported for the Literature Committee, which was re-elected.

Progress was reported by the Towers and Belfries Committee, which was re-elected.

The resolution: "That the Central Council approve and issue a National Badge for ringers," adjourned from last year, found no proposer, and consequently dropped.

The Hon. Secretary moved: "That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the Legitimacy of Methods as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions,' 1904." Mr. Davies spoke at great length, and eventually the matter was referred to the Legitimate Methods Committee for consideration and report.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed: "That this Council recognises with emphatic approval the good judgment and consideration shown by ringers throughout the United Kingdom in their spontaneous abstinence from peal ringing since the outbreak of war: but that at the same time (the Council) regards it as the privilege and sacred duty of ringers, wherever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other Feasts of the Church, as also on Royal and National Anniversaries, to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to this Empire and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies."—The motion was carried.

By consent the following motion was postponed until next year:—"That the Council desires to draw the attention of the Exercise to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal, as a result of which a large proportion of ringers do not acquire the necessary skill to enable them to take part in this ancient and musical practice."

Plymouth was decided upon as the place for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the meeting.

In the evening members visited St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, for ringing, and there was a largely attended social gathering at "The Coffee Pot," the headquarters of the College Youths.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the London County Association was held on Monday week. The tower of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was open for ringing, and a good number of members attended, touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative being rung.

The business meeting afterwards took place at the "Citizen," Houndsditch, the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) presiding. The general secretary (Lance-Corporal A. T. Miller, London Scottish) being on active service "somewhere in France," Mr. Thomas Walker was elected to fill the vacancy for the evening. Several financial matters were passed, and Messrs. E. Alexander Young, A.R.A., and Mr. T. H. Taffender were elected to represent the Association on the Central Council.

Mr. Young read a letter written to Mr. Taffender from Pte R. N. Runham on May 15th, a member of the society now at the front with the Coldstream Guards, giving a descriptive account of a great battle in which he took part, also of his life in the trenches.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting, if convenient, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on a Saturday, of which due notice will appear.

After the meeting, the members were invited to the residence, near hv. of Mr. T. Walker, where touches on handbells of Graudsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung.

GORING, OXON.—On a recent Sunday morning, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob, and in the evening, 360 Graudsire Doubles, the ringers taking part being: J. Carter, L. Hayward, W. Aldridge, J. Bower, J. Abery, G. Parsons, G. Wilson, H. Perry.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting at Exeter on Whit-Monday, the only meeting held by the Guild during the year on account of the war, was attended by about 60 members, including three from London. Service was held in St. David's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Bell Salter), who, in his address, emphasised the fact that the ringing of bells for service was not only a call of the people to church, but also a prayer for God's presence in their midst.

The belfries of St. David's, St. Sidwell's, St. Petrach's and Heavitree were open for ringing, but this was greatly restricted in amount.

At the annual meeting, the President (the Rev. J. Maitland Kelly), in returning thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells, pointed out that the day was not altogether inappropriate for ringing, being as it was within the Whitsun Festival, and also being regarded as Empire Day, when thanksgiving was right and proper for the truly wonderful response made by the whole Empire to the country's call. Continuing, the President expressed the opinion that, having reached his jubilee, it was time for a younger man to take charge of the Guild, and, while he was willing to continue in office for one year longer, he thought the members should, in the interval, look out for someone to take his place. In reviewing the progress of change ringing in that 50 years in the county, he mentioned the great difficulties to be overcome in want of railway facilities. He could remember that Mr. Banister, when he first came to Devon, used to exclaim against having sometimes to walk or drive ten miles to a belfry for practice. In those days there was strong active opposition to any progress, and though there were still men who would not learn themselves, nor let others learn, there were now young fellows in every village who would be glad to be taught if opportunity arose. He could see improvement in the Guild itself within even the last ten years. It used to be said, and said truly, "If you want to hear bad ringing go to a Guild meeting." That was emphatically not the case now (hear, hear).

THE REPORT.

The committee, in their annual report, said: "The war, as naturally expected, overshadows all other things in the reports of the various bands. Under present conditions, when the thoughts and energy of every patriot need to be directed towards victory to our arms, ringing progress is not to be expected or even desired. On the contrary, we would rather congratulate those branches which report the absence of a considerable percentage of their members as serving in His Majesty's Forces. The list which appears on another page goes to show that the members of the Guild are not behind other sections in the community in their loyalty. When it is remembered how large a number of our ringers are beyond military age, a percentage of nearly 17½ per cent. serving cannot be regarded as unsatisfactory. At the same time, we would highly commend the efforts made by those left behind to keep together at least a nucleus of each band in anticipation of more happy times to which we look forward in hope. There was only one occasion during the year when the members of various branches met together, namely the annual meeting at Paignton on Whit-Monday. A most successful and enjoyable day was spent there and in the neighbouring belfries. Twenty-four bands were represented, and about 160 members were present. Probably the beautiful weather had something to do with the disappointing attendance at the business meeting. Members should remember that this is after all the most important feature of the annual gathering, and the prosperity of the Guild depends largely upon the intelligent interest they take in its organisation and government. The committee wish to draw attention to the very interesting meeting that took place at Kelly to commemorate the jubilee of change ringing in Devon, and express their hearty congratulations to the President and his fellow ringers in taking part in what must be almost an unique achievement. The commemoration serves as a reminder that, whereas the Devon Guild was founded to foster change ringing, as yet quite in its infancy in the county, in many other districts Associations were formed to consolidate what had long been a traditional use extending back in some cases over two or three centuries. We regret the death of Mr. E. J. Pook of the Clyst Hydon band, who has given his life in his country's services, while among honorary members who have given long support to the Guild we mourn the deaths of the Rev. C. J. V. French and Mr. R. Morshend. Members will also sympathise with the family of the late Mr. Harry Stokes, senr., in their loss. One of the oldest members of the Guild (the President and he being elected on the same day) Mr. Stokes did much to further our objects alike by his personal interest in change ringing and his conscientious and skilful work as a bell hanger. Of peals rung there are only three recorded, all being Graudsire, two of Triples and one Doubles. There are now 30 bands, with 233 performing and 56 associate members, 56 honorary members and 111 life members of the Guild."

All the officers were re-elected with the addition of Mr. E. W. Marsh as assistant general secretary to act on behalf of the secretary in case of the latter being called away from the Diocese for some months.

EXPERTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Why not arrange some kind of diploma for such men as in the case of the learned professions? It ought to be a certain protection against ignorant attack and an added dignity to the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

Poole.

C. A. LINE.

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

A NINE-PART PEAL.
By Albert E. Seers, Bath.

A		B
234567		245367
672453	2	732645
726453	4	457263
427365	5	324657
534627	1	573462
275463	2	475236
472356	5	274653
S 734625	5	672345
567234	1	536472
† 425367	1	675324
S 374625	1	756324
* 423756	3	S 287543
		352467
		743652
		S 627543
		746235
		247563
		352647
		473265
		274536
		S 752643
		367452
		243567
		S 572643

Call A 6 times, omitting * in 2nd, 4th and 6th parts (342567, 2nd part end). Call B 3 times between Singles at † in either 1st, 3rd or 5th parts. Contains the 24 6-7's at back stroke.

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, BIRMINGHAM.

25456789		Continued.
42356978	7 in and out at 3	42563 8 in 2
34256	9 in 3	54263 9 in 3
63452	9 in 3 S	35462 9 in 3 S
26354	9 in 3 S	23564 9 in 3 S
72654	9 in 3	52364 9 in 3
63254	9 in 3	35264 9 in 3
46352	9 in 3 S	43562 9 in 3 S
24653	9 in 3 S	24365 9 in 3 S
62453	9 in 3	32465 9 in 3
36254	9 in 3 S	53264 9 in 3 S
43652	9 in 3 S	45362 9 in 3 S
24356	9 in 3 S	24563 9 in 3 S
32456	9 in 3	52463 9 in 3
43256	9 in 3	45263 9 in 3
64352	9 in 3 S	34562 9 in 3 S
26453	9 in 3 S	23465 9 in 3 S
42653	9 in 3	42365 9 in 3
64253	9 in 3	34265 9 in 3
36452	9 in 3 S	53462 9 in 3 S
23654	9 in 3 S	25364 9 in 3 S
62354	9 in 3	32564 9 in 3
46253	9 in 3 S	43265 9 in 3 S
34652	9 in 3 S	54362 9 in 3 S
23456	9 in 3 S	25463 9 in 3 S
65324	8 in 2	32564879 9 in and out at 2
		43265 8 in 3 S
		54362 8 in 3 S
		25463 8 in 3 S
		42563 8 in 3
		32547698 8 in 3 S

This peal has the 5th and 6th each their extend behind the 9th, also the 6th six courses behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

YOUR "PAL" ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Those who are keenly interested in following the happenings in ringing circles, curtailed though they are by the war, have they realised that their "pals," now serving their country, and who will soon be at the front, would also like to know what is going on in the belfries of old England? When our soldiers get away from their homes they may have a difficulty, even when in training camps, in getting their ringing news, while when they cross the sea this will be out of their reach altogether unless their friends at home keep them supplied. Send them, therefore, a copy of "The Ringing World" every week. They will value your thoughtfulness and appreciate the news, while you will be repaid because their interest will be sustained, and as soon as they are free from military duties they will be back in the tower with you with all the old enthusiasm. We threw out this suggestion a week or two ago, and that we "hit the nail on the head" is shown by the following postcard from a ringer at the front—No. 582 Farrier-Sergt. Mason.

Writing from No. 5 Veterinary Hospital, British Expeditionary Force, he says:—

I think your suggestion regarding sending "The Ringing World" to our ringer-soldiers a very good one. I myself have one sent every week through the kindness of Mr. J. Flint, of Bolsover.

If you are unable yourself to post a copy to the man who has gone from your tower send 1s. 8d. to "The Ringing World" Office, Woking, and we will forward it regularly for you for three months.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Congresbury, some thirty-five members being present from Congresbury, Badgworth, Bristol, Burnham, Bridgwater, Midsomer Norton, Weare, Blagdon, Weston-super-Mare, Huntspill, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church, and a capital address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Maunsell Eyre), who also gave the Association a very hearty welcome. Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, at which the President (the Rev. Preb. Hayes Robinson) was in the chair.—Two honorary and two performing members were elected. Blagdon was decided upon for the next quarterly meeting, and Wick St. Lawrence for the intermediate.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Maunsell Eyre for arranging the service and for the use of the bells, and the Vicar suitably responded.—A vote of thanks was also accorded the Rev. Preb. Hayes Robinson for presiding at the meeting.—During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples were rung.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 11th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich: A. Button 1, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, Pte G. Wilson (4th Batt. Suffolk Regiment) 3, A. Keeble 4, J. M. Bailey 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, G. Hardy 8. For evening service, 784 Double Norwich: W. W. Bailey 1, Pte G. Wilson 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. Sampson 6, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 7, C. F. Bailey 8.—On April 25th, for morning service, 1024 Bristol Surprise Major: C. Sampson 1, A. F. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, Pte F. W. Bailey (9th Batt. Suffolk Regiment) 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, E. H. Bailey 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Pte F. W. Bailey, who attained his 21st birthday on the 19th. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. S. Bailey 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, A. F. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 6, J. M. Bailey 7, P. G. Potter 8.

NUNEATON.—Warwickshire Guild.—On April 18th, for morning service, four courses of Double Norwich, and for evening service, 1056 Superlative Surprise: W. Martin 1, E. Stone 2, H. Argyle 3, H. Horton 4, D. Argyle 5, J. F. Clarke, junr., 6, J. F. Clarke 7, T. W. Chapman 8. By permission of the Vicar the Nuneaton Society have decided to resume the usual Thursday evening practice for one hour—8 to 9.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, April 18th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Wm. Cross (first quarter-peal) 1, Pte H. Norman 2, R. Scott (conductor) 3, Pte E. Chapman 4, A. Tout 5, Wm. Chapman 6, Fred Norman 7, R. Chapman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Norman. Privates H. Norman and E. Chapman belong to the local band, but are now serving their country in the National Reserves, being at the time home for leave.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on April 18th, for service, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Green 1, T. Walker 2, F. Davis 3, N. North, Huddersfield (first quarter in the method) 4, W. T. Powell 5, G. Charge 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. W. Grimes 8.—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. J. Nelder 1, W. A. Alps (conductor) 2, F. Davis 3, T. Walker 4, E. Brett 5, W. Buckingham 6, A. W. Grimes 7, W. Walden 8.

WHITLESFORD, CAMBS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on April 20th, 720 Oxford Bob: C. Peters 1, F. Hurry 2, F. White 3, T. Finch 4, A. E. Austin (conductor) 5, F. Nunn 6. First 720 Oxford Bob by all.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—Llandaff Association.—On April 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Page 1, *F. Wines 2, *F. Lasbury 3, T. Page (conductor) 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wines 6, W. Page 7, H. Crabbe 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Lasbury (first touch) 1, H. Page 2, B. Davies 3, W. Page 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page 7, J. Cross 8.

AFTER OVER THIRTY YEARS' "STONEY."

It is often said that little can be done in the way of change ringing progress with men who have spent long years at "stoney," but this argument finds practical contradiction in recent performances at Newport, Isle of Wight. In honour of the King's Accession Day, and as a birthday compliment to the tenor man, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Thomas's Church by: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, Opl. C. Blake (Royal Warwickshire Regiment) 3, W. Scott 4, A. Calloway 5, W. Upton 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. This was the first quarter-peal by the local band, and, we are informed, that the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor had been "stoney" ringers for 34, 20, 21 and 33 years respectively. The result certainly reflects great credit on the conductor who has had the band under tuition for fourteen months. A previous attempt for a quarter-peal, made on April 29th, came to grief four leads from home owing to the 2nd rope breaking. The last recorded accomplishment by a local band at this tower was a peal of Grandsire Triples on February 14th, 1809.

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ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

"*Sic transit gloria mundi.*" Never were words more true than these at the present time in the case of the bells of St. Michael's, Coventry. But I must not anticipate; we shall come to this later on.

Concerning the history of these bells, we find from Sharp's *Coventry Antiquities* that the tower was finished in 1395, but no mention of bells is made before 1488, when we read "This year was great peace throughout the realm, and for joy the churchwardens of St. Michael's, and other well disposed people brought to St. Michael's a



ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

great Bell and called it *Jesus Bell*. This motto was written about it: '*Jesus Nazarenus Rex Judeorum in me miserecordia.*'"

Mr. H. B. Walters remarks (and I think rightly) that the last three words are probably an error for "*miserere mei.*"

In 1674 there appear to have been six bells, for in that year the vestry agreed with Messrs. H. Bagley, senr. and junr., to recast them into a peal of eight for £55. The total weight of the six old bells was 5 tons 7 cwt. 8 lbs., the tenor weighing 30 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. The new peal of eight weighed 5 tons 1 qr., the weight of the tenor being 25 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs. Of this peal of eight the fourth is now the tenor at St. John's, Coventry, and is inscribed "I ring at

six to let mne (sic for 'men') know—When too and from theair work to go. 1675." The seventh was inscribed "I ring to sermon with a lusty home—That all may come and may stay at home. 1675," and the tenor "I am and have been called the common bell—To ring when fier breaks out to tell." This inscription has been reproduced on the present tenor.

In 1770 a contract was entered into with Pack and Chapman, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, to recast the peal of eight and add two trebles; the total cost being £222 5s. 6d. The tenor was recast by Briant, of Hertford, in 1805. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

ALTHOUGH I AM BOTH LIGHT & SMALL I WILL BE HEARD ABOVE YOU ALL. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Second.

IF YOU HAVE A JUDICIOUS EAR YOU'LL OWN MY VOICE IS SWEET & CLEAR. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Third.

SUCH WONDROUS POWR TO MUSICS GIVEN IT ELEVATES THE SOUL TO HEAVEN. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774. \$\$\$

Fourth.

WHILST THUS WE JOIN IN CHEARFULL SOUND MAY LOVE AND LOYALTY ABOUND. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Fifth.

TO HONOUR BOTH OF GOD AND KING OUR VOICES SHALL IN CONSERVING RING. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Sixth.

MUSICK IS MEDICINE TO THE MIND \$\$\$ THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. 1799 \$\$\$

Seventh.

YE RINGERS ALL THAT PRIZE YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS BE SOBER MERRY WISE AND YOU'LL THE SAME POSSESS. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Eighth.

YE PEOPLE ALL WHO HEAR ME RING BE FAITHFULL TO YOUR GOD & KING. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Ninth.

IN WEDLOCK BANDS ALL YE WHO JOIN WITH HANDS YOUR HEARTS UNITE SO SHALL OUR TUNEFULL TONGUES COMBINE TO LAUD THE NUPTIAL RITE. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Tenor.

STEPHEN CORBET ACT. C. WARDEN 1805. I AM AND HAVE BEEN CALL'D THE COMMON BELL TO RING WHEN FIRE BREAKS OUT TO TELL \$\$\$ JOHN BRIANT HERTFORD FECIT AN. DOM. MDCCCV \$\$\$ GLORIA DEO IN EXCELSIS \$\$\$

Towards the end of the eighteenth century there were great apprehensions as to the stability of the steeple, and in 1793 a committee was appointed to inquire into the matter. The bells were then taken down, and a new frame rising from the ground and unconnected with the steeple walls was erected at a cost of £507. At first the bells were hung in two tiers, but when the tenor was recast by Briant in 1805 they were all rehung and brought down to the same level. The former tenor, which was cracked in 1802, weighed 31 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. The present one is 56½ inches in diameter and weighs 32 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs.

The next eighty years, from the recasting of the tenor by Briant in 1805 up to the year 1885, may be looked upon as the "palmy days" in the history of these bells.

I herewith give an account of them written by a correspondent, signing himself "C. Y.," which appeared in "*Church Bells*" in October, 1874, wherein he describes a visit which he paid to St. Michael's some years previously. He says:—

"I was somewhat unfortunate on the occasion of my visit to Coventry; a public meeting was fixed to be held in an ancient hall only a few yards from the church, and the weekly practice was in abeyance; but the good ringers assembled before the meeting and kindly allowed me to hear the exquisite ring of ten. The tenor weighs 32 cwt., but (to use an old Norfolk expression) 'you may ring her with a twine thread.' The belfry has an unusually large open space above the bells; these hang low down in the tower, level with the tower lights; and, above all, is open: thus the tone of the bells has much space in which to blend before it issues forth, and this, coupled with the excellence of the bells themselves, renders them a ring which cannot be surpassed. The ringing chamber is rather dark, and is almost walled in with great beams, which assist to support the cage of the bells. There is an excellent clock, with very musical chimes. Although, under the above circumstances, many of the ringers were absent, yet it is pleasant to know that this noble ring is in good and skilful hands, and is used in a worthy manner."

But alas! When the church was restored in 1885 the western arch was thrown open; and the timber cage which had done such good service for so many years, being considered unsightly, was ordered to be removed. Of course, it was not safe under the circumstances before mentioned, to hang the bells on beams directly connected with the steeple walls; and for a considerable time they were stowed away unhung, one of the smaller bells being temporarily suspended in the church yard and used for the church services.

At this time there was some talk of building a detached bell-tower in the churchyard and hanging the bells therein; but for some reason (probably want of funds) this never came off.

In course of time the people of Coventry became impatient at not hearing their bells for so long. The result was that they were eventually placed in the octagon, being hung "dead," for chiming only, where they still remain in that condition. And now for thirty years the full melody of these splendid toned bells has not been heard; in fact the younger generation have never heard them at all. Whether anything will ever be done to put them once more into a ringable state seems doubtful. Only two courses appear to be open, viz.: either to erect an independent cage of timber (or iron), similar to the one which has been removed, which I suppose would be considered unsightly; or to build a detached campanile in the churchyard, which would involve an enormous outlay.

Apropos of the motto at the heading of this article I give copies of some of the peal boards formerly in the belfry, recording the "departed glory" of St. Michael's from a ringer's point of view. These tablets are now, I understand, stowed away in the crypt. I regret that I have not copies of those recording some of the later performances.

"On Easter Monday, 1807, a Peal of 5021 changes of GRANDSIRE CATER was rung in this steeple by the under-mentioned Persons, in 3 hours 29 minutes, belonging to the Society of Saint Martin's Youths, Birmingham, viz.:-

James Edmunds	Treble	Joseph Greyson	Sixth
Stephen Hill	Second	Thos. Midlave	Seventh
Benjmn. Pugh	Third	Samuel Lawrence	Eighth
James Povey	Fourth	Wm. Bennet	Ninth
Wm. Coton	Fifth	James Bill	Tenor

"On Sunday morning, Sept. 6th, 1807, was rung in this steeple, by the following Persons belonging to the Society of Coventry Youths, a complete Peal of BOBB MAJOR ROYAL, containing 6140 changes, in 4 hours and 23 minutes. Composed and called by Joseph Keene:-

Thomas Clark	Treble	Wm. Micklewright	Sixth
Wm. Philips	Second	Jeremiah Payne	Seventh
Henry Barnwell	Third	Edward Eardley	Eighth
Jas. Mazey	Fourth	Josh. Keene	Ninth
Thos. Dagley	Fifth	Francis Jackson	Tenor

THE UNKNOWN ART DESPISED BY THE IGNORANT.

Tenor 32 cwt. 7 lbs., cast by John Briant of Hertford 1805."

"To celebrate the glorious victory obtained by Lord Wellington over the french at Salamanca, a Peal was rung on these Bells, on Monday,

17th August, 1812, consisting of 5000 changes of OXFORD treble BOB ROYAL, in 3 hours and 33 minutes, by the following Persons, viz.:-

George Hawkes	Treble	William Simkins	Sixth
William Philips	Second	Joseph Keene	Seventh
William Hassall	Third	William Hanson	Eighth
Jeremiah Payne	Fourth	Thomas Clark	Ninth
William Adams	Fifth	Francis Jackson	Tenor

The above Peal was composed and called by Joseph Keene."

The "Coventry Standard" of July 4th, 1885, thus refers to the last ringing which took place upon this famous peal of bells. "The day (Sunday, June 28th, 1885) being the last occasion on which the bells would be heard in full peal the ringers assembled in the belfry to ring a farewell peal before they are removed. The bells were rung before and after the morning and evening services, and during the day a number of citizens and visitors inspected them, probably for the last time in their present position. Soon after eight (at the conclusion of the evening service) the last peal was commenced. When the large congregation which had attended the evening service had left the precincts of the church, the bells were set, and in a few minutes a start was made to fall them. The ringers who took part in this final event were stationed as follows: Treble, C. Horsfall (captain); 2nd, S. Elliott; 3rd, C. Vincent; 4th, A. R. Judd; 5th, A. Bray; 6th, C. Lenton, junr.; 7th, J. George; 8th, T. Srawley; 9th, C. Lenton, senr.; tenor, W. Gilbert. The 'fall' was an excellent one, and as the beautiful music of the bells died away those who had remained to listen silently dispersed."

It is interesting to note that the sole survivor of the band who took part in the final falling of the bells, now thirty years ago, is Mr. James George.

LEGITIMACY OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While thanking you for the kind and appreciative contents of your leading article on the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council and its list of agenda, may I be pardoned for pointing out that in my opinion you are mistaken in regarding the question of the legitimacy of methods as in any sense, an abstruse one? There are certainly no "labyrinths of technicalities" in it. It is not such a question as that as to whether London Surprise Major can be extended to Royal, or whether the quick sixes in Stedman are bobs or not, or even such as the mode of proof of peals in intricate methods, but simply as to whether it is right or not right to interfere according to mere whim and fancy with the natural and legitimate flow of the changes. Is it lawful or not lawful to make more than one place at a time in Doubles, Triples, and Caters, or to make places at hand or more than two places at backstroke in even-bell ringing? That is the question, and I feel sure, sir, that when it is thus pointed out you will agree with me that it is one which every member of the Council can perfectly understand.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

LEWES RINGERS' LOSSES.

The ringers of Southover, Lewes, have sustained the loss, by death, of two sincere friends during the last month.

Captain Stewart-Jones, of the 5th Royal Sussex Regiment, who had resided at Southover Grange, was killed in action in Flanders on May 9th. He had commanded the Lewes company since August, 1912, when he succeeded the Earl of Chichester. Although not a ringer, he had held the posts of Rector's warden and sidesman at Southover Church, and was greatly interested in the ringers and their doings. He was always ready with an open purse to swell the funds for their annual recreations, and he will be greatly missed by all. Mrs. Stewart-Jones was away from home, when the sad news was received, staying at the house of her father, Admiral Holland, of Chichester. Great sympathy has been expressed by all who know the gallant captain, who leaves a widow and four children.

Mr. George F. Tyler, who had been a ringing member of the band for a long period until the last few years, when he was compelled to give up ringing, owing to extra pressure of duties, was employed by the L.B. and S.C. Railway as carriage examiner, and his death was caused by a fall in a break van (which he was examining) owing to a sudden pull up of the train. By the fall he fractured two ribs, and, pneumonia supervening, he died on May 14th at the early age of 38 years. He only rang one peal, Grandsire Doubles, at Little Horsted, Sussex, on May 24th, 1905. He was greatly esteemed by all who knew him, and he always had a cheery word and smile. Great sympathy is felt by all for the widow and two children whom he leaves to mourn their loss.

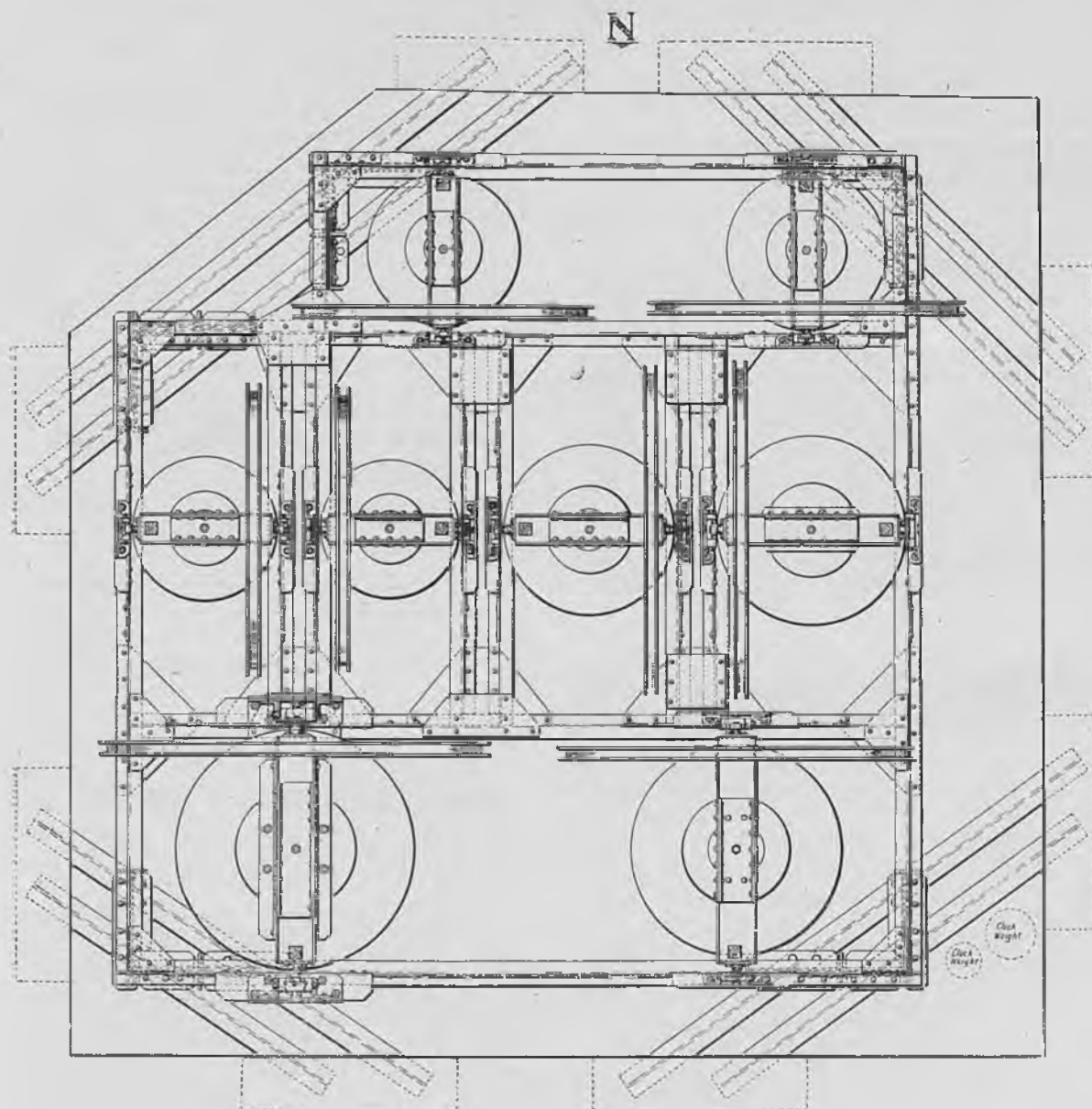
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YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to thank Mr. H. Williams for pointing out that what you published for me as "Kensington Surprise" in your issue for the 14th inst., is a reproduction of Yorkshire Surprise, and to hereby withdraw all my intended claim thereto.—Yours very truly,

H. J. DAINS.



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NOTICES.

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

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on May 25th, at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock, service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. M. M. Connor (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than May 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Birch Fields, Rusholme, on Whit-Saturday, May 29th. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on June 3rd and 17th, for business on the 8th and 22nd, all at 8 p.m. At St. John's, Hackney, for practice on June 1st and 15th, at 8 p.m., and for service on Sunday the 20th, at 6 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays for practice at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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

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

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

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the Society will be held at Tong, on Saturday, June 5th, 1915. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Greyhound Inn at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Sec.

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

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

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

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

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in London on Saturday, June 19th. Fuller particulars next week.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

KIDDERMINSTER.—At the Parish Church, 480 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Wakeman 1, W. Smith 2, N. Davis 3, T. J. Salter (conductor 4), E. J. Brooks 5, J. Smith 6, E. H. Woodberry 7, W. H. Smith 8.

