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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 results. 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

### RINGING REVIVAL.

With the coming of peace, the revival of bell ringing was only a question of time, and the evidences all point to the fact that where men have been left at home, there has been no delay in the endeavour to put the Exercise upon its feet again. The removal of the restrictions upon ringing, which were imposed under the Defence of the Realm Act, together with the relief which has come to public feeling by the cessation of hostilities, were the first encouragement to expansion to pre-war conditions, and the indications are growing that the tide has turned. As an example, the peal performances are creeping up in numbers, and the Christmas festival brought almost an avalanche, as peals have been counted in the last four years. So many peals, indeed, have been rung, that practically the whole space of two numbers of the "Ringing World" would be required to publish the reports, and for that reason we must apologise to the ringers and our readers for some little delay in inserting the records of these peals.

For the most part, however, the efforts at revival are individual rather than collective, and it is regrettable that ringing associations are generally very slow to move in these matters. There are organisations which, even now, have devised no scheme for making up, with the least delay, the leeway of war time, and which have put forward no proposals to help on those towers who, left practically without ringers through the call for men, are now or will soon be anxious to re-establish themselves. The individual effort which is being made is invaluable, but unbacked by the associations it cannot fail to fall short of what might be accomplished by properly organised schemes covering larger areas than the single parish.

Where the advance is already to be seen is in those places where through the war those who have remained behind have done their best to "keep the flag flying" by filling up the gaps as far as possible with recruits of one sex or the other. They were more or less ready to go ahead when peace arrived, but there are hundreds of towers much less favourably placed, and some where there has been practically no ringing at all for two or three years. These latter are the belfries which require the help of the associations, and unless these societies do make an effort to get ringing going once more in these towers, they are likely to lose their affiliation, perhaps, for years. With the help of members who know the conditions prevailing in their own or a neighbouring tower, it ought not to be difficult to put some of these badly hit places quickly on their feet again, but nothing will be accomplished by procrastination.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFF,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5016 CHANCES.**

Tenor 50 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

JOHN THOMAS ... .. Treble	HENRY PRING ... .. 7
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 8
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 9
JOHN BROWN ... .. 4	GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. ... .. 10
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 5	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 11
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6	JAMES JONES ... .. } ... Tenor
	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. }

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in 3 Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANCES.**

Tenor 35 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	* RICHARD BEVAN ... .. 7
* ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 2	ALFRED PYE ... .. 8
FRANK SMITH ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 9
HAROLD P. BURTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 10
BENJAMIN FOSKETT ... .. 5	WILLIAM SHIMMANS ... .. 11
* WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 6	HUGH T. SCARLETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a welcome to President Wilson on his 62nd birthday.

\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5021 CHANCES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. ... .. Treble	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 6
* ARTHUR E. CHAPLIN ... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SENR. ... .. 8
* FRANK STONELEY ... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 9
* THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 5	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

A. C. Chaplin, who hails from Romford, Essex, was made a member of the Association before starting.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5049 CHANCES.**

Tenor 57½ cwt.

* ARTHUR H. WILKINS ... .. Treble	ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 6
REV. E. FANKES JAMES ... .. 2	GEORGE CONDICK, SENR. ... .. 7
JOHN BROWN ... .. 3	* WALTER FARLEY ... .. 8
GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 9
JOHN BURFORD ... .. 5	* HERBERT G. FARLEY ... .. } ... Tenor
	* FREDERICK S. LIXTON ... .. }

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

The ringers of the 8th and tenor belong to the local band, and are the first to ring a peal at the Cathedral. The peal was rung at the first attempt. The composition has the 5th and 6th exclusively in second's place and behind the 9th.



## HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*Miss Gladys Bateman ... Treble	William Tavenor ... 6
Joseph J. Pratt ... 2	William Welling ... 7
George R. Pye ... 3	William Henley ... 8
William Pye ... 4	Harry Flanders ... 9
Isaac G. Shade ... 5	William Honor ... Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by William Pye.

\* First peal on ten bells.

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Herbert Shepherd ... Treble	Benjamin Gough ... 6
Albert E. Scrivens ... 2	John Goodman, Junr. ... 7
John Goodman, Senr. ... 3	Frank G. Burleigh ... 8
Thomas Watton ... 4	Abraham Greenfield ... 9
William A. Cooper ... 5	Gilbert Guest ... Tenor

Composed by the late William Micklewright.

Conducted by John Goodman, Junr.

Rung in honour of St. Thomas's day and the centenary of the opening of St. Thomas's Church, the Parish Church of Dudley, which took place December 21st, 1818.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1918, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART	Tenor 19½ cwt.
*Mrs. F. H. Herbert ... Treble	William A. Martin ... 5
Thomas Groombridge, Senr. ... 2	George F. James ... 6
Albert E. Newick ... 3	Isaac Emery ... 7
Q.M.S. F. H. Herbert ... 4	George Huxley ... Tenor

Conducted by Isaac Emery.

\* First peal. † First peal with a working bell.

Arranged for Q.M.S. F. H. Herbert, R.A.M.C., home on leave from France. This is the first tower bell peal for the above Association in which a lady has taken part, and, as her husband also participated, it thus constitutes a double record for the Association.

## BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 19, 1918, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. Phillip and Jacob.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Arthur E. Wilkins ... Treble	Henry Way ... 5
Fred E. Tyler ... 2	Arthur Wallace ... 6
Arthur W. Seviour ... 3	Edward Guise ... 7
Edwin J. Brown ... 4	Walter Wallace ... Tenor

Conducted by Edgar Guise.

\* First peal on tower bells. First peal of Triples by all except the Conductor.

Arranged for Arthur Seviour, home on a few days' leave.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 19, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. ... 5
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 2	SAM GREENMALGH ... 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First attempt for a peal by the ringer of the 2nd, who, with his father, was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

## BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Botolph,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

W. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

*WALTER A. ROBINSON ... Treble	†THOMAS WALKER ... 5
†ALBERT DISERENS ... 2	WILLIAM A. ALPS ... 6
CHARLES F. STEPHENSON ... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
†ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 4	*ABRAHAM S. PETTETT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. Alps.

\* First peal.

† First peal in the method.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. E. Parsons

(Master of the Association),

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 size in B Flat.

JOSEPH FIGOTT ... 1-2	*JAMES E. GROVES ... 7-8
*ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4	WILLIAM SHORT ... 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referees: MESSRS. A. E. PARSONS and JAMES GEORGE.

\* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

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**PROPOSED MEMORIAL SERVICE.**  
FOR LONDON AND DISTRICT RINGERS.

To the Editor,

Sir,—May I ask you to kindly give publicity to the following proposal. It has been made by the Rector of St. Clement Danes; Strand; who has approached me as to the use of his church for a memorial service for London ringers who have fallen in the war. I passed the proposal on to the London County Association, who, as you are aware, normally use the tower of St. Clement's. I find, however, that for various reasons, it is preferred that I should in the first instance deal with the offer myself.

I think ringers are much indebted to the Rev. Pennington Bickford and personally I should be very much pleased to act in any way, if the proposal is deemed worthy of that support which is required to make it a success.

Perhaps those interested or concerned will kindly communicate with me. I should be glad then to act as a medium for putting them in touch. I would add that the last Saturday in February next has been suggested as a suitable date; also that the bells, though not strictly in ringing order, would be available for the usual 'whole pull and stand. —Yours faithfully, ETHEL YOUNG.

1. Station Buildings, Catford, S.E. 6.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held on Saturday week, at Martock, at which, owing to the very inconvenient train service, and bad weather, only 22 members were present, the following towers being represented: Bridgewater, Langport, Huish Episcopi, Stoke-under-Ham, Martock, Hamster, Tintinhull, and Taunton St. James. Ringing started at 3 p.m., and at 4.30 a short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Saunders) officiated. Tea was partaken of in the Church Room, after which the business meeting was held.

In the absence of the Master, for reasons given above, the Vicar presided.

Two honorary and seven performing members were elected.

The next meeting is to be held at Milverton shortly after Easter.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. G. W. Saunders for presiding at the meeting, for the use of bells, and for officiating at the service, was carried unanimously.—The Vicar, in reply, said how fond he was of the bells, and spoke of the great damage done to the bells of Bâle, Bruges, and France by the Germans. He hoped that something would be done by the ringers of England to help these being replaced.

This concluded the business, and another visit was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 p.m.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### SUGGESTED AUGMENTATION OF CATHEDRAL PEAL

The annual meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Llandaff on Boxing Day, and was well attended by members from towers throughout the Diocese. The bells of both the Cathedral and St. John's Church, Cardiff, were available, and were kept busy during the day. At four o'clock the Dean presided over the business meeting, which was held in a room adjoining the Cathedral. The Dean welcomed the members to Llandaff, remarking that he had been fortunate in his experience, for at each church at which he had been incumbent, there had been a peal of bells, consequently he was in close touch with the ringers, to whom he owed a debt of gratitude for their services. He added that he would be always pleased to encourage the ringers.

Mr. C. Greedy, of Newport, was elected Master of the Association for the ensuing year, and both the hon. secretaries (the Rev. Conop L. Price and Mr. J. W. Jones) were re-elected.—Mr. Dawe and Mr. Bolton were elected auditors.—Meetings were arranged as follows:—The next annual meeting to be held at All Saints', Newport; the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting at Penarth; the next Monmouth quarterly meeting at Caerleon.

The question of a war memorial was discussed, but as there was no definite scheme submitted it was adjourned until the next meeting.

A proposition to invest a portion of the association funds in War Loan was lost.

Several new members were elected.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Jones) appealed to the Cathedral Authorities to consider the carrying out of a long outstanding proposition of increasing the Cathedral bells to a ring of ten by adding two trebles. Canon Jones replied that the matter had not been lost sight of, but owing to the extraordinary high price of metals it must remain in abeyance for a time.

Tea, very kindly provided by the Dean, was afterwards partaken of, to which about a hundred sat down.

The bells of both the Cathedral and St. John's, Cardiff, were up in ring until late in the evening, bringing to a close a successful meeting.

## CLUN AND ITS CHURCH.

AND THE STORY OF A RINGING WEEK IN SALOP.

(Continued from page 414.)

Thursday.—The scene was changed (Wistanow was our destination)—and so were our fortunes as you will presently learn. To go abroad from Clun is essential to take the 9 a.m. motor-bus to the station—Craven Arms—and to catch the 7 p.m. bus for home, and this was our day's fixture. To-day, however, the sparking plug of our engine refused to do any 'quick work'; in fact, objected to anything but slow. It was useless to send to Sparkbrook or for a Carter, and a mile out found the party taking part in, or listening to, Stedman Caters on handbells standing upon a weather-worn old stone bridge, whilst the sparkling river ran onward in tantalising torrent, for 'men may come and men may go—but I go on for ever.' We performed, had to play the ancient Parliamentary game of 'wait and see'; and about 2.30 p.m. a motor from Ludlow was secured, and got us to Wistanow in time to attempt a peal of Double Norwich—that ended about half-way. Our morning began with ill-news from Knighton, where serious sudden illness near the church definitely postponed the proposed peal hospitable reception kindly arranged by the church authorities there. However, the good Vicar of Wistanow and Mrs. W. La Touche, helped us to drown our sorrows with a jug of fine cider, followed afterwards by the homely tea in the dining-room of the Vicarage. A semicircle round the fire logs, with cigarettes and reminiscences, brought to light the Vicar's qualities, as expressed by one of the Brummagem boys: 'He's a fine old sport'; and I may add the son also promises to attain this distinction, for the room contained a row of over 50 challenge cups won at school, and, since taking a commission in H.M. Forces, for running, shooting and swimming. We learnt that the parish received its name from St. Wistan, who was murdered on the site of the present church, the remains being subsequently removed to Ripon.

With a mile and a half to walk, imaginary sounds of a hooter induced us to leave for Craven Arms, and on arrival at Clun we were greatly surprised to find the townspeople waiting for our bus, but the crowded reception was not for us. Pte. Eric Morris, (the-hire Regiment), had arrived home, he having escaped from Belgium whilst a prisoner of war in the hands of the Germans. Near the quarters of his confinement was a ruined church that Eric and his mate explored casually one day, and found a bell rope, which they at once commandeered in case of need. As Pte. Morris was one of the local ringers before enlisting, needless to say we all heartily joined in the ovation which he received.

Friday.—The Rev. R. D. Machin came to our rescue, and very kindly placed the Vicarage, including his study, as well as the church tower and bells, at our disposal for the day. At the Vicarage in the morning, an hour of Caters, double-handed, for a peal in Stedman was put in by Messrs. Pigott, Groves, Fussell, Short, and George. The complete peal of Grandsire Triples that followed was accomplished with only one hitch worth noting—its claim as the 'first double-handed performance in Salop' (retained) was, I have since learnt, superseded by the recent six-bell peal in St. Chad's tower, Shrewsbury, rung only four days previously; but this has also been forestalled by a 5,000 that was lapped years ago, and is still the first 'handbell peal' in the county.

One of Mr. John Carter's many Stedman productions was attempted on tower bells in the afternoon—one hour's ringing ending in 'stand.' It is due to the prompting of our new tenor-man that we again called 'go,' which meant ringing through evensong. An excellent peal resulted, worthy of entry in the annals of the Ancient Society of Birmingham; such a one as would have delighted the heart of the late 'Father' Robinson.

Saturday.—The beautiful inland health resort of Church Stretton found seven 'strings' parading its high road at 12 o'clock. They were joined by the Ross boy in time to attempt Treble Bob, Mr. Hall (of Bissley renown, and a local ringer) giving us a welcome, he having made preparations for our welfare at the tower and at his home. We were also greatly indebted to the deputy Vicar, the Rev. D. W. Whincup, and the churchwardens (Mr. Gunn and Mr. Thornes) for their kindness in meeting us, and giving hospitality after the peal succeeded. Nor must we omit to mention dear old 'Ned,' one of the old hands, deaf as a doormat, but as keen as ever, at 80 years of age—one of the old 'contemners' who have throughout England in the past put up with more kicks than halfpence for the sake of the hobby they loved so well. There was a fine old 'Tun' named the Buck, which one of the band could not be kept 'out' of, and eventually seven others were 'Hall there' asking for the Kent Variation. The curtailed train service prevented our tea party hanging it out longer, and Clun's old sidewalks clattered with ringing footsteps just twelve hours after our quitting them in the morning.

(To be continued.)

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WORKING.

## HANDBELL PEALS IN SALOP.

Mr. C. R. Lilley writes: 'I beg to draw your attention to the handbell peal rung at Clun. The statement that it was the first handbell peal in Salop is not correct. The first peal retained in hand was rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on December 4th, 1918, by the Salop Guild and St. Chad's Society, which shows the county is not deficient of a handbell band. Moreover, a peal of Triples was attempted last December, and lost in the last two parts.'

## THE YOUNGEST ARMISTICE RINGER.

LADIES' BAND CELEBRATE PEACE.

The answer to the inquiry as to who was the youngest ringer on Armistice Day, comes from Ashton-under-Lyne, where the St. Peter's band, not only provided the youngest ringer, in a little lady of nine summers, but also another record, we believe, by providing the only complete company of ladies to ring on that day.

The Vicar of St. Peter's had announced from the pulpit on the Sunday that, in the event of the Armistice being signed, the bells would ring, and shortly afterwards a thanksgiving service would be held. Very quickly after the news reached the town on November 11th, the ringers were released from their employment, and St. Peter's bells were the first in Ashton to announce the glad tidings. The bells were rung in 'Queen's,' 'titluns' and 'volleying' by the ladies, who had looked forward eagerly to the happy day that would set free the races of the world. The whole of the eight bells were rung by Miss Ida Wolstencroft (aged 9 years) 1. Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft 2. Miss Doris Ogden 3. Miss Eveline Buckley 4. Miss Ethel Grimshaw 5. Miss Ada Wolstencroft 6. Miss Cissy Thorp 7. Miss Sarah Holt 8. The tenor is 20 cwt. Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft (captain) has trained and tutored the ladies to their present state of efficiency, and has been helped by Mr. John Harrison, who has been constant in his attendance at ringing. After service was over, which was attended by a very large congregation, more ringing was done, and courses of Grandsire were rung. Messrs. F. Fiddler, J. Harrison and W. W. Wolstencroft assisting.

On Thursday, December 12th, in honour of the birthdays of Mr. John Harrison, Mrs. Wolstencroft and Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, two courses of Grandsire Triples (112 changes) were rung by Miss Ida Wolstencroft 1. Miss Doris Ogden 2. Miss Ada Wolstencroft 3. Miss Eveline Buckley 4. Miss S. Holt 5. John Harrison 6. W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7. Frank Fiddler 8. This was the first attempt at changes by Miss Ida Wolstencroft, whose age is 9 years 10 months.

Birthday greetings were offered to the honoured ringers by everyone present.

On Sunday, December 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church by: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1. Driver H. Wolstencroft A.S.C. 2. Miss Doris Ogden 3. Miss Ada Wolstencroft 4. Miss Sarah Holt 5. John Harrison 6. W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7. Frank Fiddler 8.

The Rev. H. Law James writes from Surfleet: 'Fred Flowers, aged 9, and Fred Bealby, aged 10, both took part in the ringing here on November 11th for the Armistice, and have both been useful in the tower for the last two years.'

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY'S SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED.

A district meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Retford on Boxing Day, when the three peals of bells of the ancient borough were placed at the disposal of ringers from 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. by the kind permission of the three incumbents, and a hearty welcome was given to the ringers, including members of kindred associations. At Ordsall, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 240 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and two 120's of Stedman Triples were rung. At East Retford, 504 and 224 of Grandsire Triples, 126 and 324 of Grandsire Caters, 224 of Bob Major, 96 and 224 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and 168 of Stedman Triples were brought round, and a variety of six bell methods was rung at West Retford. A junior of 15 summers from Workson had his first touch on ten bells, and manipulated the ropes very cleverly. A happy coincidence of the meeting was the fact that it was the hon. secretary's silver wedding day, his marriage having taken place at East Retford Church on December 26th, 1873. In honour of the event ringers were present from Wigan, Rotherham, Anston, Gainsborough, Lincoln, Retford, Workson, and Ordsall, to take part in celebrating the happy occasion, some of them having taken part in the marriage peal 25 years ago. Mr. Haigh was naturally highly gratified at the kindness of those who had travelled such a long distance to honour him. The Adjutant of the Fifteenth Reserve Canadians, Bramshott Camp, Hants, very generously gave leave to his son, Bandman George H. Haigh, 15th Reserve Canadians, to take part in the proceedings, and the day's ringing was one of the best in the annals of the Association. The conducting was shared by Messrs. F. S. W. Butler (Gainsborough), C. F. Fowler (Anston), and H. Haigh (Workson).



## NOTICES.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, January 4th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, 77, Bell Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 4th. Bells available at 5 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 4th, 1919. Eight bells available from 3 o'clock or earlier by arrangement. This being an extra meeting, an extra good attendance is desired.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 4th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (eight, recently been recast) available at 3. Service in church; with an address by the Vicar (Rev. M. M. Connor), at 5.15. Tea (1s.) in the schoolroom at 6. Will those who intend to be present please notify me by Tuesday, January 7th?—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery Branch will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service at Holy Trinity Church 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting and social. Tower secretaries should advise me not later than January 4th how many members from their respective towers expect to be present at tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid immediately.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2 p.m., service 5.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome, but those intending to be present for tea are asked to notify me by Monday, the 6th.—E. J. Harding, Hon. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6 o'clock.—T. K. Driver, 99 Hunter Street, Middleton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society, Estab. 1824).—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at the Church of St. Stephen, Coleman St., City. Bells available from 4 to 6 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. All ringers invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Christchurch, Bootle, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready at 4; service at 5; meeting at 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, January 11th, for election of district officers, etc. Bells available until 9 o'clock. Service with address by the Rev. A. F. Curtis, vicar, 4.30.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—(Estab. 1755.)—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1919, at 7.30 p.m., the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman G. S. Pritchett, M.A., in the chair. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6 o'clock to 7.15. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. *Will members and visiting friends please note for this and subsequent meetings the change of meeting house?*—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1919, at Liscard. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 14th?—Harry Brocklebank, 319, Cloughton Road, Birkenhead, Hon. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Selby on Saturday, January 18th, 1919. By kind permission, the bells at the Abbey will be available all day. Business meeting at 4 p.m. Tea (at 1s. 10d. per head) will be provided for those only who give notice not later than Wednesday, January 15th, 1919, to Mr. A. Hall, 34, New Lane, Selby.—W. Hinton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 18th.—Full particulars next week.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, January 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. Special service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Room at 5.45. As it is intended that this meeting shall take the form of a thanksgiving for the conclusion of hostilities, it is requested that members will make every effort to take part. The Vicars of St. Martin's, St. Bride's, and Shoreditch will be in attendance. Visitors specially welcome. Members intending to be present are

requested to send a card to the Master, at 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18, by Jan. 21st, to facilitate arrangements for tea.—James Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem*.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th. Practices will be held at Southwark Cathedral on January 7th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 9th and 23rd, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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#### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. H. A. COCKEY

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## MODERN WORK

### THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The suggestion that a memorial service should be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, in honour of the London ringers who have fallen in the war, is one that we think will commend itself to the members of the Exercise associated with the Metropolis. The number of men connected with London ringing activities who have made the supreme sacrifice is very considerable, and those who cherished the friendship of now departed comrades will welcome the opportunity of paying a tribute to their memory, such as would be provided by the service proposed. Would it not, however, be possible to extend the scope of the service beyond that of a purely metropolitan character? Could it not be of the nature of a ringers' national tribute to their fallen colleagues?

Ringers from every corner of the country have fallen on the field of honour, and nothing could be more impressive than to have one great memorial service if it could be arranged upon anything like representative lines. It is true that such a gathering could be attended by only a comparative few from long distances. Nevertheless, those few could be the official representatives of their associations, and thus give a national character to the proceedings. Associations send members from one end of the country to the other to attend a Central Council Meeting, and private individuals have travelled equally long distances to attend such annual festivities as the College Youths' dinner in London, or the Johnson commemoration dinner at Birmingham. Here is a thing, unique in all history. The greatest of all wars has been brought to a close, hundreds of members of the Exercise have laid down their lives, the opportunity occurs to pay honour and homage to their memory. Let us do it and do it handsomely.

We feel quite certain that the Rector of St. Clement Danes, who has made the suggestion for a London ringers' service, would welcome the wider proposal and lend his aid in making the service one befitting the occasion, and Mr. E. Alex Young, who introduced the idea to the ringing fraternity, would gladly undertake the greater burden of work which a national service would involve. Let the service be open, of course, to every individual ringer who is able to reach London, but to make it really a national tribute to the fallen members of our bellfries, every association should send at least one or more official representatives. The last Saturday in February has been suggested as the date; there is time to make the arrangements complete, and we hope some steps will be taken which will enable a ringers' service of a national kind to be held. But there must not be delay, however, and we hope that association officials will at once consult their committees and get into communication with Mr. Young.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;**

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

JAMES L. WELLS... .. Treble	SAMUEL GROVES ... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 8
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 3	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 9
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 10
JOHN NEAL ... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 11
THOMAS MILLER ... .. 6	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

A Trippier hails from Eccles, and this is his first peal on twelve bells. H. Chapman belongs to Pendleton.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANCES;**

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

* JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... .. 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 8
HENRY J. PHIPPS ... .. 3	* CHARLES CAMM ... .. 9
HERBERT JORDAN ... .. 4	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 10
* WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5	* FRANK JINKS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. MIDDLETON.

\* First peal of Caters. This was the annual peal for the above Association.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5280 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6
SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 2	PTE. F. E. SMITH ... .. 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 8
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 9
* THOMAS RILEY ... .. 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

This peal has the 6th the extent right at eleven course ends.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26th, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5029 CHANCES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES N. FROSELL ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	* ARTHUR MASON ... .. 7
JOHN HOWES ... .. 3	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	HARRY FLANDERS ... .. 9
LEONARD A. PYE ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal on ten bells.

## HELD OVER.

A number of peals and other reports are unavoidably held over until next week, when extra pages will, we hope, help to relieve our congested space.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BACUP, LANCs.  
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION  
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1918, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Saviour,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

JAS. TAYLOR... .. Treble	W. TAYLOR ... .. 5
T. HARRISON ... .. 2	S. PICKUP ... .. 6
SAM LORD ... .. 3	W. ASHWORTH ... .. 7
O. EASTWOOD ... .. 4	J. W. ORMEROD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. S. Pickup.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

JOHN CARTER'S TEN-PART.	Tenor 17 cwt. in E.
BENJAMIN E. DIXON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5
ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3	ROBERT RICHARDS ... .. 7
BERT HORTON ... .. 4	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains 240 singles and 60 lobs.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1918, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART, No. 6.	
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Treble	ROBERT GOFTON ... .. 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 2	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 6
R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 3	*ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 7
ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 4	FREDERICK BROADBENT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for a memorial service for those fallen in the war. \* First peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

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

On Thursday, December 19, 1918, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edward,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6050 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.	
ERNEST J. BOTLER ... .. Treble	ALFRED PYE ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	WESLEY WATSON ... .. 7
*ARTHUR MASON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal in the Method.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 19 cwt.
MRS. R. WHITTINGTON ... .. Treble	ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM STREETER ... .. 2	SERG. R. CARRIER, C.R.A. ... .. 6
ALWYN CHARMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM CHARMAN ... .. 7
HARRY TIDY ... .. 4	THOMAS WORSFOLD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CHARMAN.

Arranged and rung as a farewell peal to Sergt. and Mrs. Carrier (eldest daughter of the Conductor), who are sailing for Canada at an early date. Also to celebrate the birth of a granddaughter to the ringers of the treble and 5th.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

FROCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 15, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs.

JOHN EARLE ... .. Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4
CHARLES EAST ... .. 2	FRANK COLE ... .. 5
GEORGE PACKER ... .. 3	HENRY SIMMONDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On St. Thomas's Day, Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Leonard

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

(consisting of seven different 720's, viz.: Two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Three of Plain Bob).

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

SAMUEL BORDETT ... .. Treble	*CECIL CHAPMAN ... .. 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 2	MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 5
ANDREW BLAXLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First tower bell peal. The treble ringer hails from Desborough, the fourth from Kettering, the fifth from Burton Seagrave, and the remainder belong to the Isham Society.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

On Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

In seven methods, viz.: 720 each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... .. Treble	ANDREW BLAXLEY ... .. 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 2	†THOMAS GARLEY ... .. 5
WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal. She is the 14-year-old niece of the ringer of the third, and is the youngest Northamptonshire girl to ring a peal. † First peal away from the treble.

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## RINGERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Associations and ringers who wish to give their support to the proposal for a memorial service for ringers who have fallen in the war should communicate with Mr. E. Alex. Young, 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6. By a typographical error Mr. Young's name was, unfortunately, wrongly printed last week.

## BIRMINGHAM RINGER KILLED.

Walter Gossago, a member of the ringing company at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, and also a chorister, has been killed in action, and as a last token of respect the bells of St. Chad's were rung half-muffled on December 26th, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples brought round by: R. Ducker 1, C. Mackenzie 2, J. Corrigan 3, W. Ellis 4, W. Webb 5, J. Porter 6, T. Kelly 7, T. Feerick 8.

## OXFORD SOCIETY MEMBER'S DEATH.

Mr. F. Castle, for upwards of 30 years a member of the Oxford Society and of the band at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, has recently passed away, and in his memory a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung at the church with which he had been so long associated. The 'whole pull and stand' was also rung: W. Smith (conductor) 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, G. Stone 3, T. Payne 4, W. Jeffries 5, T. Finch 6.

## ROTHWELL RINGER DIES OF WOUNDS.

The Rothwell company, Leeds, have lost a promising young ringer by the death, in France, from wounds, on November 3rd, of Pte. Ernest McWilliam, of the R.A.M.C. He was a member of both the Leeds and District and Yorkshire Associations, and in addition to being a ringer, Pte. McWilliam was in the choir. Muffled touches were rung on the Rothwell tower bells by his old colleagues, as a last tribute of respect.

## WAR-TIME SILENCE BROKEN.

On Armistice Day, after a silence of 4½ years, the fine old peal of six bells at Iwer, Bucks, were rung in rounds and call changes, both before and after the thanksgiving service by a band got together by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Gilliat, who came into the belfry during the ringing, and thanked the ringers for their services. One of the ringers had not attempted to ring a bell for fourteen years, and another for 12 years. Two members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild assisted with the ringing.

## COMPLIMENT TO RINGER-CHURCHWARDEN

The peal rung at Bishopsgate, London, and recorded in our last issue, was arranged as a compliment to the churchwarden of St. Botolph's, Mr. Thomas Walker, the hon. secretary of the London County Association. It was also rung to commemorate the glorious victory of the Allies, and further as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Weber Brown, B.A., G.C., and Mr. Duffield.

Mr. Churchwarden Thomas Walker has always taken a very keen interest in ringers and ringing generally, and he is described by a writer, as in very truth, the 'Friend of man and the guide of youth.' He has been elected a governor of the Foundation School of London, and is serving his second year as churchwarden of St. Botolph's, which carries with it a Governorship of Bishopsgate Institute. The combined offices which Mr. Walker holds affords him many opportunities of displaying his kindly disposition to old and young alike, both in and outside the circle of change ringers. His untiring efforts are always directed to the best interests and welfare of the parish. Mr. Walker, Mr. Weber Brown and Mr. Duffield were all the recipients of many hearty congratulations from Mr. Pridmore and other friends present when the ringing took place.

## RINGING FELLOWSHIP AT HAWKSHEAD.

On Wednesday, December 18th, at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead, in 1 hour and 4 mins., a date touch of Boh Minor (1918 changes) was rung by: Charles E. Webb (conductor) 1, Thomas Bradley 2, Thomas B. Newton 3, Frederick W. Coward 4, Sergt. T. F. Hewartson, R.A.F., 5, William Robinson 6. The ringers are members of the Farnes and Lake District Branch, of the Lancashire Association, and the touch was rung as an act of ringing fellowship with Sergt. T. F. Hewartson, who was on leave after three years in Egypt and Palestine. The ringers of 3, 5 and tenor hail from the neighbouring belfry at Ambleside, the others belong to the Hawkshead tower.

Hawkshead is one of the very quaintest little towns in England, situated picturesquely near Esthwaite Lake, half-way between Lakes Windermere and Conistone, and in normal times is visited annually by large numbers of Americans, as well as Britishers because of the fact that the Poet Wordsworth was educated at its Grammar School, and also because of the wonderful beauty of its natural surroundings and remoteness from railways and 'the madding crowd and ignoble strife.' The six bells, retuned and rehung soon after the present Vicar, Canon Irving, came to the parish are beautifully melodious. They have been kept going for the most part in full team, during the whole of the war, the ringers not named among the above being Jacobus Ellwood, vice captain; Thomas Townson, and Churchwarden W. D. Hey's.

## CLUN AND ITS CHURCH.

AND THE STORY OF A RINGING WEEK IN SALOP.

(Continued from page 5)

Sunday.—We met in the tower at 10 o'clock, and rang various methods till Divine service commenced, a special preacher giving us an address on the work of the National Society, an organisation founded a century ago that began the important task of the education of the masses. To-day the Church School buildings alone, without including the land on which they stand, are valued at £53,000,000, the generous gift of churchmen throughout the land. Afterwards we had an opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of the preacher who had been able to master a bell in rounds, but courting began about the same time, and the latter art won. We have heard that some men forsake the bells for the belfry, but more than one good band to my knowledge has had to deplore the loss of a male companion bent on other ringing. The recent learned discussions on 'lead ends' are as nothing compared with the old, old story. Once more we were favoured by the Vicar and churchwardens, and the afternoon was devoted to an attempt for Major, which resulted in peal No. 5 being accomplished at the second attempt, the first try lasting about half an hour. Mr. Minton, of Bishop's Castle, paying us a visit to hear the ringing. The Rev. H. J. Scott was present as chaplain, and gave the belfry prayer before starting.

A local rhyme mentions 'Hop, skip, and run, say the bells of Clun.' Well, we ringers managed to hop round the Castle ruins, skip the 13th-century bridge a few times, and run round to see the Clun Hospital founded A.D. 1658. There was another old house visited, known as the White Horse, and therein a dark plot was hatched at night, but please do not mention it to Rugby, as he is not yet aware of the matter. Parker's 12-part peal, Grand-fire Triples, was attempted double-handed at Castle Cottage by Messrs. Pigott, Graves, Short and Clark, which promised to be a success till within 500 changes from home. Mr. George's discursive wanderings in search of his comrades only ceased when someone said they were poaching rabbits; but the columns of this journal were intended to first convey the true news to him, had the peal been successful. The rabbiting was very effective, for each of our party left Clun in the morning with a brace of these useful adjuncts to war rations, and I should like to have seen the whole party in the Bull Ring with them, led by the shepherd.

Monday.—A bright morning, farewells all round, and a hearty send off by our Whitty friend—Mr. W. Mead—and the motor rumbled away to Craven Arms, with 'tails up,' the little white patches that sporting men love to see on the banks of a meadow. We had one more venture to make, as the result of our captain's happy thought of sending to Wistanstow for leave to retrieve our lost laurels of Thursday. The reply was favourable, and so was our attempt, and the final peal was finished in time for our band to receive the Vicar's congratulations, and take the 3 p.m. train to their respective destinations. Some of the Birmingham people may not agree that the wits of the team have undergone any improvement, but then we must all remember the saying of an old Farnham ringer who gave up the pastime of bell ringing many years ago, because it 'wring his hands' and blistered his pockets. However, each of us retained our watch on leaving Clun bridge for the last time.

During our brief stay in Shropshire absent friends were not forgotten, and letters of regret for their absence were read from Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, who helped to promote change ringing in this district as a resident at the time the Guild was founded in 1886. Mr. John Overton, of Bridgnorth; Mr. Win. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham. Having been requested to report our doings to your inimitable journal, I do so with reluctance because my pen cannot describe the really happy time we spent in the county. We all feel truly thankful to the clergy and laymen of Clun, Wistanstow, and Church Stretton for their generous reception and kind approval of our humble performances. The people of Clun 250 years hence may possibly find records of Shropshire's peace peals in their belfry, for a series of old oak panelling is to be placed there, and nearly four pounds has already been subscribed towards the cost by those concerned in making them. Then, as now, the early prayer inscribed on the second bell will be sounding far and near, and just as joyful, let us hope, as it does to-day.

\* All praise and Glory be to God for Ever. 1668 \*

W. H. F.

## GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER IN A PEAL.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey, who were the first husband and wife to take part in a tower bell peal together, have now created another record by being the first grandfather and grandmother to take part together in a peal. This interesting event took place at Cranleigh last week, the peal being rung in celebration of the birth of their first grandchild, and also as a farewell to Sergt. Carrier, of Vancouver, who had been stationed in the district, and who was departing for Canada with a Cranleigh bride (Miss Chapman), the daughter of the conductor of Cranleigh lower.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

AN 'AT HOME' DAY AT COLGRAVE.

Boxing Day was given up to what one may correctly term an 'At Home' at Colgrave. Invitations were sent broadcast by Messrs. W. E. and Walter White to those who could avail themselves of the opportunity to visit Colgrave, with a promise of a peal attempt in the afternoon to revive memories of pre-war pleasures. Colgrave, a peaceful village, is situated seven miles S.E. of Nottingham, and the approach is by foot, cycle, and Petrol-cum-gas Limited. There are several features of interest in the place, but there is only space to mention one or two. In the hunting world it is well known as the 'Joy wheel' of the Earl of Harrington's pack, known as the South Notts Hunt. The village rests upon the borders of the 'Wolds,' otherwise Wolds, which are characteristic of its advantages in circles of sport. Although strictly agricultural in its everyday work, it is also unique because it can be comfortably reached from almost every point of the compass. Another object of particular interest is that at Colgrave there is a house wherein a family (Parr by name) have resided from one generation to another since the time of the dreadful plague. Distinction is also given to Colgrave, from the ringers' standpoint, on account of the work which has been done by Mr. W. E. White and Mr. Walter White to bring ringing to such a high standard as it exists there to-day. On Boxing Day we went there to further promote the art of change ringing; not to watch the hunters' pursuit in the 'Joy wheel, but to ring joy bells' for the glorification of the men and women and armies who have been instrumental in bringing the war to a successful issue. The fare was of a high order, and verged into a peal attempt in the afternoon. This unfortunately came to grief after two hours and twenty minutes by an error at the end of the fifth 720. The members taking part were W. C. Hunt, T. H. Kirkby, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, A. Mackear, W. E. White and Walter White.

East Bridgford was also on the agenda for the day's ringing, and although unfortunately one of our number was indisposed through sudden illness, the Rev. A. Hill, Rector of East Bridgford, kindly filled the breach, and enabled us to make the attempt for a peal. After a capital first 720 had been rung the conductor had perforce to call 'stand,' in lieu of the ever welcome 'this is all' at the end of a success. After several other touches, with the Rev. A. Hill continuing to assist, and including, on this trip, Mr. Tom Squires (Colgrave), we separated with regrets and hastened to our respective homes. H

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Although altered at the eleventh hour, a meeting well attended, especially by members of H.M. Forces, was held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, December 28th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3.30 p.m., and was carried on until 6.30 p.m.

The business meeting took place in the Parish Room, adjoining the church, and was fairly well attended, although several members living at a distance had, perforce, to seek their way home early.

The chair was taken by Mr. G. R. Fardon, in the absence of the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, still serving with H.M. Forces.—The election of Mr. Edward P. Duffield, of Thorston Mills, Long Stratton, Norfolk, was ratified.—A vote of sympathy was accorded to the relatives of Messrs. F. J. Hardy, Morley, and Taffender, and the Hon. Secretary was requested to convey the resolution to them.

Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1919, was fixed for the annual general meeting, particulars of which will appear in the 'Ringing World' in due course.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Botolph's for the use of the bells, and of the Parish Room, also to Mr. W. Arnold, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness at both places.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The December meeting of the Western District was held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, when over 30 members were present, represented by Birstall, Burley, Calverley, Denholme, Gaisley, Holbeck, Horbury, Headingley St. Michael's, Keighley, Leeds Parish, Mirfield, Pudsey, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening, the bells were kept going in several methods. Tea was partaken of in the men's club, Westwood Lane, followed by the general business meeting. In the absence of Mr. Bolland, the Rev. C. C. Marshall (President of the Association) took the chair, and the following new members were elected: Chas. Senior, of Earlsheaton, and Messrs. G. L. Crawshaw, Traynor, and Milner of Mirfield.

The President then announced that the Yorkshire annual meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, the last Saturday in January. The venue for the annual district meeting was next discussed, and it was decided to hold the meeting at Earlsheaton, if possible.—Mr. Williams moved a vote of thanks to the chairman and local ringers for use of the bells, and arrangements made that day.—This was seconded by Mr. Dixon, and replied to by the Chairman and Mr. Petty.—Handbell ringing was then indulged in, bringing a good meeting to a close.

## NOTICES.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (eight, recently been recast) available at 3. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. M. M. Connor), at 5.15. Tea (1s.) in the schoolroom at 6.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery Branch will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service at Holy Trinity Church 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2 p.m., service 5.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. E. J. Harding, Hon. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6 o'clock.—T. K. Driver, 99 Hunter Street, Middleton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society, Estab. 1824).—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at the Church of St. Stephen, Coleman St., City. Bells available from 4 to 6 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. All ringers invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Christchurch, Bootle, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready at 4; service at 5; meeting at 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, January 11th, for election of district officers, etc. Bells available until 9 o'clock. Service with address by the Rev. A. F. Curtis, vicar, 4.30.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—(Estab. 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1919, at 7.30 p.m., the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman G. S. Pritchett, M.A., in the chair. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6 o'clock to 7.15. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. *Will members and visiting friends please note for this and subsequent meetings the change of meeting house?*—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Practices will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Jan. 23rd, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—An extra meeting will be held at Newport, Jan. 18. Bells available from 3 to 9. Business meeting 5.30 in the Parish

Room.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1919, at Liscard. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 14th?—Harry Brocklebank, 319, Clough-ton Road, Birkenhead, Hon. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Selby on Saturday, January 18th, 1919. By kind permission, the bells at the Abbey will be available all day. Business meeting at 4 p.m. Tea (at 1s. 10d. per head) will be provided for those only who give notice not later than Wednesday, January 15th, 1919, to Mr. A. Hall, 34, New Lane, Selby.—W. Hinton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock to 4.30, short service in the church and tea by the Guild at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend being present at tea please notify me not later than Jan. 17th?—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m.; tea 5.30 p.m. (food included) to those informing me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 15th.—T. Law, Dis. Sec., S. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock, committee meeting at 4.30, tea at 5 (1s. 6d. each), followed by general meeting, all in the Church Institute. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than Thursday, 16th inst.?—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Wotton Branch will be held at Dursley on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, January 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Estab. 1875.—The annual meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on Saturday, January 25th, 1919. For full particulars see circular to all towers.—H. Williams, Hon. Sec, *pro tem.*, New Wortley Cemetery, Leeds.



**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. Special service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Room at 5.45. As it is intended that this meeting shall take the form of a thanksgiving for the conclusion of hostilities, it is requested that members will make every effort to take part. The Vicars of St. Martin's, St. Bride's, and Shoreditch will be in attendance. Visitors specially welcome. Members intending to be present are requested to send a card to the Master, at 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18, by Jan. 21st, to facilitate arrangements for tea.—James Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem*.

**SALOP GUILD.**—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Ringing at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m.; preacher, the Ven. the Hon. Archdeacon Lambart, M.A.; tea in St. Alkmund's Parish Room at 6 p.m.; business meeting 6.45. Please reply to Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, before 21st inst.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (Christ Church) on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. A. W. Boulden (Vicar) at 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding. Will those intending to be present let me know by Monday, Jan. 20th, the latest. Subscriptions are due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.**—Will intending visitors to Rugby please note that the practice night of the above Society will be Wednesday evenings, from 7.30 to 9, commencing January 1st, 1919?—J. B. Fenton, Master.

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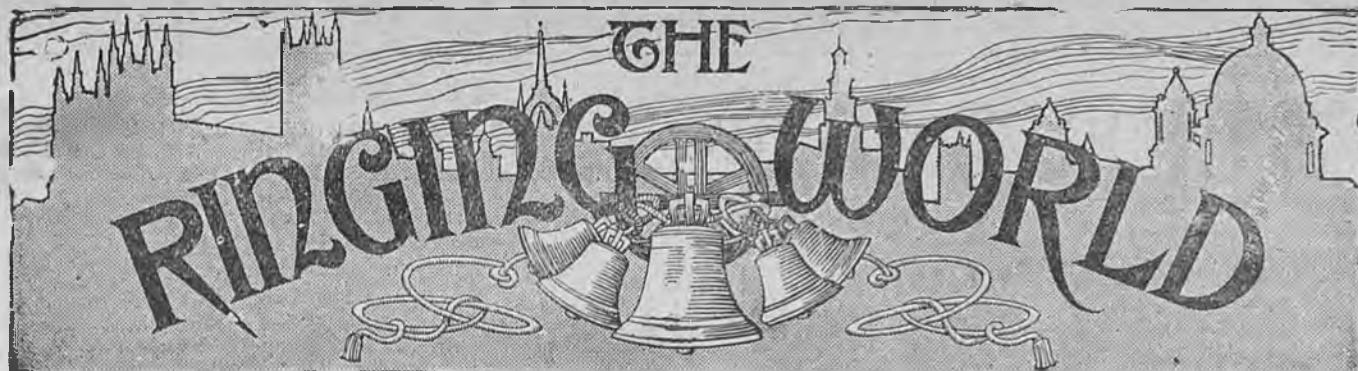
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Gentlemen,

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.

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.

## THE COMING MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The suggestion made in this column last week, that the memorial service for fallen ringers to be held in London about the end of February, should take on a national character, has been received with very general approval. Indeed, from the various individual opinions which have been expressed, the success of such a gathering would be assured if the associations consult the wishes of their members, and the organisers of the service are prepared to accept the wider scope — as we believe they readily will do.

A correspondent suggests that the service should be held at one of the famous twelve-bell towers of the metropolis, and Mr. Young writes that for the more ambitious proposal one would have liked to have gone to St. Paul's for the purpose. To hold the service in the great cathedral would, indeed, add a crowning glory to it, or to have it at a church with one of the other famous twelve-bell peals might be preferable from a ringing point of view. It must be remembered, however, that the first idea of the service originated with the Rector of St. Clement Danes, who has offered his church and his assistance, and to attempt to go elsewhere, except with his hearty concurrence, would be to show an ingratitude which would mar the event. Of this we may rest assured that the service will befit the occasion, and, when the details which it is hoped to arrange are known, it will be found that it will be a service the like of which has never before been associated with ringers and ringing. The question of St. Clement Danes' bells being in such a condition that little ringing on them will be possible, will not materially affect the completeness of the proceedings, for the tribute of the bells on this occasion will not be confined to one tower.

All the associations within reasonable reach of London will, it may be hoped, be officially represented, but failing this there is the alternative, already suggested in Lancashire, where the proposal for a national memorial service has been most sympathetically received, that in districts remote from London a simultaneous service at some convenient centre should be arranged. This seems to be a most admirable idea. It might be possible for services to be arranged in a number of centres, at which the rank and file of ringers could gather to honour the memory of the heroic dead, and even so, there might still be one delegate to the service in London. The associations have the matter in their hands, and we hope they will lose no time in signifying their support of the proposal, which furnishes an opportunity, unique in the history of ringing, for showing the brotherhood of the Exercise.



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## TEN BELL PEALS.

**PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS**  
(Estab. 1686).

*On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANCES.**

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT ... .. Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	HENRY W. FUSSELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM HALE ... .. 3	ALBERT BURCOMBE ... .. 8
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 4	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... .. 9
FRANK COLE ... .. 5	JAMES SINGLETON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as an Armistice Peal for Painswick.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.**

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

*On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Alphege,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5011 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM KENT ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 4	HARRY WITHERS ... .. 9
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 5	ANOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

**DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD AND ST. MARTIN'S  
GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,*

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANCES;**

JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 7
GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 8
HARRY MASON ... .. 4	GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. 9
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 5	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Rung in honour of the centenary of the opening of the bells on January 4th, 1819.

**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM KENT ... .. Treble	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 2	SAPPER A. DAVIES, R.E. ... .. 7
FREDERICK DICKENS ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 8
CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 4	A. PADDOX SMITH ... .. 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir, - I wish to inform members of the above Association that I am now in a position to again carry out the duties of the office of Acting General Secretary, having recently been discharged from the Army. If any member of the Association has any suggestion or would like to make with a view to the improvement of the Association or the advancement of change ringing, I should be glad if he would communicate with me.

4, Hills View,  
Great Shelford, Cambridge.

A. E. AUSTIN,  
Acting General Secretary.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 23, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Old Church.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS IRIS EDWARDS ... .. Treble	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ... .. 2	GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. 6
MISS KATE PIGOTT ... .. 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 7
†MISS RHODA M. HOWAT ... 4	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\* First peal. † First peal inside.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Treble	†ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	ALBERT CRESTIDGE ... .. 6
*ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 3	*WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 7
HARRY HILL ... .. 4	JOSEPH FAULKNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON.

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard Round, who for 46 years  
has been a ringing member of the Nether-ton company. Messrs. H.  
Hill and A. Prestidge were elected members of the above Society be-  
fore starting.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing Morning, Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Four  
Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

†JAMES GOODSELL ... .. Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 5
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2	FREDK. FAIRBEARD ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 3	†ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 7
WALTER H. PERRY ... .. 4	*OWEN HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. † Elected member previous to starting. ‡ 25th peal  
as conductor in ten different towers

Rung as a welcome to President Wilson, who landed at Dover during  
the progress of the peal.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing Afternoon, Thursday, December 26th, 1918, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JAMES WAGHORN ... .. Treble	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 5
WALTER H. PERRY ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 4	*LUTHER HONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung on the 152nd anniversary of the  
first peal on the bells, and as a welcome to President Wilson, who  
passed through London with H.M. the King during the progress of the  
peal.

BIRCH-AN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.  
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ASTLEY JOHNSON ... .. Treble	SAM COLLIER ... .. 5
WILLIAM HOLBROOK ... .. 2	ROBERT DAVIES ... .. 6
JAMES DARBYSHIRE ... .. 3	JAMES H. COLLIER ... .. 7
†ALFRED FROST ... .. 4	WRIGHT JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

† First peal

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing Day, Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and  
Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

*THOMAS WELLS ... .. Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 5
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... 2	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 3	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 7
†WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 4	FRED WILFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWARD, Bart., and  
conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal of Major. † First eight-bell peal, and first 'touch' in  
the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE ... .. Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 5
WALTER MARTIN ... .. 2	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 6
JAMES CLARK, JUNR. ... .. 3	C.M.M. DOUGLAS H. ARGLE,
JAMES CLARK, SENR. ... .. 4	R.N.V.R. ... .. 7

SERG. E. MORRIS, R.A.S.C. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SERGT. ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the 6th  
in 6th's place throughout, with 22 courses each, 6-4-8 and 6-7-8. The  
conductor's 100th peal. Messrs. J. and E. Morris hail from Leicester.  
The conductor desires to thank the Nuneaton ringers for kindly ar-  
ranging for him to take part in the above.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At St. Michael's Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER ... .. Treble	JOHN C. SELF ... .. 5
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 6
WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 3	CHARLES J. BUTTON ... .. 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by the late Dr. F. E. W. MEADOWS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR KEEBLE ... .. 5
HARRY SMITH ... .. 2	CHARLES W. F. CLARK ... 6
ARTHUR MAXIM ... .. 3	LOUIS LEES ... .. 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4	THEODORE E. SLATER ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

The 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor men hail from Foxearth, Essex; Monk's  
Eleigh, Great Cornard, and Glemsford, Suffolk, respectively. The  
ringer of the 2nd is in his 70th year.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 5
W. ARTHUR HUDSON ... .. 2	FIRTE HOPWOOD ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
JOHN PALFRAMAN ... .. 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH BROADLEY.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINWICK YOUTHS  
(Established 1688).

On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS HASTINGS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... .. 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 3	FRANK COLE ... .. 7
WILLIAM HALE ... .. 4	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as an Armistice peal for the town of Stroud

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. HUDSON ... .. 2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... .. 7
WILLIAM RHODES ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composer unknown.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung to celebrate the Bi-centenary of the first peal of Treble Bob ever rung. It was not possible to ring Oxford, but the same composition was rung which was rung at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, London, on December 27th, 1718.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY HUTTON ... .. Treble	EDWARD RADDEN ... .. 5
JOHN J. JONES ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
THOMAS W. RADFORD ... .. 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 7
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

W. R. Melville's first peal of Stedman.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	JOHN WOODBERRY ... .. 6
PTZ. ERNEST J. BROOKS, R.E. ... .. 3	CHARLES BEAMAN ... .. 7
JOHN E. EATON ... .. 4	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

Rung to celebrate the cessation of hostilities.

LONDON.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON'S-IN-THE-EAST, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES,

Thursians' four part,

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 5
CHARLES F. WINNEY ... .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. ALPS ... .. 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 7
THOMAS WALKER ... .. 4	ASAPH A. PETTETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. WINNEY.

Rung on the 200th anniversary of the peal of Union Treble Bob by the Union Scholars at the above church, the Peal Book containing the original entry now being in the British Museum.

The thanks of the band are hereby tendered to Mr. W. A. and Mrs. Alps for their kind hospitality in entertaining the ringers at the conclusion of the peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 5
JAMES F. CLARK, JUN. ... .. 2	HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 6
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... .. 3	JAMES F. CLARK, SEN. ... .. 7
*ABRAM WILKERSON ... .. 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal in the method.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... .. Treble	WILLIAM DICKENSON ... .. 5
FREDERICK HILTON ... .. 2	WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 6
JOHN T. HOLMES ... .. 3	F/S. FRED A. HOLDEN ... .. 7
JOHN H. CLARK ... .. 4	A/M. SIDNEY J. RIDDELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

Rung to commemorate our glorious victory, also as a birthday compliment to Alfred Dickenson, youngest son of the ringer of the 5th. First peal by the ringers of the treble and 2nd for 16 and 17 years respectively.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

WILLIAM BATEMAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
GEO. H. CUTTERIDGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... .. 6
GNR. WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 7
MISS GLADYS BATEMAN ... .. 4	JOHN BURT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GNR. WILLIAM WELLING.

A British peal of welcome to Dr. Woodrow Wilson, President of the U.S.A., with birthday greeting from the Bell Ringers of Great Britain.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. Treble	ALFRED GIBSON ... .. 5
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 2	BERT HORTON ... .. 6
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 3	FRED T. BROADBELT ... .. 7
REV. PROF. M. C. POTTER, D.Sc. ... .. 4	WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

Rung muffled as a sacred tribute to the memory of three of the members of St. George's Guild of Ringers, who have made the supreme sacrifice in this Great War, namely, Lieut. Mundle, Lce-Opl. Eaton and Pte. A. Errington. Dr. Potter's first peal of Treble Bob and his first peal for this Association—he was ordained in Holy Orders on Sunday, December 22nd. First peal on an inside bell for Mr. Broadbelt, and first peal of Treble Bob for the tenor man. Treble, 4th, 5th and 7th men are members of St. George's Guild, and the ringer of the 3rd is an honorary member of the Guild.

CUMBERLAND THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Cumberland Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, the 25th, is to take the form of a thanksgiving for the conclusion of hostilities. Representative clergy will be present, and it is expected a large gathering of ringers will attend.

A CORRECTION.

In the peal of Stedman Caters, at Hillingdon, on December 21st, and published in our issue of January 3rd, the ringer of the 6th was William Lawrence, not William Tavenor as stated.



## CORSTON.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

CHARLES DENSLEY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. RICH... .. 5
GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2	RICHARD J. COUSINS... .. 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 3	CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 7
CHARLES GOODENOUGH ... .. 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

This is the first peal ever rung on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. All the band are resident in Bath.

## ST ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1918, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 3040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE W. CARTMELL ... Treble	*FREDERICK JEFFS ... .. 5
*J. MALYAN ... .. 2	W. H. L. BECKINGHAM ... .. 6
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE ... 3	E. WHITEHEAD ... .. 7
W. NASH ... .. 4	*CHARLES UNDERWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD WHITEHEAD.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the fallen heroes in the Great War. \* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## HENTFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. E. BAKER... .. Treble	W. J. ALLISS ... .. 5
G. GANDER ... .. 2	H. MARKWELL ... .. 6
G. PAYNE ... .. 3	L. PAYNE ... .. 7
C. TYLER ... .. 4	W. MARKWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. PAYNE.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Edward,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE... .. Treble	JOHN DALE ... .. 5
*HARRY CATERWELL... .. 2	ALFRED PYE... .. 6
*ARTHUR MASON ... .. 3	WESLEY WATSON... .. 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CREVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

Arranged for H. Catterwell, who was on a visit to Romford.

## DEPTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

JOSEPH LAW ... .. Treble	EDWIN J. FANNETT ... .. 5
ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 6
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 3	*ALBERT E. GODDARD... .. 7
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... .. 4	†ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

\* First peal. † Re-elected a member before starting.

Rung for the Watch-night service, and on the 44th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, five courses of Stedman Caters: E. Canina 1, Pte. W. Hayward (Bridgorth) 2, Sapper E. J. Brooks (Kidderminster) 3, G. R. Newton 4, Larkin 5, J. Martin 6, E. Breeze 7, J. Turner 8, W. Davies (conductor) 9, J. Blon 10.

## SIX BELL PEAL.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On New Year's Day, January 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, San Diego, Chester, London, Wells, Lancashire, Stamford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR ... .. Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM ... .. 4
HARRY GREAVES... .. 2	WILLIAM H. TUKTON ... .. 5
T. A. HOWES SMITH ... .. 3	CHARLES SEVERN... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

The above peal was attempted on Friday, December 27th, and came to grief after ringing over 5,000 changes.

## FIVE BELL PEAL.

## COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARRY SHIMMELL ... .. Treble	†ARCHIE BURGE ... .. 3
FRED HOPPER ... .. 2	†JAMES HAYNES ... .. 4

WILFRED J. SHARP ... .. Tenor

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. H. Shimmell was proposed a member before starting. Rung to celebrate the Armistice, also as a birthday compliment to A. Burge.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Residence of Mr. W. Pye, 8, Sanson Rd., Leytonstone,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 1—2	Pte. WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5—6
WILLIAM PYE... .. 3—4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 7—8

Composed by JAMES PAGET.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: E. J. BUTLER.

W. Shepherd's first peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.' Arranged for Pte. W. Keeble, who was home on leave from France.

## ARMLEY, LEEDS.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At 10, Mitford Road,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE... .. 1—2	GERALD MOORHOUSE ... .. 5—6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... .. 3—4	OLIVE L. LUMLEY... .. 7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JOHN Wm. MOORHOUSE.

Witness: Mrs. J. W. MOORHOUSE.

First peal on handbells by Miss Lumley.

## VETERAN KENTISH RINGER'S DEATH.

There passed away recently, at the age of 78 years, John Marsh, an old Kentish ringer, who was laid to rest in the quiet typical Kentish Churchyard at Newington, near Shorncliffe Camp, and on the Sunday evening following a half-muffled touch to his memory was rung on the Parish Church bells by the local band.

Failing health had kept him from neighbouring towers for some years, but in the sixties and seventies of the last century John Marsh was well known as a keen and good change ringer, and many a lad has been taught the rudiments of the art by him. Records of his performances are few, but one in Hythe tower gives his first peal, the record stating that: 'On January 25th, 1865, was rung in this tower, in 3 hrs. 3 mins., a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples by the following men: J. Fisher, J. Harrison, J. Chapple, R. Dale, John Friend (conductor), J. Goldsmith, J. Marsh, J. Amos.

The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd were both over 74 years of age. R. Dole was aged 16 years. J. Goldsmith was the father of the Editor of the 'Ringing World.' J. Marsh was the last of the band.



**A LOYAL ADDRESS FROM RINGERS TO THE KING.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—It has been suggested to me that the ringers of England should present to the King, on the conclusion of peace a loyal address. It is generally accepted that bells are closely connected with the history of our country, and we know also that if they had remained silent even on Armistice Day, strong comments would have arisen from many quarters. Yet the majority of people know nothing or very little about the science, the labours, or even the self-sacrifice often entailed by ringers in order that the bells should be rung on great national occasions of rejoicing. I submit, therefore, that an address from such a loyal body of churchworkers would be a means of asserting our claim to be a power for good in the country, and if this unique opportunity is allowed to go by it will be many years before another would be afforded. The memorial would call forth from our King an acknowledgment, and would probably appear in print in the Court Circular.

The proper authority to carry out this suggestion would be the Central Council, as represented by the president and committee, and the subject could be brought forward as a motion at the next annual meeting of the Council.

I shall be glad if ringers will express their opinions through your columns, and if a favourable view is taken of my suggestion, I feel sure that our new president of the Central Council will readily take the matter up.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec. Hertford County Association,  
Duffield, St. Albans, Jan. 13th, 1919.

**WELCOME HOME.****NEWPORT RINGER'S RETURN FROM GERMANY.**

Pte. Victor Morgan, one of the All Saints' band, Newport, Mon., has just reached home, after being a prisoner of war in Germany. As a welcome, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was quickly arranged, and was rung on December 30th. Although having suffered severely and been nearly starved by the Huns, Pte. Morgan was able to stand in, as was also his brother, Sergt. Arthur Morgan, who had obtained special leave from a convalescent hospital in the North of England, where he was recuperating, after having been invalided from France. The ringers turned up in force, and readily gave way for two visiting ringers to stand in. The quarter-peal was rung in 49 minutes, by: Sergt. Arthur Morgan 1. T. Ford 2. Pte. E. Parker (Carhampton) 3. S. Palmer (Swindon) 4. C. Greedy 5. Pte. Victor Morgan 6. J. W. Jones (conductor) 7. W. Ridout 8. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but this failed. It was followed by 336 Bob Major: T. Ford 1. H. Morgan 2. E. Parker 3. A. Morgan 4. C. Greedy 5. V. Morgan 6. S. Palmer 7. J. W. Jones (conductor) 8.

It was regretted that another brother, Sergt. Frank Morgan, was unable to take part in the ringing, he having to return to his duties earlier in the day.

Pte. H. Broughton, a member of the Caerphilly band, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany for two years and five months, has reached home again, and on December 23rd, at St. Martin's Church the bells were rung in his honour. Ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 behind) were brought round by: W. Williams 1. W. Pike 2. G. Cooke 3. Pte. H. Broughton 4. P. Jones 5. S. Addicott 6. D. Stephens 7. T. Love 8.

On a recent Sunday that was set apart for memorial service for those fallen in the war, the bells of All Saints' Church, Newport, were rung muffled for each service, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung, one of the All Saints' company, Mr. V. Morgan, who has just arrived home, after being a prisoner in Germany, taking part. Of the eight members of the All Saints' band that joined the army, two have made the supreme sacrifice.

**SHOREHAM RINGERS' MEETING.**

At the annual business meeting of the St. Mary's ringers, Shoreham, Sussex, it was stated that the subscriptions to the bell ringers' fund so far totalled £15 19s., and that before they finished the previous record would probably be surpassed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all who had contributed to the fund, and it was stated that there had been much praise accorded the band for their ringing.—The 'possible' attendances during the year was believed to be 107, and Mr. T. Burtenshaw, senr., and Mr. E. Marsh each put in 103, while Mr. Bert Challen had 100 to his credit. The other attendances were: Mr. R. Nokes, 97; Mr. H. Statham, 85; Mr. W. Brown, 78; Mr. C. West, 53; Mr. T. Burtenshaw, junr., 4.

The officers were re-elected on bloc, and testimony paid to the value of their services; while the harmony which prevailed in the band was alluded to by the Chairman (Mr. Ellman Brown).—Mr. Challen, the leader, returned thanks on their behalf, and alluded to the assistance they had received from the soldiers when it was needed. On one occasion, he said, they took charge of the ringing themselves. Referring to their honorary members, he congratulated Mr. Baker, who was wounded in the war, on being among them again. Mr. Challen said they must add to their numbers, and suggested that if they could not get more men they might have ladies.—The Chairman said the Association had under consideration the ringing of a peace day commemoration peal in as many towers throughout the county as possible, having in view the number of ringers available.

**PRESENTATION AT ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE**

On Boxing Day, a very interesting gathering of ringers took place at the Ilkeston Church Institute.

The main object, after an attempt for a peal of Stedman had failed, was to present Mr. Joseph H. Iliffe with an illuminated address to commemorate his 30 years' unbroken service at the Parish Church.

After a substantial tea had been partaken of, Mr. Samuel Burgoyne presented the address on behalf of his fellow ringers, and in a few well-chosen words spoke of the genial good qualities of Mr. Iliffe as a change ringer and companion.

Mr. J. H. Iliffe, who was taken wholly by surprise, asked what he had done amiss to deserve that beautiful gift. He thanked those present for their kind expressions on the address which he should always cherish as a token of the good-fellowship that existed in the tower. He also thanked Mr. Burgoyne for the kind words he had said, and expressed a wish that they would for many years to come meet together and ring at that fine old Parish Church.

Mr. Alf. T. Baker made the suggestion, to which all agreed, that the meeting should be an annual one, and that that should be the first of a series of gatherings to be called the 'Iliffe Commemoration Gathering.' Mr. Iliffe, continued Mr. Baker, had asked what he had done amiss to deserve the gift he had received. 'That's easily explained,' said the speaker. 'You have worn out a peal of five, also a peal of eight, and are on with the second eight, but I am afraid this eight will wear you out—they are good ones from Loughborough. Then again, you helped to make the old tower rock on its very foundation, so that it had to be taken down as a result. There must have been something amiss for a man to ring for thirty years at one church on three peals of bells and in two towers.'

Mr. Sam Thomas and Mr. John Holman, both of Sheffield Cathedral, were present, and congratulated the ringers and Ilkeston upon possessing such a grand peal of bells. Mr. Thomas said he was sorry they had not scored the peal that day, but if one got every peal one set out for, there would be no interest left in trying for peals.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a very congenial manner, the handbells being brought into use.

CAMPANILE.

**CENTENARY PEAL AT DUDLEY.**

The one hundredth anniversary of the opening of St. Thomas' bells, Dudley, was celebrated on January 4th by a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, the composition, it is believed, being the same as that rung on the opening day, exactly a century before. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. John Goodman, senr. of the Dudley band.

It is interesting to note that ten towers were represented in the peal, viz., J. Pigott, Smethwick; J. Bass, Wollaston; G. Hughes, Wednesbury; H. Mason, Old Hill; W. Fisher, Coseley; W. Short, Clent; G. F. Swann, Erdington; A. Greenfield, Netherton; G. Pigott, Edgbaston; H. Knight, Wolverhampton. It was the first peal of Oxford Royal by all the band except J. Bass and W. Short. A. Greenfield was elected a member of St. Martin's Guild before starting for the peal.

After the ringing, the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Harry Mason, at Cranage's Cafe, and the band wish to convey to him their sincere thanks for his hospitality.

**GREETINGS FROM OVERSEAS.**

The following letter, dated October 21st and posted overseas, reached us on the 12th inst.:—

Sir:—The under-mentioned are the ringers in this company, and would like, through the medium of your paper, to send their greetings for Christmas and best wishes for the New Year, to their ringing friends in Great Britain, hoping at not too distant a date to join them again to carry on the good work. Thanking you in anticipation, yours

R. L. PATTERSON, 72nd Field Co., R.E., Dunster Fortes.

R. L. PATTERSON, Durham and Newcastle Association.

J. L. TUNE, Yorkshire Association.

C. WILKINSON, Kent County Association.

A. T. BURLEY, Kent County Association.

A. FRENCH, Middlesex Association.

T. FOWELL, Archdeaconry of Stafford.

J. W. OWEN, Shrewsbury Diocesan (late member).

**RINGER'S JUBILEE AT NORTH SHIELDS.**

A gathering of ringers and parishioners took place in the belfry at Christ Church, North Shields (Tynemouth Parish Church), the occasion being a presentation to Mr. Joel Hearn to mark his 50 years' connection with ringing. The proceedings began with ringing on eight bells, and concluded with touches on the ten. The Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Holmes) presided, and the gift took the form of a handsome silver teapot, suitably inscribed, and containing a number of Treasury notes. Mr. Fleming (churchwarden), in handing over the gifts, referred to Mr. Hearn's steadfast devotion to duty, and to the assistance which he had given to young ringers, not only in his own parish, but in other parts of the two counties of Northumberland and Durham.—Mr. Hearn briefly responded, and a vote of thanks (proposed by Mr. A. E. Kidd) brought the formal ceremony to a close.



## NEW YEAR'S EVE.

## A BUSY TIME.

One is sure to meet, in one's journey through life, with trouble and pleasure, but the ringers who assembled at St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, on New Year's Eve fully experienced pleasure throughout the whole evening. The bells were raised about 7.30, and were rung in various methods for an hour, with George B. Harbour assisting. Then the 'captain' ordered us to proceed to the district station at Ealing to book en route to Chiswick Parish Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Isaacs) met the ringers, and greeting them with kindly words, said how pleased he was to have the bells rung. A good start was made, with a touch of Stedman Triples, by: Robt. Holloway 1, W. Lawrence (conductor) 2, F. Vickery 3, C. Edwards 4, J. W. Frin 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier 7, E. Gray 8. At the close of the ringing our 'captain' invited everyone to his residence at Acton, and upon arrival there he might well have quoted the lines from an old trio, for it was a real fact:—

A little house well filled,  
A little wife well willed,  
Give me.

Our genial host seems to have studied legerdemain, for, at his worn whole plates of sandwiches quickly disappeared, while steaming cups of coffee and cocoa—definitely prepared by Mrs. Holloway—were handed around by Mrs. Briggs and Miss Holloway. Mr. 'Bob' accompanied Mrs. Briggs in some pretty songs: 'In an old-fashioned town' and the 'Irish Folk Song' in Major and Minor keys, and there was not one single bar of music unappreciated. Thus, rested and refreshed, up the steps of Acton tower climbed the company, and ringing was done with bells half-muffled before the midnight service, which many of the ringers attended, and at which two were able to render assistance as sidesmen; whilst others removed the mufflers from the clappers.

At the conclusion of the service, a first-rate touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by: C. Brown 1, R. E. Beedington 2, J. E. Rootes 3, Miss Edith Jones 4, Geo. Hes 5, R. Holloway 6, E. Vickery 7, A. E. Smith 8. Our enthusiastic lady braved the elements of the late hour—and the early one—and stayed until the last 'touch,' which was rung at the pace that Acton bells should be rung—at least so the writer thinks. When at the close of 1915 the united hands of Acton and St. Stephen's met at West Ealing, it was intended to arrange a similar trip annually, but for two years the war has prevented it. All being well, a house in some 'gardens' will be the rendezvous at the end of this year.

## RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

On Saturday, December 21st, a very pretty wedding took place at Tunstall, Kent, when Mr. G. H. Spice, third son of Mr. W. Spice was married to Miss C. N. Jarrett, organist at Tunstall Church. Both the bride and bridegroom are members of the Tunstall band of ringers. The happy pair were the recipients of a number of very useful presents, and needless to say, the bells rang out a merry peal as the newly-married couple left the church. The ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Spice, and several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells by: Mrs. G. H. Spice 1-2, G. H. Spice 3-4, W. Spice 5-6, Corpl. E. H. Spice 7-8.

On the following day, a 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of the event by the following: Mrs. G. H. Spice 1, Pte. Grove 2, G. H. Spice 3, G. Webb 4, W. Spice (conductor) 5, Pte. Wooley 6. Also 120, conducted by Corpl. E. H. Spice, the best man, Miss M. Harris ringing the tenor.

The wedding took place at Staveley Parish Church, on December 25th, between Sergt. A. E. Parsons, of the Sherwood Foresters, and Miss N. Thompson, the bridegroom being one of the local ringers. The bride was given away by her uncle, P. V. L. G. Palmer, R.A.F., who is also a member of the local band. The following, who are all local ringers, rang 672 Bob Major in honour of the event: H. Stowe 1, F. E. Parsons 2, J. R. Brooks 3, S. Smedley, junr., 4, W. Daffin 5, H. Daffin 6, S. Smedley 7, W. T. Palmer (conductor) 8. The ringers extended their good wishes to Sergt. and Mrs. Thompson for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

## AN OLD CUSTOM AT SALEHURST.

The passing of the old year and the advent of the new was celebrated in time-honoured fashion at Salehurst, Sussex. Ringing took place both before and after the midnight hour, which was struck on the tenor, and prayers were offered by the Rector (the Rev. C. E. Ward).

On New Year's Day, the ringers maintained the old custom of in-keeping in a day's ringing. Touches of Grandsire were rung and the bells fired, and the ringing was brought to a close by a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins., by: J. Goodall 1, F. Morgan 2, C. Tribe 3, W. Perry 4, T. Booth 5, W. Head 6, W. Franks (conductor) 7, L. French 8. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks to Messrs C. Tribe, of Tenlarden, and W. Franks, of Battle, two old ringing friends, for kindly attending on this and many other occasions to assist the local band, whose number has been greatly reduced owing to the war. Mr. A. E. Ed-

wards, the conductor of the local band, was unable to be present owing to business engagement in Wales.

After the ringing an excellent tea was partaken of at the Old Eight Bells Inn, and the rest of the evening spent in harmony.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GREENWICH.—On Sept. 15th, for evening service, at St. Alfege Church, 3010 of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: J. G. Shade (conductor) 1, J. J. Lamb 2, E. E. S. Richards 3, T. H. Hawkins 4, Pte. W. Farey, A.S.C. (Northampton), 5, H. Heskins 6, F. W. Thornton 7, D. Hodgson 8.

ERITH, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday, September 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 minutes: A. J. Morton 1, F. J. Cullum, sen., 2, J. Lowrey 3, G. Thompson (Tunbridge Wells) 4, R. A. Cullum 5, H. Holden 6, Elect. Art. F. J. Cullum, R.N. (conductor) 7, A. Bird (first quarter-peal) 8.

BLVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, Sept. 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Maddock (conductor) 1, W. D. White 2, F. Millard 3, W. Cording 4, E. Lloyd 5, J. Burge 6, E. E. Burgess 7, W. Chapman 8. All except W. Chapman belong to Taunton.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, for evening, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), adapted from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' five-part peal: Mrs. Hazelden 1, J. J. Jones 2, W. E. Jelley 3, W. R. Melville 4, J. T. Scott 5, W. Fowler 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, M. Smith 8. Mr. Scott's first quarter-peal with a working bell.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for evening service, at the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Rann 1, E. C. Merritt 2, H. R. Butcher 3, G. Ades 4, R. Stredwick 5, J. Hart (first quarter-peal in the method, and first attempt) 6, H. Statham (conductor) 7, W. Burrell 8.

CARDIFF.—Llandell Association.—On Sept. 22nd at St. John's Church, in 52 mins., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): Hy. Day 1, J. Harris 2, E. Coles 3, J. E. Sykes 4, S. Dave 5, W. Biss 6, W. Bolton 7, A. Rowley (conductor) 8, W. Coombs 9, S. R. Barker 10.

IVINGHOE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 22nd, for harvest festival, afternoon service, 120 Grandsire Doubles: H. F. Seabrook 1, F. Vickers 2, F. Reeve 3, T. W. Wright 4, Corpl. W. H. Pasmore 5, L. Deeley 6; and 360 Grandsire Doubles: F. Vickers 1, F. Reeve 2, W. Seabrook 3, T. W. Wright 4, Corpl. W. H. Pasmore 5, L. Deeley 6; also another 120, with H. F. Seabrook treble, H. F. Seabrook and W. Seabrook belong to All Saints', Leighton, Beds; F. Vickers to Linslade, Bucks; F. Reeve and T. W. Wright to Tring, Herts; Corpl. W. H. Pasmore is at Hatton Camp; L. Deeley belongs to the local band. Rung by kind permission of the Rev. T. Harvey, at the invitation of H. F. Seabrook and W. Seabrook, who were visiting their native parish.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—At St. Michael's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. T. Leader (Slough) 1, A. Mason (Wembley) 2, W. Henley, conductor (Farnham Royal), 3, T. Smith (Slough) 4, J. Brant (Warfield) 5, J. Rance (Warfield) 6, Pte. E. T. Hooper (home on leave from Sherness) 7, L. Bristow (Warfield), first quarter-peal, 8.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Frank Cotterell (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Overton 2, Pte. J. T. Tyler 3, A. T. Baker 4, J. W. Howard 5, H. M. Overton 6, W. Overton (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

DALETON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 29th, for morning service, 544 Bob Major: Miss E. M. Suart 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. R. Jackson 6, T. Suart 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. For evening service, 880 Bob Major: T. Watson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, Miss E. M. Suart 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. Suart 6, W. H. Dennison 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON, BATH.—At the Parish Church, before evening-song, on Sunday, Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: F. W. E. Milbourne (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Chivers 2, P. Speed 3, F. Speed (conductor) 4, J. Hamblton 5, I. B. Holmyard 6, W. Keavill 7, T. Griffen 8. Rung as a farewell touch to P. Speed, who was shortly joining the colours.

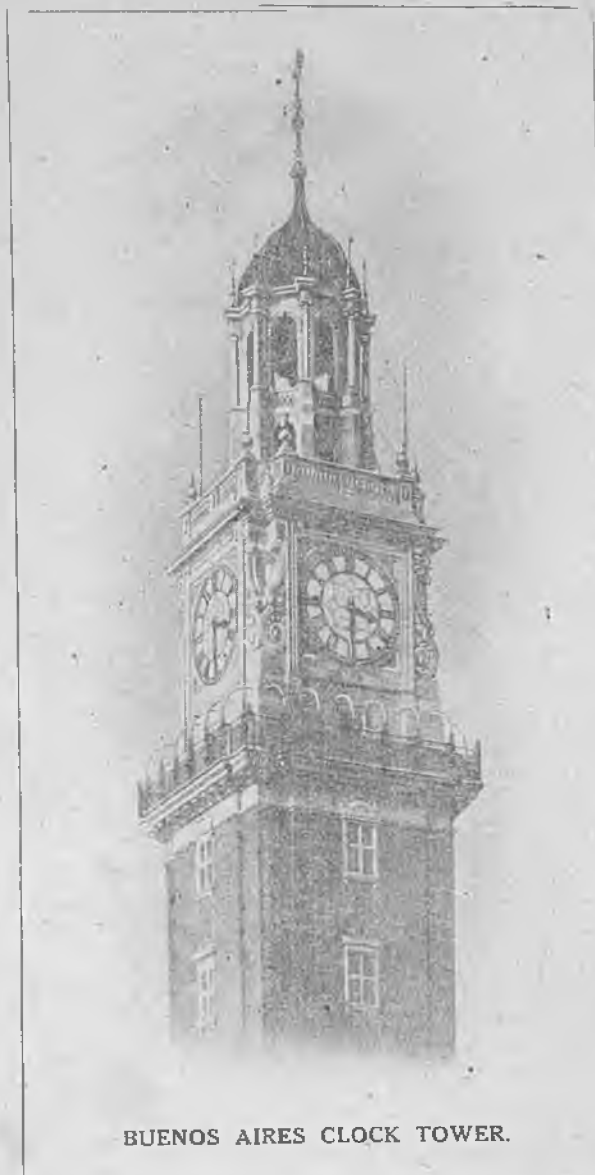
WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): J. Stabbins 1, C. Parker 2, W. Tanner 3, J. Bluckmores 4, E. Parker 5, W. Mundy (conductor) 6, W. Pitman 7, W. Crandon 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, and the conductor's silver wedding.

WRITTLE.—Essex Association.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 29th, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. Head 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Radley 4, Pte. H. Head 5, W. G. Sorrell 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, W. E. Emery 8.

YORK.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 29th, for harvest festival, at the Minster, 557 Grandsire Caters: F. Haigh 1, P. Firth 2, F. Earnshaw 3, A. Horner 4, Sergt. E. Morris, A.S.C. (conductor), 5, J. Thompson 6, A. C. Fearnsley 7, T. Hedgson 8, A. Haigh 9, E. Rickitt and W. Fountain 10. For evening service, at St. Mary Senior, Bishopthorpe, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): P. Firth 1, W. Fountain 2, A. Horner 3, Sergt. Morris, A.S.C. (conductor), 4, E. Rickitt 5, A. C. Fearnsley 6.

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## NOTICES.

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

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Practices will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Jan. 23rd, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—An extra meeting will be held at Newport, Jan. 18. Bells available from 3 to 9. Business meeting 5.30 in the Parish Room.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1919, at Liscard. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Harry Brocklebank, 319, Cloughton Road, Birkenhead, Hon. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Selby on Saturday, January 18th, 1919. By kind permission, the bells at the Abbey will be available all day. Business meeting at 4 p.m.—W. Hinton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m.; tea 5.30 p.m.—T. Law, Dis. Sec., S. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock, committee meeting at 4.30, tea at 5 (1s. 6d. each), followed by general meeting, all in the Church Institute.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Wotton Branch will be held at Dursley on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, January 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Estab. 1875.—The annual meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield,

on Saturday, January 25th, 1919. For full particulars see circular to all towers.—H. Williams, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, New Wortley Cemetery, Leeds.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. Special service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Room at 5.45. As it is intended that this meeting shall take the form of a thanksgiving for the conclusion of hostilities, it is requested that members will make every effort to take part. The Vicars of St. Martin's, St. Bride's, and Shoreditch will be in attendance. Visitors specially welcome. Members intending to be present are requested to send a card to the Master, at 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18, by Jan. 21st, to facilitate arrangements for tea.—James Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*

**SALOP GUILD.**—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Ringing at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m., preacher, the Ven. the Hon. Archdeacon Lambart, M.A.; tea in St. Alkmund's Parish Room at 6 p.m.; business meeting 6.45. Please reply to Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, before 21st inst.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (Christ Church) on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. A. W. Boulden (Vicar) at 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding. Will those intending to be present let me know by Monday, Jan. 20th, the latest. Subscriptions are due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clutton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business at 5 p.m. All ringers, whether members of the Association or not, will be heartily welcomed. The Hon. Sec. hopes that all who intend to be present will let him know not later than 21st inst.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 25th. Service 5.30, tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Intending visitors please write G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Terrace, Burnham-on-Sea.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock, Divine Service at 4, tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock. Those who require tea must let me know not later than January 22nd.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A special meeting of the Branch will be held at Barksdon on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells of St. Nicholas Church (6) will be open for ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. Service in the Church at 4 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting in the Village Hall. Ringers requiring tea please notify me before Tuesday, January 21st.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30 Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

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**CHORLEY, LANCs.**—On Sept. 15th. at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Marsden 1. T. Lucas 2. R. Clayton 3. T. Lofthouse 4. J. Hopwood 5. F. Rigby (conductor) 6. J. H. Gartside 7. Pte. Walter Blackledge 8. Rung as a welcome to Pte. Blackledge, who was home on leave, after nearly three years' active service.

**RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 17th. a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in one hour and 29 minutes: S. W. Riley (longest length) 1. Geo. E. Rollerson 2. Pte. T. Collinge 3. H. H. Shaw 4. Geo. H. Hargreaves 5. Thos. Rollerson 6. Jas. Rollerson (conductor) 7. A. Newman 8. Arranged for Pte. T. Collinge R.A.F., who was home on leave.

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In the history of ringing there are very few things that can be pointed to as having been accomplished by ringers as a whole. It is remarkable that, closely as they are drawn together by the attraction of the art which they pursue, they rarely act as a united body. It may be that it is due to the fact that the machinery which is supposed to link them together is in practice ineffective; it may be that it is the result of that indifference, which has been so often remarked upon. But it is nevertheless true that in extremely few instances has the Exercise (with a capital E) taken a step characterised by united action.

At the moment, however, there are two proposals before the ringing community which offer opportunity to the Exercise of uniting in common cause, and which are likely to commend themselves to a large majority of the members. The first is the suggested national memorial service for fallen ringers, the arrangements for which are going forward in London. All the Metropolitan societies have united to carry the proposal into effect and have appointed a Committee to arrange details. The date which has been tentatively fixed is February 22nd, and on lines at present proposed, the service will be of a deeply impressive character. It is hoped that every association will send at least one representative and more if possible. It cannot be expected that ringers in numbers will come from a long distance, but it is suggested, in order that as many ringers as possible may have the opportunity of joining in this national tribute to their fallen comrades, that in distant centres services may be held synchronising with that which will take place at St. Clement Danes, where, let us hope, every association will also be represented. If those organisations situated in remote parts of the country are unable to send representatives from among their officials or resident members, perhaps representation could be secured by duly authorised non-resident members living in or near London.

The second proposal to which we have referred is the suggestion that a loyal address from the Exercise should be presented to the King. As Mr. Cartmel pointed out in his letter last week, the proper authority to put this matter in hand is the Central Council. It is possible that there will be time for this to be done at the next meeting at Whitsun, as it is unlikely that peace will be formally concluded before then. The presentation of such an address to His Majesty will appeal, we are sure, to ringers, than whom there is no more loyal body in this country. But if the suggestion is carried out, we trust those responsible will see that the address is made representative of the whole Exercise and not of one section of it.



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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs. in D flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble  
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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LEESON ... Treble  
JOHN WITHERS ... 2  
\* ROBERT SHEPHERD ... 3  
JAMES E. GROVES ... 4  
GEORGE PIGOTT ... 5

MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6  
WILLIAM KENT ... 7  
JOHN HEATON ... 8  
JAMES L. WELLS ... 9  
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... Tenor

Composed by EX-L. CPL. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, M.M.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung as a compliment to the composer on his 21st birthday. To the regret of the band he was unable to take part in the peal owing to the effects of the terrible wounds he received in France. The band was very kindly entertained to tea before starting for the peal by the Brothers Shepherd.

\* First peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX ... Treble  
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2  
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 3  
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4  
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Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

This peal was first attempted on December 7th, 1918, as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hall and was eventually rung on the 70th birthday of Mr. Wm. Tanner, an old and respected member of the above Society and a local ringer at Stepney.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Hollows 1, J. Arrowsmith, sen., 2, J. Jacques 3, T. K. Driver 4, S. Holt 5, D. Renshaw 6, J. Harrison (conductor) 7, T. Walling 8.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1st, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 5
FRANK STONELY... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW... .. 6
SAMUEL GREENHALGH... .. 3	JOHN POTTER... .. 7
ROBERT DAVIES... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

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EDWIN J. PANNETT... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES... .. 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

Quickest peal on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, January 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

E. OLDFIELD... .. Treble	FRED GRUNDY... .. 5
A. RIDYARD... .. 2	A. POTTER... .. 6
J. HALL... .. 3	P. H. DERRYSIRE... .. 7
W. JONES... .. 4	G. WAY... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. RIDYARD.

The ringer of the treble hails from Eccles, 2 and 3 from Miles Plating, and 6 from Walkden, the rest are of the local band.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, January 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED B. PECK... .. Treble	ISAAC EMERY... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... .. 2	SAPPER R. F. DEAL, R.E.... 6
R.N., A.A.C.... .. 3	LEONARD RODMELL... .. 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS... .. Tenor
GEORGE R. FARDON... .. 5	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SAPPER RICHARD F. DEAL.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Colledge Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*RICHARD THOMAS... .. Treble	DAVID HORNE... .. 4
CORPL. E. W. TURNER... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD... .. 5
CHARLES LAYTON... .. 3	GEORGE JORDON... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

\* First peal of Minor.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th (the festival of St. Michael and All Angels), at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, in 58 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): Jas. Megann 3, W. Fisher 4, E. Chance 5, T. Hammond, sear., 6, G. Fisher 7, E. Breeze 8, J. Martin 9, J. Turner 10, W. Davies (conductor) 11, J. Lamb 12.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Two Hours Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in E.

CHARLES A. ROBINSON... .. Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL... .. 4
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER... .. 2	CHARLES WM. CLARKE... .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

\* First peal on six bells, by Miss Edith K. Parker.  
Miss Parker and Mr. E. Maurice Atkins were made members of the Association before starting.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Grandsire, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK SPENCER... .. Treble	THOMAS H. KIRKBY... .. 4
WALTER WHITE... .. 2	WILLIAM E. WHITE... .. 5
REV. C. J. STURTON... .. 3	THOMAS SQUIRES... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to celebrate the great victory of the Allies and the signing of the Armistice.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sunday, January 12, 1919, in One Hour and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

consisting of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.

HARRY BRAGG... .. 1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD... .. 3—4
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CHARLES BRAGG... .. 5—6.

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Witness: D. MATKIN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, and also as a compliment to the ringer of the 5—6, whose birthday occurs during the week.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT 8, SANSON ROAD, LEYTONSTONE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

GEORGE R. PYE... .. 1—2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5—6
WILLIAM PYE... .. 3—4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD... .. 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: E. J. BUTLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. Pye, son of the ringer of 3—4.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, January 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT 31, CANNON STREET, CITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;**

A. PADDON SMITH... .. 1—2	GEORGE F. SWANN... .. 7—8
THOMAS RUSSAM... .. 3—4	JAMES E. GROVES... .. 9—10
ALBERT WALKER... .. 5—6	JAMES GEORGE... .. 11—12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: MORRIS J. MORRIS and JOSEPH PIGOTT.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

Notice has been issued to the members of the Central Council that the second meeting of the tenth Council (27th annual meeting) will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 10th, at Gloucester. Notices of motion reports of committees and other official matter, should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Saturday, 10th May.

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## THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL SERVICE. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION'S RESPONSE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Rev. M. E. Thorold) desires to bring before the notice of all ringers in the Association area that a Memorial Service to ringers who have given their lives for their country will be held at St. Philips' Church, Bristol. This decision was arrived at on January 11th, but it was decided to wait for further particulars of the London Memorial Service.

Will all concerned watch the notices in 'The Ringing World' during the next few weeks for further particulars. For the time being the Master wishes to inform the Gloucester and Bristol members that he intends to hold the service at the same time and date of the London service.

EDGAR GUISE (Hon. Secretary).

## A SUGGESTION.

Dear Sir,—I am very glad to see that a memorial service for our brothers who have given their lives for us in the war is proposed. But is the one at St. Clement Danes far-reaching enough? What I should like to suggest is that each district of the various Guilds and Associations throughout the country should (all on the same date) as the London service, hold a similar gathering in a centre as convenient as possible for each district, with half-muffled bells and a special memorial service, and that on the following Sunday all bells should be rung at every church, half-muffled, for all services. Then we should all have an opportunity to show our respect for the departed brethren, and make it universal throughout the country.—Yours,  
Walton-on-Thames.

W. SHORTER.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The January meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Brierley Hill on Saturday last, between 30 and 40 members being present. Owing to the illness of the Rector, the Rev. D. J. Rowland took the service, which was very bright and hearty, and the address appealed very much to all those who were present. By the kindness of the Rector a splendid tea was provided by one of the local band (Mr. W. Potter), and every credit is due to him and his good lady for the unexpected treat which they put before the visitors.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the Schools, the Rev. D. J. Rowland presiding. In welcoming the Association, he apologised for the absence of the Rector, and on his behalf thanked Mr. Potter for coming to his assistance at so short a notice. He trusted that when the Association came there again they would be made even more welcome.

Northfield was selected for the next quarterly meeting, in June, and it was decided to revive the quarterly peal, this to be attempted at Brierley Hill, with Mr. H. Withers as conductor.

Six new members were elected.

To commemorate in some form, which is yet to be decided, the sacrifices made by members in the war, it was resolved to get a list of all members who had been serving in H.M. Forces, those who have made the supreme sacrifice, the casualties, and the honours won on active service, and the secretary (Mr. E. J. Dowler) requested all towers who have not sent in their lists to do so at the earliest opportunity.

Ringing was kept up in various methods during the afternoon and evening, a course of London Surprise being included.

## LITTLE MUNDEN RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of an old and respected Little Munden ringer, Henry Carter, who passed away on Saturday, the 4th inst. Deceased had been a ringer at Little Munden about 25 years, and was most regular in attendance, scarcely ever missing ringing for service twice on a Sunday. He had rung twenty-two peals in all, all being on the treble. Eighteen of these were rung at Little Munden, including a 6480 in nine methods, and a 7200 in ten. About two years ago he had a seizure, and has been unable to ring since, owing to it having affected one side, but he was able to get about, and until recently attended church. Although unable to take part in the ringing he would listen to the bells with great pleasure.

The deceased was borne to his last resting place by six of his brother ringers, who, after lowering him into the grave, rang the bells, muffled. He leaves a widow and large family, mostly grown-up, four sons being ringers at Little Munden.

## PEAL AT NORTHOWRAM.

On the new peal of bells at Northowram, near Halifax, hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, in 1914, a peal was rung on the 11th inst. to celebrate the 71st birthday of that respected member of the Exercise, Mr. J. Barraclough. It was his 61st peal, and he received the hearty congratulations of the band. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and were greatly pleased with the 'go' of this new ring.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.****THE JOHNSON DINNER.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at St. Martin's Hotel on Tuesday, the 14th inst. under the chairmanship of the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.

The Guild's officers present, in addition to the chairman, were Vice-Presidents W. H. Godden, J. H. Shepherd, W. Kent; Deputy Ringing Master, James E. Groves; Past Deputy Ringing Master, A. Walker; trustee, Charles Dickens; auditors, G. F. Swann and J. L. Wells, and A. Paddon Smith honorary secretary. About fifty members, including two ladies, who despite the wretched weather conditions had come in from Solihull, were present, and the Guild also welcomed a guest, in the person of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna, Dorset, and hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Before the business meeting, the reverend gentleman had taken part in a touch of Stedman Cinques on the tower bells, and later was a very keen auditor of a touch in the same method on handbells. An apology was read from Mr. Harry Mason who regretted his inability to be present owing to the fact that he was busy sunning himself at Bournemouth. Oh, these 'bloated capitalists!' Mr. Mason promises, however, that he intends to be present at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, and for reasons which will be stated in the 'Ringing World' in due course, he would be well advised to book his seat early. The Chairman, at the outset, alluded to the lamented death of Thos. Verry, late towerkeeper at Handsworth Old Church. The secretary having already sent a letter of sympathy to the widow, those present stood for a moment in silence as a mark of respect.

The next item was a proposition by Alderman Pritchett, seconded by Mr. James George, and supported by Mr. Godden, that the unanimous and hearty congratulations of those present be sent to that hale old youngster, Mr. William Rock Small on the attainment of his 80th birthday. The Alderman added that the secretary should also advise Mr. Small that the two ladies present sent him fraternal (or was it loving!) kisses. The secretary was momentarily under the impression that these oscillatory salutes were to be given to him to convey by proxy, but this turned out to be a misapprehension. Truly this is a perverse world.

Then followed the election of officers for the ensuing year, and Mr. Godden proposed that they be re-elected en bloc. This was seconded by Mr. F. Dickens, and carried unanimously, with the addition of Mr. Thomas Russam to the number of vice-presidents, on the suggestion of Mr. Walker. This is a well-merited honour, Mr. Russam having been a stalwart supporter of the Guild for the greater part of his life. For many years he was steward at Aston tower, and on giving this up he became a trustee and a member of the Sunday ringing band at St. Martin's. Always punctual and reliable, his presence in a peal band is an accession of strength no matter how good the band may be, or whether the attempt is to be on tower bells or in hand. May he live long to carry his new dignity!

The balance sheet for the year ending November 30th last was duly approved, and showing as it does an increase in the assets amounting to nearly £3, it must certainly be regarded as satisfactory for the troublous times in which we live.

Many tower elections were ratified, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Northfield, in April.

The 31st annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held in March, on a date to be announced subsequently, and by a stroke of great good fortune it has been possible to arrange for this to be provided at the low cost of 3s. 6d. per head. In view however, of the high and increasing cost of living, of which we are all (or most of us, I forgot the 'bloated capitalists'!) painfully aware, it was unanimously agreed to increase the subscriptions of the active members of the Guild, and in future these will be as follows: County Members 1s. 6d. per year; Full Ringing Members, 1s. 6d. per quarter, the latter carrying with it the privilege of attending the dinner.

This course of action was rendered necessary by reason of the wish of the whole of the members that the 'Johnson Commemoration' should not fall away from the high standard attained in pre-war days, and for which it had become justly famed among ringers in every corner of the Kingdom.

A. P. S.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Bedford district was held on Saturday last at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, by kind permission of the Vicar (Canon Speck). The bells were raised by three o'clock, and kept going until about 8.30 p.m.

The business meeting was held for the election of officers, Miss E. Steel being in the chair. The committee was appointed as follows: Miss D. Steel, Messrs. Stapleton, H. Tysoe, E. Tungey and V. Cooper; secretary, Mr. H. L. Harlow.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Biddenham on Saturday, February 8th or 15th.—A vote of thanks was passed to Canon Speck for the use of the bells, and allowing the lady ringers to take part in the ringing for the first time at this church.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.****NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.**

One of the most enjoyable and successful meetings ever held by the Northampton District took place at Weston Favell on Saturday last. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and for two hours the five bells were kept going to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, also in rounds for the learners who were well looked after by Mr. B. Sothen, who was appointed Ringing Master for the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Wilson, who gave a most interesting address. The collection for Belfry Repair Funds amounted to 9s. 7d.

Tea was served in the Schools, 50 sitting down. The Rev. H. E. Wilson presided, supported by the Vice-President (Mr. F. Hopper), general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), Mr. J. Houghton, Irthlingborough, Mr. G. Basford, and brothers Ette, of Finedon. Members were also present from St. Peter's, St. Giles', St. Edmund's and All Saints', Northampton; Flore, Pottishall Ecton, Cogenhoe, Braxfield, Moulton, Boughton, Kingsthorpe, Harlestone, Hardingstone, and the local ringers. After tea, the Rector having to leave, owing to another appointment, expressed his pleasure at meeting such a splendid gathering of ringers, and said how well the ringers tried to keep the bells going during the war, although so many of their bellfries were short-handed. They had helped each other, and even the ladies had nobly come forward to help them.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for conducting the service and presiding at tea, and in his reply he expressed a wish to become an hon. member. This was quickly gratified at the meeting which took place, with Mr. F. Hopper, vice-president, in the chair.—A vote of condolence to the widow of the late Mr. A. Andrews, of Daventry, was passed, by the members rising in silence.—One hon. member and seven ringing members were elected, and the election of one member confirmed. Duston was chosen for a special meeting, on March 1st, and Collingtree for the quarterly meeting, in July.

The Association's Certificate was presented by the General Secretary to Messrs. J. W. Haines and C. J. A. Burge for ringing their first peal on a working bell.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the churchwardens for the use of the bells and the school, also the local ringers and their wives for the splendid tea.

Hand and tower bell ringing were kept up until 8 p.m.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting was held at Ilkeston on Saturday last. The bells, a tuneful ring of eight, were utilised to the full in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and London. Members were present from Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Chester, field, Bolsover, Cotgrave, Etavall, Bottesford, and Mansfield.

After tea, the business meeting was held, with Mr. John W. Taylor, the president, in the chair. He particularly urged members to endeavour to get more young men to take an interest in change ringing, in order that they might to some extent replace the heavy losses that the Exercise has sustained in the war. In a few well-chosen remarks, Mr. Taylor paid a well-deserved tribute to the pertinacity of the 'Ringing World,' and emphasised the need for the whole-hearted support of the paper by the ringers.

The next business was the election of new members, which was carried out in Mr. White's businesslike way, after which the election of auditors came before the meeting, as Mr. E. D. Taylor wished to resign.—Mr. E. I. Stone proposed, and the Rev. C. J. Sturton seconded, that the auditors should 'carry on.' However, as an amendment, Mr. Denison Taylor proposed that the Rev. C. J. Sturton should be elected. This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Oldham, and it was eventually decided by the meeting that the Rev. C. J. Sturton and Mr. C. Draper should be the auditors for the ensuing year.

A question, raised by the president, as to the advisability of raising the annual subscription was deferred to the annual meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local men for their excellent arrangements, the Vicar and Mr. E. C. Gobay responding.

Further touches on the tower bells and on handbells brought to a close a very successful meeting.

**DEATH OF A HYTHE RINGER.**

The Hythe, Kent, band regret to record the death, from pneumonia, at the age of 53 years, of Arthur White, who passed away on Nov. 15th. Although through physical disability he never rang a peal, he was a regular and enthusiastic attendant at service ringing and other meetings, and his loss is a great blow to the band, who are very short in numbers owing to the prevailing conditions.

The last rites took place at the Cemetery at Horn Street, the band being represented by Messrs. S. A. Gower, P. W. Cruden and A. R. Manning. A wreath bearing the inscription: 'In remembrance of Arthur from his brother ringers at home and abroad,' was placed on his grave. In the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells fully muffled, by Messrs. W. J. Prebble, F. Adams, W. Beckley, A. R. Manning, P. W. Cruden, R. F. Rugham, S. A. Gower, C. Clements.



## NOTICES.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Estab. 1875.—The annual meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on Saturday, January 25th, 1919. For full particulars see circular to all towers.—H. Williams, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, New Wortley Cemetery, Leeds.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. Special service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Room at 5.45. As it is intended that this meeting shall take the form of a thanksgiving for the conclusion of hostilities, it is requested that members will make every effort to take part. The Vicars of St. Martin's, St. Bride's, and Shoreditch will be in attendance. Visitors specially welcome.—James Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*

**SALOP GUILD.**—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Ringing at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m., preacher, the Ven. the Hon. Archdeacon Lambart, M.A.; tea in St. Alkmund's Parish Room at 6 p.m.; business meeting 6.45.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (Christ Church) on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. A. W. Boulden (Vicar) at 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding. Subscriptions are due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clutton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business at 5 p.m. All ringers, whether members of the Association or not, will be heartily welcomed.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 25th. Service 5.30, tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Intending visitors please write G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Terrace, Burnham-on-Sea.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock, Divine Service at 4, tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock.—Geo. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A special meeting of the Branch will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells of St. Nicholas Church (6) will be open for ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. Service in the Church at 4 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting in the Village Hall.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rossendale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, to-morrow, Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due, reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The Committee will meet at Maidenhead on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1919, in the Vestry of All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, at 6 o'clock. A representative of every belfry in this branch should be present. Business: Inspect accounts for 1918; suggest annual meeting 1919; recommendations to Diocesan Guild, war service and roll of honour. Evensong at 5.30 p.m., with the Vicar. The President is hoping to be able to attend. Bands will make their own arrangements for ringing at a neighbouring tower during the afternoon, All Saints' bells being unringable.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m., service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringers cordially invited. Those intending to be present will oblige by sending a card not later than Jan. 28th.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Kettering District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all who intend being present kindly communicate with me as early as possible?—Walter T. Wilson, District Secretary The Pines, Isham, nr. Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—A practice meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock, service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 for those who notify me not later than the previous Wednesday. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James's Society.—Estab. 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, E.C. St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be open, ringing at both towers from 4 to 6.30 p.m., followed by a business meeting at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey. It is hoped that members will make special endeavours to attend. All ringers will be welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

**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.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FALLEN RINGERS**

This service will be held (D.V.) at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd next. The original limitation to the London District is abandoned, and the Rector's invitation is a general one to ringers. Provincial associations who desire to be associated in any way, either by the presence of members or of delegates only, or by holding a synchronised service, might kindly communicate with the Hon. Sec., E. Alex. Young, 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

**SITUATIONS VACANT.**

Coach Bodymakers, Painters, Brush Hands, Coach Trimmers, Mounters, Finishers and Wheelwrights wanted.—Wilton Carriage Co., 107, Waddon New Road, Croydon.

VERGER-GARDENER and wife wanted at once. Man must be strong and experienced in all branches of gardening. Wife a good cleaner. Total abstainers. Good change-ringer preferred. Salary £3 a week for the couple, with fees extra.—Write Rev. G. H. Ensor, St. Stephen's Vicarage, Clapham Park, S.W.12.

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MESSRS GILLET and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 5th March, 1918  
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. BEEK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

## WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.

The announcement that the ring at Westminster Abbey is to be restored and increased to the full octave will create a feeling of pleasure among all lovers of bells. The event is more than interesting; it is historic. Throughout the centuries this venerable pile, so intimately associated with the throne and the nation, a sacred shrine more hallowed in the thoughts of Britons than any other building, has been possessed of a most inadequate peal of bells, and, what is more, the bells that there were have for long been in a condition that, to say the least, was unworthy. There are few parish churches to-day where the state of affairs that existed at the Abbey would have been tolerated, yet at the most historic of all our national buildings dilapidation has been permitted to exist for years.

In view of the state of the bells, the mere fact that they remained only six is not surprising, though it has often been a matter for wonder among ringers that Westminster Abbey had nothing to vie with the noble rings to be found at St. Paul's, Southwark, and Bow. But a change is to be wrought at last. Hasty repairs were necessary to enable the bells to be rung for the Armistice, and this led to the opening up of the whole question. We learn that the Dean and Chapter were unable to accept, for want of funds, the estimate for the complete scheme that was put before them, but thanks to the magnanimity of an anonymous giver, not only are the bells to be rehung, but they are also to be augmented to eight. Three new bells are to be added in front of the existing back five, the intention being that the present treble, a relic of fourteenth-century bell founding, shall be preserved in the Abbey. This mode of dealing with so ancient a piece of craftsmanship is most praiseworthy.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;**

Tenor 52 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 7
ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. MESSE ... .. 8
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 10
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11
ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.  
Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1919, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 38½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK PITSTOW ... .. 7
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 2	† WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... .. 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	JOHN H. B. MESSE ... .. 9
WALTER S. WISE ... .. 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 10
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 11
EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 6	HARRY FLANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Cinques on Tower bells. † First peal on 12 bells.

The above was the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to 12 by Messrs. Taylor & Co.; it was also the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung on tower bells in Essex, and the first peal by the Essex Association in the county.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN BEAMES ... .. Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD ... .. 5
CHARLES E. READ ... .. 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB ... .. 6
JOHN WYATT ... .. 3	ALLAN GOWER ... .. 7
THOMAS MILES ... .. 4	* FRANK OAKSHOTT ... Tenor

\* First peal.

Conducted by ALLAN GOWER

ORAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTEAD ... .. Treble	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... .. 5
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	JOHN SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON.

## THE FIRST TIME IN ENGLAND.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Poolstock, Wigan, on January 18th, 1919, composed and conducted by James W. Washbrook, contained no 4 bob sets, and had all the 6-7's brought up at backstroke. It was rung for the first time in England, having been rung only once before, at Arklow, Ireland.

The peal was also the 50th peal of Stedman by Mr. B. A. Knights, whose half century in this method includes the world's record length on tower bells and the heaviest peal of Triples yet rung by eight men only, viz., at Manchester Town Hall, on April 27th, 1912, the tenor being 52 cwt.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John de Sepulchre,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Treble	JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. 5
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 2	ALFRED WATSON ... .. 6
WALTER CURTIS ... .. 3	FRANK DAVEY ... .. 7
* L/OPL. E. H. SPICE ... .. 4	CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

† First peal. \* First peal of Major. Lance-Corpl. Spice, of the Middlesex Regiment, was elected a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association previous to starting.

## CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... .. 5
HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 2	FRED H. DEXTER ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHANDLER ... .. 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. COX ... .. 4	ALFRED HANCOCKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

This peal is a variation of Thurstans' four-part by F. H. Dexter.

## CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 2	PYE. WILLIAM HUBBLE ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	HARRY FLANDERS ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## NEWPORT, MON.

## LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon.,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

(TAYLOR'S)

JOHN GODDARD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR BROOKS ... .. 5
FRED. ATWELL ... .. 2	JOHN BUTLER ... .. 6
TOM J. BUTLER ... .. 3	JAMES PIPPIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. 4	FREDERICK STANSBURY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BUTLER.

First peal as conductor. This peal was rung as a welcome home to our prisoners of war from Germany.

## SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Old Church,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 5
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
SAPPER ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells, and it was also Sapper Alfred Davies' 100th peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Oct. 4th, for the harvest festival, 938 Grandsire Triples, composed by John Carter, in 32 min.: Wm. F. Merrington 1, E. Allaway 2, L. Hewitt 3, A. Woodvine 4, R. Jones 5, Wm. Saunders (conductor) 6, C. H. Watts 7, J. L. York 8.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 6, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	JAS. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5
FRANK STONELEY ... .. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 3	WALTER C. HUNT ... .. 7
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 4	WILLIAM SEDDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT

† First attempt for a peal by W. C. Hunt, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Nottingham.

## CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-on-the Hill.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE ... .. Treble	GEORGE JONES ... .. 5
* THOMAS NEWELL ... .. 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT ... .. 6
EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 3	ERNEST CHANNELL ... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	GILBERT GERRARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal with a bob bell.

G. Gerrard returned home from service on this day.

## WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS M. WHITFIELD ... Treble	BERT HORTON ... .. 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 2	ALFRED F. MILLIER ... .. 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM STORY ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Rung as a welcome home to Joseph A. Gofton, who returned on January 7th, 1919, having been a prisoner of war in Germany since April, 1918.

## COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM E. MERRINGTON ... Treble	RICHARD JONES ... .. 5
GNR. EDWARD V. RODEN- ... 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 6
HURST, R. G. A. ... .. 3	LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 4	JACK ASTON ... .. Tenor
JAMES L. YORK ... .. 4	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Arranged for the ringing of the 2nd, who was home on leave after 2½ years on the Macedonian front.

## LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. JENKINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN ROLLINSON ... .. 5
WALTER KNOTT ... .. 2	WILLIE THOMAS ... .. 6
ALBERT ARMITAGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. FRITH ... .. 7
HARRY NUTTON ... .. 4	JAMES EDGAR CARTER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. E. JENKINSON.

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## THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The memorial service at St. Clement Dunes, on Feb. 22nd, will commence at 4 p.m., and the Bishop of Sheffield will give the address. It is hoped to arrange for a number of London towers to be open for muffled ringing, including, perhaps, two if not three twelve-bell towers. Association secretaries are asked to get into touch with Mr. E. A. Young, 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am sure that you are expressing the heart-felt wish of the Exercise, that our heroes should be honoured by muffled ringing; and your correspondents are to be thanked for the interest they have shown; but I consider that this being a national duty it should be arranged by the Central Council as representing the whole of the country. Wake up! Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

Saffron Walden.

J. F. PENNING.

## MUFFLED RINGING IN EVERY TOWER.

Dear Sir,—It is with great interest I have read the recent leading articles in your paper referring to the memorial service proposed by the Rector of St. Clement Dunes. I trust it will not be confined to London. As there is not a village however small, that has not lost some dear one in the great war, I think the proposal should be carried out in every belfry throughout the country on the day appointed, and the ringing should be fully muffled. I feel sure every ringer would respond to the call. We have a fine peal of ten in our belfry at Reigate, and should be pleased to see any ringer coming this way on the day of the service.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR LORKIN.

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

### ANNUAL MEETING.

Simply to say that the annual meeting of this society at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday last was a success would scarcely be doing justice to the occasion. In the words of one who has evidently been in recent contact with our cousins from across the pond, it was 'some' meeting. It is doubtful if the old tower has ever before housed so many ringers at one time, and the Church Room was taxed to its utmost capacity for the 'afters.' A very few minutes after three found ringers present from, among other places, Redhill, Guildford, Slough, Ashton-under-Lyne, Dagenham, Crayford, Leatherhead, etc., including representatives in khaki and blue, in addition to others who had recently returned to 'civvie,' and at least a couple but recently returned from Germany. Touches in various methods whiled away the time until service at five o'clock, at which the lesson was read by the Vicar of St. Bride's, and a homely address delivered by the Vicar of St. Martin's. About a hundred were present in church.

In addition to the clerical gentlemen already mentioned, the Vicar of Shoreditch was also present at the subsequent tea and meeting, at which the opportunity was taken of presenting their framed certificates of membership to the Vicars of Shoreditch and St. Bride's. Each gentleman suitably replied, embellishing his remarks with some interesting stories. The Vicar of St. Martin's also expressed his gratification at so fine a meeting, and his hope that the society would go on and prosper still further.

Respect for space—so valuable under the present circumstances—prevents any detailed report of the remarks of these gentlemen. A committee was appointed to co-operate with the officers with regard to a roll of honour, and the steepage was raised 50 per cent.

The report revealed that six peals had been rung during the year—two of Grandsire Caters and two of Bob Royal on handbells, and one each of Stedman Triples and Cinques on tower bells.

Subject to the necessary consent, the next quarterly meeting was fixed for Walthamstow.

Officers were elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; secretary, Mr. H. J. Bradley; senior steward, Mr. F. Smith; junior steward, Mr. H. T. Scarlett; treasurer, Mr. B. Foskett.

Handbells filled up the remaining time until ten o'clock.

## A MEMORIAL QUARTER-PEAL.

With the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of two of the local band who have made the supreme sacrifice for King and country in France (W. Woods and A. Knapp), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 52 mins. at St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, on December 21st, by: G. Pearce 1, Pte. H. Gould, R.A.S.C., 2, Sergt. W. Nye (2nd Battalion Canadians) 3, H. Stapleton 4, T. Gould 5, Francis 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, H. Berry 8.

## THE LAST 1918 DATE TOUCH.

At St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith, on December 31st, 1918, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes) was rung in one hour and 18 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, to mark the close of the year: H. Dyas 1, M. Jacobs 2, H. Barrett 3, H. Cook 4, Pte. E. R. Mackrill B.R., 5, F. Skevington 6, G. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. H. Wood 8.



**WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.****RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION TO EIGHT.**

One of the most interesting as well as one of the most important bell restorations for a long time past is now announced. After many years in a condition of dilapidation the bells of Westminster Abbey are to be once more put into repair, and, what is more, are to be augmented to eight.

It has always seemed to ringers an anomaly that our most historical ecclesiastical building should have for so long had only a ring of six bells, and, what is worse, that they should for so long have been in such bad ringing order.

All the bells, with the exception of the treble, were cast at the famous Whitechapel Foundry, the tenor in 1738, the 5th in 1598, the 4th and 2nd in 1743, and the 3rd in 1583. The treble is an early 14th century bell, cast probably by Richard de Wymbish, who was founding in the adjoining parish of Aldgate, at the end of the 13th and beginning of the 14th century. The treble and 3rd bells must, therefore, have rung for the great victory in 1588 over the Spanish Armada, which was a very significant factor in the growth and development of the British Empire, and they and the rest of the peal have since doubtless rung for many victories, and are now to be rung to celebrate the greatest victory in history.

The Abbey bells are chiefly only rung on special occasions, either in connection with the Throne or for some great National event, and it was when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were asked to put them in order at very short notice for ringing to celebrate the Armistice that their condition was brought again before the Chapter Clerk (Mr. A. E. Knapp-Fisher). Very keenly interested in the Abbey and its bells, Mr. Fisher asked for a full report, with an estimate of the cost of putting them in order. The matter was then brought before the Dean and Chapter, but they were not in a position to undertake so large a scheme. Fortunately a benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, was found, and who undertook to bear the cost of the complete restoration and augmentation of the peal to eight.

It is very pleasing to record that the old 14th century treble is to be put aside in the Abbey, to remain for all time a cherished relic of that far-off ago. A new bell is to be cast in its place, two trebles added, and the whole peal rebung with entirely new fittings and framework.

Ringers throughout the country will, we feel sure, rejoice that the bells at the Abbey are thus to be restored, and will congratulate Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, not only upon being entrusted with the important work, but with maintaining their connection with the Abbey after nearly 350 years. The old bells are now being removed, and it is hoped to complete the work by the end of April or beginning of May.

The Abbey tenor weighs about 30 cwt., and, therefore, when complete, the ring, appropriately, will be the heaviest eight in London.

**1918 RECORDS AT LEYTONSTONE.**

The Leytonstone (Essex) company and friends rang 23 720's in the following methods during 1918: Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 9, Oxford Treble Bob 5, London Surprise 2, Wells, Durham, Lincoln and Cambridge Surprise one each. The ringers were: G. Dawson 23, A. Prior 21, W. Miller 19, J. Moule 19, W. Riches 17, E. Smith 11, J. Gowers 7, W. Theobald 6, G. Hayden 5, H. Torble 3, E. Lebbon 2, J. Austin (Gloucester) 1, J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon.) 1, E. Plummer 1, R. Sanders 1, G. L. Joyce 1. The conductors were: W. Miller 12, J. Moule 8, G. Dawson 2, R. Sanders 1.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE AT WINCHESTER.**

On Wednesday evening of last week, in the ringing chamber of Winchester Cathedral, a unique war memorial service was held. It was the last tribute of respect by the Cathedral band of ringers to Sergt. C. H. Russell, 14th Hants Regt., whose death took place at Salonika, from pneumonia. The solemnity and beauty of that service will never be forgotten by those present. The Dean, Canon Braithwaite, and the Archdeacon of Surrey participated in the service, as also did the Rev. C. E. Colchester (Rector of St. Maurice), for not only was the deceased soldier a keen bell ringer, but he was also an esteemed member of St. Maurice Choir. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell (father and mother), and Mrs. Lessiter (sister); Mr. Edgar Newham, Mr. Ernest Lampard, and Mr. H. W. Smith were amongst the fellow workers of the deceased at Messrs. Thomas and Co.'s works, and Mr. G. H. Hitchin regretted that he was unable to attend; Lieut. Green, a visiting ringer; 'Capt.' Bennett, of the Church Army Hostel; and several friends. The service opened with a brief prayer, offered by the Dean, followed by some simple rounds, the bells being half-muffled for the occasion. The Cathedral ringers taking part in the ringing during the evening were: Messrs F. Smith, J. W. Elkins, G. Noyce, T. Parrott, G. Prileaux, the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Messrs. E. G. Lampard, W. H. Loveland, Wilfred Andrews (captain of the band) and Mr. C. Russell. The service of united and thankful Commemoration of those who in the last four years have laid down their lives in the service of their country, is used at Evensong at the Cathedral on December 29th was followed, Mr. J. W. Elkins leading the singing of the hymns with his violin. The hymns chosen were: 'O valiant hearts, who to your glory come,' and 'Let Saints on earth in concert sing.' The Rev. Canon Braith-

waite delivered a brief but touching address.

At the close of the address, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 31 times, and the Dean then pronounced the Benediction.

During the evening touches of Grandsire Calers were rung, conducted by W. Andrews, E. G. Lampard and J. W. Elkins.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.****WEST BROMWICH WAR BELLS.**

Another successful meeting of members of the above Society was held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday week, when upwards of 50 were present.

The bells have recently been recast, and the tone and 'go' of them gave general satisfaction to those present. The inscriptions are as follows:—

- Treble.—When Nations strive the Mastery to gain,  
Then Right, not Might, shall ever be my strain.  
2nd.—To right the wrong and to protect the weak,  
This is the note my tongue shall ever speak.  
3rd.—When peace returns to bless this world of strife,  
I'll tell of Union, Brotherhood and Life.  
4th.—In days of old, I bore St. Clement's name.  
A richer title now All Saint's I claim.  
5th.—With holy fear I daily summon all  
Before the Majesty on High to fall.  
6th.—His Presence true in Sacrament profound  
A Mystery, I proclaim, to all around.  
7th.—As passing souls retreat behind the veil,  
I bid you pray their faith may never fail.  
Tenor.—O Mourners! Hope! Your grief shall turn to praise:  
I sound—Christ comes the Blessed Dead to raise.

This peal of eight was recast and rebung during the Great War by John and Denison Taylor, of Loughborough. Anno Domini. 1918.

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The weight of the tenor is 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., while the old one weighed only 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs. The aggregate weight of the new peal is identical with that of the original.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, through sickness, the service was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Barker (who has recently been relieved of his duties in France), and an address given by the Rev. R. W. Wardle, who took for his text St. Paul's warning: 'Lest having preached to others I myself might be a castaway.'

A nice tea was provided in the Schoolroom, which was done full justice to.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the church, bells, etc., together with an expression of sympathy in his sickness; to the Rev. R. W. Wardle for his address; to the organist and choir for their assistance at the service; and to Miss Connor and her lady helpers for attendance at the tea tables.—Alderman J. S. Pritchett supported the motion, which was carried with applause.

The next meeting is to be held at Bloxwich, on April 26th. Combined practices (fortnightly) are being arranged for Saturday afternoon as follows: January 25th, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; February 8th, Walsall; February 22nd, Coseley; March 8th, Willenhall; March 22nd, Penn; April 5th, Wednesbury—all at 4 o'clock.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Dursley on Saturday week. 28 members representing the parishes of Berkeley, Dursley, Cam. Colley, Stinchcombe, Stone, Slimbridge, Thornbury, Munchinhampton, Lydney and Newport (Mon.), attending. Some good touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung during the afternoon, and members attended service, at which the Association form was used. The Rector (the Rev. Dr. C. C. Mills, R.D.) officiated, and gave a most excellent and instructive address to the members, who were afterwards invited to tea.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector, who said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Dursley.—The Hon. Branch Secretary presented the accounts for the year, which were passed as most satisfactory, and also read a report of the year's work. He said nine meetings had been held during the year, with a fair attendance at each meeting. Seven new members had been elected during the twelve months.

The following officers were re-elected unanimously: Mr. H. W. Fussell, chairman; Mr. G. Sheppard, vice-chairman; Mr. W. A. Lewis, hon. branch secretary; and Mr. A. Burcombe, representative on the General Management Committee.—Wotton-under-Edge was proposed as the place for the next meeting, on February 15th.

Mr. F. K. Howell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for the splendid tea which he had given them.—Needless to say this was carried unanimously.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until late in the evening, all enjoying the splendid 'no' of the bells, and appreciating the great interest taken in the meeting by the local ringers.



## NOTICES.

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

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The Committee will meet at Maidenhead on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1919, in the Vestry of All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, at 6 o'clock. A representative of every bellry in this branch should be present. Business: Inspect accounts for 1918; suggest annual meeting 1919; recommendations to Diocesan Guild, war service and roll of honour. Evensong at 5.30 p.m., with the Vicar. The President is hoping to be able to attend. Bands will make their own arrangements for ringing at a neighbouring tower during the afternoon, All Saints' bells being unringable.—W. H. Russell, Hon. Sec., Farnburp Avenue, near Slough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m., service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringers cordially invited.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. *pro tem*, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Kettering District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all who intend being present kindly communicate with me as early as possible?—Walter T. Wilson, District Secretary The Pines, Isham, nr. Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—A practice meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock, service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 for those who notify me not later than the previous Wednesday. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 4th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 11th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters. —William F. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual district meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Belfry, Derby, on Saturday, February 8th, 1919, at 3 o'clock.—I. Lord, Local Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, February 8th. The 8-bell tower of the Parish Church, St. John the Baptist, will be available from 3.30 till 5 and from 7 till 9, St. Peter's, South Croydon (10-bell) from 3 until 4.45, and again after the meeting. Special Service at the Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Tea, at the invitation of Lieut.

Cyril F. Johnston, at The Foundry, White Horse Road, at 5.45. Admission by ticket only, to be obtained on or before Wednesday, Feb. 5th, from the undersigned. Business meeting to follow tea.—Ch. Reading, Asst. Hon. Sec., 6, Whitford Lane, Mitcham, Surrey.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A practice meeting will be held at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 5 p.m. Strong muster wanted.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; short Service at 4.30; tea and meeting to follow.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Bridge Street, Raunds.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Feb. 8th. The Cathedral belfry will be open at 2 o'clock; Evensong at 4; tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5.15.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James's Society.—Estab. 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, E.C. St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be open, ringing at both towers from 4 to 6.30 p.m., followed by a business meeting at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey. It is hoped that members will make special endeavours to attend. All ringers will be welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas (City) on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Secretary, 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday, February 15th, 1919. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service will be held in Bramley Church at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—J. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., Guildford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; Service at 5 p.m.; tea at 5.45; business meeting after. All members intending to be present must inform me not later than Monday, Feb. 10th, and oblige S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FALLEN RINGERS

This service will be held (p.v.) at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd next. The Service will be at 4 p.m., and the address will be delivered by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Sheffield. The original limitation to the London District is abandoned, and the Rector's invitation is a general one to ringers. Provincial associations who desire to be associated in any way, either by the presence of members or of delegates only, or by holding a synchronised service, might kindly communicate with the Hon. Sec., E. Alex. Young, 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

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Mr. J. W. Laing and Mr. W. Collins suitably thanked all who had subscribed to the gifts.—A pleasant evening was spent, the time passing all too quickly.

**BEDDINGTON RECTOR'S LOSS.**

The Rector of Beddington has suffered a severe loss by the death of his wife (Mrs. Hodgson), after a painful illness, and on Sunday, Jan 12th, the day following the interment, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on St. Mary's bells, by: A. J. Plowman 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, A. Arnold 3, F. Ford 4, J. Trappitt 5, C. Gordon 6, Capt. J. H. Freeborn 7, C. Wiffin 8.

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### THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The arrangements for the Memorial Service for fallen ringers, to be held at St. Clement Danes on February 22nd, are nearing completion, and it is quite certain that this gathering will be worthy of the Exercise and of the occasion. The suggestion made in this column that the service should be national in character has been received with approval in all quarters, and many of the Associations will be officially represented. The service itself will be unique in the history of ringing, not only in its purpose, but in its scope, for never before has the Exercise had the opportunity of joining in a united service of any kind. That there should be occasion for such a service is above all lamentable, but, having arisen, it is right that the opportunity should not be lost of paying a tribute of honour to the memory of the men who have laid down their lives in their country's cause.

The details of the service will be duly announced, but so far as they have been completed the event promises to be one that will long live in the memory of those who may be privileged to take part in it. The music is to be a special feature. For preacher, the Rector of St. Clement Danes has secured the Bishop of Sheffield, who is no stranger to ringers. Both in Surrey and Sussex, as well as since going to Sheffield, Dr. Burroughes has shown his active interest in ringers and their organisation, and it was a happy thought that led to securing him as preacher. The other arrangements in London include muffled ringing at various churches, and though the occasion, from its association, will be a mournful one, it will be no less impressive.

Among the suggestions that have been put forward in connection with this national service is that of simultaneous services in other centres, to give ringers unable to reach London facilities to join in the act of homage. These services, and several are spoken of, will greatly add to the national character of the day's doings, and the proposal that there should be general muffled ringing on that day and on the Sunday following will doubtless commend itself to the ringers in a large number of towers. There have been heavy losses of ringers on the field, and there can be scarcely a belfry which has not either lost one of its own members or mourns the death of a ringer who, before the war, was familiar in its ringing chamber. In every such tower there must be a desire to honour the dead, and if the ringers are unable to reach London, or some other centre where a memorial service is to be held on February 22nd, they may be glad to carry out the suggestion of ringing a muffled peal or touches on their own bells while the services are taking place. By this means they would be sharing in the general act of commemoration which will make the last Saturday of this month a truly national day from the ringers' standpoint.



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NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH ... .. Treble	ALBERT JAGGER ... .. 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 2	WM ARTHUR HUDSON ... 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
ROBERT W. JENNISON ... .. 4	HERBERT PEEL ... .. Tenor

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by WM. ARTHUR HUDSON.

Rung in honour of the 71st birthday of J. Barraclough. The ringers of the 3rd, 6th and tenor hail from Birstall: treble from Huddersfield; 2nd from Shipley; 4th from Keighley; 6th from Northowram; 7th from Leeds Parish Church.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEWMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. WHITE ... .. Treble	E. E. BURGESS ... .. 5
S. WYATT ... .. 2	F. SADD ... .. 6
A. WYATT ... .. 3	J. MADDOCK ... .. 7
E. LLOYD ... .. 4	F. MILLARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN ... .. Treble	HARRY WRIGHT ... .. 5
CHARLES HARDING ... .. 2	DENISON HAYWARD ... 6
GEORGE CLAYTON, R.A.F. ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 7
W. T. LEE, Ex-SERG. M.T. 4	P.O. FRANK DAVEY, R.N. ... Tenor

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

The ringer of the treble is 78 years of age. The ringers of the 7th and tenor belong to Norwich.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSALL ... .. Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 5
FREDERICK MORGAN ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 6
WALTER H. PERRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 7
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 4	THOMAS HOAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal with a bob bell.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. W. H. Perry, who is leaving Salehurst for Alton, Hants.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

*Miss ETHEL GRIMSHAW ... Treble	JOHN HARRISON ... .. 5
S. M. BUTTERWORTH ... 2	FRANK STONELEY ... .. 6
*Miss Cissy THORP ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
*Miss ADA WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JAMES GARLICK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

\* First peal.

This peal was arranged for the 21st birthday of Miss Lizzie Schofield, of St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, and the 10th birthday of their daughter, Miss Ida Wolstencroft.

## SHIFNAL.

## THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED SHUKER ... .. Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 5
HORACE BELCHER ... .. 2	PERCY A. BAKER ... .. 6
JOHN BRADNEY ... .. 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 7
ALFRED FALLEN ... .. 4	THOMAS G. WILLIAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the lads from the Ecclesiastical parish of Shifnal who gave their lives in the Great World War.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Treble	A/M FRED. M. MITCHELL ... 5
FRED. HAYES ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
GUY R. AMBROSE ... .. 3	EDWARD FRIEND ... .. 7
SAPPER R. F. DEAL, R.E. ... 4	F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED. A. HOLDEN.

## HIGHGATE, LONDON.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Anne,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANE'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST BONFIELD ... .. Treble	EDWARD F. COLE ... .. 5
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 6
HAROLD BURTON ... .. 3	FRANK SMITH ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 4	CHARLES PRYOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

## WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. James, Poolstock,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN ... Treble	JOHN POTTOR ... .. 5
THOMAS WORSLEY ... .. 2	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 6
TITUS BARLOW ... .. 3	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... 7
BEN. A. KNIGHTS ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

This composition was rung for the first time in England. "The first peal of Stedman on the bells, and first time a peal has been rung with eight men on these bells. A. Knights' 50th peal of Stedman."

Other Peals are unavoidably held over.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Christ Church, Brith, on Saturday week. The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and this being the first meeting at this church, members began to put in an appearance early, and in good numbers, the bells being kept going to various methods. Service was at 6 p.m., and over 40 were present, including Capt. Allen (churchwarden).—The Rev. A. W. Boulden (Vicar) read the prayers and lesson, and the address was given by the Rev. S. W. Groom (curate), who based his remarks on the conversion of St. Paul, and perseverance, making special allusion to ringing.—The Vicar had secured the organist, and some choir boys, which brightened the service.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, to which over 40 sat down, the Vicar and Mrs. Boulden, Capt. Allen, and other ladies kindly waiting on the company.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Twenty new members, including the Rev. S. W. Groom, were elected, and four lapsed members were re-elected.—Lewisham was selected for the next meeting, in April.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and so kindly providing the tea; to the Rev. J. W. Groom for his address; to Capt. Allen and the ladies; the organist and choir boys, was carried by applause.—The Vicar, replying, said it had given them great pleasure to welcome the Association to Christ Church. It was the first time, and he hoped it would not be the last. He would also convey their thanks to the others concerned.

The tower was again visited, some of the visitors going on to St. John the Baptist's, which had been placed at their disposal.

## ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Appledore on Saturday week, about 30 members attending, representing the following towers: Ashford, Great Chart, Mersham, Aldington, Rolvenden, Stone-in-Oxney, Burnash, and Tenterden, and the members of the local band. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, and some well-struck rounds by the lady members. A special service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scott, President of the Guild). The general business meeting followed tea at the Red Lion Hotel.—The Secretary presented his annual report, which was considered very satisfactory.—The Rev. A. O. Scott was re-elected president; Mr. C. W. Everett, of Ashford, was elected Master; and the secretary, Mr. H. Balcomb, was re-elected.—Six new members were enrolled, and Selliage fixed for the place of the next monthly meeting, on Saturday, February 8th.—A vote of thanks was accorded the president for permission to ring, and for presiding at the tea and meeting.—The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse and handbell ringing. The Guild thus had a hearty send-off for 1919, in which the secretary intends to create a record in membership.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting was held at Erdington on Saturday, January 18th, members being present from Berkswell, Birmingham, Boldmere, Coventry, Knowle and Solihull. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung during the day. After tea the business meeting was held, with Mr. James George (Ringing Master) in the chair.

It was resolved to obtain a list of all members who have been serving in H.M. Forces, and that all towers be asked to send lists to the secretary as early as possible.

Five new members were elected, and Rugby was selected for the place of the next quarterly meeting, to be held in April.

By the kindness of Mr. Bernard Wittchell, the Abbey Church was visited, and touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round.

The Parish Church was again visited, and further ringing took place until 8.30, bringing a successful meeting to a close.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Rosendale Branch was held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday week, the attendance being the largest seen at St. James' for a number of years. Members were present from Chert Church, Bacup; St. Saviour's, Bacup; Rawtenstall, Newchurch, and Ramsbottom, in addition to a number of young ringers who have just commenced to learn. Various touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Rawtenstall was decided upon for the next meeting on February 15th.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells; also to ringers for having all in order, brought the meeting to a close.

## CORRECTIONS.

The weight of the tenor at St. Sepulchre's, London, was erroneously given in our issue of January 24th as 13 cwt. It should, of course, have been 31 cwt.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Parnet, published in the last issue, was Pte William Keeble, and not Hubble, as stated.

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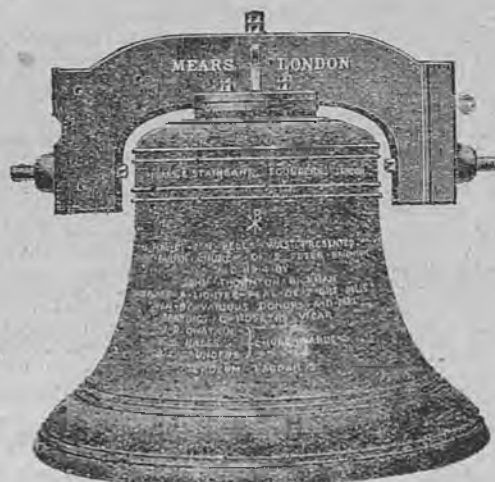
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## WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am very glad to see that the restoration of these bells has been taken in hand at last. Their condition has been a scandal for many years past, and has more than once been called attention to in the public Press.

I may say that the treble, third, and fifth bells were formerly hung in the old detached campanile, pulled down in 1738, when the present western towers of the Abbey were completed.

With regard to the tenor (in my notes on Westminster Abbey bells which appeared in your columns about five years ago) I called attention to the fact that she was originally cast for St. Michael's, Cornhill.

In Stow's Survey of London, i.e. the description of that church, we read: 'The fair new steeple or tower was begun to be built in the year 1421, which being finished, and a fair ring of five bells therein placed, a sixth was added and given by John Whitwell, Isabel his wife, and William Rus, alderman and goldsmith, about the year 1430.' Now I find that this bell was recast by Lawrence Wright in 1587; and again by Robert Met in the following year. Being still unsatisfactory Met again recast her in 1593-4; and, lastly, she was recast by R. Phelps in 1738, the same year as the other Abbey bells were hung in the newly completed tower. The inscription on this bell gives her history thus: 'Remember John Whitwell, Isabel his wife, and William Rus, who first gave this bell 1430, now cast in July 1599, and in April 1738, and Richard Phelps, T. Lester fecit.'