WOLVERLEY.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells: W. Short 1—2, *C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 3—4, T. J. Salter 5—6, *E. J. Brooks 7—8. *First quarter-peal on handbells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Recently, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: Stanley Andrews (first 720) 1, C. Poulson (first inside) 2, S. H. Symonds 3—4, A. Symonds 5—6. Also 720's: Fredk. Dakin (first 720) 1, C. Poulson 2, A. Symonds 3—4, S. H. Symonds 5—6; F. Mann (first 720) 1, C. Poulson 2, A. Symonds 3—4, S. H. Symonds 5—6; S. H. Symonds 1—2, C. Poulson 3, F. Dakin (first 720 inside) 4, A. Symonds 5—6; C. Poulson (first 720 double-handed) 1—2, H. S. 3—4, A. S. 5—6; 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Dakin (first in the method) 1, C. Poulson (first in the method) 2, S. H. Symonds 3—4, A. Symonds 5—6.—On Monday, March 29th, at the residence of S. H. Symonds, a date touch 1915 changes of Bob Minor: F. Dakin 1, C. Poulson 2, S. H. Symonds 3—4, A. Symonds 5—6. Ring to celebrate the 19th birthday of F. Dakin. All conducted by S. H. Symonds.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, for men's service, on March 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: Second Lieut. W. Anderson 1, C. Golding 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8. For evening service, 336 Bob Major.—On March 21st, for evening service, 546 Grandsire Triples: H. Floyd 1, W. H. Newell 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, Second Lieut. W. Anderson 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on March 18th, 720 Bob Minor: *C. Terry 1, Geo. Durling 2, F. King 3, F. Terry 4, *W. Dennis 5, W. Smith (conductor) 6, William Meek 7. *Longest length in the method. Longest length in any method on the bells since they have been restarted after eight months' silence.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Skinner 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrell 5, C. Hunt (conductor) 6, F. Skervington 7, W. Brooks 8.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association.—For morning service, at St. Mary's Church, on March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Smith (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, H. Holloway 2, R. H. Boddington 3, W. Phillips 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, A. E. Smith 8.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association.—For men's service at St. Mary's Church, on April 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Lawrence 1, H. Cooke 2, C. Hes 3, Robt. Holloway 4, C. Hunt 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. W. Fruin 8. For morning service, on April 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: C. Edwards 1, R. H. Boddington 2, V. Holloway 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, B. Brewer 6, Sergt. J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, A. E. Smith 8.—On the Eve of Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Edwards 1, G. E. Harbour 2, Miss E. Jones 3, W. Phillips 4, A. Hubbard 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, J. W. Fruin 8. Also 464 Bob Major: C. Edwards 1, R. H. Boddington 2, W. Phillips 3, A. Hubbard (conductor) 4, G. E. Harbour 5, V. Holloway 6, B. Brewer 7, W. Lawrence 8. For evening service, on Ascension Day, 352 of Bob Major.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On March 30th, after Confirmation service, 1260 of Grandsire Triples: R. Hookham 1, E. Hookham 2, F. E. Davis 3, H. Gillett 4, E. Pardon 5, E. Hill 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, G. Pugh 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hall 1, T. Banning 2, H. Packer 3, W. Stratford 4, J. Collett 5, H. Gillett 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Butler 8.

PUDSEY.—On April 6th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. Kitchen (age 12) 1, Wm. Barton (conductor) 2, J. Ambler (age 15 years), first 720, 3, S. Ward 4, S. Helliwell 5, E. Mann 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On April 7th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, T. J. Watts 3, R. Law 4, J. Luckey 5, Pte W. Duffield (Beds Yeomanry) 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, H. W. Watts 8.—On April 15th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Watts 1, J. Luckey 2, G. Gray 3, H. W. Watts 4, W. Watts (conductor) 5, R. Law 6.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—At a most successful practice, on April 14th, 720 each of Woodbine, Double Court and Double Oxford was rung, those taking part being: H. E. Bowers (Great Bardfield), E. Claydon, J. T. Barker and H. Young (Stebbing), A. Shuffelbotham and H. Redgwell (Bocking).

SOUTH STOKE, OXON.—On April 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the occasion of the birthday of Miss E. O. Nind: S. Kew 1, J. Bower (Goring) 2, Miss E. O. Nind 3, W. Geall 4, G. Wilson (Goring), conductor, 5.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On April 17th, 224 Bob Major: H. Mulard 1, T. N. Mack 2, G. Luff 3, Mrs. R. Whittington 4, R. Whittington 5, W. G. Brockhurst 6, T. Attwell 7, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 8. 252 Stedman Triples: E. Jones 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, T. Attwell 3, G. Luff 4, R. Whittington 5, T. N. Mack 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, B. Filchett (first in the method) 8. 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by R. Whittington, and 210 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. J. Bartlett.—On April 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: G. Luff 1, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 2, T. Luff 3, Pte E. Jones (5th Batt. K.S.L.I., late of Chirk, Salop), 1st in the method, 4, T. Attwell 5, T. W. Burdock 6, W. G. Brockhurst 7, Pte G. E. Wheatley, R.M.L.I. (late of Chiddingfold) 8. Rung as a farewell to their two soldiers who were under orders.

ST. ALBANS.—At the Cathedral, for evening service, on April 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 53 mins.: G. W. Cartmel 1, H. Jarman 2, Sergt. W. C. Wakley 3, Sergt. R. Pickering 4, R. E. Hammond 5, H. E. C. Goodenough 6, E. Whitbread (conductor) 7, H. Arnold 8. Mr. Jarman hails from Harpenden, and Sergts. Wakley and Pickering are stationed there with the Territorial Forces, and belong to Burton-on-Trent and Northamptonshire respectively.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on April 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Capp 1, A. W. Gravett 2, R. Stredwick 3, W. C. Hart 4, F. Bennett 5, Pte F. W. Bailey 6, B. Bassett 7, A. D. Stone (conductor) 8, K. Hart 9, Sergt. F. F. Trusler (R.A.M.C.) 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Pte F. W. Bailey, of Suffolk, also to mark the anniversary of the opening of the bells on April 16th.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SALOP.—On April 18th, for evening service, several touches of Plain Bob Doubles, including a six-score: W. Clay 1, E. V. Rodenhurst 2, A. White 3, W. Lycett (conductor) 4, H. Edwards 5, A. Turner 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On April 18th, at St. Thomas' Church, for morning service, 504 Bob Triples: V. Harman 1, C. W. Cooper 2, G. H. Pagett (conductor) 3, T. Heathcock 4, W. Hand 5, A. W. Dodd 6, W. A. Pugh 7, H. Thomas 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. W. Cooper 1, W. A. Pugh 2, G. H. Pagett 3, A. W. Dodd 4, A. Whatmore 5, W. Short 6, R. Matthews (conductor) 7, W. Hand 8.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On April 18th, for evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: *A. W. Davis 1, W. E. Judd 2, *J. H. Payne 3, A. Cutmore 4, *W. J. Daubney 5, A. V. Selby 6, W. E. Garrard 7, C. Charge (conductor) 8. *First quarter-peal of Major.

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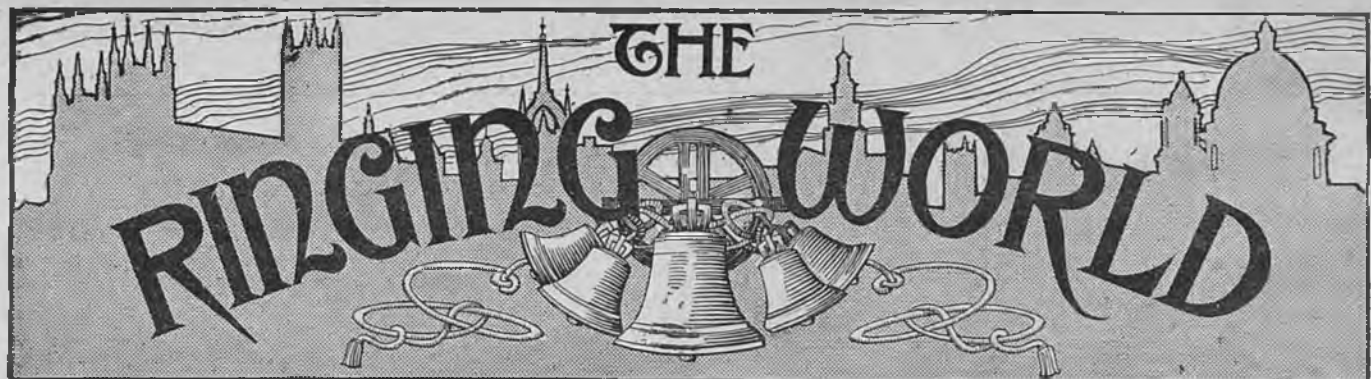


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MODERN WORK.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REFLECTIONS.

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

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

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

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

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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SIX BELL PEALS.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

Conducted by W. J. SAINT.

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

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

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

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

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

Conducted by WALTER GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

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

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

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

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

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

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 23, 1915, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

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

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

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

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 30, 1915, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. REED, PARK FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

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

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: C. POULSON.

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

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

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

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

Walter C. Rose, of Wyke Regis, Mechanical Transport, A.S.C., now at Grove Park, Kent.
H. S. Stow, of Staveley, R.A.M.C.
J. Marshall, of St. Outhbert's, Benfieldside, R.A.M.C.
Corpl. C. Munn, of Biddenden, Kent, 144th Fortress Engineers, now at Buxton, Derbyshire.
H. Brisley, of Willesborough, Kent, Ordinary Seaman H.M.S. "Ark Royal."
W. Lancesfield, of Willesborough, 82nd Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C.
G. Skeers, of Brabourne, Kent, Royal Garrison Artillery.
W. G. Martin, of Huxcorn, Kent, 1st Home Counties Field Ambulance, somewhere in France.
C. Murrell, of Headcorn, 5th Battalion "The Buffs," now at Hoo, Kent.
Corpl. Thos. A. Doick, of Pulborough, Sussex, R.A.M.C.
The following from Eye, Suffolk, are serving:—
Sergt. A. E. Bowell, 5th Suffolk Regiment, and
Sergt. G. E. Day, 5th Suffolk Regiment, at Watford.
Pte H. Day, 5th Suffolk Regiment, at Bury.
Pte H. Todd, 5th Suffolk Regiment, at Cambridge.
Corpl. F. Brunning, Kitcheners' Army, now at Felixstowe.
Tpr. E. Clover, 16th Lancers, invalided from France, now at Curragh, Ireland.

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

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

Pte Lionel Clark, of Sandhurst, Kent, band, who joined the 2nd "Buffs" when war broke out, is back in England, wounded in the leg.

Seaman George Isaac Playle, who was among those who lost their lives in the sinking of H.M.S. "Goliath" at the Dardanelles, was a ringer at Dagenham Church, Essex. A son of Mr. G. Playle, who is a well-known Essex ringer, the deceased had been learning for about four months when he enlisted.

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

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

SERVICE MEN CELEBRATE EMPIRE DAY.

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

AT YORK MINSTER.

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

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

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SPECIAL REPORT BY "THE RINGING WORLD"
REPRESENTATIVE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

READY TO PRINT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGITIMATE METHODS COMMITTEE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

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

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

A TIME LIMIT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

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

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

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

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

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

SPRING FRAME EFFECTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. BREAKING NEW GROUND.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE CARILLON AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

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



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LADIES CELEBRATE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TO THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD.

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

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

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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.**

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

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

THE BISHOP AND THE BELL.

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

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

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

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

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

THE PLACE OF MEETING.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEATH OF A SHEFFIELD RINGER.

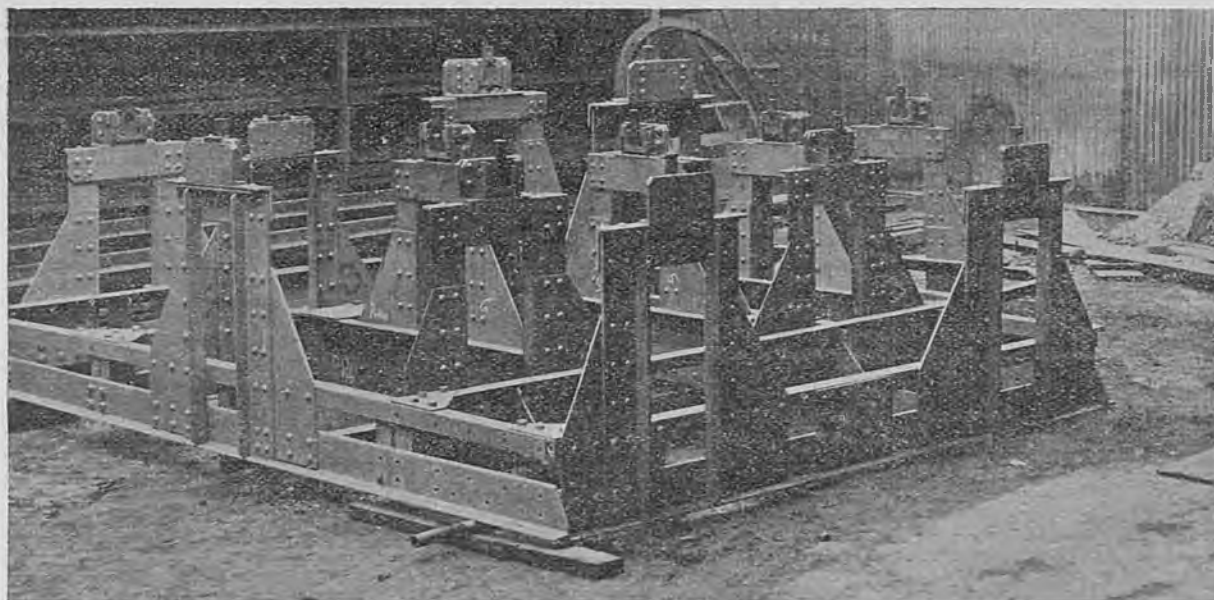
It is with deep regret that we record the painfully sudden death, at the age of 62 years, of Mr. Arthur Brearley, who for over thirty years was closely connected with the Sheffield Cathedral ringers.

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

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

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

NOTICES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

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

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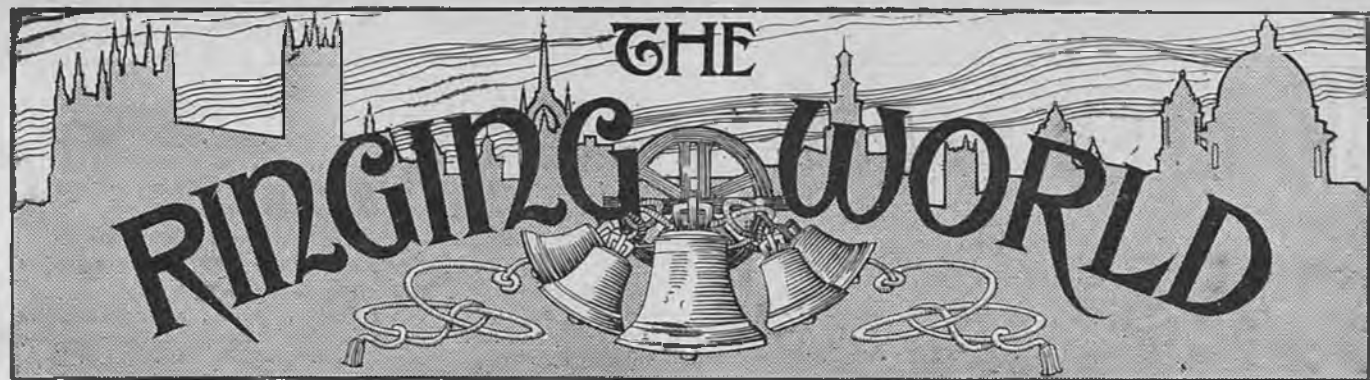


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I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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MODERN WORK.

THE TIME LIMIT.

The one decision of the Central Council which most nearly affects ringers is that which fixes a time limit to the publication of the record of a peal if it is to be included in the Analysis. All the other resolutions, with the exception of that giving a lead as to ringing in war time, merely concern, at any rate for the moment, the carrying on of the work of the Council. The question of the time limit arose out of the report of the Analysis Committee, whose stupendous work in normal times has not infrequently been added to by the thoughtlessness or oversight of those who, having rung a peal, have left over the publication of the particulars for some months.

It is perfectly obvious that no committee responsible for the compilation of a vast statistical report ought to be given the trouble of correcting and readjusting their figures merely to suit the convenience of those who have failed to record their performance within a reasonable time. Hitherto the only limit to publication to secure insertion in the Analysis has been that a peal rung in one year must be published before the end of February in the next, but the Council have now gone a step further, legitimately we think, and fixed a period of eight weeks within which the record must appear. This gives ample time to those concerned in the peal to see to its publication, and will enable the committee to keep fairly well abreast of their work, for, as was pointed out at the meeting, the task would be almost an impossible one if the whole thing were left until practically the end of the year before the work was undertaken.

More than once the Committee have pointed out—and the present occasion is not inappropriate to offer a reminder—that the person who should really make himself responsible for forwarding the details for publication is the conductor. If he does not actually write and post the report it should be his concern to see that it is done, and in the vast majority of cases this is the course which is acted upon. It is the few exceptions which are the cause of the trouble, but the action of the Council should have a good effect.

One other side to these delayed reports was mentioned in the course of the discussion, that it opened the way to "faked" records. While a delay of, say a year, in publication, would, of course, make it all the more difficult to disprove an alleged performance of this kind, we do not think there is, or ever has been, much fear of such a thing happening. Questionable performances have, we know, occasionally been published, but it is rather difficult to see how anyone could impose a perfectly fictitious record upon the Exercise without its being quickly "spotted." There are many checks upon a peal, and we can hardly believe that six or eight men could be found so deficient in the sense of honour as to allow their names to be used for such a paltry and contemptible action.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, June 5, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK MONTFORD Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5
*JOSEPH HANLEY 2	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
THOMAS TUDOR 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 7
WILLIAM WEATHERS ... 4	GEORGE HALL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. † First peal with a bob bell. This was the quickest peal on the bells and was rung in honour of the King's Birthday.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1915, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt., in E flat.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

First peal on the bells. It was rung after the dedication, by the Bishop of Rochester, of the new tower, spire and bells, the munificent gift of the Vicar of Christ Church, the Rev. A. W. Boulden. The bells were put in by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, of London. It was also R. Brough's 50th peal and was rung on his 21st birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ECCLESFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At 180, THE CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANCES;

JOHN THORPE 1-2	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6
GEORGE LEWIS 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 7-8

R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 9-10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: COLIN HARRISON.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 6, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM R. HENSHER ... 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3-4	WALTER PERKINS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Umpire: CECIL CHAPMAN.

First peal as conductor on handbells. This is the first time that Holt's Original has been rung upon handbells by the Association. The umpire ticked off all the bob lead ends throughout the peal. Rung as a farewell to William R. Hensher, who is leaving for Canada.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	79	4	6
Bushey Society (May collection)	0	5	0
"Wanderer" (May contribution)	0	2	0
"Mrs. Wanderer" (May contribution)	0	2	0
Total	£79	13	6

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving in H.M. Forces:—

- Spr. Frederick Bennett, of Clandon, Surrey, Royal Engineers (T.F.).
 Spr. Peter Laffin, of Debenham, Suffolk, 1st London Divisional Engineers, now at Mile End, London.
 Tpr. E. E. Grimes, No. 2048, 2/1 Suffolk Yeomanry, now at Ely.
 Spr. Sam Cadwallender, of Rainford, Lancs, Royal Engineers, W.L.D.
 Spr. A. Jones, late of Rainford, Royal Engineers, W.L.D.
 Pte F. Isaacs, of Titchfield, Hants, A.O.C., now at Haulbowline, Ireland.
 Pte. F. C. Love, of Titchfield, A.S.C. Mechanical Transport, now at Derby.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, is now discharging duties as a Chaplain of the Forces, at Rouen.

Lieut. C. O. Sayer (7th Durham Light Infantry), of Sunderland Parish Church Guild, and an hon. member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Ringers, had his leg broken in the fighting on Whit-Monday in Flanders, and is reported to be a prisoner in a German hospital. Prior to the war he was mathematical lecturer at the Sunderland Day Training College.

FAILEN HEROES.**RINGERS KILLED IN THE WAR.**

As we briefly announced last week, the ranks of Kettering ringers have suffered a loss by the death of Pte William Henry Snart, one of the parish church company, and eldest son of Mr. J. H. Snart, of 10, Melton Street, Kettering, who was killed in action on May 10th. Previous to his enlistment in August deceased was employed as a presser. News of his death at the front was conveyed in a letter addressed to his parents by Sergt. J. Harris, who belonged to the same company in the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment, and who went to the front with Pte Snart in February. The letter intimates that the deceased fell in action, being hit in the head by a rifle bullet, and conveys the sympathy of the men of the company.

Pte Snart was a choir boy at Isham Church, where he was taught to handle a bell by Mr. E. Maurice Atkins. He joined the Kettering ringers soon after he left school, and for three years had been most assiduous in his duties in the belfry. He was only 16 years of age when he went to the front, and was in the trenches on his 17th birthday. The bells of the Parish Church have been rung, muffled, to his memory, and at Isham, after service, on Sunday evening, May 22nd, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells muffled, by: T. Gorley 1, G. Blaxley 2, F. Talbutt 3, A. E. Fourt 4, D. Mallett 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6.

The death of George Isaac Playle is mourned by the Dagenham, Essex, band. As already briefly announced, he went down in H.M.S. "Goliath" when she was sunk in the Dardanelles. The deceased had learnt ringing under his father, and was making good progress when he joined the Navy. He has a brother, also a ringer, serving afloat.

At a memorial service, which was held on May 26th, at Dagenham, the bells were rung half-muffled, and after the service, the "whole-pull" and stand was rung, followed by 720 Kent Treble Bob—G. Chaplin 1, E. Hawkins 2, G. Coltis 3, E. J. Butler 4, A. Chaplin (conductor) 5, A. Hardy 6.

Another ringer who has given his life for his country is C. Howe, of Linslade, Bucks, a member of the North Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild. His parents received an intimation from Boulogne Hospital stating that he had been admitted there, having been shot through the eye on May 22nd. Later they received a telegram that he had passed away on May 29th, without having regained consciousness.

On Tuesday evening, June 1st, the St. Barnabas ringers, with the help of Messrs. W. Seabrook, F. Dedman and W. Jeffs, rang the bells of Linslade Parish Church, half-muffled, when 336 and 210 Grandsire Triples, among other touches, were brought round.

The deceased commenced ringing in 1910 at a time when the St. Barnabas' band was very short-handed through several of the older members leaving the parish on account of slackness of work in the neighbourhood. He made good progress, and was soon able to ring the treble in Grandsire Doubles, while, as the band improved, he made a good ringer in the method on eight bells. At the outbreak of war he got permission to enlist in the Bucks Territorials, being at the time engaged on the L. and N.W. Railway as a telephone operator and train booker at the Leighton Buzzard Station. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, he was ever ready to help in any church work.

PRESENTATION TO A KENSINGTON RINGER.

At a meeting of the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, on the evening of June 1st, Mr. Percy Miles, a popular member, was the recipient of congratulations and a small gift to mark the occasion of his wedding, which took place recently. The gift, a clock in a handsome oak case, was subscribed for by members of the Guild. All present joined in wishing him every happiness and prosperity, and expressed the wish that he would still be able to continue an active and valued member of the Guild.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford district was held at Clandon and Merrow on Saturday. Ringers were present to the number of about 40, from Guildford, Shalford, Ash, Aldershot, Farnham, Woking, Worplesdon, Leatherhead, Frensham, etc., in addition to the two local towers, whilst the visitors included Miss Elsie Bennett and Mr. F. Hairs (who had cycled from London), and Miss Steele from Bedford. Service was held in Merrow Church, conducted by the Rev. W. W. S. Fleet, Mr. H. Pleass kindly presiding at the organ. The tea took place in the Village Hall, presided over by the chairman of the district (Mr. A. C. Hazelden). There was very little business, the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Edwards, Farnham) having nothing to report.—One new member was elected.

Afterwards some capital touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on hardbells, amongst those taking a pair being Miss Elsie Bennett and Mrs. Hazelden. The towers of both churches being open, various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The June meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild took place at Rolvenden, Kent, on Saturday, Benenden, Hawkhurst, Fairfield, Rye, Tenterden, Stone-in-Oxney belfries being represented, while a number of the local band also attended.—One Guild member was present wearing the King's uniform, viz., Mr. Ben Goldsmith, of Rolvenden, who is in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He looked very fit, and one gathered that the conditions of military life thoroughly agreed with his constitution. Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples and courses of Stedman Triples were rung, but several attempts at a touch of Stedman unfortunately proved a failure. New Romney was selected as the rendezvous for July, the meeting to be held on the first Saturday in the month.—On the proposition of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs), seconded by Mr. C. Tribe, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the captain of the local ringers (Mr. A. Blackman) for rendering valuable assistance in making arrangements for the Guild to visit Rolvenden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY MEETING OF THE ASHFORD DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Ashford district was held at Wye on Whit-Monday, and all things tended to make the gathering an unqualified success. The new Vicar of Ashford (the Rev. L. P. Crawford) kindly granted permission to ring in his tower during the morning, and the majority of the members, having to pass through on the way to Wye, availed themselves of this unique opportunity, and made good use of the time at their disposal. The bells were raised in peal, and were kept going in touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and then lowered in peal. The Vicar visited the tower, and gave a very cordial welcome to the members of the Association.

The bells at Wye were raised in peal soon after two o'clock, and touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round, and also 120 of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering, in which Mrs. Gatehouse rang the treble.—The Vicar (the Rev. Edgar Lambert) paid a visit to the belfry, and heartily welcomed the members to Wye. He gave them a short history of the tower and the church, and added that, as the bells had recently been rebung, retuned, etc., he hoped they would find the "go" and tone satisfactory.

The members partook of a substantial meat tea at the New Flying Horse Inn, and, needless to say, this was done thorough justice to. After tea, cigars, which had been kindly sent by the Vicar, were handed round, and were greatly appreciated.—A vote of thanks was passed to the caterer, Mr. Woodstock, for providing such an excellent repast.

A special service was afterwards held in the church, the Association's form being used, and a very able and instructive address given by Dr. Springett, who conducted the service at the request of the Vicar.

A business meeting was subsequently held in the belfry, Mr. G. Paine, the district representative, presiding. — Several new members were elected.—It was proposed that the annual meeting of the district should be held at Ashford in September, and, judging from the Vicar's welcome in the morning, will in all human probability take place.

The names of the members from the various towers in the district, who have left to serve their King and country, were read out by the secretary, and out of the 20 who had so done, two had already lost their young and promising lives, and one had been severely wounded in the Dardanelles.

A very hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to the Vicar for permission for the meeting, for his cordial welcome to the members, and for his kindly gift of cigars, and also to Dr. Springett for the service and address.

A cordial welcome was also extended to the members of the other Districts of the Association (five out of the six districts being represented) and also to Mr. E. F. Cole, an old and esteemed non-resident life member from St. Paul's, Hammersmith, who was taking a walking tour in the Weald.

The bells were afterwards again set in motion, and touches rung in the methods previously mentioned, as well as a touch of Double Norwich. The bells gave complete satisfaction both in tone and "go," and the frame (which well paid for the extra climb for inspection) was pronounced a real work of art.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT. (Continued from Page 285).

We give below the continuation of the report of the proceedings of the Central Council at the meeting in London on Whitsun Tuesday. At the conclusion of the discussion on the committees' reports, the Council came to the motions of which notice had been given.

NO NATIONAL BADGE.

The President said the first subject for discussion was the proposal that was postponed from the Winchester meeting, that the Council should approve and issue a national badge for ringers. The Council would remember that the matter was postponed upon the ground that, before they could come to any resolution in the matter, it was essential they should know the views of the Associations, because it would be absurd for them, who represented, through the delegates, the various associations, to take any steps that were not the outcome of the wish of those associations, and he was rather doubtful whether the subject had been brought before more than a minority of them. However, that, no doubt, would transpire in the course of the discussion.

There was a rather lengthy pause, and the President intimated that if no one had anything to say they would pass on.

Mr. A. A. Hughes said the matter was brought before the College Youths, and the opinion of the meeting was that they did not want a national badge at all; they did not care to be labelled.

Mr. J. Griffin said he thought it was a matter for the individual associations to deal with, and not a matter for the Council at all.

The Rev. C. C. Parker said a great many associations already had a badge. He consulted the Bath and Wells Association, and they had no objection to the issue of a special badge, although they had had one of their own for some time.

The President: What we are short of is some gentleman keen enough about this matter to put his views before the meeting (laughter). Canon Baker moved that the Council pass on to the next business.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, as, he said, amid laughter, it was he who brought the subject up last year. It was, however, not altogether in accordance with his views, but he did it to oblige those who asked him to do so. The only badge, he thought, which would decorate a ringer of suitable age would be the war medal (hear, hear).—The motion to proceed to the next business was carried *unanimously*.

LEGITIMACY OF METHODS.

The President said they now came to what they had looked forward to as a three-cornered fight, but one of the three corners, the Rev. H. Law James, was not present, so it resolved itself into a duel between the Hon. Secretary and Mr. Trollope, which they would anxiously await the result of (laughter, and a Member: Do they want seconds?)

The Hon. Secretary then moved: "That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions,' 1904." Having reminded the Council that the motion was in exactly the same terms as that submitted to the Council three years ago, the Hon. Secretary proceeded to explain that the long delay in bringing the matter up since the publication of the "Rules and Decisions" was that for some years after the report was issued he really did not deeply study the matter, and he took it for granted that the Legitimate Methods Committee had issued some simple statement as to what methods were legitimate and what were not. It was only when he found out that methods which he thought perfectly lawful and right to be rung were taboo that his eyes were opened, and he began to look into it and found things were very different from what he had thought them to be. The statements to which he chiefly took objection were:—

"The working bells shall be in the same coursing order at each lead head, and end in the plain course"—this means that all methods must have what are known as Bob Major lead ends.

"A plain lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work from the lead head to the lead end, it is in a different relative position among the working bells, but the working bells are in the same coursing order.

"A bob lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work it is in a different relative position among the working bells and the working bells have three of their number in a different coursing order.

"A single lead is a succession of rows so arranged that . . . the working bells have two of their number in a different coursing order."