I have tried in vain to find out why this bell was transferred to Westminster Abbey. Can anyone throw any light on the subject? Now would be the time to have the mystery cleared up.—Yours, etc.,

J. R. JERRAM.

Clerical Library,  
Salisbury.

In our article on the restoration of the Abbey bells last week, it was stated that when they are completed they will be the heaviest eight in London. This was not correct. Christ Church, Spitalfields, has the heaviest eight, the tenor there being 33 cwt.

## PRESENTATION AT YORK MINSTER.

SERGT. E. MORRIS' SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

At York Minster recently, a presentation was made by the ringers to Sgt. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, attached to the office staff of the R.A.S.C., who was leaving for Cheltenham. During a stay of some two years in York, Sergt. Morris has assisted the Minster ringers. The gift consisted of two pictures of Old York: Stonegate, and Bootham, with the Bar, and parts of the Minster in the background in both cases.

Mr. T. Haigh made the presentation, and read the inscription on one of the pictures signed by the ringers, viz.:—York Minster Society of Change Ringers. To Sergt. E. Morris, R.A.S.C. The members of the above Society in asking your acceptance of these two framed pictures of Old York as a mark of our esteem also take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your valuable services, rendered during your sojourn among us. Whether as 'conductor,' the man at the 'tenor,' or otherwise, you have always set an example of enthusiasm worthy of emulation by all ringers, young and old. This, coupled with a genial and happy disposition, have won for you the respect and admiration of each individual comprising the above society. It is a matter of regret that you are leaving York, but our compensation lies in the hope that you will soon be back to home life, united once again to wife and family. But you may rest assured that wherever you go the best of good wishes of the Minster ringers will go with you. 'Time rolls on,' the 'changes' come unceasingly.

Sergt. Morris, in reply, stated that rather than he being entitled to any recognition, it was the other way about. He was indebted to the Minster company for their many kindnesses in helping to make his stay in York as pleasant as possible.

Sergt. Morris conducted the first part of the service ringing, which consisted of 593 Grandsire Caters, followed by a short touch of Stedman Caters, conducted by Mr. T. Haigh.

## HONOUR FOR SUNDERLAND RINGER.

The following D.C.M. award is announced:—

Sergt. R. Walker, 1st Bait, Northumberland Fusiliers. At Harringworth, on September 18th, 1918, Sergt. Walker was in charge of a Lewis gun section covering a block in an advanced sap. The enemy broke through, and his section was surrounded. He immediately collected what men he could, and after bombing the enemy out of the trench behind him, turned his attention to those in front and cleared them out also. The situation was critical, and his prompt action turned the enemy's temporary success into a failure with heavy casualties.

Sergt. R. Walker is a regular service ringer at the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr, Sunderland.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of Kettering District took place at Rothwell on Saturday last. In spite of very wintry weather, a most enjoyable meeting was held, upwards of 30 ringers being present, including Mr. Sam Burdett, and most of his 16 pupils from Desborough, and representatives from Kettering, Isham, Cransley and Rothwell. Owing to several funerals ringing could not be commenced till 3.30, but then full use was made of the ropes till 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a most impressive address. At 5.10 the party adjourned to the Church Institute, where a sumptuous tea had been prepared.

At the meeting, which followed in the upper room of the Institute the chair was taken by the Vice-President (the Rev. E. G. Atkins), supported by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. M. Morley), and the district secretary, Mr. W. T. Wilson. The meeting was glad to welcome Miss H. Willson (Leicester), Mr. Duffield (Sharnbrook), and Sergt. Seares, who is doing duty at a prisoners' camp near by. Two life and the following ordinary ringing members were elected, viz.:—Six from Desborough, two from Burton Latimer, and one from Rothwell.—Burton Latimer was chosen for the next place of meeting.

Afterwards some of the visitors went to see the famous 'bones,' and ringing was continued till a late hour.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.**

The annual district meeting of the North and East District was held on Saturday last at Southgate. There was a capital attendance, including two ladies: Miss N. G. Williams, of Hillingdon, who had braved the elements, and Miss Webb, of Finchley. The ringing was of good quality, and included Grandshire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, London, and Superlative Surprise Major. A very bright service was held in the church, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow). The singing was led by the choir, thanksgiving was said, and the names of members fallen in the war read out, and remembered.

Tea was served at the Cherry Tree, and the business meeting followed, with Mr. F. A. Milne in the chair.

Twenty new members were elected, and votes of condolence were passed with the relatives of the late Messrs. Bertram Prewett and R. E. Stewart.

The meeting agreed to officially support the memorial service, to be held at St. Clement Danes, on February 22nd, and Messrs. W. Lawrence and W. H. Oram were selected to serve on the committee. The balance sheet was presented, and accepted, subject to audit, and a brief resume of the year's work given.

The whole of the officers and committee were re-elected, and the arrangements for the next meeting left with the hon. secretary.

Expression of thanks was given to the Vicar, Mr. J. Miller, the organist, choir, and the local ringers for their kind help in making the arrangements for such a successful meeting. The tower was then again visited, and thus a memorable meeting closed.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****MEETING AT BARKSTON.**

On Saturday week a very successful meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Barkston, when members attended from Grantham, Orston, Long Bennington, Caythorpe, Hough-on-the-Hill, and the local band. The bells were used to the full, and some good touches were brought round in various methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

At the service in St. Nicholas' Church, the Vicar of Barkston (the Rev. E. M. Clements) welcomed the ringers to Barkston, and delivered a very inspiring address. He reminded the ringers that they should teach others the art of change ringing, and so help to fill up the places of their brother ringers who have died during the war.

During the service, Mrs. Russell, on behalf of the Barkston ringers, asked the Vicar and churchwardens to accept a magnificent carved oak peal board recording two peals rung in 1912 and 1913 by the local men.

The Vicar suitably replied, and said he hoped that his ringers would strive to keep the ringing at the high standard they had attained.

By kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Clements, the ringers and choir boys, numbering 30, sat down to a splendid tea in the Village Hall.

At the business meeting, the Rev. F. S. Curtis occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston). All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and Edenham was chosen as the place of the July meeting.

Mr. R. Richardson (Surfleet) made an appeal to ringers to give more support to their only paper 'The Ringing World,' and remarked that during the war, owing to the high cost of material and labour, the paper was not a profitable concern. He also said that if the 'Ringing World' fell through owing to lack of support, ringers would lose much interest in ringing generally.

His remarks received the hearty approval of the meeting, and the sum of £2 was voted to the fund to be presented to the Editor.

Upon the proposition of the Rev. C. J. Sturton, the meeting ac-

corded a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Clements for their kind hospitality, to Mrs. Woods and her assistants for waiting upon the ringers at tea, to the choir boys for their assistance at the service, and to the Rev. F. S. Curtis for presiding at the meeting.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on Saturday week at Clutton, by the kind permission of the Rev. Mr. Mansfield, Rector of Clutton. Soon after three p.m. the bells, a beautiful peal of six, were going merrily in Doubles (Stedman and Grandshire). At 4 p.m., the members assembled in the church for Divine service, the Association's special form of evensong being used. In the very regrettable absence of the Rector, who was away on army chaplain duties, the Branch President (the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill, Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip) conducted the service, and gave a most helpful and inspiring address from the pulpit.

At the conclusion of the service, the ringers repaired to the old Church Schoolroom for tea. Here they met with a very warm welcome at the hands of Mr. Blacker (churchwarden), Mrs. Blacker, and Mrs. Gibbons (wife of the Rector's churchwarden), Mr. Gibbons being unavoidably absent. These good people, with Mrs. Mansfield, had made all the local arrangements for the tea, and evidently had not spared themselves any pains or trouble in their efforts to this end.

After tea, the usual business meeting took place, the President being in the chair, and brisk business was done in the way of electing new members, no less than twenty-eight being admitted to the Association. This, surely, is a most encouraging 'sign of the times,' and is very pleasant proof that the local branch is very much alive, and augurs well for the future of change ringing in this deanery. As a matter of fact, the meeting was a record one altogether, for no less than 48 members were present, and this in spite of the unfavourable turn which the weather had taken. The towers represented were Clutton, Camerton, Timsbury, Paulton, High Littleton, Radstock, Leigh-on-Mendip, Publow, and Midsomer Norton. The presence of the lady ringers was by no means the least pleasant feature of the proceedings, and they acquitted themselves with great credit when taking their stand at the ropes, the Paulton ladies especially distinguishing themselves in this respect.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to all who had in any manner contributed towards the success and enjoyment of the gathering, those specially mentioned being the Rev. M. Mansfield, Mrs. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Blacker, Mr. Pullen (choirmaster), Mrs. Pullen (organist), the choir, the lady helpers, and the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill.—Mr. Blacker, in replying, expressed the real pleasure it had been to him and all the other helpers to do what they had done, and hoped that Clutton would soon again be favoured with another visit from the ringers.—Mr. Honeywill said how greatly delighted he was to see such a very large and enthusiastic muster of members, and felt sure that now the war was over there would be a very manifest re-uscitation witnessed throughout the whole deanery, and he also thanked the members heartily for their cordial words in reference to himself.

This concluded the meeting, after which the members eagerly sought the tower once more, where several six-scores of Stedman and Grandshire Doubles were rung.

**CHEW DEANERY BRANCH MEETING.**

The annual meeting was held at Long Ashton on Saturday week, and despite the unfavourable weather, was very well attended, 38 members attending from Clapton, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Portishead, Wraxall, Tickenham, Bristol and Newport. Throughout the afternoon the fine peal of bells were sounding out their melodious music, and the ringers attended Divine service, at which the special form of the Association was used. Tea was provided at the Church House, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. Philip Young, Vicar of Long Ashton.

Eleven new members were elected, six of them being ladies.

The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. Thos. Wratt; vice-chairmen, Mr. W. Gillingham and Mr. G. G. Court; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Yeo.

Wraxall was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting, with Tickenham as an intermediate place for practice only. Various matters were discussed by the members present, including the proposed memorial services to be held for fallen comrades.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

The tower was again visited, and various methods rung until nearly nine o'clock, thus bringing to a close a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

**ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor; E. Lanham 1, G. Fleming 2, J. Bennett 3, W. Ball 4, A. Hatcher 5, W. Burgess (conductor) 6. Various other touches were rung also. This is the first time these bells have been rung since March of this year, owing to the band being on active service. The above was rung to oblige Sergt. J. Bennett, Royal Marines, H.M.S. 'Phaeton,' home on a few days' leave from the North Sea.



## NOTICES.

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

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Etab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Feb. 6th and 20th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 11th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual district meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Belfry, Derby, on Saturday, February 8th, 1919, at 3 o'clock. — J. Lord, Local Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, February 8th. The 8-bell tower of the Parish Church, St. John the Baptist, will be available from 3.30 till 5 and from 7 till 9. St. Peter's, South Croydon (10-bell) from 3 until 4.45, and again after the meeting. Special Service at the Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Tea, at the invitation of Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston, at The Foundry, White Horse Road, at 5.45. Business meeting to follow tea. — Ch. Reading, Asst. Hon. Sec., 6, Whitford Lane, Mitcham, Surrey.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A practice meeting will be held at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 5 p.m. Strong muster wanted. — H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; short Service at 4.30; tea and meeting to follow. — F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Bridge Street, Raunds.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Feb. 8th. The Cathedral belfry will be open at 2 o'clock; Evensong at 4; tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5.15. — Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James's Society.—Etab. 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, E.C.4. St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be open, ringing at both towers from 4 to 6.30 p.m., followed by a business meeting at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey. It is hoped that members will make special endeavours to attend. All ringers will be welcome. — T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas (City) on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. — W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Secretary, 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday, February 15th, 1919. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service will be held in Bramley Church at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow. — J. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., Guildford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; Service at 5 p.m.; tea at 5.45; business meeting after. All members intending to be present must inform me not later than Monday, Feb. 10th, and oblige S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea and meeting at 7.30. Members intending to be present please send word to Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—Short Notice of Meeting.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sellinge to-morrow (Saturday). Bells available from 3 o'clock. — H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Ashford, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. A special Service will be held in the Church at 5 o'clock. If possible, tea will be provided for those attending if they will kindly notify me of their intention to be present not later than Tuesday, Feb. 11th. — C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Meeson Hall 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify the undersigned by Monday, February 10th? — E. Butler, 3 Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, February 15th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested. — John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Rekon), at Isleworth, on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 1919. Bells available from 3 o'clock; short service at 5.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at the London Apprentice at 6. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend, as important business will come before the meeting. — H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. — W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Secretary, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided. — A. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—United practice will be held at Burnham on Saturday, February 15th, and at Bray on Saturday, March 1st, both at 4 p.m. Visitors will be wel-

come. Messrs. Kirk, Truss and Evans have kindly consented to represent this Branch at the Ringers' Memorial Service in London on 22nd inst. The Annual Branch Meeting is proposed to be held at Windsor on Easter Monday; full particulars will follow.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

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This service will be held (D.V.) at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd next. The Service will be at 4 p.m., and the address will be delivered by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Sheffield. The original limitation to the London District is abandoned, and the Rector's invitation is a general one to ringers. Provincial associations who desire to be associated in any way, either by the presence of members or of delegates only, or by holding a synchronised service, might kindly communicate with the Hon. Sec., E. Alex. Young, 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A Memorial Service for all ringers of the Association who have given their lives in the war will be held at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church on Saturday, February 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Preacher: the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol. Roll of Honour will be read. Names (with regiment, etc.) should be sent in from all towers which have not previously made their returns, to the Master, Rev. M. E. Thorold, St. Philip's Vicarage, 24, King Square, Bristol. Ringing from 2.30 and again from 6 till 9. Tea at 5 o'clock, 9d. per head. All ringers and their friends invited to attend. Please notify me before February 17th. — Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

## MODERN WORK

### ASSOCIATION SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The war has had its effect upon ringing in more ways than one. Not only have heavy losses been sustained in the personnel of the Exercise, progress been retarded and activity curtailed, but the funds of many of the associations have suffered, through the falling off of subscriptions. In many instances there has been a serious depletion in honorary members' contributions, while in nearly every society the absence of ringers on war service has relieved them of the necessity of maintaining their subscriptions with consequent loss to the funds. It has only been by the exercise of the strictest economy that the associations have been able to make ends meet, and now that the time for development has come, they will have to be prepared to face an increased expenditure. As an example one may quote the printing of Annual Reports. In the last two or three years very few of the associations have issued anything as voluminous as their pre-war Reports, and they have been able to effect a most substantial saving. With the return to greater activity, Reports more or less upon the old lines will be wanted by members, and this, which has usually been the heaviest single item of expenditure, will reappear. It will not, however, be at the old figure. The cost is bound to be more, and this will not be the only expenditure which will show an increase.

It may be argued, therefore, that the majority of the societies have got to find a means of increasing their income if they are to keep themselves solvent. Not many ways of doing this are open to them, and it is a case of falling back principally upon the subscriptions of the ordinary members. Already some societies are considering this. As it is the ordinary member who gets the benefit of whatever there is going, he, after all, should be the one prepared to pay for it—and we think he is. At any rate, we have seen recently that the members of that very live organisation, the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, have quite readily accepted an increased impost, and we believe that this spirit would characterise the members of other societies if they understood the position. The question which influenced the St. Martin's Guild decision was that of maintaining the traditions of the Johnson commemoration dinner, and it would have been more than a pity had the consideration of a few pence per member per annum been allowed to stand in the way of maintaining at its past high level this gathering which ranks as one of the foremost annual events connected with the Exercise. But the same motives that prompted the ready acquiescence of the St. Martin's Guild—the good of the Society—would, we are quite certain, influence the members of any other ringing organisation which found it necessary to ask for a larger yearly contribution.



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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.  
On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.	
GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
WILLIAM HALE ... .. 2	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... .. 7
CPL. WILLIAM IRELAND ... 3	EX-SERGEANT JOSEPH WILLIAMS 8
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 4	HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 9
FRANK COLE ... .. 5	ROBERT SHARP ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.  
Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION  
On Tuesday, January 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
GEORGE PINCOY ... .. Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPLER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.  
200th peal by Titus Barlow and 50th peal by Thomas B. Worsley.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBELAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, January 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.	
JOHN FOREMAN ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... .. 5
PTE. ARTHUR SMEATHERS 2	BERT HORTON ... .. 6
ASA HOLMES ... .. 3	WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... 7
ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.  
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal in the method.  
Pte. A. Smeathers hails from Finedon, Northants, and was elected a member of the above Association before starting. He was invalided to Newcastle after being wounded in France.

ASHTED, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, January 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

* FRANK OAKSHOTT ... .. Treble	EDWARD T. GROVE ... .. 5
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2	THOMAS A. SHURR ... .. 6
JOHN WYATT ... .. 3	CHARLES E. READ ... .. 7
ALFRED L. BROWN ... .. 4	WILLIAM COOK ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.  
Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

\* First peal away from tenor.

DERBY,  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, January 25, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 3. Tenor 18 cwt.	
G. H. ROBINSON, JUN. ... Treble	JOHN ELCOCK ... .. 5
GEORGE FREEBERRY ... .. 2	G. H. ROBINSON, SEN. ... 6
* WILLIAM J. WILKMAN ... 3	BART. MITCHELL ... .. 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 4	* GEORGE F. LEE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBERRY.  
\* First peal with a Bob-bell. † First peal.  
Rung in honour of the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Hunt, who, with the best wishes of all his parishioners, is leaving the parish after 17 years faithful service, the bellringers wishing him "God-speed."

# **BOLTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

*On Saturday, January 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At DEANE CHURCH.*

## **A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; J. HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.**

ASTLEY JOHNSON... ..Treble	THOMAS LINGARD ... .. 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... .. 3	JAMES H. COLLIER ... .. 7
WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 4	JOHN EDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

Ringers of treble and 7th hail from Flixton, 5th and tenor from Pendlebury, the remainder belong to the local band.

# **NUNEATON. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Thursday, January 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

## **A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.**

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. SMITH ... .. 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... .. 6
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... .. 3	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 7
WALTER HORTON ... .. 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed and conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

## **SIX BELL PEALS.**

# **HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN BRANCH.)**

*On Monday, January 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,*

## **A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
CPL. E. GIBBS, R.A.V.C. ... .. 2	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 5
JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Cpl. E. Gibbs, who was home on leave from France.

# **ISHAM, NORTHANTS THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION (THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)**

*On Tuesday, January 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

## **A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

(Being seven 720's, each called differently.)

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS MARY HULL ... ..Treble	*MISS LILY C. GEARY ... .. 4
*MISS BEATRICE M. EVEREST ... .. 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 5
*MISS CECILE HEPBURN ... .. 3	WALTER T. WILSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal \* First peal 'inside'

The four ladies started ringing only 14 months ago, and it is largely due to their efforts that the bells have been rung three times every Sunday since. This is the third "Victory peal" to be rung on these bells by the local Society.

## **FIVE BELL PEAL.**

# **BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in Three Hours,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,*

## **A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS ETHEL BATES ... ..Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 3
MISS MAUD CLARKE ... .. 2	HARRY PATRICK ... .. 4
THOMAS ABBOTT ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

This is the first attempt for a peal by the two ladies.

# **YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HORBURY.**

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. The bells, a nice ring of eight, were well utilised during the afternoon and evening, while the peals at Wakefield Cathedral and Osett were also available during the day. The audit was carried out by two of the local company, Messrs. Brook and Hunt, who found everything in proper order. A committee meeting was held during the afternoon. Divine service (choral) was held at Horbury Church, the sermon being preached by the Vicar (the Rev. J. B. Hill). The preacher took for his text Psalm 150, ver. 5: 'Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.'

After service, tea was partaken of in the Schools by upwards of 150 members and friends, representing 30 towers.

The annual business meeting followed, with the President (the Rev. C. G. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the Rev. J. B. Hill, Vicar of Horbury; Councillor F. Hampshire (churchwarden), Mr. B. Wilson (an hon. member), Mr. Frank Willey (vice-president), and other officers of the Association. Letters of apology were read from Messrs. Bolland, Williams and Raw.—The Chairman gave a brief report of the year's work, saying that this was the first meeting since hostilities had ceased, and as a loyal body of citizens their thanks should be expressed in the minutes of the Association to those that had won the war. He asked those present to stand for a few moments in silence to the proud memory of their own members who had fallen during the war. He hoped they would be able to perpetuate their memory in some way by a roll of honour. He asked the tower secretaries to help in compiling this by sending to the district secretaries the names of all those that had served, and to make special mention of those that had fallen. Referring to the fact that there was to be no annual report this year, the President said the cost of printing was too expensive, but they hoped to issue a full and complete edition next year. With last year marking time, he hoped next year would be one of going ahead.

Mr. Jas. Cotterell was re-elected hon. treasurer, on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. F. Willey, special mention being made by both as to the good work that Mr. Cotterell had done for the Association; also the thorough manner in which the books were kept.—In the absence of Mr. Cotterell (who had to leave early), the Chairman presented the balance sheet, which was adopted.

A proposal moved by Mr. F. Willey, seconded by Mr. H. Dransfield, that a payment of 1s. should be made to steeplekeepers at each tower visited on the occasion of Association meetings, for services rendered, was thoroughly discussed, and on being put to the meeting, was lost only three voting for it.

Messrs. North, Watson and Senior, of Batley; Wright, Kershaw, Crossley, Farrar and Jarner, of Northowram; and Miss E. Brown, of Guiseley, were elected members of the Association.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, choir and organist for the beautiful service that had been enjoyed.—The Vicar, in replying, said how delighted he was to welcome the members to Horbury, and made special mention of the former meeting there (which was a record in numbers for the Association). The present one was a very creditable gathering, for it was the first since hostilities had ceased.

Mr. Elliott proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for arrangements made; also to the ladies who attended to the tea.—This was seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who remarked how pleased he was to see the donor of two of Horbury bells amongst them.—The Chairman also added a word of appreciation, and the vote was replied to by Mr. Wilson, who said it was the third time he had welcomed the Association to Horbury, and it would afford him the greatest pleasure to meet them yet three times more.—Mr. Jas. Smith, secretary of the local band, also spoke.

A motion was read proposing an alteration to subscriptions, which will be discussed at the next annual meeting.

Mr. Frank Willey gave a very descriptive report to the members upon last Central Council meeting. Several questions were asked by members, and answered satisfactorily by Mr. Willey.

The Chairman called the members' attention to the leading articles in the 'Ringing World,' with regard to a memorial service to be held in London for ringers fallen in the great war, and it was proposed by Mr. F. Willey, seconded by Mr. Broadley that, in the event of no one being also to represent this association from Yorkshire, that Mr. W. T. Cockerill, of the College Youths (who is a Yorkshire member), be asked to represent Yorkshire at the service.

Handbell ringing in various methods brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting, reminiscent of the grand old Yorkshire meeting held prior to the war.

## **DEDICATION FESTIVAL TOUCH.**

On the occasion of the Dedication Festival at Christ Church, W. Brownish, on Sunday, January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung before evening service by Edward Reeves (first quarter-peal) 1. T. Horton 2. H. Howl 3. S. Astbury 4. J. Walker 5. J. Screen (conductor) 6. Rev. C. H. Barker 7. R. Hall 8.

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## MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR FALLEN RINGERS

This service will be held (D.V.) at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd next. The Service will be at 4 p.m., and the address will be delivered by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Sheffield. The original limitation to the London District is abandoned, and the Rector's invitation is a general one to ringers. Will Secretaries of Associations embracing London and the surrounding district kindly forward me the names of fallen ringers for the reading of the "Roll of Honour"?—E. Alex. Young, Hon. Sec., 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A Memorial Service for all ringers of the Association who have given their lives in the war will be held at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church on Saturday, February 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Preacher: the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol. Roll of Honour will be read. Names (with regiment, etc.) should be sent in from all towers which have not previously made their returns, to the Master, Rev. M. E. Thorold, St. Philip's Vicarage, 24, King Square, Bristol. Ringing from 2.30 and again from 6 till 9. Tea at 5 o'clock, 9d. per head. All ringers and their friends invited to attend. Please notify me before February 17th. — Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—On Saturday, Feb. 22nd, a memorial service will be held at the Cathedral, Winchester, at 4 p.m. This has been arranged to take place simultaneously with the London service at St. Clement Danes, to enable members of the Guild in the South to attend such a service who would not be able to get to London. Muffled touches will be rung on the Cathedral bells before the service, and tea will be provided at St. Maurice's Hall, at 5.15 p.m., for members who let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 19th. — George Williams, Hon. General Sec., West End, near Southampton.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—A memorial service for those ringers who have fallen in the service of their country is to be held in Sheffield Cathedral, to synchronise with the National service in St. Clement Danes, London, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m. Address by the Archdeacon of Sheffield. All ringers and their friends invited. The peal of 12 bells will be available for muffled ringing from 5 to 7 p.m.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A memorial service for ringers who have fallen in the war will be held at Nuneaton Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock; service at 4. It is hoped that all members and friends will endeavour to attend. Hinckley Branch Midland Counties Association please note. — Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's, Bedford, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, for ringers who have given their lives for King and country. Service at 5 o'clock; bells at 3 o'clock, which will be rung muffled before and after service. Preacher: Rev. Canon Speck. All ringers and friends invited. — H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A commemoration service for fallen ringers will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m. Order of service similar to that to be



ARTHUR LORKIN.



## NOTICES.

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

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; Service at 5 p.m.; tea at 5.45; business meeting after. All members intending to be present must inform me not later than Monday, Feb. 10th, and oblige S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea and meeting at 7.30. Members intending to be present please send word to Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. A special Service will be held in the Church at 5 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Meeson Hall 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. — E. Butler, 3 Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, February 15th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Relton), at Isleworth, on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 1919. Bells available from 3 o'clock; short service at 5.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at the London Apprentice at 6. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend, as important business will come before the meeting.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Secretary, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided.—A. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 5 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. Tramcar 'D' to Astley Street.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—United practice will be held at Burnham on Saturday, February 15th, and at Bray on Saturday, March 1st, both at 4 p.m. Visitors will be welcome. Messrs. Kirk, Truss and Evans have kindly consented to represent this Branch at the Ringers' Memorial Service in London on 22nd inst. The Annual Branch Meeting is proposed to be held at Windsor on Easter Monday; full particulars will follow.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Feb. 20th, and \*St Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, all at 3.30 p.m. \*Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Berkhamstead, Herts, on Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting at 5.30.—F. Smith, 82, Glencoe Road, Bushey, and F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Joint Secs. (*pro tem.*).

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.; tea at Messrs. Brown's Café at 4 p.m.; Divine service at 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the previous Thursday?—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, March 1st. Eight bells (tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3 o'clock. All ringers invited.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston (Whittlesford Station) on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting to follow. Members are earnestly requested to pay their subscriptions as soon as possible.—A. E. Austin, Acting General Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A district meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting to follow in the Cricket Pavilion. Will members and friends intending to be present kindly notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 25th?—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Perleton, Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, March 1st. Bells of Parish Church (8, tenor 21 cwt.) open from 2 p.m.; tea at Bridge End Hotel 5 p.m.; Committee meets before tea, 4.15 p.m., same place. Replies for attendance at tea to be in by February 25th to G. T. Potter, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 31st Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 8th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to fully qualified members, to other members and friends 3s. 6d. each. Owing to the difficulty of catering it is regretted that the number of tickets issued has to be limited to 120, and these will be allotted strictly in order of application. Only those applications accompanied by remittance will receive attention. It is also necessary for every full member to be clear on the books and to notify the Secretary of his intention to be present, not later than Saturday, March 1st. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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#### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at All Saints' Church, Clifton, on Saturday, Feb. 1st to reopen ringing tower, after a silence of nearly nine years. The attendance was not so large as could have been wished for, owing to bad travelling. The district being scattered, most of the members had to cycle, very few being able to use the railways. Short touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, the 'go' of the bells not being any too good after their long rest, but they will probably improve with use. An item of the afternoon's programme much appreciated by the company was the tea provided by the Rector and churchwardens, and arranged by Mrs. and Miss Dodd. After tea a few more short touches were rung, and then votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the churchwardens and the ladies for the tea, were passed, and brought the meeting to a close.

**YORK.**—On Sunday morning, Oct. 6th, at York Minster, 557 Grand-sire Caters: T. Haigh 1, F. Earnshaw 2, W. Fountain 3, G. Horner 4, H. N. Imeson 5, E. Rickett 6, A. C. Fearnley 7, T. Hodgson 8, A. Haigh 9, Sergt. E. Morris, A.S.C. (conductor), and A. Horner 10.

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### THE BELL FOUNDERS.

An informal but noteworthy gathering took place in London on Saturday, when, for the first time in the history of the ancient craft of bell founding, the bell founders of England met round the social board. The event was unheralded by any flourish of trumpets—probably very few outside those specially concerned had any knowledge of it—and was marked by no formalities, but the proceedings were of the most cordial character. The bell founders of England are not a numerous body, and for the most part they are widely scattered; therefore, the party was not a large one, but under the roof-tree of the famous Cheshire Cheese, those who were privileged to be present made up in conviviality what was lacking in numbers.

The importance of the gathering lay in the drawing together of the various founders in friendly intercourse, thus marking the breakdown of the old traditions, under which trade rivalry kept them very largely at arm's length. Even those founders who were unable to be represented expressed their full approval of the gathering, which really originated in an idea to celebrate the return of the foundries to their customary vocation after the upheaval of the war. Small beginnings often have big developments, and the "Founders' Dinner" not only promises to become an annual affair, but may some day grow into one of the leading events in the ringing world. If it does, those who were present at the first dinner will remember with particular interest the first gathering of the kind.

During the war, of course, bell founding practically ceased, but there seems to be every prospect of a big revival when the country settles down to peace conditions and the cost of materials again approaches the normal. There are many inquiries by church authorities, and the present high cost is holding up jobs which otherwise would be taken in hand, particularly of new peals. But these will doubtless be forthcoming when the price of metals comes down to reasonable figures. In the meantime, the founders are being called upon to put in hand numerous restorations. The trade prospects are certainly good, but ringers themselves might, perhaps, help things forward still further by taking up with their church authorities the question of renovations wherever there is need for it.

The interests of the ringers and the founders are allied. There is no pleasure in ringing bad-going bells, and here, in their own interests, ringers can help the founders. On the other hand, the founders can best serve themselves by helping to maintain interest in the practice of ringing, and encouraging everything that tends to spread the art. The wider the practice of ringing grows the greater the activity that prevails in our bell foundries. Similarly, the more our foundries are able to do the more scope is there for ringers.



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

On Tuesday, February 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. Treble	*ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 7
*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 8
FREDERICK DICKENS ... .. 3	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 9
JOSEPH FIGOTT ... .. 4	JOHN NEAL ... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

Arranged for Mr. Cave, of Bristol, who was demobilised on this date.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6
SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 2	FRANK JACOBS ... .. 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 3	ARTHUR CRAVEN ... .. 8
*WILLIAM E. WHITE ... .. 4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 9
JOHN FLINT ... .. 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

CHELMSFORD.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

*ARTHUR EDWARDS ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR HEAD ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 2	ALFRED PYE ... .. 7
*WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 3	HENRY F. COOPER ... .. 8
*THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

First peal in the method on the bells. It was arranged to ring Cinques, but, meeting short, the peal had to result in the above.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. W. WILKINS ... .. Treble	GEO. WHITE ... .. 5
*FRED G. BIGGS ... .. 2	R. H. BIGGS ... .. 6
P. BOREHAM ... .. 3	JOHN EVANS ... .. 7
E. MARKHAM ... .. 4	A. G. JAMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

\* 100th peal.

LEIGH.—Lancashire Association. — On Sunday, October 13th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: Hugh Watts 1, B. Allred 2, H. Smith 3, H. Allred 4, W. Hayes 5, E. Allred (conductor) 6, W. Smith 7, J. Watts 8. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, hail from Tyldesley, the rest are of the local company.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

*GEORGE R. GIBBS ... .. Treble	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 5
*GEORGE J. NICHOLLS ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. FOWLER ... .. 6
†EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... .. 3	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... .. 7
GEORGE TOMSETT ... .. 4	*OLIVER LONGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. W. RADFORD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire with working bell.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.	
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Treble	ROBERT GOFTON ... .. 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 7
R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. Tenor

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On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

*VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 6
†EDWARD BREITTE ... .. 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 7
†WILLIAM COLEY ... .. 4	GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Victor White, one of the local band.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	EDWIN I. HARDING ... .. 6
PT. A. A. JONES, A.S.C. ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... .. 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 4	WALTER G. ROWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. C. H. Russell, of Winchester, whose death was reported in our issue of January 3rd, and who previous to the war was a frequent visitor at this tower, where he rang his last peal.

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

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES J. TRICKER ... .. Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 5
THOMAS BEADLE ... .. 2	GEORGE SPENCER, R.N.R.T. ... .. 6
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... .. 3	ALBERT BECKENSALH ... .. 7
EDWARD F. COLE ... .. 4	ALBERT SHEARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

Arranged for the ringers of the 6th and 7th, home on leave from the North Sea and France respectively.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

'ANNABLES.'

Tenor 23 cwt.

*JAMES WAGHORN ... .. Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 5
L/CORPL. JOHN SINDEN, S.Y. ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 6
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 3	*FREDK. J. LAMBERT ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 4	THOMAS HOAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* Elected members of the Association previous to starting and hail from Horsmonden. Mr. Tribe is from Tenterden, Messrs. Booth, W. H. and T. Hoad, and Edwards from Salehurst. L/Corpl. Sinden (who very kindly stood in owing to band meeting one short) belongs to the local band.

EDMONTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. PARKER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt	
WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... .. 5
GEORGE PAICE ... .. 2	HARRY FOWLER ... .. 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 3	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 4	THOMAS MILES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

Miss Parker's 50th peal as conductor

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED L. BROWN ... .. Treble	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 5
THOMAS MILES ... .. 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB ... .. 6
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 3	CHARLES E. READ ... .. 7
EDWARD T. GROVE ... .. 4	FRANK OAKSHOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 2	HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

HOLBORN, CITY OF LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat.

THOMAS H. TAITENDER, R.N. ... .. Treble	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5
A.A.C. ... .. 2	REuben SANDERS ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... .. 7
GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 4	FRANCIS E. DAWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector (Rev. Edwin C. Bedford) for his very cordial letter of welcome; also to Mr. J. P. Rayner, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in excellent order.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Treble	JOSEPH MADDOCK ... .. 5
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	FRANK MILLARD ... .. 6
ROBERT SCOTT ... .. 3	EDGAR E. BURGESS ... .. 7
EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 4	EBENEZER PRIDDLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This peal was arranged for Pte. J. Thomas, R.A.F., of London, who was an inmate of the Taunton Red Cross Hospital.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.

HERBERT R. STEVENS ... Treble	CECIL RADNOR ... .. 5
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 2	ALBERT E. GRAY ... .. 6
DOUGLAS A. ROWE ... 3	REGINALD L. LATERCROFT ... 7
ALFRED WOODROW ... 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the ringers of the 5th and 7th, who, whilst employed on munitions in the district, have done good work for the Guild.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sunday, February 2, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN WYATT ... .. Treble	FRED POLE ... .. 4
GILBERT JONES ... .. 2	ALBERT TOUT ... .. 5
WILLIAM CLAPP ... .. 3	* HERBERT V. YOUNG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

\* First attempt.

The ringers of 1st and 4th are from Fitzhead, and and 6th from Chipstable, 3rd from Halse, and 5th from Milverton. First peal on the bells.

**FIVE BELL PEAL.**

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY ... Treble	† BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 3
* MISS LILY LAW ... .. 2	F. JOSEPH LANCASTER ... 4
THOMAS LAW ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS LAW.

\* First peal.

† First peal of Doubles.

First peal by a lady member of the Northampton District.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

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

On Thursday, January 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 1-2	THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 7-8
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM KENT ... .. 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 11-12

Composed by CHARLES HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: MESSRS. T. MILLER and J. PIGOTT.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

A Guildford District meeting was held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday last, and was well attended by ringers from Aldershot, Dorking, Godalming, Shalford, Guildford, Chiddingfold, Worplesdon, Clondou, Cranleigh, and a number in khaki from various camps.

The names of the fallen ringers mentioned in the supplications were: A. V. Burdock, Guildford; R. W. Melville, Guildford; A. G. Boxall, Godalming; W. Lawes, Godalming; P. Fowler, Farnham; G. Fisher, Aldershot; A. Licence, Worplesdon.

Service was held in Bramley Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Green).

Tea was held at the Jolly Farmer Inn, over 40 sitting down. At the business meeting a number of new members were elected, including the Rev. A. B. Gwynne, Rector of Compton. His proposer (Mr. Fowler) mentioned that there would be a new peal of six at Compton shortly, and provision made for two additional bells at some future time.

The Ringing Master's report was, as usual, most interesting, and showed that new ringers were coming on in a number of towers.

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to the Rev. P. Cunningham, the preacher at the recent annual meeting, on the loss of his little daughter, the motion being carried by the members voting in their places.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Witley in April.

**WINCHESTER DISTRICT.**

The members of the Winchester District held a quarterly meeting at Winchester on Saturday week. The Cathedral bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, and the members attended. Evensong was at 4 p.m. Tea was provided in St. Maurice Hall by the kind permission of the Rector of the parish, the Rev. W. E. Colchester. The Chairman of the district (the Rev. Canon Braithwaite) presided, and there were also present the Very Rev. the Dean, the Rev. Canon Madge, the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. Wilfred Andrews, Mr. W. H. George, Mr. W. Tucker, and members from various towers in the district.

The Master (the Rev. C. E. Mathews) and Ven. Archdeacon Robinson regretted being unable to be present.

On the proposition of the District Secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins) a vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Sergt. Russell, who was assistant secretary of the district, and a very promising member of the Guild, both as peal ringer, conductor and composer. Canon Braithwaite, in alluding to the beautiful and solemn service held in the belfry in memory of Mr. Russell, said he hoped other bands of ringers might also hold such a service in memory of their fallen comrades.

The memorial service to be held in St. Clement Danes, on Feb. 22nd, was considered, and the Dean said the Guild ought certainly to be represented at that service, and it was resolved to send a representative.

The Dean also readily agreed to the suggestion that a service for the Winchester Diocese should be held on the same day, and at the same time in Winchester Cathedral, on the proposition of the Rev. W. C. Colchester. Mr. G. Williams (general sec.) and Mr. J. W. Elkins were deputed to make the necessary arrangements. It is hoped every tower in the Guild will be represented at that service.

In responding to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells the Dean said he was always glad to be of any help to the church bell ringers.

**STAVELEY VETERAN'S DEATH.**

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the oldest ringer at Staveley, in Mr. Walter Worthington, who passed away in his 74th year. He had been a ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 50 years, was always punctual in attendance, and in his younger days could always be depended on on the practice night. He gave up ringing about twelve months ago, through loss of memory in regard to ringing. In his younger days, if he was not in the belfry he was a free and competent critic of the striking, and when a peal was on the board he could always be depended on to be there, and be trusted to make no mistakes. He rang his first peal in 1873, and up to that time had rung 40 peals, made up of 25 Kent Treble Bob Major (including 6240); eight Grandsire Triples, two Kent Treble Bob Royal, two Grandsire Caters (including 6080), one Plain Bob Major, and two on six bells.

The interment took place at Staveley Cemetery on Saturday week. Deceased was borne to his last resting place by six of his oldest fellow ringers, namely, Messrs. S. Smedley, senr., A. Craven, W. Duffin, F. E. Parsons, H. S. Snowe, and W. T. Palmer. At the conclusion of the last rites, which were performed by Canon Molineux, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by: W. Allwood 1-2, A. Craven 3-4, A. Knights 5-6, W. Palmer 7-8.

A peal was attempted the same evening, but came to grief after ringing an hour.

DALTON-IN-FERNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday Oct 20th, for evening service, 688 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, W. H. Dennison 5, T. Smart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.



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## MEMORIAL SERVICES.

A National Service for Ringers who have fallen in the War will be held (p.v.) at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd next. The Service will be at 4 p.m., and the address will be delivered by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Sheffield. The organ recital will commence at 3.30 p.m., and all should endeavour to be seated by 3.45 p.m. The committee and stewards will please attend at 3 p.m. The basement of the 'A.E.C.' Co.'s Depot, opposite the Church, is reserved at 5 p.m. for ringers who may desire to avail themselves of it and will please show their tickets. There will be half-muffled ringing at several London churches at 7 p.m., preceded shortly before by the tolling of the tenor in each case. The list (subject to revision) is as follows:—St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Andrew, Holborn, and St. Botolph, Bishopsgate. (See notice to be posted in porch of St. Clement's.) E. Alex. Young, Hon. Sec., 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A Memorial Service for all ringers of the Association who have given their lives in the war will be held at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church on Saturday, February 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Preacher: the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol. Roll of Honour will be read. Names (with regiment, etc.) should be sent in from all towers which have not previously made their returns, to the Master, Rev. M. E. Thorold, St. Philip's Vicarage, 24, King Square, Bristol. Ringing from 2.30 and again from 6 till 9. Tea at 5 o'clock, 9d. per head. — Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—On Saturday, Feb. 22nd, a memorial service will be held at the Cathedral, Winchester, at 4 p.m. This has been arranged to take place simultaneously with the London service at St. Clement Danes, to enable members of the Guild in the South to attend such a service who would not be able to get to London. Muffled touches will be rung on the Cathedral bells before the service, and tea will be provided at St. Maurice's Hall, at 5.15 p.m. — George Williams, Hon. General Sec., West End, near Southampton.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—A memorial service for those ringers who have fallen in the service of their country is to be held in Sheffield Cathedral, to synchronise with the National service in St. Clement Danes, London, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m. Address by the Archdeacon of Sheffield. All ringers and their friends invited. The peal of 12 bells will be available for muffled ringing from 5 to 7 p.m.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A memorial service for ringers who have fallen in the war will be held at Nuneaton Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock; service at 4. It is hoped that all members and friends will endeavour to attend. Hinckley Branch Midland Counties Association please note.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**KING'S NORTON GUILD.**—A Memorial Service will be held in the Parish Church, King's Norton, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m., in memory of those ringers who have fallen in the war, especially Frank Withers. At 4.30 p.m., a peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar. Members of St. Martin's Diocesan Guild and other local Associations are cordially invited to attend.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's, Bedford, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, for ringers who have given their lives for King and country. Service at 5 o'clock; bells at 3 o'clock, which will be rung muffled before and after service. Preacher: Rev. Canon Speck. All ringers and friends invited.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A commemoration service for fallen ringers will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m. Order of service similar to that to be used at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Half-muffled ringing after the service. The combined practice arranged to take place that day at Coseley will thus be cancelled.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch. A memorial service will be held at Bucklebury on Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m.—Rev. E. M. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading.

**ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A memorial service for ringers who have fallen in the war will be held in Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, February 22nd, at 4 p.m., simultaneously with the service in London. Muffled ringing, beginning at 3 o'clock.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Estab. 1755.—As a token of respect to the ringers of England who have laid down their lives for their country during the Great War, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques will be attempted at the Parish Church of Birmingham (St. Martin's), on Tuesday next, Feb. 25th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary.

We published last week the arrangements for the National Memorial Service at St. Clement Danes. We are asked to call attention, however, to the fact that the organ recital will commence at 5.30, and that all should endeavour to be in their places by 3.45.

The music is to be a feature of the service, and by kind permission of Col. Pratt, C.B., C.M.G., the band of the Royal Artillery will assist.

A number of towers have been secured for half-muffled ringing at 7 p.m. Among them (subject to any notice that may be posted in the porch at St. Clement Danes), St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Martin-in-the-Fields; St. Margaret's, Westminster; St. Andrew's, Holborn; and St. Botolph's Bishopsgate.

The service at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, will be on the following lines:—

Bells will be rung for service by discharged and demobilised ringers. The National Anthem.

Hymn: 'Let Saints on earth.'  
Sentence, Confession, Absolution, and Lord's Prayer. Psalms 23, 121.  
Lesson: 1 Thess iv. 13 to end.

Nunc Dimittis.

Prayers: 1. For sick and suffering. 2. For the sorrowing and bereaved.  
Anthem: 'What are these?' (Stainer).

The Roll of Honour will be read.

Two Collects from the Burial Service.

The 'whole pull and stand' (seven times).

Hymn: 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul.'

Address: Right Rev. Bishop Clifford.

Hymn: 'Brief life is here our portion.'

Blessing. The Last Post (by buglers).

'Whole pull and stand' as congregation leaves (23 times).

There is to be muffled ringing on Saturday at High Wycombe.

A muffled peal attempt will be made at Newcastle on Saturday, and at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Tuesday. A memorial service will be held at Newcastle in March.

As will be seen from notices elsewhere, other services will be held at—

Sheffield Cathedral.

Winchester Cathedral.

Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton.

St. Paul's, Bedford.

Nuneaton Parish Church.

Bucklebury Parish Church.

King's Norton, Parish Church.

At various churches in the Salisbury Diocese there will be services and muffled ringing.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Attention has been drawn recently in your columns to action which might or should be taken by the Central Council of Ringers about two matters—the proposed memorial service for ringers, who have fallen in the war, and a loyal address to the King on the cessation of the war. And the friendly advice has been given by one correspondent, 'Wake up Central Council.'

May I be allowed to assure your readers that the officials of the Central Council have not ignored these matters?

Everyone will see on reflection that it is impossible to summon a special meeting of the Council at short notice. Even a meeting of the Standing Committee did not seem feasible in the middle of winter with the present difficulties of travelling. So the secretary of the Council and myself some while ago ventured to take action which we hope our brother ringers will approve.

To the authorities who are kindly arranging the memorial service at St. Clement Danes on February 22nd we have expressed, on behalf of the Council, our warm gratitude and hearty co-operation. The secretary has intimated his intention of being present there. I should much like to be present myself also, but I fear that in my case it may not be possible for several reasons; one being that I have to arrange, and if I can to attend, a simultaneous service in Cambridge for ringers of this diocese.

With regard to the other matter—an address to the King—soon after the Armistice was announced, Mr. Cartmel was good enough to write to me, asking if I could undertake to send a suitable letter to His Majesty. With some trembling (for an address to the King is a formidable affair) I drew up a draft letter and sent it to the secretary for criticism and improvement, which he kindly supplied. By that time, however, we came to the conclusion that the address had better be postponed till peace had actually been declared and signed, mainly for two reasons: One, that the war was not definitely over (and the latest utterances to-day of Marshal Foch and M. Clemenceau warn us that there may yet be more fighting); the other, that the meeting of the Central Council at Whitsuntide may possibly be earlier than the peace, in which case the Council could discuss the address and give it additional weight if it sanctions it.—Yours faithfully,

A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

Cambridge, Feb. 11th, 1919.

President of the Council.

## WEDDING GIFT TO PRINCESS PATRICIA.

### CROYDON FOUNDRY'S FIRST PEACE TIME CLOCK.

Not the least of the Hun crimes in Belgium was the robbery of the church bells, and it is interesting to know that the Belgians are turning to this country for their replacement. What is believed to be the first order received from Belgium after the signing of the Armistice was for a bell for an Ostend church, placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

This firm, who, as we have already recorded, intend to bring back to this country the high-class household clock trade, on which the Germans had so firm a hold before the war, have laid down special plant for the purpose, and the workers are joining with the principals in subscribing the cost of the first clock thus made as a wedding gift to H.R.H. Princess Patricia. The Princess's father, the Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied on the occasion by Princess 'Pat,' recently opened a canteen built by the firm for the use of the employees, and it is pleasant in these days of Labour unrest to hear that the workers have just entertained Mr. Johnston and his family as a mark of gratitude for his care of them during those strenuous years of war work when they turned out fuses by the hundred thousand.

## DEATH OF MR. F. DAVIS.

A ringer well known in and around London passed away last month in the person of Mr. Frederick Davis, who died after undergoing an operation in University College Hospital, at the age of 45 years. The deceased, who was a brother of Mr. James E. Davis, C.Q.-M.-S. of Royal Engineers, now in France, was a member of several societies, although he did not go in largely for peal ringing.

The interment took place in the family grave, at Camberley Cemetery, Honor Oak.

**LONDON.**—London County Association. — At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, on Sunday, Dec. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.; Pte. S. Meadows, A.S.C., 1, W. H. Stevens 2, H. Barrett 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, W. H. Wood 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. Dyas 8.



## BELL FOUNDERS AT DINNER. UNIQUE GATHERING IN LONDON.

Last Saturday evening, a unique gathering took place in London, when the bell founders of England met to celebrate their return from war to peace occupation. The first bell founders of England were the monks, who plied their craft a thousand years ago, but never before in the whole long history of this ancient trade have the founders of this country endeavoured to come together in a spirit of cordial good fellowship. The first suggestion for this interesting meeting came from Lieut. Cyril Johnston, and it was most readily taken up by Mr. Albert Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who, being 'on the spot,' undertook the task of organising the little gathering. The bell founders are few, and are scattered all over the country, but all of them expressed approval of the idea, though not all were able to participate in the proceedings. It was fitting that the representatives of so ancient a craft should hold their meeting under an ancient roof, and the selection of the world-famed Cheshire Cheese in Fleet Street was most appropriate. Many of the celebrities of this and other countries have dined at this ancient hostelry, the haunts of which have included Dr. Johnson and Charles Dickens, but among all its varied gatherings it has never before housed one quite like that of Saturday. The license of this famous inn goes back to the 12th or 13th century, and the present building was erected on the site of the one destroyed by the Great Fire of London.

Up in a little parlour, where Dr. Johnson's chair is the chief show-piece, a table was set for eight, and though one place was destined to be left vacant, a merry little party spent a pleasant evening. Mr. Albert Hughes was by unanimous request placed in the chair, and at the opposite end of the table was Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough. The other present were Lieut. Cyril Johnston, head of the Croydon Foundry; Mr. Duncan Christy, well known in connection with the firm of Warner and Sons, whose chief was that very day being demobilised from the Navy; Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich; Mr. Argett, of Chingford, Devon; and the Editor of the 'Ringing World,' Mr. F. Webb, of Kidlington, who was to have completed the party, but at the last minute wired regret at inability to be present. Others who had been invited but were unable to attend were Mr. Fred Day, of Eves, who is unwell; Mr. W. H. Godden, of Birmingham; Mr. Doble, of Taunton; and the firm of Llewellyns and James, of Bristol.

The repast which the Cheshire Cheese had to offer consisted of fare which has had much to do with making its fame as a catering establishment. First the waiter, whose rotund figure and shining visage are known to folk throughout the world, brought an appetiser which is one of the secrets of the Cheese. Soup and fish were followed by the wonderful pudding which more than anything else has spread the fame of this Fleet Street inn, and which is the amazement and admiration of foreigners and the envy and despair of all rival taverns and restaurants in London. 'How do you make it?' once asked Mrs. Chamberlain of mine host. 'That, madam,' replied Boniface, 'is a secret worth just twice my freehold.' Suffice it to say, that on Saturday the pudding, compounded of beefsteak, larks, mushrooms and kidneys (so we have read) was the piece de resistance. The good things that came after, were all in their way admirable, but all who have sampled the pudding know the satisfied feeling that remains when one has encompassed the liberal helping that is considered requisite to the feast.

The post-prandial proceedings were quite free and easy, and the speeches very informal. The chairman spoke of the excellent spirit which resulted in the gathering, and congratulated the founders upon the fact that after the disturbance of the war they would now be able once more to devote themselves to the craft of their choice.

Mr. John Taylor was warmly eulogistic of the scheme for drawing the members of the bell founding trade together. Although there was necessarily business rivalry between them, there was no need, he said, why they should always give one another the cold shoulder. He hoped that small beginning would lead them to meet again in a similar way in the future, and, as they were small in numbers, he thought it would add to the pleasure of the proceedings if they brought their wives.

This suggestion met with cordial approval, and Lieut. Cyril Johnston said he hoped that they would make the dinner an annual one. He thought it would help to establish a good feeling in the trade, and help them to know one another better.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he felt he was there, to some extent, as the representative of the bell ringers of the country, and on their behalf he congratulated the founders on being able to turn once more without restraint to their ancient calling. He hoped the future held out great things for them, and that success and prosperity would attend the efforts of them all.

Mr. Hughes was heartily thanked for the efforts he had made in connection with the gathering, and the remainder of a pleasant evening passed all too quickly with the relation of anecdotes and reminiscences, which ranged from experiences in Ireland to incidents at Bethnal Green, from quaint Devonshire epigrams to wanderings among the bells and foundries of Belgium and France. The gathering was one to remember.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION. A SPLENDID GATHERING AT CROYDON.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Croydon, on Saturday, February 8th, there being present members from Ashted, Beddington, Benhilton, Burstow, Carshalton, Chislehurst, Croydon, Camberwell, Deptford, Dorking, East Molesey, Ewell, Epsom, Guildford, Horley, Isleworth, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Merton, Merstham, Reigate and Wimbledon. Owing to sickness near the church the members refrained from ringing at St. John's, but the beautifully toned ring at St. Peter's was set to Grand sire and Stelman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and London Surprise Major during the afternoon.

The Master and members attended a special service at five o'clock at St. John's Church, the Rev. D. L. Lycett officiating and giving the address.

At the invitation of Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston upwards of 150 of the members and their friends partook of tea in the new canteen in connection with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Clock Factory and Bell Foundry, and this was followed by the usual business meeting of the Association.

An attempt had been made to gain the attendance and interest of those in whom the care and custody of the bells is vested by specially inviting the clergy and churchwardens of the 31 towers affiliated to the Association to this meeting. Letters of apology for absence were received from 13 Rectors and Vicars—the remaining 18 were not present, and the churchwardens were represented by one each from Beddington and Christ Church, Mitcham.

The Ringing Master (Mr. J. D. Brewett, C.C., of Mitcham) was elected to the chair, and in a short address, urged the attendance of members at the Memorial Service for ringers fallen in the war at St. Clement Danes Church on the 22nd February, and made sympathetic reference to the death during the past year of the late Vicar of Kingston—the first and only treasurer of the Association for 33 years—of another old honorary member, the late Canon Wilson, of Mitcham; of Samuel Greenwood, of Streatham, one of the few remaining foundation members, and of other performing members who had made the supreme sacrifice in the war. At the mention of one name the meeting rose in silence to testify their sympathy with the Master in his bereavement in this direction.

A return from 19 of the towers showed that 96 ringers had served in the war with 27 casualties, including 20 deaths. The members resolved that to perpetuate the memory of all those ringers of the affiliated towers who had joined His Majesty's Forces since August 1914, a 'roll of honour' should be entered in the illuminated post-record volumes of the Association, and that, if possible, printed and framed copies be hung in each of the 31 towers.

The Treasurer's account showed a considerably reduced income, due in part to members on service being excused payment of subscriptions, but, as no meetings had been held during the year, the expenses were small and the credit balance had been increased.

Peal ringing, which had been in abeyance since the outbreak of hostilities on grounds of sentiment, as well as for practical reasons, was reported to have recommenced since the signing of the Armistice, the first celebration of this event being at Christ Church, Epsom, followed at St. Giles, Ashted, on St. Paul's Day, and at St. Martin's, Epsom, on the 1st inst.

Two new honorary members were elected—the Vicar of Wimbledon and Mr. Vincent Iveson, the acting churchwarden of Beddington, and a large number of performing members were added to the roll, including several lady ringers who were well represented at the meeting, and who included Miss Edith K. Parker, the secretary of the Ladies Guild.

The President (the Lord Bishop of Southwark), the Master, the three District Secretaries, the auditors, and the five honorary members of the committee were all re-elected. The office of treasurer was accepted by Lt. Cyril F. Johnston, who for the past eight years had acted as hon. secretary, and at whose instance the Southern and Western Districts had been created, but whose professional responsibilities had of late so increased, consequent upon the death of the senior partner of the firm of Gillett and Johnston, that it was no longer possible for him to carry on the detail duties appertaining to the office. No other volunteer being forthcoming, the secretarial duties were accepted, with the applause of those present, by the previous holder of the office for 16 years, Mr. Chas. Dean, captain of the belfry of St. Peter's, Croydon.

Two members brought before the meeting the desirability of introducing and fostering in the district the little heard but most musical and vital art of raising and falling the bells in peal.

Captain J. H. R. Freeborn (of Sutton) voiced the sincere appreciation of all the members by moving a well-merited vote of thanks to Lieut. Johnston for the hospitality again extended to the Association in receiving and entertaining them at their annual general meeting for the second year in succession, thus cementing the kindly feeling that has always existed between the old firm of the Croydon Bell Foundry and the Surrey Association.

Votes of thanks were also heartily accorded to the Rev. D. L. Lycett for the service and his address—to the Vicars and churchwardens of both churches for their ready assent to the use of the bells, to the

respective steeplekeepers, and to the Master for the conduct of the meeting.

At the close, the members were further entertained at a vocal and instrumental concert at the instance of Miss Nora Johnston, who was assisted by Captain Freeborn, Messrs. Wright and Waller, and the Misses Jeffries and Scott, while Captain Kingston presided at the piano.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### DERBY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Derby District was held in St. Andrew's belfry (Derby), on Saturday week, members being present from Darley Dale, Duffield and Derby, and visitors from Burton. The following district officers and committee were elected: Chairman, Mr. W. Wallace; committee, Mr. A. C. Wright and Mr. T. White; secretary, Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, Derby.—Nominations for general officers of the Association: President, Mr. J. W. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. R. B. Chambers (Derby); treasurer, Mr. W. C. Wakley (Burton).—Delegates to Central Council: Mr. J. W. Taylor, Mr. J. Griffin (Burton), Mr. Willson (Leicester), Mr. A. C. Wright (Darley Dale).—A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

### ACTIVITY IN NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Nottingham on Saturday week. The ten bells at St. Mary's Church were kindly placed at the disposal of the Association for the occasion by the Rev. Canon Field (Vicar). Members and friends attended in goodly numbers, and thoroughly enjoyed the privileges of ringing on the peal. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Previous to an adjournment for tea, the business of the day was transacted, the Rev. C. J. Sturton presiding, and the following committee being elected: Mr. E. R. Cobbin (chairman), Messrs. E. C. Ghey and C. F. Vickers, with Mr. Thos. H. Kirkby as local hon. secretary.

With a view to awakening interest in change ringing and in the Association, it was decided to hold monthly ringing meetings at various towers, St. Mary's, Bulwell, being chosen for the first meeting to be held on Saturday, March 1st, if possible. It is proposed to advertise these meetings through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' and the 'Ringers Corner' in the 'Nottingham Weekly Express,' and to make a small collection at each meeting to defray expenses, such as postages, honorarium to steeplekeeper, etc. It is hoped that these meetings may be well attended, and that they may be a means of establishing change ringing in towers where up to the present nothing of the kind is seriously attempted, and, incidentally, bringing new blood into the ranks, thus helping to carry on the objects of the Association.

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## THE LADIES' GUILD.

A well-attended meeting of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. The bells, a fairly easy-going peal of eight, were set going shortly after three o'clock, the ladies opening the proceedings by manipulating the ropes themselves. Various short touches were afterwards rung by mixed companies until 4.30, when a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. E. Badger), who extended a very hearty welcome to the Guild.

Adjourning to the Schoolroom, an excellent tea, provided by Mr. James George, was in readiness, to which about 50 members and friends, presided over by the Vicar, sat down.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the service and presiding at tea; also to Mr. George for making such excellent arrangements and providing tea.

This part of the programme being over, the sterner sex again visited the tower for a touch of Double Norwich, whilst the ladies proceeded with their meeting. It was decided to change the place for the half-yearly business meeting to a more central position, King's Norton being the place selected.

Several new members were elected.

Ringing was indulged in by mixed companies, until about eight o'clock, when the visitors began to disperse for home, after another enjoyable meeting.

## BROTHERS MEET.

At Selby Abbey, on Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Caters, was rung by: Pte. J. W. Hall 1, Corpl. G. Morley 2, J. Jackson 3, Pte. H. Morley 4, E. Storr 5, W. A. Hall 6, E. Cryer 7, W. Hinton 8, H. Fairman (conductor) 9, G. Rippon 10. For evening service, 576 Grandsire Caters was brought round by the same band. These touches were rung to celebrate the meeting of Pte. H. Morley (returned prisoner of war) and Corpl. G. Morley (who is home on leave). These two ringers are brothers, and this was the first time they had met since 1914.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

### AXMINSTER BRANCH FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Burnham-on-Sea. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, and a choral service, at which the Association form was used, was held at St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. Preb. G. L. Porcher and the Rev. A. St. John Gray officiating. The choir led the singing, and the lesson, from Numbers x., was read by Mr. C. E. Montgomery. The address was delivered by Prebendary Porcher, who reminded the ringers of their important and sacred calling, and said they had to thank God for a better standard of bell ringing now than in the past, not only in the quality of the ringing, but in the tone of the ringers. There was a real spirit of service among the ringers, who put a very real spirit of reverence into the work they did.

After tea, at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Prebendary Porcher presided at the annual meeting of the branch, being supported by Mr. G. Chamberlain, hon. secretary; two lady ringers from Bleadon, and members from Burnham, East Brent, Bridgewater, Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare, and Berrow, and by Mr. A. E. Webster, and Mr. J. Prior, churchwardens of St. Andrew's Church.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Gerald Steer, George Steer, Forest Bird, Leslie Ham and Albert Stone (Brent Knoll); Miss N. Teek, Miss N. Hill, Miss P. Perkins and Miss C. Flower (Cheddar); Miss L. F. Scolchmer and E. N. Baily (Bleadon); Messrs. Philip Johnson and William Colem (Berrow); Miss K. Bailey, Miss D. Bryan, Miss G. Spratt, Messrs. Anthony Body and Henry Bailey, junior (Badgworth).

The Secretary (Mr. G. Chamberlain) presented the annual balance sheet. The receipts for the year totalled £9 16s. The expenditure was £4 18s. 10d., the balance on the year being £4 17s. 2d.

The Secretary submitted his report for the year. They, by the death of their hon. president, Preb. R. Hayes Robinson, had a great loss in July, when almost suddenly he died. He had been their president four and a half years, and as was his habit with all things with which he was connected he took the keenest interest in the work. The year had been very successful as regards meetings and attendance. The annual meeting was held at Burnham, 31 members were present. The quarterly meetings were held at Uphill, Cheddar, and Weston-super-Mare, with an average attendance of 32. He thought that a very good average considering so many of their members had been serving with the forces or on work of national importance. He hoped they would soon see the members again in their places in the towers to which they belong. They were deeply indebted to the ladies who had given so much time to learn to ring, and who had filled the places of men who were called up. He was very pleased to see the ladies had made very good ringers during the year. Five honorary members were elected and seven probationary members. They might congratulate themselves that they had been able under most trying circumstances to hold together, and he trusted they would soon be able to ring for the declaration of peace, and that each band in the Deanery would do their best to make the branch even more successful during 1919 (applause).—The report was confirmed.

### PRESENTATION OF A PORTRAIT.

The Chairman said he thought it might interest all the members to know that he had received from Miss Hayes Robinson, sister of Preb. R. Hayes Robinson, the late president of the Axbridge branch, a portrait of her brother. He read a letter from Miss Hayes Robinson, in which she stated that the order for the portrait of her brother was given some time ago, and she had only just received it that morning. It seemed strange that it should be delivered on the same day that they were holding the festival of the bell ringers. She asked him, the Vicar, as coming from her to give the portrait of her brother to the bell ringers.

Mr. G. Chamberlain received the portrait, which was much admired and gratefully accepted by the Branch.

The Rev. Preb. G. L. Porcher was elected president, and Mr. G. Chamberlain was re-elected hon. secretary.—The Vicar and churchwardens were cordially thanked for their kindly reception of the Association, for the service, and for the use of the bells. Thanks were also accorded to the organist, and to the host and hostess.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting should be held at Brent Knoll.

## FOR FALLEN HEROES.

On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service at the Parish Church of St. Martin's Church, Tipton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1259 changes) was rung in 48 mins., by: H. P. Smith 1, J. Smith 2, J. Small 3, W. R. Small 4, T. W. Cattel 5, H. S. Smith 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, G. William 8. This touch was rung with the bells half-muffled for a memorial service held in the above church for those fallen in the war, and especially those belonging to the above parish,

## NOTICES.

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

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 31st Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 8th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to fully qualified members, to other members and friends 3s. 6d. each. Owing to the difficulty of catering it is regretted that the number of tickets issued has to be limited to 120, and these will be allotted strictly in order of application. Only those applications accompanied by remittance will receive attention. It is also necessary for every full member to be clear on the books and to notify the Secretary of his intention to be present, not later than Saturday, March 1st. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Berkhamstead, Herts, on Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting at 5.30.—F. Smith, 82, Glencoe Road, Bushey, and F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Joint Secs. (*pro tem.*)

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th. Practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.; tea at Messrs. Brown's Café at 4 p.m.; Divine service at 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the previous Thursday?—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, March 1st. Eight bells (tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3 o'clock. All ringers invited.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston (Whittlesford Station) on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting to follow. Members are earnestly requested to pay their subscriptions as soon as possible.—A. E. Austin, Acting General Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A district meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting to follow in the Cricket Pavilion. Will members and friends intending to be present kindly notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 25th?—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m.; business meeting 5.30 p.m. The tower of St. Mary Magdalene will also be open.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, March 1st. Bells of Parish Church (8, tenor 21 cwt.) open from 2 p.m.; tea at Bridge End Hotel 5 p.m.; Committee meets before tea, 4.15 p.m., same place. Replies for attendance at tea to be in by February 25th to G. T. Potter, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bulwell Parish Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, District Secretary.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Silverdale, on Saturday, March 1st, 1919. Please notify Mr. T. Birch, Chapel Street, Silverdale, of how many intend to be present not later than February 26th.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 51, Dunrobin Street, Longton.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on March 1st, when the bells will be open from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Green Dragon at 5.15, 1s. 3d. members, non-members 1s. 6d.; business meeting after, at which the Vicar will preside. Short service in Church at 6.45. All members and friends will be made welcome. Will all who possibly can, notify me of their intention to be present?—W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Herts.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hon. District Sec.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingboro' District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock; service at 4.30; tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 8th, 1919. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m., or any hour after 10 a.m. if pre-arranged with the Secretary of the Association. The Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Morgan, M.A., has very kindly consented to hold a short Service in the Church specially for ringers and friends. The usual



business meeting will be held in the schoolroom, and the election of three committee-men. Messrs. Cockey, Dronfield and Panther are retiring, but are eligible for re-election. All members who are entitled to the new emblems may have the same on notifying the Secretary, and producing their entrance fee certificates.—Frank Willey, Sec. *pro tem.*, 11, Petre Street, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Widford, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 3.30. Particulars re tea next week. Please notify me before the 5th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.