Before he proceeded to argue his position he would like to say he hoped the members of the Council would not think this was an abstruse question. There was an appreciative and kind article in the previous week's issue of "The Ringing World" in which, however, the writer thought the subject led them into abstruse technicalities. He (Mr. Davies) hoped no member would think this an abstruse question; it was not. It was a question which, he thought, every ringer was capable of deciding for himself. It was a question whether they should restrict themselves, as he thought they ought, to natural place making in a method, or whether they should allow extra places to be made; whether they were, in fact, to regard it as optional whether they upset the order of the in and out of course of the changes or not. In Doubles their rows were in course until they called a single; in Triples they were alternately in course and out of course, because in Doubles there was an even number of pairs of bells, and in Triples

there was an odd number of pairs. When they came to ring on even numbers of bells there was a very simple rule, which was that they changed all the pairs at one row, and then they made two places at the next row. That was what he contended the law was, and it was his argument that that law should be retained.

CONFUSION OF TERMS.

Proceeding, Mr. Davies dealt with some of the terms used in the definitions. In the extracts he had quoted there was the term "coursing order," and it was well that they should make the meaning clear. Nowhere, so far as he could find in the committee's report, was there any real explanation of "coursing order," but it was really used in two senses quite different from one another. One use of the expression was that in which it meant the order in which the bells moved up and down within the lead following one another. Then there was another sense in which the committee had used it, and which was the very opposite of the other. It was used in the sense of the order in which throughout a plain course the different bells fell into any given position, such, for instance, as the order in which the bells in Bob Major made second's place, which was quite the reverse to the order in which they followed one another up and down within the lead. Mr. James had used the term "coursing circle" for the order in which the bells fell into any given position. Part of his (the speaker's) position was this, that it was all very well to talk of coursing order when they were ringing plain methods; in Grandsire and Plain Bob there was a very palpable coursing order, but when they came to anything like intricate methods, he contended that coursing in the sense in which the bells follow one another up and down within the lead practically vanished. Therefore, he held, "coursing order" had no signification when they came to complicated methods, but when it came to "coursing circles" every method must have its coursing circle. The Legitimate Methods Committee wished to tie them down to one single coursing circle. They said that all legitimate methods were to have Plain Bob lead ends, which meant that they were to have one coursing circle and one alone. He objected to being tied to that as obligatory. He did not object to it as an alternative one, he did not wish to rule it out of order at all; but he did not see why it should be the only one. He wanted a little more freedom, and he thought they would gain by that freedom. In change ringing, continued Mr. Davies, they had agreed to ring changes in certain ways; they were not the only possible ways, but still they had been agreed to. First of all there were two rules which neither Mr. James nor Mr. Trollope nor anyone else had attempted to throw over, one was the rule of pairs, which was that bells changed places in pairs, and no bell moved more than one place at a time; the other was the rule that no bell should strike more than two consecutive blows in the same place. That they called the law of places. Then there came, as he thought, naturally from that, the law, which the Legitimate Methods Committee wanted more or less to overthrow and to treat as absolutely optional and which he called the law of succession. This meant that when they were ringing changes on an odd number of bells they should never have more than one bell lying still, and, when they came to even methods, no places made in one row and two, and two only, in the next row. All the rules were perfectly arbitrary in one sense, viz., that they need not have made them, but they had taken certain rules arbitrarily chosen and, having taken them, they had no right to throw them over and, from being arbitrary, they had now become fundamental. The committee had taken one of those rules which change ringers had chosen and, having chosen, were now forced to obey, and in place of it they had put in another which, instead of being a rule at all was a mere resulting phenomenon. It just happened that when they started from rounds and wrote out a lead with all the bells plain hunting that the bells fell into a certain row, and why they should be forced to take that row as a binding obligation in all methods he failed to see. It was not necessary, and it led to the overthrow of that rule which he regarded as fundamental, the law of succession.

HOW METHODS HAD GROWN.

He contended that the Plain Bob lead ends were arrived at by the inventor of the method in a merely haphazard way, for many things, including the Grandsire Single, which was the most unscientific single they could have, showed that people at the start did not begin with a scientific theory, but simply went from stage to stage seeing how far they could get. That was how methods had grown, one being a little improvement on another. It was only in later days that they had been able to sit down, as Mr. James had done, and work them out by wonderful theories. Therefore, he said, Bob Major lead ends were merely haphazard. The plain lead ends failed to keep the bells in coursing order in the more complicated methods, and they were consequently needless, because there were others they could use and use with advantage. Then, too, these Plain Bob lead ends did not secure, as of necessity, the points on which the Legitimate Methods Committee had set their hearts, for there were many methods which would be included in the forthcoming book by the Legitimate Methods Committee, which had got the bells out behind out of coursing order. Therefore, not only were the Plain Bob lead ends needless, they were futile. He objected to being tied to the Plain Bob lead ends, because there were other good methods which did not possess them, and which were beautiful methods. He need cite only two, one was Duffield and another was the well-known method of Union Triples, which was one of the most beautiful methods to ring that they could possibly have. But Union Triples did not fall in with the Legitimate

Methods Committee's requirements; the lead ends were not the lead ends which the committee had declared to be necessary, and so, he said, tying themselves down to the Plain Bob lead ends was mischievous, because they debarred themselves from using many methods most beautiful and most useful. Then he objected also because it was a perfectly now-fangled idea.

SUGGESTED NEW DEFINITIONS.

Proceeding, Mr. Davies said that, as he was trying to overthrow the definitions which had been laid down, it was only fair and right that he should propose something in their place. Before, however, they could attempt to define a plain lead or a bob lead, they must define "treble lead." It was a very unfortunate phrase, for it was used in at least four different senses. First of all they might mean by "treble's lead," the two blows at which the treble was leading, and he thought that was the best sense in which they could use it. The next sense in which it was used was to represent the whole number of rows between the times when the treble left one lead and came to lead the next time. In that sense he proposed to use the word "section." There was a difficulty about that, as the treble lead was not always the same, for, if they had a bob at the end of the lead in plain Bob Major, the last row was different, and in Grandsire Triples the last two rows were different to what they would be if they had no call. They must, therefore, have words to show which they meant, and one he called a "plain section" and the other a "bob section." But they wanted also a word to express the set of rows which were always the same, and which could not be cut up in the way he had just described. In Plain Bob Major, if they started with the back-stroke lead of the treble and wrote out the hunting lead until the treble led at hand-stroke, they got a set of sixteen rows which never could be altered; in Grandsire the division occurred a row earlier. The real and practical division was at what they knew was the bob change.

Mr. Trollope: What about singles?

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he was not talking about singles; the Grandsire single was a most hideous thing. These sets of rows, which could not be altered, he would call a "block." When they had got a block, it could be followed or preceded by only one of two others, either by a plain lead or a bob lead. There was one other sense in which they used the term "treble's lead," and they meant by it the back-stroke lead of the treble. It was immutably tied, in Grandsire, to 13 other rows; he called it the characteristic of that block, because when they used that row they had to use all the other rows that must go with it.

BOB MAKING AND COURSING ORDER.

Next, continued the speaker, they must come to a definition of "plain lead" and "bob lead" in the sense in which he had always understood the words. The blocks were immutable, and when they passed from one block to another, they did so by what he called a "link." If it was a plain lead, he called it a "plain link," which, in Grandsire, was 7th's place. If it was a bob lead he called it a "bob link" and, in Grandsire, it was 3rd's. These links were the mode of passage from one block to the other. Now they came to the effect of a bob. The Legitimate Methods Committee said that a bob altered the relative position among the working bells, leaving three of their number in a different coursing order. He had always regarded a bob as a simple alteration in the paths of three of the bells. It did not matter what the method was or how the bob was made, they must have at least three bells, but in Grandsire and Treble Bob they had more bells because they had a mixed bob. In Plain Bob the bob was made two places from the place made at the plain lead. He did not see that a bob had anything to do with the coursing order at all, it was simply an interchange of work between three bells, which might have been coursing one another or might not. In the course of further argument, Mr. Davies said the committee had made themselves slaves not only to a particular coursing order, but to a particular coursing circle, and it was because Stedman, which consisted of two kinds of sixes, did not fall in with this view that Mr. James had told them that Stedman Triples, as it was now rung, was not real Stedman Triples, and maintained that the quick six was a bob.

The President: We as a Council have never assented to Mr. James's theory on Stedman, and I think you should confine yourself to what we have decided in print.

Mr. Davies then proceeded at length to answer certain statements made elsewhere by Mr. James, and was eventually asked by the President if he thought it worth while to go on controverting Mr. James's statements when he (Mr. James) was not there.

Mr. Davies: I wish he had been here.

The President: But is it worth while spending much time over them?

Mr. Davies said he had nearly finished, and after further challenging some of Mr. James's arguments formally moved his motion, having spoken exactly an hour and twelve minutes.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded the motion. He had hoped, he said, to have been able to say something more about the word "Legitimate," but he would not do so at that hour of the afternoon.

The President drew the attention of the Council to the position they were in with regard to the resolution. It was entirely within the rights of any member to draw attention to the desirability of reconsidering a matter which they had printed as the outcome of the careful opinion of the Council. He had listened with very great interest to Mr. Davies as he set forth his objections to some of the

definitions that had previously been come to by the Council and printed, but he would like to point out that it was quite useless to enter upon a discussion of what Mr. Davies had advanced in that Council. There was only a limited number of gentlemen in the Council who had been at pains to acquaint themselves with the principles that underlay what Mr. Davies had been talking about, and their usual course had always been to refer such matters to their expert committees, who were carefully selected in order to deal with specific points, to let them sift the matter out and then bring it before the Council. If they carried the resolution, and he thought himself that Mr. Davies had made out a case for reconsideration, it seemed to him that the proper thing was to refer the matter to the committee. Mr. Davies would then be in communication with the committee, and they could argue the matter among themselves. If they came to a decision that certain alterations were desirable, they would put those alterations before the Council, who would or would not confirm them. He submitted, however, that it would be quite useless and a great waste of time to enter into an argument on the great many points which Mr. Davies had raised that afternoon (applause).

The suggestion to refer the matter to committee was carried by acclamation. (To be continued).

A BELL OPENING A CENTURY AGO.

The following somewhat quaint account of the opening of the ring of twelve at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, appears in the Peal Book of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham:—

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Wm. Booth	6	Bills and Hudson	Tenor

On the following day a complete peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung by members of the same Society, and is duly recorded in the peal book.

Unfortunately the cup "disappeared," or it would be a very highly prized possession of the St. Martin's "Youths" of to-day.

It will be noted that on this occasion the ringing was not a matter of a few hours, but extended over several days; truly it must have been "some" opening.

"A NOTABLE PEAL OF 100 YEARS AGO."

On June 12th, 1815, what is believed to have been the first peal of Grandsire Maximus rung out of London was accomplished at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

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Thos. Worrall	4	Alex. Sanders	10
Henry Cooper	5	T. Thurstans & W. Marsh	11
Thos. Chapman	6	Benj. Pugh & H. Turley	Tenor

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It is interesting to call to mind the fact that England was at that time in the midst of a life and death struggle as serious as the present great war, only, of course on a smaller scale. And both cataclysms were brought about in very much the same way—by the devilish greed and unbridled lust for power of one man. A century ago the man was Napoleon, and six days after this peal was rung, the Battle of Waterloo was fought.

A period of ninety-five years elapsed before the next peal of Grandsire Maximus was rung on these bells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Chippenham, Wilts, on Saturday week, when, in addition to members of the local towers of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, ringers attended from Bath, Marshfield, Swindon, Trowbridge and Wootton Bassett. Ringing was confined to St. Paul's, where the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. A plain course of Kent Treble Bob and another of Superlative Surprise Major were also excellently rung. A substantial tea was provided in capital style by Mr. A. W. Hunt, of the New Inn. A short business meeting followed, at which Mr. J. Tazewell presided. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Grittleton.

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THE PASSING OF TWO OLD RINGERS.

THE LATE MR. ARTHUR BREARLEY, SHEFFIELD.



We recorded the death of Mr. Arthur Brearley last week. He had been connected with the Sheffield Cathedral Society for over 30 years, and a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1878.

GLOUCESTER BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

The bells of the ancient Church of St. Mary de Lode (formerly known as St. Mary Ante Portam) in the fine old cathedral city of Gloucester, are about to undergo restoration. The work has been entrusted to the firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, who will erect one of their patent vertical cantilever bell frames, which are ideal for weak towers. The bells are a ring of six, and provision will be made for the completion of the octave at some future date.

St. Mary de Lode Church seems to have been the only parish church in the City of Gloucester from Roman times, until after the Conquest. St. Lucius, a British Christian king, was founder of the original Church, and much interest is attached to the site, which, on the rebuilding of the nave in 1826, was found to have been previously occupied by a Roman temple.

All the bells, with the exception of the 4th and 5th, dated (1636), were cast by Rudhall in his foundry at Gloucester.

OFF TO CANADA.

KETTERING LOSES A VALUED MEMBER.

The Kettering, Northants, band, is losing a very valued member, in the person of Mr. William R. Hensher, who sails for Canada on the 18th inst. by the s.s. "Grampian." Mr. Hensher was for many years a very prominent member of the Northants Association, and the very highly esteemed leader of the Kettering ringers. Some few years ago he went out to Canada, and in July last returned to spend a holiday with his friends in Kettering. Within two days of reaching home he took part in a peal of Double Norwich, which was followed by Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples, and peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, and Treble Bob Royal on handbells. During his visit he has completed his 100 peals for the Northants Association. A keen and enthusiastic ringer, who is able to ring any method from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, his presence in the Kettering belfry will be greatly missed. Needless to say, the Kettering ringers are sorry to lose him, but desire to take this opportunity of wishing both him and his wife a safe and pleasant journey across the ocean.

A farewell peal is recorded in another column.

THE LATE MR. JOHN CRANE, KIDDERMINSTER.



Many ringers in the Midlands will hear with regret of the death of Mr. John Crane, of Kidderminster, who passed away on Whit-Sunday in his 66th year, and was buried on Wednesday, May 26th.

Mr. Crane's health had been failing for a long time, so that the end was not unexpected. The chief mourners at the funeral were Mr. G. Crane (brother), Mr. F. Tandy (son-in-law), Messrs. G. and F. Tandy (grandsons), Mr. R. E. Grove and Councillor Fred Tandy. The following local ringers carried out his wish that they should act as bearers: Messrs. N. Davis, J. Woodberry, J. Broad and T. J. Salter. A beautiful wreath, "with deep sympathy," was sent by his fellow members of St. Mary's Society. Previous to the funeral the usual whole pull and stand, with the bells fully muffled, was rung, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), with the bells half-muffled, was brought round: J. Smith, C. H. Woodberry, G. Davis, N. Davis, W. Smith, J. Broad, T. J. Salter (conductor), W. H. Smith and J. Woodberry taking part in the ringing.

John Crane had been a ringer at the Parish Church for forty-five years, having commenced a decade before any of the present band learnt to ring. He had seen and participated in the rise of the company from "stone" to London Surprise, and many a young ringer on joining the band received his fatherly care and advice. To him, in some measure, may be credited the first fruits of change ringing at Kidderminster by the present society, of which he was secretary for many years. He was a trustee of the Worcestershire Association.

It was he who rang the tenor at Kidderminster to the first peal of Major on the bells, but in the great majority of his peals he rang the seventh bell, for which he had a particular liking, no matter how it went or what the method was. His first peal was Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) at Kidderminster on January 8th, 1837, conducted by J. W. Washbrook, his last peal was Stedman Triples at Hartlebury on April 23rd, 1903, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson—a strange coincidence that these two distinguished Oxford ringers should conduct his first and last peals. His total number was about 74. He rang the seventh bell in the first peal of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Shipway and Cambridge Surprise by the Association, conducted by R. E. Grove. He was of a courteous disposition, kind and genial, but his burly form and familiar figure well known locally, has now gone from amongst us.

MR. BROUGH'S 50 PEALS.

In 4 Minor Methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 9; Union Triples, 1; Erin Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 12; Bob Major, 4; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Maximus, 1; Little Bob Major, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 10; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; New Cambridge Major, 1; total, 50. Rung in 20 towers.

CLEVELAND AND N. YORKS ASSOCIATION. NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, when members from the following towers attended: Leeds, Northallerton, Darlington (St. John's), Shildon, Whitby, Middleham, West Tanfield, Thirsk, Ripon, Stockton, Middlesbrough, Sharow, Wath, Ormesby, Pateley Bridge, Felixkirk and Hemingbrough.

A committee meeting was held in the early part of the day, at which several items of special business were disposed of, to relieve the business at the annual meeting. A special service had been arranged in the Parish Church, by kind permission of the Vicar of Thirsk (the Rev. H. P. H. Austin), Mr. Todd, the organist, and the choir boys being in attendance, and adding greatly to the pleasure of the service. The thanks of the Association is accorded to Mr. Todd for making these arrangements and giving his valuable time. The address was delivered by the Rev. W. R. Hannam, Vicar of Felixkirk, and Rural Dean. He spoke of the very serious disasters that had occurred during the month of May, and the great gloom that it had cast on the Whitsuntide. Generally speaking, people looked on Whitsuntide as a great holiday, and a time for enjoyment, but these disasters and the great war that was raging made it impossible for people to enjoy themselves as they would like. He also referred to the war and the destruction of the beautiful cathedrals and the towns and villages of Belgium. Speaking of that meeting, he said they were not in such large numbers that day as last year, but considering the times, and the railway facilities that were at the disposal of the working men, it was very gratifying to see so many present, and it went to show the great interest that was taken in bell ringing by those who were attending the meeting. He thought that by holding those meetings, and especially the annual meeting, they were doing a great amount of good. He hoped the ringers when at home would not forget to "do their bit" on Sundays by making their appearance at the church, being punctual to time and ringing the bells to call worshippers to church, and to be a comfort to those who were not in so happy a position as they were that day.

The service concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

Dinner was provided at the Three Tuns Hotel, Thirsk, and was presided over by the Rev. J. L. Kyle, Vicar of Carlton-in-Cleveland (in the absence of the Rev. W. P. Wright), who was supported by the Rev. W. R. Hannam, Vice-presidents W. Pick, J. Stott and A. MacFarlane, and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe). After dinner the loyal toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, and the National Anthem sung.

A telegram was read from the Rev. W. P. Wright wishing the Cleveland Association and its new President every success. An apology for absence was also received from the Rev. H. P. H. Austin (Vicar of Thirsk).

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary's report referred at great length to the present condition of the country through the war, and to the way in which all classes had come forward prepared to make one great sacrifice for King and country. The report asked the tower secretaries to keep a list of the names of ringers who had joined the colours, so that at some future date these could be shown in a special page in the annual report. The peal list was very small compared with previous years, but ringers were congratulated upon the way they had sacrificed their great hobby and had occupied their minds with a greater work than peal ringing.

The balance sheet showed a small deficit on the year's working, this being attributed to the extra cost of the annual report which had been creeping up in amount for the last five years. The Association has held two meetings during the year, viz., at Aysgarth and Scarborough, which were well attended, and proved very enjoyable gatherings. The Association commenced the year with a membership of 288, and closed with 300, having lost one member by death, in the person of Mr. E. C. Hunt, a native of Kildermister, but who came to Darlington about fourteen years ago, joined the Association as a life member, and rang several peals for the Association. In conclusion, the report referred to the resignation of the genial President (the Rev. W. P. Wright), who had removed to a very large parish in Sheffield, which would take up his time on the days of the two most important meetings of the year. Mr. Wright had held office since the formation of the Association, eighteen years ago, and he relinquished his official connection with it with very great regret, but they hoped their friendship with Mr. Wright would be everlasting, and stronger than ever, and they hoped that his life would be spared for many years to come.

Mr. W. H. Porter (Darlington) proposed that the best thanks of the Association be given to the Vicar and churchwardens of Thirsk for the use of the church and bells, to the Rev. W. R. Hannam for his most able address at the service. Mr. Todd (the organist) and the choir, and also to Vice-President J. Stott for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Pick, and, having been carried with applause, was responded to by the Rev. W. R. Hannam, who said it was a real pleasure to be amongst them, and hoped it would not be the last time. He was pleased that his part in the service had been appreciated, and he thanked their most enthusiastic secretary for giving them the opportunity of addressing them that day. After the kind letter which the secretary sent to him, he could not possibly get out of it. It was a very good thing for an

Association like theirs to have a secretary who took such a great interest in the work (applause).

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The Hon. Secretary next read the letter from the Rev. W. P. Wright, conveying his resignation as President of the Association. It was received with the deepest regret, and a most hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Wright for the good and great services and assistance that had always been willingly given to the Association during the whole eighteen years of its life. As he was not giving up his membership, it was hoped he would have the pleasure of meeting old friends at meetings as time would permit.

Mr. A. MacFarlane proposed the election of a new President, and said the name that he had to bring before the members was one which he was sure would meet with the approval of all—the name of the Rev. J. L. Kyle, Vicar of Carlton-in-Cleveland. The committee had gone very fully into the matter, and it was their unanimous wish that the secretary should write to Mr. Kyle to ask him to allow his name to be brought forward as president. The reply which the secretary received from him was as follows:—

"As you have been kind enough to say you all agreed to appoint me President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, I must not refuse the post. It was very kind of you to write such a kind letter, and I appreciate it more than I can express. I'll do my best."

He (Mr. MacFarlane), therefore, had the very greatest pleasure in proposing that the Rev. J. L. Kyle become President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association for the next twelve months.—Mr. T. Stephenson seconded, and the motion was carried most enthusiastically.

The new President acknowledged his election in a felicitous speech. He said that that seemed to be the day of his life, and he thanked them most heartily for the position they had placed him in. He did not know a great deal about change ringing, but, by what he had seen, there seemed to be a great deal of art in it, and it appeared to require much perseverance and patience. Furthermore, it required men to turn up regularly at the tower, in order to obtain the required practice. There was one thing, however, that he could tell them, and that was how to build a church and obtain a peal of bells, because when he went into the parish he now held there was neither church nor bells, while now they possessed both. When he took up the work of that parish his first duty was to find ways and means. He set to work with an architect, told him what he would like, and when the plans were ready they were sent to the Archbishop, who asked him if he were going to build a cathedral. He said "No," but he was going to build a church large enough to hold all his parishioners, and this he did, and added a good substantial tower able to hold a peal of bells. They now possessed a beautiful ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.), by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. When he set about obtaining these bells he thought to himself that the little village found lots of room for visitors, and if he could get the strangers to find so much he might obtain sufficient funds to call one bell a "strangers' or visitors' bell." Then if the farmers would give so much corn he could call another the "wheat bell," while, if children would gather funds they could call one a "children's bell." And so he went on in this way until he got the whole peal of eight and sufficient money to give the order, which amounted to something like £800, and clear the debt (applause). Continuing, he said he was delighted to hear in the secretary's report that a good number of the ringers of the Association had joined the colours, and that he had appealed to tower secretaries to keep some record of their joining, so that it might be included in the report. He wished the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association all the good wishes it deserved for the great and good work that it had done, was doing, and would do in time to come.

The vice-presidents, hon. secretary and treasurer were re-elected.

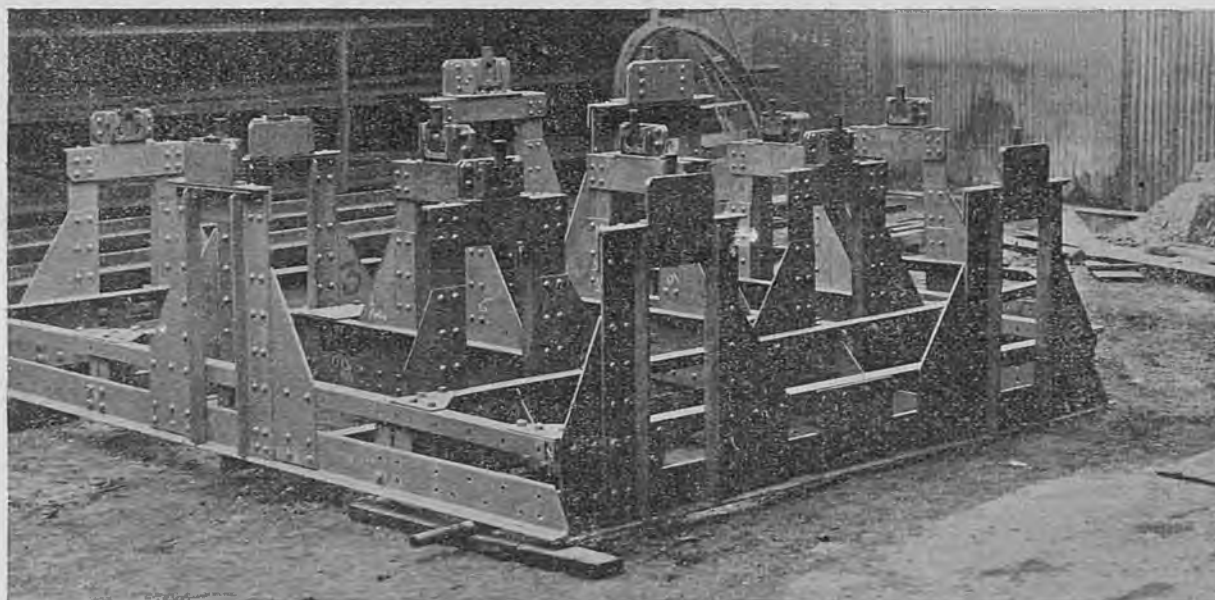
Mr. F. Leigh proposed, and Mr. G. J. Hall seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their past year's work, and this was replied to by Mr. A. MacFarlane.

Several new members were elected from Robin Hood's Bay, Richmond, Thirsk, Darlington, etc.

The ringing throughout the day was instructive and interesting, the methods rung including Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

A HERTFORDSHIRE AUGMENTATION.

Recently, Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich, has rehung in new steel frames the six old bells at Barkway, Hertfordshire, cast by Briant, of Hertford, in 1809. New steel headstocks have also been fitted, and Mr. Bowell has also added two new treble bells to complete the octave. The tenor, weighing 16 cwt., a nice and handy ring of eight bells, is thus provided. Recently members of the Hertford County Association were invited to try the new bells, and touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round. It was the unanimous opinion of all present that the "go" of the bells was splendid, and great credit is due to Mr. Bowell and his staff on the way the work has been carried out. Those present included the Vicar (the Rev. Stubbs), Mr. J. W. Sworder and Mr. A. Hall (churchwardens), Messrs. Bowell and H. Wellam (Ipswich), W. H. Lawrence, E. Overall and A. Wolstan (Little Munden), B. Patmore (Great Munden), W. L. Darlow, W. B. Manning, R. G. King, S. E. Roberts and F. G. Griffen (Royston), W. Machon (Barley), A. Bysouth, W. Bysouth, C. Bysouth, and the Church Army captain of the local company.



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NOTICES.

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

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

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Denholme on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in schools. — P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available till 9 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited, and a good attendance is hoped for. Clement Glenn, Honorary General Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rossendale Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

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

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Ross, Hereford, on Thursday, June 17th. Divine Service in the Parish Church, 11 a.m. Business in Upper Schoolroom, 12. Dinner in Lower School (2/-), 1 p.m.—Hon. Sec., Rev. J. S. Roper, Quatt Rectory, Bridgnorth, Salop.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Branch).—A meeting will be held at Childwall on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION (Bristol Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Marshfield (8) on June 19th. Bells open at 3.30 p.m. Service, 5 p.m. Brake leaves Kingswood Tram Depot at 2.30. Tea free to members. Visitors heartily welcomed. Please notify by June 14th.—Geo. Tomkins, Hon. Sec., 5, Chelsea Park, Easton.

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

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

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

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The bells will be at the disposal of ringers from 1.30 till 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 19th.—A. Symonds.

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

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Festival will be held at Winchester on Monday, June 21st. General meeting at 2 p.m. in St. Maurice's Hall. Service, 4 p.m. at St. Maurice's Church; preacher, Rev. E. Bankes-James. Tea, 5 p.m. at St. Maurice's Hall.—George Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec., West End, Southampton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Tettenhall on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in Church, with an address at 5. Tea and general meeting at the Rock Hotel at 5.45. Tea, 6d. to fully paid-up members, to others 1/-. Bells at St. Peter's from 7.30 to 9. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The anniversary of Great Ringing will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available all day. Service at 1 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

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

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

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CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

VICAR'S VALUATION OF RINGERS' SERVICES.

The spring quarterly meeting of this society was held at St. John of Jerusalem's Church, South Hackney, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. B. S. Batty). There was a good attendance, and an enjoyable time was spent. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Superlative, Double Norwich, Bristol and London, were indulged in during the afternoon, and the members then attended a short service, conducted by the Rev. H. Johnson (curate). Following upon this came a very welcome tea, given by the Vicar. The Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) read the following letter which had been sent by the Rev. B. S. Batty to Mr. Riley (the steeplekeeper): "Will you please express to the other ringers my deep regret that illness prevents my being with you this afternoon? I should like to have had the opportunity to express to the ringers the deep sense of gratitude which both the Church and nation owe to them. The services they render to the Church are so obvious that I need not dwell upon them, but it is not always recognised that in times of great national sorrow, or rejoicing, the nation expects our ringers to express their feelings upon the church bells of our land. I consider, therefore, that both Church and State are both deeply indebted to you all, and I hope it may not be long before it may be your proud duty to ring out peace with victory throughout our country."

At the business meeting which followed the tea, the Master said it was his painful duty to ask for a vote of condolence with Mr. Robert Warner on the death of his brother, Mr. Andrew Warner (a member of the society), who had been killed at Hill 60. He (the Master) had already written to Mr. Robert Warner, and he asked the members to confirm this action.—The motion was passed by silent consent.

The election of Mr. C. V. Hare and the ratification of Mr. Edgar G. Matthews (son of the master) as members, took place.—The fixing of the next place of meeting was left to the secretary (Mr. H. J. Bradley), and hearty votes of thanks were then passed to the Vicar, the Rev. H. Johnson and Mr. Riley.

After a few touches on handbells and a few airs by Mr. T. Scarlett, Mr. J. Barry and Mr. T. Stubbs, an adjournment was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going for the rest of the evening.

Among the visitors present were Mr. Walter Perkins, of Irthingborough, and Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester.

A CAMBRIDGESHIRE TRIP.

On Whit-Monday some members of the Ely Diocesan Association from Fulbourn, Fen Ditton, Sawston, Whittlesford, and Stapleford spent a very enjoyable day. Meeting at Stapleford about ten o'clock in the morning touches of Plain Bob were rung for nearly an hour. Whittlesford was the next tower, and here a 360 of Oxford Bob and touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung; also a plain course of Cambridge Surprise. Leaving Whittlesford about 1.30 the party next visited Melbourn tower. Here a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by: F. Nunn 1, A. E. Austin 2, F. Hurry 3, W. H. Carr 4, L. G. Mallion 5, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 Kent by F. Nunn, and the first as conductor by E. G. Hibbins. A 360 of Oxford Bob and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise were also rung. Five of the local ringers turned up to meet the visitors. The bells were rebung in September, 1913, and at that time none of the local men knew anything about change ringing, but since then they have done remarkably well, having rung 720's of Plain Bob and College Single.—The Vicar of Melbourn, the Rev. de Courcy Ireland, very kindly provided the visitors with a splendid tea, which they greatly appreciated. The next tower visited was Sawston, a peal of eight, on the back six of which a 720 Kent was rung by: F. White 1, A. E. Austin 2, L. G. Mallion 3, W. H. Carr 4, F. Hurry 5, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 6. This was F. White's first 720 of Kent. Touches of Cambridge Surprise were also rung by the same band.

LEICESTER.—On April 30th. at St. Margaret's Church, two courses of Double Norwich: H. Aldridge 1, H. Broughton 2, T. Vallance 3, J. Morris 4, E. Norman 5, T. H. Hardy 6, F. H. Dexter 7, E. Morris (conductor) 8; also on May 1st, at St. Martin's, with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. W. T. Grewcock, late churchwarden, 1040 Kent Royal, by: G. Cleal 1, S. Cotton 2, H. Broughton 3, P. O. H. Jenney 4, L. E. Allen 5, E. Morris 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, J. Morris 8.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

Committee work in connection with the Central Council is necessarily slow. To begin with, the members who compose the various committees live far apart and are unable to hold meetings, with the result that all their work has to be done by correspondence. This is a laborious method, although it serves the purpose well enough where, as is not infrequently the case, the questions under consideration are mathematical in nature and need to be carefully studied on paper as well as talked about. Then, too, some of the subjects involve much careful investigation, such, for instance, as the proving of hundreds of peals, before the Peal Collection Committee can issue one of those volumes, which makes an appearance at rare intervals; or, as in the case of the Towers and Belfries Committee whose work is concerned in the unravelling of technical problems concerning engineering matters. Work of this sort cannot be hurried, and it is because the majority of the committees have not made big strides in their labours between one meeting of the Council and the next that the Council themselves seem to some people to be doing very little. In the ordinary way of conducting business one looks to a committee to meet, discuss their subjects and report upon them to the body that has appointed them; but it is only under exceptional circumstances that any committee of the Council, except the Standing Committee, meets round the table, while their reports, if we exclude that of the Peals Analysis Committee, are of a purely informal character.

It would be more businesslike, we think, if the members of each committee drew up a formal report for presentation to the Council, and time would be saved if, as in the case of the Peals Analysis, the reports were published beforehand. It would enable the members to digest what was coming before them and to raise, if necessary, pertinent points of criticism or discussion, which under the present arrangement might easily be missed. It is true that from year to year some of the Committees have not much to add to previous reports; indeed, in the case of the Literature Committee the absence of any report of progress for years has been one of the standing jokes of the Council, although, on the last occasion, members regretted to hear that continued indisposition on the part of the member of the Committee doing the principal work, had been the cause of much of the delay. But the Literature Committee's slow movement is an exception. The other Committees do keep their work going, although, as we have pointed out, there is not always much to lay before the Council in detail. At the same time we think, if only for the purposes of record, something more formal than a mere chatty and sometimes disjointed statement seems necessary, particularly if the Council would maintain its dignity as a deliberative assembly.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN BUSHEY Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
*HERBERT HARVEY 2	JOSEPH GOULD 6
REGINALD DEVENISH 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 7
GEORGE TOMPKINS 4	J. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GOULD.

* First peal. This was the first peal in the method on the bells, and first peal since they were rehung. G. Tompkins belongs to the St. Stephen's Guild and G. Wiltshire to the St. Nicholas' Guild, Bristol; the rest are members of the local band. Messrs. J. Busby, H. Harvey and J. Martin were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

OSWALDTWISTLE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 14, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
*FRANK SHAW 2	*JOHN T. SULLIVAN ... 6
*JONATHAN WHEWELL ... 3	JAMES SHAW 7
JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE 4	†WILLIAM WHEWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WHEWELL.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of W. Riley (a ringer at the above Church), who has joined the colours.

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*FRANK CHILTON Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	EDWARD WOODVINE ... 5
†ALBERT GARBETT 3	ALBERT WOODVINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHVY 1—2	ERNEST PYE 7—8
WILLIAM PYE 3—4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 9—10
GEORGE R. PYE 5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: C. T. COLES.

PRESENTATION TO LADY RINGER.

At Hadleigh, Suffolk, on Tuesday evening, a 360 Bob Minor was rung on handbells by: C. Willis 1, Rev. R. L. Gardner 2, E. Willis 3, Miss Grimwade 4, Miss E. Reed (conductor) 5—6. This was rung on the occasion of a presentation to Miss Reed by the older members of the company, as a token of their appreciation of the voluntary help she has given both in ringing and in helping to teach beginners.

A VICAR'S MUNIFICENT GIFT.

DEDICATION OF TOWER, CLOCK AND BELLS AT ERITH.

The tower, spire, bells and clock, recently added to Christ Church, Erith, were dedicated on Saturday week by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. There was a large congregation present for the ceremony, and the Bishop, attended by numerous robed clergy, including the Rural Dean and Vicar, and Canon G. R. Wood, of Almondsby, Bristol, eldest son of the first Vicar of Christ Church, entered the church at the west door. After an appropriate hymn, the Vicar commenced the special service which had been compiled for the occasion. After the lesson had been read by the Rural Dean, the Bishop and the clergy and the choir, accompanied by the wardens (Capt. W. T. Allen and Mr. H. Palmer), the architect (Mr. J. P. St. Aubyn), the bell founder (Mr. Robert Warner) and the clerk of the works (Mr. H. Jarvis) proceeded to the space near the tower, where the Vicar made the request to the Bishop to dedicate the tower and spire, with the bells and the clock, to the glory and praise of God. The Bishop then offered some appropriate prayers and pronounced the sentences of dedication, after which a few changes were rung on the bells. The Bishop and the clergy and choir returned to the chancel while the hymn, "Ring forth, holy bells," was sung.

THE VICAR'S DEVOTION.

The Bishop based his address on Numbers x, parts of the 2nd and 10th verses. The following day, he said, was the forty-first anniversary of the consecration of their church. It was consecrated by Archbishop Tate, and on that occasion the present Archbishop of Canterbury was present as curate of Dartford. Archbishop Davidson had always retained the greatest interest in the church, which had fulfilled its spiritual purposes, and it was with deep regret that he was unable to accept the invitation of the Vicar to be present that afternoon. The Bishop then referred to the first vicar, the Rev. B. Wood, whose daughters and sons were present on that occasion, and to the late Rev. F. B. Gribbell, the second incumbent, who was present at the laying of the foundation-stone of the new tower a year ago, and who preached at the church on the day afterwards. Their present Vicar had been with them for nearly 24 years, and had given them the great gift which they had consecrated that day. They thanked God that he came to them nearly a quarter of a century ago, and that he saw the beautiful church completed. He had been a faithful pastor, and they thanked him for the tower which had been consecrated. He (the Bishop) knew what his feelings were; they were feelings of thankfulness to Almighty God. They thanked God for the completion of that noble work, they also thanked God for him who for nearly a quarter of a century had ministered there and had been a faithful pastor, priest and friend to all those with whom he had been so closely connected. It had been traditional of that parish that the devotion shown by its incumbents had not only been exhibited by tremendous work, but also that, as often followed when the heart of a man was stirred and his whole being was consecrated to some great work, he was willing to give of the substance with which God had endowed him to that great work. There was no more honoured, respected and loved clergyman in the diocese than Mr. Bouden. When the church was being consecrated their Vicar was at work as a priest in the county of Kent, and for a longer time than the period through which that church had stood he had been working devotedly for the extension of Christ's Kingdom within the county. They were thankful to Almighty God that the design for the completion of the church had been in the same hands as those which, as architects, designed the nave and chancel of the church. They were able to appreciate that design as a whole—its symmetry, its proportions, its nobility. It was not only the tower and spire which stood complete to-day—they had been completed without any accident to the builders of it—but also the bells and clock had their own lessons which it was well for them to keep close in their minds. He proceeded to speak of the various uses to which the bells would be put, and affectionately urged the people to make the fullest use of the opportunities for worship which the beautiful church afforded them. The bells were a call to awake them in the days of gladness and solemn assemblies, a call to reflection and meditation in those bustling days, and a call to assemble together in divine worship and to thank God for the opportunities given them, as well as a summons to battle. In the great struggle such as that with which they were faced, there was a call to the people to do their share, to bear their burden, and to help their neighbours and country. Let them be faithful to their God and King, faithful in service, not by popularity or waiting for something exceptional, but doing their ordinary duty of the day. On a bell at Hampstead Church was the couplet—

"Good people all that hear us ring,
Be faithful to your God and King."

Let them carry out that motto and be faithful to their God and King. May the clock and the bells summon the people for generations to come to the call of duty towards God.

THE CLOCK AND BELLS.

A collection was made towards the clock fund and this realised £11 16s. The amount contributed for this purpose now totals a little over £200, so that about £30 is still needed.

The service was concluded with appropriate prayers and the recessional hymn, "Now thank we all our God." The procession left the church by the tower entrance, then used for the first time. The Bishop

and the clergy and the church workers and friends were entertained to light refreshments by the Vicar in the parish room.

The new clock, which is the work of Messrs. I. B. Joyce and Son, of Whitechurch, Salop, contains all the best and most modern improvements. It strikes the hours on the tenor and the Westminster chimes on four other bells. The time is shown on four dials, each eight feet in diameter, filled in with white opal glass, so that they can be illuminated from the interior at night. The most notable feature about the clock is the escapement, which is the famous Lord Grimthorpe's gravity, the same as is now in use in all large and important clocks. The makers guarantee the clock not to vary more than a quarter of a minute per month. It is also fitted with an automatic apparatus whereby the chimes are thrown out of action between 11 p.m. and 5.15 a.m., but the hours are struck without any break.

The peal of eight bells were erected by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London. They are hung in a patent steel vertical cantilever frame, with Warner's patent self-aligning, self-lubricating oil ring bearings, and the whole installation presents an extremely smart appearance. The weight of the tenor is 17 cwt. 23 lbs., and the octave is in the key of E. The bell chamber is lined with louvres with heavy armoured glass in order to prevent the sound of the bells from annoying occupants of residences near the church. It is gratifying to announce that the work of constructing the tower, etc., although of a nature necessarily involving considerable risk to those engaged in it, was not attended by any accident, although during the winter months the heavy gales made the work anything but a pleasure to the men who were engaged on the erection.

After the service a special band of ringers, kindly procured by Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, rang several touches, and later in the evening a peal of Double Norwich was rung in 3 hours 9 minutes, as recorded last week. This fact speaks well for the "go" of the bells. The tone was greatly admired, and the general opinion was that the whole work had been carried out in an eminently satisfactory manner.

VETERAN HORLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

We chronicle with regret the death of Mr. W. Edwards, a well-known and highly-respected resident of Horley, Surrey, whose death occurred on the 3rd inst., and who was buried on Tuesday of last week, amid many manifestations of sympathy and respect in Horley Churchyard.

The deceased, who was 77 years of age, was born on May 12th, 1838, and for many years carried on business as village blacksmith, which brought him into personal contact with numerous friends. He first began to ring at Horley Church about 60 years ago, and was one of the oldest members of the Surrey and Sussex Associations, and was a familiar figure at meetings of both these organisations. For many years he was foreman of the Horley Parish Church bell ringers and a most regular attendant at Sunday service ringing. Although an old ringer, he never attempted to ring a peal of 5040 till the year 1897, but since then he has rung six others, of Grand sire Triples. He was, however, more in favour of quarter-peals and short touches.

Some fifteen ringers attended the funeral, and a company rang, with the bells deeply muffled, the deceased's favourite touch of 336 Grand sire Triples. After the service a quarter-peal was rung by: A. Songhurst 1, J. Kenward 2, C. Bashford 3, S. Kenward 4, G. Ilman 5, P. Etheridge 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, C. Osborn 8.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Tong on Saturday week, and was attended by members from Armley, Bramley, Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Mirfield, Calverley, Pudsey, and the local company. The bells were utilised in the afternoon in touches of Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Duke of York, College Pleasure, and Cambridge. At the business meeting, held in the pavilion of the Tong Manor Cricket Club, Mr. P. J. Johnson gave an account of the business which was transacted at the Central Council meeting at Whitnash. Mr. E. M. Davis was elected a member of the society. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Tong, for the use of bells, and to the local band for their kind arrangements, was carried on the motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Smith, Mr. Bolland responding. Some of the members then had a touch on handbells, this brought the proceedings to a close.

PRESENTATION TO A STOCKPORT RINGER.

On Sunday morning last, after the ringing for morning service, there took place in St. George's belfry, Stockport, an interesting presentation, a handsome pair of pictures being given to one of the members of the company, Mr. W. Jackson, who has recently entered into the state of matrimony. The Chairman (Mr. J. W. Bayley) spoke of Mr. Jackson's connection with the church as a ringer, and also the esteem in which he has always been held by the company. Mr. George Asbury, in making the presentation, on behalf of the company, asked Mr. Jackson to accept their heartiest congratulations and best wishes for his future happiness, and he, too, bore testimony to Mr. Jackson's personal goodwill, and the enthusiasm he had always displayed in his ringing duties since joining St. George's company. In reply, Mr. Jackson thanked the members for the kindly thought which had prompted them to show their appreciation in so generous a manner.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

(Concluded from page 297).

We conclude in this issue our report of the Central Council meeting in London on Whitsun Tuesday. "The Ringing World" was not merely the only paper represented by a member of its own staff, but our reporter was the only shorthand writer present taking any note of the proceedings, and any report of the speeches appearing elsewhere has been taken, without our consent, from our columns.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, alluding to the motion, which had been passed, referring to the Legitimate Methods Committee the reconsideration of the rules laid down for the legitimacy of methods, said if all the points which Mr. Davies had brought up were to be accepted it would mean reconstructing the whole thing from the bottom, and meant undoing the work of 15 years. He did not know what other members of the committee were prepared to do, but he should not do it. They had got now far beyond rudimentary things, and he had made up his mind that it was not a question to be reconsidered from Mr. Davies's point of view. He meant it as no personal affront, but if it had to be done he would not be of any further use on the committee.

ARGUMENTS BASED ON WANT OF KNOWLEDGE.

The President said there was no reason for any member of the committee to resign. If a member of the Council made a motion that certain expert matters wanted reconsidering, and if he submitted his views to the expert committee, and that committee did not think there was any ground for alteration, then the committee would report to the Council that they were agreed that things should stand as they were, and upon their judgment, in all probability, the Council would decide. They would probably prefer to take the expert opinion of a number of gentlemen who were on the committee to the opinion of one gentleman outside it.

Mr. Trollope: It means really that we shall have to justify what we have been doing for 15 years. As far as I am concerned I have done that elsewhere, and if that won't carry conviction I don't know what will. The majority of people who talk about Bob Major lead ends and coursing order have not a rudimentary idea what is meant by it. It is not a question whether you are compelled to have certain lead ends, but of the truth which lies behind the whole thing, and until you know it you are not competent to express an opinion upon it. These arguments are based merely on want of knowledge.

Mr. S. Wood: The best way would be to engage a room for them until the next Council meeting. Perhaps they would have finished by then (laughter).

Mr. H. W. Wilde asked whether the committee would reconsider the word "Legitimate." It was not a very desirable title.

This was accepted as part of the reference to the committee, and the Council then passed on to the consideration of the next motion on the agenda.

RINGING IN WAR TIME.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards then moved: "That this Council recognises with emphatic approval the good judgment and consideration shown by ringers throughout the United Kingdom in their spontaneous abstinence from peal ringing since the outbreak of war: but that at the same time (the Council) regards it as the privilege and sacred duty of ringers, wherever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other Feasts of the Church, as also on Royal and National Anniversaries, to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to this Empire and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies." He said he was quite aware, as everyone else was, that that Council had no power whatever to regulate the ringing in any belfry in the kingdom, nor had any of the associations. The only persons who could really regulate the use of bells were the clergy responsible for each belfry. But as a matter of fact, it was the truth, though a deplorable truth, that the vast majority of the clergy responsible, not being ringers themselves, were not really competent people to direct the use of the bells, and the result was that a matter of this kind was practically left to the ringers. It was quite natural, therefore, that the ringers throughout the country should look to that Council for some guidance in the matter, the fact being that ringers were largely left to their own devices. During the war the ringers had taken their patriotism into their own hands. At Newcastle the Council discussed the question of peal ringing, and there were some of them who advocated the restriction of peal ringing in normal circumstances to occasions when they would have good ground for justifying the ringing. The war, however, had settled the question for the time being. Ringers had taken it upon themselves to abstain with one accord from ringing peals during the war. That showed the very important point that ringers realised the fact that peal ringing was not of the essence of their vocation as church officers, and should be relegated to second place. All would agree that the Council would be right in according their emphatic approval of the attitude adopted by ringers in regard to peal ringing during the war. That ringers had shown this sense of restraint was due to the fact that they possessed a feeling of respon-

sibility, that they realised that they were a body of public officers, officers of the Church and the whole Christian community, and that, therefore, the use of the bells was not primarily for their delectation, but to give expression to the feelings of the Christian community which they represented. While the Council would, therefore, accord its approval of this restraint by the ringers, he thought the Council should give some word of guidance as to the use of the bells which they considered legitimate during the war.

A WRONG-HEADED ATTITUDE.

Some of the authorities seemed to have gone off their heads over the war. He knew of churches where the bells were not even allowed to be chimed for services. That seemed to him to be a very wrong-headed attitude to take. Primarily the bells were put into the belfries for use on Church Festivals, and as an adjunct to public worship. Why in the name of common sense, because we were at war, should this particular function of the Church be entirely suspended? It was said that feelings of joy, during the present great national anxiety and the desolation of many homes, were out of place. So they were, from that point of view, but the expression of joy of those who held the Christian Faith was always in place as relating to the essence of their faith. The Bishops of the Church had not given orders that the "Te Deum" or the "Magnificat" should not be sung or that choirs should not take part in the services, and no clergyman had given orders that the organ should not be played. Why then should the bells cease to ring? It was the duty of the ringers to ring the bells for the Lord's Day, which was a weekly festival, and for the other Feasts of the Church as they occurred in rotation, and he held very emphatically that ringers had a great duty to perform, and had a privilege accorded to them in being able during a time of war, when there was much cause for anxiety, to remind the people by the music of the bells that there was cause for joy in the great fundamental truths of our religion. It was for ringers to set the key note of Christian worship in war time just as much as in peace time. The position of ringers was an especially honourable and useful one in war time, because by the regular ringing of bells they bore constant testimony to the fact that the great truths of the Christian religion were immutable and could not be impaired or destroyed by any of the vicissitudes of mundane affairs. Continuing, Mr. Edwards said that never before in the history of this nation or any other had there been such a grand and striking outburst of loyal devotion to the throne and person of the Sovereign as there had been in this Empire since the outbreak of war, and it seemed to him that for that very reason, during the period of the war, there was at least an emphatic reason for ringers to give expression to that loyal devotion on the royal anniversaries, and also to give expression to the thankful joy of the people in the preservation of His Majesty's life. In conclusion, Mr. Edwards said he hoped that resolution would act in some measure as a guide to those clergy who did not themselves take any action to regulate the ringing of the bells during this time of war.

Mr. A. Hughes D'Aeth seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously, without debate.

A MOTION POSTPONED.

The President said, with the consent of the gentleman who was going to speak on the remaining motion which was on the agenda, he would suggest that it be postponed until the next meeting. The motion was: "That the Council desires to draw the attention of the Exercise to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal, as a result of which a large proportion of ringers do not acquire the necessary skill to enable them to take part in this ancient and musical practice." This was a question, said the President, which ought not to be put too lightly aside, and it was for that reason that he would suggest, with the consent of the gentleman who was going to propose it and with the consent of the Council, that it be postponed until next year.

This course was agreed to.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The President said the last business was the fixing of the place of next meeting. This triennium was the turn of West and East, and next year it was the turn of the West. The year after it would be the turn of the East, and he thought there was very little doubt that Ipswich was absolutely the place they must go to, for not only had it been a centre of progress for many years, but it was one of the places in the country that they had not been to, but to which they ought to have gone before. The immediate point before them, however, was the western place for next year. The Standing Committee had very carefully considered the matter, and suggested Plymouth. It was a very long way off, but Plymouth was a very old centre of ringing, and there were still a great number of ringers there. The Council had found, moreover, that the very distant places were not the least well attended, therefore he ventured on behalf of the Standing Committee to suggest Plymouth to them.

The Rev. M. Kelly (President of the Devonshire Guild) said he need hardly say what a hearty welcome they would give to the Central Council if they came to Devon next year, but he thought it was only right to say they had got to face this fact, they could not look into the future, and if the position next year was the same as it was at present he must warn members of the Council that there was not any likelihood of the bells in that neighbourhood being available for peals or for prolonged ringing. As it fell within the Whitsuntide festival, there would be no difficulty in having short ringing, but he was con-

vinced that the incumbents would not grant permission for any prolonged ringing, and it was a very long way for ringers to come and then not have a chance of having any peals.

The President pointed out that, as a Council, they recognised that they did not have their meetings in order to ring at them. The members were sent at considerable expense, and at considerable personal trouble by their various associations to represent their interests, and at the original formation of the Council it was carefully argued that, while it was eminently desirable to meet in London, it would be extremely beneficial if a certain number of meetings could be held in different parts of the country. The meetings of the Council in different parts of the country, his experience was, was doing an immense deal to help ringers and encourage them, but any ringing that took place at the time was merely a matter of pleasure for the ringers themselves, and in these times they did not think much about pleasure.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge pointed out that, in regard to ringing at the present time, the same argument would hold good in any part of England.

Mr. J. Griffin formally proposed Plymouth, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he had some diffidence in suggesting an alternative place, but he thought there was another consideration, and that was that, under present conditions, there were no cheap fares, and that did make a difference to representatives who had to travel a long way. The place which he would suggest as an alternative would be more central, viz., Gloucester. They had never been to Gloucester, and that would be a good deal nearer to some parts of England than Plymouth. In ordinary times Plymouth would be a good place to go to.—Mr. J. Austin seconded.

It having been pointed out that Gloucester was counted in the Midlands, the President said it would be rather a pity to break through their scheme of rotation.

Gloucester being dropped, the Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed Bath, and this was seconded by Mr. J. D. Matthews.

On being put to the vote, Plymouth was carried by a large majority.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. White, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Sam Reeves, of West Bromwich, and Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourne, who were former members of the Council, and who had died since last the Council met.

On the proposition of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, a vote of thanks was accorded to Sir Arthur Heywood for presiding. This was acknowledged by the President, who expressed the hope that next year they might meet under happier circumstances.

The meeting then terminated.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE COUNCIL.

COMPOSED DURING A LENGTHY SPEECH.

Messrs. Carpenter, Williams, Griffin and King
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They construct an Analysis;

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There was a fine old Yorkshire Tyke

Of him Ringers have ne'er seen the like;

Compositions unnumbered

And Peals by the hundred,

Prove the worth of this old Yorkshire "Tyke."

There was a fine Ringer of Burton,

Who never would ring with his shirt on,

When they said—"You'll get chills!"

He replied, "No such ills,"

For I drink the best beer brewed at Burton.

There was a young Ringer of Leeds,

Who swallowed a packet of seeds—

Now this silly young ass,

Is all covered with grass,

And cannot sit down for the weeds.

ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. James George will probably be interested to know that at least one other member of the band who took part in the final ringing of these bells 30 years ago is still alive and well—viz., Mr. A. R. Judd, who rang the 4th. Mr. Judd is a native of Coventry, and well remembers the final pull and the men taking part, but he dropped out of the Exercise whilst still a young man, and at a time when he had not got further than Grandsire.

I have known Mr. Judd for some years, and he tells me that the proposed detached tower to take the bells fell through owing to the untimely death of a citizen of Coventry—Mr. George Woodcock, a solicitor—who had promised the new tower, but who died before the project had been put under way, and without leaving any provision in his will for the scheme.—Yours, etc.,

London, June 7th.

J. D. MATTHEWS.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of the ringers who have joined H.M. Forces:—

O. H. Giles, of North Stoneham, Hants, A.S.C., Railway Section.
J. Thompson, of North Stoneham, R.A.M.C., motor driver, both in France.

Pte Jack Champion, of Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, 168th Brigade, R.F.A., now at Holmfirth, Yorks.

Pte W. Basil Paine (No. 081988), of Mayfield, Sussex, 360th Co. Mechanical Transport, A.S.C., now at Aldershot.

Pte Leonard G. Reeves, of St. Mary's, Reading, R.A.M.C., now at Bristol.

Pte H. Woodward, of St. Peter's, Huntspill, Somerset, Army Veterinary Corps, now in France.

Pte S. Washer (No. 3592), of St. Peter's, Huntspill, 5th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry, now at Hook, Hants.

From Wolverley, Worcestershire:—

Sergt. G. Head, 1/7th Worcestershire Regiment, now at the front.

Pte A. Head, R.F.A., now at Worcester.

Pte G. Crowe, Kitchener's Army, now at Fowey.

Bugler W. Porter, 2/7th Worcestershire Regiment, now at Maldon.

From St. Thomas', Glen Parva and South Wigston:—

Pte Sidney Cox, 4th Leicestershire (T.), now at the front.

Sergt. George Burton, 6th Leicesters.

Pte Joseph Burton, 3/4th Leicesters (T.).

MUFFLED RINGING FOR THE FALLEN.

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—It is now six months since there was a muffled ringing day for our soldiers and sailors who have lost their lives in this great struggle. In my opinion a periodical day might be set apart for that purpose, and as a suggestion I should fix the first week-end in every third month.

What does it matter whether it is All Saints' Day or All Souls' Day, if the purpose is there? We set apart Sunday for a day of prayer, etc., and I cannot see why we should not act similarly.

When the day of peace comes and every ring of bells will be pealing forth joy, I am afraid "muffling" will be, to a certain extent, forgotten in the excitement.

If ringing is done as I suggest, I think the Vicar or Rector ought to let his people know why the ringing is being done. On the last occasion we went further, we put a notice in the local papers.—Yours truly,

PETER CROOK.

7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton, Lancs.

BELFRY ACCIDENT.

One of the ringers of Bowden Church, Lancs, met with an unfortunate accident when preparing for ringing on the morning of the King's birthday. The victim of the mishap was Mr. George Ollier, who appears to have got the rope of one of the bells under his foot and to have been thrown on his head. The wonderful ignorance frequently displayed by newspapers in regard to things relating to bells is again evinced in the recording of the accident in the "Manchester Evening Chronicle," which says:—

"As is usual with bell ringers, Mr. Ollier secured the rope to his right foot in order to help in turning over the heavy bell above. He was lifted off his feet, and taken up a second time feet first. He was lifted up in this position several feet from the floor, and was thrown down heavily on his head. The blow rendered him unconscious. Dr. Duggan was summoned, and Mr. Ollier was removed home."

LUTON CHURCHWARDEN'S DEATH.

Twenty years' work as churchwarden at Luton Parish Church was brought to a close the other day by the painfully sudden death of Mr. Edmund Tydeman, who, after attending to his duties at the church on Sunday, May 31st, was taken ill in the night, and passed away in an hour or so from heart trouble. The funeral took place on the following Thursday amid many manifestations of sorrow. The first part of the service was read in the church he had loved and served so many years, and was attended by the Mayor and Corporation and many friends.

As the funeral cortege was leaving the church a muffled quarter of a peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was begun, and was completed in 50 minutes by: 1. J. Shaw 1. T. Kendall 2. A. E. Shorman 3. A. King 4. F. Hunt 5. B. Jarman 6. C. Wing (conductor) 7. H. Shaw 8.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On a recent Saturday, at the invitation of Mr. B. H. Fitzjohn (one of the local ringers), a friendly gathering took place at St. Kyneburgh's, Castor, where there is a handy ring of six, restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1900. Among those present were: Pte H. F. Cooper (Chelmsford), Pte A. Catterwell (Gestingthorpe), Mr. G. H. Barker (Ware), and members from Yaxley, Thorney, Woodston, St. John's and St. Mary's, Peterborough. Mr. Fitzjohn kindly entertained the ringers to a sumptuous tea at the Royal Oak, and, after touches on the handbells, the tower bells were set going to Stedman, Double Court, Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

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Several ringers have already given their lives for their country in this great war. We give here the photographs of three who have recently been killed.



Pte LOUIS A. DICKERSON,
of Thetford, Royal Marine Light
Infantry, killed in action in the
Dardanelles.



Pte C. HOWE,
of Linslade, Bucks, Oxon and Bucks
Light Infantry (T.F.), died of shrapnel
wounds, on May 29th in Boulogne
Hospital.