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

**ACTON, LONDON, W.**—Practice at this Church has been altered from Wednesday to Thursday, 7.30 till 9 p.m.

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**GREENWICH.**—On Sunday, Dec. 1st, at St. Alfege Church, 1022 Grandsire Triples: C. Clark 1, I. G. Shade 2, A. S. Beer 3, T. H. Hawkins 4, E. E. Richards 5, H. Hoskins 6, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 7, T. Jakeman 8. Rung to celebrate the 'coming-of-age' of Miss Dorothy Jakeman, W.A.A.C., daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

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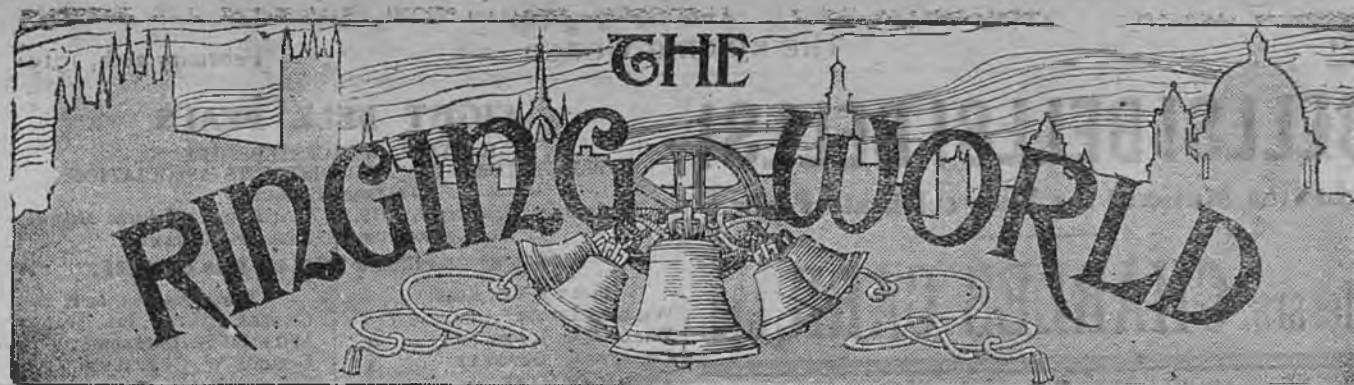
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# MODERN WORK.

## OUR FALLEN HEROES.

So greet thee well thy dead  
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And be thou comforted  
Because they died for thee.

What we owe to the men who have fought, and bled, and died on the battlefields of three continents and on all the seas in the past four and a half years, is a debt that can never adequately be repaid. All that we, who have remained at home, shielded by the courage of those who have borne the heat of the conflict, can do is as nothing to the sacrifices these men have made, yet, feeble as it is, we all like to pay our tribute to the heroes who have fought and fallen, for it is the least that we can offer. It was in this spirit of humility, yet with a sense of thankfulness, which found expression in the address of the Bishop of Sheffield, that ringers from nearly all the counties of England gathered at St. Clement Danes on Saturday for the great National Memorial Service to those members of the Exercise who have given their lives for King and Country.

Saturday's service in the Metropolis was a marked success, and, coupled with the simultaneous services held in cathedrals and churches throughout the land, and the muffled ringing in a still larger number of towers, was the finest example which the Exercise has yet shown of national effort. To the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, the Rector of St. Clement Danes, and Mr. E. A. Young, the hon. secretary of the scheme, are due the special thanks of ringers, for to their efforts is to be attributed the success of the occasion. The Rector, although during the preparations confined to his home by illness, spared no pains to make the service one befitting the occasion, and only those privileged to take part in it can realise how far he succeeded. The work of Mr. Young resulted in the gathering being absolutely representative, and either directly or indirectly, we believe, every Guild and Association in the country was represented. It was, indeed, a unique and memorable event.

It is, however, certain that ringers, whose grief at the loss of worthy colleagues, is much more deep than a passing emotion, will desire to perpetuate the memory of these departed heroes in some tangible form, and memorials of various kinds are already under consideration. Generations yet to come will want to know who these men were that saved their country from the oppressor, and for that reason, if no other, the preservation of the roll of honour is worth making in some durable form. The Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford suggests that for London and district a memorial tablet in brass should be placed in St. Clement Danes' Church, and doubtless this will receive due consideration. Other schemes will find favour in other districts, but we have no doubt that throughout the country the various associations will find a fitting way of commemorating the sacrifices of their fallen brethren.



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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM C. JONES.

\* First peal.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... Treble	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 3	*JOHN EATON ... .. 7
GUNNER E. BOYLIN ... 4	GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

\* First peal.

This peal was specially arranged for Gunner E. Boylin while he was home on leave from Cologne.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.  
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in E flat.

HARRY PAGE ... .. Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN ... .. 5
*FRED LASBURY ... .. 2	WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 6
*BERT DAVIES ... .. 3	TOM PAGE ... .. 7
GEORGE CROSS ... .. 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

\* First peal in the method.

This peal was arranged for W. Bolton, of St. John's, Cardiff, also as a birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Treble	EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 5
FRANK MILLARD ... .. 2	JOSEPH MADDOCK ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	EDGAR E. BURGESS ... 7
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 4	JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal in the method.

This peal was rung for Divine service, and was arranged for Pte. J. Thomas, R.A.F., of London, who was an inmate of the Taunton Red Cross Hospital.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.)

On Tuesday, February 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOIR ... Treble	*JOHN GARDINER ... .. 5
*JAMES MARSH ... .. 2	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 6
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 3	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

\* First peal in the Oxford variation and first of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells.

## WOLVERHAMPTON.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Ex-Pte. WILLIAM JONES ... Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5
JOHN BRADNEY ... 2	Ex-Cpl. DANIEL JONES ... 6
SAPPER H. M. HAWKESWOOD ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 7
ANDREW JONES ... 4	C.-S.-M., I.M., WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a welcome home to Private William Jones, Queen's West Surrey, on his return from Italy, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bradney, who attained his 69th anniversary on the 9th inst.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN ... Treble	THOMAS MILLER ... 5
*ALBERT J. SCRIVENS ... 2	JAMES GEORGE ... 6
WILLIAM STRINGER ... 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
OLIVER G. NORMAN ... 4	*ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

\* Elected members prior to starting. Rung with the bells muffled on the 28th anniversary of the death of the donor of the bells, Francis Genders.

## SPITALFIELDS, LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, February 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.	Tenor 33 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs. in C.
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	LIEUT. WM. C. DUFFIELD ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER,	FRANCIS E. DAWE ... 6
R.N., A.A.C. ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
JAMES SCHOLES ... 3	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... Tenor
GEORGE R. FARDON ... 4	

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER, R.N., A.A.C.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	HERBERT HOLDEN ... 6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of THE SAWOUR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
HARRY CHAPMAN ... 2	PETER CROOK ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Trippier on the birth of a daughter, and a birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Newton, late of Manchester.

## DEATH OF SERGT. A. P. WAKLEY.

## A WELL-KNOWN MIDLAND RINGER.

The Exercise has sustained a heavy blow by the death of Mr. Albert P. Wakley, of Burton, who died on the 18th February.

The late soldier and bell ringer was wounded at the battle of Loos, where he received severe injuries. He was then drafted to a Labour Group, in which he rendered valuable service in France. He reached home, after demobilisation, on the 9th February, but immediately took to his bed, and succumbed to influenza and nephritis-pneumonia nine days later.

As in every other walk of life that he entered, the deceased was distinguished in bell ringing. As a conductor he was unsurpassed and his versatility was marvellous, he being equally at home on any number of bells. He was a member of the famous St. Paul's Society Burton-on-Trent, which made its name in the eighties. His ability in tapping changes on the piano was not the least of his accomplishments, all Surprise Major Methods rolling from his fingers with equal facility. His peals, which numbered 98, of which he conducted 34, varied from Doubles to Cinques. When one attempted a peal with Mr. Wakley as conductor, one could always with safety write out the notice beforehand. The manner in which he seized upon a trip, and with clear, precise directions put it right, was, to say the least of it, exceptional. His ready humour and genial manner endeared him to all who knew him, and his untimely demise at the age of 29 years will leave a gap which will be felt for years to come.

His funeral took place on the 22nd, with full military honours. Muffled ringing took place before and after the obsequies, and again on the following day.

## OXFORD GUILD.

## READING BRANCH SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 8th, the Reading branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting. The proceedings commenced with the ringing of short touches in various methods on the bells of St. Giles' Church, followed by a short service, the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor officiating. The members then proceeded to the Royal Oak, where a capital meat tea was partaken of, followed by the usual business meeting, Mr. W. P. Routh being in the chair. He was again re-elected. Mr. A. W. Osborne having intimated his desire to relinquish the office of hon. secretary after 17 years' service, during which time he filled the post with great credit, his resignation was eventually accepted with many expressions of regret, and Mr. F. W. Hopgood elected to fill the vacant office. Among the 44 members present were Canon Coleridge, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, the Rev. F. W. Lane, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davies, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general sec. of the Guild), Mr. Menday, Mr. Frankham, Mr. Neville, Mr. Swain, Mr. A. J. Wright, and that grand old change ringer, Mr. W. Newell.

During the evening songs were contributed by Air-Mechanic Higgs the Rev. F. W. Lane, Mr. J. Goodenough, Miss Tubbs, Mr. Newell, and Miss Hopgood, the meeting being closed by singing the National Anthem.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Gainsborough on Saturday week, and proved to be a huge success. A large gathering of ringers was present from the following towers: Brigs, Scatter, Kilton Lindsey, Bigby, Market Rasen, Scunthorpe, Workson and Anston, in addition to the local company. The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and evening, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, the first touch being with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to all those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in the great war, especially Sergt. P. Ballance (5th Lincoln, a much respected member of the local company), and also to Mr. A. H. Wheeler, Gainsborough, and Mr. J. W. Watson, Lincoln, two former members of the Guild. The last named gentleman, for a number of years, acted as honorary secretary for the North Lincolnshire Association, previous to the formation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and was greatly loved and respected by all who knew him.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. C. A. Greensmith officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby).

Tea was provided at 6, Spital Terrace, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. T. Parry presided, and apologised for the absence of the President (Mr. F. P. Tinley). Mr. W. Pixley (Scotbar) and Mr. C. Fowler (Anston) were elected performing and non-resident life members respectively, and the whole of the officers were re-elected.—It was decided to hold meetings as in 1917, the dates and places to be left in the hands of the district secretary.

Other items were discussed, after which votes of thanks were passed to Canon Standen for the use of the bells, the Rev. H. T. Parry for presiding, Mr. and Mrs. T. Whelpie for the excellent spread they had placed on the table; also Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker, Mrs. F. Noble, and the Gainsborough ringers for their assistance towards making the gathering such a success.

Most of the ringers afterwards returned to the tower, where further ringing took place until 8.15 p.m., thus bringing a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

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## RINGERS' NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE.

### GREAT GATHERING AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

The solemn service at St. Clement Danes Church, London, the chief of the memorial services held throughout the country on Saturday last for those ringers who have given their lives for King and Country in the great war, was at once impressive and unique, and will long remain in the recollection of those who were privileged to attend it. A congregation of well over a thousand people, principally members of the Exercise, was present, and almost every part of the country was represented, from Lancashire to Kent, from Devon to Northumberland. A committee of the London ringing societies, with Mr. E. Alex. Young as hon. secretary, assisted the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford) in making the arrangements, and the service was full worthy of the occasion. Long before the hour of service ringers began to assemble, and from 3.30 p.m. there was an organ recital by Mr. E. Stanley Roper, Mus.Bac., assistant organist at Westminster Abbey. He played 'Carillon,' by F. de la Tombelle; 'Holdsworthy Church Bells,' by Wesley; 'Carillon,' by Elgar, in which Lieut. C. F. Johnston (Grenadier Guards), assisted with his bells; 'The trumpet shall sound' (Handel), and 'Marche Funebre' (Tschaiikowsky).

When the choir and clergy had taken their places, the service opened with the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' followed by the National Anthem. Appropriate opening sentences had been selected, and the special Psalms were the 26th, 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' and the 121st, 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.' In the absence of Canon G. F. Coleridge, the first lesson, taken from Longfellow's immortal lines in the 'Golden Legend,' upon the signification of the bells, and beginning—

'For the bells themselves are the best of preachers.

Their brazen lips are learned teachers.'

was read by Mr. Albert Hughes (Master of the College Youths).

The hymn 'Gospel Bells' was then sung, Lieut. Johnston accompanying the singing with music on his handbell carillon. The Rev. H. Mayne Young, of St. George's, Southwark (six of whose ringers have fallen), read the second lesson, from the Book of Wisdom (iii). After special prayers, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies read a roll of honour of some 80 ringers from London and district who have fallen in the war, and then offered the following beautiful prayer:—

O God Eternal, all Loving Saviour and Friend, we desire this day to offer to Thy Honour and Glory this Service of Memorial for our Church Bell Ringers and those who render Thee service in the Church Towers of our Land, and who have given their lives for their King and Country, especially those, O Lord, in this great City and Districts. We commit them to Thy Almighty and All-loving care as into the Hands of a loving Father, and commend to Thee, in sure and certain Hope of a blessed Re-union, the Souls of these brave men, who have willingly made the Supreme Sacrifice—for Right Grant them Everlasting Rest and Peace, in Thy Eternal and Blessed Kingdom, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

An impressive interval followed, in which the 'whole pul and stand' was rung seven times, while the congregation remained kneeling. The half-muffled bells, with the alternate tolling of the tenor, with all its significance to ringers, was intensely solemn, and brought home to everyone present, as probably nothing else could do, the thought that never again in the belfry would they meet those brave men whose names they had just heard read, and many of whom they had claimed as intimate friends and companions. It was, as it were, the moment of farewell to many a true and trusted comrade.

Other prayers were then offered, and afterwards came the hymn, 'Jesus, lover of my soul,' and the address by the Bishop of Sheffield, whose moving words, based upon no text, but truly interpreting the feelings of his congregation, must have impressed every hearer.

### THE GREAT EXAMPLE.

The Bishop said: 'We are taking part in a service not only beautiful and deeply moving, but, as far as I know, a service that is unique. All over the country, in many cathedrals, in a great many town and village churches there are services being held at this time of a similar kind, and at the same time as the bells in this church peal forth there will be the ringing of muffled bells throughout the country. And it is right, because there is something specially close in the bond that holds us together. The bond between those in the tower, regular, constant ringers, ringing out the gospel news to bid the people welcome to the House of God, is a very close bond indeed, and it is not broken in death. It is especially appropriate to have a memorial service of this kind, that we may commemorate those who have gone forth and died for their country. Therefore, I think, those who thought of this service, and whose first idea it was, have done well. Though we all recognise how utterly feeble and inadequate is the human voice to express our feelings—there is hardly one of us who, like myself, have not lost friends, sons, and dear ones in the war—yet there are two or three thoughts that must come to everyone, and which we would all like to connect with those whom we love, and who have given up their lives for us. The first thought must be one of keenest gratitude



and thankfulness for what they gave and what they suffered. I do not think anyone can realise what has not been out and seen the devastation, the awful havoc—I do not think anybody can realise what these men have saved us from, and what they have deserved of us. The cause was worthy of the men, and the men were worthy of the cause. We welcome home those men who have fought and bled for us, we welcome home those whom God has spared, and we cannot but give them a good place in the life of this country in the days to come, but our first feeling is to those who will return no more. And if that is our first thought, then I am sure you, as church bell ringers, will agree with me, that our second thought is thankfulness for the grandeur, the consolation, and the strength of our Christian faith. We believe, in a very real sense, that these, our brothers, are still alive. We who are Christians believe in the Saviour of the world, in the redemption of the human soul, and the sure and glorious hope of the resurrection and eternal life. Then the thought comes to our minds as we think of the men who have left us, of the example which we must follow. They speak to us in no uncertain voice, these brothers of ours. Not perfect, many of them, young and impetuous, they speak to us at least of duty, faith—faith that means risking something, risking everything for the unseen—and that self-sacrifice that is the true meaning of love in the New Testament—an example to follow indeed! Let us follow the noble example they have set us in the days to come—we shall want it and want it badly—let us put duty, faith and sacrifice first, and then, when it comes to our turn, we shall have nothing to fear.

'For all the Saints' was sung after the sermon, and before the Blessing a hymn for ringers, written specially for the occasion by Mrs. Pennington-Bickford, and set to music by the Rector, was sung kneeling. This was particularly appropriate, and we quote two of the verses:—

To Thy Holy keeping	Safe in Thy dear keeping
We commit, O Lord,	They shall calmly rest;
Ringers, nobly fallen	With Thy Holy Angels
For their King—their God.	Keep their vigil blest.

The Dead March in 'Saul' and the 'Hallelujah Chorus,' upon the organ, concluded the service, and the voluntary consisted of a course of Stedman Triples rung on handbells. As the congregation left the church, the 'whole pull and stand' was again rung, and in the evening there was half-muffled ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

#### THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is the list of those comprised in the London and District Roll of Honour read at the service:—

Ernest Atwater, C. J. Alderton, L. E. Alford, Joseph Abbott, W. Audsley, G. Briggs, A. V. Burdock, A. G. Boxall, J. A. Boote, Reginald Blake, Jesse Beames, A. Bashford, Arthur Cassani, W. H. Cowley, A. Cain, W. J. Cooper, C. Dell, J. Dewey, H. Dewes, Douglas Drewett, A. Dennis, H. Deney, G. Edser, R. A. Ell's, Eric G. Filtness, P. Fowler, G. Fisher, Alf. Gates, L. G. Hicks, K. G. Hawkins, P. R. Hislop, G. Honeyball, Arthur Hines, C. A. Hughes, Frederick Hardy, W. S. Inwood, W. D. James, Alfred James, G. Kerr, Charles Knight, W. Lawes, W. C. Lee, W. H. Lewis, T. E. Loosemore, A. Licence, W. Maynard, W. Markey, J. H. Mitcham, Archie Mansfield, J. T. Martin, F. Morley, A. Milne, R. W. Melville, B. A. Morris, W. J. New, G. H. Orford, H. Phipps, Bertram Frewett, James H. Payne, Frank Pickering, Sydney Redick, F. Roper, A. J. Roker, A. P. Saffan, W. F. Smith, S. Smith, H. J. Suddell, R. E. Staver, Alfred Savage, A. Stoner, A. Streeter, H. C. Stubbs, W. Taffender, George Tamman, C. Varo, Herbert W. Williams, Sydney Weatherstone, Andrew Warner, Merrick Warnett, Walter Webster and George Wild.

The 'whole pull and stand' in the course of the service was rung by A. A. Hughes (Master), F. Horrex and W. E. Garrard, of the College Youths; F. Smith, B. Foskett and W. Berry, of the Royal Cumberland Youths; T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney and A. E. Reeve, of the London County Association, and H. Mance.

The offertory taken during the service, and to be devoted, after paying expenses, to an approved charitable object devoted to ringers, amounted to £18 18s.

There was a re-union of ringers during the tea interval, when a large number of those present gathered at a restaurant opposite the church, the Bishop and the Rector being also present.

Many of the County and Diocesan Associations were represented at the service. Among the societies, outside those touching London and its fringe, who sent representatives were: The Central Council (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), Central Northants (Mr. F. Wilford), Salisbury Diocesan (Messrs. W. Hughes D'Aeth, A. F. Martin Stewart and J. H. Shepherd), Midland Counties (Messrs. J. Taylor, E. Denison Taylor and W. E. White), Winchester Diocesan (Messrs. J. J. Jones and G. Miles), Lancashire (Mr. H. Chapman), St. Martin's Guild Birmingham (Mr. A. Padlton Smith and H. Withers), Bedfordshire (Mr. E. P. Duffield), Devon Guild (Mr. W. Shepherd), Durham and Newcastle (Mr. G. W. Murray and Mr. W. J. Hazell), Cambridge University (Mr. J. B. Williamson), Oxford Diocesan (Messrs. R. T. Hibbert and F. Hopgood), Llandaff Diocesan (Mr. J. W. Jones), Yorkshire (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan.

There were, of course, many hundreds of other ringers present, including members of the College Youths, Royal Cumberland Youths, London County Association, Middlesex, Kent, Essex, and Surrey Associations, which shows how widely supported the national service was by the ringers of England. A number of ringers who have served overseas also attended.

The band of the Royal Artillery, who should have taken part in the service, failed to put in an appearance, and the explanation has since been forthcoming that they were ordered overseas at a day's notice.

#### OTHER SERVICES.

The simultaneous memorial service at Cambridge was held at Great St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., and included a portion of the form used in London. The address was given by the President of the Central Council (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey). There was a good attendance of ringers from Cambridgeshire and Essex, and both before and after the service there was muffled ringing.

The service at Sheffield Cathedral was very largely attended, and in every respect a great success. Although simple in form, it was magnificent and impressive and the Archdeacon's address was most inspiring.

At Winchester Cathedral the members of the Diocesan Guild shared in the act of homage to the fallen.

A memorial service with special reference to the members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, who have fallen in the war, was incorporated into evensong at Chester Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. last Saturday.

The Bristol service at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church was also largely attended.

We hope to give some further particulars of these and other services next week.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me, through the medium of your pages, to express on behalf of the Rector and the members of the London Committee, our grateful acknowledgment and thanks for the help and kindness we have received on all sides?

To the above I would desire to state, that for such shortcomings as there were, I trust that all will extend to me, as honorary secretary, their kind indulgence. I will only add that I deeply appreciate the many kind words and letters which I have received.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

#### A PERMANENT MEMORIAL.

The Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford writes: 'I think it would be most appropriate to have a brass memorial tablet to the memory of the fallen ringers in St. Clement Danes Church. I will gladly give a guinea towards this. Of course, this would only refer to ringers of the London District. I feel sure other Cathedrals and Churches will have their own.'

#### PEALS.

A number of muffled peals have been rung, the details of which will appear in due course.

#### TESTIMONIAL TO MR. EDWIN HORREX.

In appreciation of his long and valuable services to the art of change ringing, and as a token of the esteem in which he is held by College Youths and friends, a testimonial will be presented to Mr. Edwin Horrex at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., to-morrow (Saturday), at 8 p.m., after an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Bow Church, Cheapside, in honour of his 81st birthday. The committee (Messrs. A. A. Hughes, H. R. Newton, C. F. Winney, C. S. Burden, A. S. Pettett, M. A. Young and W. T. Cockerill) heartily thank all who have responded to their invitation to join in this 81st birthday surprise scheme to their old friend, who is still 'going strong.'

#### 'THE BELLS OF VICTORY.'

The 'Evening Standard' of Feb. 21st contained the following:—

'The suggestion that scientifically toned public clocks and church bells are desirable forms of war memorials is finding favour both with the general public and the musical world. The superb bells of Bruges, Malines, Ypres and Ghent are quoted as examples which might well be followed in this country. It has already been decided that the permanent tribute to one Territorial Regiment shall be a noble peal of bells, a glorious ever-present record in bronze of the gallant deeds of the men of the country. Such an inspiring tribute seems better than some useless statue or similar memorial. Let us have throughout the land on each high-day and holiday the far-flung harmony of the bells to stir us all to greater deeds for the land of our birth.'

#### 'QUERY.'

To the Editor

Sir,—Will some reader of your interesting and valuable journal (Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, or any other expert on the subject) kindly point out the false lead or leads of Superlative Surprise Minor which I am told will not run true for a 720, but London or Cambridge will do so? I have been up to the present time unable to find where falseness occurs in Superlative. I should be pleased if any one will oblige by answering this query.—Yours truly,

Quorn.

W. H. INGLESANT.

## NOTICES.

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

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 31st Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 8th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. All tickets have now been allotted. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.; tea at Messrs. Brown's Café at 4 p.m.; Divine service at 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, March 1st. Eight bells (tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3 o'clock. All ringers invited.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston (Whittlesford Station) on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting to follow. Members are earnestly requested to pay their subscriptions as soon as possible.—A. E. Austin, Acting General Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A district meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting to follow in the Cricket Pavilion.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m.; business meeting 5.30 p.m. The tower of St. Mary Magdalene will also be open.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, March 1st. Bells of Parish Church (8, tenor 21 cwt.) open from 2 p.m.; tea at Bridge End Hotel 5 p.m.; Committee meets before tea, 4.15 p.m., same place.—G. T. Potter, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bulwell Parish Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, District Secretary.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Silverdale, on Saturday, March 1st, 1919. Please notify Mr. T. Birch, Chapel Street, Silverdale, of how many intend to be present not later than February 26th.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 51, Dunrobin Street, Longton.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on March 1st, when the bells will be open from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Green Dragon at 5.15, rs. 3d. members, non-members rs. 6d.; business meeting after, at which the Vicar will preside. Short service in Church at 6.45. All members and friends will be made welcome. Will all who possibly can, notify me of their intention to be present?—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hon. District Sec.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.; business meeting to follow.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingboro' District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock; service at 4.30; tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 4th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 8th, 1919. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m., or any hour after 10 a.m. if pre-arranged with the Secretary of the Association. The Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Morgan, M.A., has very kindly consented to hold a short Service in the Church specially for ringers and friends. The usual business meeting will be held in the schoolroom, and the election of three committee-men. Messrs. Cockey, Dronfield and Panther are retiring, but are eligible for re-election. All members who are entitled to the new emblems may have the same on notifying the Secretary, and producing their entrance fee certificates.—Frank Willey, Sec. pro tem., 11, Petre Street, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Widford, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 3.30. Particulars re tea next week. Please notify me before the 5th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.

**HILLINGDON: ST. JOHN'S** (10 bells).—A special practice on Saturday, March 8th, at 6 o'clock.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4 o'clock, which will be conducted by the Vicar,

the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, March 11th. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped that all outstanding arrears will be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, 15th March. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m. in Schools to those who notify Mr. G. H. Hardy, 279, Middle Road, Earlsheaton, not later than Tuesday, March 11th. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

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

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**HACKNEY.**—For Divine service, at St. John's, Old Hackney, on Sunday morning, September 8th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: W. A. Alps (composer and conductor) 1, R. Maynard, Junr., 2, Arthur Coles 3, J. Walker 4, H. O. Alford 5, G. J. Smith 6, Albert Coles 7, S. Pettett 8. Rung on the occasion of Mr. Arthur Coles being home on leave from the front.

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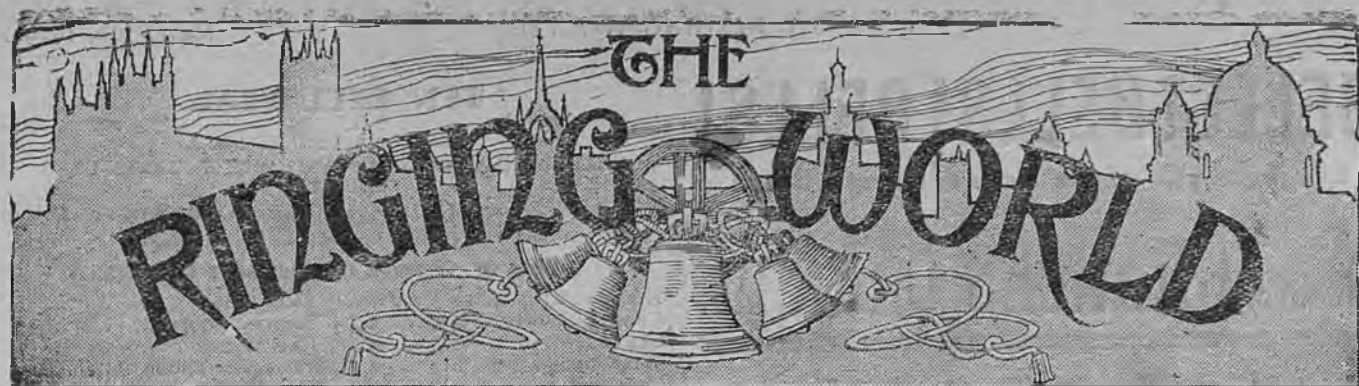
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BUCK,

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## MODERN WORK

## HENRY JOHNSON.

The Johnson Commemoration Dinner to-morrow promises to be no wit behind its predecessors in point of popularity, and the dimensions of the gathering will only be limited by the accommodation available. All the tickets were disposed of some time since, and despite the drawbacks still existent there will be a company as fully representative of the Exercise as at any of the previous functions. The Johnson dinner is the only purely social gathering connected with ringing which the war did not disturb, and the success of which the dark days failed to dim. St. Martin's Guild may well congratulate itself upon the manner in which this annual event has been continued, and now that the war is over and the renewal of ringing is taking place there is no doubt the gathering will grow still further in importance from year to year.

Started originally in his lifetime to honour one of the greatest figures yet humblest spirits that ever adorned the Exercise, the dinner has been continued every year on some date approximating to the birthday of the Birmingham veteran, and there has grown up with it an increasing prestige which makes it rank in the forefront of such gatherings. Indeed there is only one other of its kind to compare with it and that is the College Youths' dinner, which has been suspended during the war, but which we trust will be revived next November. Functions such as these provide the opportunity for ringers to meet in a manner that no other gatherings do and it is a good thing that they should be maintained.

In the case of the Johnson commemoration there is a specially strong reason for its continuation. As humble in origin as he was meek in heart, Henry Johnson had one of the greatest intellects ever brought to bear on the development of ringing. His painstaking researches did not destroy his geniality of soul; his wonderful knowledge inspired no vanity. He probed the mysteries of an intricate science at the expense of long years of labour not for his own glorification, but for the benefit of his fellows. He gave of his best in everything, and in everything he was a true gentleman. Of those who personally knew Henry Johnson there is but an ever-narrowing circle left. Every year sees the thinning of this company, but those who remain cherish the recollection of his friendship as a fragrant memory. But for the vast body of ringers who know Henry Johnson in name only there is the ever present example of patience, perseverance, and humility in triumph. The combination of such traits as characterised this Birmingham worthy it would be difficult to find in another, but everyone may learn a lesson from his life.

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On Tuesday, February 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;**

*HERBERT STANSFIELD ... Treble	JOHN LEIGH ... .. 6
CHARLES BOWER ... .. 2	SAMUEL BOOTH ... .. 7
SAMUEL WOOD ... .. 3	TOM WILDE ... .. 8
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 9
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... .. 5	†THOMAS JACKSON ... Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN THORP.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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(St. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

EX-S.M. W. HIBBERT ... Treble	PTE. F. POUNDS ... .. 5
L/CPL. W. HIBBERT ... .. 2	GEORGE ESSEX ... .. 6
ERNEST W. MENDAY ... .. 3	HENRY SIMMONDS ... .. 7
JOSEPH HANDS ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

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On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
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Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT WOOD ... .. Treble	*HARRY WOOD ... .. 5
FREDERICK HUNT ... .. 2	*BERT WILSON ... .. 6
L. A. GOODENOUGH ... .. 3	*THOS. KENDALL ... .. 7
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On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt	
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
EDWARD F. COLE ... .. 3	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
HARRY FOWLER ... .. 4	*HERBERT ELSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

\* First peal. The band was entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. Herbert Else.



### HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 5
SIDNEY J. PROCTOR ... .. 2	F/SERG. F. A. HOLDEN,
CHRISTOPHER WARD ... .. 3	R.A.F. ... .. 6
HARRY THORPE ... .. 4	WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 7
	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED. A. HOLDEN.

### NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER MASSEY ... .. Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
JOSEPH FAULKNER ... .. 2	CORPL. HARRY PRICE ... 6
PTE. HARRY HILL ... .. 3	PTE. HARRY HUBBLE ... 7
ALBERT PRESTIDGE ... .. 4	SPR. ALFRED DAVIES, R.E. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by SPR. A. DAVIES, R.E.

Rung to welcome home from military service the ringers of 3, 6, 7 and 8.

### LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THE LATE REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT LODKIN ... .. Treble	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 5
EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 2	HERBERT H. BARKER ... 6
JAMES MARSH ... .. 3	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 7
HENRY FYLES ... .. 4	JOHN WILKINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

### SIX BELL PEAL.

### LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Fulbeck, Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 Single Court.

ALBERT G. PAYNE ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. ELSE ... .. 4
CALEB L. SIMCOCK ... .. 2	JOSEPH NORTH ... .. 5
RICHARD W. PORTER ... .. 3	GEORGE SCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

First peal on the bells after being rehung.

### HANDBELL PEAL.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT ELMHURST STREET, CLAPHAM, S.W.

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANCES;

HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 5-6
ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 3-4	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 7-8
	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 9-10

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and  
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire: Mr. W. E. GARRARD.

### BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, are rehanging the peal of eight bells at Holy Trinity Church, Barnstable, and are putting in their adjustable bearings. The back six of these bells were cast by John Briant, of Hertford, in 1803.

A 720 was rung on the Hawkstead bells on Feb. 23rd, in honour of the coming-of-age of Mr. Eric H. Truscott, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who was initiated into the art of bell ringing at Hawkstead.

The veteran, Ted Horrex, was in great form last Saturday, when he celebrated his 81st birthday by ringing the treble at Bow to a peal of Stedman Cinques. He rang his bell from end to end in faultless style, and ringers throughout the kingdom will not only join in wishing him 'many happy returns of the day,' but many more equally good peals.

His many friends, not only in the Eastern Counties, but throughout the Exercise, will regret to learn that Mr. William Motts, secretary of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, is seriously ill, and will wish him a speedy recovery.

A fund has been started for the recasting of the 6th bell of the ring of twelve at High Wycombe. The local ringers have raised £17 towards the £45 needed. Funds are urgently required, and would be gratefully received by Geo. Twitchen, Hon. Treasurer, 17, Totteridge Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### ASHFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Headcorn, on Saturday, February 15th. The attendance was good, and touches in all four standard methods were rung during the afternoon. Members attended a special service in the church, the Association's form being used. The organist very kindly led the singing, and the Psalms, Nunc Dimittis and two hymns were sung. The Vicar gave a short address of welcome.

The members then adjourned to the George and Dragon to partake of a tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Dalb), whose hospitality was much appreciated.—The Vicar presided at the tea, and also at the meeting which followed, when six new practising members and one honorary member were elected. Folkestone was chosen for the next meeting, on Easter Monday.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service, for kindly providing the tea, and for presiding at the tea and meeting was carried with acclamation.—A vote of thanks to the organist brought the meeting to a close.

The members attending represented Ashford, Brabourne, Biddenden, Bonenden, Mersham Stone, Teatenden, Willesborough, and several of the local band.

The visitors included Mr. F. C. Lambert and his two sons from Horsmonden; Mr. D. Hodgkin, of Marden. Pte. R. N. Runham from Hythe Aerodrome paid his first visit to Headcorn, and also rang at Biddenden for morning service on Sunday, Rolvenden in the afternoon, and Teatenden in the evening, thus adding four fresh towers to his list.

### WELCOME HOME.

Recently a party of ringers and friends met at Edgbaston Parish Church to welcome Mr. S. Fremantle, who returns to his duties as vergier, after a further spell with the Royal Navy, with which he served twelve years previous to the war. Leading Seaman Fremantle is the handyman in more than one sense, always ready to take a rope when a company are one short. As a welcome touch, a quarter-peal of Doubles was rung by: J. Johnson 1, W. Bryant 2, G. Pigott 3, V. Henus (first quarter-peal) 4, H. Withers (conductor) 5, S. Fremantle 6.

Afterwards a social hour was spent with the handbells, etc. The party expressed their pleasure at having their friend back among them again. In the duties of vergier, Mrs. Fremantle has successfully 'carried on' during her husband's long absence.

In honour of the return of Pte. H. Hill (R.W. Surrey), Cpl. H. Price (A.P.C.), Pte. H. Hubble (Worcesters) and Spr. A. Davies (R.E.), to their places in the Netherton band, after their term of military service, a peal of Treble Bob Major was rung at Netherton on February 17th. These four members are at present on their 28 days' demobilisation furlough, and the Netherton band has now all its members back, and congratulates them on their safe return.

At St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, on Feb. 4th, 720 Bob Minor: Alice Wheeldon 1, G. C. Clarkson 2, Alice Preston 3, C. Pointon 4, W. Wheeldon 5, C. Preston (conductor) 6. This was rung as a 'welcome home' to C. Pointon, after more than three years' absence with His Majesty's Forces. It was the first 720 with a Bob Bell by Miss Alice Preston, and the 3rd on the treble by Miss Alice Wheeldon.—On Tuesday, Feb. 11th, 720 Oxford Bob: W. Wheeldon, junr., 1, C. Preston 2, \*Alice Preston 3, W. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor), 4, W. Fradley 5, C. Pointon 6. \* First 720 in the method, and rung at the first attempt.

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## NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICES.

### RINGERS' GATHERINGS IN THE PROVINCES.

Appended are particulars of some of the Memorial Services held simultaneously with that at St. Clement Danes on Feb. 22nd. Reports of others will be given next week.

#### WINCHESTER GUILD SERVICE.

A memorial service, for all members of the Guild who have died in the war, was held in the Cathedral on February 22nd at the same time as the proceedings at St. Clement Danes. The service commenced with the singing of the hymn: 'O valiant hearts.' The opening sentence from the burial service was then read, followed by Evensong, special Psalms and Lessons being used. The Psalms were the 23rd and the 121st, and the lessons, Wisdom iii. 1-9, and St. John xi. 21-26. The first lesson was read by the Dean (Dr. Furneaux), and the second by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. G. E. Mathews). A setting in D by Dr. Arnold the late organist of the Cathedral, was used for the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. The anthem, 'We bless and thank the Lord, for those within the veil' was written and composed by Dr. Prendergast, the present organist, in memory of Lieut. E. H. Bligh, R.N.V.R., who was killed in action at Gallipoli.

The roll of honour was then read by the Dean. At the close of the special prayers the 'Dead March in Saul' was played by Dr. Prendergast on the organ. After a pause the 'Last Post' rang out from the extreme east end of the Cathedral, the C.O. of the Rifle Depot having kindly sent buglers for the purpose. A very impressive service was closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Tea was provided for the ringers who attended, in St. Maurice Hall and between 50 and 60 were present.—The Master expressed the thanks of the members to the Dean and Chapter and to the Precentor and organist for so kindly arranging the service.—The Rev. Canon Braithwaite, on behalf of the Dean, who regretted being unable to be present, said it was the wish of the Dean and of every member of the Chapter that the Cathedral should be the centre of all religious work in the diocese, and bell ringing was a very important work.

Archdeacon Fearon said he had a good deal of information concerning the bells in the diocese, and he hoped the Master would help him to make the information complete.—The Rev. Canon Mudge, one of the original founders of the Guild, also said a few words on the same subject.

The Master promised to give all the time he could spare from his parish work, and hoped many more bells would be added to towers as bells would form a far more fitting memorial of those who had fallen in the war, when ringing out Sunday after Sunday and during the week, calling people to pray, than a silent brass or marble tablet.—A very hearty cheer greeted Mr. William Crute, a member of the Cathedral band, who was badly wounded in France, as he was helped into the room, the hospital authorities having sent him down in a bath chair to be present at the service and the tea.

The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled, both before and after the service.

#### THE BRISTOL SERVICE.

The members of the Exercise in the West of England are to be complimented upon the success of the memorial service at Bristol, which was held at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, the arrangements having been made by the Vicar (the Rev. M. E. Thorold), who is Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and other officials of the society. The impressive service was attended by a large congregation. As the worshippers assembled in the old Bristol church there was muffled ringing on the bells. A verse of the National Anthem was sung by the choir; then followed the hymn, 'Let saints on earth.' The Rev. M. E. Thorold (Vicar) and Canon Cornwall (Vicar of Thornbury) officiated, the latter reading the lesson: I. Thes. iv. 13 to the end. The Nunc Dimittis was chanted, and prayers were offered for the sick and suffering and for the sorrowing and bereaved. The anthem was Stainer's 'What are these?' Next the Vicar read the roll of honour. He told the congregation that a return has been received from 64 parishes, which showed that 295 church bell ringers have served or are serving in the Forces, and that 57 have been killed. In memory of these two collects from the Burial Service were read, and were succeeded by the ringing of the 'whole pull and stand' seven times by a band of demobilised men, the congregation meanwhile kneeling. The hymn before the sermon was 'Jesus, lover of my soul.'

Bishop Clifford, in the absence through illness of the Archbishop of Bristol, gave the address. He took for his text, 'And they made bells of pure gold' (Exodus xxxix. 25). He said that they were there to commemorate by a special service those members of church bells of the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol who had given their lives for their country. Although those heroes could not be laid in the earth of their own land and amidst the ashes of their own kindred they could and did give them their affectionate and grateful remembrance in that church. Those who engaged in the ringing of bells acquire a genuine sense of brotherhood. Each one was dependent upon the other, for a bell sounded in the wrong place or not in accurate time

spoiled the peal. Bell ringing was a beautiful art which had its moral side as well as its material and technical side. Having referred to the association of bells with worship, he added that those ringers who had given their lives in the great war formerly did their part in helping the cause of God and religion, and now they had made the great sacrifice their comrades remaining cherished their memory, for they were worthy of their honour and their love.

While the hymn 'Brief life is here our portion' was sung, a collection was taken to defray expenses, and the service closed with the Blessing. Finally the 'Last Post' was sounded by four buglers standing near the entrance to the chancel; the organist played a 'Fantasy' by Ashford; and as the congregation left the church the 'whole pull and stand' rung 23 times.

Associated with the Bristol memorial service muffled touches were rung in most church towers where there are peals of bells, both in the city and country parishes, during the afternoon and evening, both on Saturday and Sunday.

#### SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.

Owing to the St. Peter's Guild of Teachers holding their service in the Cathedral immediately preceding the ringers' memorial service, only a few rounds were rung on the bells with clappers half-muffled before the latter, which followed very closely the order used at St. Clement's. The opening hymn was 'O God, our help in ages past.' The Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls, Vicar of Ranmoor, read the opening sentences, taken from the office of the 'Burial of the dead,' followed by the Psalms 23rd and 121st. The Rev. W. P. Wright read the lesson, taken from the Book of Wisdom iii., and the Archdeacon, the Rev. H. Grosford Jones, offered up special prayers, during which he read the names of eleven ringers who have paid the supreme sacrifice, the whole congregation standing. This was followed by the beautiful prayer used in London, commencing 'O God Eternal, all Loving Saviour and Friend,' and other prayers, after which was sung the hymn, 'Jesu, Lover of my Soul.' The Archdeacon based his address on the words, 'Father into thine hands,' Psalm 31 v. 5. 'What,' he asked, 'had drawn them there to-day? Some sixty members of their Society have seen service in connection with the war; Sergt. W. H. Johnson, of Workson, has gained the Victoria Cross, four others have gained medals; but they were there to-day to honour the memory of those ringers who have fallen. The most fitting way in which the ringers could pay their last tribute to the memory of their fallen brethren was in prayer. A man was never more manly than when on his knees humbled before God, and when they descended from the belfry to join in the praise and worship of God ringers ennobled their calling.' There was a ministry of bells as well as of the music, and other features of religious worship, added the Archdeacon, and this he illustrated by a true story in connection with their own bell and Cathedral. He appealed to the ringers to recognise that they might be instrumental in bringing the saving and strengthening power of religion to men and women who might not otherwise be reached, and pleaded with them, as man to man, to pray for God's blessing to go out with the message of the bells. Before concluding his address, the Archdeacon recited the lines from Longfellow's 'Golden Legend' which were used as the first lesson in St. Clement's.

After the sermon came the hymn, 'For all the Saints' (3rd tune A. and M.), and the volume of male voices in unison during the singing of it was, as one listened a little apart, very fine. The first verse of the National Anthem was next sung, and, after the Blessing, the 'Dead March in Saul' was played on the organ by the Cathedral organist, Mr. T. W. Hanforth, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., whose masterly execution brought out all the beauties of this grand work. Indeed, few of the congregation will ever hear a more noble rendering of it, and in the words of the organist himself, 'one felt that it was an occasion on which one should put forth his best efforts.'

The roll of honour contained the following names: Frank Humphries, Eckington; Harry Marshall, Eckington; Thomas Billingham, Beighton; Arthur Welpton, Beighton; D. Ivor Brearley, Bolsterstone; Percy H. Sault, Chesterfield; Harry Champion, Doncaster; John Taylor, Dore; Hubert Tarlton, Ilkeston; Arthur Ward, Ranmoor; Leonard Garrison, Rotherham.

The Cathedral bells were half-muffled after the service, various touches being rung until past seven o'clock. Amongst the ringers present, whose number was about 150, were representatives from the following towers, viz.: Anston, Barlboro', Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Beighton, Chesterfield, Derby, Dore, Dronfield, Eckington, Ecclesfield Gainsboro', Handsworth, Ilkeston, Hoyland Swaine, Norton, North Wingfield, Penketh, Rawmarsh, Ripley, Rotherham Parish and Eastwood, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints', St. Marie's, and Ranmoor, Staveley Workson and Wortley.

#### SELBY ABBEY.

A memorial service, held simultaneously with that at St. Clement Danes, Strand, took place at Selby Abbey. The bells were fully muffled for the occasion, and during the afternoon touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung. The Rev. Percy Marshall, F.R.A.S., officiated, and delivered a most impressive address, remarking upon the important and faithful work of bell ringers, and made reference

to those who had fallen. After the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: J. W. Hall 1, J. Jackson 2, R. H. Morley 3, R. Smith (Howden) 4, F. Cryer 5, W. Hinton 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, G. Rippon (Chesterfield) 8. Composed by E. C. Shepherd (Solihull), and rung for the first time.

A service was held at Hawkshead Church, on Saturday at four o'clock to synchronise with the central service held at St. Clement Danes as a memorial for bell ringers who have fallen in the war. Ambleside joined forces with Hawkshead, and in the course of the service 'the whole pull and stand' was rung seven times as the ringers' last tribute to their dead. The Rev. W. P. Dawe, Vicar of Satterthwaite, read the passage from Longfellow's 'Golden Legend' on Bells and their Symbolism, and Mr. Churchwarden Heelis, himself a keen ringer, read the lesson. Canon Irving gave an impressive address. The ringers had tea together, and afterwards continued their memorial ringing on half-muffled bells until late at night.

At Salisbury, half-muffled ringing took place at St. Paul's, St. Thomas' and St. Martin's Churches, a service being held at the last-named church. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung before service at St. Thomas' and St. Martins. After service, a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by: A. Fry 1, F. Romaine 2, S. Macey 3, L. Harris 4, J. Gransbury (High Wycombe) 5, R. P. Knight 6, Corpl. F. Precey (cond.), R.E., 7, W. Wright 8.—On Sunday evening, for service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Fry 1, F. Romaine 2, S. Macey 3, L. Harris 4, J. Gransbury 5, R. P. Knight 6, Corpl. F. Precey, R.E. (conductor), 7, C. Sanger 8.

In sympathy and synchronising with the service held at St. Clement Danes, London, on Feb. 22nd, a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted by members of the Durham and Newcastle Association at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, but was brought to a disastrous finish, as the result of a change course, after 2 hrs and 40 mins. ringing: E. Perry 1, W. H. Barber (conductor) 2, J. McKeag 3, C. L. Routledge 4, W. Sinclair 5, A. Holmes 6, G. Foreman 7, Pte. M. F. R. Hibbert 8, A. F. Hillier 9, J. E. R. Keen 10, R. Richards 11, B. G. Dixon 12. Pte. Hibbert, who is stationed at Caterick, Yorks, and is a member of the Bushey Parish Church, Hertfordshire, company, was elected a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association before starting.

At Sudbury, Suffolk, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, with the bells half-muffled for fallen ringers, 504 Grandsire Triples, and 224 Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, the ringers taking part being: T. Howell, M. Silvester, G. Tatham, A. Perry, A. Scott, C. Clarke, D. Elliott, W. Cross, and G. Dixon.

At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held on Feb. 25th, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of St. Clement Danes and his staff: Mr. E. A. Young (the hon. secretary), and all members of the committee who made such excellent arrangements for the Memorial Service.

#### PRINCESS PATRICIA'S WEDDING.

##### CROYDON FOUNDRY FIRM HONOURED.

Mr. Cyril and Miss Nora Johnston had the honour to be present at their Majesty's evening party at St. James's Palace on Tuesday night (Feb. 25th) for Princess Patricia, and were also present at the Abbey on the occasion of her marriage with Commander Ramsay. Representatives of the employees of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were invited to the afternoon reception at St. James's Palace on Wednesday afternoon to view the wedding presents and also had the honour of being present at the ceremony at the Abbey.

Amongst the representatives were some of the oldest workmen connected with the firm, whose length of service in some cases, ranged to over 40 years.

#### SHEFFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Smithson, of Sheffield, who, after suffering many years from rheumatism, passed peacefully away on Feb. 18th, at the age of 70 years. He was connected with the All Saints' Society from the year 1880, and took part in many of the first peals rung at that church. He had rung some 20 peals under the auspices of the Yorkshire Association, principally of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. He rang in the first peal of Grandsire Triples at Cattingham, in Staffordshire, under the head of the Yorkshire Association, and also in the first peal at Tickhill, in Yorkshire, after they had been augmented to a peal of eight. He also took part in one of Grandsire Caters at the Sheffield Cathedral on the death of the late Rev. J. H. Fish, M.A. Deceased was well known and highly respected in the South Yorkshire district. He was unassuming in disposition, kindly, and ever ready in his more youthful days to stand in a peal and to help the science and art in every way he could.

He was laid to rest in the Burngreave Cemetery, on the hill, which overlooks the church, where he had spent so many happy hours. He was carried to the grave by the members of his old company, who sincerely mourn the loss of his companionship and brotherhood. They afterwards assembled at the church, and rang muffled touches, as a last token of respect to his memory.



**SUPERLATIVE MINOR.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—What is commonly called Superlative Surprise Minor is really only Reserve Cambridge; it is true, but not fit to ring, as 5th's place is made when the Treble is dodging in the middle. Superlative will not run on less than eight bells.

H. LAW JAMES.

Sir,—Superlative Surprise Minor (42 in Legitimate Methods) is hopelessly false when the Treble is in 3—4, all the blows of the Treble in 3rd's place being in-course (or positive), and those in 4th's out-of-course (or negative).

Thus, it will be found that the Treble going up from the lead-end 123456 repeats with the Treble going down to the lead-end 134256. Further investigation might reveal further falseness, though I think not, but this will doubtless be sufficient to satisfy Mr. Inglesant, involving as it does no less than 240 out of the 720 rows.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

Mr. C. Severn, of Killamarsh, writes to the same effect, the Superlative Surprise in 'Standard Methods' being true, but that in the Central Council's Collection false, as pointed out by the Rev. E. S. Powell.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held at Wotton-under-Edge. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, and short touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Bob Minor, were brought round by mixed bands from the various towers of the district. The Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Greenham) conducted a special service in the church at 4.30. Mr. E. L. Webber (churchwarden) joined the members at tea, which was partaken of at the Falcon Hotel, and presided over the business meeting. He said, although he knew very little about bell ringing, he had become very much interested in the work of the Association that afternoon, and would like to join them as an honorary member. He was accepted with applause, and two performing members also elected.—Cam was selected as the place for the next meeting, on March 15th.—Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, concluded one of the best meetings held at Wotton-under-Edge for some years.

**THANKS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the handsome present made to me by the York Minster Society, and as reported in your issue of February 7th, I should like to take this opportunity of expressing to all concerned my heartfelt gratitude for their goodness, and many kindnesses to me whilst stationed in York, in my capacity as Supervisor at the Headquarters of the District Purchasing Officer of Supplies.

In addition to the above, I would like to add my thanks to all my many ringing friends in the York district, viz., Selby, Hemingbrough, Eserick, etc., and elsewhere, all who made me so welcome wherever I went. I can honestly say that my happiest hours were those spent amongst my ringing friends, both individually and collectively, and to each and all I tender my very best thanks.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS, Sergt., R.A.S.C.

Care of A.A.O. West Midlands.

'Edendariff,' Cheltenham.

**FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS MARRIED.**

At St. Mary Cray, Kent, on Feb. 1st, 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by: J. Emery 1, G. Durling 2, G. Daynes 3, R. B. Smith 4, J. Ford 5, I. Emery (conductor) 6; and another 720 in the same method by: G. F. James 1, I. Emery 2, G. Durling 3, J. Ford 4, G. Daynes 5, R. B. Smith (conductor) 6. Some Stedman Doubles were also rung, with Mr. W. Hewett taking part.

The ringing was to celebrate the 57th wedding anniversary of the parents of Mr. J. Emery, of Hershham, Surrey, and of Mr. I. Emery, of Bromley, the early experiences in ringing of both of whom was on the ancient five bells which used to hang in this tower. Wishes were freely expressed that the old couple would live to celebrate their diamond wedding.

**EIGHTY-ONE, NOT OUT.**

After a peal of Stedman Cinques at Bow Church, Cheapside, on Saturday last, an interesting gathering took place at the headquarters of the College Youths, The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, Mr. Edwin Horrex being the recipient of a gift on the occasion of his 81st birthday. The proceedings were attended by a number of subscribers and well-wishers, and the presentation was made by Miss Macalpine Lenv, who congratulated Mr. Horrex on taking part in the peal that afternoon, wished him many happy returns of his birthday, and presented him with a case of Treasury notes amounting to £36, with the best wishes of his many friends all over the country.

**NOTICES.**

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 31st Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 8th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. All tickets have now been allotted. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 4th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 11th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 8th, 1919. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m., or any hour after 10 a.m. if pre-arranged with the Secretary of the Association. The Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Morgan, M.A., has very kindly consented to hold a short Service in the Church specially for ringers and friends. The usual business meeting will be held in the schoolroom, and the election of three committee-men. Messrs. Cockey, Dronfield and Panther are retiring, but are eligible for re-election. All members who are entitled to the new emblems may have the same on notifying the Secretary, and producing their entrance fee certificates.—Frank Willey, Sec. *pro tem.*, 11, Petre Street, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Widford, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 3.30. Particulars re tea next week. Please notify me before the 5th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.

**HILLINGDON: ST. JOHN'S** (10 bells).—A special practice on Saturday, March 8th, at 6 o'clock.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The Memorial Peal announced to be attempted at St. Martin's on Feb. 25th was postponed, and will be attempted on Tuesday, March 11th.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—The monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge branch will be held at Cam on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short Service at 4.30. Tea by invitation of the Vicar, to those who let me know not later than March 12th.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4 o'clock, which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, March

11th. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped that all outstanding arrears will be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, 15th March. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m. in Schools to those who notify Mr. G. H. Hardy, 279, Middle Road, Earlsheaton, not later than Tuesday, March 11th. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, 22nd March, bells available at 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Kochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, at Milnrow Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

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

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Will members please watch this column for further particulars?—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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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 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. BLOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

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## 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The last issue of 'The Ringing World' completed the eighth year of the publication of this journal, and the passing of this 'milestone' has been an event marked by mixed feelings. Coinciding with it has been the presentation to the Editor of a gift which, by its kindly conception, its practical sympathy and its warm encouragement, is overwhelming in its expression of good-will. It shows, at a time when anxieties are great and the future to some extent uncertain, that the efforts which have been made to keep a ringing journal in existence have been widely valued. The kindly feeling towards the paper and its Editor which the presentation embodies is, we can assure our readers, deeply appreciated.

But, as we have remarked, the completion of another year's appearance has stirred mixed feelings, and our readers will perhaps forgive us if we indulge in just a little plain speaking—not in any sense in a spirit of ingratitude, but to show how utterly beyond the control of those who produce the paper are many of the things of which complaint is not infrequently made. We are only too painfully conscious of many of the paper's shortcomings, and no one will be better pleased when the days of the emaciated sheet are past. But the grumblers have no conception of the difficulties which have confronted the production of 'The Ringing World' through the latter years of the war: the paper restrictions; the enormous rise in the cost of paper; the great and not unjustified increase in the cost of labour; the falling off of support—much of it necessitated by the absence of men overseas. All these things made difficulties which, had one's own desires and interests been alone consulted, would have put an end to this, as it did to many scores of other journals serving limited interests.

An answer to the chief of the complaints against the paper will be found in a speech reported elsewhere, but let us say here that it has been the regulations of the Paper Controller which have limited the number of pages—and indirectly the quality of the paper—and it is this restriction which has caused all the trouble over the belated appearance of some reports. Not unnaturally, perhaps, every contributor thinks his contribution should have preference, but while the number of pages is limited, and the amount of matter received exceeds the space available two or three times over, something has got to be sacrificed, and somebody disappointed. No one, however, feels more concern on this subject than does the person who has to decide upon what has to be cast aside.

When, later on, the restrictions are removed, then, under one condition, we shall return to that former state of things which made 'The Ringing World' popular in the Exercise.

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We are ready and anxious to do our part, but if ringers desire a journal of their own, they must be prepared to do their portion also. To those who have, through good times and ill, steadfastly and loyally supported 'The Ringing World,' we return our grateful thanks, but the one condition upon which it is possible to go back to a larger paper is that the circulation shall be at least doubled. Is that too much to ask of the Exercise? We think not. If each reader would get one new subscriber the thing would be done, although of course there is every reason why the effort should not stop at one new supporter. We promise this, that the paper will progress in size and interest in proportion to the support given to it. Peace is bringing a revival in ringing, and its demands press heavier every week. The war killed one ringing journal; do not let peace destroy that which remains. The position can be retrieved in a month if ringers are sufficiently interested—if they are not, do they deserve a paper? They may love the art, but where would the art and half their interest in it be without a ringing journal? Let us have evidence of the desire of the Exercise and all will be well.

### MEMORIAL PEALS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;**

HERBERT STANSFIELD ... .. Treble	TOM WILDE ... .. 7
CHARLES BOWER ... .. 2	JOHN LEIGH ... .. 8
HARRY HEAP ... .. 3	SAMUEL BOOTH ... .. 9
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 4	BENJAMIN GILL ... .. 10
JOSEPH MELLOR ... .. 5	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 11
JAMES SHAW ... .. 6	SAMUEL WOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of ringers fallen in the Great War.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES.**

WILLIAM LEESON ... .. Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.	HUBERT SHEPHERD ... .. 6
STANLEY BRAGG ... .. 2	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 3	JOHN BRAGG ... .. 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 4	WILLIAM KENT ... .. 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5	HARRY SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of the ringers of the British Empire who have made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

A Memorial Service in the Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Harvey Brooks) after the peal, which the ringers attended.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THOMAS WRIGHT ... .. Treble	REEVES' TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.	WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 5
WILLIAM HALE ... .. 2		ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
CHARLES WEST ... .. 3		FRANK COLE ... .. 7
WILLIAM HASTINGS ... .. 4		JAMES SINGLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung with the bells muffled for all the ringers who have fallen in the Great War.

EPSOM, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

FRANK OAKSHOTT ... .. Treble	EDWARD T. GROVE ... .. 5
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2	THOMAS TUTTIE ... .. 6
JESSE BEAMS ... .. 3	CHARLES E. READ ... .. 7
THOMAS MILES ... .. 4	THOMAS A. SHRUBB ... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, and  
Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for departed ringers who made the supreme sacrifice, and for Mr. Collyer Jones, Churchwarden at the above church, who was laid to rest on this date.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST FLETCHER ... .. Treble	PERCY J. POLLARD ... .. 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 2	JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 6
SAMUEL BURGOWNE ... .. 3	HERBERT TURNER ... .. 7
WILLIAM THORNTON ... .. 4	HARRY HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in honour of those fallen in the war.

LOUGHBOROUGH.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 30½ cwt.

RICHARD F. LANE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 5
JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 2	CHARLES HARRIMAN ... .. 6
HORACE STUBBS ... .. 3	EDWARD READER ... .. 7
WILLIAM PERVIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to those ringers who have lost their lives in the Great War. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells since they were recast in 1899.

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

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS ROLLERSON ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. HARGREAVES ... .. 5
THOMAS COLLINGE ... .. 2	JAMES H. BANKS ... .. 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 3	JAMES ROLLERSON ... .. 7
JACK BRACEWELL ... .. 4	ALEX. RIDEOUT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by JAMES ROLLERSON.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect for ringers who have fallen in the war. The 4th ringer hails from St. Saviour's, Bacup, the 3rd and 6th from Helmshore.

MALDON.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent, and 1440 of Oxford Treble Bob.

J. H. WALDOCK ... .. Treble	G. W. MANSFIELD ... .. 4
A. SOUTH ... .. 2	H. J. MANSFIELD ... .. 5
*A. J. PEAKE ... .. 3	F. CHALK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

\*First peal. -Rung with the bells muffled to the memory of three Maldon ringers, Alfred Gozzett, Russell Claude Finch and Thomas Pettit, who have fallen during the war.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

HORACE BEDINGFIELD ... .. Treble	JOHN C. SELF ... .. 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... .. 2	NORMAN BAILEY ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. H. SARA ... .. 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON and

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung with bells half-muffled in honour of fallen Ringers in the Great War, particularly Corporal H. P. (Bertie) Bonney, 2nd Essex Regt., one of the Framlingham company, killed in action, July 1st, 1916, near Colincamps, France.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HORACE HUTLEY ... .. Treble	HERBERT HAIGH ... .. 5
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD ... .. 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM JOYCE ... .. 4	JOHN JOYCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in connection with the National Memorial Service for fallen ringers, also for Miss Nettleton, only daughter of Mr George A. Nettleton, who died on Thursday, February 20th.

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

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*THOMAS H. BICKNELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... .. 5
JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 6
†HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 7
*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

\* First peal in the method.

† First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of all those who have fallen in the war.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANCES

Tenor 52 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX ... .. Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... .. 8
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 9
HENRY R. PASSMORE ... .. 4	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 10
HENRY G. MILES ... .. 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 11
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 6	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

Rung on the occasion of E. Horrex's 81st birthday.



**TEN BELL PEALS.**

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. James' Guild.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

EDGAR GUISE ... .. Treble	EDWARD J. RIDLER ... .. 6
ALFRED PEARCE ... .. 2	ARTHUR WALLACE ... .. 7
GILBERT PEARCE ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 8
EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. 4	*GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... 9
HARRY WAY ... .. 5	WALTER WALLACE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

Conducted by GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.

\* First peal as conductor.

The band wishes to thank the Vicar (Rev. E. E. Neep) for the use of the bells, and also Mr. F. Jewell for having the bells ready and refreshment after the peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At St. Mary's Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WALTER S. WISE ... .. Treble	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
CHARLES DEAN ... .. 2	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
LIEUT. E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3	SERG. H. L. GARFATH ... 8
DAVID WRIGHT ... .. 4	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 9
CHAS. V. HARE ... .. 5	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday. First peal of Caters by C. V. Hare, who, with J. W. Hazell, was elected a member of the Association.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5555 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7
GEORGE HOLLIS ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 8
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 9
FRANK JACOBS ... .. 5	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a welcome home to Signalmen W. H. Peabody, R.N., a late member of the local band.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

GRIMSBY.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Thursday, February 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID SEAMER ... .. Treble	RALPH S. LONG ... .. 5
JOHN W. SEAMER ... .. 2	*PERCY H. PIGG ... .. 6
JOHN B. KENNINGTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HUGHES ... .. 7
ALONZA W. LONG ... .. 4	EDWARD BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

\* First peal in method.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Princess Patricia of Connaught to Commander the Hon. A. Ramsay, D.S.O. It is twenty-nine years since the treble man rang a peal.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY DURLING ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. 6
GEORGE DURLING ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
JAMES FORD ... .. 4	*THOMAS PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Edward,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON ... .. Treble	LEONARD A. PYE ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ALFRED PYE ... .. 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 3	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... .. 7
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING ... .. Treble	JOHN LYDDIARD ... .. 5
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
ALBERT E. NEWICK ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
GEORGE F. JAMES ... .. 4	WILLIAM LYDDIARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung as a welcome home to civilian life of J. Lyddiard, of the local band, after active service in France.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

\*TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CPL. F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 5
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2	*GUNNER EDWARD MILLS ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 7
TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 4	JAMES GOODSSELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to welcome home to civil life Cpl. F. J. Lambert (5th Buffs), of Horsmonden, Kent, and Gun. E. Mills (R.G.A.), of the local band, after over four years and two years respectively of military service. Cpl. Lambert was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for peal.

\* First peal on eight bells.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. Treble	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 6
ALBERT DISERENS ... .. 3	JAMES N. FROSSELL ... .. 7
JOHN HOWES ... .. 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung as a welcome peal to the new Vicar.

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## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

On Saturday, March 1st, a district meeting was held at Sawston, the following ringers being present: Messrs. D. H. Elliott, Great Henny, Sudbury; E. W. Beckwith, Coggeshall; A. Mason, London, E. Finch, and A. E. Austin, Great Shelford; Sgt. H. Beavis, R.F.C., and A. Truelove, Stapleford; J. F. Penning, Saffron Walden; P. Webb and F. Bowtell, Ickleton; E. G. Hibbens, Cambridge; F. Matthews and S. Nunn, Sawston. Despite the small attendance some very fair ringing was obtained, consisting of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Triples on the tower bells, and Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples on the handbells. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Nattress), who gave an interesting address.

Tea was partaken of at the White Lion, and at the conclusion the business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. Eight new ringing members were elected, six from Fulbourn and two from Stapleford. The Rev. R. Nattress was elected as an honorary member.

A discussion took place as to what could be done to advance change ringing in the Association. The Acting General Secretary suggested that a number of towers should be grouped, and combined practices held on Saturday afternoons at each tower in turn.—The meeting agreed that an attempt should be made to carry out this suggestion.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, expressed his pleasure in meeting the ringers, this being his first parish in which there were any bells. He said he had been asked by his wife to invite the ringers to pay another visit to Sawston later on, when they hoped to be able to entertain them at the Vicarage.—After the meeting further ringing took place until about 8.30 p.m., thus ending a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday last at the Church of All Saints, Sheffield. Upwards of fifty ringers attended, representing fifteen towers, and the ring of eight bells were kept going in various methods from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until about 8 o'clock in the evening.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Morgan), assisted by the Rev. W. P. Wright, an active member of the Association. In the course of his address, the Vicar extended a sincere and hearty welcome to the members, and gave an interesting account of the history of church bells, revealing very many facts hitherto unknown to many of his listeners. Taking as his text the words of I. Corinthians x. 31: 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God,' the preacher reminded his hearers that they were ministers in God's House, and remarked that though the people outside the church might not hear the preacher's voice, yet they heard the sound of the bells and the message they conveyed.

At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rawmarsh, on June 21st.—The Vicar was elected as an honorary member of the Association, and four ringing members' elections were confirmed by the meeting. There being no other nominations the three retiring committee-men were re-elected en bloc.

After the usual votes of thanks, the handbells were requisitioned and touches of Grandsire Triples rung.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Western Branch was held at Powick. A variety of methods were rung, as well as rounds by the young ringers, several of whom were present.

A climb was made by a number of the visitors to the top of the tower, from which a large expanse of water could be seen, as both the Severn and Teme were in flood. The Vicar conducted service, and gave a practical address. The organist and choir led the singing, and thus greatly added to the brightness of the service.