Pte WILLIAM HENRY SMART,
of Kettering, 2nd Northants Regi-
ment, killed in action on May 10th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Bolsterstone on Saturday last. The Church of St. Mary contains a handy ring of eight, tenor 13 cwt., and standing high up on the South Yorkshire moors, adjoining the Peak district of Derbyshire, commands a magnificent view of the surrounding country. Favoured in addition with a lovely June day, it is somewhat surprising that the attendance did not exceed 30 all told. At 3 o'clock, the new Vicar, the Rev. F. Meridith Brookes, was inducted to the living in the presence of a crowded congregation by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, the prelude to the service being a touch of College Single by the local band. Immediately after service a public tea was served in the schoolroom, to which all ringers included, did ample justice. Afterwards the bells were kept going almost continuously till 9 p.m. in methods ranging from Oxford and Kent Minor through the Standard Methods and Double Norwich.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, when the new Vicar, to the delight of all, promptly "got into harness" by taking the chair. Mr. F. Willey apologised for the absence of vice-president, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, owing to the latter being under recovery from a severe and long spell of influenza. The Ringing Master (Mr. G. Halksworth) also sent regrets at his inability to be present. A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. Arthur Brearley, of the Sheffield Cathedral Society, and a member of the Association since 1878, was carried in silence, all standing. A district secretary, to take over the duties whilst Mr. Arthur Hague is serving in the R.A.M.C., was found in Mr. Leonard Brightman, and the general secretary, who has carried on the work for the last few months, thereupon heaved a sigh of great relief.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his presence and for the use of the bells, also to the local company, with Mr. David Brearley at the head, with appreciative replies, concluded the business, and the way was then clear for all to enjoy themselves with ringing and viewing the lovely country.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the fine old Parish Church of St. Leonard, at Keovil, on Saturday week, and being a beautiful day, the attendance was very good; ringers assembling from Holt, Westbury, Southbroom, Keovil, Trowbridge, Seend, Devizes, Edington, Swindon, and Market Lavington, while the members also welcome one who was home from Canada. Some good ringing was performed up to tea-time, the meal being served at the Beach Arms Inn, 27 sitting down and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

A short business meeting then took place, presided over by the Chairman of the Branch (the Rev. J. A. Sturton), supported by the Rev. F. M. Weller, Vicar of Keovil; the Rev. D. Pierce and Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. branch sec.—Two new members were elected from All Saints', Westbury; and Enford was decided upon as the next place of meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Keovil for the use of the church bells, and the ringers then returned to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in, before the company dispersed to their various homes, after a most enjoyable meeting.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich. After ringing, members attended service in the church, conducted by the Rev. M. M. Connor (Vicar), who also gave an address founded on the words "simplicity," "diligence" and "cheerfulness," which he gave as a motto for the Guild to act up to, and pointed out that it was the duty of bell ringers to show by their attendance at church and their every-day life that they were real church workers.—The organist and choir boys were present, and assisted in making the service a bright and happy one. The new service books of the Guild kindly presented by Mr. Harry Mason, a vice-president, were used for the first time. The service was attended by upwards of forty members from Bilston, Blakenhall, Coseley, Dudley, Halesowen, Tipton, Sedgley, Wolverhampton, Old Hill, Oldbury, Willenhall, Christ Church, West Bromwich, and the local company. At the close of the service a splendid tea was provided in the schoolroom by the All Saints' ringers, at which the Vicar and Mrs. Connor and a number of ladies were present to look after the comforts of the visitors.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. Bilston was again selected as the place to hold the next meeting on condition that the Vicar's consent was obtained.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. R. Small for his report of the Central Council meeting which he attended.

On the motion of Mr. Spittle, seconded by Mr. Small, and supported by Mr. Harry Mason, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the organist and choir for their services to the ringers for providing, and to the ladies for so kindly preparing and serving the tea, and to all who had assisted in any way to make the meeting a bright and happy one.—The Vicar responded on behalf of all concerned.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at North Wingfield on Saturday week, some 50 ringers attending from Alfreton, Barlboro', Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Derby, Eckington, Nottingham, Norton Duffield, Ripley, South Normanton, Sheffield Cathedral, Staveley, Swanwick, Worksop, and the local company. During the afternoon some good practice was obtained in the Standard methods, with the addition of Double Norwich, Cambridge, London and Superlative Surprise.

Evening prayer, including the special intercessory prayers for the war, was said by the Rector, assisted by the curate.

The Rector (the Rev. C. J. Boden), with his customary generosity, kindly provided tea which was partaken of in the rectory garden beneath the spreading branches of a splendid "weeping ash tree," in the midst of a profusion of blossom, specimens of white and coloured hawthorn, and white and scarlet horse chestnut, along with the golden showers of the laburnum, making an ideal setting for an "alfresco" tea.

A short business meeting was held in the same "room," when one new member was elected, and the usual compliments were quickly disposed of, after which some went again to the tower for "London," while others stayed in the garden, where various games were played until the call for home ended a most enjoyable meeting.

METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

If things had been otherwise than they were, two or three members had intended to have taken part in the debate on methods that did not come off at the last Central Council meeting, and what they were going to propose was that we should get rid of the words "legitimate" and "illegitimate." I think the Council would have agreed with them, and the Methods Committee would have had no objection whatever. Instead, it would have been suggested that we should use the words "regular" and "irregular." Personally I do not think the alteration much of an improvement. "Regular" does, of course, mean "according to rule," just as "legitimate" means "according to law," but regular also means pretty much the same thing as symmetrical, and that is the sense in which it is used nine times out of ten in ordinary life. When you talk about a method like Bristol or Double Norwich being perfectly regular, you do not mean that it is produced according to all the strict rules of method construction, but that the positions of the places and the work of the bells are symmetrical. So that the new word would only add confusion where, above all, we do want clearness. Further, Mr. Carpenter seemed to suggest that we are dealing with "rules" which we can adopt or reject as we please, and not with "laws" which are above us, and to which we must submit, whether we like it or not. There I disagree with him.

If you must have a word, then "legitimate" is the only word. But I am going to propose that we do without any such word at all: partly because the misuse of the word "legitimate" has done a lot of harm, and chiefly because no method is illegitimate in the sense that it is altogether outside law. Instead, let those whom the matter concerns first find out what the laws really are which make methods, and then they can judge of a method whether it is good or bad, suitable or unsuitable according as it more or less comes up to the standard that change ringing itself lays down.

To this end I submit the following suggestion for a re-draft of the "Method Report," and would like those that are really interested in the matter to give it their attention, only asking them to try and understand it before they criticise, and not condemn it off-hand because it may not agree with some of their preconceived ideas.

METHODS.

A. STATEMENTS OF FACT.

Change ringing consists of the interchanging of bells among each other conditioned by the three following rules:—

- i. Every bell must alter its position (actual or relative) at every blow.
- ii. A bell may move upward or downward only one step at a time, or, in other words, a bell can change positions only with its next neighbour.
- iii. All movement is cyclical in form.

B. LOGICAL RESULTS FROM A.

- iv. The principle is the foundation of all systems of change ringing.
- v. Methods are developed from principles in two ways:
 - X. By additional shunts made on two or more bells: these additional shunts being independent of each other.
 - Y. By one or more bells (called the hunt or hunts) changing positions in coursing order successively with each of the other bells (called the working bells). These methods may or may not contain independent additional shunts on two or more bells.
- vi. At the natural division head and ends of methods produced as X, all the bells are in the same coursing order.
- vii. At the natural lead heads and ends of methods produced as Y all the working bells are in the same coursing order.

C. STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE.

No method should be deemed a correct method unless it reaches the following standard.

1. No repetition of rows should occur within any one full course.
2. No bell should lie more than two consecutive blows in any one position.
3. The following Rules of Symmetry should be kept.
 - (a). In methods produced as X there should be as many divisions as there are bells.
 - (b). Each division should be equal in size, and should contain exactly the same places and work.
 - (c). The places made in any division counted from the division head should be balanced by corresponding places counted from the division end.
 - (d). In methods produced as Y there should be as many leads as there are working bells.
 - (e). Each lead should be equal in size, and should contain exactly the same places and work.
 - (f). The places made in any lead counted from the lead head should be balanced by corresponding places counted from the lead end.

NOTE.—The balancing of places involves the balancing of all other work.

4. The natural division and lead heads and ends should not be concealed.

D. DEFINITIONS.

SYSTEMS.—This word is used broadly to include every possible way of ringing changes that can be termed change ringing and includes

all methods, peal compositions and other round blocks, regular or irregular in form.

PRINCIPLE.—A principle is any round block in which all the bells hunt forward at the same time or hunt backward at the same time. The hunting course on any number of bells is the plain principle, and all other principles are made up of the same rows or some of the same rows with greater or fewer numbers of repetitions.

COURSING ORDER is the order in which the bells are coursing or hunting when all are hunting forward or all are hunting backward. All the rows in the same coursing order are contained within the hunting course. The coursing order is never broken within a principle.

A SHUNT is an alteration in coursing order, and always consists of a cyclical movement from any one coursing order through other coursing orders back to the original coursing order. The bells involved in any shunt always keep the same coursing order among themselves. The "q sets" are one form of shunt.

A LEAD is the number of rows involved in the movement of a hunt (or hunts) from any given point back to the same point.

A comparison of the foregoing with the "Method Report" as it stands will show that although the form is different the actual substance is not much altered. The chief improvement lies in drawing a distinction between what are facts and what are standards of excellence. Without A and B change ringing does not exist. D is to some extent arbitrary, but is based on general natural law, and on the experience of two centuries of practical experience.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN HERT'S RINGER.

We much regret to announce the death, which took place on the 3rd inst., of Mr. Ernest Edward Huntley, ex-President of the Hertford County Association, and late Master of the Bushey Society. Mr. Huntley, who was 53 years of age, was a prominent figure in the ringing world a few years ago, and for 21 years, from 1887—1908, was Master of the Bushey Society, and in 1910-11 was President of the Herts County Association. He had also been very active as a peal ringer, having, in all, rung over 200. The funeral took place on Monday week, when the bells of Bushey Church were rung half-muffled.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUMMER MEETING AT BURGHFIELD.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Bradfield Deanery branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Burghfield. Over 50 members of the Guild were present, and after raising the bells 360 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by: L. G. Reeves 1, L. T. Osborne 2, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 3, G. Parsons 4, G. Abery 5, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 6. Grandsire Doubles were rung for service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Burghfield (the Rev. W. H. George). The hymns sung were: "We love the place, O God," "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," and "O God, our help, in ages past." The Rev. H. C. Wilder read the lesson, and the sermon was preached by the Vicar of Mortimer (the Rev. A. B. Mynors) from the text: "And he first findeth his brother . . . And he brought him to Jesus." St. John i, 41 and 42. The preacher referred to the fact that the ringers, as church workers, must exercise constant watchfulness over their actions so as to preserve a high tone. He also exhorted them to make more use of the Blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as by that means, not only individual grace, but unity and co-operation would be better established.

After the service, the party proceeded to the Men's Club Room for tea, among those present being the Revs. E. M. Thorn (Bucklebury), F. R. Horwood (Aldermaston), H. G. Stubbs (Burghfield), G. W. T. Tyndale-Biscoe (Bradfield), and Mr. A. E. Reeves (general secretary).—The Rev. H. C. Wilder said, after tea, that, although there was no business to be transacted, he should like to thank the Rev. W. H. George for his kindness in welcoming all present, and also the Rev. A. Mynors for preaching such an excellent sermon. He also thought that the number of ringers present justified the committee in arranging the meeting. Miss Chillingworth was also thanked for assisting in the arrangements.—The Rev. A. B. Mynors and the Rev. W. George both returned thanks, and the latter invited the ringers to stroll round his garden, and also intimated the presence of a churchwarden, Mr. Lewis, and apologised also for the absence of Mr. Willink.

At the belfry six ladies rang some rounds (an unusual sight in these parts) and then touches were rung of Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and College Single.

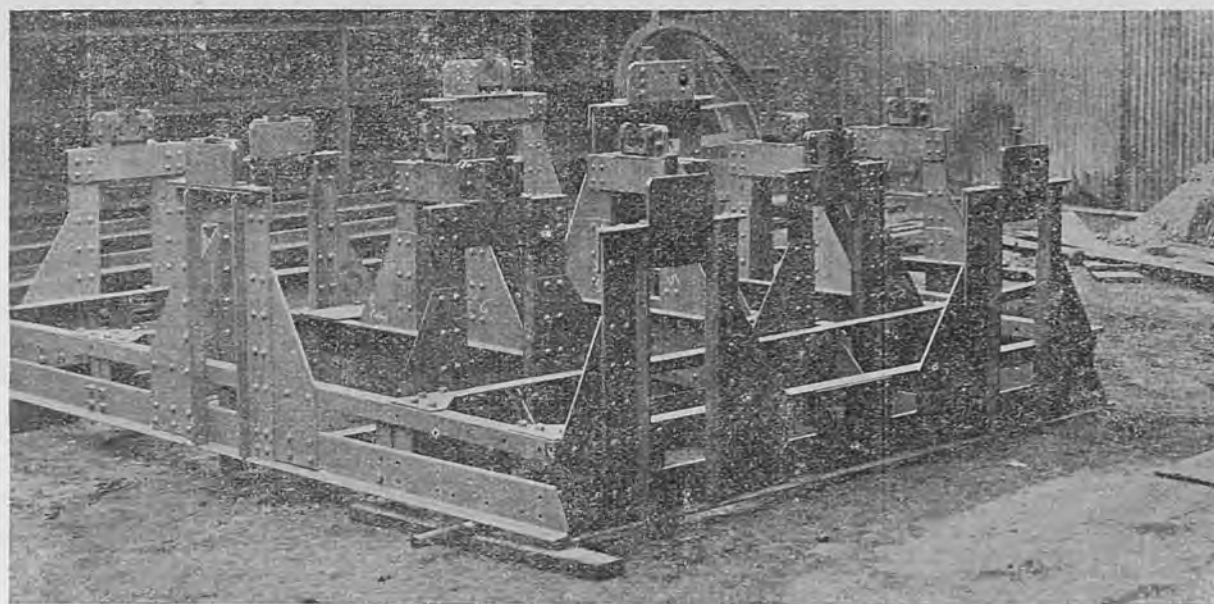
PLAIN BOB

WHO IS THE YOUNGEST RINGER?

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of your paper, ask members of the Exercise who are connected with young change ringers, if they know of one who is younger than Master T. Kitchen, who rings the treble for a young band at Pudsey. He attained his 12th birthday on the first day of this month, and since then he has rung three 720's of Minor peals on the lower bells; with regard to handbell ringing, he can ring 1—2, to either Bob Minor or Bob Major.

The members of our young band, who started change ringing a few months ago, are now progressing favourably, and each has rung a 720 on lower bells, and each can ring two handbells in either Bob Minor or Bob Major. Their average age is slightly over 14 years.—Yours truly, WM. BARTON.



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A LINCOLNSHIRE CYCLE TOUR.

On Whit-Monday, "Empire Day," an enjoyable ringing tour in Lincolnshire was arranged by Mr. J. H. Clark, of Heckington. The party included eight members belonging to the amalgamated ringing company from Heckington and Great Hale churches: Messrs. J. H. Clark, J. T. Holmes, W. Dickinson, W. H. Woods, C. Ward, H. Bowcock, H. P. Nash, Master M. Clark. Mr. Clement Glenn, the popular hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association, and Mr. Arthur Andrews, of Daventry, Northants, also accepted the invitation to join the company. A start was made at 8.30 a.m., and after an enjoyable ride along the flat fen roads, in the teeth of a strong head wind, the party reached Timberland, the first tower to be visited. Hardly had they dismounted when the throb of a motor-bike told them that their friend from Sheffield was up well to time. The six bells, by Osborn, of Downham, were soon afterwards going up in peal. Although Timberland is a small and isolated village, the peal boards round the tiny belfry give evidence of the existence of a good change ringing band only a few years ago. Two of the survivors of this band came in and had a pull with the visitors. The ringing included a well-struck 360 Double Court, Plain Bob, with Master Clark on the treble, and Oxford Treble Bob. After lowering the bells in peal the ringers were conducted to the vicarage and partook of light refreshments very thoughtfully and kindly provided by the Rev. Canon Foster. Thanks were accorded Canon Foster for his hearty welcome and hospitality, and then the party set out for Metherningham, the next tower, some five miles away.

The church, dedicated to St. Wilfrid, contains a light ring of eight, increased from five some two years ago by the addition of three trebles. There was only time to raise the bells in peal and run through a course of Double Norwich before dinner, but having satisfied the inner man at the Railway Hotel, the tower was again visited, and the party were met by three of four of the local band, who joined in touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Although prior to the bells being restored about two years ago, there was only a "stone" band in power; things have changed, and it is gratifying to report that Stedman Triples is the order for Sunday ringing. This new state of affairs reflects great credit on Mr. F. Stokes, of Blankney, who instructed the present band of ringers.

Rusington, the next tower, was reached about four o'clock after another seven miles had been wound off. This church contains six bells which hang in a low western tower. Double Court, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob were the methods rung, but the bells were found rather tricky to strike well, as one or two of them are very "old struck."

Sleaford Church, which was the last tower to be visited, was reached about six o'clock. "Tea and light refreshments" were the first methods attempted, at the Cross Keys Hotel, during which Mr. C. Glenn gave some Stedman Triples on the piano with the perfect ease of anyone playing a tune from music, much to the delight of all those present. At the church the party was met by Mr. Townsend, the genial steeple-keeper, who had everything in readiness. The bells, a melodious ring of eight by Osborn, of Downham Market, were raised in peal, in spite of the long draught of rope. The ringing included Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. It is to be regretted that such a fine peal of bells are lacking a good band of change ringers to handle them, as they are one of the finest rings of eight in the county of Lincoln; and one would have to visit many churches to find one to equal Sleaford in beauty, both inside and outside. Ringing finished at 7.30. Mention may be made of the creditable manner in which Master M. Clark rang the treble in all the four towers visited. He has only recently started ringing, and is but 15 years of age. In each tower the ringing chamber is on the ground floor with a long draught of rope. The visitors departed for their various destinations at eight o'clock, expressing a fervent wish that, should they all be spared to meet again, it would be under peaceful conditions, and that their bells would ring out their message of joy and thanksgiving and help to cheer the saddened hearts of those who had lost dear relations and friends who had given their lives for their country's sake.

Through the medium of this paper the ringers wish to thank the various incumbents for placing the bells at their disposal.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM INDIA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am writing, through the medium of your paper, to congratulate most heartily the lady ringers of Portishead on their splendid performance in scoring a peal of Grandsire Triples. I was delighted to read that the lady ringers of England are keeping up the traditions of the Art while so many of us are away on active service. It came quite as a refresher. I envy them that peal, as it is almost a hardship to be away from the tower. I hope the performers, and especially the young conductress, will accept my heartiest congratulations on the feat. The performance was all the more worthy, when one considers it was to the memory of one who must have been a valued comrade and friend. I am sure the Ladies' Guild must be extremely proud of the Portishead ladies' band, and no doubt we shall be looking in that direction for the first peal of Stedman by a ladies company. Trusting the bells of England will soon ring for a lasting peace, Yours very truly,

C. H. RUSSELL, Sergt.

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NOTICES.

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

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Branch).—A meeting will be held at Childwall on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

THE LADIES' GUILD (postponement of Meeting).—The Annual Meeting announced for to-morrow, Saturday, is postponed as a sufficient members could not attend.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

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

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Elland on Saturday, June 19th, 1915. Ballot for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Mexboro Arms. F. Salmous, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Martley, on Saturday, June 19th. Service at 4 o'clock. The Rector is kindly providing tea.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Festival will be held at Winchester on Monday, June 21st. General meeting at 2 p.m. in St. Maurice's Hall. Service, 4 p.m. at St. Maurice's Church; preacher, Rev. E. Banks-James. Tea, 5 p.m. at St. Maurice's Hall.—George Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec., West End, Southampton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Tettenhall on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in Church, with an address at 5. Tea and general meeting at the Rock Hotel at 5.45. Tea, 6d. to fully paid-up members, to others 1/-. Bells at St. Peter's from 7.30 to 9. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The anniversary of Great Ringing will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available all day. Service at 1 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Sible-Hedingham, June 26th. Short service, with address, at 4 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at the White Horse, at 5 o'clock, at the kind invitation of the Misses Webster, to all giving notice to me not later than June 23rd. — B. Redgwell, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 3.30. By kind permission of the Earl of Bridgwater the grounds will be open to ringers and friends at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Mottram on Saturday, June 26th. Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District).—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson), at Harlington, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided at a small charge, at 6. Members and friends heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

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VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

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A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

To celebrate the coming-of-age of one of the members of the Cranford, Northants, band, Mr. Ben Saddington, who is now away on military duty with the 4th Battalion Northants Regiment at Peterborough, a company of Central Northants ringers rang a quarter-peal of Minor at St. John's Church, Cranford, on May 20th. It comprised 240 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and 300 Plain Bob, and was rung by: J. Saddington (Cranford) 1, G. Basford (Finedon) 2, M. Hobbs (Barton Seagrave) 3, H. Meadows (Burton Latimer) 4, Bernard Saddington (Cranford) 5, G. Lines (Burton Latimer), conductor, 6. Good wishes for "many happy returns" and a quick return home were expressed for the young soldier ringer. The ringers of the treble and 5th are father and brother respectively of "Young Ben," who, it may be remembered, was the smallest of the boys who rang in the peal by "youngsters" at Cranford, which at the time constituted a record in regard to average age, and which was conducted by Mr. E. M. Atkins.

STOKE COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—On April 25th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): F. Andrews (first in the method) 1, W. J. Smith 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, O. J. Hunt 4, W. T. Cox 5, F. E. Pervin 6, A. Roberts 7, E. H. Johnson 8.—On Sunday, May 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes): J. H. W. White 1, *F. Andrews 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, F. E. Pervin 4, *J. Herron 5, E. H. Johnson 6, C. Freeman 7, A. Roberts 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

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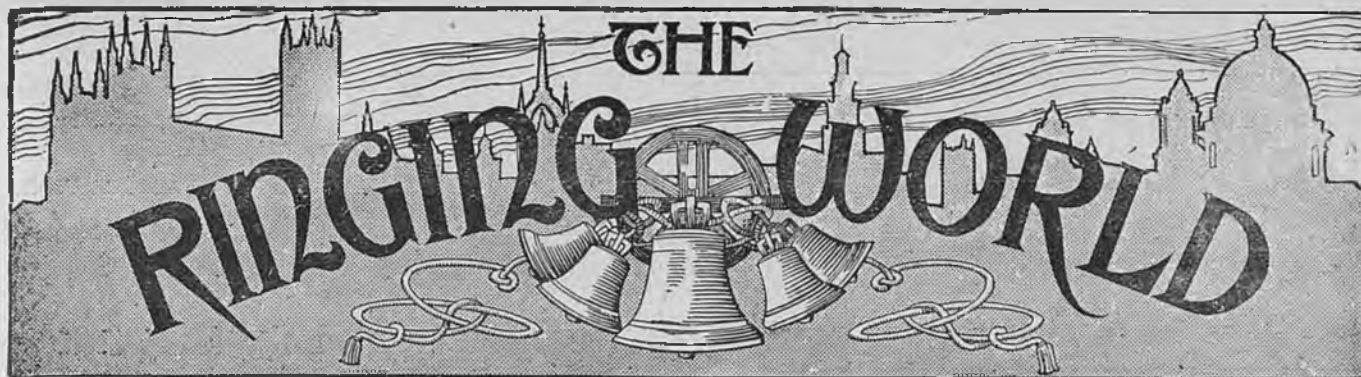


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Gentlemen,

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

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

REPORTING THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

When "The Ringing World" first made its appearance it made the novel departure of providing its own independent report of the proceedings of the Central Council. Up to that time the Council, at any rate for many years, had supplied its own report of the meeting to the existing journal, had paid the cost of taking the note, the transcript of which was officially edited before it appeared in print. "The Ringing World," however, has sent a member of its own staff to report each of the meetings that have been held since the paper was established, not only because it desired to ensure for the Exercise an absolutely independent account of the proceedings, but also because it would not put itself under an obligation to the Council for a report of a meeting of such importance and general interest to ringers at large. That policy has doubtless met with the appreciation of the Exercise, and it had the effect of enabling the Council to cease providing, at their expense, an account of the meeting, leaving both the ringing papers on the same footing with regard to obtaining the report, which is, of course, the reasonable and fair way of doing things. It gives neither paper an opportunity of complaint, but leaves it to their enterprise to provide their readers with the best report they can get. "The Ringing World" has succeeded, by sending one of its staff, even as far as Newcastle.

Of fair competition we have no fear, but we think we have just cause to expose the methods of our contemporary in getting its report of the proceedings in London on Whit-Tuesday. No other shorthand writer than our own took any note of the proceedings, and, that being so, it is almost needless to point out that no other paper was in a position to give actual and voluminous passages from speeches without journalistic piracy. The report of the proceedings now appearing in the columns of "The Bell News" is but a piece of flagrant plagiarism, and we challenge our contemporary to prove that its report is not taken substantially from ours, despite some paraphrasing and a little curtailment. Even in journalism there is a code of etiquette, and to trade upon the enterprise of your nearest rival is not the sort of thing that is included in this code. We have not made these assertions merely at hazard; we have behind our statements such means of proof as would convince the Exercise that only one detailed report of the speeches was available, and that that report, if journalistic etiquette had been preserved, would have appeared exclusively in "The Ringing World." Even if the report is being supplied to our contemporary by someone outside its office staff, it does not in the least degree excuse this gross breach of the ethics of journalism.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1915, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ERNEST POCKETT Treble	JOHN AUSTIN 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	CHARLES DYSON 6
JESSE GILLET 3	EX-SGT. JOSEPH WILLIAMS 7
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES ... 4	SYDNEY BOYCE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 19, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

SAMUEL COTTON Treble	JOSEPH MORRIS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 7
*FRED STANFORTH 4	JOHN OLDHAM Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Quickest peal upon the bells rung, with the bells half-muffled, for those who fell in the Battle of Waterloo, June 18th, 1815, and for all who have fallen during the present war.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 12, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROGER SATTERTHWAITE ... Treble	PTE. T. F. HEWERTSON, R.E. 4
*THOMAS B. NEWTON 2	CHARLES E. WEBB 5
JOHN HOLME 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Major and Mrs. G. O. Sandys, of Graythwaite Hall, Lancashire.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*WALTER H. AUSTIN ... Treble	JOSEPH C. DEAN 4
THOMAS LAW 2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 5
*ALFRED J. MAWBY 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal of Minor.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following amount has been received for the Prince of Wales' Fund:—

Amount already acknowledged	£	s.	d.
Ringers of Heston Parish Church, further	79	13	6
donation (per Mr. H. C. Chandler)	0	8	0

Total ... £80 1 6

AN INTERESTING PROBLEM.

By JOHN CARTER.

Finding this little problem quite interesting to myself, I think it will most probably interest others, although the principle is to a certain extent known to most ringers.

First, take the number of changes which can be made from 2 to 26 (the number of letters in the alphabet), then the number of figures which are in the different changes on from 2 to 26. And then find the size of paper required to hold these changes where no figure must occupy more than the 100th part of a square inch.

As example, take No. 5 on which the changes run to 120, the space of paper required is 600 of these one-hundredth parts of a square inch or 6 square inches, say, 3 inches by 2 inches. On 12 the changes will run to 479,001,600 and the space required is 5,748,019,200 or 44,352 square yards, say, 100 yards wide by a little over 443½ yards long.

The paper required to hold all the changes on all the letters of the alphabet allowing the one-hundredth part of a square inch for each letter is 80,907,237,571,695,575,040,000 square yards, which would be sufficient to cover the whole world 147,000,000 times, but I do not advise any ringer to start and write all these changes down.

Another peculiarity is that the number of changes which can be got is either 9 or a factor or multiple of 9: thus in 720 the figures are 7 and 2=9, 5040, 5 and 4=9, and so on, while if one or more rows are added together it is the same, or they may be 1, 1, or 1, and still the factor or multiple is 9, both in the number of changes and in the figures of the number of changes.

Without giving the figures on all the numbers from one to 26, which run to enormous totals, we give some examples which illustrate the problem.

No. of bells
or figures.

Changes that can be made.

1	1	1/3 9=3
2	2	
3	6	2/3 9=6
4	24	2/3 9=6
5	120	1/3 9=3
6	720	1 x 9=9
7	5,040	1 x 9=9
8	40,320	1 x 9=9
9	362,880	3 x 9=27
10	3,628,800	3 x 9=27
11	39,916,800	4 x 9=36
12	479,001,600	3 x 9=27
25	15,511,210,043,330,985,984,000,000	8 x 9=72
26	403,291,461,126,605,635,584,000,000	9 x 9=81

Figures in number of changes.

1	1	
2	4	
3	18	1 x 9=9
4	96	1 2/3 9=15
5	600	2/3 9=6
6	4,320	1 x 9=9
7	35,280	2 x 9=18
8	322,560	2 x 9=18
9	3,265,920	3 x 9=27
10	36,288,000	3 x 9=27
11	439,084,800	4 x 9=36
12	5,748,019,200	4 x 9=36
25	387,780,251,083,274,649,600,000,000	10 x 9=90
26	10,485,577,989,291,746,525,184,000,000	13 x 9=117

Paper required to hold all the changes.

1	1/100 sq. in.
2	1/25 " "
3	9/50 " "
4	24/25 " "
5	6 " "
6	43 1/5 " "
7	2 9/20 " ft.
8	2 22/45 " yds.
9	25 4/5 " "
10	280 " "
11	3874 1/9 " "
12	44,352 " "
25	2,992,131,567,000,576,000,000 " "
26	80,907,237,571,695,575,040,000 " "

DENTON, MANCHESTER.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Anne's Church, on May 23rd, for evening service, 720 College Pleasure. On Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, 720 Killamars, and for evening service, 720 Tanner's Pleasure: D. Wilde (first in the methods) 1, H. Bardsley (first in the methods away from treble) 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 4, A. E. Walters 5, W. Wright 6.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CONTEST.

The annual meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax District Association was held at Elland on Saturday last, when the bells of St. Mary's Church were placed at the Society's disposal by the kindness of the Rector, Canon Winter.

Four sets of ringers took part in the contest, viz., Halifax, Birstall, Ripponden, and Earlsheaton, each company ringing a test piece of 608 changes, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were Mr. Johnson, of Leeds, and Mr. Simon and Mr. Brook, of Elland.

The draw for the order of ringing took place at 3 o'clock, and when the first company had gone into the tower to ring a slide broke, and ringing was consequently delayed about an hour and a half. The contest, therefore, did not conclude until about 8 p.m.

During the afternoon a splendid tea was served in the Parish School-room to over 90 ringers, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The annual meeting took place at the conclusion of the ringing in the Parish Schoolroom, with the President (Mr. Cotterell) in the chair, supported by the Rector and the officers of the Association. The balance sheet was read and explained by the hon. treasurer (Mr. Ambler) showing the income to have been £3 18s. 6d., with a credit balance of £20 at the bank and in hand.

No new nominations having been received, the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc.

The place of the next meeting and contest was left for the secretary to arrange, and the financial year was altered from June 30th to May 31st.

The result of the contest was announced by Mr. Johnson as follows:

No. 1 Company, Ripponden	617 faults
No. 2 Company, Earlsheaton	157 faults
No. 3 Company, Halifax	375 faults
No. 4 Company, Birstall	185 faults

Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Vicar for the use of his bells, and was heartily carried.

Canon Winter, in reply, said that he felt a very great pleasure at being asked to take part in the meeting. He had been ordained 27 years, and it was the first time he had been asked to take part in a meeting of that sort. He liked change ringing, although he knew nothing of the art itself. He had visited Belgium, France and Germany, and although they had some beautiful bells they did not appeal to him as our change ringing did. To show how deep-rooted was the liking for the bell ringing of England, he said he had had several letters from the men at the front, and, though none of them said they would like to be home again to hear him preach, they would like to hear the church bells ringing again. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to the conductor of the winning team, and hoped it would not be long before the Association went to Elland again.

Mr. Goodall received the cup, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, to which Mr. Johnson replied.

A vote of thanks to the President and hon. treasurer brought a very successful meeting to a close.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving in H.M. Forces:—

Spr. Leonard Drake, of Goolle, 229th Co. Royal Engineers, now at Doncaster.
Pte Charles Cecil Gibbs, of Camberwell, 1st Surrey Rifles, now at Camberwell.
Spr. Ernest Stone (No. 92737), of St. Nicholas', Nunenton, 216th Fortress Co., Royal Engineers, stationed at Nunenton.
Pte H. Rodwell, of St. James', Sutton, near Hull, Hull Heavy Battery, R.F.A., now at Hedon.
Sergt. J. Hare (No. 254), of St. Mary's, Beverley, 1/5 Yorkshire Regiment, was killed in action at St. Julian, Ypres, on April 29th.
Second Corpl. A. R. Macdonald (No. 41816), of the 71st Field Co., R.E., formerly of Bournemouth, has sailed from England to join the British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

DEATH OF VETERAN STOCKPORT RINGER.

We regret to have to record the passing of another veteran ringer, the death occurring with painful suddenness on Monday evening of Mr. William Gordon, senr., of Stockport, who had reached the age of 77 years. Mr. Gordon had been associated with bells nearly all his life, for when quite a boy he used to ring the 8 o'clock bell at the Parish Church, and continued to do so for some 13 or 14 years. Mr. Gordon had almost reached his diamond jubilee as a member of the Parish Church company, having joined it over 59 years ago. For a long period he had been conductor and steeplekeeper, and was in his usual place on Sunday morning and evening last, when he conducted touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and betrayed no sign of the fatal seizure which was so soon to overtake him. A member of the Chester Guild and Lancashire Association, Mr. Gordon had rung between 20 and 30 peals, and was well known as a writer and publisher of handbell music.

BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

Our recent article, calling attention to the lamentable pass to which the bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, have come, through being displaced from the spire, has, happily, reached a public outside the ranks of ringers. For this we have to thank the "Coventry Standard," an extremely influential Coventry paper, which quoted our editorial "in extenso," and adds the following comments of its own:—

"It is pleasing to know that St. Michael's bells are being borne in mind, and that their future is not accepted as a foregone conclusion—based on their present state—for all time. Every Sunday when they are chimed their music is an appeal for something better for them. When the chiming machinery is too slowly used the appeal is melancholy, when it is too rapidly used it becomes angry—almost frantic; even at its best it is a poor, stammering, substitute for the swinging peal. In any case it is an argument which makes itself heard, and sooner or later I believe it will produce a response.

"I'll tell you what," as Mr. Boffin was wont to say. The new Diocese of Warwickshire will come very quickly when national affairs once more become normal, and inasmuch as the people will not have to provide a cathedral, St. Michael's Church being ready to hand do you not think they might care to supplement their Diocesan contributions by raising a subscription for a new campanile—as a thankoffering, say, for the triple joys of peace, the provision of the new Diocese, and the existence of the cathedral? If the Warwickshire Guild should keep the matter in mind, there is a hint in this for the members when the time is ripe.

"Peradventure there may be another George Woodcock biding his time. Who can tell? If there be, what better memorial could he have than a campanile in keeping with the majestic tower which Mr. Woodcock did so much to preserve from ruin. His name would be linked for ever with the Botoners—

'William and Adam built the tower,

Ann and Mary built the spire'

—and George Woodcock, and future generations would say of him, that while the Botoners and Woodcock built and preserved the tower, he restored 'the music bordering highest on heaven' which, hundreds of years ago, earned for Coventry the world-wide name of 'the ringing town.'

We trust that the hopes we expressed and to which the "Coventry Standard" has given such an excellent backing may some day be realised.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held under favourable conditions at Denholme Gate, on Saturday week, when upwards of 50 members attended, the following towers being represented: Bradford, Bolton, Guiseley, Halifax, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Hunslet, Keighley, Kildwick, Lightcliffe, Northowram, Pudsey, Shipley, Tong, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening, the bells were rung in a variety of methods, and handbells were also well utilised. Tea was partaken of in the schools, and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. G. B. Bolland (vice-president of district) was in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (President), Mr. P. J. Johnson (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Colterill (treasurer), and members of the committee.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting on September 11th, and, no invitations being received, it was left to the committee to select a place. It was announced that the committee had arranged a practice meeting to be held at Guiseley on Saturday, July 17th, from 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and the Chairman explained that the object of these meetings was to practise the various methods.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for making the necessary arrangements was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, and seconded by Mr. G. B. Bolland.—Mr. A. Hoyle, one of the local company, in responding, said the Vicar was unfortunately unable to be present, owing to a prior engagement, and he gave a hearty welcome to the Association to Denholme Gate, and hoped they would have a very enjoyable meeting.—Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed, and Mr. F. Dixon seconded, a vote of thanks to the ladies who had arranged the tea, and this was acknowledged by one of the ladies.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a very enjoyable meeting.

WATERLOO.

Had the state of affairs been different to what it is doubtless there would have been many peals rung to celebrate the centenary of the victory of Waterloo, which occurred last Friday. It would be interesting, however, to know what records exist of peals rung to commemorate the event itself. Such a peal was rung at Farnham, Surrey, and is recorded on a MS. now hung in the ringing chamber, as follows:

July 3rd, 1815,

was rung in this Tower in commemoration of the glorious victory of the battle of Waterloo, June 15, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

J. Garforth	1	C. Newman	5
R. Wheeler	2	J. Newman	6
J. Fewtrell	3	J. Wheeler	7
W. Ride	4	W. Ireson	8

TWO PEALS OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, BIRMINGHAM.

23456789		23456789	
42356978	7 in and out at 3	42356978	7 in and out at 3
32654	8-9	32654	8-9
43256	9 in 3 S	43256	9 in 3 S
25346	8 in 3 S	25346	8 in 3 S
54326	8 in 3	54326	8 in 3
35426	9 in 3	35426	9 in 3
62534	8 in 2	62534	8 in 2
43265	8 in 2	43265	8 in 2
24365	9 in 3	24365	9 in 3
52463	9 in 3 S	52463	9 in 3 S
35264	9 in 3 S	35264	9 in 3 S
43562	9 in 3 S	43562	9 in 3 S
54362	9 in 3	54362	9 in 3
25463	9 in 3 S	25463	9 in 3 S
32564	9 in 3 S	32564	9 in 3 S
53264	9 in 3	53264	9 in 3
25364	9 in 3	25364	9 in 3
42563	9 in 3 S	42563	9 in 3 S
34265	9 in 3 S	34265	9 in 3 S
23465	9 in 3	23465	9 in 3
42365	9 in 3	42365	9 in 3
54263	9 in 3 S	54263	9 in 3 S
35462	9 in 3 S	35462	9 in 3 S
23564	9 in 3 S	23564	9 in 3 S
52364	9 in 3	52364	9 in 3
45263	9 in 3 S	45263	9 in 3 S
34562	9 in 3 S	34562	9 in 3 S
53462	9 in 3	53462	9 in 3
45362	9 in 3	45362	9 in 3
24563	9 in 3 S	24563	9 in 3 S
32465	9 in 3 S	32465	9 in 3 S
23465879	1.3.4	23465879	1.3.4
42365	8 in 3	42365	8 in 3
54263	8 in 3 S	54263	8 in 3 S
35462	8 in 3 S	35462	8 in 3 S
23564	8 in 3 S	23564	8 in 3 S
52364	8 in 3	52364	8 in 3
45263	8 in 3 S	45263	8 in 3 S
34562	8 in 3 S	34562	8 in 3 S
53462	8 in 3	53462	8 in 3
45362	8 in 3	45362	8 in 3
24563	8 in 3 S	24563	8 in 3 S
32465	8 in 3 S	32465	8 in 3 S
43265	8 in 3	43265	8 in 3
24365	8 in 3	24365	8 in 3
52463	8 in 3 S	52463	8 in 3 S
35264	8 in 3 S	35264	8 in 3 S
43562	8 in 3 S	43562	8 in 3 S
54362	8 in 3	54362	8 in 3
25463	8 in 3 S	25463	8 in 3 S
32564	8 in 3 S	32564	8 in 3 S
53264	8 in 3	53264	8 in 3
25364	8 in 3	25364	8 in 3
42563	8 in 3 S	42563	8 in 3 S
32547698	8 in 3 S	32547698	8 in 3 S

This peal has the 6th extent behind the 9th in the titlums and also extent behind the 8th and 8th in the titlums and in the hand stroke home position.

This peal has the 6th extent alternately behind the 9th and 8th in the titlums and hand stroke home positions.

5000 STEDMAN MAJOR.

By GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

12345	1	8	10	12
*31245	—	—	—	—
13542	—	—	—	—
34512	—	—	—	—
45231	—	—	—	—
42135	—	—	—	—
21435	—	—	—	—
14235	—	—	—	—
41532	—	—	—	—
15243	—	—	—	—
54213	—	—	—	—
12453	—	—	—	—
24153	—	—	—	—
42153	—	—	—	—
21345	—	—	—	—

The last 13 courses to be repeated twice, substituting a bob for the single in part 2.

* Short course of 8 changes.

The above is believed to be the first peal of exactly 5,000 changes with 6-7-8 home at every course end.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CLERICAL SECRETARY WELCOMES WESTERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held on Saturday last at Martley, where resides the popular Rector, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, who is also a ringer and clerical secretary of the Association. The branch was fairly well represented, though Martley is rather out of the way, and no convenient motor service is now running.

After ringing in the afternoon, a service was held in the church, at which the Rector gave a very suitable address.

Tea was provided on the Rectory lawn, and, needless to say, was much appreciated. The surroundings were perfect, roses and other flowers were in full bloom, the trim lawns and well-kept gardens were good to gaze upon, while the look-out over the open fields provided a pleasant prospect. After tea an adjournment was made to another lawn, where, under a shady tree, the business meeting was held.

It was arranged to attempt a quarterly peal at Martley, with Mr. R. G. Knowles as conductor. The next meeting is to be held at Droitwich on September 25th. One new member was elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his hospitality.

The members were pleased to welcome among them Mr. W. R. Small and Mr. A. Rowley, the latter being very much "at home" at Martley. It is worthy of note that out of the evil of this terrible war, good has resulted at Martley. The Rector has allowed lads to ring the "peace" bell, and from that beginning some of them can now hunt the treble in Grandsire Doubles. The bells, which are in excellent order (like everything connected with the church), were kept going during the afternoon and evening, about twelve methods being rung including Grandsire Doubles and London Surprise Minor.

MEETING AT KING'S NORTON

The summer meeting of the Northern Branch was held at King's Norton on Saturday last, under ideal conditions. As one wended one's way from the tram terminus over the railway bridge and down the hill, one soon caught sight of the handsome tower and spire of St. Nicolas' Church, where that grand peal of eight cast by Chapman and Mears in the 17th century, was sending forth its beautiful music. For the moment the striking brought to the writer's mind the record peal of London Surprise Major rung on these same bells some years ago. Beneath the shadow of the tower is the last resting place of the late Mr. W. S. Pritchett, a man who was largely responsible for bringing the science of change ringing to perfection at King's Norton, and one who knew him could not pass his grave without pausing to take a look at it. It is pleasing to note that the work commenced by him is still being carried on by his brothers, Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Messrs. Alfred and Theodore Pritchett.

Touches in various methods, especially for the younger members, were continued during the afternoon until service called the visitors within the church. The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Hugh Price) officiated, and in his address spoke of the duty of ringers, who, he said, were needed just as much as the choir. He spoke of ringers as churchmen, and of their high calling and their responsibility to act up to their high principles as churchworkers and officers. How many outside the ranks of the ringers knew of the great sacrifices which ringers made to make their calling perfect, and did ringers themselves fully realise what their duty was? The Canon referred to the use of chiming apparatuses which are fixed up in some towers, and said if he could help it he would do away with them altogether as they were an abomination. They might, perhaps, be a bit useful in the week when the ringers were away at their work, but how often were they made the excuse for ringers being absent from their places at Sunday services? He impressed upon his hearers the necessity of being at the sally for every service on Sundays and helping to make such associations as theirs one great brotherhood.

PROPOSED PEAL OF TEN.

After service, tea was kindly served on the Vicarage lawn, about seventy members and friends sitting down. In the absence of the Vicar, who was suddenly called away to a serious case of illness, Mr. T. Pritchett presided at the business meeting. Bealey was selected for the next quarterly meeting in September. Six new members were elected, including the Vicar and churchwardens of King's Norton.—In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, and to Mr. F. B. Yates for providing such a splendid repast, Mr. Mason mentioned that he trusted it would not be long before he would have the pleasure of having a ring in that beautiful tower on ten bells.

Mr. Pritchett, in responding, said how pleased he was for the Association to honour them with another meeting at their grand old place, and trusted it would not be the last meeting held there. Speaking with reference to the address of the Vicar he, as a ringer, thought the Vicar had got right on his side. Speaking for himself, he did not think ringers should be compelled to attend service every time they rang, but he thought they should attend at least one of the services for which they rang. He also mentioned that Mr. Churchwarden Yates had informed him that he had got as far as to get an estimate for work to increase the bells into a peal of ten, and no doubt something would soon be done to mature the scheme.

A well-struck touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells was given by Miss Johnson 1—2, D. J. Johnson (conductor) 3—4, W. Short 5—6, J. E. Groves 7—8, H. Withers 9—10. A further visit to the tower was

made, and ringing was indulged in in the standard methods, also in Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, and brought another pleasant and successful meeting to a close. The following towers were represented: Old Hill, Kidderminster, Wolverley, Selly Oak, Clent, Edgbaston, St. Martin's, Redditch; Stourbridge, Smethwick, Wribbenhall, Wordsley, Oldswinford, Halesowen, Hinton-on-the-Green, Belbroughton, Woolaston, Northfield, Cradley, and the local company,

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

VILLAGE TOWERS HARD HIT BY WAR'S DEMANDS.

The annual meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Ross on Thursday of last week. The attendance was rather less than half what it usually is, a very large proportion of the members being with the colours, while hay harvest having already begun, many others were unable to spare the time. Divine service (at the fine old Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin) was held at 11 a.m., and was hearty and impressive. The sermon was preached by the Rev. V. A. Creswell on the words: "To every man his work," and was a stirring appeal to all to serve God as baptised soldiers of the Cross, both in daily life, and in their special church work.

The business meeting, which followed the service, took place in the Upper Schoolroom, under the presidency of the Master (Mr. L. G. Buchanan), when the officers and committee were re-elected with several additions.

A well thought out proposal for altering the present mode of electing the committee on what he believed to be more democratic lines was made by Mr. H. S. Cooper, of Ross, but the general feeling of the meeting was that the present system was more suitable to the peculiar circumstances of the Guild, and the proposal lapsed for want of a seconder.

Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Glasbury, raised the question of sub-division into districts. Several speakers expressed approval of the principle, but most were of opinion that such an important matter was better left over till more tranquil times.

The meeting endorsed the action taken by the committee in discontinuing the services of the regular instructor during the war, but it was pointed out that the hon. secretary was prepared to provide competent ringers as assistant instructors for any towers that require their services.

The company sat down to luncheon in the Lower School, and the usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured, with the addition of "absent friends" in special reference to members on military service.

Although members had attended the meeting prepared to forgo the usual ringing which accompanies their annual festival, the fine ring of eight bells at Ross were very kindly placed at their disposal by the Rector, and were made good but moderate use of both before the service and during the afternoon. About a dozen ringers also accepted the kind invitation of the Rev. V. A. Creswell to ringing and tea at St. Weonard's, while another small party visited Weston-under-Pengard (by special request).

In all 46 members attended, representing about 18 of the towers attached to the Guild, while numerous others sent apologies for unavoidable absence and wishes for a successful meeting. That it was so successful was largely due to the excellent local arrangements made by Mr. J. Clark.

The war has hit the Guild very hard. The great majority of the towers (in almost every case village towers) cannot now muster a full band, as it is almost impossible to fill gaps, as can often be done in towns. But with few exceptions they continue loyally to support the Guild, and in very many cases are continuing to pay the subscriptions of their soldier and sailor members. Whether this is done or not, the committee has decided that those absent on military service will remain full members as long as the war lasts. And we are looking forward to welcoming them home again when victory shall have been given to our arms.

A NON-RINGER'S SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the Exercise feels itself unable, for obvious reasons, to undertake the ringing of peals, except for special occasions, may I suggest a use for the efforts of ringers? Would it not be possible to ring hymn tunes on the bells? I speak as an outsider, without any knowledge of bells, so that I do not know their capabilities. If, however, this were possible, I am sure the effect would be most pleasing, and to many, no doubt, would be a welcome change to the technicalities of change ringing, which does not always appeal to the lay mind.—Yours faithfully,

LESTER SMITH.

WHO IS THE YOUNGEST RINGER?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Barton's letter in your last issue, I may say we have one ringer, F. Locke, in our band (All Saints', Langport), who is 12 years and five months old, who can ring the treble to Rob Minor. I may say he has been able to handle a rope for over two years.—Yours truly,

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THE LATE MR. E. E. HUNTLEY.

Last week, with deep regret, we briefly recorded the death of Mr. Ernest Edward Huntley, of Bushey, Herts, who died in Guy's Hospital on June 3rd, after a very painful operation, at the age of 53 years. Although Mr. Huntley had not done much ringing during the last five or six years, his name was very prominent in the Exercise during the previous 20 years. Despite the fact that he did not commence ringing till the comparatively late age of 26, his ability and grit carried him far up the campanalogical ladder. Mainly to his perseverance and energy the old peal of three at Bushey was increased to six in 1887 and to eight in 1889, and he set to work, with the assistance of Mr. E. P. Debenham, to form a change ringing band. He was Master of the Bushey Society from 1887 to 1908, and during that time the local band progressed from Grandsire Doubles to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. Having a good ear, he was a splendid striker,



THE LATE MR. E. E. HUNTLEY.

and, moreover, saw that his band struck their bells properly too. He conducted peals in practically all the methods he rang, and he was the first man to call Lates' one-part peal of Stedman Triples from every bell. He had also rung every bell in the three towers of Aldenham, Bushey and Oxhey to a peal.

In 1910 he was elected President of the Hertford County Association, to which he had rendered valuable service, and held the office for a year.

In all the deceased rang about 210 peals and conducted over 100 of them. He was churchwarden of Bushey for three years, and during that period the belfry was completely renovated and gas installed.

Mr. Huntley was a cricketer of more than average ability, a decent bat and a good wicket keeper, and, in his younger days, frequently played for his county. Later he was secretary of the Bushey Cricket Club. He will be missed by a large circle of friends in Bushey and neighbourhood, and especially amongst the ringers.

The funeral took place at Bushey on the 7th inst., and among many floral tributes was a wreath from the Bushey Society of Change Ringers, who were represented by

Messrs. F. A. Smith (deputy master), F. Edwards and J. J. Allen. Mr. J. Prewett attended on behalf of his son, the present Master of the society, who is at present with the Forces. The bells were rung half muffled on Sunday evening, and, after the funeral, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, which came to grief after an hour's ringing, through a shift course: M. F. R. Hibbert 7, W. Saley 2, A. Andrews 3, J. Thomas (conductor) 4, H. Hodgetts 5, F. Edwards 6, F. A. Smith 7, J. J. Allen 8.

WHAT I HAVE NOTICED.

By KHAKI LAD.

The lookers-on see most of the play,
The man on his legs does most of the say.

"ILLEGALISE."

This is my impression of a wasted half-day in town by the members of the Central Council. There is far too much ebullition of one's personal interpretation of descriptive technical terms, both in the Press and at the meetings, by the half-dozen members of the "Science of Permutation." We want more executive attention to the thousands of towers throughout Great Britain, where the humble bell ringer is still expecting help in the elementary drudgery and work of practical bell ringing.

It's all very well for a Mr. President to say the questions and answers that arise are not "abstruse," and his secretarial partner to second the inference, but, it would appear to me that all "recondite method builders" are ever ready to dispute any and everything unless it has emanated from their own particular figure head. Select any county and take a census of replies to one or two simple questions, and how many ringing hands attached to the whole of the belfries canvassed could answer them properly—not one in ten.

The great mass of men who pull the rope throughout the year at our parish churches want something more practical; more help and encouragement from both clergy and laity in every instance, yet, after 25 years' existence the Council is a body without power to lay down a law or to give legal effect to an order, a set of unbusinesslike authors who are about to amend definitions in print while complaining at the same time of the poor sales of their publications.

Go on, my lads, revise, reprint and rename—go ahead, you mathematical matriculate permutators; all that you do is embodied in those beautiful lines of the poet, and what a contrast to the horrid word "illegitimate."

"Changed and yet true, ever the same yet ever new."

HELPING THE HELPLESS.

There is such a thing as money to be found for the asking, although we are at war, and many war funds are about, but to our fellow ringers I would like to point out that a twelvemonth of serious warfare terminates at the end of July, and "The Ringing World" has offered opportunity to all its readers to respond to their generous instinct.

Only £79 13s. 6d. has been raised in ten months amongst a family of 30,000 men, and what a brotherhood as one of our preachers has recently mentioned. All honour to those who have given, whether through your columns or their local town collections, but may I ask those who have not joined yet to please come in and make up a 100 guineas by August 1st next. Many of us would not object to a Prince of Wales' birthday peal, but I want every ringer to join in a special appeal for the anniversary of H.R.H.'s fund.

METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Many thanks are due to Mr. J. A. Trollope for his excellent article in your last issue, but may I ask him how he would avoid a bell striking less than three blows consecutively in one place at a single in common Grandsire? I entirely agree with him that no bell should strike more than two blows in one place, but the old Grandsire single allows four blows in one place. Can he inform us how to avoid this? I suppose he will tell us to make it another way.—Yours faithfully,

AN EXPERT 'NOVICE.'

SUGGESTION TO SURREY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Might I make a suggestion to Surrey ringers that a North-Eastern district of the Surrey Association be formed to affiliate, if possible, the following towers: St. Mary, Rotherhithe; St. George's, Christ Church, and St. Saviour's, Southwark; St. Mary's and St. John's, Lambeth; St. John's, Kennington; Holy Trinity, Newington; Horsleydown, Bormondsey, Battersea, Walworth, Clapham; St. Giles' and St. George's, Camberwell, etc., etc. Change ringing at the present time is at a very low ebb at several of these towers. Now is Surrey's chance. Clapham.

H. BARNES.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

REDHILL, SURREY.—St. John's Society.—On April 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Dennis 1, O. Gilbey 2, T. Streeter 3, A. Gear 4, H. Edwards 5, Pte F. W. Bailey (9th Suffolk Regiment) 6, H. Card (conductor) 7, W. Streeter 8.

KING'S CLIFFE.—At All Saints' Church, by members of Oundle First Deanery Association. 480 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Captain T. G. Powell, Northamptonshire Regiment, who was killed in action in France on May 9th; also Sergt. F. Rothwell, Lancashire Fusiliers, who died of wounds received in action at the Dardanelles.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: *Drummer Finch (N. Staffordshire Regiment) 1, W. Boyles 2, F. Marchant 3, *J. Smith 4, G. Miles 5, B. Hawkins (conductor) 6. * First 720.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On May 2nd, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): S. Proctor (conductor) 1, G. Andrews 2, G. Maxim 3, F. Jelf 4, H. G. Rowe 5, C. Dilly 6, H. Simmonds 7, R. Smith 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On May 2nd, for evening service, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: C. Terry 1, J. Town 2, G. Wickens 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, W. Dennis 6, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

SEELY OAK.—Worcestershire Association and St. Mary's Guild.—On May 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Boylin 1, W. Ball 2, W. Dowler 3, W. Ikin 4, W. Mumford 5, E. J. Dowler (conductor) 6, J. Eaton 7, H. Parkes 8.

HARPENDEN.—On May 2nd, for afternoon service, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: Sergt. R. Pickering 1, B. Jarman 2, F. Hunt 3, *G. Newson 4, *H. Day 5, Sergt. W. G. Wakley (conductor) 6, A. King 7, D. Dellar 8. * First quarter in method.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On May 2nd, at the Parish Church, for the men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Whatmore 1, J. Kendrick 2, W. Potter 3, A. W. Dodd 4, C. E. Perkins 5, J. Newman 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, C. W. Cooper 8.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On May 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Barlow (Deane) 1, F. Abbott (Deane) 2, G. Morris (Swinton) 3, T. Worsley (Bolton) 4, J. Welsby 5, J. R. Rydard (Worsley) 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8. Rung for the Sunday School Anniversary sermons.

EARL'S COLNE.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, May 2nd, for Matins, a plain course of Double Oxford Major, followed by 336 in the same method, first in the method on the bells, and by an entirely local band, who had only rung the plain course on the previous Sunday at the first attempt: H. Fairhead 1, J. Flouty 2, J. Turner 3, R. Flouty 4, F. Claydon 5, W. Burst 6, J. French (conductor) 7, W. Scillitoe 8. For evening service, 336 in the same method, also 160 Bob Major.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on May 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Symonds 1, F. Holloway 2, C. Groves 3, H. Hoptrow 4, J. Harris (conductor) 5, F. Burrow 6, J. Harding 7, Rev. A. Cory 8.—On May 9th, for Divine service, 518 Grandsire Triples: F. Holloway 1, H. Hoptrow 2, C. Groves 3, W. Wheeler 4, J. Symonds 5, F. Burrow (conductor) 6, J. Harris 7, A. Collins 8.—Also on March 28th, 504, conducted by F. Burrow, and on April 25th, 504, conducted by H. Hoptrow.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCS.—On Wednesday, May 5th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Martin, junr. 1, H. Martin, senr. 2, J. Parton 3, A. Pardoe 4, G. Poppell (conductor) 5, Wm. Short 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on May 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins., in honour of the fifth anniversary of the King's Accession: C. Burdock 1, J. J. Jones 2, H. Burdock 3, A. H. Pulling 4, B. Chorley 5, M. Smither 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, A. Ward 8.—On May 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins., in honour of Ascension Day: C. Burdock 1, J. J. Jones 2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3, H. Hutton 4, H. Harris 5, J. T. Lee 6, C. Hazelden 7, A. Ward 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. W. Fox 1, C. H. Walker 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, E. J. Pannett 4, H. Walker 5, H. Warnett, junr. 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung in honour of Accession Day.

PUTNEY.—For King's Accession Day, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes) by C. Charge: H. Whanslaw 1, Alf. Jones 2, G. Boon (1st in method) 3, J. S. Kent 4, C. Collis, junr. 5, C. J. Matthews (first quarter on lower bells) 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, J. Herbert 8.

BIRKENHEAD.—Chester Guild.—On Sunday, May 9th, at St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Owens 1, H. T. Brocklebank 2, J. Owens 3, R. Birchall 4, W. Hughes 5, J. Evans 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. F. Barnes 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to those who lost their lives through the sinking of the s.s. "Lusitania" off the Irish coast. This tower would be plainly seen from the ship as she went to and fro on her voyages across the Atlantic.

WORSLEY.—Lancashire Association.—On May 10th to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to the Earl of Ellesmere, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Derbyshire 1, J. Lowe 2, Rev. C. B. Hulton 3, J. H. Ridyard 4, J. Potter 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, J. Ridyard (conductor) 7, W. Jones 8.

WILLESDEN.—Middlesex Association.—On May 11th, 720 London Surprise Minor (21 bobs): B. Forkett 1, F. Barrett 2, G. M. Kilby 3, F. Grisdale 4, T. Langdon (first 720 in the method) 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 8.

BURLEY, LEEDS.—At St. Mathias's Church, on May 13th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Heap (Burley) 1, Wm. Barton (Pudsey) 2, P. J. Johnson (Holbeck) 3, G. Slack (Burley) 4, J. Watford (Burley) 5, H. Lindsay (Headingley) 6. First 720 of Cambridge on the bells and by all the ringers.

GREAT BENTLEY.—At the Parish Church, on May 15th, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. J. Nevard 1, Pte A. T. Smith, 8th Essex (Cyclists) 2, H. Bacon 3, J. Bowells 4, P. Oldham 5, H. Lilley 6, F. Smith 7, G. Andrew (conductor) 8. Longest touch on eight bells by the ringers of 6 and 7 who hail from Langham; H. Bacon from Ardleigh; Pte Smith belongs to the Langham band, but is now stationed at Frinton-on-Sea, and the rest belong to the local band. A short touch of Bob Major was also rung.

NEWTON LONGVILLE.—On May 15th, at the Parish Church, 168 and 180 Stedman Triples, 168 Grandsire Triples, and course each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. These touches were arranged for Mr. W. Crane, of Bangor, North Wales, who was on a visit to Blechley.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On May 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (composed by J. George): *H. Morris 1, W. Mead 2, P. Stenton 3, W. Crane 4, F. Sear 5, *F. Hedges 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Sear, and as a farewell to W. Crane, of Bangor, North Wales.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on May 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles 1260 changes, in 40 mins.: *A. Butler 1, J. Preece 2, W. S. Evans 3, *C. L. Powell 4, A. Talbot (conductor) 5, F. Lane 6. * First quarter-peal. Rung as a farewell to A. Butler, who has joined Hereford Territorials.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Durham and Newcastle Association.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Sunday evening, May 16th, 720 Hexham Surprise Minor: J. W. Forster 1, Jno. Marshall 2, R. Dixon 3, T. H. Surtees 4, A. Charlton 5, F. Barron (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 16th, in 44 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Skinner 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, F. Skevington (conductor) 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, J. Wilmoth 7, P. C. Brooks 8.

LONDON.—On May 16th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Davis 1, C. H. Hughes 2, F. A. Smith 3, H. Franks 4, W. Ayres 5, T. Walker 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, W. T. Walden 8.

STONE STANTON.—Midland Counties Association.—On May 18th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: T. Atkins (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Wright (Sapcote) 2, N. Walker 3, C. Brown (Sapcote) 4, C. H. Briggs 5, W. Hyde Inglesant 6, H. Briggs (conductor) 7, L. Hewitt 8.