The Vicar had kindly provided a tea, which was partaken of at the Coventry Arms, about 30 members being present.—At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, it was decided to attempt a quarterly peal at Powick, Mr. G. Checketts to be conductor; and to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hanbury.

Three young bands from Madresfield, Castlemorton and Powick, were elected, totalling two honorary and 20 performing members, thus showing a very healthy sign for this neighbourhood.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for all the good things he had done that day, and another move was then made to the tower, where Treble Bob and plain methods were rung, and thus completed a successful and enjoyable meeting.

## FUNDS WANTED.

The peal of six, at the ancient Church of Stanton-on-Hine-Heath Shropshire, having been in a bad state for several years past, it has been decided to have them relung and put into good going order. A sum of about £50 is required, of which £20 has been raised up to the present. Before the war there was a promising Bob Minor band here, but no ringing can be done until the bells are put right. Funds are urgently required, and would be gratefully received by E. V. Rodenhurst, Heath House, Stanton-on-Hine-Heath, Shropshire.



## JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

The thirty-first annual 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner was held at 'Ye Olde Royal' Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, and once again was attended with great success. This dinner, which despite the war, has been carried on without a break, since the 80th birthday of Johnson, always brings together a representative gathering of ringers, and many associations were represented on Saturday. For the 6th time, Canon Willink, the popular Rector of Birmingham, presided, and under his genial guidance the evening passed most pleasantly. He was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mr. John Taylor (President of the Midland Counties Association), Mrs. Taylor, Dr. Malins (churchwarden of St. Philip's), Mr. Albert Hughes (Master of the College Youths), Mr. A. E. Parsons (Master of the Worcestershire Association), Lieut. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. F. E. Dawe (London) and Mr. A. P. Smith (hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild). Among those present were Mr. C. E. Borrett (Vice-President of the Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. James George (Master of the Warwickshire Guild), Mr. W. E. White (hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association), Mr. C. Dean (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (of the 'Ringing World'), Messrs. J. Carter, W. H. Godden, J. H. Shepherd, W. Kent and T. Russam (Vice-Presidents of St. Martin's Guild), J. E. Groves (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mrs. Groves, Messrs. G. F. Swann and J. L. Wells (auditors), E. Horrex and A. Diserens (London), W. Idle (Dewsbury), and ringers in numbers, including about 20 ladies, from Crewe, Coventry, Derby and all the towers in and around Birmingham, the company altogether numbering about 125. An excellent repast was served, and the tastefully got up menu card and toast list was once more a treasured souvenir, for it was again freely interspersed with apt quotations, from Shakespeare to Asquith, for the unearthing of which Mr. Secretary Smith was as usual responsible.

#### A WELCOME.

After the loyal toast had been enthusiastically honoured, the Chairman said they welcomed among them that night Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who they were glad to see after his long and trying illness. They were also pleased to welcome the representatives of three of the greatest bell founding firms in the world. In Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, with his wife, whom they also gladly welcomed, were old friends. It would interest many of those present to know that to the Loughborough Foundry had fallen the very high privilege of receiving an order to instal in the Rotterdam Town Hall the most perfect carillon that he supposed there would be in the world. Nearly 50 bells were included in the order, and when it was completed by the end of the year, he thought they would all wish to go to Rotterdam to hear the commencement of their tuneful melody. They heartily congratulated Mr. Taylor upon it, and were delighted to know England was able to keep up her end in this way. They welcomed also Mr. Hughes, the proprietor of the ancient firm of Mears and Stainbank, and Mr. Johnston, of the firm of Gillett and Johnston. He felt the Guild were much to be congratulated on having these world famed bell founders in their midst, and if there was one other to whom he might extend a personal greeting, it was Mr. Horrex (applause), a veteran who was 81 on the previous Saturday, and who had been ringing in St. Paul's Cathedral ever since the bells were put there. In addition, they had with them about 20 ladies. Year by year they became a more and more important feature of that gathering, and they welcomed them most warmly.

Dr. Malins, in an interesting speech, proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' From time immemorial, he said, there had been union between them, and to-day the union was stronger and firmer, and more determined than ever, and more filled with the prospect of hope for the future of the many problems they had to meet at the present time. He touched upon the trials and the triumphs of the State, and upon its future under democracy. Turning to the Church, he said the old order had changed, and the Church needed to adapt herself to the requirements of modern times.

#### HENRY JOHNSON.

The toast of the evening, 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' was entrusted to Mr. F. E. Dawe, who made a characteristically felicitous speech, which was all the more acceptable for the personal recollections of the departed veteran, which he was able to relate. Those, he said, who never knew Henry Johnson had missed one of the privileges of life, and one of the joys of existence, for he was a strong personality. Although 53 years separated the birthday of Henry Johnson and his (the speaker's) own, they were the greatest of chums, and whenever he visited Birmingham in those days he never went there without visiting the old man. A ringing poet had written of the virtues of Halevy, Johnson and Cox, and the men who rang peals with those three illustrious ringers were necessarily few. He believed he was safe in saying that he was the only one left alive who enjoyed that wonderful privilege. They were all three wonderful men. They came there something like 110 years ago; they all lived to a good old

age, and they died about the same time. They had no education, but they were born mathematicians, and certainly Henry Johnson was the grand old English gentleman of them all. He lived in the middle of Birmingham, and, oddly enough, he lived in a wood, for he was the manager of a timber yard (laughter). When they met Johnson, they did not receive the usual salutation: 'Let's go and have a drink but he would say: 'Well, we can't stop and talk here, let's go and have something to eat' (laughter). Johnson had no enemies; he was the friend of all, and he was a marvellous old man in every possible way. With silvery hair and a bloom on his face, he was always smiling, and however disagreeable a man might feel, he could but be pleased when he met Henry Johnson. Mr. Dawe related the story of how, on the occasion of the dinner to celebrate his 80th birthday, Johnson was given the figures of a peal of Twble Bob, which were purposely false, and the falseness of which he at once observed. When asked how he did it, Johnson answered: 'I don't know how I does it but I does it' (laughter). He (Mr. Dawe) had heard Mr. Johnson speak of the illustrious men who had preceded him, and the pictures which he used to draw of them, brought those who knew him into touch with men who actually lived 180 years ago. Johnson was a ringing jewel of the first water. Nothing but the most rigidly accurate would satisfy him. He was just in every way; he was always ready to give credit and honour where it was due, and to assist anyone. He rang altogether 150 peals, the most noteworthy of which was probably on his 72nd birthday when he rang 9,238 Stedman Cinques. He conducted 50 peals, but he did not aspire greatly to bell calling, preferring to let that be done by anyone else who wished to do it. The speaker concluded by asking those present to drink in silence to the immortal memory of an illustrious man.

The toast was honoured in silence.

#### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

Alderman Pritchett proposed 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' and in accordance with his usual custom gave a survey of the year. He first referred to the losses the Guild had sustained. One was, he said, their dear old friend and vice-president, Mr. Faux, who passed away on July 31st, 1918, and some of them were privileged to be present at the graveside, and to listen to the beautifully struck touch on the handbells, the music of which they hoped and believed he heard, and which must have rejoiced his spirit. He was, indeed, a good-old man. Another whom they had lost during the year was Mr. Thomas Verry, the worthy son of a worthy father. He passed away in September. With regard to the war, 37 of their members had served. Six of them would never come back. One of them had come back decorated with the Military Medal—Mr. E. C. Shepherd—who was with them that night (applause). Their friend, Mr. Taylor, he (the speaker) learned for the first time that night, had lost three of his four sons. He, indeed, had made sacrifices for King and country. He had their most earnest sympathy. Three of England's best had gone in those three sons; they hoped the fourth would long be spared to comfort him (hear, hear). It had been pointed out in an excellent article in 'The Ringing World' that that gathering had been held with increasing success throughout the war. That was quite true. It was the only gathering that had carried on through the war, with ever-increasing prosperity. The College Youths had to abandon their annual dinner, but they all hoped it would be resumed this year. That was the 31st anniversary dinner in connection with the Johnson commemoration, the first one, of course, having been held to celebrate his 80th birthday. There was at least one gentleman who had been one of the company on each of those 31 occasions and that was Mr. Tom Russam (applause), while Mr. John Carter had only missed one.

With regard to the work of St. Martin's Guild during the year there had been nothing very special; no record peals had been rung but throughout the war it had not only held those annual dinners, but had also held its usual quarterly meetings, and had always met with very great kindness and much hospitality. In particular they were indebted to their friend, Dr. Malins, for the very cordial welcome and great hospitality shown them on the occasion of their last quarterly meeting at the Imperial Hotel (applause). When the spire of St. Martin's Church was repaired they got up a little subscription among themselves, and realised the handsome sum of £26 11s. towards the work. They regretted that Mr. Rock Snall was unable to be with them, but at his great age of 80 years they could hardly expect him to come so far. On the other hand, they had with them Mr. Thomas Horton, who they congratulated upon his apparent complete recovery from his serious illness of a year or so ago. At King's Norton they had recommenced Sunday morning ringing, and on the preceding Saturday they unveiled a memorial tablet to the late Mr. William Palmer and Mr. Frank Withers, the latter being the only ringer the tower had lost in the war. Coming back to the Johnson dinner, the speaker said it was unfortunate they were unable to get a room to accommodate the ever-increasing demand. Some 40 applications for tickets had to be declined with great regret, but he hoped there would be no misapprehension about the matter, and that their friends in the country would bear them no ill-will, but would renew their applications next year when they were assured that accommoda-

tion would be found for all, even if the Town Hall had to be engaged (applause). He must again congratulate Mr. Paddon Smith, their secretary, upon the work he had done for the Guild, and the success of his arrangements for that dinner. He (the speaker) attended many public dinners in the course of the year, but he had never seen one managed so well. He thought last year's could not have been excelled, but he really believed Mr. Smith had excelled it (applause). He asked them to drink to the continued prosperity of St. Martin's Guild, with which he coupled the name of Mr. Smith.

(To be Continued.)

## THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICES.

### SALISBURY GUILD.

The West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild came into line with many other Guilds by holding a memorial service to those who had given their lives in the recent war. On the outbreak of hostilities there were thirteen towers in affiliation with this branch, and from these towers alone no less than 137 answered the call of duty—a remarkably high average for any district. Of these, no less than 18 paid the full price of their loyalty. Thus, upwards of 13 per cent. of those who enlisted will never return. This, too, is a very high figure. But then the 'Dorsets,' in which the majority enlisted, has been one of the regiments to suffer most, whether in Flanders or Mesopotamia.

The service to the 18 fallen heroes took place at Bradpole on Feb. 22nd. The proceedings commenced with half-muffled ringing till 4.30 when the service was conducted by the Rev. S. Forster-Brown (Vicar). Other clergy present were the Revs. J. W. Coulter, J. A. Simmonds, A. Nedham and A. B. Hutton, together with a most representative body of ringers from the majority of the affiliated towers.

Tea and a business meeting followed the service; while more ringing brought a successful though sad meeting to a close.

### TAUNTON DEANERY.

A memorial service to ringers of the Taunton Deanery who have fallen in the war was held at St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, and was attended by a good number of members of the Bath and Wells Association. The Rev. S. W. Payne conducted the service, and gave an appropriate address, in the course of which he paid a tribute to the men who had been their fellow-ringers, and whose loss in the war they mourned that day. He read the names of seven members of the deanery branch who were being specially commemorated. These were Harry Van Truim, William Fowler, William Fudge, Sidney Phillips, Harry Webber, Fred Norman, and William Weaver. The service included the hymns, 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul,' and 'They whose course on earth is over.' In the absence of Mr. Jekoult, Miss Van Truim presided at the organ, and at the close of the service played the 'Funeral March' from 'Samson' (Handel).

The bells in nearly all the churches in the district were rung, muffled during the afternoon and evening.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE SERVICE.

The Memorial Service, held at St. Paul's, Bedford, by the Bedfordshire Association on February 22nd was attended by ringers from nearly all over the county. The service included hymns 165 and 193, Psalms 23 and 121. The first lesson was from the Book of Wisdom, 3rd to 9th verse. Prayers for the sick, bereaved and those who have died, were offered, and the Rev. Canon Speck delivered a short and impressive address, which was followed by the hymn, 'For all the Saints.' A special prayer for the ringers was afterwards sung, the congregation meanwhile kneeling. The 'Last Post' was sounded, and was followed by the 'Dead March in Saul' and the National Anthem. Muffled ringing took place both before and after the service, and was continued before the Sunday evening service.

### STEBBING, ESSEX.

In memory of ringers who have fallen in the war, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Stebbing, Essex, were rung, half-muffled, on Saturday evening, Feb. 22nd, to accord with the arrangements made in London. At 6 p.m., a date touch of 1919 changes was rung in the following Methods: 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, 360 Double Court, and 119 Plain Doubles, by: A. Barker 1, E. Hynds 2, H. C. Young 3, H. P. Emery 4, J. T. Barker 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6. The bells were also rung half-muffled for the services on Sunday. For morning service 720 Double Oxford, and for evening service 360 Plain Bob were rung, the ringers standing as above. The Stebbing company have lost one member in the war, a promising young ringer, Pte. Edward Harry Emery, 15th Essex Regt., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Emery, of Stebbing. Pte. E. H. Emery joined up in the autumn of 1914, and was eventually sent to Egypt. He was in the first battle of Gaza, March 26th, 1917, after which he was reported missing. His parents were eventually officially notified that he was killed on March 28th, 1917. The loss of Pte. Emery was a blow to Stebbing company, as he was a keen ringer. He was also a member of the St. Mary's choir. Mr. H. P. Emery and family have the sincere sympathy of his fellow ringers in their bereavement.

### BELFRY SERVICE AT ILFRACOMBE.

At Ilfracombe Parish Church, on February 22nd, muffled bells were rung from 3 to 4 p.m. in memory of the fallen ringers. The Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Johnson, conducted a short service in the belfry during an interval. After a Collect, the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' was sung, and Psalms 23 and 121 read. The lesson, taken from Wisdom iii. to verse 9, was read by the Rev. H. L. Pigot, of Atherington, and prayers for the mourners and bereaved were offered. The roll of honour, which was read, contained the names of Reginald Chapple, George Richards, Frank Dodds, Walter Phillips, and James Harris. After the Lord's Prayer, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung seven times, and the service concluded with the hymn, 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul,' and the Benediction.

At All Saints' Church, Martock, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung for the first time on the bells, and muffled touches were also rung.

On Feb. 22nd and 23rd, various touches, with bells half-muffled, were rung on St. Mary-le-Tower bells, Ipswich. It was originally intended to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques, but owing to the ill-health of five members this idea had to be abandoned.

At Godalming Parish Church, Surrey, on Saturday evening, Feb. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: C. Bish 1, W. Clissold 2, W. Hooker 3, V. Smith 4, C. Childs 5, J. Bartlett (conductor) 6, W. Fowler 7, E. Wood 8.

At St. Martin's, Caerphilly, on Saturday, Feb. 22, seven-6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung, half-muffled, in 35 mins.: H. Casel 2, W. Pike 3, A. Addicott 4, G. Cooke 5, P. Jones 6, F. Boucher (conductor) 7, T. Love 8. Rung after meeting one short for Triples.

At All Saints' Church, Eastbourne, Sussex, on Feb. 22nd, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins.: J. Newman 1, W. D. Smith 2, E. W. Bray 3, W. Jenner 4, G. W. Stokes 5, B. Hobbs (conductor) 6, A. Reid 7, T. H. Deadman 8.

At Portishead, Somerset, on Feb. 22nd, the bells of St. Peter's Church were rung, half-muffled, in memory of fallen ringers. After the whole pull and stand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by E. J. Goldstone 1, Miss N. Gillingham 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, T. Wyatt 4, F. W. May 5, Miss E. M. Hole (conductor) 6, W. Gillingham 7, J. Nisbet 8.

At All Saints' Church, Wokingham, on Feb. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: E. Clark (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Lush 2, G. Cole 3, W. J. Paice (composer and conductor) 4, W. Brooks 5, J. French 6, J. F. Mattingley 7, E. Brant 8. The Rector (the Rev. B. Long) conducted a short service in the belfry before the commencement of the ringing.

In connection with the National Memorial Service, the bells of Havant (St. Faith's) were rung, half-muffled, in the evening, two touches of Grandsire Triples being brought round, conducted by P. Hasted. The following ringers took part: F. W. Rogers, E. J. Harding, senr., E. J. Harding, junr., S. J. Harding, J. J. Symons, F. Burnett, R. Haster, W. Tate (Sunderland), R. Hopkins.

At Borden, Kent, on Feb. 22nd, after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung, and also 720 of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: W. Tassell 1, E. J. Dobbie 2, T. Dobbie 3, W. Spice (cond.) 4, Thos. Jull 5, J. Peck 6, W. Culmer 7, B. Peck 8. The ringers from this tower who have made the great sacrifice are M. Stains, F. Stains and George Mills.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**HALLOW.**—On Sunday, Dec. 1st, for evening service, a date touch of 1918 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins.: T. Lane 1, C. Bowkett 2, J. Batchelor 3, G. Checketts (conductor) 4, L. Clay 5, T. Bullock 6, G. Hinton 7, G. Jacob 8. Composed by Mr. George Hayward (Bromsgrove), and containing the 6th and 7th their extent together the right way.

**WORCESTER.**—On Sunday, Dec. 1st, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 1080 Bob Royal: F. W. Neate 1, J. Morris 2, W. Powell 3, G. Hinton, senr., 4, G. Hinton, junr., 5, G. Checketts 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, W. C. Jones 8, W. H. Johnson 9, W. Edgington 10.

**EYE, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 12th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: T. Brown 1, E. Youngs 2, A. Oakes 3, J. Cutting 4, E. Poppy 5, W. Burrows 6. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble who had never attempted any change ringing beyond set changes previous to December 1st.

**LEWISHAM, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. R. Simmonds 1, O. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, H. Warnett, senr., 4, H. Warnett, junr., 5, Lieut. E. F. Blackwell, R.E., 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Arranged for Lieut. E. F. Blackwell, R.E., who was home on leave from France.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—On Christmas morning, at 6 a.m., 720 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. M. Spice 1, Pte. Wassby 2, G. H. Spice 3, Pte. Grove 4, W. Spice 5, Pte. Woolley 6. Also another 720 for Divine service at 11 a.m.

## 'THE RINGING WORLD' AND ITS EDITOR. PRESENTATION TO MR. J. S. GOLDSMITH.

A remarkable expression of sympathy and kindness towards the Editor of 'The Ringing World' was manifested at the Jonsson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday last, when Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was made the recipient of a handsome cheque, from the proceeds of the testimonial fund, organised by Mr. James George (who has kindly acted as non-secretary and treasurer), and subscribed to by ringers throughout the country.

Included in the toast list was 'Success to "The Ringing World," which was proposed by Mr. A. E. Parsons, Master of the Worcestershire Association, who congratulated the Editor upon having piloted his ship, or their ship, through the troubled waters caused by the war. They ought, he said, to congratulate themselves also that they still had 'The Ringing World' to give them information as to the progress of the art and the doings of their singular community. All papers had been reduced in size owing to the exigencies of the war, and 'The Ringing World' had not escaped, and he was also sorry to say that many who ought to support it had fallen away. Any one of the five parts of the paper he would mention was worth the twopence that was charged for the paper. He would challenge any ringer to say that the front page article every week, with its thoughtful suggestions or criticism was not worth the twopence. Then were the peal columns. Did ringers realise what a privilege it was to see their names figure in the peal columns, and how much time and expense this saved them in communicating with their friends to tell of their successes? Next there was the correspondence column. Even if they did contain letters from experts which everyone did not fully understand, a ringer with only elementary knowledge could gain from them some things which were most helpful to him, while frequently interesting questions were asked and answered. Then there were the reports of meetings and other gatherings which they were all interested in reading, and lastly, the notices. Without this facility for advertising their meetings secretaries would be put to great labour and associations to great expense; indeed it would be difficult, if not impossible to carry on. Every one of these sections of the paper was fully worth the twopence that was charged for the whole. It was estimated that there were 20,000 ringers in the United Kingdom. What a splendid paper they would get if every one of these 20,000 subscribed to it? He knew Mr. Goldsmith well enough to be able to say that they would get a full return for all the support they gave him, and he appealed to those who were present to go back to their towers and impress upon the ringers who did not now take the paper, the privilege they would get if they would only support it.

The toast was very cordially honoured.

The Chairman (Canon Willink) then remarked that they had come to a very interesting part of their proceedings. Mr. James George had originated a scheme which that night came to fruition, and he (Mr. George) felt, and legitimately felt, proud of its success. He had undertaken to raise a fund as a recognition of Mr. Goldsmith's work, and as an expression of their sympathy with him in his recent serious illness. As the matter was so closely connected with the paper it could not go through the paper, as it would have done had anyone else than the Editor been concerned, and Mr. George had, therefore, written literally hundreds of letters, and he was entitled to their warm admiration for the way he had worked upon this labour of love (applause).

Mr. James George, called upon to make the presentation, said he had been very pleased to hear what Mr. Parsons had had to say. He (the speaker) had, since the war, again been exploring the country, and what he had found—and it was borne out by the voluminous correspondence—was that in many towers only one paper was taken and passed round, and it was usually from these towers that the grumblers came. He hoped the cap did not fit anyone there that night; if it did, he trusted they would mend their ways. He hoped that those who took a copy of the paper would refuse to pass it round, so as to make the other ringers take it if they wanted to read it. With regard to the testimonial scheme to the Editor, it had been marvelously responded to throughout England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and volumes of sympathy had been expressed with Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith. He thought Mr. Goldsmith was to be congratulated, in such times as they had passed through, upon keeping the paper going at all. Mr. George then read a letter from the Master of the Essex Association, who, in sending a donation to the fund, suggested that Associations might do as the Essex Association had done for some years, go to 'The Ringing World' for the printing of their reports, etc. Continuing, Mr. George announced, amid applause, that the amount subscribed up to date to the testimonial was £160, and there were still many lists out. These, he hoped, would be returned to him promptly. Mr. George then handed to Mr. Goldsmith a cheque on account for £100, with an expression of the good wishes of the Exercise, and bringing the amount given to him up to £125.

Mr. Goldsmith, who was warmly received, expressed his sincere thanks to the members of the Exercise for their great kindness, for the sympathy which he had received on all hands in his illness, and for the remarkable expression of goodwill which had been shown that night. He was more touched than he could say, but he asked the

Exercise to believe that the kindness shown was greatly appreciated. Turning to the question of 'The Ringing World,' he dealt with some of the difficulties which had had to be faced through the war, and while regretting that the paper was not what anyone desired, pointed out that the position was brought about by exigencies beyond control. The size of the paper was limited, he said, by the restrictions on the amount of paper that might be used under the Paper Controllers' Orders, and this in turn affected the prompt appearance of many contributions, as it limited space, and there was always far more matter than could be accommodated. The quality of the paper was also a matter for which the restrictions were responsible, as printers had had to take what paper was offered them, whenever it was available, and at whatever price was asked. Then there was the question of distribution. He was proud to say that not once during the eight years of publication had the printers failed to deliver the paper promptly to the stipulated time, and the principle causes of delay had been the dislocation of train services throughout the country, coupled with a scarcity of labour. However, he hoped these difficulties would quickly disappear, but the anxieties were not past, for the cost of labour and materials would remain high, and the expense of production showed no signs of coming down at present. Coupled with this was the greater demands on space made by the revival of ringing, and he appealed to ringers to give the paper all the support they could in order that it might be made worthy of the Exercise. The future of the journal was in the hands of the ringers. In conclusion, Mr. Goldsmith again thanked the subscribers for their great kindness, and specially thanked Mr. George not only for the kindly thought which prompted the inception of the testimonial, but also for the infinite labour he had put into the work which he had carried out with such characteristically painstaking effort.

## SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. MEETING AT DORE.

A meeting of the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Society at Dore was favoured with fine weather and a good muster of ringers. The bells, a handy good going set of 11 cwt., were raised shortly after three o'clock, and kept going in various touches until eight, the methods including Erin, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Duffield and Double Norwich Major, with a few courses of Bob Minor for the local youths, members of a new band who enjoyed a bit of open practice which the presence of more experienced hands made possible. The visitors included representatives of the following towers: Anston, All Saints, Sheffield; Handsworth, Norton, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, and Staveley. One new member was elected, and a vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens.—It was also resolved that the Memorial Service held in Sheffield Cathedral be recorded in the minute book.

## THE LADIES' GUILD. WESTERN DISTRICT.

On Saturday, March 1st, a very enjoyable meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Weston-super-Mare. Sixteen ladies were present from Bristol, Bleadon, East Brent, Portishead, and Tickenham; also a number of gentlemen from various towers. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and tea was followed by a short meeting, at which Mrs. Wilkins presided.—Several new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the June meeting at Portishead, also to have a practice meeting at Thornbury in April.

The Rev. Norton Thompson (Rector) conducted a short service at 5.30 p.m., at which the Bath and Wells Association forms of service were used, and the Rector also gave a very interesting address.—The belfry was again visited afterwards, and ringing continued until 7.30 p.m.

## HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the St. Albans District was held on Saturday, March 1st, at Luton, and members attended from St. Albans, Harpenden, North Mimms, Dunstable, Leighton, Sunbury, London, and the local tower. During the afternoon and evening, the following methods were rung: Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Major.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, and presided over by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the general secretary of the Association.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells.

## MR. E. HORREX'S THANKS.

Mr. Edwin Horrex asks us to convey to his friends in London and the provinces his grateful thanks for their kind gift on the occasion of his 81st birthday, and for the congratulations and good wishes expressed towards him on that occasion.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—For evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 16th. 720 Bob Minor: G. H. Footitt 1, Miss Ida B. Thompson (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, Walter White (conductor) 3, William E. White 4, T. H. Kirkby 5, T. Squires 6.



**MEMORIAL TABLET AT BATH.****UNVEILING CEREMONY IN ST. SAVIOUR'S BELFRY.**

The 28 years of faithful service as tower master at St. Saviour's Church, Bath, by the late Mr. James Fussell has been commemorated by a tablet erected in the belfry. The late Mr. Fussell was for 12 years local secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, and died in January, 1916, at the age of 57 years. The tablet erected to his memory is of carved oak, and is a handsome piece of work, executed by Mr. F. W. Cannings. Inset is a portrait of Mr. J. Fussell, and on it is the following inscription:—

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.—In affectionate remembrance of James Fussell, for 28 years tower master of this church. On January 20th, 1916, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following members. John Taylor 1, Frederick G. Rich 2, Albert E. Alexander 3, Charles Goodenough 4, William J. Prescott 5, Herbert E. Holder 6, Charles W. Bell 7, William Hayward 8. Conducted by C. W. Bell.—Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector; Lieut.-Col. Leigh, R.P.P., and C. J. Calvert, Esq., Churchwardens; James Tucker, Clerk.

The tablet was unveiled by the Rev. Wilkinson Markby, the Rector, in the presence of ringers representative of many of the churches in Bath. Among those present were: Lieut.-Colonel Leigh (churchwarden) ex-P.S. Fussell (brother of the late Mr. James Fussell), Messrs. R. Wake (towermaster of the Abbey), C. W. Bell (towermaster of St. Saviour's), T. Grant, H. Holder, G. Temple, G. Harding, F. Cannings, H. Alexander, F. O. Rich (hon. secretary of the local branch), J. Bell, G. James, J. Crocker, C. Goodenough and J. Taylor. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. J. Calvert (churchwarden), the Rector of Bath, and the Rector of Corston (Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers).

The Rev. Wilkinson Markby remarked upon the strong link between himself and the bell ringers of that church. They had been the first collective body in the church to shake hands with him, for immediately after his induction service he had gone to the belfry and met them. It was to him, therefore, a privilege and a pleasure to be asked that evening to unveil the tablet to one who for such a number of years had been the towermaster. The speaker referred to the tremendously improved ringing of late years throughout the country, and also to the spirit of esprit de corps that existed between ringers from belfry to belfry. The late Mr. Fussell, a man of splendid character, always, even in his last illness, took the keenest interest in everything connected with the church, particularly in the bell ringing. They felt it only suitable and right that his memory should be perpetuated. Those who had been privileged to have worked with him could only have derived benefit from the contact, for he always displayed the spirit of comradeship, of brotherhood, and of welcome. The tablet, said the speaker, was a great credit to the one who designed it, for it was a beautiful piece of workmanship.

Mr. Fussell thanked them for all the kindness and sympathy they had shown. His late brother was a man who loved his church and who had loved bell ringing.—The Rector was thanked for being present.

**FORMER SHEFFIELD VICAR'S DEATH.**

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the Rev. Charles F. Knight, M.A., Rector of Frinton, and formerly Vicar of All Saints' Church, Sheffield. He was born in Tasmania, in 1856, and came to England in his early youth. After being educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, he took up a curacy in the Isle of Man, and subsequently at the Sheffield Parish Church, now the Cathedral. On the resignation of the late Rev. H. J. Shaw, M.A., he accepted the living of All Saints' Church in the year 1898. He joined the Yorkshire Association as an honorary member in the year 1900, and took a devoted interest in the welfare of his ringers. As far as his clerical duties allowed he also studied change ringing, although he never attained to a proficiency which enabled him to attempt peal ringing. His philanthropy endeared him to a large and influential congregation, and many hearts have been made lighter by his parochial visitation and his spiritual advice. While Vicar of All Saints', when the late Rev. F. Swainson was curate, his church could claim to have the largest Bible Class for men in Great Britain. It was no unusual thing to get a gathering of upwards of 1,000 men Sunday by Sunday, when the Rev. F. Swainson (who was the conductor of the class and one of the curates), was speaking on a topical subject. The deceased passed away on January 31st, after a short illness, and was buried at Frinton Church, the living of which he accepted in the year 1911. The Rev. W. S. Morgan, M.A., Vicar of All Saints', Sheffield, conducted the funeral service, and was assisted by the Rev. C. N. De Vine, M.A., and the Rev. C. R. Taylor, former curates under the deceased.

The ringers of All Saints' Church rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to his beloved and cherished memory: C. T. Ryder 1, W. Hammond 2, P. Gledstone 3, F. Shackleton 4, W. Stubley 5, A. W. Gledstone 6, F. Willey (conductor) 7, T. Rew 8.

**THE FOUNDERS' DINNER.**

The name of Messrs. Chas. Carr, Ltd., bell founders, of Smethwick, should have been included among those who, while unable to be represented at the recent Bell Founders' Dinner in London, were fully in sympathy with the spirit of the gathering.

**NOTICES**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—The monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge branch will be held at Cam on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short Service at 4.30.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4 o'clock, which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A. Business meeting after tea. It is hoped that all outstanding arrears will be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, 15th March. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m. in Schools. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 20th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, both at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, 22nd March, bells available at 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, at Milnrow Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A memorial service will be held at St. Nicholas on Saturday, March 22nd, for ringers fallen in the war. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5.30. The Lord Bishop of Liverpool will preach. All ringers and friends welcomed.—Rev. E. C. Collier, Walter Hughes, Secs.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A meeting of this Society will be held at Armley, on Saturday, March 29th, 1919. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the White Horse Hotel at 7 p.m. for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. This meeting is important, and all members are asked to attend if possible. Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824.—A meeting for practice will take place at All Saints Church, Fulham, on Saturday, March 29th, at 4 p.m. A tea at moderate price will be provided in the adjoining kiosk, for which please notify the Hon. Sec., T. Walker, 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Chester Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 7, at which a peal board will be unveiled by Canon Elsee, M.A., President.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Will members please watch this column for further particulars?—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Horbury Branch.—There will be a practice every Thursday at 8 p.m., also on the third Saturday in each month at 3.30 p.m., when all ringers will be cordially welcomed. All standard methods rung.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—I beg to remind members that the subscription for 1919 is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Non-resident members and others are reminded that subscriptions should be paid at once to the respective District Secretaries, or to G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nominations for the election of general officers to be held at Easter should reach me by March 30th, in accordance with rules. Hon. Treas. is perforce retiring.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

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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. BONE,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## MODERN WORK.

### A SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL.

Last week we ventured to say in this column a few words about ourselves. Up to that time the perplexities and anxieties of carrying on a paper in the interests of the Exercise were known to very few, but the moment appeared opportune when the ringing fraternity at large might well be made acquainted with some of the difficulties which, owing to the war, beset the task. And having once opened the ball, as it were, we do not feel that any apology is needed to return to the subject because, although it is a personal one, it is certainly also a matter which closely concerns the Exercise.

Many ringers have probably hardly realised how shallow would be the interest in their pastime if they knew nothing of what was happening outside their own little circle: still less, have they thought of how much depends upon having at their disposal a ready means of intercommunication such as only a newspaper which circulates throughout the Exercise can give them. It is true, that before ringers had any journal of their own, the art advanced, but it was only by slow degrees. It was not until a ringers' paper came on the scene that real general progress was made. Isolated bands there were who, despite all handicap, reached high standards, but the real expansion of the ranks, the rapid and widespread growth of the practice in the higher methods, and by no means least important, belfry reform very largely resulted from the influence which was spread through the agency of a paper established for the benefit of ringers. The 'Ringing World' is the last and the only journal which the Exercise now has at its disposal. It is the tie that binds north and south, east and west, and upon it depends nearly all the interest that there can be got out of ringing.

But if the Exercise is to be well served it needs something more than the limitations of war have imposed for the last two years. No one is more fully aware of this than we are, and the object of this article is to bring home the matter as closely as we can to ringers in general. Much depends upon them. Let them show that they are anxious for a paper that is worthy of the art, by making it possible to provide them with a really good journal, and they may depend upon it that such a newspaper will be forthcoming as soon as the government restrictions are removed, which it is hoped will soon be the case. How can ringers help? Let every reader use his best endeavours to extend the circulation, and especially to break down the prevalent practice of 'one tower, one paper.' Let the next three or four weeks be 'boom' weeks, and ringers will then find that their own journal will quickly respond to the efforts they make.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... .. Treble	JAMES GARRATT ... .. 5
JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. HALL ... .. 6
HARRY ETTE ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
GEORGE M. ETTE ... .. 4	ARTHUR CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. B. Martin.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 22 lbs.

MISS EMMA TONGE ... .. Treble	JOSEPH HALL ... .. 5
PERCIVAL A. CAVE ... .. 2	FRANK STONELEY ... .. 6
ARTHUR RIDDYARD ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. BANKS.

Conducted by FRANK STONELEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a memorial to the ringers who have fallen in the war. Afterwards the 'whole pull and stand' was rung.

The ringer of the 2nd is from Bristol, 4th from Middleton, 7th from Ashton, tenor from Eccles, the rest belong to the local band.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* WILLIAM BRENCHLEY ... .. Treble	* ARTHUR J. MORTON ... .. 5
FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... .. 2	FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... .. 6
* ROBERT H. GRAY ... .. 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 7
* EDWARD J. ILOTT ... .. 4	* JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN.

\* First peal. This is the first peal rung on the bells by a local band. E. J. Cullum jun.'s first peal as conductor.

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs.

* LIEUT. YORK BRANBLE, R.A.F. ... .. Treble	CAPT. REV. B. H. TYRWITT-DRAKE, C.F. ... .. 5
LIEUT. E. MAURICE ATKINS, R.E. ... .. 2	2/LIEUT. W. C. DUFFIELD, 3rd Norfolk Regt. ... .. 6
CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN, 4th York & Lancs. Regt. ... .. 3	LIEUT. CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, 3rd Grenadier Guards ... .. 7
2/LIEUT. E. P. DUFFIELD, R.A.F. ... .. 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE, R.A.S.C., M.T. ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FLEMING.

Conducted by LIEUT. E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal ever rung by officers only.

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**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

LEBRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 30 six-scores of Grandsire, eight of Canterbury, and four of Plain-Bob.  
Tenor 18 cwt.

SILAS E. JELFS ... .. Treble	*LEONARD J. JELFS ... .. 4
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	*JOHN HALL ... .. 5
JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal.

A start was made for Minor, but owing to the bad 'go' of the bells Doubles had to be substituted.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble	CPL. ERNEST W. TURNER ... .. 4
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 5
CHARLES LAYTON ... .. 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

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

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob, called differently.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

*RAYMOND JELFS ... .. Treble	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 4
*STANLEY WAYMAN ... .. 2	†JOHN HALL ... .. 5
†LEONARD J. JELFS ... .. 3	†JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor away from the treble.

PYCHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt.

being 42 six-scores, each called differently.

JAMES BURGESS ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK WYANT ... .. 4
SAMUEL BUTLER ... .. 2	FRANK FOX ... .. Tenor
THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 3	

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER.

\* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

ARMLEY.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;**

Non-conducted.

PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 1-2	GERALD MOORHOUSE ... .. 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... .. 3-4	MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Umpire: Miss OLIVE L. LUMLEY.

First non-conducted peal by all the band, and the first non-conducted peal on handbells by the Association. Gerald and Malcolm Moorhouse are 13 and 15 years of age respectively.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.****GETTING TO WORK AGAIN.**

Practically the first meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association since war was declared in 1914, other than the annual festival, was held on March 1st, at Chester-le-Street, the gathering being the old pre-Lent meeting. Members turned up in good force from Gateshead, Houghton-le-Spring, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, North and South Shields, Sunderland, Tanfield, Winton, and Chester-le-Street. The bells were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, from 2.30 till 9 p.m., with an interval for tea. An excellent meat meal was provided at the Bridge End Hotel, 37 sitting down thereto. The President, Mr. C. I. Routledge, was in the chair, and was supported by Dr. and Mrs. Craggs, of Jesmond, the Rev. Professor M. G. Potter, Mr. W. C. Hunt, of Nottingham; Mr. G. T. Potter (hon. secretary), Mr. Whitehead, Mr. E. Perry, and others.

Professor Potter announced that the Association had been represented at the National Memorial Service held at St. Clement Dunes in London the previous Saturday by Messrs. Murray and Hazell, and read out the leading article on the subject from 'The Ringing World' of February 23th.

This was followed by the special prayer from the order of service while all stood in respectful sympathy.

The Chairman announced that it had been decided in committee to hold an Association Memorial Service at North Shields, or at some other church appropriate and convenient during Lent, to be announced in the Press later.

It was decided, if convenient, to hold the Whit-Monday meeting at Bishop Auckland, that being the town originally fixed in the early days of the war, and postponed from year to year in the hope that peace conditions would allow of the meeting being held.

The President urged on the district secretaries and vice-presidents, to see that district meetings were held as soon as possible, and to get the work of the Association into full swing once more. He also hoped that on the declaration of peace all towers would rise to the occasion, and that many peals of 5,000 would be rung to celebrate the great day.

Many new members were elected at the close of the meeting, amongst those Dr. R. F. Craggs as an honorary member, and Mr. Wm. Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, as an honorary and active member.

**WARWICKSHIRE MEMORIAL SERVICE.**

The Warwickshire Guild held a memorial service at Nuneaton Parish Church, to coincide with that at St. Clement Dunes, for ringers who have fallen in the war. The Rector (the Rev. Canon Deed) gave a most appropriate address, and the roll of honour was read by the President of the Warwickshire Guild (the Rev. Canon Back). At the close of the service the 'Dead March in Saul' was played.

Before the opening of the service, and again at the close, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung with impressive solemnity. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Major were afterwards rung, the bells being deeply muffled.

Among those present at the service were the Mayor of Nuneaton, the Rev. Dodds (Chilvers Coton), a company of Cadets, and members of the Warwickshire Guild, and the Midland Counties Association (Hinckley Branch), representing Berkswell, Birmingham, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, Hinckley, Leicester, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stony Stanton, and Stoke Golding.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**

The Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild took part in the national tribute to fallen ringers. Half-muffled ringing took place on the bells of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and St. George's, Fordington, Churches, and at four p.m. a memorial service was held in the former church. It was attended by ringers and friends from towers throughout the branch, as well as the soldier ringers stationed in the district.

In the regretted absence, through illness, of Canon H. C. Coote, the service was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, hon. secretary of the East Dorset branch. The Rev. R. G. Bartelot read the appointed lesson. The service, as used at St. Clement Dunes, was followed almost to the letter.

Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch) read the roll of honour, the list including the names of J. Anderson, H. Brake, W. Drake, E. Ford, W. J. New, F. Northover, F. Samways, W. A. Painter, H. Wilson, and while the congregation remained kneeling the 'whole pull and stand' was rung seven times. An inspiring service ended with the sounding of the 'Last Post' by G.L.B. buglers, and the 'Dead March in Saul' played on the organ. This was followed by the 'whole pull and stand' rung twenty-five times, by K. Anderson, H. Runyard, C. H. Jennings, S. V. Crabbe, D. Williams, L. W. Wiffen, A. J. Rose, J. Beale.

**THE LATE MR. A. P. WAKLEY.**

After two attempts for a half-muffled peal at Colgrave, Notts, to the memory of the late Mr. Albert P. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday last, the following quarter-peal was rung: 180 Double Court, 360 Single Court, 360 Double Oxford, and 360 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Ida B. Thompson 1, Walter White (conductor) 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, William E. White 4, Joseph T. Dyke 5, Thomas Squires 6.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is interesting to recall that an ancestor of the Bishop of Sheffield (who preached at the National Memorial Service at St. Clement Danes) was Rector at that church when Dr. Johnson used to worship there. The name of Dr. Burrowe's son, who fell in the war, appears upon the St. Clement Danes 'Roll of Honour.'

Some of the visitors who prolonged their stay in Birmingham after the Johnson Dinner had the privilege of looking over the wonderful B.S.A. works, and also of inspecting that marvellous piece of work Mr. John Carter's ringing machine. Messrs. A. A. Hughes, P. H. Dawe and E. Horrex (London) and C. E. Borrett, wish to express their thanks to Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. Carter for their kindness in these matters.

It is really possible that Mr. Carter's wonderful machine, which he has been something like 30 years in perfecting, may make its first public appearance at the next Johnson Dinner.

The late Mr. Bertram Prewett's handbells have been presented by his widow to the Bushey tower.

Among the officers elected at the annual meeting of the Southover Guild, Lewes, was Mrs. D. Goldsmith, as hon. treasurer. As the mother of a ringer Mrs. Goldsmith is not unknown to visitors to the county town of Sussex. She succeeds in the office, the late Mr. J. R. Lusted, a former churchwarden, who for many years was one of the best friends the fingers had in the parish.

Mr. G. R. Newton, formerly of Manchester, and now of Boston, U.S.A., has sent his annual donation of 15s., the amount usually spent on his birthday peal when in this country, to be devoted to a patriotic object, and it has been handed over to the King's Fund.

Locked in the organ loft of Ebor Parish Church, by, it is supposed, mischievous choir boys, Miss Jenkins (an organist), her mother, and the organ-blower, secured their release by ringing the church bell, and thus calling attention to their predicament.

The Archbishop of Zurich, says a newspaper report, has been executed by the Communists, being hanged by one of the bell ropes of his cathedral.

## MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth, when a good attendance of members enjoyed a pull on this handy riverside peal, among the methods practised being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Bob Major. A bright and suitable service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Rellou, D.D., and an instructive address was given by the Rev. Marsh Rapson. The choir very kindly gave their services to assist the singing.

After service the members were entertained to tea by the Vicar at the London Apprentice, and the business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. W. F. Summerfield.

The Hon. Secretary gave a short report of the year's work, and presented the balance sheet, which was adopted. Among the new members elected were the Rev. W. F. Summerfield and Mr. Churchwarden Edgley, of Isleworth.

Mr. T. Beadle having announced his intention to resign from the office of Master, proposed that Mr. W. Lawrence be elected in his stead. Mr. C. S. Rind was also proposed, but by the pressing wish of the meeting Mr. Beadle reconsidered his decision, and was asked to carry on for another year, to which he consented.

The next question was with regard to the secretaryship. Mr. Chandler, who had done much good service for over twelve years felt that he could not continue, and asked to be relieved. The meeting accorded Mr. Chandler best thanks for his good services to the Association, and appointed Mr. W. H. Oram to succeed him.

The meeting concluded by expressing its best thanks to the Vicar for his kind welcome, and to all those who had made the meeting such a success.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Painswick, where the twelve bells were available for ringing, and some good touches were rung. At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. C. Verey) gave a very instructive address on the uses of the church bells, and afterwards the members were entertained to tea at the Vicarage.

The business meeting followed, at which the Branch Secretary gave a detailed account of the year's work. Ten meetings, he said, had been held, besides many visits paid to different towers. Nine peals had been rung, and three new members had been elected. There were 80 members in the branch, 30 of whom had served or were serving in H.M. Forces. The financial statement was passed as most satisfactory, every member having paid his subscriptions. All the officers and branch committee were re-elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. C. and Mrs. Verey, to the officers and branch committee, the Press, and all who had assisted in helping on the work of the branch.

Some good handbell ringing followed, and the tower bells were again rung to touches of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters.

## THE JOHNSON DINNER.

(Continued from Page 96)

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' proposed by Ald. J. S. Pritchett, was responded to by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith), who first thanked the company for the way they had received his name. If, he said, he had done anything which had in any way met with their approval, it had not been due to his personal efforts, but to the loyal and hearty co-operation of every member of the Guild. They were not as some of their ringing brethren in the West of England had once been described, 'rats and mice.' Fortunately they were all of one breed and got on well together, and it was due to that that they met with the success which they did. Ald. Pritchett was an ideal Presiding Ringing Master, and while they had him in that position, and Mr. Groves in the position of his Deputy, and all the other officers working so well together, and as long as they had Canon Willink at St. Martin's they could not help but prosper, and he would be a poor secretary indeed if he did not manage to get on and show at least some results. Mr. Smith then mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from Mr. Kendal, one of the churchwardens of St. Martin's; Mr. Cheshire, Mr. C. Dickens (one of the Trustees), Mr. G. Turner (of Pendleton), and Mr. W. Rock Small (of Tipton), who was somewhat shaken by two falls which he had recently sustained. They had, he said, also received a telegram from Mr. W. J. Cockerill, saying, 'College Youths' best wishes for very happy evening.' Continuing, Mr. Smith said it was decided to ask Canon Willink to take the chair on that occasion for the sixth year in succession. He conveyed that intimation to him in the usual manner, and received a very nice reply from the Rector thanking him very much for the invitation, but hoping that it had not become stereotyped. He thought the honour should be handed round, and that he should not be asked as a matter of course because he was Rector. He (Mr. Smith) replied that it was not for any of those reasons that they invited Canon Willink to take the chair, but because they loved and esteemed him (applause). They would not dream of inviting any other gentleman to take that position so long as they could get Canon Willink to do it. He wanted to ask them one question, and the reply he expected was one which our troops had given when asked if they were down-hearted. Was there any other man, clergyman or layman, ringer or non-ringer in this country, that they would rather see in the chair that night in place of Canon Willink?

The reply was a 'No' that 'made the spiders tremble among the rafters and the rats retreat to their funk holes.'

Mr. Smith: That is your answer, sir.

Mr. W. H. Godden proposed the toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' and spoke of the good relations which existed between St. Martin's Guild and other ringing organisations, and especially with the Ancient Society of College Youths, whose Master was with them that evening, as well as one of its oldest members, Mr. Horrex (applause).

Mr. Albert Hughes, who had a cordial reception, said although he was Master of the College Youths, he looked upon Mr. Horrex as the father of the Society. They, in the College Youths, he said, always looked with very brotherly affection to the St. Martin's Guild. They had great admiration for the way they had upheld the absolutely correct traditions of change ringing. They (the College Youths) looked upon themselves as a twelve-bell ringing Society, and they looked on St. Martin's Guild in the same way. In conclusion, he thanked the Guild for the cordial way they had welcomed the visitors.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett submitted the 'Health of the Chairman.' First of all he said he wanted to thank Mr. Groves, the deputy ringing Master, for the excellent work he had done. Mr. Groves had done the work, and he (Ald. Pritchett) had got most of the credit. Then he wanted to say that Mr. Carter had retired from Webley's, Ltd., full of honours—he would not say full of years—and he trusted a nice little nest egg. He (the speaker) had only one suggestion, and that was that Mr. Carter should spend a year or two upon his wonderful ringing machine so that it might take its place with the wonderful calculating machine of Thomas Burrage, now enshrined in the British Museum. Mr. Smith, continued Ald. Pritchett, had asked them a question, but he did not mean to be outdone. He would ask them: Did they want Canon Willink to be their chairman next year?

There was a stentorian 'Yes' in reply, and, continuing, Ald. Pritchett said he believed in the eastern counties 'willink' was the normal pronunciation of 'willing.' Certainly Canon Willink was the most willing chairman they had ever had. He was Canon Rector and Prebtor, and they hoped in due course he might have the three other prefixes, Archdeacon, Dean and Bishop (applause). If that came to pass they might truly say, with the quotation on the toast list, 'His excellence did earn it' (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Canon Willink made a felicitous reply. He said that so long as it was in his power under any circumstances at all to be present they could rest assured that he would be there. Continuing, he said he wanted to thank the members of the Guild for their remarkable services during the past year, not only for what they had done, but also for what they had not done; because during a long three months their beautiful bells had never to be silent, and the ringers' patience during that twelve or thirteen weeks of the restoration of the spire was magnificent. He

was extremely grateful for the handsome sum they sent him towards the restoration, and for the way they had helped by their sympathy and their patience. He also wished to thank them for their splendid patriotic service at the time of the Armistice. The wonderful manner in which they found their way to the tower within an almost incredibly short space of time would not be forgotten. They were ringing at the earliest possible moment and their tower took its lead in the demonstration of joy and thankfulness that swept over the whole country. Then he asked them to come, if they could do so, to ring at that most solemn memorial service in connection with King Edward's School, and to a man they responded without thought of fee or monetary reward. The muffled bells, as the boys and governors and masters of the school came down in their hundreds, added immeasurably to the interest and solemnity of the gathering. But it was not only on these special occasions, but year in and year out, Sunday by Sunday, the Guild rendered services that were beyond all praise, and his only too infrequent visits to the tower were always a source of pleasure to him (applause).

This concluded the toast list. The speeches were interspersed with a variety of pleasing items, the vocal programme being sustained by St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hiale, Bayliss, Chapman and Gorman, members of St. Martin's Church choir). The quartette sang glees, which greatly delighted the audience, and Mr. A. L. Chapman contributed songs, the accompanist being Mr. A. S. Gorman, A.R.C.O. The harmony of the evening at the Johnson Dinner would be incomplete without the inimitable and incomparable Mr. Harry Withers, the Bournville Carillonneur. Harry was in great form—as usual. He tapped a perfect course of Double Norwich Major on a set of tubular bells, brought by St. Martin's steeplekeeper, gave an equally splendid exhibition by tapping a course of Superlative Surprise on his dulcimer, while his subsequent selection of tunes was received with uproarious applause. A course of Stedman Cinque, was capably rung on handbells by Messrs. Pigott, T. Russam, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, G. W. Swann and J. George. Altogether the evening was an unqualified success, and those who enjoyed the pleasurable gathering are much indebted to those who made and carried out the arrangements.

## DEATH OF MR. J. B. MARTIN.

### LOSS TO CENTRAL NORTANTS ASSOCIATION.

One of the founders of the Central Northants Association, and one of the first eight members to secure the Association's gold bell for ringing 100 peals, Mr. John Blackwell Martin, of Higham Ferrers, has passed away at the age of 58 years. Although Mr. Martin had been unwell for about three weeks his death came suddenly from heart failure, and Higham Ferrers loses a much-respected townsman and the Central Northants Association an enthusiastic and loyal supporter. For 20 years he was clerk of St. Mary's Church, and for 40 years a member of the choir. It was due to his efforts that the bells at Higham Ferrers were increased to eight, and he called the first peal (Grandsire) on the new ring. He also conducted the first peal on Irthlingborough bells in the same method. He saw much progress in the art of ringing in Northants, and had rung in most of the towers in the county. He rang his first peal of Superlative at Irthlingborough in 1897, and scored a peal of London at Higham Ferrers in 1910. Altogether he had rung 106 peals, made up as follows: London Surprise 1, Superlative 21 (conducted 1), Double Norwich 26 (conducted 1), Kent Treble Bob Major 6, Bob Major 8 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 12, Grandsire Triples 22 (conducted 7), Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Triples 4, Minor in seven methods 5. The deceased was a member of the Odd-fellows and formerly held in turn all the various offices in the local lodge. He was also a trustee of the Band Club, and a member of the Committee of the Charitable Aid Society. His chief interest, outside his work, however, lay in the church which he served so faithfully and well for 40 years.

At the funeral, the local ringers were represented among the bearers, and Mr. Walter Perkins (district secretary) was present on behalf of the Central Northants Association.

## AN OFFICERS' PEAL.

The officers' peal at Putney, reported elsewhere in this issue of 'The Ringing World,' was the outcome of a touch of Stedman Caters rung by soldiers only at St. Margaret's, Westminster, after the Memorial Service on February 22nd. As will be seen, the band was representative of all ranks from Major downwards, and included Air Force officers and four branches of the army. The band was fortunate in securing that able ringer, Lieut. E. M. Atkins, as conductor, and he is to be congratulated upon successfully piloting a band, several of whose members were short of practice, through the first officers' peal. There were no serious trips, and though the striking was not always excellent, most of the peal was good, and was not unworthy of the occasion, which has no parallel in the annals of the Exercise.

After the peal, the band celebrated the success fittingly at a restaurant hard by the church, and broke up about 2200 o'clock, by military time, content in the knowledge that they had made yet a paragraph more of ringing history.

The officers desire to record here their thanks to the Vicar of Putney, the Rev. Canon Thurston Rivington, for the use of his bells, and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. Bolton, for making the necessary preparations.

## NOTICES.

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**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Short notice of meeting.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wye, near Ashford, to-morrow (Saturday, March 22nd). Bells available from 2.30 to 8 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Duffield Church on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Visiting friends cordially welcome. The local Secretary would be pleased to receive outstanding subscriptions.—J. Lord (Local Sec.) 36, Howard Street, Derby.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A special practice meeting will be held at Sawston (Whittlesford Station) on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is desired.—A. E. Austin, acting General Secretary, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1537. — A meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on March 25th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, 22nd March, bells available at 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, at Milnrow Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A memorial service will be held at St. Nicholas' on Saturday, March 22nd, for ringers fallen in the war. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5.30. The Lord Bishop of Liverpool will preach. All ringers and friends welcomed.—Rev. E. C. Collier, Walter Hughes, Secs.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A meeting of this Society will be held at Armley, on Saturday, March 29th, 1919. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the White Horse Hotel at 7 p.m. for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. This meeting is important, and all members are asked to attend if possible. Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Butley Road, Leeds.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824.—A meeting for practice will take place at All Saints' Church, Fulham, on Saturday, March 29th, at 4 p.m. A tea at moderate price will be provided in the adjoining kiosk, for which please notify the Hon. Sec., T. Walker, 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Chester Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 7, at which

a peal board will be unveiled by Canon Elsee, M.A., President.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A monthly ringing meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Church on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Co-operative Hall at 5 o'clock. Tickets 1/6 each. All wishing to have tea please notify Mr. F. Spencer, Bingham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, by March 27th. All ringers welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, District Secretary.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The first quarterly meeting for 1919 will be held at Anston (Kurtion Park Station) on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Haigh and A. Beck, Joint Secretaries.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 3.30. Tea at Nags Head, to those who notify me by Wednesday, 2nd April.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Will members please watch this column for further particulars?—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Horbury Branch.—There will be a practice every Thursday at 8 p.m., also on the third Saturday in each month at 3.30 p.m., when all ringers will be cordially welcomed. All standard methods rung.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—I beg to remind members that the subscription for 1919 is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Non-resident members and others are reminded that subscriptions should be paid at once to the respective District Secretaries, or to G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nominations for the election of general officers to be held at Easter should reach me by March 30th, in accordance with rules. Hon. Treas. is perforce retiring.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

**REPORTS WANTED.**—Will give 10/- each for Norwich Association Report for years 1879, 1881 and 1883.—E. F. Poppy, Moorhall, Eye, Suffolk.

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#### THE ROYAL WEDDING.

The marriage of Princess Patricia of Connaught to Commander the Hon. Alexander Maule Ramsay, R.N., provided a picturesque scene in the historic Abbey of Westminster, the noble pile with its lofty Gothic arches, which has been the crowning place of Britain's kings for a thousand years. After the ceremony, the bride returned in an open carriage with her gallant husband, the crowd simply roared a greeting, and the wedding bells of St. Margaret's rang out right joyously. The bells were 'fired,' and Stedman (aters and 'queens' rung by a selected band of St. Margaret's Society: W. Hewitt (conductor) 1, E. Gibbs 2, Geo. M. Kilby 3, F. Perrin 4, H. Ellis 5, W. Alns 6, J. A. Trollope 7, W. Lawrence 8, F. I. Hairs 9, S. Pettett 10. Lieut. Cyril P. Johnston (Grenadier Guards), who was present at the ceremony in the Abbey, joined the ringers later, and had a touch of Treble Ten.

#### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the South Eastern Division was held at Widdford on Saturday week, members attending from Boreham, Chelmsford, Maldon, Writtle, and the local company. The methods rung included Stedman and Double Norwich. At the business meeting, presided over by the District Master, four new ringing members were elected, viz. Messrs. F. Gardner and B. Bailey, Writtle; and S. Letch and H. Joslyn, Boreham. Mr. W. Prail was re-elected an unattached member of the Association, and the Rev. A. E. Hall, of Boreham, was elected an honorary member.

Writtle was selected as a place for the next meeting, to be held in October, this being the annual meeting for the district. It was also decided to hold a bye meeting at Galleyswood in May.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the towerkeeper for getting the bells ready.

#### WORKSOP RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, February 1st, at St. John's Church, Worksop, Mr. Ernest Clark, a ringer of the Priory Church, was married to Miss E. Mokes. The ringers of the Priory took the opportunity to present him with a tea urn, 'in appreciation of his ever-ready help in the belfry and his punctual and regular attendance at practice and Sunday ringing.' The presentation was made by Mr. H. Haigh, the captain of the ringers, who testified to the many admirable traits in Mr. Clark's character, and wished him and his bride every happiness.—Mr. Clark suitably responded, and thanked the ringers for the present, and the complimentary remarks made by Mr. Haigh.

During the afternoon, touches of Grandire and Union Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob were brought round on the bells, and a volley of nine 'shots' was also struck.

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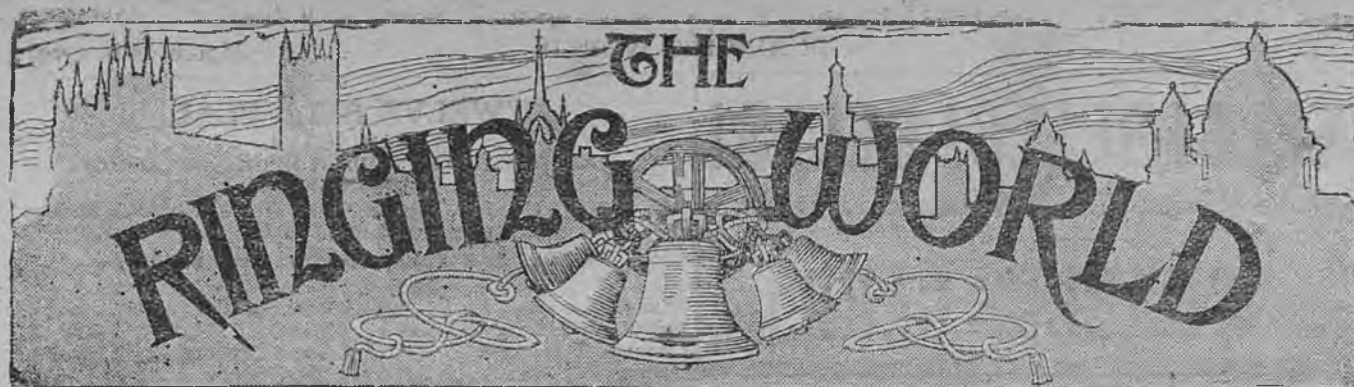
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## THE REVIVAL.

Gratifying signs continue to appear of the revival of ringing throughout the country. These are not to be found so much in the increasing number of peals that are being rung, but in the stray items that come to light, such as the first six-score of Doubles by a local band for many years, just rung at the little village of Rusper, in Sussex; the formation of a new company at Whitstable, Kent, where the bells have not been rung for 20 years; and the instruction of a new band, including churchwardens and sidesmen, at Rawmarsh—to mention just two or three. Such events are the most promising of all, especially if, as certainly is the case, they are multiplied throughout the country. Then, too, there is the evidence of increasing activity in the reports of growing numbers at various meetings.

The Norwich Association, we are glad to see by the abridged Report just issued, is setting about the problem of reconstruction, after the four years of war's disorganisation, with some vigour. Mr. Arthur Coleman, who has undertaken the secretaryship at a time when there is great work to be done, has addressed the members on the urgency of this subject, and invites the co-operation of the towers in getting into touch at once with ringers as they return, and seeking out new recruits for training so as to fill the numerous gaps unfortunately left in the belfries—a sacred duty, as he puts it, which is owed to those who have laid down their lives. He adds, that as a first step to revive interest and enthusiasm, the members should meet together more frequently in their respective districts, as, in the past, the importance of district meetings does not seem to have been sufficiently recognised.

This suggestion, we are sure, will commend itself most heartily to the members of the Norwich Association, who have been among the foremost exponents of the art, and as keen as skilful. This one word of encouragement ought to start off the Association on a series of district gatherings which should implant a spirit of enthusiasm and interest among the members equal to anything to be found elsewhere in the country. The secret of maintaining a high standard is the bringing along of young bands, and as the Norwich Association can claim as many members as any society in the country, there ought to be no fear for the future if the material is handled aright. At any rate, the districts have been given a lead which they ought not to be slow to follow. And what applies to the Norwich Association applies also to some others. It is up to the officers to carry the revival into the towers, to reintroduce the enthusiasm which more than four years of war has quenched. It is of no use to sit down and wait; the immediate necessity is to be up and doing.



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On Tuesday, March 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KENT ... .. 7
EDWIN HORREX ... .. 2	WALTER C. HUNT ... .. 8
CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 4	JOHN NEAL ... .. 10
A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 11
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 6	FRANCIS E. DAWK ... .. Tenor

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## TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5830 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qrs.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	EDWIN F. PYKE ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7
LOUIS ATTWATER ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 8
GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 4	EMANUEL HALL ... .. 9
JAMES SCHOLES ... .. 5	GEORGE BARRELL ... .. Tenor

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE DOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES V. WRIGHT ... .. 3
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE JONES ... .. 3	ERNEST CHANNELL ... .. 7
ARTHUR WATKIN ... .. 4	JAMES MORGAN ... .. Tenor

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(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE DOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. Treble	RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 5
HARRY BARRETT ... .. 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... .. 6
ERNEST H. COOK ... .. 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 7
HAROLD P. BURTON ... .. 4	HARRY MANCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

\* First peal in the method, and first peal in the method as conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	JOHN DALE ... .. 7
LEONARD A. PYE ... .. 4	DANIEL PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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On Saturday, March 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDK. G. BIGGS... .. Treble	ARTHUR G. JAMES ... .. 5
JOHN GRANESEBURY... .. 2	RALPH H. BIGGS... .. 6
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## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

PERCY E. JONES... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. 6
*GLADYS BATEMAN ... .. 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... .. 7
JOHN EVANS ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

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Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal of Major.

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The Vicar kindly postponed Evensong for this peal.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BERNARD ALLSOP... .. Treble	EDWIN BLACKWELL ... .. 5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... .. 2	JOHN SIDDALL, SEN. ... .. 6
HENRY GREGORY... .. 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR... .. 7
THOMAS WHITE ... .. 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE... .. Tenor

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

WILLIAM HODGETTS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FYE ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... .. 6
ARTHUR W. DIX ... .. 3	ARTHUR MASON ... .. 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.  
Conducted by WILLIAM FYE.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5182 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

SAN THOMAS ... .. Treble	GEORGE M. THORPE ... .. 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 2	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... .. 6
*COLLIN HARRISON ... .. 3	FRED WATKINSON ... .. 7
ROBERT HARRISON ... .. 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.  
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\* First peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*FREDERICK PAIGE ... .. Treble	F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 4
†HARRY PRICE ... .. 2	JAMES WAGHORN... .. 5
GEO. FULLER ... .. 3	F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Edwin J. Lambert, of Horsmonden, news having been recently received that he died a prisoner of war in Germany on October 22nd, 1918.

\* First peal. † 100th peal.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

the 720's being called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH... .. Treble	JACK BARNES ... .. 4
JAMES SHAW ... .. 2	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
PTE. THOMAS HOWORTH ... .. 3	JAMES TOMLINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

\* First peal.

Second peal on the bells.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and in memory of the beloved wife of the Rector, Mrs. Newman.

L. Williams belongs to Church, the rest hail from Oswaldtwistle.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EARLSHEATON.

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Earlsheaton, on Saturday week, and despite unfavourable weather, over 80 members and friends attended, 24 towers being represented. The bells, a beautiful peal of eight, with tenor 14 cwt., were rung to the tune of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, all the visitors expressing their pleasure with the splendid 'go' of them. A substantial meat tea was partaken of in the schools, followed by the usual business meeting, at which letters of apology for absence were read from the Rev. C. C. Marshall (President), Mr. G. B. Bolland (vice-president), and Mr. H. Williams (general secretary). Mr. P. J. Johnson was voted in the chair.

Miss A. Hillary and Miss E. Moorby, of Skipton; Messrs. Scholey and North, of Batley; and Sherwood, of Burley, were elected members of the Association. No nominations being received for the posts of Ringing Master and three committee-men, the retiring officers were re-elected for the next three years, namely, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Ringing Master, and Messrs. Dixon, Broadley and Hardcastle, committee.—Mr. Dixon was chosen to serve on the Central Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and wardens for use of the bells, on the proposition of Mr. Moorhouse, seconded by Mr. Elliott.—The Rev. R. S. Davies, in replying, said that he always felt like a fish out of water at a ringers' meeting, but he admired bells immensely. He was pleased to see ladies ringing their bells that day. He also made mention of the good and regular services rendered by his own ringers. Earlsheaton tower was such a small one, otherwise he would not rest until they got ten bells. The Vicar concluded by saying it was always a pleasure to him for companies of ringers from other districts to come and ring Earlsheaton bells.

Kildwick was chosen for the June meeting.

A vote of thanks to the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements that day was proposed by Mr. Moorhouse, and seconded by Mr. North, and acknowledged by Mr. G. Hardy.—The Chairman remarked he was pleased to see the Rev. R. Evers, Vicar of Liversedge (a hon. member) amongst them that afternoon, and the reverend gentleman, in replying, said he thought the clergy should attend the meeting of ringers as far as they could. It gave him great pleasure to be there to show brotherhood between them.—This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited. Handbell ringing was indulged in, and terminated a very successful gathering.