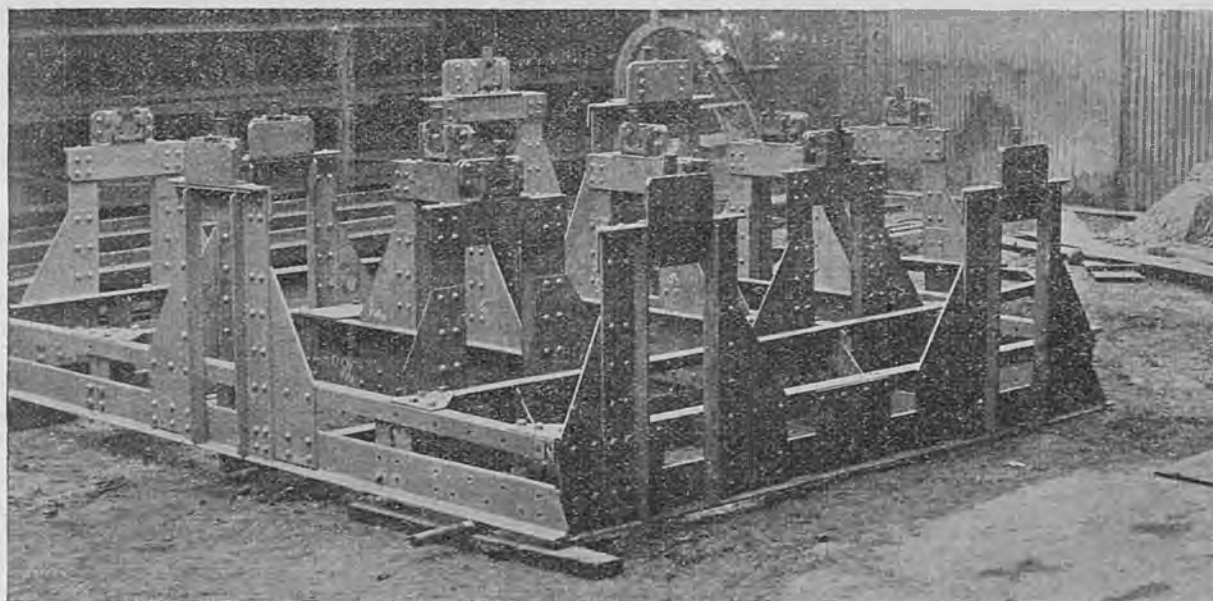
TONBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 21st, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: C. Cooke 1, G. H. Stonestreet 2, A. Laurence 3, Pte R. H. Stephens, K.C. Battalion (St. Mary's, Dover) 4, J. Milner 5, W. Steed 6, A. E. Heady (conductor) 7, G. Rabbitt 8.—On May 26th, in celebration of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. Rabbitt 1, A. E. Heady 2, G. H. Stonestreet 3, W. Steed 4, W. J. Wolfe 5, J. Milner 6, A. Laurence (conductor) 7, W. Phillips (St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington), longest length, 8.

BEDFORD.—On May 23rd, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: H. G. Harlow (conductor) 1, Miss D. Steel 2, W. Stapleton 3, W. Fienden 4, Pte W. Stanford (4th Royal Sussex Regiment) 5, A. Robinson 6; and 240 Kent, in which A. Winch (Leatherhead, Surrey), took part.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, on the back eight, at the Cathedral, 546 Grandsire Triples: E. E. Stiles 1, T. T. Hayward 2, W. J. Mills 3, H. Fry 4, E. G. Lush 5, A. E. Mills 6, Sergt. W. Farley (conductor) 7, W. Leakey 8, A. Berry 9.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: E. E. Stiles 1, T. T. Hayward 2, F. Loxton 3, H. Fry 4, E. G. Lush 5, A. E. Mills 6, Sergt. W. Farley (conductor) 7, W. Leakey 8. Arranged for Sergt. Farley, North Somerset Yeomanry, who was home on a short leave.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, 1263 Stedman Caters: A. Outmore 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, H. Dains 3, W. G. Matthews 4, J. H. Payne 5, P. G. Miles 6, W. J. Daubney 7, W. E. Judd 8, H. G. Miles 9, G. Hannell 10.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—For the morning service, on May 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: J. W. Frain 1, R. H. Boddington (first 720) 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, G. Harbour 4, R. Holloway 5, G. Ilea 6.



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A most successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Marshfield on Saturday last, 38 members attending, including visitors from Swindon, Bath and Trowbridge, the branch being also honoured by the presence of the Master, hon. secretary and hon. treasurer of the Association. The towers represented were: St. George, St. Thomas, St. Nicholas, St. Phillips, St. James, St. Stephen's and Emmanuel, Bristol; Honbury, Marshfield, Mangotsfield, Warmley, Bitton and Thornbury. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and Divine service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar of Marshfield (the Rev. L. O. Asplen), who gave an impressive address, based on the text, "Seek those things that are above." Thanks are due to the lady organist for her assistance at the service. Tea was afterwards partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, from which a splendid view of the country is obtained.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. H. A. Cockey (hon. treasurer) presided. One new member was elected, and Bitton was selected as the next place of meeting on July 17th.

Mr. G. Wiltshire asked if the annual meeting of the Association was to be held this year.—After much discussion by officers and members of the committee present it was decided to hold the meeting on July 10th.

The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for such a warm reception, for the use of the bells and for his address. This was carried with applause, and the Vicar, in responding, remarked how pleased he would be to extend a similar welcome to the Association when the time came round again (cheers).

The tower was then again visited, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being successfully brought round. The meeting proved a most enjoyable one.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—The following miscellaneous touches were rung at 55, Rhondda Street, on handbells: April 2nd, 336 Grandsire Triples; April 29th, 336 Grandsire Triples by: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, J. A. Hoare 5—6, H. Perry 7—8.—On 24th April, 336 Grandsire Triples; 1st May, 336 Grandsire Triples, by: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, J. A. Hoare 5—6, F. B. Stedman 7—8; May 25th, 720 Bob Minor; May 29th, a quarter-peal (1260), Bob Minor, in 33 minutes; on May 1st, 504 Kent Treble Bob Minor; on June 11th, 2160 Bob Minor, by: S. Perry 1—2, J. A. Hoare 3—4, A. Hoare (conductor) 5—6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 18th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 46 minutes: F. Hunt 1, F. Kendall (first in the method) 2, Gnr. C. Kennington (Lincoln, R.F.A.) 3, (Lt. Wing 4, Bomb. J. Davies (Derby, R.F.A.) 5, J. Rookwood 6, A. King (conductor) 7, Pte C. East (5th Lincoln Regiment) 8.—On May 2nd, for evening service, on the occasion of the Sunday School Festival, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins.: Pte L. Willars, 2/4 Leicester Regiment (first in the method) 1, G. Newson 2, Sergt. R. Pickering (South Staff Regiment) 3, T. Blackburn (late of Oakham) 4, T. Kendall 5, J. Rookwood 6, F. Hunt 7, A. King (conductor) 8.

COLCHESTER.—On April 23rd, in celebration of St. George's Day, at St. Peter's Church, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich Major, including a touch of 960; also 1008 Bob Major and 1088 Kent Treble Bob by the following members of the local company: G. Burch, W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, H. Evers, S. Hull, G. M. Rashbrook and W. J. Schofield.

LONDON.—Ancient Society of College Youths.—On Sunday evening, April 25th, at St. Mary's, Bow, E., a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major: E. Gibbs 1, H. Springall 2, R. Turner 3, J. Scholes 4, T. Langdon 5, W. Truss 6, E. Hall 7, H. Langdon (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the 29th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. J. Scholes.

WEST EALING.—For evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, on April 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Edwards 1, G. Harbour 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, J. Hunnisett 4, Pte J. A. Snow 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, Geo. Iles 8.—On Rogation Sunday, May 9th, a quarter-peal, in 43 mins.: C. Edwards 1, Pte J. A. Snow 2, J. Hunnisett 3, G. Harbour 4, Geo. Iles 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, W. Lawrence 8.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—Worcestershire Association.—At the Parish Church, on April 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. Keys 1, G. Hatchman 2, E. Boylin 3, H. Grosvenor 4, H. Pratt 5, W. Iken (first in the method) 6, A. Beecham 7, G. Pigott (conductor) 8.

LEEDS.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Michael's Church, for evening service, on April 25th, 1152 Bristol Surprise Major, in 46 mins.: J. Butler 1, Dr. W. O. Talbot 2, R. Thomas 3, W. Wood 4, I. J. Johnson 5, F. Smallwood 6, H. Lindsay 7, H. Williams (conductor) 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 27th, after meeting short for a peal, and with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Willard, wife of the organist of the above church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Hiscox 1, W. Bavin 2, W. H. Fussell 3, W. C. Parker 4, T. Smith 5, A. Gray 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, S. Greenwood 8. Also 546 in same method, with H. Stevens ringing the third.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On April 28th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: E. Day (first 720) 1, A. Croft 2, G. Wolfe 3, W. Croft 4, H. Day (first 720 in the method) 5, G. Croft (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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

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

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Tettenhall on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in Church, with an address at 5. Tea and general meeting at the Rock Hotel at 5.45. Tea, 6d. to fully paid-up members, to others 1/-. Bells at St. Peter's from 7.30 to 9.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The anniversary of Great Ringing will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available all day. Service at 1 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Allesley, Coventry.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Sible-Hedingham, June 26th. Short service, with address, at 4 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at the White Horse, at 5 o'clock, at the kind invitation of the Misses Webster, to all giving notice to me not later than June 23rd.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 3.30. By kind permission of the Earl of Bridgewater the grounds will be open to ringers and friends at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District).—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson), at Harlington, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided at a small charge, at 6. Members and friends heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Saturday, July 3rd, at 4.45.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, July 10th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held the same day.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Phillip's Church, Bristol, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells open at 3 o'clock, service at 4 o'clock, tea 6, meeting following. Business: election of officers, reports, etc. Will the branch secretaries let me know by Wednesday, the 7th, how many members will be present?—R. J. Wilkins, Secretary pro tem., 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m., short service at 5 p.m., tea by Vicar at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Would all members intending to be present at tea please let me know not later than Monday, July 5th.—Stephen Hazzelden, Secretary, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch). — A quarterly meeting will be held at Pershore, on Saturday, July 10th. Service in the Abbey Church at 5 p.m. prompt, at which all members are requested to attend. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Philips), and it is most important that I should be notified by all intending to be present by the Wednesday previous. Bells available: St. Andrew's (6), 3 till 5 p.m., the Abbey (8) 7 till 9 p.m.—James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — SOUTH - WESTERN DIVISION. — The next meeting will be held at North Weald, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at a small charge, followed by business meeting. Will all those who intend to be present kindly notify me on or before July 7th.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Walter Ingham has removed to St. Margaret's, Gwynne Road, Upper Parkstone, Dorset.

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

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SELLY OAK.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday evening, May 16th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Birmingham, who gave the address and the form of dismissal to the Vicar of Selly Oak (the Rev. E. A. Haviland), who is leaving to take up the Archdeaconry of Kimberley, South Africa, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Cartwright 1, W. Dowler 2, P. Laffin 3, W. Ikin 4, W. Mumford 5, E. J. Dowler (conductor) 6, J. Eaton 7, C. Webb 8.—On May 18th, an attempt for a farewell peal to the Vicar was made, but came to grief after ringing over 2,000 changes: V. Cartwright 1, W. Dowler 2, E. Boylin 3, W. Ikin 4, W. Mumford 5, E. J. Dowler (conductor) 6, J. Eaton 7, H. Parkes 8.

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HELP NOW.

Only too deeply is it coming home to the people of this land that this war is going to be of long duration, and that, although, while it lasts, the whole nation is working at high pressure, and consequently there is little actual distress, such a huge drain upon the resources of the country as is now being made must inevitably have bitter results in the future. To that fact, we think, none can be blind. But even while the more serious position is likely to arise later on, the present is not without its needs, and many agencies have sprung up as channels of help. The great and the national one, however, is the Prince of Wales' Fund, which has done, and in the future will continue to do, so much to relieve the distress of those who have or may feel the extreme pinch of war.

To give ringers the opportunity of contributing their mite to this fund we opened our columns for the acknowledgment of donations, which still keep quietly rolling in. The amounts received up to last week made the total up to £80, and we would back up with all the strength of which we are capable, the appeal made by a correspondent in our last issue, that the sum should be raised to a hundred guineas by the time the first anniversary is reached. Our first appeal to the ringers of England was on August 21st. Is it too much to ask a body so numerous as ours to raise that other £25 in the six weeks that remain?

As a matter of fact it does not require a penny each all round, but if every band which is not contributing regularly—some few to their great credit, be it said, have done so ever since the fund opened—would send along just one shilling we should not only top the total but exceed it handsomely. We feel the subject only needs mentioning to be readily taken up. Just one shilling, once, among a whole band between now and August 21st. It isn't much to ask, and we are certain that ringers will willingly give.

Let the secretary collect the money the next time the company meet and the thing will be done. Of course, if there are any who wish to send more than a shilling, there is no reason why they should limit themselves to the amount mentioned, but it would be something to say of the Exercise that they had contributed a hundred guineas to such a cause. This is an amount which, it seems to us, should be within easy reach. We are fully aware that many bands are contributing most readily to local funds, but, perhaps, for this one effort they would be able to raise just that one extra shilling to send through us. The Exercise has something greatly to be proud of in the way it has supplied ringers for the fighting line. Let those who remain at home also have something to be proud of in the way they are helping to minimise the trials and anxieties of those who are the war's victims elsewhere than in the trenches.

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WILLIAM PYE 3—4	ERNEST PYE 9—10
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11—12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: H. C. ALFORD.

* First peal of Cinques in hand.

LONDON.

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JAMES HUNT 3-4	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 7-8

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Pte Percy Scholes, of Moorside Parish Church, Oldham, 5/6 Cyclist Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.

Hubert J. Warren (No. 1548), of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Newport Pagnell, Maxim Gun Section, Royal Bucks Hussars, now stationed in Cairo.

Amos Gregory (No. 713), of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Newport Pagnell, ship's carpenter, H.M.S. "Sir John Moore."

From St. Francis of Assisi's, Holbeck, Leeds:—

Pte Mark Melia, 2nd Middlesex Regiment (killed).

Pte J. O'Brien, West Yorks Regiment.

Pte J. McHale, West Yorks Regiment.

Pte W. Norfolk, Royal Irish Rifles.

From Fen Ditton, Cambs:—

Spr. J. Martin, Royal Engineers.

Spr. L. G. Mullion, Royal Engineers.

Pte J. Turner, 1st Bati. Cambridgeshire Regt. (T.F.).

Pte A. Wilkin, 1st Bati. Cambridgeshire Regt. (T.F.).

From the Parish Church, Gestingthorpe, Essex.

Pte O. Broyd, 3rd Bati. Essex Regiment.

Pte A. Catterwell, 5th (Reserve) Batt. Essex Regiment.

Pte H. Catterwell, 5th (Reserve) Batt. Essex Regiment.

RINGING HYMN TUNES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Acting on "A Non-Ringer's" suggestion five members of the Salisbury Guild last Saturday evening experimented with the hymn, "Now the day is over," on the five bells of Kingston Magna Church. Several repetitions were required before success was attained. For demanding absolute mastery of every bell this form of the Exercise beats any change ringing, and it can certainly be commended as a novel means of teaching young ringers to acquire such control.—Yours truly,
June 28th, 1915. F. LI. EDWARDS.

THE FIFTH GENERATION.

Ringling is often said to run in families, but Lavenham provides an almost unique example, for the latest addition to the ranks is a representative of the fifth generation of the Symonds family to take up the art. On Thursday, June 10th, 720 of Bob Minor was rung on handbells by: Maurice Symonds 1, C. Poulson 2, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 3-4, A. Symonds 5-6. It was M. Symonds' first 720. He is twelve years of age, and the fifth generation of change ringers in the family. On Thursday evening, June 24th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung on handbells by: C. Poulson 1, F. Dakin (first inside) 2, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 3-4, A. Symonds 5-6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK IN DORSET.

The summer quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild is generally set aside to pay a visit to a tower that is out of the beaten track, and on Saturday last such a visit was paid to Corscombe, a scattered village miles from any station, and not lying on any main road, but tucked away under the folds of the rolling uplands of West Dorset. Fortunately the day was fine, and a good shower the day before having put a check to the haymaking, more turned up than might have been expected. True, only four towers were represented, viz., Beaminster, Bradpole and Broadwindsor, together with the local band. It was a twelve miles glorious drive for the party who took that means of reaching the destination, with some grand views from the top of the downs.

The church is a fine building with western tower and a peal of six bells in F. From 4 till 5 p.m. they were kept going merrily. Service was then held, the Rev. C. F. Langford, the chairman of the branch, officiating, while a most interesting, practical and helpful address was given by the Rector of the parish (the Rev. A. N. C. Storrs).

This was followed by tea served in the Rectory. The Rector, his wife and daughter were most assiduous in their attentions to make their guests welcome.

A short business meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rector was most heartily thanked for his welcome and hospitality to the branch. The next monthly practice was fixed for Beaminster, and Maiden Newton chosen as the next place for the quarterly meeting.

More ringing was then indulged in till time came for saying "Good-bye."

On the way home, the Bradpole ringers stopped at Beaminster, and by the Vicar's permission were allowed a pull on this melodious peal with the result that two capital touches of Triples were rung. Thus ended another useful meeting; one of a missionary character, for it was the means of carrying to a village situated "far from the madding crowd" the art of change ringing.

RINGING AFTER SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

The annual report of the Guild has just been issued. It deals with the affairs of the Guild during the year ended on December 31st. Like other similar associations it suffered through the outbreak of war, and only 11 peals were rung, viz., Grandsire Doubles 3, Grandsire Triples 5, Bob Minor 2, Bob Major 1. The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. F. Li. Edwards), in his review, says: The war has inevitably curtailed the activities of the belfry, and that for two main reasons. In the first place the ringing fraternity, always alert to interpret the proper sentiments of a Christian people, have rightly felt that in a time of such intense public anxiety the joyous tones of the bells should be little heard except on occasions of religious observance or national celebration. And a second reason redounds to the credit of ringers even in greater measure than the first. So readily has this great body of church workers responded to the call of duty, that the ranks of the Guild are considerably depleted by the absence of many of its most energetic members on the service of King and country. To the patriotic spirit animating our brotherhood the roll of honour published in the report, bears eloquent testimony. Out of a total membership of 756, no fewer than 175 were serving in His Majesty's forces. In this number were included two of the branch secretaries, Messrs. W. H. Fawcett and C. H. Jennings. After referring to the success of the annual festival at Trowbridge, and the regret of the Guild at the death of the former secretary (the Rev. W. P. Schuster), the report proceeds that it is noted with satisfaction that in the various branches while practice has in many cases been modified or suspended, the regular ringing on Sundays and Festivals has, in spite of difficulties, been generally maintained. Whether in peace or war, Sunday is still the Lord's Day, and the Feasts of the Church claim their proper tribute of honour in the sacred music of the bells. In fact, the regular ringing of the bells in time of war may be said to fulfil a specially useful purpose as a perpetual witness to the unchanging truths and immutable blessings of the Christian religion which no vicissitudes of earthly circumstance can alter or impair. Nor, in spite of national sorrow and anxiety, should the bells fail to give their wonted expression to the national thankfulness for blessings bestowed upon our King and Empire. Furthermore, it would be a public disaster if at the end of the great conflict neither bells nor ringers, for want of use and practice, were in readiness to celebrate the conclusion of peace. Where a shortage of hands exists, owing to the absence of ringers on military service, an exceptional opportunity is afforded of training boys to take their place in the belfry, and in due time to recruit the ranks of the Guild. Continuing, the report refers to the suggestion of the President that the custom, already established in some few churches, of ringing after the evening service on Sundays might well be developed into a Sarum Diocesan "use." Nothing in the form of practice should be allowed, but a short peal of the best that can be rung by the band. It might be left to each parish to decide, at the wish of the incumbent, whether this should be done every Sunday (except in Lent) or only on the greater Festivals, but where it has been adopted, it has been found a fitting conclusion to the public worship and observance of the Lord's Day.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.

Bremhill, a picturesque village pleasantly situated in the North-West of Wiltshire, was, on Saturday last, the centre of attraction to a number of enthusiastic change ringers, the occasion being a most successful and encouraging meeting of the Marlborough branch of the Salisbury Guild, ideal weather prevailing. Amongst those present were the Rev. G. E. Long, Vicar; Mr. P. Bussell, churchwarden; the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, of St. Mary's, Marlborough, branch president; Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. secretary Devizes Branch, and visitors from Devizes, Swindon, Trowbridge and Wootton Bassett. A short service was held in the church, the prayers being read by the Vicar. The Branch President gave a suitable address, and appropriate hymns were sung.

A substantial tea was afterwards partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed. There was no business transacted, but a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Bremhill for the use of the bells and to the lady organist for her services that afternoon. A similar compliment was paid the Rev. A. E. G. Peters for his excellent address. The last-named briefly responded, and announced that the next meeting would be held at Savernake on July 17th. The ringing throughout the afternoon was excellent, and there was no lack in the variety of the methods successfully brought round. There were several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles; touches of Plain Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were also well-struck, and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Minor was successfully negotiated. The proceedings terminated at 7.30, a most pleasant and enjoyable time having been spent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Winchester on Monday week, when there was a numerous gathering of members from the several districts in the county, although the attendance was far below the average. In the morning the members attended the Diocesan Intercession service at the Cathedral, at which the address was given by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

The business meeting in the afternoon was presided over by the Rev. F. G. Hume, who was supported on the platform by the Rev. W. E. Colchester (hon. treasurer) and Mr. G. Williams (hon. secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from the President, the Master (who is now in France with the Expeditionary Force), Miss Belcher, Messrs. Harding, G. B. Edser and J. W. Whiting, the last-named, we regret to state, through continued ill-health.

The annual report, presented by the secretary, stated that the work of the Guild had been quite overshadowed by the national crisis which broke out so suddenly during the first week in August. Since then the quarterly meetings had been for the most part indefinitely postponed, but the annual district meetings had been held, and the accounts passed. As was hoped the new band at St. Mary's, Southampton, had become affiliated to the Guild. Peal ringing for the time being had practically ceased, not only in that Guild, but throughout the country. The special committee meeting that should have been held in September, in connection with the district meetings, was also postponed, as it was felt that no definite action could be taken at present with the proposed new district or the Diocesan badge. Receipts for the year were, on the whole, satisfactory, being made up of subscriptions from 75 honorary, 538 full, 132 probationers, 4 unattached, 21 compounding, and one life member of two guineas to special purposes fund. The report proceeded to refer to the annual meeting of the Central Council at Winchester on Whit-Tuesday of last year, and of the excellence of the arrangements made for the occasion by Mr. Wilfred Andrews and Mr. J. W. Elkins, adding that the peals during the week-end were all successful, viz., Cambridge, London, Bristol, Superlative Surprise (2) and Stedman Caters, in which over 20 different ringers took part. In conclusion, the report asked for the assistance and co-operation of the members in compiling a roll of honour of members of the Guild serving with H.M. forces.

The report, as also the statement of accounts, presented by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, having been adopted,

The re-election of the officers of the Guild was agreed to as follows: President, Mr. J. P. Stilwell; Master, the Rev. C. E. Matthews; hon. treasurer, the Rev. W. E. Colchester; auditor, Mr. H. White; peal recorder, Mr. T. W. Fairry; and hon. general secretary, Mr. G. Williams.

INTER-AFFILIATION POSTPONED.

The meeting discussed the question of inter-affiliation with the Guilds of the neighbouring Dioceses, and, it having been stated that so far Salisbury was the only Guild which had considered the matter, the subject was postponed until the next meeting.

Mr. A. H. Pulling brought forward the question of a quarter-of-an-hour's ringing before each service, and a resolution was agreed to as follows: "That at all meetings of the Guild the Ringing Master or secretary be responsible for 15 minutes' ringing, such ringing to be known as the service touch." This resolution was passed as a custom and not a rule.

Mr. Jones asked the meeting to pass the principle of having a roll of honour of all members serving with the forces. They could go into the details afterwards.

The proposal was warmly discussed, and the secretary was asked to communicate with the district secretaries, suggesting that the captains of towers be asked to furnish the names of those who were entitled to be placed on the roll of honour. The suggestion was also made that the roll, when complete, should be hung in the Cathedral tower, and that the fees of members serving with H.M. forces be not asked for during the period they were serving.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting next year at Winchester on June 24th. Three new members were elected.

A service was held in the afternoon at St. Maurice's Church, the preacher being the Rev. E. Bankes-James, of Lee-on-Solent.

At tea, which was held at the Guildhall, the party were joined by Canon Braithwaite (a vice patron) and Canon Storr.

THE CHURCH OF THE GUILD.

The Hon. Treasurer, in offering a hearty welcome to Canon Braithwaite and Canon Storr, remarked that owing to the war they had dispensed with the ringing that day, but they all hoped and prayed that next year they might be able to ring as usual. Owing to their numbers not being so large as usual they had held the service at St. Maurice's Church. At the same time they liked to remember that the Cathedral was the Church of the Guild (applause).

Canon Braithwaite acknowledging the very cordial reception of the treasurer's words of welcome, said he thoroughly appreciated what the Rev. W. E. Colchester had said with regard to the Cathedral, where they of the Chapter body were always delighted to welcome the Guild as worshippers as well as ringers. God grant that the time was not far distant when at the Cathedral, and at every Church in the Kingdom they would be ringing their joy bells for the greatest peace after the greatest war (applause). But there was a great deal of work to be

done in the meantime, viz., on the handbells in order that they might keep up their practice and learn more and more the system of change ringing, so that when they came to ring out the message of peace there should be no jangling. When that day came—God grant that it might be soon—the bells would help them in every department of life, and all hoped that the new England that it would be, would be a brighter and happier England, and that all would have greater thoughts and regard for the higher things of life, of their homes, and of their Church (applause).

On the motion of the Rev. F. G. Hume, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. E. Bankes-James for his address, and Canon Storr was also thanked for his interest in the Guild, on the motion of Mr. Elkins.

Subsequently courses of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells, those taking part being Mrs. G. Williams, Miss A. White, Rev. E. Bankes-James, Messrs. G. Williams, H. White, C. Edwards, J. B. Williamson and A. E. Wilkins.

DEATH OF A COALBROOKDALE RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. William Morgan, who for many years captained the Coalbrookdale (Salop) ringers, and acted as steeplekeeper of the tower. He was a ringer for over 20 years, and captain for more than half that time, while his devotion to the bells was well known to the ringers of the district. When he had charge of them he made it part of his regular duty Saturday by Saturday to have the bells in perfect order for the Sunday ringing, and to his care of the bells is largely due the fact that the beautiful peal of 8 (tenor 19½ cwt.), cast by Mears in 1852, and carried in a light timber frame, have had only about £70 spent on them since their erection. In addition to his services in the belfry, Mr. Morgan was for 30 years a member of the choir, and for some time choirmaster, and, being naturally fond of music, was keen on good ringing. He rang about a dozen peals of Bob Triples, of which he conducted two—one at Coalbrookdale and one at Bridgnorth—and also took part in several peals of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. J. E. Groves and others. Failing health compelled him to give up regular ringing in the year 1907, at which time the inhabitants of the district, in appreciation of his work, presented him with a handsome clock and purse of gold. Up to quite recently, however, Mr. Morgan was able to pay occasional visits to the tower for a short touch, especially on the occasion of national events and church festivals.

Outside the church, he devoted his attention to Friendly Society work, and for many years was secretary of Court "Royal George," (Ironbridge) A.O.F., which has about 300 members. It was only at the last Court meeting, barely a fortnight before his death, that Mr. Morgan resigned the secretaryship of the Court. The deceased passed away, at the age of 54 years, on June 19, and it was not surprising, in view of his many activities, that at the funeral, which took place at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30 o'clock on the evening of Tuesday week, that there was a very large attendance to pay a last tribute to one so much respected. The funeral procession was headed by twelve Foresters, in regalia, including Mr. Morgan's most intimate friend and colleague, Bro. J. B. Barker, P.D.C.R., Court Treasurer, who for the past eight years had worked hand in hand with the deceased in the Friendly Societies' Cause, and particularly in later days in connection with the Insurance Act. The bearers were the deceased's fellow shopmates. In the absence from home of the Rev. C. B. Crowe (Rural Dean), the Rev. A. E. Shields (Rector of Ironbridge) conducted the service, which was very impressive. The hymns, "When our heads are bowed with woe" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er," were sung, and the organist (Mr. Wallace Wall) played Chopin's Funeral March. At the graveside Mr. J. B. Barker read the Foresters' Funeral Oration.

The late hour of the funeral rendered a peal attempt impossible, but a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, in 48 minutes, by: W. E. Merrington (Dawley) 1, Joseph Hanley 2, James York 3, Albert Woodvine (Malins Lee) 4, Richard Jones 5, Walter Lago 6, William Saunders (conductor) 7, Jack Aston 8. The composition was from Grove's variation of Parker's 12-part, which was Mr. Morgan's favourite composition. It is interesting to note that the ringers of the four back bells are also members of Mr. Morgan's Court of Foresters.

A DISCLAIMER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Minor rung at Park Farm, Hadleigh, on Sunday, May 30th, will have to be disclaimed as the first peal rung on handbells in Hadleigh. The following is copied from the files of the "Suffolk Chronicle": "Ringing on Handbells.—On Sunday, October 3rd, 1819, was rang at Hadleigh, Suffolk, by five of the society of ringers of that place a complete Peal of 5104 Changes of Bob Major, with the sixth twelve times wrong and twelve times right, which was completed in 2 hours and 25 minutes by the five under-mentioned:—
George Aldham Treble John Pettit 3-4
William Spooner 2 David Bayes 5-6
Henry Podd 7-8.

Conducted by David Bayes.

Through the medium of the "Ringing World" I wish to thank Mr. Theodore E. Slater, of Hunt's Hill, Glemsford, Suffolk, for sending me the above information.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

A. SYMONDS.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

FAMOUS SOCIETY CELEBRATES ITS ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary of the Saffron Walden Society, which was founded in 1623, was held on Saturday last, the 27th (the actual date) falling on Sunday. Ringing by the local band commenced at 9 a.m., five courses of Stedman Caters, selected as the opening touch, being well struck. Visitors began to arrive at 10 o'clock from London and other ringing centres, and the bells were kept going at intervals until the service at 1.30. The organist, Mr. H. Mahon, Mus. Bac., kindly officiated at the organ, and the singing was led by the choir boys. The sermon, which was a very able discourse on ringing and ringers, was preached by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, M.A., of Cambridge. This was followed by a capital luncheon, provided by Mr. Scootney, of the Temperance Hotel, about 30 ringers being present. The chair was taken by Mr. F. Pitstow who, after the good things provided had been disposed of, submitted the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically honoured. — The Chairman then proposed "The Vicar and Churchwardens." He remarked that few companies had such an excellent Vicar and good churchwardens as they had at Saffron Walden. He would have liked to have seen them present, but the Vicar was away on his honeymoon, and he was sure that all would wish him a long and happy married life, and would hope that he might be with them for many years to come. He was very pleased to see Mr. Boughey present, and would couple his name with the toast.—The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey responded in a witty speech, remarking that he was not the Vicar of Bray, but he thanked the company present on behalf of the Vicar, churchwardens and himself. It always gave him the greatest pleasure to visit Saffron Walden, not only for the good ringing he got, but for the genial reception he always received.

A FLOURISHING SOCIETY.

The next toast was that of "The Saffron Walden Society," proposed by Mr. H. J. Tucker, who said that he had visited Saffron Walden for a great number of years, and he looked upon the members of the society as some of his best ringing friends. He hoped the society would continue to flourish, and he coupled with the toast the name of Mr. F. Pitstow—their able conductor.—The Chairman, in replying, said he was exceedingly pleased to say that the company was in a fair way of mastering their twelve bells, and he hoped that they would be able to keep up their reputation in the future.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed by Mr. E. A. Pitstow, who said they included some of the best ringers of the day—men who had made ringing their great study and pastime, and whose names alone told the tale. He was pleased to couple with the toast the name of their old friend, Mr. W. A. Alps.

The "man of few words" was soon on his feet. He remarked upon how thoroughly he had enjoyed the able and excellent sermon which Mr. Boughey had given them. The preacher, he said, had alluded to the war and its dreadful consequences, saying that at one time Napoleon, like a present ruler, wanted to conquer the whole of Europe, but he (the speaker) thought he went past himself when he tried "to cross the Alps" (laughter). He thanked Mr. Pitstow for all the kind remarks he had said concerning the visitors and himself, and hoped that he would live to visit Saffron Walden on many future occasions. He might add that it was 39 years that day since he first visited the town, and he could only see two faces on that occasion that he saw upon his first visit.

Mr. Tucker proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to which Mr. Fred Pitstow briefly responded.

THE RINGING.

The company then returned to the belfry, where touches of Stedman Cinques, Caters and Triples, Grandsire Cinques, Caters and Triples, London and Bristol Surprise Major and Double Norwich Major were successfully brought round. A double-handed course of Stedman Cinques on the handbells was also rung by the following: Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 1—2. G. R. Pye 3—4. W. Pye 5—6. W. A. Alps 7—8. E. Pye 9—10. A. W. Grimes 11—12. The bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m., when the company adjourned to the Cross Keys Hotel. Handbells were then the order, and touches of Cinques and Caters, London and Bristol, and Double Norwich were rung.

Some of the London friends stayed over Sunday and rang for the services. A quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted, but was not brought round owing to a miss call—the number was rung, but the rounds were absent.

The visitors included the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Cambridge), the Misses Steele (Bedford), both rang touches of Stedman Caters: W. H. Lawrence (Munden), J. Grimwood and H. Lucas (Walthamstow), E. Pemberton (Ipswich), H. J. Tucker (Bishops Stortford), W. Wain (Stansted), P. Webb, J. Clements (Ickleton), G. Dent (Harlow), T. Austin (Shelford), F. Jolly (Rickling), A. W. Grimes, E. Pye, G. R. Pye, W. Pye, W. Hewitt, E. F. Pike, W. Kemp, C. T. Coles, E. J. Butler, F. Richardson, W. A. Alps (London), the members of the local company, Q.-M.-S. James, Srgt.-Major Owen (Queen's Westminsters), Pte A. E. Hull (London Scottish), and others. It was admitted by all to be one of the most successful gatherings of ringers that has ever been held in Saffron Walden.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—For evening service, on June 13th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: H. Bradley (Broomfield) 1, G. Rogers (Ingatstone) 2, G. Camp (Fryerning) 3, E. Clarke (Broomfield) 4, W. Green (Fryerning) 5, A. Bradley (Fryerning), conductor, 6.

REHANGING OF BIDDENDEN BELLS.

FAMOUS KENT PEAL RESTORED.

The grand ring of eight at Biddenden have just been rehung, and thus another of the heavy peals of Kent (the tenor turns the scale at 24 cwt.) is put in excellent order. In the second half of the 18th century change ringing was evidently successfully practised at the church, for on entering the belfry door, situated in the north-east corner, a peal board at the eastern end of the south wall arrests the visitor's attention, the performances recorded thereon showing that there existed a society from 1780 to 1790, styled the Biddenden Youths. On the board, four peals stand to their credit, three of Bob Major and the other of Treble Bob Major. One peal was a long length comprising between six and seven thousand changes. Biddenden bells are of magnificent tone, especially the tenor, which, in the opinion of many ringers, gives off a better note than the famous Teutenden tenor, which is 6 cwt. heavier, but there may be a diversity of sentiment on this point. However, all who have heard the tenor strike will agree that it would be exceedingly difficult to find a 24 cwt. bell of better musical qualities. As a matter of fact, when all eight are in motion, such a charming effect is produced that one has every reason to believe that the octave ranks among the foremost throughout the country for music. Change ringing has not been practised on them for some considerable time except upon some very occasional visits by members of the Kent County Association. The local ringers also meet sometimes, and they have always been very proud of their bells. Three of the ring have been recast, and are well in tune, and the whole peal is now excellent, thereby showing that the present-day founders can cast bells equal to their forefathers. The founders' names and the dates on the bells before the restoration were:—

Treble, Robert Patrick, of London, 1784.

2nd, Robert Patrick, of London, 1784.

3rd, Richard Phelps, 1712.

4th, Robertus Mott, 1599.

5th, Lester and Pack, 1765.

6th, Thomas Mears, 1812.

7th, Lester and Pack, 1797.

Tenor, Richard Phelps, 1712.

The above dates of the sixth and seventh are probably when they were recast, for the peals referred to above were rung prior to the year of the inscriptions. The seventh has again been recast, and the treble and second have also been in the melting pot. Each of these now bear the name of Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who has also rehung the octave. On the treble is the following inscription: "Major A. H. Tyden-Patterson gave £100 to this restoration in 1915." The whole peal is now fitted with all modern improvements, consisting of steel headstocks, oak wheels, new clappers, and the old bells have been quarter-turned. It was unnecessary to have a new frame, the old one being capable of carrying the peal for many years, but standing on tall legs made it naturally a bit shaky. Mr. Bowell and his experienced workmen dispensed with these "ornaments," and lowered the cage on to the stone set-offs of the tower walls, and braced the whole mass of timber together to avoid oscillation.

On Tuesday week, members of the Kent Association had a test ring upon them, and the company were unanimous in their decision respecting the bells, which they considered now go perfectly, and at the same time they were quite satisfied with the three new ones. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and the local ringers rang some rounds. The churches represented were: Appledore, Ashford, Hawkhurst, Stone-in-Oxney, Teutenden, Headeorn, Benenden, Rolvenden and Horsmonden.

During spare moments of their stay in the district, Mr. Bowell and his mechanic (Mr. H. Welham) rang at Benenden, Teutenden, Fritenden, Bethersden and Pluckley, a 720 being scored at the last-mentioned tower. Mr. Bowell also had a pull at Hawkhurst, where a quarter of Grandsire Triples was brought round by: T. Ashenden 1, A. Marshall 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, O. Waghorn 5, A. Bowell 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. At the conclusion of the ringing Mr. T. Ashenden, who appeared to be in the best of good health, attended Matins, but towards the latter part of the afternoon was taken seriously ill. On Tuesday he was conveyed to the East Sussex Hospital at Hastings. We are glad to say he is making favourable progress, and are sure that all his ringing friends wish him a speedy restoration to his former vigour.

KINGTON MAGNA CEREMONY.

The churchyard of this Dorset village, situate on a lofty hill, and commanding a glorious view over some twenty miles of country, was on St. John the Baptist's Day, the scene of a simple and impressive ceremony. At evensong the clergy and choir, preceded by churchwardens, sidesmen, Boy Scouts and soldiers in uniform, and followed by the congregation, made their way in procession to the site of a fine churchyard cross, newly erected in grey granite. The favourite hymn, "When I survey the wondrous Cross," having been sung, the cross was unveiled by two scouts and two little maidens, and the form of dedication pronounced by the Rev. W. Neville, formerly well known to ringers as the Rector of St. Mary's, Reading. As the choir responded "Amen," the bells broke out into rounds proclaiming the ceremony duly completed, and ringing was continued, while the procession wended its way back into the church. At the close of the service touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and the bells lowered in peal at 10 p.m.

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FALLEN HEROES.

On this page we give the photographs of two more ringers who have laid down their lives for the country in this great War—Sergt. G. P. Hill, of Whitby, who was killed in France while serving with the North Riding R.F.A. (T.F.), and Seaman G. I. Playle, of Dagenham, who went down in H.M.S. "Ocean" when that vessel was sunk at the Dardanelles.



SERGT. G. P. HILL.



SEAMAN G. I. PLAYLE.

RINGERS KILLED IN ACTION.

The sad news reached Whitby on June 13th of the heroic end of Sergt. George P. Hill, of the North Riding Battery, R.F.A. Territorials, who died on Whit-Monday from wounds received in action that day, during a terrific artillery duel. The gun detachment under Sergt. Hill was completely wiped out by a bursting shell, all the men, who belonged to the Scarborough section, being killed, the sergeant surviving for a short time only. The gun which was damaged was eventually saved and brought safely back to the British line by a detachment of the Whitby Territorial force, who were supplying the guns still in action with ammunition, amidst a veritable hail of bursting shells.

On Sunday, June 20th, the flag was flying at half-mast on the Whitby Parish Church tower, and the bells were rung for the morning service, half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to one who had willingly sacrificed his life for King and country.

Always a keen ringer since the formation of a change ringing company in 1909, he had taken part in peals of Plain Bob Triples and Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, and previous to the outbreak of war, was looking forward to scoring his first peal of Stedman Triples. After the service a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled.

Sergt. Hill was of a cheerful and generous nature, and held in high esteem by the many ringers who had made his acquaintance. He will be sadly missed by the Whitby company and others, who mourn the loss of a sincere friend. He was 31 years of age, and leaves a widow and three young children, for whom, with other members of his family, the deepest sympathy will be extended by all ringers.

We regret to have to record the deaths of two other ringers whose lives have been given in their country's cause. Pte H. W. Sharman, of the 2nd Batt. Northants Regiment, has been officially reported missing, but news has been received from two of his comrades that he was killed by a shell during the desperate fighting on May 8th and 9th. He was a well-known ringer in the Kettering district. His introduction to a tower took place at Cransley in 1909, and he soon made rapid strides, ringing his first peal in the following year. Altogether he had rung 24 peals for the Central Northants Association, 14 of which he had conducted. A safe ringer in all the standard methods, he will be much missed in ringing circles in the Kettering district. He was 24 years of age.

His career as a soldier was short. Offering himself on the outbreak of the war he was rejected, but again offering himself in December was drafted into the Northants Regiment in training at Weymouth, and went out to France on April 25th, so that he had only been there a fortnight before he was killed.

The company at St. Francis of Assisi's Church, Holbeck, Leeds, have lost one of their members. Pte Mark Melia, who was killed in action in France on June 12th, while serving with the 2nd Middlesex Regiment, and was buried at Merville Cemetery.

STREATHAM.—On June 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): A. J. Perkins (conductor) 1, A. B. Bradley 2, J. C. Mitchell 3, F. Smith 4, I. Attwater 5, H. Langdon 6, H. J. Garfath 7, L. Attwater 8.

METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent he will find all about the Grandsire single and a suggestion for an alternative in the "Report on Calls" by a committee of the Central Council, and published by that body. I was not a member of that committee, and have nothing to add to what they say since it is outside the particular groove I work in. We of the Method Committee have confined ourselves to Plain Courses. As a matter of individual opinion, I think it is a pity that the Grandsire single and the Kent bob, have four blows made consecutively in one position, but we ought to recognise that they are the natural and convenient places for the bob and single to be made, which is the only reason that they are made there. In theory there are many places where you could make both.

And is not your correspondent "Khaki Lad" a little hard on "experts" in theoretic ringing. I think you will find that those men who take the most interest in any branch of ringing do more for ringing in general than the men who only know a little of practical ringing. It is the man who rings the most peals or who understands the best peal composition or the theories of bell hanging or any other advanced thing that seems so useless to some men who really advance change ringing. Stedman and Annable and Holt were advanced theorists in their time, and the "humble bell ringer" of to-day "who is still expecting help in elementary work and drudgery of practical bell ringing" is reaping the fruits of their labour.—Yours truly,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

"A COUNTRY RINGER'S" INDICTMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was not surprised to see in your last issue that at length someone has plucked up courage enough to tell the Central Council that they are mere time-wasters. Year after year they sit in solemn conclave. The talking is done by just a few who have views to air on some crank scientific subject which not one ringer in a hundred understands, and not one in a thousand cares a snap of the fingers about. And when all is said and done, what is the result? We are no nearer than we were before as to whether Tweedledee or Tweedledum is right, for the "experts" never even agree among themselves. Now, therefore, can the common or garden variety of ringer decide what is right and should be rung, and what is wrong and should not be rung. As an outsider, I feel it is time the Central Council found a more practical channel for their labours. In my own association I know the members feel strongly on the subject of the waste of money in sending a number of delegates to a meeting at the other end of the country to sit and listen while half-a-dozen folks talk of things which are of no interest and use to ringers at large. If people want to argue whether Union Triples ought to be rung, and some of the Surprise methods ought to be "scrapped," whether a method should have Bob Major lead ends or lead ends which are some other Major, let them do so, but do it without casting a lot of expense upon Associations—many of them "hard up"—to provide the audience. Very little of a practical character has emanated from the Council in their 25 years' existence, so far as I have been able to see. Why don't they turn their attention to helping the masses, get a practical programme before them and carry it through? I read your report of the meeting in London on Whitsun Tuesday from end to end most carefully, and if ever 75 men spent a day doing nothing—many of them at somebody else's expense—the Central Council, in my opinion, did so on that occasion.—Yours truly,

A COUNTRY RINGER

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING OF MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Saturday last the Manchester branch held their monthly meeting at Worsley, when about 100 ringers and friends put in appearance. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, with various bands and methods, and the bells were kept going till five o'clock, after which the ringers, with their wives and lady friends, met at the entrance of Worsley Hall, the seat of the Earl of Ellesmere, and were conducted through the beautiful gardens and grounds by their genial friend, the well-known ringer, Mr. Joseph Ridyard. Through the kindness and generosity of the Earl, the hall and grounds have been placed at the disposal of the British Red Cross Society, where upwards of 150 wounded soldiers are being treated.

The business meeting was held in the open-air near the entrance to the hall, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Earl of Ellesmere for his kindness in allowing the Association the privilege of viewing the gardens and grounds, also to the Rector and local ringers for granting the use of the bells.—Flixton was chosen as the next meeting-place.

Further ringing was then indulged in, the methods including London Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire, and brought to a close one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings the branch has ever held.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On June 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Vero 1, A. Wisdom 2, J. Sherlock 3, Rev. E. J. Teesdale 4, A. E. Dath 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6. Also 240 College Exercise.

CHURCH BELLS FOR GUNS.

WAR MATERIALS FROM AUSTRIAN BELFRIES.

Church bells in Austria are being devoted to a use in war, which is not exactly new, but which may be an indication of some shortage of materials in our enemy's camp—they are going into the melting pot for the casting of guns. The Austrian Press, says the "Daily Chronicle," is loud in its praises of the spirit of sacrifice manifested by numerous provinces, and especially by the Tyrol, in devoting their church bells to war uses. Judging by the reports in the "Neue Freie Presse," these gifts of bells are on a very large scale, and in all parts of the country the clergy are enthusiastic in their desire to devote all superfluous bells, or those which strike a false note, or those whose voice is not in perfect harmony with the other bells of the set, to the War Materials Department.

In no part of the world, we are told, are the bells sweeter than in the valleys and on the hill-sides of the Tyrol, nowhere are people more attached to their solemn music, but, says the "Neue Freie Presse," when it is the duty of all to keep back the enemy from their beautiful land, and from desecrating their beloved churches, no sacrifice can be too great.

The Vienna newspaper concludes: "If we are victorious we shall receive back the metal for our bells, and the metal which we are now devoting to thunder, death and destruction on our enemies will once more sound in love and peace from our church towers."

It looks to us as if the clergy have an eye to business as well as to patriotism, for they possibly imagine they can see new bells for old to be had on the cheap. But suppose Austria does not win!

Appropos the above, the "Daily Chronicle" on Saturday had the following verses by "A. W.," which form a very clever parody upon some well-known lines on the subject of bells. It is headed "Firing" the bells:

Hear the bursting of the bells, shrapnel bells!
What a dream of harmony their dominance dispels!
In the startled ear of night
How they scream in savage spite!
O the mad revenge they wreak
On the innocent and weak
With a horrid ghoulsh shriek.
Out of tune,

In a clamant, crashing chorus, with a hurricane of fire,
From the steeple dragged unwilling to be hurled against the spire,
Keeping time, time, time,
With the burning fuse of crime.
O the bells, bells, bells!
Tolling fallen angels' knells!
O the smashing
And the gashing,
Wild as captives in their cells,
As the danger shrinks and swells,
With the loading and the goading of the belfry-raided shells,
Of the shells, shells, shells,
Made of bells
That have melted Heaven's music into Hell's!

BUSHEY SOCIETY'S OUTING.

On Saturday week this society held their annual outing. It had been organised upon a somewhat reduced scale, but it was, nevertheless, very successful. Chartering a brake at Bushey, at 2 p.m., they journeyed to Aldenham House Gardens, where about an hour and a half was spent in scrutinising the wonderful products for which the gardens are so deservedly famous. The party afterwards journeyed to Aldenham, where Host Jones, of "Chequer" fame, had provided in a marquee a sumptuous meat tea, which was not in the least suggestive of war famine. The Rev. Montague Hall, Rector of Bushey, who, by-the-way, is a parson who takes a great deal of interest in his ringers, presided, supported by his churchwardens, the hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, and about 20 ringers. Speeches were few, but the Rector, in a short address, welcomed the visitors, two of whom replied in words recognising the kindness of the band in extending their invitation to them, and asking that the good wishes of the company present should be forwarded to the Master (Mr. Bertram Prewett), who, it was stated, was dwelling "somewhere" in England, known only to himself. Sympathetic reference was also made to the death of Mr. E. E. Huntley, and to the fact that just prior to his death he had presented his handbells to the Bushey Society. By the kindness of the Vicar of Aldenham, the bells were soon set going, but it was very evident that a good meal and successful ringing are somewhat widely separated. The pulling, however, soon settled the tea, and some nicely struck touches in various methods were brought round at a pace somewhat resembling the rush, which two of the ringers had subsequently to make in order to catch their train. The man with the camera was present, and before the ringers went into the tower they had their "best-go-to-meeting" expressions transferred to sensitised glass. The result is unknown at the time of going to press what freak the camera played, but this one thing is certain, everybody looked charming, and it will be a thousand pities if, through a shift-course, this part of the outing was a failure. Further ringing during the evening filled up an enjoyable half-day. May we all live to have many another such occasion.

"LENTRAC."

AN AMERICAN PERFORMANCE.

At the Church of the Advent, Boston, Mass., 560 Grandsire Triples has been rung by the following members of the Boston Guild: A. Matthews 1, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 2, W. Bashford 3, H. Petts 4, J. Goodhead 5, E. E. Randall 6, J. F. Laker 7, R. Newton 8. This is the first touch of 500 or over ever rung on the bells, and the striking was good.

LAVENHAM'S CELEBRATION.

The 104th anniversary of the grand old peal of bells at Lavenham, Suffolk, was celebrated on Saturday week, when ringers turned up in good numbers, larger even than was expected, including Messrs. E. Newman (Bocking), W. Chalk (Colchester), E. W. Beckwith (Coggeshall), F. Chalk and G. Mansfield (Maldon), S. Hale, Rayner and L. Wiseman (Sible Hedingham), T. Fitzjohn (Thetford), P. Fordham (Mildenhall), H. English (Coddensham), H. Gladwell (Felsham), W. Head (Little Waldingfield), — Lathbury (Newmarket), H. Crick and F. Hollocks (Preston). The methods rung included Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich, the conducting being shared by E. Beckwith, W. Chalk, A. and S. H. Symonds.

LINK WITH A CENTURY AGO.

In our record last week of the peal in celebration of the victory of Waterloo, rung at Farnham, on July 3rd, 1815, it has been pointed out to us that the ringer of the treble was J. Garfath, and not Garforth as printed. This Mr. Garfath was churchwarden of Farnham about the same date as the peal—a fact that is also recorded on a board in the ringing chamber. James Garfath died on the 12th December, 1840, aged 61. He was the grandfather of the late Mr. H. L. Garfath, for some years captain of the Farnham ringers, and great-grandfather of Mr. H. L. Garfath, now a ringer at Croydon, and formerly of Guildford and Farnham.

THE OLD BRIGADE.

On a recent Sunday, at Stockton-on-Tees, for morning service, a band of only six men mustered, owing to the war and munition work. The front six bells were raised in peal, the extent of Kent Minor run off in good style, and the bells lowered without a stop. The ringers were: W. Newton 1, A. Alcock 2, J. Clarkson 3, J. Waller 4, T. W. Waller 5, T. Stephenson (conductor) 6. The average age of the band is about 56 years, and the average ringing career is about 37 years. This, for a company ringing together in the same belfry, cannot be far short of a record.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ASH BOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On June 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Fleming 1, G. Fleming 2, G. Pryke 3, G. Bennett 4, Sergt. J. Bennett 5, G. Farnish (conductor) 6. 720 Cambridge Surprise: G. Fleming 1, A. Fleming 2, G. Pryke 3, Sergt. J. Bennett 4, G. Bennett 5, G. Farnish (conductor) 6. Also at St. Mary's, Witleham, on Sunday afternoon, June 6th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Fleming 1, G. Farnish 2, G. Bennett 3, G. Pryke 4, G. Fleming 5, Sergt. J. Bennett (conductor) 6. Arranged and rung to oblige Sergt. J. Bennett, Royal Marines, who was home for a few days' leave from H.M.S. "Phaeton."

SWINDON, WILTS.—On June 8th, at Christ Church, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Lancaster 1, J. Odey 2, R. W. Hyner 3, D. W. Jackson 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, G. W. Townsend 6, L. A. Wilson 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

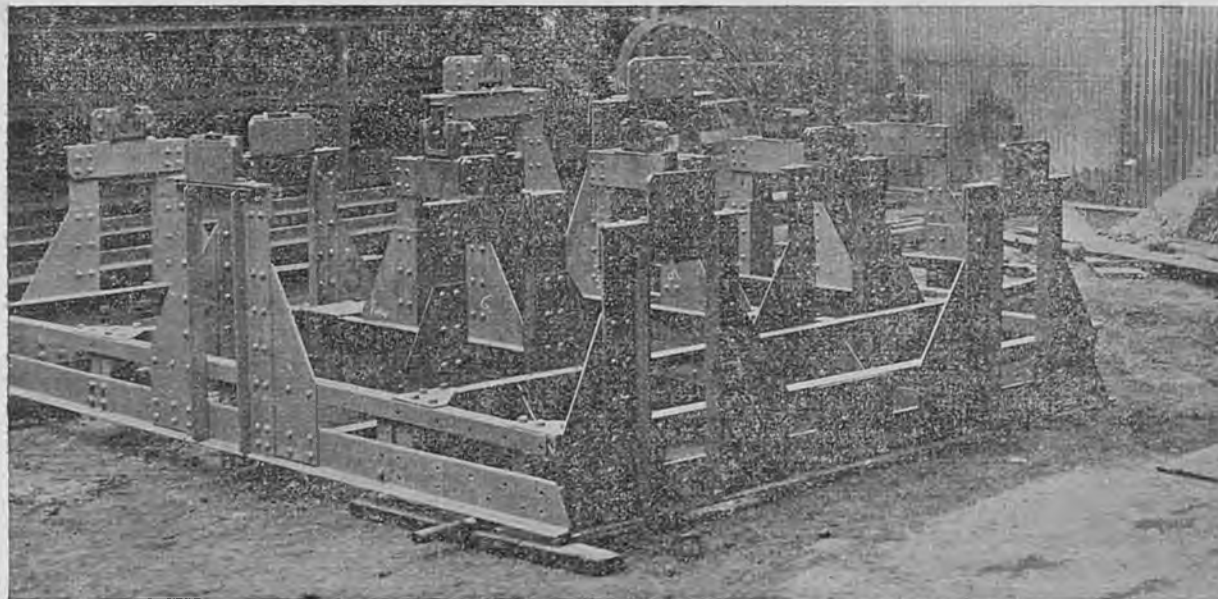
HERSHAM, SURREY.—On June 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich: G. Edser, senr., 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, A. F. Shepherd 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, A. Woodrow 5, F. Shepherd 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, J. Emery 8. Also on handbells the same day a course of Grandsire Cinques: F. J. Shepherd 1—2, F. Shepherd 3—4, W. Shepherd 5—6, A. F. Shepherd 7—8, W. A. Woodrow 9—10, J. Emery 11—12.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 13th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Spencer 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, E. Chatten 3, Pte E. W. Hall 4, Pte T. King 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. Also another 720 in the same method: A. J. L. Naunton 1, A. J. Naunton 2, Pte T. King 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, for evening service, on March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *S. Coley (97th quarter-peal) 1, W. E. Stratford 2, J. T. Perry 3, J. B. Collett 4, G. A. Taylor 5, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 6, J. Porter 7, S. Price 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On the 15th June, at the SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. James, junr., 1, A. James, senr., 2, G. Durling 3, Wm. Grace (1st quarter-peal in method) 4, S. Marshall 5, G. Huxley 6, E. Filtness (conductor) 7, C. Austin 8. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 20th birthday.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John's Church, on June 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Coles 1, T. Vaughan 2, F. T. Cook 3, Pte A. Catterwell (25 Essex Regiment) 4, W. G. Cross 5, Pte H. W. Catterwell (25 Essex Regiment) 6, Pte H. F. Cooper (25 Essex Regiment), conductor, 7, T. Herling (first quarter-peal) 8.



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NOTICES.

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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District).—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson), at Harlington, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided at a small charge, at 6. Members and friends heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Saturday, July 3rd, at 4.45.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Branch Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Rothwell on July 3rd, at Duston July 10th, at Titchmarsh July 17th, and Earls Barton July 24th. It is hoped members will try and attend these meetings, as important business is to be transacted.—Fred Wilford, Gen. Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. — William Barton, Honorary Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on July 6th and 20th; for handbell practice on the 15th and 29th, at St. John's, Hackney, for practice on the 13th and 27th, and for service on the 18th, at 6 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, July 10th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held the same day.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m., short service at 5 p.m., tea by Vicar at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Would all members intending to be present at tea please let me know not later than Monday, July 5th.—Stephen Hazzelden, Secretary, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Phillip's Church, Bristol, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells open at 3 o'clock, service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow in the schoolroom. Business: election of officers, reports, etc. St. Nicholas bells (10) open from 7 to 8. Will the branch secretaries let me know by Wednesday, the 7th, how many members will be present?—R. J. Wilkins, Secretary pro tem., 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pershore, on Saturday, July 10th. Service in the Abbey Church at 5 p.m. prompt, at which all members are requested to attend. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Philips), and it is most important that I should be notified by all intending to be present by the Wednesday previous. Bells available: St. Andrew's (6), 3 till 5 p.m., the Abbey (8) 7 till 9 p.m.—James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.—The next meeting will be held at North Weald, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at a small charge, followed by business meeting. Will all those who intend to be present kindly notify me on or before July 7th.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGING RINGERS.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Leatherhead, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.15. Tea at the Institute, at 5.45. Tickets, 9d. to members; 1s. 3d. to visitors. The annual Bank Holiday outing at Ranmore will not be held this year.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blyth (Ranskill Station) on Saturday, July 10th. Tea will be provided at the Swan Hotel, 5.15 p.m., 1s. 3d. per head, or half price to members only who notify Mr. J. Eastland, Swan Hotel, Blyth, Rotherham, not later than Tuesday, July 6th. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery Branch will be held at Nether Stowey on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea 5 p.m. A waggonette will leave the Malt Shovel Hotel at 2.15 p.m. Tickets 9d. each for the return journey.—A. E. Moulton, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, July 17th, at 4.30 p.m., and the local ringers at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, have kindly made arrangements if sufficient members wish to have a pull on that peal of six. The business meeting will be held at Highgate, and business affecting the future welfare of the district will be brought forward. Will all members make an endeavour to attend.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury, N.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5.30.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Secretary, Sea View, Sugden Road, Worthing.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3.30. A short service will be held, followed by tea, on the usual terms. Members and friends cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The Midsummer meeting of the Central District will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at the Parish Church of St. Martin, Dorking (S.E. and C. Railway via East Croydon, L. and B. via Mitcham and Sutton, S.W. via Wimbledon; half-hour service motor 'bus via West Croydon to Reigate and Reigate to Dorking). Bells 8 (tenor 25 cwt.)—available at 3.30 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.45 in the Church Room (members 3d., visitors 1s.). Short business meeting to follow. Members of Southern District and visitors will be welcome. Please notify intention to be present before Thursday, 15th, to Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

FELSTED, ESSEX.—Dedication and opening of new ring of eight at the Parish Church of The Holy Cross by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford at 3.30 p.m. Saturday, July 17th. All ringers will be welcomed. Tea on the Vicarage lawn at 5 p.m. All intending to be present should intimate to me not later than Wednesday, July 14th. —W. T. Farron, Lilla Cottage, Felsted.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 24th. Particulars to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

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