## FENNY STRATFORD RINGER'S DEATH.

St. Martin's band, Fenny Stratford, has lost a valued member by the death, from pneumonia, of Mr. William J. Manning. On Feb. 25th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to his memory, by: W. Cranwell 1, G. T. Underwood 2, G. Groves 3, J. Searey 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5, J. Washbrook 6.

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## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

### BIG GATHERING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday week in ideal weather. The bells enlivened the town by their joyful sounds during the afternoon, and at 4.30 the Guild service was said in church by the Vicar of Dudley (the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A.), who also gave an eloquent address from the words 'Let us praise famous men.' He mentioned such famous men in the ringing world as the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and others, and coming to their own church, he referred to the name of Samuel Spittle, and spoke of what they had accomplished for ringing.—Mr. T. W. North presided at the organ in his masterly style, and provided the music which greatly added to the brightness of the service.

A sumptuous tea was afterwards served in the Schoolroom, and over 100 members were present from Bilston, Blakenhall, Bradley, Brierley Hill, Birmingham, Clent, Coseley, Darlaston, Dudley, Handsworth, Netherton, Old Hill, Oldbury, Sedgley, Smethwick, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, West Bromwich, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Willenhall, etc.

At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. J. McDougal Tait (people's warden), in the absence of the Vicar's warden (Mr. F. R. McDowell), who was unable to stay, briefly introduced the new Vicar of Dudley to the members, and the Vicar, who took the chair, met with an enthusiastic reception.—The Secretary announced that apologies had been received from the Ringing Master (Mr. Harry Mason), who was unable to be present owing to the serious illness of his wife; also from Mr. William Rock Small, who was ill, and who owing to his ill-health and advancing years, wished to resign the treasurership of the Guild, which office he had held since the formation of the Guild 20 years ago.—The resignation was received with regret and a vote of thanks passed to Mr. Small for his long and valuable services.—A vote of sympathy was accorded to him and Mr. Mason for the causes which prevented them being present at the meeting.—A vote of sympathy and condolence was also passed with Mr. John Smith (Tipton) in the great loss he has sustained by the recent death of his beloved wife, and also with Mrs. Phelps (wife of the Vicar) in her bereavement by the death of her sister. These votes of condolence were carried in silence by the members standing.

### THE LATE MR. S. SPITTLE'S HANDBELLS.

At this stage, Mr. Arthur Spittle presented, on behalf of the family, the peal of 56 handbells, the property of his late father, Mr. Samuel Spittle, who was instrumental in forming this Guild, and was its ringing master until his death.—The Vicar, on behalf of himself and churchwardens, and the Dudley parish ringers, accepted the gift promising that the bells should be taken care of. The inscription on the tenor is as follows: 'In memory of Samuel Spittle, the last of the St. Thomas's Youths, this peal of 56 bells is presented to St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, for the permanent use of the ringers, Easter, 1917.'

The Vicar of Dudley, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, was unanimously elected President of the Guild in succession to Canon Gray Maitland, who had left Dudley. The vice-presidents were elected, viz., Col. Sir A. G. Bosawen, M.P., Rev. S. J. Marriott (Vicar of Netherton), Rev. J. A. Price (Vicar of Coseley), Mr. Harry Mason, Old Hill; Mr. Arthur Spittle, Smethwick; and Councillor Herbert Wilkes, Dudley. Mr. Harry Mason was unanimously re-elected Ringing Master; Mr. Herbert Sheppard, hon. secretary; Mr. B. Gough, hon. treasurer; and Mr. A. E. Law and Mr. John Smith, auditors.—The Secretary presented his annual report, and Mr. Smith presented the balance sheet, both of which were passed and ordered to be printed.

At the close of the meeting hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, for conducting the service in church, for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells; to Mr. North (organist) for his kindness in providing the musical portion of the service; to the donors of the tea; to Messrs. Phelps, Tilley, McDowell, Tait and Wilkes for presiding at the tables; to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea; and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a great success.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Netherton at the end of May, and to hold a combined Guild practice monthly at Dudley, commencing on Monday, April 7th, at 7.30.

The bells were kept merrily going in various methods during the evening, and were greatly appreciated by the townspeople who have heard so little of them during the past four and a half years.

### BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. James Aggett, of Messrs. Aggett and Sons, bell hangers, of Chagford, Devon, has died at the age of 45. The business has been in existence nearly a century.

At Whitstable, Kent, where there is a light peal of six, which have not previously been rung for 20 years, a new band has been formed, and is being instructed by Mr. H. A. Hopkins, an old member of the Cumberlands, who joined that society nearly 50 years ago.

We understand Eye, Suffolk, is to have a peal of ten. To the present ring of eight two new trebles have been generously promised by Mr. E. E. Poppy, of the local company, as a thankoffering for his restoration to health after a serious illness, and as a memorial to the Eye men who have fallen in the war. There is a very promising band at Eye, of which much will doubtless be heard in the future.



### THE PEAL AT RAWMARSH. A RINGING REVIVAL.

This peal was arranged for the Rev. W. P. Wright, at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. F. G. Scovell) for the edification of the budding ringers at Rawmarsh, to whom Mr. Wright delivered the first lecture on change ringing. It was the first peal on the bells since they were recast and relung in the most modern manner by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

After the peal the visitors were entertained to tea in the Church-room by the Rector, wardens and ringers, the company, to the number of 24, sitting down to an excellent repast. Owing to a domestic bereavement the Rector had to go south, but the curate (the Rev. A. Baker) made an excellent deputy. He thanked the visiting ringers for the excellent peal during the afternoon.

After tea it was the turn of the Rawmarsh Youths, who had their first open practice, advantage being taken of a good opportunity. An entirely local band rang the bells for the first time for over 20 years, amongst the ringers being the two churchwardens (Mr. T. Lancashire and Mr. Kirke White), and several of the sidesmen.

The Rev. W. P. Wright and Mr. S. Thomas voiced the thanks of the peal band for the excellent tea provided, and the arrangements for their comfort, as well as the hearty welcome to come again.

### DEATH OF MR. G. A. RANSOM.

#### A WELL-KNOWN KENT AND MIDDLESEX RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George A. Ransom, which took place at his residence, Twickenham Road, Isleworth, on Sunday Mar. 16th, at the age of 63 years. He was born at Sittingbourne, in which district he learned to ring. He became a prominent member of the Kent County Association, and was one of their instructors, ringing and conducting a number of peals for them.

He took up his residence in Isleworth in 1895, and joined the local band, who found him of great assistance. He was a member of the Middlesex and London County Associations, for which he rang and conducted several peals.

He was laid to rest at Isleworth Cemetery on Monday, March 17th, the mourners being his widow, four sons and four daughters. His eldest son, being on service in Turkey, was not able to get home. All the sons have been on service. The remains were taken into the Parish Church, the bells being rung muffled as the cortege entered, and also when leaving. Many ringing friends were at the graveside.

In the evening several old friends met in Isleworth tower, and rang muffled touches as a last token of respect for the deceased.

### BARNESLEY SOCIETY'S LOSSES.

St. Mary's Society, Barnsley, have lost a member by the death of Mr. George Sykes Tras. He joined the society in 1875, and was always enthusiastic in all matters concerning ringers and ringing. His last desire was to attend the memorial service for fallen ringers in the war at Sheffield, but evidently life's ever slender thread was weakening for he was not well enough to be present, and died suddenly two days later, at the age of 62 years. The number of his peals has not been kept, but he rang probably fifteen, most of them in the seventies, in the company of revivalists, such as Messrs. T. and C. H. Hattersley, Whinaker, Broarler, and others. He had one of nature's severe handicaps, an impediment of speech, but yet his personality was such with ringers, that once known he was always welcomed. His remains were interred at Barnsley Cemetery, the first portion of the burial service being taken by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Hervey) in St. Mary's Parish Church. Many local and other ringers were present, and a course of Grandsire Triples, by members of Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Association was rung at the graveside. The tower bells were afterwards rung fully muffled. The deceased leaves a widow and family of eight, mostly grown up, to mourn their loss.

Only three months before, the Barnsley company lost a much-respected member by the death of Mr. Arthur Lister who passed away at the age of 35 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Society for 15 years, and was most regular in his attendance for Sunday ringing. On the occasion of the funeral, the ringers sent a wreath, and the tower bells were rung muffled.

### WELCOME HOME.

At Fulmer, Bucks, on Sunday evening, to celebrate the safe return of Mr. J. Walden, R.E.A. (a member of the Fulmer band, who was very severely wounded in the fighting on the Palestine front, near Jaffa), 720 Oxford Bob Minor was rung by: E. Harding 1, F. Clarke 2, Miss E. A. Fuller 3, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 4, J. Jolley 5, J. Clarke 6.

Gunner Walden tells how whilst crossing from Salonika to Alexandria on board the s.s. 'Maniton' in June, 1917, he and his brother (who is still serving in Egypt) each sketched a rough diagram of a course of London Surprise Minor, on paper, to let each other see that they had not forgotten it. The Fulmer ringers sincerely hope that he may soon be quite restored to health again, and that he will be spared for many years yet to help them. To call the folks to church in time.

### WORKSOP'S V.C. RINGER.

#### WELCOME TO SERGT. W. H. JOHNSON.

On Tuesday evening, March 11th, Worksop had the opportunity of according a public welcome to Sergt. Wm. Henry Johnson, V.C., 1/5th Battalion Nottingham and Derby Regt. (T.F.), on his return home from hospital, where he has been recovering from the wounds sustained in action when he won the coveted distinction. Sergt. Johnson travelled from Birmingham, where he had been an inmate of the Military Hospital, and was met at Sheffield by his wife. He arrived at Worksop by the 5.7 p.m. train, and awaiting him on the platform was a large group of friends, acquaintances, and the general public. Outside the station an immense crowd had gathered, and the streets had been decorated in his honour, despite the fact that very short notice of his arrival had been given. The streamer bearing the words, 'Welcome Home,' which crossed Bridge Street from the Cattle Market Hotel well expressed the popular sentiment. On the station platform were Councillor Raines, J.P., who was accompanied by Councillors G. H. Hall, F. G. Foster and J. H. Saxton. The Priory bell ringers, of which Sergt. Johnson is a member, were represented by H. Haigh, captain; Mr. A. Johnson, the V.C.'s uncle; and Cadet Arnold Beck; the Sweets' Association by Mr. R. Tingle; and the Discharged Sailors and Sailors' Association, who formed a guard of honour outside the station, by G. Fairclough and W. Marshall. The sergeant's little children were also on the platform in the care of friendly neighbours. On Sergt. and Mrs. Johnson alighting from the train they were welcomed by an outburst of cheering, and the V.C. was enthusiastically greeted while people crowded round him, and some women in their enthusiasm embraced him.

Escorted by Mr. Raines, Sergt. Johnson was led across the bridge and through the station booking hall, where an open landau, drawn by two horses, and appropriately decorated, were in waiting; the way was lined with discharged soldiers, and a passage was kept by the untiring efforts of Police-Sergts. Roberts and Mitchell, and other officers. Sergt. Johnson, with his wife and children, took their seats. And Mr. Raines, J.P., standing up in the landau, addressed the V.C. remarking that on behalf of the inhabitants of Worksop he wished to accord him a hearty welcome on his return from the battlefield, where he had attained such a proud distinction (cheers). When the news reached Worksop that a Worksop man had won the V.C. his heart knew no bounds. He was delighted to think this honour had come to Worksop, and he was sure the inhabitants were equally as proud and pleased, and that he was only giving expression to their wishes when he said to Sergt. Johnson, 'Welcome Home; may you be spared for many years to come, and have a speedy recovery from all your wounds' (cheers). Sergt. Johnson made no reply, beyond bowing his acknowledgments and saluting the crowd.

Had it been possible a band would have been in attendance, but unfortunately the notice was so short that this could not be arranged, and the demonstration was, therefore, shorn of its effects. However, the streets were lined with spectators, and as the carriage proceeded up Bridge Street the sergeant was greeted with cheer after cheer. It was an experience which he told the writer of these lines, he would never forget. The route taken was along Potter Street, down Prior Well Road to Shelley Street, where Sergeant Johnson lives. Just before Shelley Street was reached, Sergt. Johnson stood up in the landau and expressed his delight at being in Worksop once more, and thanked the inhabitants all for the hearty welcome they had given him. He noticed in the crowd a number of discharged sailors and wounded soldiers, and he would like to say this: that there was not one among those men who would not have done what he had done if they had been placed in a similar position on the battlefield; they would all, like British soldiers, have done their duty. Once more he thanked them for the magnificent reception given him.

The Priory ringers rang merry touches of Grandsire and Union Triples and Bob Major, and fired the bells at intervals in volleys. Sergt. Johnson was present in the belfry during some portion of the ringing, and thanked the ringers for the high honour bestowed upon him, and expressed the wish to take part in a short touch on the following Sunday. The following took part in the ringing: H. Haigh (captain), Cadet A. Beck, Sergt. T. Anderson, Sapper T. Bartholomew, R.E., H. H. Cartwright, A. Johnson, W. Roberts, E. Clark, S. Eastland, G. Hardwick, R. Wright and H. Simpson.

A public subscription, which is not closed, has already realised £100; fellow workmen at Manton and Newcastle Main Company have subscribed £100; the Wigan Coal and Iron Company, a gold watch; and the Priory Church and the Druids' Friendly Society have also testimonials in hand.

### STEDMAN BY AN 'ISLAND' BAND.

The first quarter-peal of Stedman ever rung by an 'Island' band has been scored at Newport, Isle of Wight, by the local company as follows: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Simmonds 8. They have also rung 560 Bob Major: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, W. Upton 7, H. Jennings (conductor) 8; and for services on Sunday, March 16th, 714 and 630 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8.

## NOTICES.

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**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824.—A meeting for practice will take place at All Saints' Church, Fulham, on Saturday, March 29th, at 4 p.m. A tea at moderate price will be provided in the adjoining kiosk, for which please notify the Hon. Sec., T. Walker, 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Chester Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 7, at which a peal board will be unveiled by Canon Elsee, M.A., President. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A monthly ringing meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Church on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Co-operative Hall at 5 o'clock. Tickets 1/6 each.—Thos. H. Kirkby, District Secretary.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The first quarterly meeting for 1919 will be held at Anston. (Kurtou Park Station), on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Haigh and A. Beck, Joint Secretaries.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 1st and 29th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 3rd; \*at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th; and \*St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 3.30. Tea at Nags Head, to those who notify me by Wednesday, 2nd April.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Bristol Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bedminster, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Kids Grove on Saturday, April 5th. Please notify Miss Nixon, Fir Tree House, Ravenscliff Road, Kids Grove, of how many intend to be present from your tower not later than the 3rd inst.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 51, Dunrobin Street, Longton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. George's Gravesend, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Church House, for which 1/6 each will be charged. Will those who wish to take tea let me know not later than Wednesday, April 2nd? Half rail fares allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are due and should be paid at or before the

meeting.—E. A. G. Allen, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, April 12th, 1919. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham, on April 12th, being the anniversary of the ring of eight. See notice next week.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A Memorial Service for those Ringers in these Dioceses who have sacrificed their lives for King and Country, 1914—1918, will be held at St. John's Church, Grainger Street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3.30 p.m. (Address by the Rev. A. E. Cormbin, Vicar of St. John's). A peal of Stedman Triples will be attempted on the bells, muffled, before service. All ringers, with their relations and their friends, are invited to attend and pay this humble tribute of respect and gratitude to our fallen heroes. The bells of the Cathedral and All Saints' will also be muffled for ringing after the service.—G. T. Potter, Hon. Sec., 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday (April 20th) for election of officers of Division, etc. Tower open 11-1 and 2-4; short Service 4; tea 4.30, in Church Hall, meeting to follow. Half railway fare. Tea 1/- each to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 16th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Will members please watch this column for further particulars?—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Horbury Branch.—There will be a practice every Thursday at 8 p.m., also on the third Saturday in each month at 3.30 p.m., when all ringers will be cordially welcomed. All standard methods rung.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—I beg to remind members that the subscription for 1919 is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Non-resident members and others are reminded that subscriptions should be paid at once to the respective District Secretaries, or to G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nominations for the election of general officers to be held at Easter should reach me by March 30th, in accordance with rules. Hon. Treas. is perforce retiring.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

**REPORTS WANTED.**—Will give 10/- each for Norwich Association Report for years 1879, 1881 and 1883.—E. F. Poppy, Moorhall, Eye, Suffolk.

**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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# **GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Cam on Saturday week, members attending from Berkeley, Coaley, Cam, Darsley, Slimbridge, Stinchcombe, Stone and Thornbury. Visitors were also present from Newport (Mon.), Lydney, and SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. Seaver) conducted a short service in the church, and afterwards invited the ringers to tea in the Parish Room. The Master, the Rev. M. E. Thorold, presided at the business meeting which followed.

Mr. J. W. Jones referred to the testimonial to Mr. Goldsmiths, and asked those present who were not already doing so to support the 'Ringing World' in future.—The Chairman also spoke very highly of the 'Ringing World,' saying that since he had been Master of the Association he had found it a most interesting and useful paper.

Thornbury was proposed as the place for the next meeting, on April 12th, but as Canon Cornwall cannot entertain the ringers on that date, the next meeting will not be held until after Easter.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service, and for the tea. During the afternoon and evening Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were practised.

# **MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Nottingham district, held at Bulwell, proved to be a great success. A large gathering of ringers was present from Bottesford, Cotgrave, Daybrooke, Lenton, Nottingham, Nottall, Radcliffe-on-Trent, and Selston, in addition to the local band. Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Duke of York, Double Court, and Plain Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Mr. W. E. White presided at the business meeting, at which it was decided by a large majority to hold the next meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the way in which they always made the Association welcome.

# **A SUSSEX VILLAGE WAKING UP.**

At Ruspur, Sussex, on March 22nd, five six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by: J. Jupp 1, F. T. Hoad (conductor) 2, E. Farley 3, F. Corke 4, W. Farley 5, T. Miles 6; and two six-scores by: W. Corke 1, W. Hogsflesh 2, E. Farley 3, F. Corke 4, W. Farley 5, F. T. Hoad (conductor) 6. These were the first six-scores by all the band except the conductor, and the first by a local band for many years.

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Will Mr. Jabez Preece kindly communicate his address, which he omitted from his letter?

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## GILLETT & JOHNSTON CROYDON, Surrey. BELLS, CLOCKS, CARILLONS.

### A ROYAL BELL FOUNDING.

The congratulations of the Exercise will go out to the firm of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank upon the honour which was conferred upon it last Friday by a royal visit to the foundry in Whitechapel. The event was private in its nature, but it was none the less interesting from the ringers' standpoint, for it was really doubly historical. The occasion which took the King and Queen, with Princess Mary, to the famous establishment was the casting of one of the new bells for Westminster Abbey, and, although it cannot perhaps be said with certainty, it was most probably the first time in the annals of the ancient craft that an English monarch and his consort had witnessed the casting of a church bell. Throughout the long history of the country, the bells have been most intimately associated with the rejoicings and sorrowings of the Royal House, but the occasions when marks of royal interest have been shown in the bells have been few and far between. The victor of Culloden was supposed to have expressed his appreciation of the ringing which welcomed him back to London, which mark of favour led to the adoption of the title which is enjoyed by that old metropolitan society 'The Royal Cumberland Youths.' Then there was the occasion when the late King Edward, when Prince of Wales, evinced his special interest in the bells of the Imperial Institute, but beyond these two incidents we know of no others when royalty, at any rate since the foundation of the Exercise, until that of last week, has concerned itself with bells.

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## TEN BELL PEAL.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. DORAN ... .. Treble	HARRY FLANDERS ... .. 6
WILLIAM W. MILLER ... .. 2	JOHN MOULE ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 3	HUGH T. SCARLETT ... .. 8
EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE HAYDEN ... .. 9
LEONARD A. PYE ... .. 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* THOMAS M. WHITFIELD ... Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 5
† RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 3	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 7
PTE. A. SMEATHERS, R.F. 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

\* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Major.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

NEVILLE D. WIDDOWSON ... Treble	EDWARD C. GOREY ... .. 5
ALLEN R. HICKTON ... .. 2	CHARLES E. CHASTY ... .. 6
RICHARD HICKTON ... .. 3	PERCY PRICE ... .. 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by NEVILLE D. WIDDOWSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 4th.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, March 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, BARKING,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Treble	JAMES WILLSHIRE ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. 2	HARRY R. NEWTON ... .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Mr. W. H. Pasmore's 100th peal.

The band take this opportunity to thank the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Lambert, for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Joyce, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BRENCHLEY ... Treble	FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 5
FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 2	JOHN J. LOWREY ... .. 6
EDWARD J. ILOTT ... .. 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. MORTON ... .. 4	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday.



**BURTON-UPON-TRENT.  
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.**

*On Thursday, March 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28½ cwt.

W. C. WAKLEY ... .. Treble	E. I. STONE ... .. 5
FRANK SHEPHERD ... .. 2	WALTER WHITE ... .. 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
JOHN HOUGH ... .. 4	*GEORGE NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of those members of the Society who lost their lives in the war, viz., Sergt. R. G. Stone, C.-S.-M. H. Wakley, and Sergt. A. P. Wakley.

\* First peal.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, March 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

*MISS DORIS OGDEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 5
GEORGE GARNETT ... .. 2	JOHN HARRISON ... .. 6
MISS Cissy THORPE ... .. 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 7
FRANK STONELEY ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of H. Palmer, for 20 years a ringer at the above church, who died within a week of demobilisation from the Army.

\* First peal.

**LONDON.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)**

*On Thursday, March 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.	
HERBERT W. HIBBERT ... .. Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. DAWE ... .. 4	ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Gunner William H. Taffender, R.H.A., Pte. Frederick J. Hardy, Wiltshire Regt., Pte. Frederick S. Morley, M.M., with bar, West Surrey Regt., members of the local Society who were killed in 1918.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

**ARMLEY, LEEDS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, March 20, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

*MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 5-6
JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	*GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 7-8
*OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 9-10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

Umpire: MR. GEORGE JOWITT.

\* First peal on ten bells and first attempt.

**WAR MEMORIALS.**

Mr. C. H. Jennings, of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has made a war memorial suggestion in the 'Dorset County Chronicle' which says that paper will doubtless find favour in some of the Dorset villages. 'We have in the county a large number of very fine church towers, several of which contain only four or five bells, and very poor at that. He suggests that they should be overhauled, and where possible, augmented to a complete peal of eight. The church bells are an intimate part of the life of a village, and this would be far more appropriate than stone crosses and brasses, and other 'dumb' memorials, that are being so much favoured. One church at least is thinking of doing this, and Mr. Jennings wishes it to be known that should any villages in Dorset require assistance in this matter, he will be pleased to visit them and give advice. This public-spirited offer will encourage other villages to follow suit.'

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**UNVEILING CEREMONY AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**

On Saturday last the Manchester Branch held its usual monthly meeting. Members were present from all parts of the branch, and there were visitors from Yorkshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pugh-Morgan, M.A.) presided, and was supported by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Secretary of the Chester Guild; Mr. W. H. Shuker, General Secretary of the Lancashire Association. The Vicar gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors, and expressed his sorrow and that of the local company in the loss of another ringer, in the person of Herbert Palmer, who had died within a week of demobilisation, through pneumonia. He then called upon Canon Elsee, M.A., President of the Association, to unveil a very interesting peal board.

Canon Elsee expressed his sorrow at hearing of the death of H. Palmer at a time when it was thought all was over, and sympathetically spoke of his demise. In speaking of the occasion which called them together that day, he said that a double interest centred in the event of the day. The first was to record a peal which was rung in the tower before they thought of the things that had overtaken the world, the first of its kind on the bells, and the first in Ashton-under-Lyne. Secondly, it was to perpetuate the memory of two ringers who bore honoured names—Lieut. H. Washbrook—a name which was a household word in the ringing world. He was glad to have known and made the acquaintance of the Washbrooks many years ago when at Oxford and it was with deep feelings that he extended to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who he was pleased to see with them, his sympathy on behalf of those present, and more so in the fact that he had lost three sons in the war. Corpl. Bottrill, another name familiar to many present, had contracted disease while in the army, and had died in hospital. To those two men they did honour, not only as good ringers, but as true men who had given their lives in their country's cause. Their thoughts went back also to Joseph Ridyard, and they remembered what a shock it was to them all when he was called away. He was sure they were called away to a higher service.

Canon Elsee then unveiled the board, and read the inscription, which was as follows: 'St. Peter's Church, Lancashire Association (Gloriam ad Dei Veritas).—On Saturday, March 15th, 1913, in three hours and 11 minutes, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (5120 changes), by: Samuel Greenhalgh, treble, Alfred Barnes, 2nd, Joseph Lowe, 3rd, Harry Washbrook, 4th, J. T. Bottrill, 5th, Walter W. Wolstencroft, 6th, Harry Chapman, 7th, Joseph Ridyard, tenor. Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by J. Ridyard. This is the first peal in the method ever rung in Ashton. This board is erected to the memory of Harry Washbrook and J. T. Bottrill, who gave their lives in the Great War (1914-15-16-17-18-19), and to Joseph Ridyard, vice-president (1915-16-17-18). Chas. Hoyle, Ed. Foulkes, churchwardens; Rev. T. W. Pugh-Morgan, M.A., Vicar.'

It was decided to hold the next meeting jointly with the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, at St. Michael's (12 bells), on Saturday, April 26th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding and granting the use of the bells; to Canon Elsee for his kindness in coming to unveil the peal board and for his kind words of sympathy.—A cordial vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. Amos Trippier who had kindly given the board, which is a beautiful piece of workmanship.

The bells were rung during the day to Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Stedman.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.  
SWINDON BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Chippenham on Saturday last. Although on the eve of 'Summer-Time' winter was very prominent with his white jacket, which no doubt had a lot to do with the limited attendance. The two nice rings of eight at St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Churches were available, and members from Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret, Trowbridge, Marshfield, and the local company obtained useful practice in Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major. A short service for the ringers was held at St. Paul's, the Rev. F. G. Walsley officiating. A substantial tea was partaken of at the Waverley Restaurant, and the business meeting followed. Mr. Ernest Bishop, Master of the Swindon Parish Church Guild, presided, and spoke on the subject of working in harmony for the welfare and unity of ringers. The meeting regretted the retirement of Mr. R. W. Hyner from office as secretary, and a vote of thanks was accorded for his valuable services.

Upon the recommendation of the Chairman, the vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. H. W. Bishop, of Wanborough, who had much pleasure in acceding to the request, and expressed his intention of doing his best for the branch.—Three new members were elected, and it was also decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Swindon. This will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was accorded the respective Vicars for use of bells and the service, especially to the Rev. F. G. Walsley, who expressed his admiration for the meetings, and the interest he had in change ringing.—The meeting concluded with a silent vote in memory and honour of members who have made the great sacrifice.

Ringing was afterwards indulged in until 8 p.m., and brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

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## RINGING VICAR'S DEATH.

REV. V. A. CRESWELL SUCCEEDS TO PNEUMONIA.

We regret to record the death of the Rev. Vaughan Augustus Creswell, M.A., Vicar of Yarkhill, Herefordshire, which took place on March 15th, from pneumonia, following a severe attack of influenza at the age of 47 years. The deceased had held the living of Yarkhill for nearly two years, and here he was laid to rest on the 20th ult., amidst great sorrow, the beavers being his ringing friends.

The Rev. V. A. Creswell was instituted to the living of St. Weonards in 1909, one of the most exposed parishes in South Herefordshire, and there found some of the bells in bad going order, but he got funds together, and had the treble and second rehung. He then set to work and formed a band, and taught them half-pull ringing, and most of them had scored peals when the war partly broke up the company. The deceased gentleman was, however, looking forward to a peal attempt with them on the day peace was signed. He always took a very active part in the ringing, and was to be found in the belfry regularly each Sunday, as well as on practice nights. On more than one occasion he helped to ring the bells, and afterwards played the organ and took the complete service.

He had rung about six peals, his last one being at Clun during the Armistice ringing week, when he rang the treble—the bell given by his family—through a peal of Grandsire Triples. In a letter to the writer a few days afterwards he said: 'I shall always look back with a great deal of pleasure to last Wednesday. For four years I have been looking forward to that day which has now come and gone, leaving behind it only a memory.'

He was a member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, the Hereford Diocesan Guild Committee, and regularly attended the meetings and festivals, and also of the St. George's Society, Clun, in which he took a particularly keen interest. After his last visit he presented the society with a peal book containing the six peals rung during that week. His family used to reside at Clun, and it was there he spent his boyhood days, during which the writer first taught him to handle a bell rope.

He leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn their loss.

## MR. W. H. PASMORE'S 100 PEALS.

Included in their first one hundred peal, few ringers have probably such a record as that of Mr. W. H. Pasmore, of London, whose century is made up of the following: On tower bells: Grandsire Triples 6, Caters 2, Stedman Triples 8, Caters 4, Cinques 4, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Royal 5, Treble Bob Maximus 2, Double Norwich Major 1, Royal 5, Westminster Surprise Major 3, St. Stephen's Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 8, Cambridge Surprise Major 8, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 3, London Surprise Major 20; total 84. On handbells: Grandsire Triples 2, Caters 1, Stedman Triples 3, Caters 2, Cinques 2, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 2; total 16.

## BACK FROM THE WAR.

The annual meeting of the Woburn band was held in the belfry of St. Mary's Church on March 24th, the Vicar (the Rev. W. V. R. White) presiding, and the churchwardens and practically all the ringers being present. Mr. S. A. Avis was elected foreman, and Mr. Ernest Herbert deputy foreman. Mr. Charles Matthews was elected a new member. Practices will now be resumed on Mondays. The Vicar and Churchwardens thanked the ringers for their services during the past year. Though thinned in numbers during the war, they had managed to ring for all Sunday services. They also welcomed back the three members, Messrs. W. Jones, D. Jones and J. Clance, who had been demobilised. Six of the band had responded to their country's call, but happily all had returned.

## DEVON RESTORATIONS.

The bells at Kingsteignton Parish Church have been restored, and the tenor recast, and rehung by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, Devon. The firm's patent adjustable bearings have been used, and the work has given great satisfaction to all concerned.

Littlehempston church bells have also been successfully restored by Messrs. Aggett and Sons.

Messrs. Aggett have in hand the restoration of the bells at Barnstaple (8), Highweek (8) and Widecombe (6).

## OFFICERS' PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir—May I beg a space in your next issue to ask all officers of the Navy, Army and Air Force, who are change ringers, within, say, 100 miles of London, and who are not already in communication with me, to put me in possession of their addresses, as it is hoped to arrange for more officers' peals before general demobilisation takes place?—Yours sincerely,

J. H. R. FREEBOEN,  
Capt. Gen.

Bemerton, Cedar Road Sutton.

## ROYAL VISIT TO WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY. KING, QUEEN AND PRINCESS WITNESS CASTING OF ABBEY BELL.

The casting of the first of the new bells which are to complete the octave at Westminster Abbey took place last Friday at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in the presence of the King and Queen, and Princess Mary, and the royal visitors evinced the greatest interest in all that they saw.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are pressing on with the work of restoration, so that the Abbey bells may take their share in the peace celebrations, and on Thursday they were informed that their Majesties, with their daughter, would be present on the following afternoon to witness the casting of a bell. The King and Queen, and Princess Mary, accompanied by Major Reginald Seymour, arrived at the Foundry at 3.45 p.m., and were received by the Dean of Westminster (Dr. Ryle, formerly Bishop of Winchester). The visit was a strictly private one, and the only other persons present, apart from the foundry staff, were Mrs. Ryle, Mr. E. F. Knapp-Fisher (Chapter Clerk of the Abbey), and Mrs. Knapp-Fisher. Mr. A. A. Hughes, the head of the firm, was presented to the King, Queen and Princess, who shook hands heartily. The party then proceeded straight through to the foundry, where they saw the metal poured from the furnaces into the ladle. The King asked many questions as to the metals used and their proportions, and also as to the processes of moulding.

Just before the actual casting took place, the Queen and Princess Mary each cast a small model church bell, with a small hand ladle of metal taken from that with which the large bell was cast, the Queen in doing so, jocularly remarking that the Princess had got rather more than her share of metal in her mould.

Then came the real business of the day, and the new bell was successfully cast. It will replace the Pre-Reformation treble, and will be the third in the augmented peal.

After the casting, the royal party were shown moulds of other of the Abbey bells in various stages, and spoke for some time to the head moulder, Mr. S. Dunwell, who has been with the firm for over 35 years. Some tunes were then played on a set of handbells, by the firm's handbell tuner, the Royal visitors expressing great admiration for their beautiful tone. They chatted to the men, and evinced great interest in the old bells from the Abbey, especially the ancient treble, which is an early 14th century bell, and which, happily, is to be preserved in the Abbey. They also saw a bell being tuned, and the tenor clapper being welded up.

On returning to the office, the visitors examined some of the old records, and were greatly interested in the collection of ancient bell inscriptions. This collection consists of pen and ink facsimile reproductions of the inscriptions of many old bells which have passed through the firm's hands. These reproductions are a remarkable example of pen and ink work, and are unique as being perhaps the only collection of their kind in the world. They are the work of Thomas Kimber, who was a moulder at the foundry, and whose grandfather came over to the firm at the time the Aldbourne Foundry was acquired about the year 1829.

The Royal party remained at the Foundry nearly an hour. Before departing they told Mr. Hughes, with whom they shook hands most cordially, that they had had a most interesting visit, it being the first time they had seen a church bell cast. The King remarked that he would be very interested in hearing the bells after their restoration, and also hoped that a record would be made of the afternoon's ceremony.

Mr. Hughes' youngest son, Douglas, aged nineteen months, was presented to their Majesties, and the King asked if he was going to be a bell founder.

The Royal party had a most enthusiastic welcome outside the foundry. It having leaked out who the visitors were, a great crowd gathered, and gave them a very hearty send-off.

Interviewed subsequently with regard to the Royal visit, Mr. Hughes said it was plain to see that the King, the Queen and Princess were all genuinely interested, and, whilst the tunes were being played on the handbells, the Queen was quietly humming them.

'It was a real pleasure to talk to their Majesties,' said Mr. Hughes. 'I have often heard of the quiet, democratic way in which they have visited places, but I did not dream they were so easy and pleasant to talk to.'

## THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

I thank the secretaries of associations and members for the tangible manner in which they have so far helped in the above testimonial.

The fund is still open, and the date for returning the lists is extended to April 19th, 1919. There are still 112 numbered lists out. Besides other supplementary lists, and I shall be very glad if those who have the lists will kindly return them to me, with every line filled up if possible, on or before April 19th, 1919.

JAMES GEORGE,

15, Dolman Road,  
Aston, Birmingham.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

## NOTICES.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury Branch.—There will be a quarterly meeting at St. Laurence's on Saturday, April 5th next. Bells available for ringing. Service in church 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Travelling allowance 1/3. Tea, 1/- a head.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, District Sec., Elmstead Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 3.30. Tea at Nags Head, to those who notify me by Wednesday, 2nd April.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Kids Grove on Saturday, April 5th.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 51, Dunrobin Street, Longton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. George's Gravesend, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Church House, for which 1/6 each will be charged. Half rail fares allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are due and should be paid at or before the meeting.—E. A. G. Allen, 77 Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week. A meeting of the committee will be held in the belfry of Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, April 5th, at 3.30 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 8th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; and Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham, on Saturday, April 12th, being the fifth anniversary of the ring of eight. Service 4.30, followed by tea at the 'White Lion,' at moderate charge, 5.30. Those who intend to be present please notify me not later than April 5th.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham, on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Aldenham on April 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock.—F. Smith, 82, Glencoe Road, Bushey, and F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Joint Secs. (*pro tem.*).



**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A district meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30. Tea and business meeting at the 'King's Arms' Hotel. Election of officers for the Western Division. All members intending being present kindly advise me not later than April 9th.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the Tower at 5.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian's on Saturday, April 12th, bells ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Sec., Middleton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready for ringing at 3 o'clock; meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due; reports to hand. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, April 12th, 1919. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A Memorial Service for those Ringers in these Dioceses who have sacrificed their lives for King and Country, 1914—1918, will be held at St. John's Church, Grainger Street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3.30 p.m. (Address by the Rev. A. E. Cornbin, Vicar of St. John's). A peal of Stedman Triples will be attempted on the bells, muffled, before service. All ringers, with their relations and their friends, are invited to attend and pay this humble tribute of respect and gratitude to our fallen heroes. The bells of the Cathedral and All Saints' will also be muffled for ringing after the service.—G. T. Potter, Hon. Sec., 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The thirty-seventh annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing at St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's and All Saints' Churches from 10 a.m. For tea arrangements see next week's notice. No nomination has yet been received for the Hon. Secretaryship.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Monday, April 21st. Bells ready at 2. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to the Secs.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available from 10.30. Dinner 12.45. Service at Cathedral (Lady Chapel) 2.30. Tea 3.30, followed by business meeting. Charabanc leaves Bristol 8.30 a.m. Will members please notify me for tea and dinner before April 13th, and about charabanc before April 12th?—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15, with address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea at 5.15 for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 16th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints' (10), Hallow (8), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas' (6), St. John's in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, reports obtained, etc., in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 and 12.30.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing can be had at the Cathedral and St. Peter's from 12 to 1, and again from 2 p.m. Those wishing to ring earlier at the six bell towers should communicate with me. There will be Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. G. Ward, Vicar of North Mimms. Tea and annual business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. sharp. Dear fellow-ringer, if you are coming, please let me know not later than Easter Monday morning, to save confusion at tea table. All ringers welcome.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Windsor on Easter Monday, April 21st, 1919. Service at the Parish Church at 5 p.m., when the Very Rev. The Dean of Windsor has kindly consented to address the members. Tea for those who notify the Secretary in good time will be provided at the Church Rooms at 5.45, and the business meeting will follow. His Worship the Mayor of Windsor, Canon Drummond, and Canon Coleridge have expressed a wish to support this gathering. St. John's bells will be available 3 to 5 o'clock, and the following towers have been placed at the disposal of members and friends during the morning: Slough and Old Windsor from 10 to 11; St. Andrew's, Clewer, 12 to 1.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, Farnham Royal.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday (April 21st) for election of officers of Division, etc. Tower open 11-1 and 2-4; short Service 4; tea 4.30, in Church Hall, meeting to follow. Half railway fare. Tea 1/- each to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 16th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 26th, instead of the 19th. Further particulars next week.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Horbury Branch.—There will be a practice every Thursday at 8 p.m., also on the third Saturday in each month at 3.30 p.m., when all ringers will be cordially welcomed. All standard methods rung.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**REPORTS WANTED.**—Will give 10/- each for Norwich Association Report for years 1879, 1881 and 1883.—E. F. Poppy, Moorball, Eye, Suffolk.

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#### TWO BROTHERS DEAD.

##### STALYBRIDGE RINGERS' WAR LOSSES

The ringers at St. Paul's Church, Stalybridge, have lost two valued colleagues in the war, in Frederick and Arthur Fielding. Frederick was killed in France just over a year ago, and news has just been received that Arthur, who was reported 'missing' in April last year, died on September 30th at Tourvel Belgium, from pneumonia, while a prisoner in German hands.

Pte. Arthur Reginald Fielding was the eldest of four sons, of Mr. Abel Fielding, now of Oldham, but until recently a resident in Stalybridge. All the sons served in the army, and Sappers Samuel and William Fielding, R.E., are still in France. Arthur originally joined the R.E.'s, and was transferred to the S.W.B. He had been in the army two years, and after six months' training he was drafted to France. He was connected with St. Paul's Church and School; a ringer at St. Paul's, formerly a chorister, and a member of the Cricke' and Football Clubs, and of the Young Men's Institute. He was particularly well known and was much esteemed. He leaves a widow and one child, a girl, aged nine years, with whom much sympathy is felt.

As a tribute to the memory of the deceased and his brother Fred, St. Paul's band rang 1008 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 45 minutes. The ringers taking part were as follow: E. Lees 1, C. Wood 2, A. Jackson 3, W. Norton 4, G. E. Shaw 5, Sam Hill (conductor) 6, A. Roberts 7, C. Lawton 8. Before the war it was no unusual thing to have four Fieldings ringing for service out of the eight ringers, namely, A. Fielding (father), Arthur, Fred and Samuel.

#### RECONSTRUCTION AT SOLIHULL.

A meeting of the Solihull Guild of Ringers was held on Friday week at the residence of Mr. G. A. Martineau, for the purpose of discussing the future of change ringing in Solihull.—Mr. G. A. Martineau was elected Ringing Master and Mr. R. Bragg, Deputy Ringing Master.—The rules of the Guild were revised, and it was resolved to adhere to them strictly.

As regards the future of the Guild, it was decided to practise the four Standard methods, so as to raise the standard of ringing in Solihull to a higher level than formerly. Practices will be held on Saturday evenings at 7.30 p.m., when any change ringers from neighbouring towers will be heartily welcomed.

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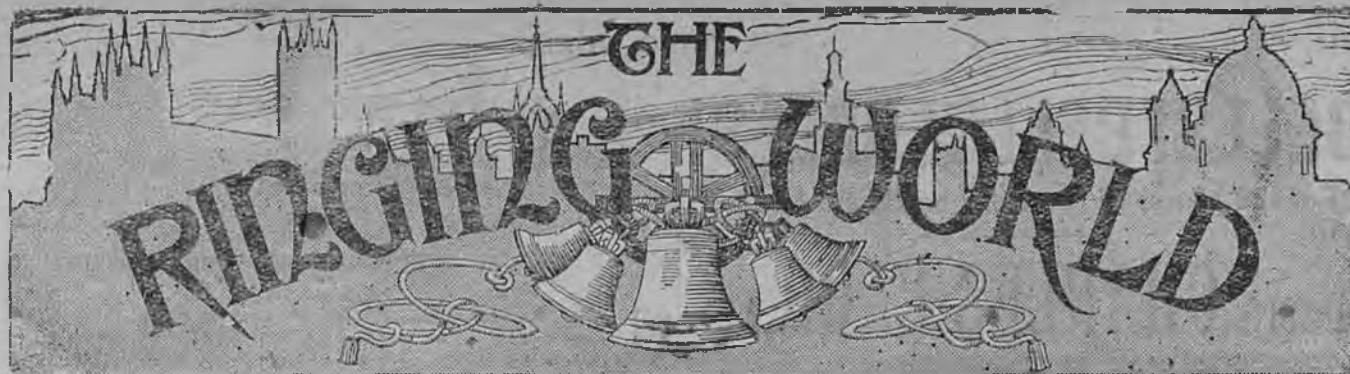
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## WAR MEMORIALS.

Among the first to project a war memorial for fallen members, the Kent County Association has now decided upon its scheme and issued its appeal for funds. The proposals include the addition of two trebles to Canterbury Cathedral, to make the ring at the mother church of the Diocese into a peal of twelve; the erection of a memorial tablet in the nave, and also in the principal church in each of the five other districts of the Association; and the provision of a suitable card for each tower for the purpose of recording the names of the members of the belfry who have served in the war. The whole scheme is one which, without doubt, will commend itself to the members of the Association, and, although it will involve a considerable cost, there ought to be little difficulty in regard to funds, for the form of the memorial is worthy of the cause. It is particularly interesting to note that the principal feature of the scheme is the provision of two more bells for the Cathedral. Up to the present Kent has no church with twelve bells, its only peal of this number being in the Waterloo Tower at Quex Park.

Very few, if any, of the other Associations have yet decided upon the form in which they will commemorate the heroic men who went from their belfries and made the great sacrifice; but there are numerous annual meetings to be held at Easter and in the succeeding weeks, so that, doubtless, we shall hear much more of this matter in the immediate future. Each Association will follow its own inclinations as to the form of memorial to be adopted, and not all of them will be able to undertake something as ambitious as the Kent Association; but, wherever a scheme is put on foot, it should be one which is really worthy. The men who have died put no limit to the sacrifice they made, and their colleagues who remain will surely not hesitate in regard to the amount of their giving. There will be no differences of opinion as to the desirability of perpetuating the memory of those who will not return from the field of honour, but there may not be the same unanimity as to the method. Nothing can be more suitable, for instance, than the provision of bells; but bells are expensive, and the extent to which this kind of memorial can be adopted is limited, and it may in some cases lead to a division of opinion as to where the memorial should be placed. But in Kent the tower where the bells should hang was beyond question, and wherever there is a cathedral waiting for an improved or increased peal there should be no doubt as to the right situation for any such memorial. We hope we may see other Associations adopting schemes similar to that of Kent, which has in many ways in the past proved itself a progressive organisation.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6
WILLIAM THOMAS ... .. 2	HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. 7
RAYMOND J. WILKINS... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY... .. 8
CHARLES H. GORDON ... .. 4	JOHN BURFORD ... .. 9
JOHN BROWN... .. 5	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN BURFORD.

This peal was rung half-muffled on the occasion of the memorial service held at St. Phillip's Church for ringers who fell in the war.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

*VINCENT TIPTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE DENT ... .. 5
HENRY F. COOPER ... .. 2	*STANLEY CLARKE ... .. 6
WILLIAM DELLAR ... .. 3	JOHN CORDELL ... .. 7
CHARLES PEACOCK ... .. 4	HARRY SMALE ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by G. DENT.

\* First attempt for a peal.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN MILLET ... .. Treble	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... .. 5
THOS. B. WORSLEY ... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 20, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JACOB,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S (transposed).

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER C. HUNT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5
HERBERT H. TUCKER ... .. 2	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... .. 6
*JOHN BROWN ... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Major.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. H. H. TUCKER, who was leaving Bristol for Liverpool.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 1 ton.

*JAMES LLOYD ... .. Treble	ALBERT WOODVINE ... .. 5
*WILLIAM WASE... .. 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 6
THOMAS ABBOTT ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... .. 7
GEORGE LEONARD HEWITT 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\* First peal and first attempt.

Other Peal reports are unavoidably held over.

## EASTER MEETINGS.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available from 10.30. Dinner 12.45. Service at Cathedral (Lady Chapel) 2.30. Tea 3.30, followed by business meeting. Charabanc leaves Bristol 8.30 a.m. Will members please notify me for tea and dinner before April 13th, and about charabanc before April 12th?—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15, with address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea at 5.15 for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 16th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints' (10), Hallow (8), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas' (6), St. John's-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, reports obtained, etc., in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 and 12.30.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing can be had at the Cathedral and St. Peter's from 12 to 1, and again from 2 p.m. Those wishing to ring earlier at the six bell towers should communicate with me. There will be Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. G. Ward, Vicar of North Mimms. Tea and annual business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. sharp. Dear fellow-ringer, if you are coming, please let me know not later than Easter Monday morning, to save confusion at tea table. All ringers welcome.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Windsor on Easter Monday, April 21st, 1919. Service at the Parish Church at 5 p.m., when the Very Rev. The Dean of Windsor has kindly consented to address the members. Tea for those who notify the Secretary in good time will be provided at the Church Rooms at 5.45, and the business meeting will follow. His Worship the Mayor of Windsor, Canon Drummond, and Canon Coleridge have expressed a wish to support this gathering. St. John's bells will be available 3 to 5 o'clock, and the following towers have been placed at the disposal of members and friends during the morning: Slough and Old Windsor from 10 to 11; St. Andrew's, Clewer, 12 to 1.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, Farnham Royal.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday in St. Paul's Mission Room, All Hallows' Lane, Bedford, at 2 o'clock. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available after 11 a.m. All visitors and friends and lady ringers welcome.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, at Huntingdon. Service will be held at All Saints' Church at 12.30, preacher the Venerable the Archdeacon of Huntingdon. The business meeting will take place at 3.30, followed by tea at four o'clock. The bells of All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (8), and Godmanchester (8) will be available during the day. Ringers are asked to make their own arrangements for

lunch.—A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hill's View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The April meeting of this Society will be held at Worksop Priory Church on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. G. A. d'Arcy), the bells (8) will be available from 1.30 to 9 p.m., or earlier by appointment. At 5 o'clock tea will be provided in the Priory Gate House at a nominal charge of 6d. per head to all those who notify Mr. H. Haigh not later than 16th April (*this is important*), whose address is 103, Gateford Road, Worksop. As this meeting will give us an opportunity of meeting and making some slight recognition of our ringing V.C., a large attendance is to be desired.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Woodston (one mile from Peterborough) on Easter Monday. Service at 4; tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Room. The bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) available during the day. Those requiring tea please let me know early. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Diss on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available for ringing at Diss and Palgrave. Committee meeting at 12 o'clock noon and general meeting at 2.30 in the Church Hall.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at Epsom on Easter Monday. The bells will be open from 3 o'clock. Special Service for the ringers at St. Martin's Church at 5.30. Further particulars next week.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The six-bell contest will be held at the Thornhill Parish Church on Easter Monday, April 21st. The draw will take place at the 'Alma Inn' at 11 a.m., and ringing will commence immediately after the draw. Tea, 1/6 each, provided for those who notify me before the 14th of April.—W. Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Monday, April 21st. Bells ready at 2. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to the Secs.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday (April 21st) for election of officers of Division, etc. Tower open 11-1 and 2-4; short Service 4; tea 4.30, in Church Hall, meeting to follow. Half railway fare. Tea 1/- each to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 16th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16 Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone on Easter Monday by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Timball). Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock; special service in the church at 5.30; tea, at 6 o'clock, in the Woodward Hall (near the Church), to be followed by a short business meeting. As it is very necessary to know the number requiring tea, will all members acquaint me of their intention to be present not later than Tuesday, April 15th?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.





**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****SMALL ATTENDANCE, BUT GOOD RINGING AT ANSTON.**

The quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Anston on Saturday week. This is generally a favourite meeting place, the picturesque situation of the village within easy walk of two railway stations, the excellent 'go' of the bells, and the hearty welcome always extended by the local company all combine to draw a goodly number of ringers to Anston. Perhaps, the cold windy day, with a slight sprinkling of snow, deterred men, especially wheelmen, on this occasion; anyhow the attendance was below the average. What, however, was lacking in quantity was amply made up for in the quality of the performances. At quarterly meetings, when the ropes are handled by mixed hands, including generally some of the younger members (whom the old hands are always willing to encourage), breakdowns are not infrequent. At this meeting no such mishap occurred, and some of the most beautiful striking was executed. Four 720s were completed in succession without a hitch, in addition to other smaller touches.

The first 720 was Kingston Treble Bob, rung muffled, as a mark of condolence with the relatives of the late Rev. Canon Gray, Rector of West Retford, who was vice-president of the Association for 32 years, and invariably presided over the annual gathering at East and West Retford, and also as a tribute of respect and sympathy to the relatives of Tom Laking and Horace Unwin, of Harthill, late members of the Association, who fell in the great war.

The other methods included 720s of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, and London Surprise, as well as 360 London Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Kitchener's Surprise; and every ringer who attended had the satisfaction of ringing a 720 in one of these methods.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Stanton, the Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) made allusion to the loss the Association had sustained by the death of the Rev. Canon Gray, and the members passed a vote of sympathy, by rising in silence for a few moments.

It was unanimously decided to make a grant to the Goldsmith testimonial.

The next meeting will be the annual gathering, and will take place at Retford. It will be arranged by the committee after the declaration of peace.

Votes of congratulation were passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to the Rev. Canon D'Arcy and the Rev. Canon Darby (vice-presidents) upon the high honour and dignity conferred upon them in their being made Canons of Southwell and Sheffield Cathedrals respectively.

Just before the conclusion of ringing the Vicar of Anston visited the belfry, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the ringers to Anston. He had been delighted to listen, at a distance, to the most beautiful ringing.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Anston company concluded the proceedings. Ringers were present from Harthill, Kilbarnock, Treton, Worksop, Shireoaks and Anston.

**A BELFRY MEMORIAL.**

An interesting little ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Luke's Church, Silverdale, Staffs., on March 23rd, when Mrs. Buckwell, wife of the Vicar (the Rev. S. L. Buckwell) unveiled the framed portraits of the ringers belonging to the tower who had taken part in the great war.

The ceremony was opened by prayer, and after the unveiling, the Vicar pointed out that picture would always remind them of three things: first, the debt of gratitude which those who had returned safely would always owe to God for His care and protection; secondly, it would remind them that the call to duty was a thing not to be lightly regarded; and, thirdly, that one face in the group, viz., that of John Fernyough, who had fallen, would always remind them that they must be prepared to make the highest sacrifice in the fulfilment of their duty.

The singing of the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' and the Blessing, brought the simple yet touching ceremony to a close.

Afterwards, Mrs. Buckwell entertained the ringers and their wives to tea at the Vicarage.

Dear Sir.—Now that hostilities have ceased, and peace has once more descended upon us, I think that the time has come when we should consider and formulate some scheme for preserving, for the benefit of future generations of ringers, the names of those who have fought in the war, and helped to bring it to a successful conclusion.

Most of our belfries, which have members who have served, have their own roll of honour, but I should also like to see a complete list of ringers who have served, published either in the form of a pamphlet, or as a supplement to our ringing paper. Ringers have played a great part in this fight for freedom, and the 'roll of honour' would show the country how well that part was played.

The Central Council is the body which should take the matter up, and should this suggestion be carried out I am sure that the booklet would not be the least interesting of their list of publications.—Yours sincerely,  
YOUNG RINGER.

**RINGERS' SOCIAL AT MIDDLETON.**

On Saturday evening, the ringers of the Middleton Parish Church held a very successful social gathering as a re-union and a welcome home to three fellow members who have now been demobilised, viz., Messrs. W. Berry, F. Berry, and J. Arrowsmith, junr. This pleasant function took place in the Free Library, and was presided over by the oldest ringer, Mr. J. Arrowsmith, senr., who said he thought they all ought to feel very proud and thankful that their three soldier members had safely come through the dangers and hardships they had been called upon to endure in the service of their country. He suggested that it would be a good idea to hold similar social gatherings annually, and this was afterwards agreed to by the members. He also suggested a trip during the summer months.—Dancing was afterwards indulged in, being interspersed by songs and recitations contributed by Mr. and Mrs. T. Ogden, Miss Halliwell, Mr. J. Arrowsmith, junr., and Mr. W. Hardman. Refreshments were served, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the committee, their wives and the secretary (Mr. J. K. Driver) for their painstaking labours to make the effort such a huge success.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the chairman, the pianist (Mr. J. Butterworth) and the artistes for their kindly services.

**NORTH STONEHAM RINGER'S DEATH.**

The death took place at Southampton Hospital, on March 5th, of Mr. William Rowe, at the age of 65 years. Mr. Rowe had been a ringer at North Stoneham Parish Church since the bells were hung in 1893. He took great interest in change ringing, and was very regular in his attendance.

A large congregation attended the funeral service, which took place at North Stoneham, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. S. Symon, M.A.). The hymns, 'Peace, perfect peace,' and 'They whose course on earth is o'er,' were sung, the 'Dead March in Saul' being played as the mourners left the church. 'Now the labourer's task is o'er' was also sung at the graveside.

After the funeral the ringers rang the whole pull and stand 65 times (to correspond with the deceased ringer's age), with the bells half-muffled, followed by 336 Bob Major: E. Mundy 1, E. Dumper 2, G. Williams 3, W. G. Edwards 4, C. J. Fray 5, Pte. A. A. Jones, A.S.C. 6, A. Marks 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8. On the following Wednesday an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Bob Major came to grief after two hours' ringing.

**AWAKENING INTEREST IN CARMARTHEN.**

A party of ringers of St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, South Wales, recently visited St. Peter's, Carmarthen, under their captain (Mr. W. Dobbins), to endeavour to re-arouse interest in the art of change ringing in the town. In the morning touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and Stedman Doubles were rung, and in the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was brought round by: H. Edwards 1, A. Sluman 2, H. Willis (conductor) 3, W. A. Dobbins 4, W. Dobbins 5, Rev. M. Davies 6, J. Coleman 7, W. Webb 8. The ringing was very well performed, and the townspeople were much delighted with the ringing. Although the bells had not been 'rung' for about ten years, their condition was found to be remarkably good. It is hoped that the ancient art will now be revived in Carmarthen so that when the lads return from foreign fields the bell of St. Peter's will welcome them.

**OLD SHEFFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Midgley, of St. Maries' (R.C.) company, Sheffield who passed away on March 29th. Deceased was a member of St. Maries' belfry for about 40 years, and a life member of the Yorkshire Association. He took part in over 20 peals, and among his performances rang the tenor at the Cathedral to Stedman Caters and Cinques, conducted by the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley.

Of a very retiring disposition, the deceased unfortunately fell a victim to cancer, and succumbed after much suffering. The interment at the City Road Cemetery was attended by a goodly number of relatives and ringers. Representatives from the various towers rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave as a last tribute of respect.

**DINGY BELFRIES.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having rung in a number of belfries in my time, I have often wondered why the belfries should be allowed to get so dingy and dull in appearance. I think they should be made more decorative and inviting. I have seen large cobwebs, and dust so thick on the seats, in some belfries, that one could hardly find a place to sit down. To me the belfry is as sacred as any other part of the church, and is entitled to its rights as well as its duties.

I think those that take office in the church fail in their duty in not seeing to this. I have always been given to understand that this is part of the duty of the parishioners' churchwardens, and one upon which they should be appealed to. I am not speaking of all belfries, there are exceptions.

Then there are the bells which are often sadly neglected, thus making ringing hard work.—Yours faithfully,

Reigate.

ARTHUR LORKIN.

## NOTICES.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham, on Saturday, April 12th, being the fifth anniversary of the ring of 8. Service 4.30, followed by tea at the 'White Lion,' at moderate charge, 5.30.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham, on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Aldenham on April 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock.—F. Smith, 82, Glencoe Road, Bushey, and F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Joint Secs. (*pro tem.*).

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A district meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30. Tea and business meeting at the 'King's Arms' Hotel. Election of officers for the Western Division.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the Tower at 5.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian's on Saturday, April 12th, bells ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Sec., Middleton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready for ringing at 3 o'clock; meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due; reports to hand. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, April 12th, 1919. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A Memorial Service for those Ringers in these Dioceses who have sacrificed their lives for King and Country, 1914—1918, will be held at St. John's Church, Grainger Street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3.30 p.m. (Address by the Rev. A. E. Cormbin, Vicar of St. John's). A peal of Stedman Triples will be attempted on the bells, muffled, before service. All ringers, with their relations and their friends, are invited to attend and pay this humble tribute of respect and gratitude to our fallen heroes. The bells of the Cathedral and All Saints' will also be muffled for ringing after the service.—G. T. Potter, Hon. Sec., 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 22nd, and Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of this society will be held at Far Headingley on Saturday, April 26th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) the bells of St Chad's will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Committee meeting in the Parochial Hall at 6 p.m., and the annual business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—Win. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society.—Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will take place on Saturday, April 26th, at Southwark Cathedral at 4 p.m. There will be half an hour interval for tea. A business meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the 'Southwark Tavern' (close by). Ringers and friends welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, 26th inst. Tower open at 2.30; service at 4.30; tea at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Ringing again afterwards. 6d. allowed to members for tea on sending notice to me not later than 22nd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Ashton-under-Lyne Society (annual) on Saturday, April 26th, at St. Michael's Church. Bells (12) available from 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft and C. Bower, Secs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge for those who let me know not later than Tuesday, 22nd.—E. J. Harding, District Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock. Tea can be arranged for those who let me know not later than Monday, April 21st. Business meeting after tea.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3; Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, M.A.; tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Fulmer, Bucks. Fuller particulars next week.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th. Full particulars next week.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, May 3rd. Service at 4 p.m.; tea and business at 5. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers, whether members or not, will be heartily welcome.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton Bath.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on May 10th. Further particulars later. Members and Secretaries of towers please note that all subscriptions for 1919 are now due.—H. R. Butcher, General Hon. Sec., Crowborough, Sussex.



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. A. Mason has removed from 120, Llanover Road, to 29, Pembroke Road, North Wembley.

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

**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.

**SITUATIONS WANTED.**

**FOREMAN, MOTOR REPAIRS.**—13 years' experience; married; requires situation garage or repair shop, 50 miles radius of London; change ringer.—'Motor,' 'Ringing World' Office, Woking.

**YOUNG MAN** seeks situation, any capacity with good prospects. Age 26; tall. Ex-N.C.O. of Artillery. Change ringer on 6, 8 or ten bells.—'Demob,' 'Ringing World' Office, Woking.

**HANDBELLS WANTED.**

**WANTED** to purchase, set of. Second-hand Handbells, 8, 10 or 12. Quote price and key to J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon.

**LATE EASTER MEETING NOTICE.**

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing at St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's, and All Saints' Churches from 10 a.m. Committee meeting 3 o'clock, general meeting 3.30 in St. Peter's Parochial Rooms. Tea at 4.30, 2/- each, at the Derby Co-operative Society, Albert Street. Will those who intend being present at tea please notify Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, by Monday, April 14th.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec., Cotgrave, Notts.

**THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.**

I thank the secretaries of associations and members for the tangible manner in which they have so far helped in the above testimonial.

The fund is still open, and the date for returning the lists is extended to April 19th, 1919. There are still a considerable number of lists out, and I shall be very glad if those who have the lists will kindly return them to me, with every line filled up if possible, on or before April 19th, 1919.

JAMES GEORGE,  
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

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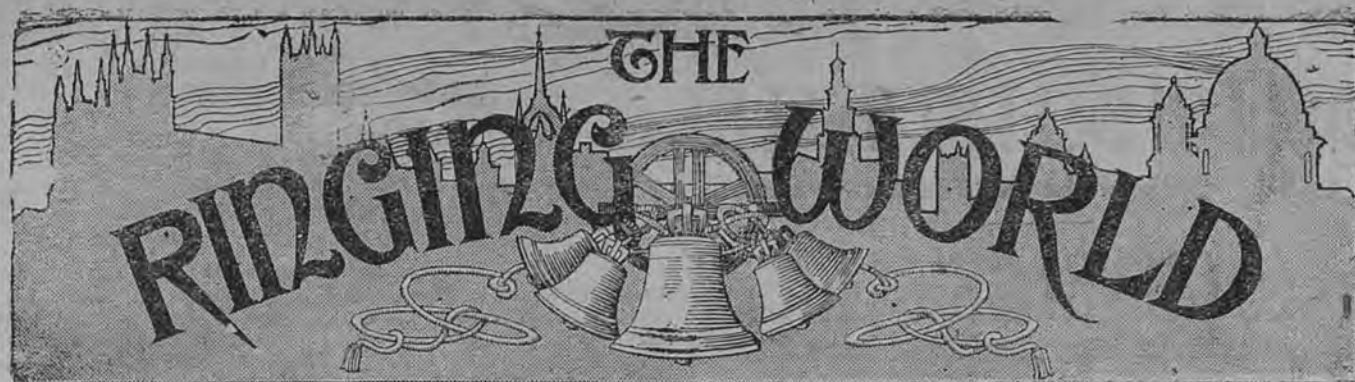
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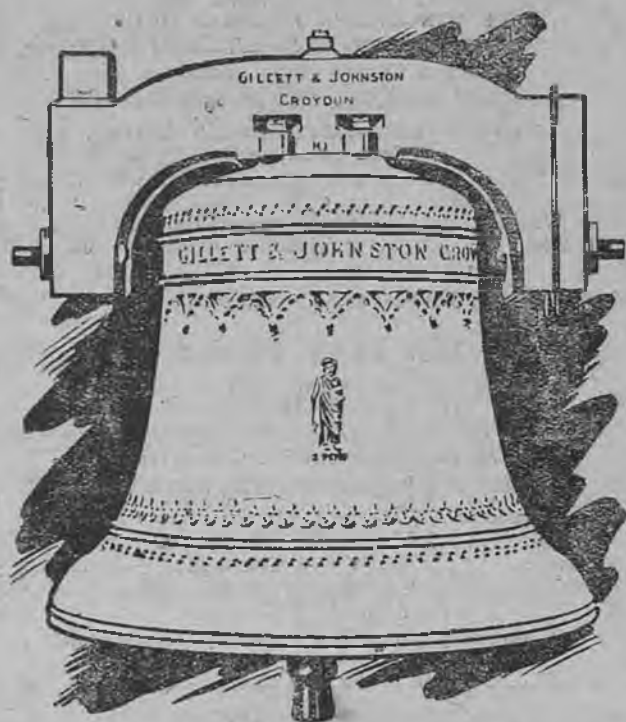
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### EASTER MEETINGS.

Easter Monday has always been popular as a day for meetings of ringers, but the number of such gatherings which are to be held on Bank Holiday this year is probably unique. At many places throughout the country ringers will foregather for business and for pleasure, and it may well be anticipated that some of the associations who are holding their annual meetings will find their members turn up in record numbers. After the anxieties and restrictions of the war period there is the feeling of relief which all are experiencing, and this alone will be a great incentive to many to take advantage of the opportunity for a little relaxation and enjoyment.

The annual meetings of ringing associations are always pleasurable events, bringing the reunion of old friends and the making of new; and while business is the ostensible reason for bringing the members together, the importance of the fraternal side of these gatherings is not to be underrated. The spirit of freemasonry that exists among ringers is a characteristic upon which the Exercise prides itself, and it is a trait which is extremely valuable to the associations. Human nature being what it is, little differences of opinion are bound to creep in sometimes among members; but for all that, the brotherly feeling that binds the ranks of the Exercise is supremely important. Meetings, whether small or large, promote this good feeling, and the annual gatherings of associations unite the members in their mutual interests in the widest sphere.

Annual meetings, however, are not always made the use of by members that they might be in ventilating matters which might be of interest or increase the utility of their organization. Too often the business of the day is of a 'cut and dried' order, and members are content to deal with the business put before them and leave the rest. Those associations are the most 'live' where suggestions and proposals come from the rank and file, where there is constructive criticism, and where the members show that they have more than a passive interest in the concerns of the organisation. A ready acquiescence in the formalities of a meeting may be all very well, but the officials who are responsible for the conduct of affairs welcome helpful debates on subjects affecting the concerns of their society.

One of the topics which is likely to be common to most of next Monday's meetings is that of war memorials; another might well be the best methods of reviving activities in ringing circles; and a third—which would be helpful to the representatives—the question of improving the usefulness of the Central Council, which that body is to debate again when it meets at Gloucester.



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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.  
Ben. Knights' 300th peal.

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LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Ten different callings, with 4-6-8 covering. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS LIZZIE NOTLEY ... Treble	GEORGE COOKE ... .. 5
MISS MABEL GRIFFIN ... .. 2	JOSEPH WILLIAMS ... .. 6
FRANK BOUCHER ... .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 7
HAROLD CASSEL ... .. 4	STANLEY VAYZEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. BOUCHER.

First peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6, and first as conductor by F. Boucher.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (GROVES' VARIATION).

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWARD E. DODD ... Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 5
ALFRED A. DOBINSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 3	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 7
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 4	ALFRED LYNCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

Mr. J. T. Scott's first peal with a working bell.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

42 six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	W. DOBINS ... .. 4
H. WILLIS ... .. 2	J. COLEMAN ... .. 5
A. SLUMAN ... .. 3	W. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. WILLIAMS.

The bells were rung half-muffled in memory of ringers fallen in the war.

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BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being two 720's of Oxford and five of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WILSON ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 4
EDWIN OGDEN ... .. 2	TOM REDMAN ... .. 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN WATSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

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**EASTER MEETINGS.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available from 10.30. Dinner 12.45. Service at Cathedral (Lady Chapel) 2.30. Tea 3.30, followed by business meeting. Charabanc leaves Bristol 8.30 a.m.—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15, with address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea at 5.15 for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 16th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints' (10), Hallow (8), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas' (6), St. John's-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, reports obtained, etc., in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 and 12.30.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing can be had at the Cathedral and St. Peter's from 12 to 1, and again from 2 p.m. Those wishing to ring earlier at the six bell towers should communicate with me. There will be Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. G. Ward, Vicar of North Mimms. Tea and annual business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. sharp. Dear fellow-ringer, if you are coming, please let me know not later than Easter Monday morning, to save confusion at tea table. All ringers welcome.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Windsor on Easter Monday, April 21st, 1919. Service at the Parish Church at 5 p.m., when the Very Rev. The Dean of Windsor has kindly consented to address the members. Tea for those who notify the Secretary in good time will be provided at the Church Rooms at 5.45, and the business meeting will follow. His Worship the Mayor of Windsor, Canon Drummond, and Canon Coleridge have expressed a wish to support this gathering. St. John's bells will be available 3 to 5 o'clock, and the following towers have been placed at the disposal of members and friends during the morning: Slough and Old Windsor from 10 to 11; St. Andrew's, Clewer, 12 to 1.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, Farnham Royal.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday in St. Paul's Mission Room, All Hallows' Lane, Bedford, at 2 o'clock. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available after 11 a.m. All visitors and friends and lady ringers welcome.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, at Huntingdon. Service will be held at All Saints' Church at 12.30, preacher the Venerable the Archdeacon of Huntingdon. The business meeting will take place at 3.30, followed by tea at four o'clock. The bells of All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (8), and Godmanchester (8) will be available during the day. Ringers are asked to make their own arrangements for lunch.—A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hill's View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The April meeting of this Society will be held at Worksop Priory Church on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. G. A. d'Arcy), the bells (8) will be available from 1.30 to 9 p.m., or earlier by appointment. At 5 o'clock tea will be provided in the Priory Gate House at a nominal charge of 6d. per head. As this meeting will give us an opportunity of meeting and making some slight recognition of our ringing V.C., a large attendance is to be desired.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Woodston (one mile from Peterborough) on Easter Monday. Service at 4; tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Room. The bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) available during the day. Those requiring tea please let me know early. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Diss on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available for ringing at Diss and Palgrave. Committee meeting at 12 o'clock noon and general meeting at 2.30 in the Church Hall.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The six-bell contest will be held at the Thornhill Parish Church on Easter Monday, April 21st. The draw will take place at the 'Alma Inn' at 11 a.m., and ringing will commence immediately after the draw.—W. Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Monday, April 21st. Bells ready at 2. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to the Secs.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday (April 21st) for election of officers of Division, etc. Tower open 11-1 and 2-4; short Service 4; tea 4.30, in Church Hall, meeting to follow. Half railway fare.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone on Easter Monday by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Tindall). Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock; special service in the church at 5.30; tea, at 6 o'clock, in the Woodward Hall (near the Church), to be followed by a short business meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing at St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's, and All Saints' Churches from 10 a.m. Committee meeting 3 o'clock, general meeting 3.30 in St. Peter's Parochial Rooms. Tea at 4.30, 2/- each, at the Derby Co-operative Society, Albert Street. Will those who intend being present at tea please notify Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, by Monday, April 14th.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec., Cotgrave, Notts.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On March 30th, for evening service, a quaterneal of Bob Major (1264 changes): V. Butler 1, S. Wright 2, F. Dainty 3, W. G. Cross 4, E. Davies 5, W. Jarvis 6, T. Vaughan 7, F. T. Cooke (conductor) 8.

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## THE WAY OF PROGRESS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Now that many of the ringing fraternity who have been 'on active service' are returning home, and as 'Reconstruction' has already commenced in many places, one looks forward with great interest to the future with its boundless possibilities for our art.

We have certainly a great deal of leeway to make up regarding peal ringing; but it will behove those whose enthusiasm lies in that direction to observe moderation, particularly in the large towns where the churches are situated in crowded areas, and prolonged ringing would cause annoyance to 'grousers' who invariably live right under the belfry, and who hate the sound of the bells.

Regarding 'Reconstruction,' one would dearly like to see ringing in the higher methods more generally practised. Take Yorkshire, for instance, with its many beautiful peals of eight. The method practised is nearly always Kent Treble Bob. True, the Yorkshiremen know how to ring it and strike it, but just a little more effort, and the same men could ring the Surprise Methods.

Another instance where a little more effort and enterprise would work wonders is that of our twelve bell companies. One can say pretty confidently that the Birmingham men can ring Stedman Cinques—second to none, but why stop there? There is Cambridge Maximus to be conquered, and these men who can ring Stedman Cinques so faultlessly can do it.

I know from experience with many societies that when a peal in a certain method has been accomplished, there is a great temptation to go for the same method again, which is in my opinion a mistake. There is nothing like the practice of new methods to stimulate enthusiasm.

The value of the work of Reconstruction in ringing matters will depend upon the ideal aimed at, and it will be much more gratifying to me, at any rate, to see in the Miscellaneous Performances columns touches by all in a new method, than it will be to see our peal columns crowded.—Yours, etc.,

B.E.F., France.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WAR MEMORIAL TABLET AT ST. MARTIN'S.

A very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent by many members of the above Society at the spring quarterly meeting, held at Walthamstow. Various touches were rung during the afternoon, and a good tea was served at the Nag's Head. At the business meeting which followed, the following new members were elected: Messrs. P. H. Avey (Leyton), O. L. Twist (Walthamstow), G. W. Fletcher (Southgate), C. Raddon (Hendon), Fowler (Edmonton), Belcher (London).

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hillingdon. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Camper) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Pledger, the steeple-keeper, for having all in readiness.

A meeting of the committee to consider the provision of the roll of honour of all members who have served with H.M. Forces was afterwards held, and it was resolved to recommend to the society that a marble tablet be placed in the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Field inscribed with the names of members who have served in the present war.

Will members who have served with the colours please send their names and particulars of service to the Hon. Secretary, H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W. 6. Relatives of those who have made the great sacrifice are also requested to communicate with the secretary. It is earnestly desired to include all members, and a great difficulty is being experienced in getting into touch with country members.

After the meeting a further visit was paid to the tower, followed by some touches on handbells and tunes which brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close.

Members are asked to note that as Easter Monday falls on the third Monday in April, Shoreditch practice will be on the following Monday, April 28th.

## INTERESTING ANNIVERSARIES.

Easter brings a crop of peal anniversaries, for it is probably the best season of the year for 'long lengths.' It was on Easter Monday ten years ago, that the greatest length on church bells was rung at Loughborough, that wonderful 18,027 of Stedman Caters, in 12hrs. 18mins.

Twenty-five years ago on April 18th, 1894, the 13,440 of Double Norwich Major was rung at Romford by the Cumberlands in 8hrs. 18mins., after having lost the peal on March 26th at Brentwood, through the breaking of a rope, when 13,072 changes had been rung. Of that band, several have passed to the great beyond, including George Newson, Arthur Jacob, Henry Dains and George Smith. Benjamin Foskett, now truly a veteran, and Edwin Barnett, are still amongst us, and active in their participation in the art. The other two members of the band were Charles Wilkins and Albert Pittam.

April 18th is the anniversary of another long peal, but that was rung 182 years ago at Painswick. It was the 12,006 Grandsire Caters—a really remarkable performance when one remembers the days in which it was rung—1737.

Next Tuesday is the 50th anniversary of one of the best struck long peals ever rung, the 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham.



# ST. CLEMENT DANES' SERVICE.

The following is the statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the memorial service at St. Clement Danes on Feb. 22nd, for fallen ringers:—

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.
By collection and subsequent donations to Rector	...	22 1 0
EXPENDITURE.		
Per Rector:—		
Printing of notices, tickets and service	...	15 0 0
Heading-block	...	0 6 6
Badges for stewards, music and postage	...	2 14 6
Per Hon. Secretary:—		
Printing and stationery, etc.	...	1 15 3
'Ringing World' notices and 120 copies	...	1 12 6
Muffling bells at six towers	...	1 7 6
Postage	...	2 2 4
Verger, etc., at St. Clement's	...	0 15 6
Petty disbursements	...	0 15 0
Total	...	£26 9 1
Less receipts	...	£22 0 1
Net deficit	...	£4 9 0
Less since received on behalf of 'Ancient Society of College Youths' and the 'Royal Cumberland Youths Society'	...	£2 1 0

E. ALEX. YOUNG,  
Hon. Secretary.

# PRESENTATION TO LADY RINGER.

An interesting gathering of ringers took place in the Vicarage Room, Hoddesdon, Herts, on the 1st inst., to honour and bid farewell to Mrs. Ballance, a lady ringer, who has rendered valuable service in the Hoddesdon tower, and who is leaving the town shortly to accompany her husband to Canada. The Rev. P. E. S. Holland presided, and the secretary (Mr. S. Knight) spoke of the great help given by her as a ringer during the war. He then called on the Vicar to make a presentation to Mrs. Ballance as a mark of the ringers' appreciation of her services, and as a memento which she could take to her new home in Canada.—The gift was a very handsome silver inkstand, designed in the shape of a bell, and inscribed: 'Presented to Mrs. Ballance by the Hoddesdon ringers.' In making the presentation, the Vicar wished Mrs. Ballance happiness, prosperity and long life in Canada, and the recipient feelingly returned thanks for the present.

# IN THE HONOURS LIST.

The under-mentioned has been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered in connection with the war, viz:—

Morris (167925) Pte. E. (A/Sergt.), Labour Corps, attached R.A.S.C.  
Sergt. Ernest Morris is a well-known Leicester ringer, being a member of St. Margaret's band of that town. He is at present engaged on the Headquarters Staff of the West Midland Area Administrators, Forage Department, R.A.S.C., stationed at Cheltenham. He was for over two years stationed at York, and when he left that city he received a presentation from the Minster ringers for his valued assistance.

# GATHERING AT HILLINGDON.

The Bishop of Kensington held a Confirmation at St. John's Church, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 5th, when 17 ringers rang touches in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Superlative Double Norwich and Treble Ten.—The ringers were the invited guests of Miss Nora Williams, who entertained them to tea in the Church Room, and the company included Miss E. K. Parker, Miss Stella Davis, Miss Gladys Bateman, Miss B. McKrell, Miss G. Feltham, and Messrs. E. M. Atkins, J. B. Williamson, C. Dean (Croydon), W. Hewlett, W. Alps, R. Sanders, W. Lawrence, W. Henley, J. Pratt, H. H. Chandler, W. Honor. The local band rang some excellent 'call changes' before the service.

# FOR FALLEN HEROES.

On Sunday evening, April 6th, a memorial service, for Bucks. men who have fallen in the war, was held at Slough, and the service was preceded by a half-muffled quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, by: Miss Mona Bateman 1, Miss Gladys Bateman 2, A. Leader 3, W. Henley (conductor) 4, G. T. Leader 5, P. E. Jones 6, E. T. Hooper 7, A. Perryman 8.

With half-muffled bells for those who have fallen in the war, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Worsley, Lancashire, on March 9th, by: J. H. Ridyard 1, A. Ridyard (conductor) 2, S. Harrison (longest length) 3, W. Jones 4, G. Way 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, F. Grundy 7, W. Dawson 8.

# ST. CLEMENT DANES' BELLS.

## EARLY RESTORATION.

The restoration of St. Clement Danes' bells is to be undertaken at once, and the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, whose interest in bells and ringing is already well known to the Exercise, is appealing for donations towards the £800 required.

In a letter on the subject, he says:—  
'Londoners, not always the most observant of people, may have noticed that the famous peal of bells at St. Clement Danes' Church in the Strand, has not been rung for some years past. The reason has not been the war, but the fact that the oak frame, centuries old, in which the bells hang, is now unsafe.

I am hoping to give back the bells to London, by putting them in a new steel frame. Queen Alexandra and the Queen of Norway have both displayed their interest by graciously sending a contribution for the purpose, and the Danish Minister, recalling the old Associations of the Danes with this parish, the Lord Mayor of London, and others, have also subscribed.

A sum of £800 is required, and I hope to ring in peace with the rebung peal in June.

St. Clement's bells, for centuries, have rung at every Coronation and every visit of the Sovereign to the City, but they have a yet more world-wide association in 'Oranges and Lemons', say the bells of St. Clement's—lines familiar in the childhood of every one of us. With the bells mute, I feel that London has lost something of its old self.

Will anyone assist me with funds to restore them? Donations may be sent direct to Messrs. Lloyds Bank, Ltd., 222, Strand, W.C., 'St. Clement Danes' Bells Account,' or to the Treasurers (Mr. H. H. Twining and the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford).

# SILVER WEDDINGS.

In honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Larkin, 720 Bob Minor was rung on March 27th at Freiston, Borton, by: T. Baker 1, H. Larkin 2, J. Phillips 3, J. W. Larkin 4, A. Sharp 5, J. Sharp (conductor) 6. H. Larkin has just been demobilised from the navy, and this was his first 720 on an inside bell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Youngs, of Thornham Magna, Suffolk, who were married at Wickham Skeith Church in 1894, reached their silver wedding on March 27th. To celebrate the event, 720 Bob Minor was rung at Thornham Magna by Pte. P. Steggalls 1, E. Youngs 2, A. Cattermole 3, C. Nunn 4, G. Kemp 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6. The band were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. Youngs to supper, and in thanking their hosts for their hospitality the ringers expressed their good wishes for long life, happiness, and prosperity to them both.

# MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

We very much regret that many touches which have been sent in for publication under this heading during the past few months have had to be omitted, on account of the limited space at our disposal. We hope in future to be able to give some few touches, but those of special interest will have preference. Other miscellaneous items sent for publication should not be less than 720 on six bells or quarter-peals on higher numbers.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—For Lady Victoria Ramsay's birthday, on March 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Anne's Church, in 49 mins., by: J. Corbett 1, Sergt. W. Nye 2, T. Gould 3, H. Stapleton 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, F. Francis 6, Pte. H. Gould, M.T., R.A.S.C., 7, W. Varndell 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes), in 50 minutes, by: A. W. Darlington 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. E. Judd 3, A. Cutmore 4, J. W. Driver 5, W. Lawrence 6, F. Skevington 7, C. Charge (conductor) 8, W. Langdon 9, M. A. Smith 10.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. T. Tucker 1, G. Williams 2, A. A. Jones 3, W. Rowe 4, A. Marks 5, C. Fray 6, W. H. George (conductor) 7, E. Mundy 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method rung entirely by the local band.—On Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Mundy 1, W. Rowe 2, G. Williams 3, C. Fray 4, W. H. George (conductor) 5, W. T. Tucker 6.

HEMINGBROUGH, SELBY.—For evening service, on March 23rd, 720 Bob Minor was rung as a welcome to Pte. Edwin Dodsworth Tune on his return: E. D. Tune 1, M. T. Tune 2, G. C. Terry 3, G. Hatfield 4, T. Barker 5, W. A. Hudson (conductor) 6. Also touches of Kent and Oxford Minor.—On, March 26th, for Confirmation service, and a welcome to the Bishop of Beverley, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. D. Tune 1, W. A. Hudson 2, G. Hatfield 3, G. C. Terry 4, T. Barker 5, M. T. Tune (conductor) 6.

STOKE POGES.—On April 6th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: Miss Mona Bateman (first 720) 1, W. Henley (conductor) 2, Miss Gladys Bateman 3, F. Spring 4, W. Bateman 5, J. L. Bateman 6. This was the first 720 by the local band since the war.

## NOTICES.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the Central District will be at Epsom on Easter Monday. The bells at both churches and at Ewell will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Martin's, Epsom, at 5.30, and meeting in Churchroom near at 6 p.m.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Charing on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing will commence early in the afternoon. Service at 5; tea at 5.45; business meeting after. All are welcome.—At West Malling, on Saturday, May 3rd, the annual district meeting will be held. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; service at 5; tea 5.45; business meeting after. All ringers welcome. The Secretary would be glad if members intending to be present will let him know not later than Tuesday previous to the meeting.—Stephen Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, Maidstone.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 22nd, and Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of this society will be held at Far Headingley on Saturday, April 26th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) the bells of St Chad's will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Committee meeting in the Parochial Hall at 6 p.m., and the annual business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society.—Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will take place on Saturday, April 26th, at Southwark Cathedral at 4 p.m. There will be half an hour interval for tea. A business meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the 'Southwark Tavern' (close by). Ringers and friends welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, 26th inst. Tower open at 2.30; service at 4.30; tea at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Ringing again afterwards. 6d. allowed to members for tea on sending notice to me not later than 22nd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Ashton-under-Lyne Society (annual) on Saturday, April 26th, at St. Michael's Church. Bells (12) available from 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft and C. Bower, Secs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge for those who let me know not later than Tuesday, 22nd.—E. J. Harding, District Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock. Tea can be arranged for those who let me know not later

than Monday, April 21st. Business meeting after tea.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3; Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, M.A.; tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley Parish Church on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available 3.30 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

**LADIES GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Fulmer on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing from 3 o'clock; short service at 5.30; tea at 6.15. Will all who intend being present kindly notify me before Wednesday, April 23rd? —E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnet (by kind permission of the Rector), on Saturday, April 26th, 1919. Short service at 6 p.m., followed by tea and the business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: Barnet (8) and Hadley (6) from 3 p.m., Southgate (8) from 3 to 5 p.m. Trains from New Southgate to Barnet. A cordial invitation is given to ringers to be present, and they are asked to advise me not later than April 23rd, in order that tea arrangements can be completed.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary, Lewisham, on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea in the Vicarage garden if fine, in the Institute if wet, and I trust all who hope to be present will notify me not later than Tuesday, April 29th.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—A memorial service for those members of the branch who have fallen in the war will (D.V.) be held at St. Mary's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, May 3rd, at 5 o'clock. The Rev. F. A. Screeton, M.A., Vicar of Norbury, will preach the sermon. Members are especially requested to make an effort to be present and join in this tribute of respect and gratitude.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, May 3rd. Service at 4 p.m.; tea and business at 5. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers, whether members or not, will be heartily welcome.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton Bath.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; business meeting in the Tower 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—E. Butler, Hon. District Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on May 10th. Further particulars later. Members and Secretaries of towers please

note that all subscriptions for 1919 are now due.—H. R. Butcher, General Hon. Sec., Crowborough, Sussex.

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

**WILLESDEN.**—Weekly practice at Willesden will be changed from Tuesday to Thursday night, commencing first Thursday after Easter.—H. Kilby.

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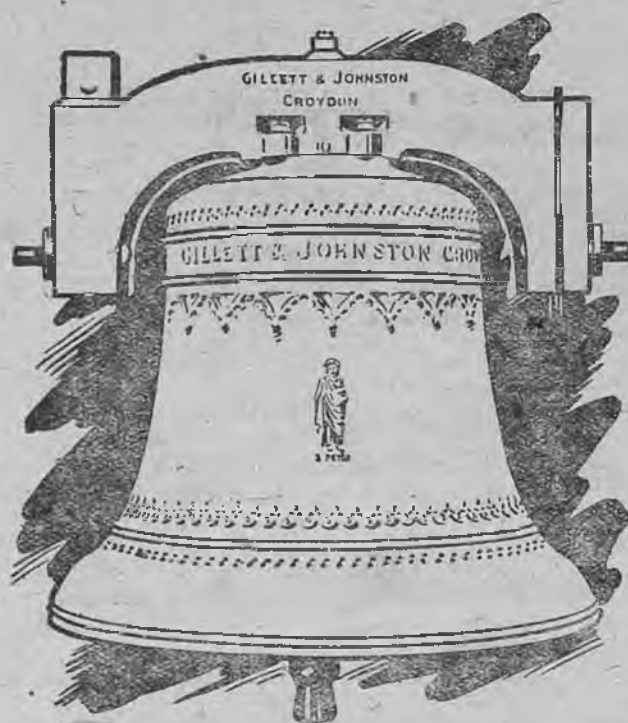
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The question of resuscitating the exercise is one which is occupying at present the attention of most of the associations whose chief business it is to work for the advancement of the art of ringing. But in connection with this effort of revival there is a financial side which societies cannot ignore. Some of the balance-sheets submitted at Monday's meetings revealed the fact that the associations concerned have had no little difficulty in making ends meet. There have been serious losses in receipts, for not only have there been a falling off in hon. members' subscriptions and a suspension of payments by men who have been fighting overseas, but—and this is not altogether creditable—many who have remained at home have allowed their contributions and membership to lapse. There is, therefore, with numerous associations, considerable leeway to make up to raise the revenue to a pre-war standard and much work to be done if the financial position is to be sufficiently improved to meet the extra demands that will have to be faced if progress is to be made.

Some associations allow part railway fares or teas to members attending meetings; all of them require printing and such like necessities, and the future cost of these things promises to be much higher than before the war. Societies consequently are faced with reduced receipts on the one hand and the prospect of increased expenses on the other, and this must give the members, and particularly the officials, food for serious thought. Some of the associations have substantial reserve funds upon which they can draw if needs be; but even these could not go on losing money indefinitely, and it is quite plain that the financial concerns of ringing organisations will have to be carefully watched. Many of the ways in which the position can be safeguarded are, of course, obvious. If expenditure cannot be curtailed, income must be increased, and there are some societies in which, while there would be a reluctance to raise the amount of the individual subscriptions, this course might very well be adopted without any hardship.

On the other hand, there is the possibility of increasing the number of hon. members, and there ought to be more made of this than is often the case. There is also the still more important business of bringing in new active members and regaining the old who have lapsed. Recruiting work in this direction is open to every member of an association, and he ought to "do his bit." An organised effort would well repay the trouble, and "missionary" enterprise, which we have so often advocated in these columns, and which was beginning to make itself felt in many centres before the war, ought to be part of any reconstruction scheme.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... .. 6
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 2	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... .. 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 8
DAVID WRIGHT ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. 9
HENRY L. GARFATH ... .. 5	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

This peal has the 6th behind the 8th and 9th in alternate courses.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE... .. Treble	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 6
WALTER S. WISE ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 8
FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 9
*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung after meeting short for Treble Twelve.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

STEPNEY, E.

On Saturday, April 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONSTAN, STEPNEY, E.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANCES;**

Tenor 31 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON... .. 7
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	EMANUEL HALL ... .. 9
JAMES SCHOLES ... .. 5	GEORGE BARRELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Macalpine-Leny.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES SENIOR... .. 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 6
HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
JOHN PALFRAMAN... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN THORP.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

ASTLEY JOHNSON ... .. Treble	M. OLDFIELD ... .. 5
F. STONELEY ... .. 2	JOHN HARRISON ... .. 6
FRED PAGE ... .. 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.



BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, March 27, 1919, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Luke,

**A PEAL OF CRANESIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WILLIAM LYDDIARD ... .. Treble	GEORGE F. JAMES ... .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 2	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6
GEORGE DURLING ... .. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
JOHN LYDDIARD ... .. 4	† HENRY J. TINNAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

ALBERT JAGGER ... .. Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 6
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
JOHN PALFRAMAN ... .. 4	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. Tenor

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On Saturday, March 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

*GEORGE HEWITT ... .. Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 5
JAMES HOUGHTON ... .. 2	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 6
JAMES GARRATT ... .. 3	JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. 7
FRED WILFORD ... .. 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, of Hendon.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Rung to welcome to Irtlingborough the Rev. W. Frift, who was inducted by the Bishop of Peterborough.

STONELEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 5
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 2	ABRAHAM WILKINSON ... .. 6
ERNEST STONE ... .. 3	JAMES F. CLARK, JUN. ... .. 7
HARRY BRIGGS ... .. 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 3	LIEUT. A. THOMSON ... .. 7
MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 4	THOMAS ATTWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

First peal on tower bells by Mrs. Hazelden, to whom it was rung as a birthday compliment. It was also a farewell peal to Lieut. Thompson, of the 8th Canadian Reserve, who was leaving Witley Camp for Ripon (Yorkshire).

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

J. BARRACLOUGH ... .. Treble	EDGAR CARTER ... .. 5
J. W. DEWS ... .. 2	G. H. HARDY ... .. 6
A. ARMITAGE ... .. 3	W. FRITH ... .. 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD ... 4	*ALLAN CARTER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

Messrs. J. Barraclough, W. Frith and A. Carter hail from Huddersfield, A. Armitage and Edgar Carter from Almondbury, the rest belong to Earlsheaton.

\* First peal.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Old Church,

**A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. Treble	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 5
JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 6
CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 3	GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. 7
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 4	ARTHUR PIGOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

'TAYLOR'S.' Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT ALLRED ... .. Treble	JOHN STUBBS ... .. 5
GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
JOHN WELSBY ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
HARRY ALLRED ... .. 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Annie Potter, second daughter of the conductor. The ringers of the treble and 4th hail from Tyldesley; 2nd, 6th and tenor from Bolton; 5th from Horwich; 3rd and 7th belong to Walkden.

DEWSBURY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES SENIOR ... .. 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
WILLIAM JOYCE ... .. 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the presentation of the Freedom of the Borough of Dewsbury to Sir Mark Oldroyd.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 10, 1919, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	FREDERICK HODGKISS ... .. 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... .. 4	*EDWARD LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal. Rung to welcome home the treble, 3rd, 5th and tenor men, the first three being now demobilised.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, April 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 5
*SIDNEY PEPLER ... .. 2	TOM KING ... .. 6
WALTER FARLEY ... .. 3	GILBERT HARDING ... .. 7
*CHARLES DOEL ... .. 4	JOE DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

\* First peal of Triples.

The peal was rung in honour of the return of Mr. T. King, of Twerton-on-Avon, from Palestine; also a birthday compliment to him and to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hector.

**WHISTON, ROTHERHAM.  
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, April 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

GEORGE OAKES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WARBURTON ... 5
MISS W. M. HAGUE ... .. 2	ALFRED T. BAKER ... .. 6
*SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 3	FRED WATKINSON ... .. 7
ARTHUR HAGUE ... .. 4	COLIN RYDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIELLE LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

\* First peal.

**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, April 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes;*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. Treble	PETER CROOK ... .. 5
ALFRED POTTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
*JAMES THOMAS POTTER ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
TOM WILDE ... .. 4	JOHN STUBBS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal.

It is 34 years since Mr. Potter rang his first 720 at Walkden. The ringers of the treble, 5th and 6th hail from Bolton, the 2nd and 7th from Walkden, 3rd from Eccles, 4th from Hyde, and the tenor from Horwich.

**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, April 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs.

FRANK R. COPEMAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5
JOHN A. WYMER ... .. 2	JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
*ALFRED FECKLING ... .. 3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... 7
*WILLIAM HAVERS ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

**SIX BELL PEAL.**

**ST. WEONARDS, HEREFORDSHIRE  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, March 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN BREWER ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. ROWLEY ... 4
FRANCIS A. OAKLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM COSTON ... .. 5
ALFRED BREWER ... .. 3	*HARRY BREWER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM COSTON.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. V. A.

Creswell, formerly Vicar of the parish, who was an enthusiastic ringer, and himself personally raised a change-ringing band at this church.

\* First peal.

**FIVE BELL PEAL.**

TASBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, April 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Bob Doubles.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN R. DUFFIELD ... .. Treble	JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 3
WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 4
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

First peal by ringer of the treble.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DORHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, March 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT NORTH FARM,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;**

R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 1—2	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5—6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 3—4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 7—8

RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 9—10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal on handbells by Richard A. Gofton.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

*On Sunday, March 30, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,*

AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's.

CHARLES BRAGG ... .. 1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3—4
HARRY BRAGG ... .. 5—6	

Conducted by HARRY BRAGG.

Witness: D. MATKIN.

First peal of Minor by all.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Saturday, April 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANCES;**

THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 1—2	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5—6
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 3—4	JOHN CARTER ... .. 7—8

JOHN NEAL ... .. 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: MR. G. YENDALL.

Witness: MRS. WALKER.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, April 12, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. JOHNSON,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor, size 12 in F.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON ... 1—2	CPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3—4
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5—6	

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Johnson.

## THE LEANING CAMPANILE OF PISA.

The debated question as to the accidental, or constructive, bend in the leaning tower of Pisa has engaged the attention of architects, engineers, artists and even poets; but the humble bell ringer, whose practical experience in the belfry has taught him certain facts bearing upon the stability and behaviour of masonry, has not as yet ventured to intrude his views on the matter. While mindful that a layman may not give an opinion to experts, I think I may be pardoned for the attempt to contribute toward the solution of this problem from a noral standpoint.

A rare volume, entitled 'De Tintinnabulis,' published 1664, by Hieronymus Magnus, contains a chapter about inclined towers in which appears the only allusion, so far as I know, to the hypothesis of earthquakes to account for their irregularity—a theory condemned by him in strong terms. Indeed, if any such violent disturbance of the earth's crust had actually occurred at Pisa some trace of the accident would doubtless have been left either in fracture of stonework or signs of masonry repair; while a record, or at least the tradition, of so unusual a phenomenon would have survived, notwithstanding the destruction by fire of the archives of the cathedral.

The highly improbable story attributed to Vasari, referring the deflection of the Tower of Pisa to gradual soil settlement during the work of construction, seems not to have reached the ears of Magnus, or else he deemed it unworthy of notice. Nor is it likely that this idea would ever have been seriously entertained, had not Vasari given it the weight of his authority. As sailors do not add freight to a sinking ship, so artisans do not imperil their lives by piling additional weight upon a collapsing fabric.

Rehault de Fleury states that the foundations were exposed in 1838 by means of soundings, and seen to rest on an infinite number of piles strongly buttressed; but no notice seems to have been taken by the labourers of the level of the walls. Inasmuch as the site of cathedral, baptistery and campanile was a recognised marsh, it may be assumed that the artisans of that period made no botch of the job of pilodiving, which had then attained in Italy the highest standard, as shown in the public and private buildings of Venice. Indeed there can be no question as to the efficiency of their work in the adjacent structures whose foundations have been demonstrated by Goodyear to be level, notwithstanding curves and bends in the upper walls now known to have been purposely designed for optical illusions or perspective effects.

It is pertinent to inquire whether we possess means of determining the opinion of the architect and local officials as to the stability of the campanile at the time when it had reached its maximum height (178 ft.) many years before its actual completion in 1350. To this question an unequivocal answer is embodied in the decision to instal an exceptionally heavy peal of seven bells of which the seventh, or largest, weighed about six tons. And hereby is revealed a factor incident to the matter of stability which has hitherto escaped attention. These bells were hung, five in the upper arches (one arch being left for thoroughfare) and the two smaller bells in embrasures above. Of these original bells the first, second and fourth are still preserved. The latter is inscribed with the date, MCCDLXII., and as I have shown elsewhere, is one of the oldest dated bells extant. It is important to observe that these bells were not affixed rigid to a beam, as American chimes are treated, but were fitted with headstock, wheel and other appurtenances to provide for swinging. The bell ropes were brought down through mouse-holes in the stonework, to the ground floor, and the grooves, inches in depth, worn by friction in these holes indicate centuries of use.

Lofty structures such as towers and steeples are usually held to be sufficiently secure if built to withstand the lateral pressure exerted by the strongest gales. A more powerful force, however, is induced by the action of swinging bells, and this force is projected not only laterally, but to a much greater degree vertically, governed by a law of physics but recently comprehended.

To a series of experiments, conducted by E. H. Lewis, M.A., we are indebted for the evolution of an algebraic formula by means of which can be calculated with considerable accuracy the horizontal and vertical reaction of a rigid body revolving around a fixed horizontal axis under the influence of gravity. By applying this formula to the action of a bell weighing six tons, its horizontal thrust is shown to be about thirteen tons, while its vertical force would be no less than twenty-three tons. It may be assumed, therefore, that neither architect nor bell founder would have ventured to jeopardise the integrity of so unique a monument by subjecting it to this prodigious battering strain, had they entertained the slightest doubt as to its absolute safety; and the correctness of their judgment has been confirmed by its subsequent history.

Standing beside one of these ponderous bells, when being rung at a canonical hour, I was able to discern, to my surprise, but slight vibration of the masonry, indicating a stability rarely met with in towers of similar dimensions.

In conclusion, this record of the bells, apart from all other evidence, justifies the assertion that no appreciable structural change has taken place in this edifice since its completion; while the supposition of accidental settlement during the work of construction, always refuted by the local inhabitants, and unsupported either by authentic docu-

ments or demonstrable facts, is not only untenable, but indeed lacks even the merit of plausibility. Bell ringers, ever conscious of the possibility of disaster from fragile walls, do not undertake the management of swing bells until assured by the stability of the tower in which they are suspended.

This mute testimony of the bells, therefore, chimes in accord with the opinion of Goodyear, the recognised authority on the asymmetry of mediæval buildings, that the obliquity of Pisa's campanile is one of many examples of intentional avoidance of regularity, a constructive tour-de-force for bizarre, or picturesque, effect, analogous to that conceded in case of the Leaning Tower of Bologna (320 ft.), and more recently shown by him to have been purposely designed also in the Baptistery of Pisa, and in towers of Florence and Ravenna.

The following is a translation of the observations of Magnus above referred to:—

'Certain persons with the view to court popular applause, and at the risk of great worry and possible disaster, have indulged in the caprice of constructing towers not of the regular, perpendicular design, but greatly inclined, threatening even ruin, and apparently on the very verge of tipping over.'

'One of these structures I examined at Pisa, built of marble, circular, and surrounded with columns like the tendrils of a plant. While mounting this campanile one is startled lest it may tumble over and bury him in its ruins.'

'In this connection I must advert to the Tower of the Asinelli at Bologna, remarkable not only as one of this class, but also by reason of its great height, though this edifice was not built for the same use as that of Pisa.'

'There are those, however, who maintain that towers of this anomalous design were not originally constructed in the form now presented; but, nodding, have become deflected and inclined, as the result of damage by earthquake.'

'Such persons, however, are convicted of unpardonable error by the very thresholds and doors; also the sockets at the various floors on which the scaffolding was sustained during the process of construction; for these parts are all level, not sloping, and stand true to the spirit level.'

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42356			—
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56234	x		—
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23645	x		—

Twice repeated.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**PULBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Gnr. P. Knight 1, S. Stone 2, R. Wood 3, J. Burdfield 4, Gnr. Leonard Stilwell 5, P. H. Doick 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, F. J. Killick 8. The ringing was arranged for Gnr. L. Stilwell, who was on a short leave from France.

**UPPER CLAPTON.**—At St. Matthew's Church, on April 6th, on the occasion of the Jubilee Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. J. King 1, J. Thomas 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, G. B. Lucas, senr., 4, H. J. Cantor 5, C. A. Gray 6, A. Coles 7, S. J. Wilson (first quarter-peal) 8.

**CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.**—St. George's Society.—On Wednesday, April 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 7, 8 dodging as 'covers': \*F. Wolley 1, Rd. Morris 2, Rev. H. J. Scott 3, G. W. Roberts 4, W. Mead (conductor) 5, F. A. Watkins 6, \*Second-Lieut. E. E. Griffith 7, \*Pte. R. Davies 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. V. A. Creswell, who was a valued member of this society. \* First quarter-peal. First quarter by W. Mead as conductor.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At St. John's Church, on Easter Day, 7 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Forsdyke 1, A. G. Bennington 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, F. W. Richardson 5, H. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, E. B. Crowder 8. — For Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Law 1, E. B. Crowder 2, A. G. Bennington 3, H. Norgate 4, E. J. Pannett 5, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, R. Forsdyke 8. — For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Forsdyke 1, E. J. Pannett 2, H. Norgate 3, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, J. Law 6, F. W. Richardson 7, J. Carrott (Northfleet) 8. The above are three different quarters, and are taken from Holt's Original.

**GRESHUNT, HANTS.**—Hertfordshire Association.—On Easter Sunday morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Pte. D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Warner 4, Geo. Maxim 5, C. Dille 6, A. C. Darnell (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8.



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### BELFRY GOSSIP.

Cadet Leonard A. Pye, son of Mr. A. Pye, has been gazetted a temporary Second-Lieutenant in the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

The first post-war turret clock made by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, was for Yarmouth Parish Church, and it was formally dedicated and opened on Saturday last.

We understand that a marriage has been arranged, and will take place in a few weeks, between Miss Rosina Marion Kellstern, of East Dulwich, and Mr. John J. Jones, of Guildford, the hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild.

Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., the popular President of the Middlesex County Association, is leaving Portsmouth, where he has been residing for some years. The members of the Association would be delighted if the fate, and the house agents could produce within the confines of Middlesex the 'humble cottage,' of which we believe Mr. King is in search.

One of the memorable Easter holiday performances which should have found a place in the list of anniversaries which we gave last week is the record length of Treble Twelve, rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911. Mr. Sam Woods' able company, with Mr. James George on the tenor, brought round the 12,240 in the Kent variation in 8 hrs. 39 mins.

We hear that the work of restoring the peal of eight at All Saints' Church, Hereford, is shortly to be begun.

The restoration, including, we believe, recasting of the ring at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, is in hand. The work is being done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

An officers' peal of Caters is to be attempted shortly at St. Peter's, Croydon.

The Hereford Guild has gained considerably by the settlement in the diocese of Mr. C. Edwards, formerly a very active member of the Winchester Guild. His energy and enthusiasm are unbounded, and the Winchester Guild added numerous towers to its membership through his efforts.

### MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful and interesting meeting of the South-west District was held on Saturday week at Feltham, when about 40 members and friends attended from Isleworth, Acton, Hillingdon, West Ealing, Chertsey, Hershaw, Oatlands Park, Sutton, Bournemouth, Harrow, Heston, Camberwell, and Brockley. The ringing, under the direction of the Master, Mr. T. Beadle, was good, and many methods were practised. Tea, kindly arranged by Mr. Denford, and served in the Schoolroom, was greatly enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting eight members were elected, six being from the local tower.

A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. G. Ransom, of the Isleworth band, and a long and honoured member of the Association.

The meeting concluded by according its thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. S. F. Denford, and the local band for making such pleasant arrangements.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Minchinhampton, and was attended by 21 members from Stroud, Avening, Painswick, Stonehouse, Bisley, Minchinhampton, and Coalay. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung on the bells during the afternoon, and the Association's form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Sears), who, in his address, spoke of the way in which the Diocesan Associations had raised both the standard of the ringer and of change ringing. After the service, the Rector explained the various objects of interest in the church. Tea followed at the Church Club. Mrs. Sears and other kind friends well looking after the ringers at the tea.

A business meeting followed, the Rev. W. J. Clay, Vicar of Bisley (President of the branch) presiding. Frocester was unanimously selected for the next quarterly meeting, and Horsley and Bisley for the monthly meetings.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Sears, and all the friends at Minchinhampton for the excellent address at the service, for the use of the bells, and kind hospitality.—The Rector responded, and gave all a very hearty welcome. He also visited the tower and welcomed the ringers in the belfry. All the members of the excellent local society of ringers were at the meeting.

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## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CENTRAL DIVISION AT LEWES.

There were nearly fifty ringers present at the annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association at Lewes on Easter Monday, and the presence of many old faces—men who were familiar with Sussex ringing five and twenty years ago—made the gathering an interesting one for those whose memory in ringing matters goes back to that time.

There were ringers present from a considerable number of towers in the county, as widely separated as Eastbourne and Pulborough, and among the visitors was Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon. Everything necessary to the comfort of the visitors had been arranged by Mr. C. Errey, the secretary of the local band, whose kindness was much appreciated.

The massive brick-faced tower of St. John the Baptist's Church, Southover, contains a capital peal of ten bells, which were available throughout the day from 11 a.m., and there was much variety in the methods rung, Triples, Major, Calers and Royal being all enjoyed.

A short service was held, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. H. Windle, who presided at the harmonium and gave an address, in which he touched upon the history and uses of bells, and the duties and privileges of ringers.

Subsequently, in the Church Room, tea was served, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. T. Glandfield, a vice-president of the local Guild, took the chair, and apologised for the absence of the Rector.

Mr. E. A. Andrews, of Ditchling, Messrs. W. and W. W. Watts, of Lindfield, were elected members of the Association, and seven of the Seaford band were re-admitted.

Mr. A. D. Stone, who, said one speaker, had been more instrumental than anyone else in keeping the Association going during the war, was re-elected Divisional Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. R. J. Dawe (Seaford), O. Sinpetts (Crawley) and R. Stredwick (Brighton) were elected on the Association Committee.

After some discussion it was resolved that each quarterly meeting should arrange the next meeting of the Division, and accordingly Coleman's Hatch was selected as the place for the next gathering, it being announced that Mr. Cyril Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, would entertain the members to tea.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the service, and to Mr. Glandfield for presiding, brought the business to a close, and the tower was then once more visited.

### WESTERN DIVISION.

A very successful meeting of the Western Division was held at Billingshurst, on Saturday, April 12th, members being present from St. Peter's (Brighton), Crawley, Slinfold, Rusper, Lymminster, Angmering, Heene, Shoreham, Warnham, and the local band, and Mr. J. Shepherd, of Swindon. Some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford Minor, Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major were rung during the day, some of the young hands from Rusper taking part, and Mr. Francis T. Head is to be congratulated on the way he is getting this band along. The members were very pleased to welcome back from the colours Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, and Messrs. J. Burdfield and R. Woods, of Billingshurst. Tea was served at the King's Arms Hotel, where 19 sat down in company with the Rev. R. O. Johns, Vicar of Billingshurst, who presided at the business meeting which followed.

Mr. A. W. Groves was re-elected Hon. Secretary of the Western Division, and Messrs. H. Stalham, G. Norris and R. Bowell were elected to represent the Division on the Association Committee.

A notable feature of the meeting was the number of new members elected and old members re-elected after a period of absence. The new members included Misses Read (daughters of the Rector of St. Leonard's, Aldrington), and Miss E. Elliott, of the same tower; Frank and William Corke, of Rusper; E. Dyson, of Heene. The following old members were again enrolled, viz., Messrs. R. S. Cherryman, A. J. Cherryman, A. W. Cherryman, and Edgar Steele, of St. Leonard's, Aldrington; Messrs. Doick, A. Greenfield, S. Stone, F. J. Killick, of Pulborough; F. Burdfield and Raymond Woods, of Billingshurst. In addition, the Rev. R. O. Johns was elected an hon. member of the Association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Lymminster, three months hence.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. R. O. Johns for presiding and granting the use of the bells, and this was heartily accorded.—In replying, the reverend gentleman said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members of the Association to Billingshurst, and to hear the bells ringing again.—Before departing by the last train the members agreed it had been a thoroughly successful meeting, and wished, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank Mr. J. Burdfield, the local captain, for having the bells ready and making the necessary arrangements.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on April 9th, for a Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Radford 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, W. Jelley 3, J. Scott 4, C. N. Burdock 5, Corpl. J. Dearlove 6, C. Hazelden 7, M. Smither 8, Corpl. Dearlove, C.E., is stationed at Witley Camp. He was formerly of Pangbourne, Berks.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE AT NEWCASTLE.

### DIOCESAN GUILD'S LOSSES.

The memorial service arranged for the fallen ringers of the diocese of Durham and Newcastle was held at St. John's Church, Newcastle on Saturday week, and although it could not coincide with the national service at St. Clement Danes, it followed closely upon the same lines, and included the reading from Longfellow's 'Golden Legend,' and the hymn written by Mrs. W. Pennington Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes. There was a large attendance of ringers, and the bells were rung muffled for the service. The organ voluntary was Harwood's 'Requiem Eternam,' played by the organist, Mr. H. W. C. Erskine, and the service opened with the National Anthem, and the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past.' The sentences were read by the Rev. E. Williams, Vicar of Bamburgh, whose church lost no fewer than six of its ringers. Canon Boot, Rural Dean of Newcastle, and the Rev. H. S. Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead, joined with the local clergy in the service. The Rev. Professor Potter, of Armstrong College, and a member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild read the lesson from the Book of Wisdom iii., and also the Roll of Honour, which included the following names:—

From St. Cuthbert's, Allendale:—Pte. George H. Johnson, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders.

From St. Aidan's, Bamburgh:—Pte. W. J. Clark, Coldstream Guards; Sapper Albert Hall, R.E.; Pte. Philip Hall, A.I.E.F.; Capt. the Rev. A. T. Laing, 13th N.F.; Pte. T. H. Wake, 7th N.F.; Pte. W. H. Wake, 7th N.F.

From St. James', Benwell:—Pte. Herbert Guthrie, R.M.L.I.

From St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland:—Drummer J. Peverell, 10th Yorks; Lance-Corpl. Fred Peverell, 8th Yorks.

From Christ Church, Consett:—Lieut. A. G. Shorter, D.L.I.; Lieut. Frank Eales, Rifle Brigade.

From St. Nicholas', Cramlington:—Pte. J. Rissborough, 10th Northumberland Fusiliers.

From St. Oswald's, Durham:—Coy. Sergt.-Major W. Forrest, 18th D.L.I.

From All Saints', Gosforth:—Lieut. Robert W. Falconer, 16th N.F.  
From St. George's, Jesmond:—Corpl. Reginald Eaton, East Yorks; Pte. Albert Errington, 4th Cheshires; Scout Ernest R. Mundle, 1st Canadian Contingent, 2nd Infantry Brigade.

From St. Mary's, Lanchester:—Pte. Thomas Henry Smith, 1st London Scottish.

From the Abbey, Hexham:—Pte. William Summers, Scottish Rifles.  
From the Watch Tower, Morpeth:—Sergt. S. A. Wright, 2nd Scots Guards; Pte. J. Brown, 78th Infantry Batta., Canadians.

From Christ Church, North Shields:—Second-Lieut. Robert M. Hogg, N.F.; Pte. J. T. Hogg, Middlesex Regt.; Pte. George R. Potter, 6th Lancs Fusiliers.

From All Saints', Rothbury:—Capt. Thomas Murray, Cheshire Regt.  
From Holy Trinity, Sunderland:—Lieut. Cyril O. Sayer, 7th D.L.I.; Rifleman William McLachlan, 16th King's Royal Rifle Corps.

From St. Aidan's, West Hartlepool:—Lance-Corpl. William Gilmore, R.E.

From All Saints', Stranton, West Hartlepool:—Bomb. J. W. Jobling, 265th Siege Battery, R.G.A.; Carpenter F. Macarthy, H.M. Auxiliary Ship Iolaire; Pte. W. B. Webster, 9th Cheshires.

From St. Oswin's, Wylam-on-Tyne:—Pte. J. F. Appleby, N.F.; Pte. W. Wrightson, K.O.Y.L.I.

The special prayer for fallen ringers was said, and while the congregation remained kneeling, the whole pull and stand was rung seven times by members of St. John's Guild.

The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. A. E. Cornibere) was the preacher and the offertory, for St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Sailors and Soldiers, amounted to £7.

The impressive service concluded with 'The Last Post,' sounded by buglers of the 5th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, and the 'Dead March in Saul.' The voluntary was a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, by Messrs. C. L. Routledge 1-2, J. A. Gofton 3-4, W. H. Barber 5-6, A. Hessian 7-8, J. E. Keen 9-10.

As the congregation left the church, the 'whole pull and stand' was again rung, and in the evening there was half-muffled ringing at St. John's, All Saints', and the Cathedral, Newcastle, and St. Mary's Gateshead.

## THE LATE CAPTAIN MURRAY.

At St. Mary's, Liscard, on March 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1334 changes) was rung in one hour by: W. A. Woodsam 1, A. Woodsam 2, H. Ludkin (conductor) 3, W. Hughes 4, H. Rogers 5, Spr. E. Brooks 6, H. Williams 7, S. Moston 8. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Capt. Thomas Murray, 11th Cheshire Regt., who was killed about two years ago in France. Captain Murray enlisted in the ranks in the early days of the war, and won rapid promotion. The above was the first quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7.

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## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

We very much regret that many touches which have been sent in for publication under this heading during the past few months have had to be omitted, on account of the limited space at our disposal. We hope in future to be able to give some few touches, but those of special interest will have preference. Other miscellaneous items sent for publication should not be less than 720 on six bells or quarter-peals on higher numbers.

**OXFORD, BIRKENHEAD.**—On Sunday, January 12th, at St. Saviour's, Oxfon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), from Holt's Original: J. Owens 1, W. Battle 2, H. Brocklebank 3, R. Birchall 4, W. Hughes 5, J. Evans 6, S. F. Barnes (conductor) 7, A. Martin 8.

**GLODWIN, OLDHAM.**—At St. Mark's Church, on Sunday morning, January 20th, 518 Grandsire Triples: E. Geary 1, J. Schofield 2, A. Fielding 3, W. Clegg, H.M.S., 4, J. Taylor 5, J. Lees 6, A. Clegg (conductor) 7, Pte. J. T. Clegg, R.A.M.C., 8. Pte. Clegg was on leave.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday evening, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 45 mins.: E. Hall 1, J. Waghorn, senr., 2, A. Worboys 3, T. Faulkner 4, F. C. Newman 5, A. C. Hardy 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, R. Fenn 8. Rung on the occasion of the 76th birthday of Mr. Waghorn, senr.

**PINEDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, January 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: P. Manning 1, T. Abbott 2, H. Tompkins 3, G. Ette 4, H. Ette 5, J. R. Main 6, G. Basford (conductor) 7, C. F. Warren 8. Specially arranged for C. F. Warren, of Birmingham.

**ABERAVON, S. WALES.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 26th, for evening service, on the occasion of a visit by the Rev. D. H. Griffiths, of St. Woolos, Newport, at one time of Aberavon. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: F. Stone 1, A. Perry 2, C. Frankcom 3, E. Stitch 4, W. Nurton 5, F. Stedman 6, A. Pitman (composer and conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8.

**LONDON.**—London County Association.—On Feb. 16th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Harman (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. Stephenson 3, A. Gasson 4, H. C. Alford 5, C. Burden 6, W. Berry 7, T. Cooledge 8.—On Feb. 23rd, for evening service, at All Hallows', Great Tower Street, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Diserens 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, F. W. Brinklow 3, E. F. Pike 4, J. Cornford 5, J. Scholes 6, H. Torble 7, R. Sanders 8.

**LONDON.**—Ancient Society of College Youths.—On March 9th, for evening service, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. G. Fenn 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, H. Torble 3, E. Pike 4, J. Scholes 5, R. Sanders 6, E. Hall 7, G. Barrel 8.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on March 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. F. Vickers 1, F. Blood (first quarter-peal since demobilisation) 2, E. Hughes 3, T. H. Kirkby 4, J. W. Sevier 5, G. H. Johnson 6, A. Barrett (conductor) 7, E. Wallace 8.—For morning service, on March 16th 518 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's peal): Mrs. M. E. Lee 1, F. Blood 2, E. Hughes 3, T. H. Kirkby 4, W. J. Sevier (conductor) 5, A. Barrett 6, E. Wallace 7, W. Flinders 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Sevier 1, R. Clifford (conductor) 2, E. Hughes 3, F. Price (Beeston) 4, T. H. Kirkby 5, C. F. Vickers 6, F. Blood 7, E. Wallace 8.

**CARDIFF.**—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 55 mins.: H. Day 1, J. Harris 2, C. Hobbs 3, S. Dawe 4, W. Coombes 5, F. Edwards (first quarter of Grandsire Caters) 6, F. Viles 7, A. Rowley 8, W. Bolton (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, March 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: F. W. Richardson 1, E. J. Pannett 2, T. Easterby 3, A. E. Goddard 4, A. G. Bennington 5, H. Belcher (Wolverhampton) 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Law 8.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On March 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Coles 1, F. Dainty 2, W. G. Cross 3, Pte. A. W. Hart, Queen's Regt. (St. Mary Magdalen's, Holloway), 4, F. Davis 5, Corpl. H. Beechey, M.T., A.S.C., 2, E. G. Cooke (conductor) 7, F. Rowlinson 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 46 mins.: V. Butler 1, T. Vaughan 2, A. W. Hart 3, S. Wright 4, H. Beechey 5, W. Jarvis 6, F. G. Cook 7, T. Howling 8. Rung as a farewell to A. W. Hart, who was returning to London for demobilisation.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, April 6th, at Malvern Villas, New Road, in 37 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): C. Bragg 1—2, H. Bragg 3—4, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 5—6, D. Matkin 7—8. Rung as a farewell touch to D. Matkin, who was leaving Solihull. The above is an entirely self-taught band.

**STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.**—On Sunday afternoon, April 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Marriott (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Pagett (conductor) 2, W. Thorley 3, H. Whittle 4, G. Tomlinson 5, J. Lord 6, W. Trigg 7, J. Hunt 8. Messrs. Pagett, Lord, Tomlinson and Hunt belong to Derby.

## NOTICES.

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**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of this society will be held at Far Headingley on Saturday, April 26th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) the bells of St Chad's will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Committee meeting in the Parochial Hall at 6 p.m., and the annual business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society.—Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will take place on Saturday, April 26th, at Southwark Cathedral at 4 p.m. There will be half an hour interval for tea. A business meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the 'Southwark Tavern' (close by). Ringers and friends welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, 26th inst. Tower open at 2.30; service at 4.30; tea at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Ringing again afterwards.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Ashton-under-Lyne Society (annual) on Saturday, April 26th, at St. Michael's Church. Bells (12) available from 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft and C. Bower, Secs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available 2 p.m.—E. J. Harding, District Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after tea.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3; Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, M.A.; tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley Parish Church on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available 3.30 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

**LADIES GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Fulmer on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing from 3 o'clock; short service at 5.30; tea at 6.15.—E. K. Parker, Hqn. Sec., 49, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnet (by kind permission of the Rector),

on Saturday, April 26th, 1919. Short service at 6 p.m., followed by tea and the business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: Barnet (8) and Hadley (6) from 3 p.m., Southgate (8) from 3 to 5 p.m. Trains from New Southgate to Barnet. A cordial invitation is given to ringers to be present.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge branch will be held at Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, April 26th. The bells will be available from 3.30 p.m.; short service at 4.30; tea at 5, business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 29th, and May 27th, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 1st, 15th and 29th, at \*St. Giles', Cripplegate, on May 6th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30; tea and business meeting 5.30. Those who require tea please notify by Tuesday, April 29th.—George Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Beeston Parish Church on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. District Sec., 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—At West Malling, on Saturday, May 3rd, the annual district meeting will be held. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; service at 5; tea 5.45; business meeting after. All ringers welcome. The Secretary would be glad if members intending to be present will let him know not later than Tuesday previous to the meeting.—Stephen Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, Maidstone.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary, Lewisham, on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea in the Vicarage garden if fine, in the Institute if wet, and I trust all who hope to be present will notify me not later than Tuesday, April 29th.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—A memorial service for those members of the branch who have fallen in the war will (D.V.) be held at St. Mary's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, May 3rd, at 5 o'clock. The Rev. F. A. Screeton, M.A., Vicar of Norbury, will preach the sermon. Members are especially requested to make an effort to be present and join in this tribute of respect and gratitude.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, May 3rd. Service at 4 p.m.; tea and business at 5. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers, whether members or not, will be heartily welcome.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday May 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; business meeting in the Tower 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—E. Butler, Hon. District Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—The half-yearly business meeting of the above will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, King's Norton, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3.30; Service in church at 4.30; tea at 5.15 for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 30th, free to members, others 1/- each; this will be followed by the business meeting. Gentlemen welcomed.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The next District meeting will be held at Witley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; Service at 5; tea to follow. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at Sutton-on-Hull on Saturday, May 10th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells (6) of St. James' will be available all day. Address by the Rev. G. A. Coleman at 4 p.m.; tea at 5, business immediately after. Tea will be provided for those only who notify Mr. A. E. West, Holly Bank, Sutton-near-Hull, not later than Wednesday, April 30th, at 6d. per head. Sutton is easy of access, about four miles from Hull. It is the wish of the vice-president that this meeting should be a success as it is a long-standing invitation.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Braintree on May 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service, with address, 4.30; tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Master of the Essex Association and the Vicar of Braintree, to all who send me notice of their intention of being present not later than May 6th. Subscriptions for 1919 are now due.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A general committee meeting will be held at Reading at the Great Western Railway Temperance Union Institute on Saturday, May 10th, at 3 o'clock, to arrange for Annual Festival and general business. Notices of motion (as per amended Rule XXI) should reach Secretary at least ten days before meeting. A good attendance is required. It is hoped and expected that the Master will be in the chair. The Temperance Institute is adjoining the G.W.R. Station, turn to right on coming out of station.—R. T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on May 10th. Business meeting at 3.30 in Parish Room; tea at Gloucester Hotel 4.45, 3/- each (1/6 to members); Service at St. Nicholas' Church at 6. Ringing: St. Peter's Tower 1.30 to 3.30, St. Nicholas after the service. Members who will be present for tea let me know by May 7th. Half railway fares without limit.—H. R. Bulcher, General Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. C. Edwards, late of Swaffham, Norfolk, and Farnham, Surrey, has removed to Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

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

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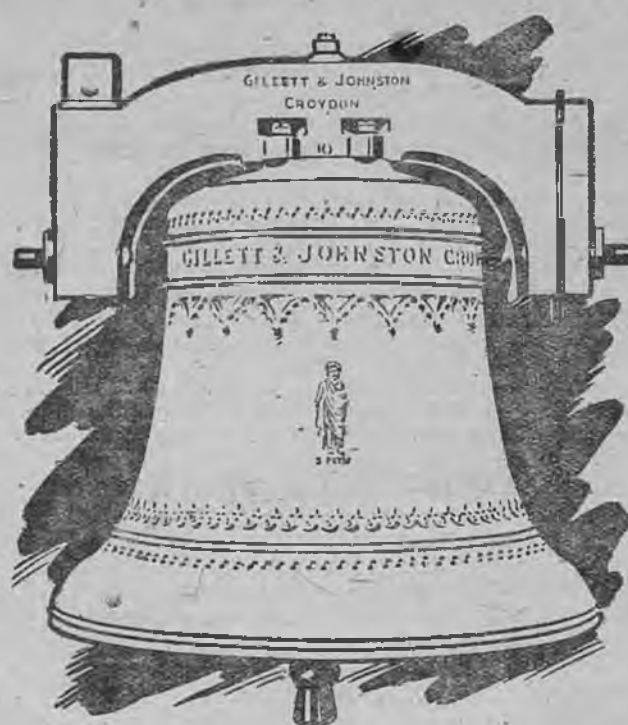
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### MIDLAND COUNTIES' FINANCE.

The question of finance, upon one phase of which we had something to say last week, entered largely into the discussions at the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association. The necessity arose for electing a new treasurer, and the choice of the meeting falling upon Mr. William Willson, that gentleman had something to say upon his views as to how the finances of the association should be managed. It is well to have an understanding in essential matters like this, particularly when there is a change of officials, for then there can afterwards be no complaint that a particular policy has been initiated without the knowledge of the members.

Another financial problem resulted in a change of the association's secretary. Mr. W. E. White, who has most efficiently discharged the duties for several years, intimated that he was unable to continue unless his services were remunerated by the honorarium of £10 which he had received in the past. Upon this point the members split, and the result was that Mr. White declined to accept nomination again, and Mr. A. Wright was elected to fill the breach. The association is admittedly short of funds, and no doubt this fact, coupled with the principle involved, settled the question. It is of course one which the members of an association are alone competent to decide, for in this, as in most matters, there are two sides. The work in conducting the affairs of an organisation of the size of the Midland Counties Association is by no means light, if it is to be efficiently done, and where it makes considerable demands upon a man's time, it is quite arguable that his services are worth tangible acknowledgment.

On the other hand, where amateur pastimes are concerned, it is a generally recognised principle that those who undertake executive offices do so in a purely honorary capacity, and for the love of the hobby they desire to serve. Thus it is that in practically all the ringing associations no payment is made, even as an honorarium, to secretaries, and the motives which actuate those who take the view that such offices should be entirely unpaid will not be misunderstood. With many, the matter is one of principle, but there are those who, while they will acquiesce in payment being made when there are funds available, nevertheless take up the attitude that when the bank balance is low, the curtailment of this kind of expense should be the first step in retrenchment. With those who take this latter view we are not in agreement. If it is a question of principle, the objection is valid and must be given full weight to. But to refuse to meet a fair liability merely because the funds of the organisation are below high water mark is one that is not commendable.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSR ... Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3	THOMAS LANGDON ... 8
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 9
JOHN HOWES ... 5	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANCES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN ... Treble	*FRANK SMITH ... 6
JESSE GILLET ... 2	CHARLES W. DYSON ... 7
FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 3	ERNEST E. DAVIES ... 8
JOHN AUSTIN ... 4	EX-SGT. JOSEPH WILLIAMS ... 9
JOHN W. JONES ... 5	SGT. ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\* First peal. Arranged for Sergt. Morris, of Leicester, and for J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANCES;**

GILBERT GUEST ... Treble	HARRY JEAVONS ... 6
FRANK G. BURLEIGH ... 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 7
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 3	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 9
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 5	WILLIAM MEEK ... Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was specially rung as a compliment to Messrs. F. R. McDowell and J. McDougall Tait on their re-election as churchwardens of the Parish Church for the fifth year in succession, also as an appreciation of their services to the church during the past four years. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. John Goodman, wife of the conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PICKERING, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

J. THOMAS ... Treble	L. RODMELL ... 5
H. RODMELL ... 2	T. MORTON ... 6
A. E. SELLERS ... 3	W. MIDDLETON ... 7
C. P. BRADLEY ... 4	A. E. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

The conductor was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association before starting.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... .. 5
W. ARTHUR HUDSON ... .. 2	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
WILLIAM JOYCE ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.  
Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Charles H. Craven, the respected conductor of the Lindley band, which took place that morning; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Edwin Sykes, the conductor's grandmother, in honour of her 89th birthday. John W. Jones hails from Newport, Mon.

EARLSHLEATON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. Treble	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 6
W. ARTHUR HUDSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD ... .. 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.  
Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN PALFRAMAN ... .. 5
EDWARD CRABTREE ... .. 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 6
W. ARTHUR HUDSON ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS POLLITT.  
Conducted by JOSEPH BROADLEY.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Tuesday, April 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	W. ARTHUR HUDSON ... .. 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 2	ALBERT JAGGER ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3	JOSEPH GREENWOOD ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.  
Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

\* First peal.

Mr. J. W. Jones takes this opportunity of thanking the many friends he made on his tour in Yorkshire for their exceptional kindness, and especially Mr. J. E. Sykes for arranging the four peals recorded above.

MACHEN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* HAROLD CASSELL ... .. Treble	† WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 5
PERCY JONES ... .. 2	GEORGE COOKE ... .. 6
† STANLEY VOZZEY ... .. 3	FRANK BOUCHIER ... .. 7
ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 4	† THOMAS LOVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. COOKE.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal.  
First peal as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* HARRY WISEMAN ... .. Treble	* ARTHUR WASH ... .. 5
† LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. 2	† SIDNEY HALE ... .. 6
* RONALD RAYNER ... .. 3	* STANLEY WILDING ... .. 7
† HARRY PERKINS ... .. 4	* CECIL BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.  
Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

First peal of Major by all the band except the conductor. First peal on the bells since the addition of the two new trebles.  
\* First peal † First in the method as conductor. ‡ First peal of Major. The above are all members of the local company.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... .. Treble	LEONARD A. PYE ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 7
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.  
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

CORSTON, BATH.

THE BATM AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Monday, April 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY W. BROWN ... .. Treble	CHARLES DENSLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 6
RICHARD J. COUSINS ... .. 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 7
FREDERICK C. RICH ... .. 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

This was the quickest peal on the bells, also in Bath and district.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

* LEONARD MANNERING ... .. Treble	THOMAS MANNERING ... .. 5
F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 2	WILLIAM E. SPICE ... .. 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. 4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.  
Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK E. SMITH ... .. 5
* JOSEPH H. LIEFFE ... .. 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 3	JAMES PAGETT ... .. 7
HENRY HARRISON ... .. 4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD J. ILOTT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLAM, SEN. ... 5
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... .. 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6
THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLAM, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

## WATFIELD, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS S. SMITH ... .. Treble	PERCY E. JONES ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... .. 6
JOHN BRANT, SEN. ... .. 3	CPL. CHAS. H. WOODBERRY ... 7
EDWARD WEATHERBY ... .. 4	J. HERBERT CROPLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CORPL. C. H. WOODBERRY.

Arranged for Mr. Weatherby, of Market Drayton, who was on a visit to Camberley for Easter Week; the conductor hails from Kidderminster, and is stationed at Windsor with the Coldstream Guards. Both were elected life members of the Guild before making the attempt.

## COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

KEITH SALTER ... .. Treble	JOHN BASS ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 6
GORDON CHECKETTS ... .. 3	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on eight bells by the ringer of the treble.

## MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATHIAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST BARBER ... .. Treble	ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	GORDON CHECKETTS ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

ROWLAND POLLARD ... .. Treble	HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 6
E. MAURICE ARKINS ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. COX ... .. 7
ERNEST STONE ... .. 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

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## CUBITT TOWN.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

CHARLES T. CLARK ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM G. RAWLINGS ... 5
THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... .. 2	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 6
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON ... 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 7
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 4	DALBY HODGSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

\* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*W. E. STILES ... .. Treble	SAMUEL B. HAWKINS ... 5
HENRY J. TRIM ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 6
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 4	*THOMAS GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## MORRIS' ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

LEONARD HEAD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 2	ARTHUR KEEBLE ... .. 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM STIFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This peal was rung deeply muffled for three ringers of this tower, Edward Hollex, Robert Keeble, and Charles Varo, who lost their lives in France; the last named, when called up, was gardener to the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, Burstow, Surrey.

## ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, two of Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. Treble	GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 4
LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 2	JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 5
THOMAS JERVIS ... .. 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. C. LOVEDAY.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all except the conductor. First peal away from treble by John R. Main. Rung as a birthday peal to L. J. Wyman.

## HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two each of 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN T. HOLMES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 4
F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 2	Sgt. J. BENNETT, R.M.L.I. 5
CHRISTOPHER WARD ... .. 3	WALTER H. WOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Arranged for ringer of the 5th, also as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Wood, organist of this church. The visitors wish to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Dickinson and Wood for their kind hospitality on this and many other occasions.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.**  
**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Monday, April 21, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,*  
*At MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD.*

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's.

\*DANIEL MATKIN... .. 1—2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 3—4  
HARRY BRAGG ... .. 5—6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Witness: CHARLES BRAGG.

\* First peal and first attempt This is believed to be the first peal of Minor on handbells for the Guild.

**ARMLEY, LEEDS.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, April 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,*  
*At 10, MITFORD ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

\*MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1—2 | \*GERALD MOORHOUSE... .. 5—6  
JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 3—4 | MISS OLIVE L. LEMLEY ... 7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by MALCOLM MOORHOUSE.

Umpire: MR. PERCY J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal on Treble Bob.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all. An attempt was made to ring this peal on April 12th, the conductor's 14th birthday, but it came to grief after ringing over 3,000 changes.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**AN EXTENDED TITLE.**

On Easter Monday the Ely Diocesan Association held its annual general meeting at Huntingdon. Ringing commenced during the morning on the six bells at All Saints' Church, touches of Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob Minor being rung. Subsequently, the Association's form of service was held in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Huntingdon. The Acting General Secretary (Mr. A. E. Austin) was at the organ. After the service, the ringers proceeded to Godmanchester, and on the eight bells touches of Double Norwich Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. St. Mary's, Huntingdon, was then visited, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major brought round. At 3.30 p.m., the business meeting was held at the George Hotel, Huntingdon, presided over by the Rev. H. B. Wogley, Vicar of Long Stanton. The next annual meeting was fixed to be held at Bury St. Edmunds.

The General Secretary, Mr. T. R. Dennis, and Treasurer, Mr. F. C. Turner, Newmarket, were re-elected.—Mr. D. H. Elliott, Great Henny, near Sudbury, was elected as auditor.

It was decided that in future the title of the Association should be the 'Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association.'

The chairman congratulated the General Secretary, Mr. Dennis, on coming safely through the war, and welcomed him back to the Association; he also congratulated the Acting General Secretary upon what he had done to keep the Association alive during the absence of Mr. Dennis.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Archdeacon of Huntingdon for conducting the service, and to the incumbents of the churches for the use of the bells. At the conclusion of the meeting a meat tea was provided at the George Hotel, and afterwards further ringing took place at St. Mary's and All Saints' Churches. Ringers were present during the day from Cambridge, Melbourn, Long Stanton, Dry Drayton, Ramsey, Wilburton, Great Shelford, Great Henny, Northampton, Leatherhead (Surrey), and other places.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held at Epsom on Easter Monday. The bells at St. Martin's and Christ Church, Epsom, and at the Parish Church, Ewell, were open during the afternoon and evening, and touches in various methods were rung by the members, about 50 of whom were present.

A special ringers' service was held at St. Martin's, conducted by the Rev. W. Bainbridge Bell, who gave the members a hearty welcome. Tea followed in the church room, the catering being carried out under the personal supervision of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, and the Vicars of both the Epsom Churches were present. The Vicar of St. Martin's presided at the business meeting which followed.

A letter of apology for absence was read from the hon. secretary. Four peals, which have been recorded in the 'Ringing World' were ordered to be entered in the peal records as performances by the Association.

Mr. York Bramble, of St. Peter's, Croydon; Mr. Arthur Wood, of St. Martin's, Epsom; Mr. W. and the Misses V. and N. Shorter, Mrs.

L. J. Barnes and Mrs. William Shepherd, all of Oatlands Park, were elected members of the Association.—A hearty welcome was accorded to Mr. F. Woodiss upon his recovery from severe wounds and subsequent serious operations, and the meeting concluded with the hearty thanks of the members to the respective incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown and their friends and helpers for their labour and trouble in arranging for and serving the tea.

**NEW BELLS AT PICKERING, YORKS.**

**DEDICATION SERVICE.**

The new peal of eight bells at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Pickering, was solemnly dedicated to the service of God by the Archbishop of York on Monday evening, April 7th. The arrangements for the ringing had been entrusted to Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull, and he invited a number of well-known ringers from Hull, Sutton, and Beverley, to accompany him. The party left Hull early on the morning of the 7th, breaking the journey at Malton, where, by the kind permission of the Vicar, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of St. Leonard's Church, followed by a most excellent luncheon at an adjacent commercial hotel. Pickering was reached about 4 p.m., and after a good old-fashioned 'Yorkshire tea' at the White Swan (the headquarters for the night), the company proceeded to the church for the service. In addition to the bells, a beautiful brass tablet to the memory of those fallen in the war was also dedicated. Immediately following the dedication a few rounds were chimed on the Ellacombe apparatus, after which the bells were raised in peal, and ringing of touches indulged in until 10 p.m., while subsequently handbell ringing was kept up at the hotel until a late hour.

The following morning was enjoyably spent in ringing various touches and in looking round the beautiful gardens of Dr. and Mrs. Kirk, a privilege much appreciated.

Mr. A. A. Hughes had been expected to represent the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, but he was unfortunately prevented by illness from attending. He was represented by Mr. John Thomas, who, after being elected a member of the Yorkshire Association, conducted the peal of Grandsire Triples, which is recorded in another column, and which was rung in the afternoon. In addition to the members who rang in the peal, Messrs. G. T. Miller, J. S. Calvert, A. Turner and J. Highfield had been invited. The party returned to Hull the same night, after a very pleasant outing.

On behalf of the ringers, Mr. West desires to extend warm thanks to the Vicars of Pickering and Malton for the use of the bells, and also to Dr. Kirk and Mrs. Kirk for their kindly interest and hospitality, and last, but not least, to the vergers for his valuable assistance.

**WAR MEMORIAL AT MITCHAM.**

**TABLET UNVEILED IN THE BELFRY.**

On Easter Day, before the evening service at the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Mitcham, the Rev. G. Aubrey Finch (Vicar), Alderman R. M. Chart, Dr. T. Cato Worsfold (churchwardens), Mr. J. D. Drewett, Master, Surrey Association and Mitcham Society, and members of the Mitcham Society, together with relatives and friends, assembled in the church tower for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a marble tablet erected in the belfry to the sacred memory of those members of the society who fell in action during the war.

The tablet which is the gift of Mr. J. D. Drewett, whose son is among the fallen, is of an appropriate design and noble character, inscribed as follows—

'Sacred to the memory of members of the Mitcham Society and Surrey Association of Change Ringers who fell in action in the Great War, 1914-1918.'

Douglas Walter Drewett, 1st Cameron Highlanders, killed in action, October 3rd, 1918.

Benjamin Arthur Morris, 4th Coldstream Guards, killed in action, November 28th, 1917.

Stanley Smith, 9th East Surreys, killed in action, March 18th, 1917.

'They died that we might live.'

Rest in Peace.

It is proposed to establish a fund in connection with the memorial the money to be invested, and any interest that may accrue therefrom is to be used for the purpose of assisting any member of the Mitcham Society who may be in need of help.

**ST. CLEMENT DANES' SANCTUS BELL.**

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, where the bells are to be relunged in time, it is hoped, for the peace celebrations, there is a Sanctus bell, over 700 years old, right at the top of the steeple. When the church clock strikes the hours, the Sanctus bell repeats the strokes. It has a rich livery tone, and is now used for services. St. Clement is said to have suffered martyrdom in A.D. 100 by being thrown into the sea with an anchor round his neck. A large anchor in stone can be seen on the parapet of the roof at the eastern end of the church, and the anchor emblem is very prominent in various parts of the interior.



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## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL GATHERING AT GLOUCESTER.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Gloucester on Easter Monday. Arrangements had been made for 54 members to travel from Bristol, Thornbury and Falfeld by motor touring car, and this means of transit was taken full advantage of. Leaving Bristol at 8.40 a.m. the party had full opportunity of seeing the splendid country. Internal troubles were responsible for one or two stoppages, but Gloucester was reached in good time for a ring, and then dinner. After the dinner the ringers (sad to say, not all of them!) went to the beautiful Cathedral, and a short service was held, in the course of which some interesting and historical information was given by the preacher.

The business meeting followed, and some strong comments were passed by some of the members who did not appreciate the way in which the balance sheet was submitted, owing to branch secretaries not sending in their accounts in time. However, the meeting was convinced that steps will be taken by those at fault, and the matter soon put right for all time.

All the officers were re-elected, and complimentary remarks passed upon their services.

Mr. A. Wallace moved a vote of thanks to the Master for arranging the great Memorial Service at St. Philip's Church, at Bristol on February 22nd; and Mr. R. J. Wilkins suggested that a suitable memorial such as a marble or brass tablet should be erected in both Cathedrals to commemorate the men who had fallen. The matter was left in the Secretary's hands to see what could be done, and for the Master to get permission from the Bishops.

In view of the cost of upkeep of the Association it was unanimously agreed to charge a small affiliation fee to all towers in the Association area. It was also agreed that all members ringing peals should pay for the upkeep of the peal book, the charge to be 2d. per member per peal.

The Master (the Rev. M. E. Thorold) spoke very strongly on the lack of support given by many ringers to the 'Ringing World.' The writer would like to point out to Branch Secretaries that a good deal of their success depends largely on the 'Ringing World.' If all ringers were to take in the paper there would be no difficulty in knowing when meetings were being held. This would save the Association much trouble and postage expense. Now that the war is over and things are settling down again, members should do their share in the matter of ringing and ensuring its future. It is hoped that all Gloucester and Bristol members will take the advice of the Master and become readers of the 'Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was passed to the Dean of Gloucester and to the other incumbents who had allowed the use of their bells. It was regrettable that the Cathedral bells could not be rung, but the ringers are assured that ringing will be resumed there shortly.

The meeting lasted practically 3½ hours, and was attended by over 70 members.

Very little time was allowed for seeing Gloucester, because the party for Bristol had to leave at 7.30 p.m. They had a good send-off, and reached Bristol in fine style at 10.20 p.m. E. G.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

At the annual meeting held at Gloucester, on April 21st, 1919, it was unanimously agreed that peal ringing members should pay 2d. per peal per member for the upkeep of the Association's Peal Book; the money to be collected by the conductor at the end of the peal, and immediately dispatched, with the composition, to the Peal Secretary. Mr. W. Cave, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Totterdown, Bristol. This applies to all peals rung after April 21st, 1919, and their immediate insertion in the new peal book is guaranteed.

EDGAR GUISE (Hon. Secretary).

## OXFORD GUILD AT WINDSOR.

The Easter gathering of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Windsor on Easter Monday proved a great success.

A unique address was given by the Dean of Windsor at the service at the Parish Church, where £1 10s. was collected in aid of the King Edward VII. Hospital (Windsor), nearly 90 members being present.

The business meeting brought a hundred together, the Mayor of Windsor presiding. A full report will appear in a later issue.

## A HELPING HAND.

For the benefit of the widow and children of the late Mr. Joseph Ridyard, members of the Lancashire Association, of which the deceased ringer was a vice-president, are organising a draw in which the prizes include a set of handbells, and other articles. Those who wish to lend a helping hand in this matter can do so by sending to Mr. A. Trippier, The Glen, Eccles; Mr. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne; or Mr. W. H. Shaker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester. The tickets are only 1d. each.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****WAR MEMORIAL WINDOW TO BE PLACED IN CATHEDRAL CLOISTERS.**

The annual gathering of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, on Easter Monday, was the twenty-eighth occasion on which the meeting has been held at Worcester, and apparently it has now become almost a fixture, for next year's meeting is to be held there, and there are no signs of any wish for a change. This year's gathering was of especial interest, inasmuch as one saw so many who had been serving their country, and had now returned with all their old enthusiasm for ringing, and also many young beginners—a healthy sign of reconstruction in our Exercise.

The general meeting was held as usual in the Cathedral Chapter House, with the President, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., in the chair. At the commencement, the President introduced two new members of the Cathedral clergy, the Rev. Canon Lacey and the Rev. Barrington Baker, who were elected honorary members, Canon Lacey being made a vice-president. Several performing and two life members were also elected.

After the annual peal had been arranged—to be conducted by Mr. C. Camm at Upton-on-Severn—the question of the best form of a memorial to fallen members was discussed. The committee had obtained the sanction of the Dean and Chapter to put a stained-glass window in the Cathedral cloisters, and reported to the meeting that they considered this would be a most suitable form of memorial. The members decided to accept this proposal, and an appeal will be issued to all members to do their utmost in showing their gratitude to, and doing honour to the memory of, those who have given their lives in the war. As the cost of this window will be considerable, it is hoped every single member will give as large a donation as possible. Mr. A. E. Parsons, 148, Station Rd., Old Hill (Master), was appointed treasurer.

The Master called attention to the poor support given in many quarters to the ringing paper, and urged everyone to purchase a copy for themselves, so that by increased support the publication might be continued and improved.

At the election of officers, it was decided to ask the new Bishop of the Diocese to become patron, all the other officers being re-elected.

Owing to an alteration in the time of the service in the Cathedral, it was impossible for the members to attend, but the Dean, who had promised to give an address, announced at the end of the meeting that he had his notes with him, and would, if it was wished, give a short address. This he kindly did, and then explained the windows in the cloisters, and showed the one which would be reserved for the Association's war memorial.

After undergoing the ordeal of being photographed, a move was made to St. Helen's Church House, where, owing to it having been found impossible to get a caterer to undertake the task, tea had been arranged by Mr. W. H. Johnson. He and Mrs. Johnson went to a lot of trouble in this matter, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to them, and to the other ladies who assisted.

Full advantage was taken during the day to utilise the opportunities of ringing at the various towers in the city, although owing to inconveniences in the train service, a number of members had to be off to the station early in the evening, and, as one had the experience of journeying to Worcester in the morning in the guard's van, where there were no less than 60 other passengers, one wonders how the return journey was made.

In this year's annual report of the Association is published the roll of honour, which, although not quite complete, contains the names of 116 members who have served in H.M. Forces, 22 of whom have fallen. It is hoped that all corrections and additions to this list will be sent to the Secretary, as, when complete, it is to be illuminated in a special book.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

A successful quarterly meeting was held at Woodston, on Easter Monday. About 40 members were present, representing Chatteris, Whittlesey, March Bourne, Edenhall, Market Deeping, and the local bands. The service was held at St. Augustine's, Woodston, the Rector (the Rev. N. J. Raper) officiating, and giving an address from the 150th Psalm, 'Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.' In an interesting discourse, he reminded the ringers of the valuable service they rendered to their fellow-man.

After the tea, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. G. Barker. Five new members were elected, and it was decided to hold monthly meetings, in addition to the quarterly ones, and these will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.' The Secretary appealed for more members to take in the only ringing paper, if only to save the Association the expense of sending notices to individual members.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.**

The 37th annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Derby on Easter Monday, when the bells at All Saints', St. Alkmund's, St. Andrew's and St. Peter's were available for ringing during the day.

The general meeting was held in St. Peter's parochial rooms in the afternoon, and owing to the absence of the president (Mr. John W. Taylor) through serious illness, Mr. W. Wallace was voted to the chair. The treasurer's accounts, showing a balance in hand of £27 14s 11d, was passed, on the proposition of Mr. Chas. Draper (auditor), seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield.

The retiring officers were thanked for their services, and the secretary asked to send a letter to Mr. Taylor sympathising with him in his illness. Mr. J. W. Taylor was re-elected president, and Mr. R. H. Chambers, of Derby, elected vice-president.

Mr. W. C. Wakley and Mr. Wm. Willson had been nominated for the treasurer's post, but Mr. Wakley withdrew his nomination, as he was leaving the Midlands for Devonshire. Mr. Willson having explained his views as to the management of the financial affairs of the Association and promising rebrenchment and reform if elected, his nomination was put to the meeting, and carried nem. con.—Mr. W. E. White, who who had been nominated for re-election as secretary, explained that he could not carry on the work unless he received an honorarium of £10, and as there seemed to be a faction in the room strongly opposed to the granting of any honorarium he did not wish to be re-elected. Several members, including Messrs. J. Griffin, A. C. Wright and Wm. Willson, spoke against an honorarium being voted on account of funds being at so low an ebb, and of the difficulty of getting in subscriptions. Mr. Willson drawing a comparison between the soldiers fighting for one shilling per day and the secretary drawing an honorarium of £10 per annum.

Mr. A. C. Wright offered to accept the post as secretary without honorarium, and to give £5 to the Association.—On the proposition of Mr. C. Draper, seconded by Mr. T. White, Mr. Wright was elected.

Three life and twenty-nine ringing members were unanimously admitted.

The committee recommended that the next three quarterly meetings should be held at Bakewell, Melton Mowbray, and North Wingfield, and there being no other proposition from the meeting these were decided upon.

Mr. Charles Draper made a handsome present to the Association of six bound volumes of the association's annual reports, a hearty vote of thanks being passed to him on the proposition of Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield.

Votes of thanks having been passed to the clergy for the use of the bell, and to the local members for arranging the meeting, an adjournment was made to the Co-operative Refreshment Rooms, where between sixty and seventy members and friends sat down to tea. Afterwards a return was made to the various towers for further ringing.

**WAR MEMORIAL AT ARKSEY.****SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF RINGERS' EFFORTS.**

Arksey is a small village three miles from Doncaster, and is justly proud of its picturesque and interesting twelfth century church, and its lovely bells (the original number being five), which are claimed to be one of the finest rings in Yorkshire. The tenor (10 cwt.) is dated 1522, with an inscription:—

God send them Heaven that heare me ryng.

All laud and prayse now let us singe.

Others are dated 1657, 1673 and 1718. Another bell was added in honour of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee by the late Alderman W. Chadwick, of Arksey Hall, who also had the bells retuned and rehung. Two new bells have now been hung to complete the octave, to commemorate the sacrifices of the fallen, and to celebrate the coming of peace. One bell bears the inscription: 'In memory of the fallen, 1911-1919,' and on the other, 'Peace after Victory, 1919.'

The full octave was rung for the first time on Easter Sunday morning for early service (7 a.m.), when several good lunches of Grandee Triples were rung by the local band. The excellent tone and quality of the new bells were greatly admired by all who heard them, and the greatest possible praise is due to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, who have carried out the work to the entire satisfaction of the ringers, who have, on their own initiative, organised and worked the scheme. They have collected nearly the whole of the amount required, and, considering that this is a small country village, it reflects great credit on the local band, seeing that no individual subscription has exceeded five guineas. The ringers are also generously giving the whole of their salaries, as ringers, to the project, until the debt is cleared off. They are also erecting a brass memorial tablet in addition, with the names of the men from the parish, who have fallen in the war. This splendid effort should be an incentive for other bands to 'Go and do likewise.'

The Dedication service is fixed for Whit-Monday, and will be performed by the Bishop of Sheffield.

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



**SHEFFIELD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.****PRESENTATION TO WORKSOP'S V.C. RINGER.**

A very successful meeting of the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Worksop, on Easter Monday. Ringers, to the number of between 50 and 60, attended from Anston, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Gainsboro', Killamarsh, Mansfield, Norton, Rotherham, Sheffield, Staveley, Warsop and Worksop. Some good ringing was done in a great variety of methods, including Minor, Triples and Major. Tea was generously supplied by the Worksop company in the Old Gate House, the Vicar (the Rev. Canon D'Arcy, Rural Dean), presiding, supported by Mrs. D'Arcy, the Rev. F. E. Franks, Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., Mrs. Johnson, etc. After tea a short business meeting was held, at which Mr. H. Haigh asked Mrs. D'Arcy to hand to Sergt. Johnson, a silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, from the members of the Society, in recognition of the distinction he had won in the field. Mr. Haigh said he could testify to the splendid services rendered by Sergt. Johnson to the Worksop company in the tower, and the company were proud of him. He (the speaker) had written to over 100 soldiers, and the letters he received from Sergt. Johnson were always bright and cheerful.

Mrs. D'Arcy, in a neat speech, handed the gift to him, remarking that none of them could adequately express their appreciation of the recipient's services. Such deeds as those performed by Sergt. Johnson should be an incentive to all at home to lead true Christian lives—loyal to God, loyal to King, and loyal to country.

Sgt. Johnson, who was accorded a great ovation, thanked the members for their kindness. He was glad that the Worksop company belonged to such a progressive society as the Sheffield Society.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the local company, Mr. Haigh replying.

In moving a vote of thanks to Canon D'Arcy for presiding, and to Mrs. D'Arcy for her presence, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. S. Thomas) thanked the Canon for his constant support given to the society; as to the little present, the ringers of the district felt they could not allow the opportunity to pass without denoting their appreciation of Sergt. Johnson's valour, as it was believed that he was the only ringer who had gained the highest award that the British Army can bestow.—Canon D'Arcy, in reply, said he was always glad to welcome the Association to the Priory Church. The Association's good impressions of Worksop ringers and himself were largely due to Mr. Haigh's efforts.

After this pleasant little ceremony came more ringing on the tower bells, Sergt. Johnson taking a rope in his first touch of Stedman Triples. Ringing went on until nearly 9 o'clock, when a splendid 'fall' brought a pleasant and entirely successful meeting to a close.

The silver inkstand, which was supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking, bears the following inscription: 'Presented to Sergt. Wm. H. Johnson, V.C., 15th Sherwoods, by the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Society of Ringers to commemorate the occasion of his being awarded the Victoria Cross, October 3rd, 1918.'

Sergt. Johnson received three presents last week. The Druid, gave him a coloured portrait of himself; the congregation of Priory Church, a handsome timepiece and £10 4s. in cash.

**GREAT YARMOUTH'S NEW CLOCK.**

The turret clock, which, as announced in our last issue, was dedicated on Saturday week at St. Yarmouth Church, was manufactured by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and is built on the latest principles, with simple lockings and Lord Grimthorpe's double three-legged gravity escapement. The pendulum is 5ft. 6in. long, weighs 1½ cwt., and is compensated for all weathers. When the clock is brought into perfect going order it is guaranteed to keep accurate time within three seconds a week. The dial is of cast-iron in four segments, measures 12ft. in diameter, and weighs one ton. The hour figures are 20in. high, and the minute marks 3in. high. The minute hand is 6ft. long. The chimes are Westminster Chimes, and for the 'quarters' strike on bells 3, 4, 5, and 8 of the ring of twelve in the tower. The 'quarters' are stopped automatically from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. The one hour strikes on the tenor bell (30 cwt.), the first blow being at the hour exactly. The hammers are taken off the bells by a single movement of a lever placed in the bell chamber when the bells are to be pealed. The weights for the motion, quarter and hour strikes weigh in all 18 cwt.

To commemorate the opening of the clock the ringers at the Parish Church rang a touch of 539 Grandsire Caters: R. Christian 1, Lieut. B. Thompson 2, W. Arnett 3, G. H. Hammonds 4, A. Webber 5, C. Dean (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), conductor, 6, Lieut. A. E. Richards 7, W. Lee 8, D. Hayward 9, H. Wright 10.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, it is interesting to recall, were responsible for the large clock at the Law Courts in London, and also for the clock overlooking the Harbour at Buenos Ayres, which has four 15ft. dials.

**NOTICES.**

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30; tea and business meeting 5.30.—George Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Beeston Parish Church on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. District Sec., 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—At West Malling, on Saturday, May 3rd, the annual district meeting will be held. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; service at 5; tea 5.45; business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—Stephen Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, Maidstone.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary, Lewisham, on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**CHICHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—A memorial service for those members of the branch who have fallen in the war will (p.v.) be held at St. Mary's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, May 3rd, at 5 o'clock. The Rev. F. A. Screeton, M.A., Vicar of Norbury, will preach the sermon. Members are especially requested to make an effort to be present and join in this tribute of respect and gratitude.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, May 3rd. Service at 4 p.m.; tea and business at 5. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers, whether members or not, will be heartily welcome.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday May 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; business meeting in the Tower 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—E. Butler, Hon. District Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—The half-yearly business meeting of the above will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, King's Norton, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3.30; Service in church at 4.30; tea at 5.15 for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 30th, free to members, others 1/- each; this will be followed by the business meeting. Gentlemen welcomed.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The next District meeting will be held at Witley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; Service at 5; tea to follow. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor (8 bells) on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. It is urgently desired that all members who can will attend this meeting.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 15th and 29th, at \*St. Giles', Cripplegate, on May 6th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Thursday, May 8th. Bells (8) (also Fordington, 6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke-Regis, Weymouth.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at Sutton-on-Hull on Saturday, May 10th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells (6) of St. James' will be available all day. Address by the Rev. G. A. Coleman at 4 p.m.; tea at 5, business immediately after. Sutton is easy of access, about four miles from Hull. It is the wish of the vice-president that this meeting should be a success as it is a long-standing invitation.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Braintree on May 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service, with address, 4.30; tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Master of the Essex Association and the Vicar of Braintree, to all who send me notice of their intention of being present not later than May 6th. Subscriptions for 1919 are now due.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A general committee meeting will be held at Reading at the Great Western Railway Temperance Union Institute on Saturday, May 10th, at 3 o'clock, to arrange for Annual Festival and general business. A good attendance is required. It is hoped and expected that the Master will be in the chair. The Temperance Institute is adjoining the G.W.R. Station, turn to right on coming out of station.—R. T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on May 10th. Business meeting at 3.30 in Parish Room; tea at Gloucester Hotel 4.45, 3/- each (1/6 to members); Service at St. Nicholas' Church at 6. Ringing: St. Peter's Tower 1.30 to 3.30, St. Nicholas after the service. Members who will be present for tea let me know by May 7th. Half railway fares without limit.—H. R. Burcher, General Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Lavenham, Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at 2 p.m.; tea and business meeting 4 o'clock, 1/6 non-members, 9d. members. The rector (Rev. G. H. Lenox Conyngham) and Churchwardens (Mr. C. Mellis and Mr. H. C. Steed) have promised to be present. All those who intend being present at tea, kindly let me know not later than May 5th.—A. Symonds, Acting District Sec., 41, Market Lane, Lavenham, Suffolk.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, May 10th. Service will be held in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Lea, in the Village Hall, at 5.45 p.m., for those who send me their names not later than the Tuesday previous. The bells (6) will be available before and after service.—James Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly (and not at Penarth as arranged, owing to local circumstances) on Saturday, May 10th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5 o'clock.—James W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec., 112, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Will members who intend being present at tea kindly advise me not later than May 6th?—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged if possible. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 17th, 1919. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 13th. Subscriptions are now due, and should either be sent to the District Sec. or paid at the meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 17th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will all ringers intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 13th? All ringers welcome. Brookwood Station, L.S.W.R., about one mile.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by kind permission of the Rector, on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting for practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 17th. Fuller particulars next week.—A. D. Barker, Northern District Master, 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.1.

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

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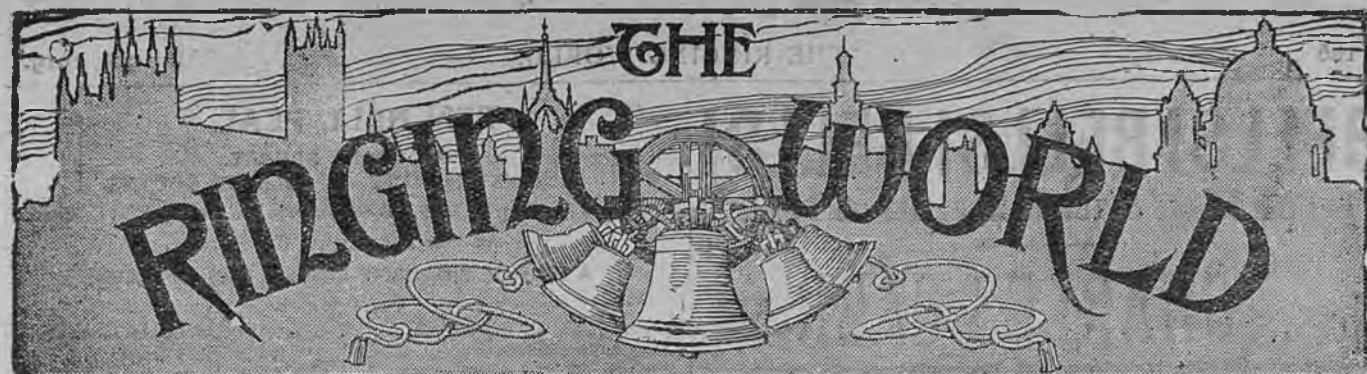
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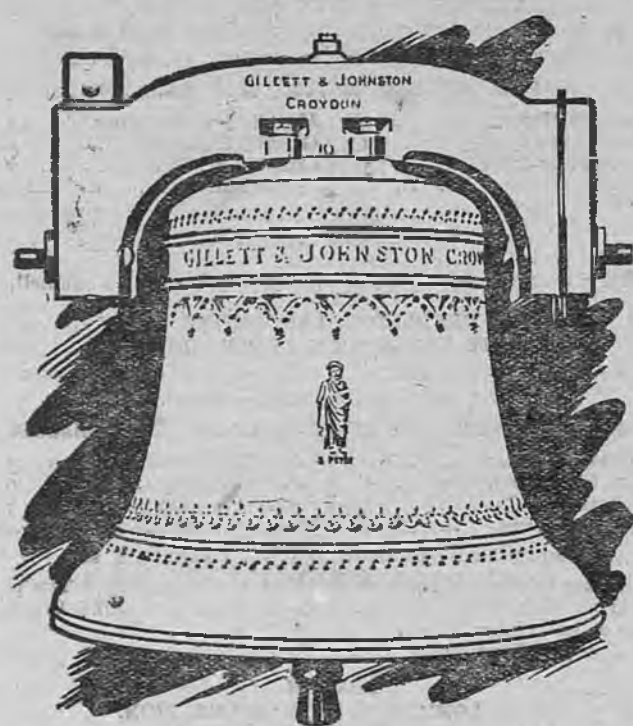
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### MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The letters of Mr. William Willson and Mr. A. C. Wright, which are given elsewhere in this issue, are important statements for the members of the Midland Counties' Association. The former's tempered criticisms of our article last week are welcomed, inasmuch as they put forward the other side of the question to that which we advanced. Our only point was that if the services which are rendered are such as to entitle an officer to an honorarium, then our view was that it was up to the members to provide the remuneration, and not merely to get rid of him as an easy way of balancing an account, when the receipts have fallen off. But this, of course, is purely on the assumption that the principle is accepted of paying for a secretary's services.

What, however, we now wish to direct attention to is the important question of decentralisation that Mr. Willson puts forward as being the policy which, in regard to organisation, the Midland Counties' Association should more effectually adopt. Through our columns his views will reach a wider circle of his fellow-members than were present at the meeting, and as, doubtless, the scheme which he advocates will sooner or later be put in concrete form before the Association, his letter will give them the opportunity of pondering over the proposal. The Association is already divided into districts, but in Mr. Willson's opinion, apparently, the functions of these districts are not sufficiently democratic. There is no doubt that the time will come when all Associations, who have not yet done so, will find it necessary to decentralise in the fullest manner, not only because it is the tendency of the time, but because they will find that it is the policy which pays best. It increases local interest by bringing an association into closer touch with the individual, and every ringer feels that its affairs are his concern, and not merely the concern of a body of distant officials.

Mr. Wright's letter is important from another point of view. It puts his election as hon. secretary in a different light to that obtained from the report of the meeting. The impression may have been gained that Mr. Wright sought the office, whereas his letter shows that he only took it when no one else was forthcoming to fill the breach. The letter also denies that Mr. Wright spoke against an honorarium for the secretary. It is well that errors of this kind should be corrected, not merely because of the inaccuracy itself, but in order that the members of the Association with whom the new secretary will have to work in close relationship, may be under no false impressions at the outset of the new regime. At such a time, when it is necessary for all to pull together, there must be no misunderstandings, and no step should be left untaken to remove any feeling which might lead to friction.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5201 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

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LT. A. E. REEVES, R.D.C. 3	MJ. REV. C. W. O. JENKYN, M.C., S.C.F. ... .. 8
2/LT. EDWARD P. DUFFIELD R.A.F. ... .. 4	LT. CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, 3rd Grenadier Guards ... 9
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE, R.A.S.C., M.T. ... .. 5	†CAPT. REV. B. H. TYRWHITT- DRAKE, C.F. ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LIEUT. E. M. ATKINS.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 893 MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

*LEONARD MANNERING ... Treble	MISS ETHEL GOODSHIP ... 5
Tom SAUNDERS ... .. 2	GEORGE HADAWAY ... .. 6
DAVID HODGKIN ... .. 3	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 7
ARTHUR WIGGINS ... .. 4	PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

\* First peal.

This is the first peal in Kent in which a lady has rung a bob bell.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 5
2/LT. B. S. THOMPSON ... 2	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 6
*FERGIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE TURNER ... .. 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

This was the first time this composition has been rung. The peal was arranged for Sec.-Lieut. Benjamin S. Thompson, Rifle Brigade, while on leave from France.

\* First peal Superlative.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLDS ... .. Treble	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 3	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER

\* First peal in the method.

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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 2	PETER LAFLIN ... 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... 7
JOHN HALL ... 4	WILLIAM LAST ... Tenor

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LEONARD J. WYMAN ... Treble	LESLIE UROOM ... 5
DANIEL REDHEAD ... 2	GEORGE BASFORD ... 6
GEORGE LINES ... 3	JOHN R. MAIN ... 7
HARRY MEADOWS ... 4	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.  
Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob Major by ringers of 1, 5, 6 and 7; and first peal on eight bells by the ringer of the 4th. First of Major as conductor and rung at the first attempt.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 5
SAMUEL BAKER ... 2	OLIVER GEORGE NORMAN ... 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 7
WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 4	*ALBERT E. LAW ... Tenor

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(SOCIETY OF UNION YOUTHS.)

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AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM LEWIS ... Treble	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 5
EDGAR GUISE ... 2	†EDWIN RIDLER ... 6
†ARTHUR SEVIOUR ... 3	†ARTHUR WALLACE ... 7
†HENRY WAY ... 4	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... Tenor

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*ALFRED KEEBLE ... 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.  
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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

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ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
ARTHUR W. DIN ... 3	*WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 7
*CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP.  
THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP ... Treble	WILLIAM MARSDEN ... 5
JAMES L. BUCKLEY ... 2	ELI GARSIDE ... 6
THOMAS JACKSON ... 3	ROBERT DAVIES ... 7
HENRY COOPER ... 4	HERBERT W. BRADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, also first peal of Stedman ever rung in the district. It was a birthday compliment to Henry Cooper.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

MALDON.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent, and 1440 of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH ... Treble	ALFRED SOUTH ... 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK ... 2	FRED CHALK ... 5
ALFRED J. PEAKE ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

†J. W. COGGRIVE ... Treble	E. D. TUNE ... 4
*J. A. SHERBURN ... 2	†WM. CHRISTIAN ... 5
†C. R. SMITH ... 3	W. A. HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ARTHUR HUDSON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

Rung as a welcome back from the army to J. W. Coggrave. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Howden, 4th from Hemmingsborough, and 6th from Birstall.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL EASTER GATHERING AT ST. ALBANS.

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association, founded on October 29th, 1884, was held on Easter Monday, the ancient and historic City of St. Albans being, as usual, the venue. There was ringing from noon to 5 p.m. at the various churches, and at that hour the ringers assembled for choral evensong at the Cathedral, and were addressed by the Rev. C. G. Ward, Vicar of North Mymps.

In the course of his address, based upon 1 Cor. x. 31—'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God'—the speaker said their first thought was one of heartfelt thankfulness to Almighty God that they had come together under very different circumstances to those which prevailed at last year's meeting. They thanked God that He had delivered them from deadly peril, and in their rejoicings at that their first meeting under conditions of peace they did not forget those good men and true who had attended their meetings in the past, and whom they so greatly missed that day; those ringers of their county who had made the supreme sacrifice for God and country, and who now sleep in foreign soil, awaiting a glorious resurrection. There must be few towers in the county where ringers were not missing some dear friend and companion, and memory of those gatherings of the past when they were present would have a sobering effect on their rejoicings that day. They could look ahead with thankfulness because all difficulties and disabilities under which they had laboured during past years, of war were now over and done with. Bands of ringers had been broken up, and their towers had been silent after nightfall. The art of change ringing had made little or no advance during that time; it had been a struggle to keep the bells going even for Sunday morning service. The few ringers who were left had done their best, and others had come forward to help. Those old ringers who had remained at home had done really good service in instructing volunteers, and had laid excellent foundations, so that many fresh hands had acquired an interest in the art, and with patience and perseverance would take the place of those who had gone, but that much work lay before them. They knew full well. It required both time and patience to build up a band of ringers, especially in country villages when so many changes had taken place. He hoped that spirit of co-operation which existed so strongly among ringers would continue to prevail, and those towers where change ringing is firmly established would be ready to lend a helping hand in giving aid and instruction where it was needed, and in adding to the number of towers in which the art is practised. As friends, he asked them individually: 'Why are you a ringer?' They might reply because it was one of the most fascinating pastimes of the day, a pastime which has become a hobby, and that having become tolerable masters of the art they were anxious to become still more proficient, knowing that however high they climbed there were always fresh heights to surmount. Or they might say, because they were doing definite work for God in His church, a work which required patience and skill. The latter was, of course, the right reason. As ringers they were church workers, as were Sunday School teachers, members of choirs, and others who served God in His church. That fact was apt to be forgotten. In many churches ringing chambers were shut away from the church, and were often treated as though they were no part of the consecrated building. The clergy were not altogether blameless in this matter, as, especially if they did not happen to be ringers themselves, they were apt to put off that occasional visit to the ringing chamber which was the evidence of their appreciation of such services as definite work for God in the church. Change ringing was an art which called for many admirable attributes: patience, perseverance, and intelligence. Many of them had attained great proficiency in that most difficult art. Let them remember that their knowledge and skill should be used to the glory of God and in His service.

### THE EVENING MEETING

About one hundred assembled at the tea and subsequent meeting held in the Abbey Institute. The Vicar of Watford (the Rev. C. F. Ayerst) presided, and among those at the top table were the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans (the Rev. G. W. Blenkin), Canon Papillon, and the Revs. C. G. Ward, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (Thundridge), G. M. Edmunds and J. B. Booth (Vicar of St. Stephen's), and Messrs. N. Wix, J. Prewett (Bushey), McKie Sharpe (St. Albans), and Lawrence Head. Ringers were present from Bushey, Iwer, Fulmer, Harrow, Northampton, Aldenham, Cheshunt, North Mymps, Tring, Oxley, Watthamstow, Willesden, Harpenden, Ware, Little Munden, Southgate, Tottenham, Edmonton, Brockley, Stepney, Brixton, Sunbury, Islington, Hitchin, Thundridge and Luton, as well as from St. Albans towers.

Letters regretting inability to be present were read from Sir Hildred Carlile, M.P., wishing the meeting every success; Mr. Hy. Lewis, who it was stated, attended every meeting since the formation of the society in the late Dean Lawrence's parlour; Lance-Corpl. Horace Goodenough, who wrote from France; Mr. C. F. Winney; and Canon Papillon, who was away from St. Albans.

The Chairman remarked it was a splendid thing to think that after all the difficulties they had gone through they had now got back so many of their ringers, whose fingers were no doubt aching to ring the peace tidings, which, please God, might be soon. He was glad to see so many old ringers with them, and he was also pleased to see one lady ringer present.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary) announced that the election of ringing members had resulted as follows: G. Seaman (Watford), A. W. Coles and C. Gale (London), H. F. Hull (Watthamstow), J. Doo C. Underwood and T. E. Lavisell (St. Albans Cathedral), W. Bruton (Birkhamstead), C. Collins, F. Currell and W. Brandon (N. Mymps) and the Rev. G. M. Edmunds (of the St. Peter's company).

Mr. E. R. Debenham (hon. treasurer) presented what he considered a very satisfactory balance sheet, showing as it did a balance on the right side of £9 10s., and a reserve fund of £17 2s., in addition to which the Association held £15 5s. 9d. of five per cent. War Stock. They had thus something for the proverbial rainy day. He also said how pleased he was to see so many demobilised soldiers present, adding they had been greatly missed, and it was a real pleasure and gratification to see so many back again taking part in that Easter change ringing.

The Hon. Secretary then presented his annual report, which was, as usual, full of interest, encouragement and practical advice.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Canon Papillon remarked he had ceased to be a ringer for some years, but his interest in ringers and the art continued. There was nothing like a clergyman's frequent presence in the belfry. He was afraid the bells would not ring in a thousand years of peace, but he hoped that the peace might last at least a generation. He also hoped that it might be the experience of all present to ring out the false and ring in the true. He had the greatest possible pleasure in proposing the re-election of the Rev. C. F. Ayerst as President of the Association for the ensuing year.

Mr. Edwards (Bushey) seconded, and said it was a great pleasure and help to have a ringing clergyman in the town. Mr. Ayerst often gave them a helping hand.—The motion was carried.

Returning thanks for his re-election, the Chairman said it was all very well until he 'let them down' in some sort of a peal (laughter). He was glad to learn that there had been four peals, two within sound of his house, one at Bushey, and the other at Oxley. He did not mind letting them into a little secret. They were going to overhaul their bells at Watford, and he hoped that all present would 'come to Watford and have a jolly good peal there' (applause). It was true that they kept fetching him out, and some day they might be able to make a ringer of him (applause).

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was elected representative on the Central Council, in place of the late Mr. Bertram Prewett.

Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-appointed hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel hon. secretary, with warm thanks for past services.

In proposing the former, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake said that was the first time they had not heard any threats on the part of the hon. treasurer that he would spend their money on a well-earned holiday (laughter).

Proposing Mr. Cartmel, the Dean said they could not find a better hon. secretary in the world. He had never met a man who knew better how to keep his team in hand (applause).

Mr. Debenham and Mr. Cartmel both returned thanks, the former remarking it was not too late to have that holiday (laughter), and the latter saying how pleased he was to be re-appointed for the fourteenth time.

Mr. B. D. Livermore was re-elected hon. librarian, and wished members would make more use of the books.

Mr. J. Prewett was appointed hon. auditor, and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake made very sympathetic references to his great loss in the death of his son.

The following Branch Hon. Secretaries were re-elected, on the motion of Mr. Cartmel: Messrs. F. R. Bacon (Northern), W. H. Lawrence (Eastern), F. Smith and F. Edwards (Western), and W. Nash (St. Albans).—Mr. Cartmel and the Chairman both complimented these gentlemen on their zealous services in the past.

The Rev. C. G. Ward was cordially thanked for his address, on the proposition of the Dean, seconded by Mr. W. H. Lawrence, who said he had never heard a better ringers' sermon in his life.

The Dean and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's were also thanked for the use of their church bells.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the South Western Division was held at Barking, on Saturday last. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and at the business meeting the Rev. H. S. Pelham, Vicar of Barking, was elected an hon. member, and Bipping was decided upon for the place of next meeting, to be held in August. As this will be the first visit to be paid by the members, the hope was expressed that as many as possible would endeavour to attend.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to arrange a by-meeting, and it was decided to fix one at North Weald and Bovington, some time in July.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Barking for the use of his bells, and to Mr. C. Feun for having everything in readiness. During the afternoon and evening between 40 and 50 members and friends put in an appearance, and touches in practically all standard methods from Groundsire to Superlative were brought round.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****RETIREMENT OF THE HON. SECRETARY.**

Bedford was again the venue of the County Association for the annual meeting on Easter Monday. There was a considerable attendance, and St. Peter's and St. Paul's bells were available throughout the day.

The business meeting was held in the Allhallows' Mission Room, and there was a good attendance of members from Dunstable, Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Sharnbrook, Hushorne Crawley, Clifton, Aspley Guise, and Bedford. The Rev. Canon Baker was chairman, supported by the Rev. A. Rust, hon. secretary and treasurer, who submitted the 35th annual report. Until quite recently a large number of ringers were still serving their country, but the summer meeting held at Dunstable on July 6th, was fairly well attended, and they wished to thank Canon Baker for his kind hospitality. The committee recorded with most genuine regret the great loss that the Association had sustained by the death of Mr. J. W. Barker, who for many years had been a very energetic worker for the good of the Association. After the years of war and difficulty the Association entered upon this year with great hope that they would recover their normal state and realise increased keenness and vigour. Few local meetings had been held during the year, but the following peals had been rung: Kent Treble Bob Major 1; Bob Major 1; Minor 2. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £33.

The report was adopted, and the Rev. Canon Baker was re-elected president. The vice-presidents elected were Mr. C. Herbert, Mr. E. Ransom, and Miss E. Steele. To the great regret of the Association the Rev. A. Rust resigned the offices of hon. secretary and treasurer. After considerable discussion, Mr. Edward P. Duffield, of Sharnbrook, was elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and he kindly accepted office.

The Chairman proposed that the Association place on record a hearty vote of thanks and deep appreciation of the services rendered by the Rev. A. Rust as hon. secretary and treasurer for fifteen years. He said they much regretted that he was unable to carry on the duties of the office.

Miss Steele seconded, and the resolution was carried with marked emphasis.

The Rev. A. Rust said he had tried to do his best for the welfare of the Association. For the first two or three years a difficult matter caused him great anxiety, but it was settled. In the war years they were still more anxious, and now he thought a new secretary should take up the duties. Through some misunderstanding, the peal book had not been written up lately, but he thought there was a complete list of the peals in the reports, and he hoped conductors would send in the peals to the secretary, as that had not always been done.

Mr. F. Tanqueray was re-elected hon. auditor, with a vote of thanks for his past services.

On the proposition of Mr. Duffield, it was decided to select Biggleswade as the centre for the summer meeting.

It was agreed that ringers living outside Bedfordshire might become members of the Association on payment of a subscription of 3s., which would include the fee of 6d. for the certificates.

Mr. Harlow raised the question of whether this meeting should fix the time and place of the Easter meeting next year.

The Chairman pointed out that Bedford was central and accessible to all parts of the county. The rules required the committee to fix the place of meeting, and notice would be necessary for an alteration of rule.—Mr. Harlow gave notice of motion.

Mr. Rust stated that there had been an invitation from the Herts Association to the Bedfordshire Association to join them at their annual meeting at St. Albans, but, much as they appreciated the kindness of their Hertfordshire friends, the costly railway fares made it impossible to accept the invitation.

Discussion took place respecting the appointment of a ringing master, and the Chairman said that was supposed to be the business of the tower. For the summer meeting it would be left to the foreman of the Biggleswade tower.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of St. Paul's and the Rector of St. Peter's for the use of the bells of those churches, and to the former for the use of the Mission Room.

New members elected were Miss Cooper, of Elstow; Mr. Charles Matthews, Woburn; Mr. H. F. Seabrook, Mr. A. Seabrook, Mrs. E. Brownworth, Mr. G. Butcher, Mr. A. Butcher, Mr. G. Barlett, and as non-resident life members, Messrs. W. C. Duffield, W. L. Duffield and F. R. Copeman, all of Norfolk.

In the course of the day at St. Peter's Church, touches were rung of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Oxford Minor, Double Court Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

At St. Paul's belfry there were rung touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Ten Bob Royal, Double Norwich Stedman, and Grandsire Triples. In the afternoon some of the members went to Chesham and rang Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****ASHFORD DISTRICT MEETING AT FOLKESTONE.**

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Folkestone on Easter Monday, and from all points of view was an undoubted success. Well struck touches in all four standard methods, interspersed with rounds for the recruits, were rung throughout the afternoon, and the members attended evensong in the church, Canon Tindall, Vicar, officiated, and the organist and a few choir boys to lead the singing, and prayers from the Association's form of service were said.

An excellent meat tea was served at the Woodward Hall, near the church, to which 45 sat down, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting which followed, 16 new members were elected, including nine from Tenterden and four from Mersham, the latter including Miss Rose Thomas.

A cordial invitation was received from the Vicar of Brabourne to hold a meeting at Brabourne when the strawberries were ripe. Needless to say this was heartily accepted.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Tindall and the lady members of the Folkestone tower for preparing such an excellent tea, and for so kindly and efficiently waiting on the members; also to Mr. S. Binfield, the captain of the Folkestone tower, who had done so much towards making the meeting such a success.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting, for officiating at the service, for presiding at the tea and meeting, and for generously offering to pay the extra cost of the tea over and above the association's allowance.—The Vicar, in reply, gave the members a hearty welcome to Folkestone, and said they had contributed in no small degree towards the pleasures of the visitors on that day, for the ringing had sounded lovely on the Leas.

The following towers in the district sent representatives: Ashford, Brabourne, Mersham, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden and Woodchurch, and the local band. The visitors included Messrs. Millway and Turner from Dover; Fairbeard from Adisham; also Messrs. Elliott and Welling, who were in khaki, stationed at Dover, and Mr. J. W. Sharp, of Northampton, who was in hospital blue, and who appeared to have greatly benefited by his Stedman and Treble Bob treatment.

Hythe tower was placed at the disposal of the members in the morning, and some of the members availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing there.

**THE BELLS AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.**

By J. R. JERRAM.

Now that the rehanging of the bells of St. Clement Danes is in contemplation, perhaps a short history of them may be of interest to the readers of the 'Ringing World.' About 10 years after the rebuilding of the present church, a peal of eight was hung in the tower, the history of which was thus told on a brass plate in the church porch: 'The eight bells in this steeple were cast by Will and Phil Wightman, their Majesties Founders, Anno Dni, 1694, in the Tyme of Wm. Davis and Edwd. Clarke, Churchwardens, and finished when Edwd. Clarke and Hugh Mills were Churchwardens. Weight 4t. 15c. 2q. B.C. The gift of Edwd. Clarke.'

In 1843 the old third (now fifth) was recast by C. Oliver, who added two trebles, to make a peal of ten, in 1844. The inscriptions at the present time are as follows.

Treble and Second.—'C. Oliver, founder, London. William Cull, William Wilkinson, churchwardens, 1844.'

Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth.—'1693.'

Fifth.—'C. Oliver, founder, London, 1843. Henry Thomas Woods, William Cull, churchwardens.'

Tenor (in large capitals).—'William Davis, Edward Clarke, churchwardens, 1693. Made by William and Philip Wightman (between each word is a trefoil, a Maltese cross, and a fleur de lis).'

The weight of the tenor is 24 cwt.; note, E flat.

The small sanctus bell was cast by Robert Mot, of the Whitechapel foundry in 1588, and is inscribed in 'black-letter' alphabet:—

Robertus x mot t me 8 fecit x 1588.'

At the end of the inscription is the medallion used by Mot, a wreath encircling three bells, a crown and ibs, with the initials R.M.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.**

A quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Bloxwich on Saturday week. The bells were set in motion soon after three o'clock, and a short service held in church at 5.15, when a practical address was delivered by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, M.A. (Vicar), who gave his hearers a warm welcome. At the tea which followed upwards of 30 sat down. It was pleasing to see several 'demobbed' soldiers, who in turn were glad to be back with their old friends and acquaintances. Some of these were surprised at the difficulty they experienced in regaining rope-sight after their absence for several years. But time and practice work wonders, and it may reasonably be expected to see their names figuring in the next columns in the near future.

The next meeting (the annual) is arranged to take place on June 28th, at Lichfield.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his services, etc., and to the ladies who made preparations for tea and assisted at the tables, brought the meeting to a close.



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## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

### MISHAP ENDS RINGING AT QUARTERLY MEETING.

The breaking of one of the gudgeons of the tenor bell, midway through a course of Superlative, brought the ringing at the quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Rugby to an untimely close on Saturday week. A short touch of Grandsire Triples had been rung to open the proceedings at 3.45 p.m., and about three leads of Superlative had afterwards been got through when a terrible noise was heard overhead, and the tenor ceased to move. An inspection revealed that, the gudgeon having snapped, the bell had fallen sideways into the pit. The bell is 25 cwt.

The meeting was attended by about 20 members and friends from Coventry, Croft, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stony Stanton and Northampton.

Service was held at 5 o'clock, the Rector (the Rev. C. M. Bladen) giving an appropriate address. The Guild's form of service was used.

Tea was afterwards served at the Campbell Coffee Tavern, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. Argyle, of Nuneaton, presided. It was much regretted that the Ringing Master, Mr. James George, was unable to attend owing to being seriously ill with influenza. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold monthly meetings during the summer, Brinklow being selected for the May meeting, and Berkswell for June.

The annual meeting is to be held at Birmingham in July.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for giving the address, and to the organist for presiding at the organ.

## LOOKING BACKWARDS.

On Monday last was rung at Wakefield by the ringers of that place, a new Composition peal of Triples Boh Triples, called Wakefield Delight, consisting of 5,040 in eight courses complete. The same set of ringers, without changing a man or setting a bell, began another peal of Oxford Single Triples in 12 courses of 5,040 changes, and called Wakefield's Surprise. Both these peals, consisting of 10,080 changes, were performed, including the raising and settling the bells, in seven hours one minute, and were rung with good Exactness and Nice Distinction—an instance Never Before Done in this Kingdom, and what adds to the singularity of the Performance is there were Two Fathers, Five Sons, Three Brothers, Four Consins, One Uncle, One Nephew, yet not more than eight Persons and only two names.—Mar 12th, 1788.

Can anyone solve this family puzzle?

The following is from John Martin's Peal Book, Leicester:— 'May 3rd, 1773. 5,040 Grandsire Triples was first rung true at St. Margaret's, Leicester, in three hours and twenty minutes, by ye following peoples: Wm. Ryder, trible; Thos. Scott, second; Thos. Miles, third; John Martin, fourth; Thos. Mitchell, fifth; John Joseph Kirk, sixth; Wm. Bull, seventh (and called); Joseph Smith and Mark Graham, tenor.'

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The postponed meeting of members of the Rochdale Branch took place on Saturday at Todmorden Unitarian Church, when members were present from Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, Todmorden Parish and Unitarians. When all these enthusiastic ringers arrived, however, it was found that the caretaker had gone away, and had not left the key of the steeple. Nothing daunted, this difficulty was soon surmounted by these adventurous spirits descending the coke shoot, from which there was an entrance to the lower. After thoroughly enjoying this exciting if not too cleanly adventure, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with great effect.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Whitworth on May 31st, when it is hoped that more members will be present, as the Whitworth ringers have very kindly undertaken the arrangements for this year's annual party in the autumn, and at the next meeting this important social function will have to be discussed.

A hearty vote of thanks to the church officers and local ringers for the use of the bells brought a pleasant meeting to a conclusion.

The members of the Rochdale Branch were delighted to have with them Mr. W. Crabtree, who has been demobilised, and who presided over the business meeting with his usual ability and courtesy.

## BIRMINGHAM CHURCHWARDEN KNIGHTED.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO SIR EDWARD MALINS, M.D.

It was with peculiar satisfaction that Birmingham people noticed that among those whom the King honoured in the New Years List was Dr. Edward Malins, who received a knighthood. Birmingham ringers are particularly pleased that their old and good friend has achieved such distinction, and the St. Martin's Guild, of which the doctor is an honorary member, feels very proud of him.

Sir Edward has been a churchwarden at St. Philip's for many years, and is keenly interested in bells and bell ringing. As an after-dinner speaker he is in the front rank, as many will testify who have heard Dr. Malins give the toast of 'Church and State' at the Henry John Commemoration Dinner.

## OFFICERS' PEAL AT CROYDON.

## HISTORIC PERFORMANCE.

This week's peal columns contain the announcement of the first—and very probably the only—peal of Caters rung entirely by officers. The accomplishment of the first officers' peal at Putney on March 15th last suggested the possibility of ringing a peal of Caters with the help of two other officer ringers, if they could be found. Curiously enough, the two were obtained in the person of Major Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn M.C., S.O.F., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who only returned from France four days previously; and Lieut. A. E. Reeves, R.D.C., late secretary of the same Guild. Grandsire was the method selected, in view of the lack of ringing practice on the part of some of the band, and because two had never rung a ten-bell peal. All those points considered, the striking was very much better than might have been expected, and the time was quite fast for the weight of metal and number of changes, there being no trips whatever. It was fitting, moreover, that such a peal should be rung on bells so beautiful and sweet-going. The musical composition—the figures are given below—was specially devised for the occasion by the conductor, who, however, is fully prepared to waive his claim to originality, if any other composer—as is quite possible—can prove a prior claim. There has been but one other peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells, and the only other peals rung are two of Stedman Caters, and one of Treble Ten. This latter was the last, in July, 1914, and Major Jenkyn rang the tenor, Lieut. Cyril Johnston being on the 9th. Since then Major Jenkyn had not rung a peal and Lieut. Johnston but one. It was the first ten-bell peal for Lieut. W. C. Duffield and Lieut. York Bramble, both of whom rang well, and the first peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells for the padre on the tenor. It is, perhaps, worthy of record that 1,362 miles were travelled by the ringers in getting to and from Croydon, for they came from Sutton, Kettering, Gosport, Bedford, Haslemere, Norwich, Thornton Heath, Cologne, Croydon, Ware, or the vicinity of those places. Readers of 'The Ringing World' can spend ten minutes with a map and check the figures, and it is quite certain no two results will agree. The most eager of statisticians will be satisfied with the knowledge that 1,037 peals have been rung by the ten officers, three beating the double century: Major Jenkyn 280, Major Hesle 225, and Lieut. Atkins 220. The combined ages of the band make a total of 343 years, and yet another sum is that of the total war service of the band, 33 years three months. All the members of the band being College Youths, the peal will pass to posterity in the peal book of the Ancient Society, and no other ringing society could so suitably have been chosen, though very nearly every bell in the country was represented.

After the peal had been in progress an hour, an ominous step was heard upon the belfry stairs, mingled with the jingle of keys, one of which should have been—and afterwards was—in the door at the bottom of the belfry stairs, turned! The not-very-welcome visitor was the curate-in-charge, who carried on an animated conversation with the ringer of the Treble, the while that luckless officer tried to ring Grandsire Caters, on the subject of stopping the ringing for a baptism. Argument and cajolery proving useless, the bells were set up, amid the most vividly-felt but happily not so vividly-expressed sentiments. There being evensong two and a half hours later, things looked hopeless, as if a baptism could not be rung through, it was not likely that a different view would be held about choral evensong. However, the baptismal service gave time for a council of war, and eventually arguments were brought to bear which gained permission to ring through evensong. So with faces restored to their natural contour, the band hurriedly took tea, and the bells went off into changes at 4.30 p.m., coming round at 7.53 p.m. The peal was most certainly all the better rung by reason of the first attempt, and this was regarded as compensation. So the curate-in-charge was forgiven.

There followed not the least important part of the day's arrangements. Lieut. Cyril Johnston most hospitably entertained his brother officers to dinner at the Croydon Bell Foundry, and it was found that no harm had come to the good fare provided by reason of its two and a half hours' overtime, and the port wine—old as it was—had a little longer time to get older in, and as everyone knows, age is the great thing about port. And so ended, in great good fellowship, a day which it will probably never be possible to repeat. For the war is happily over, and ringers in khaki will become scarce again. But the officers' peal at Croydon will form yet one more—and that a memorable—record of the part played by the Exercise in the great war.

## THE COMPOSITION.

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## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## To the Editor.

Sir,—Your Editorial of last week dealing with the above calls for some reply. The somewhat meagre report given in the same issue of what occurred at the annual meeting held on Easter Monday at Derby, might profitably have been extended. Therein it states that Mr. W. E. White was the only nomination for secretary. I think I am right in saying that Mr. White was 'not' nominated, certainly not according to rule, hence the advertisement to that effect in your Notices Column. I have no fault to find with your Editorial opinions except this: 'To refuse to meet a fair liability because the funds are not up to high-water mark is not commendable, etc.'

There is not and never was a fair liability in the matter of paying the honorary secretary. No authority exists in the rules for anything of the kind. No other secretary has ever had payment, and the practice in the M.C.A. is of recent growth. After war broke out and the work was virtually suspended—a leaflet balance sheet being the only thing produced—I protested at Nottingham against making a gratuity, knowing full well that, with men joining up on all sides, the finance would fall to zero. At that meeting not above 20 members were present out of more than 1,000, but as the secretary threatened to 'down tools' unless his demand of £10 was granted, it was continued. Now, I would be the last man in the world to refuse to acknowledge services rendered, but when all men were called upon to show their patriotism even to the death, when Association, looked like going to the wall, was that a time to expend the last shot in the locker, or gratuities to an 'honorary secretary' for services not rendered?

I have no quarrel with Mr. W. E. White, and I feel convinced that upon reflection he will see that at least his action was unfair. I am not upon the committee, and what I said at the general meeting was entirely off my own bat. I do not know the new secretary, but I am told that even in committee four voted for £10, three for £5, and two for nothing. This and the fact that no one would nominate Mr. White is sufficiently significant of general opinion.

I do not agree with your Editorial dictum. Principle or no principle, I would pay for all services if opportunity offered; but, after all, it is a question of possibilities, and entirely a matter of cutting one's garment according to the cloth. If not, where does economy and retrenchment come in? The unnecessary expenditure must come off, and only as a last resort would I vote for doubling the subscription fee. During the war, the subscriptions of men serving with the colours were suspended as a mark of approbation. What a satire if we were to double their fees now they are returning, and pay it away in gratuities to so-called honorary secretaries!

This is all I wish to say at present on that matter, but as one 'Ringing World' will no doubt reach those who were unable to be at Derby, I would like, with your permission, to repeat here what I said there. I am convinced that in its present form the M.C.A. is too huge to be of much service, and I intend to bring forward a question of decentralisation. Each county or district should have complete autonomy, control its own funds, run its own quarterly meetings, paying its quota to general expenses and the Report. One could then reasonably ask for honorary members from the Mayor of a town downwards, as they would feel that they were contributing to a local concern. There ought to be a peal booking fee—for those who want the glory should pay the expense—and the hundreds of villages could be visited, and converted to change ringing, which now are entirely outside the pale. The details can be left for discussion, but by this means the work of a general secretary would be reduced to a minimum. Had we continued in the old rut, I am convinced that the Association, of which I have been a ringing member for 30 years, would have shortly become defunct. That is my apology for troubling you at this length.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM WILSON

Sir,—With reference to the Report in your issue of the 2nd inst of the Annual Meeting of the Midland Counties Association, I read with surprise that I spoke against an honorarium being voted to the late hon. secretary, and also that I offered to accept the post of secretary, this latter being apparently immediately followed by a proposition, which was seconded and carried, that I should have it.

May I say that at the annual meeting I only spoke once, this being in reply to the chairman, who asked, after I had been proposed and seconded whether I would accept the secretaryship, my reply being that if no one else would do the work I would take it on.

I could point out other inaccuracies in the article and report, but perhaps it is better to leave things alone, as those present at the meeting know what actually transpired.—Yours truly,

A. C. WRIGHT

PRESTBURY.—On Sunday, 27th April, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: T. Compton 1, J. Major 2, O. Tovey 3, H. Halford 4, Ser. E. Morris, R.A.S.C., 5, T. Pendry 6, T. H. Beams (conductor) 7, L. R. Liveley 8. Mr. T. H. Beams, of Bridport, Dorset, was visiting Cheltenham for the conference of the National Union of Teachers. Ser. E. Morris hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester.

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



**WINCHESTER GUILD.**

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Witley on Saturday, May 3rd, and was attended by over 40 members.

Service was held in the Parish Church, and in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, an address was given by the Rev. C. L. Wanstall, Vicar of Milford, who afterwards presided at tea. Seven ordinary and one compounding member were elected, also Rev. Sir John Herschel (the new Rector of Clondon), the Rev. E. O. T. Hawkes (Vicar of Aldershot), the Rev. C. L. Wanstall, and one lady and six gentlemen from Aldershot as hon. members, the latter being entirely due to the energetic efforts of the lady ringers at Aldershot.

The Ringing Master's report was adopted. Mr. J. Mann was elected as representative to Winchester, in the place of Mr. J. White, who would be unable to attend.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Seale and Putterham.

The Secretary reported that he had sent £9 5s. 6d. to the Goldsmith Testimonial, and had since received 12s. He asked the meeting to make it up to an even £1, with the result that 12s. 1d. was subscribed in the room.—The Ringing Master urged upon the meeting to try and increase the circulation of the 'Ringing World.'

One of the new members was an old friend—Mr. W. W. Thorne—who explained that after an absence of a number of years, he was now in a position to help the Guild at Ockham, and suggested that this tower be transferred to the Guildford district.

It was reported by Mr. T. Mack that an entirely new peal of eight would shortly be hung at Haslemere.

During the afternoon the new Rector of Clondon (the Rev. Sir John Herschel) had a pull on the bells, gave the members a hearty invitation to Clondon, and said he hoped to become a change ringer in time.

The eight bells at Witley were kept going in various methods both afternoon and evening.

**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING.**

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Sheffield on Saturday week. Touches of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by ringers from Portsea, Portsmouth, Gosport, Wickham, Fareham, Havant, Swanmore, Curridge, Sheffield and Titchfield, and visitors from North Stoneham and Trowbridge. The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late foreman of the local ringers, Mr. A. Titheradge, whose funeral took place that morning, he having died as a result of wounds received whilst in France.

Tea was served in the Shirrell House Hut, when 50 members sat down. The Rev. C. E. Matthews presided over the business meeting, supported by Mr. G. Williams, hon. general secretary, and the district officers. The Rev. Ramsbottom, Rector of Swanmore, and the Rev. H. N. Rogers, Rector of Havant, were elected honorary members. Fifteen performing members and six probationers were also elected.—A vote of condolence was passed in silence, by the members standing, to the wife and relatives of the late Mr. Titheradge.

The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Franklin for so kindly providing tea, and also for granting the permission for the ringers to visit the beautiful grounds of Sheffield Lodge which privilege was very much appreciated.

The service at the church, specially for the ringers, was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the two points on which he gave some practical instruction being 'patience' and 'perseverance.'

**THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.**

I have again to thank the secretaries of associations and members for the tangible manner in which they have responded to the above testimonial.

The date for returning the lists has now expired, and to enable me to bring this successful and interesting scheme to a close, I shall be glad if those who still have lists and amounts in hand will kindly forward these to me with as little delay as possible.

I thought I had circularised throughout, especially as to my knowledge several places had been overlapped with lists instead of otherwise.

In consequence of the notice published the last two weeks, several ringers have remitted amounts stating they have not been approached by anyone for a subscription.

If there are any other similar cases, will they kindly send to me as early as possible, as the fund will shortly close?

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**CHELTHENHAM.**—On Easter Sunday morning, at St. Mark's (1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.): H. J. Cooper 1, E. Dean 2, J. Pugh 3, Sergt. E. Morris, R.A.S.C., 4, J. F. Harper 5. Rung as a welcome on return to civil life of the ringers of 1, 3 and 5; also on the visit of Sergt. E. Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, at St. Mary's (on meeting short for Cabaret), a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): A. Boxall 1, J. Trappitt 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, A. J. Plowman 4, R. Lathbury 5, O. Gordon 6, A. J. Trappitt 7, Capt. J. R. Freeborn 8.

**NOTICES.**

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at Sutton-on-Hull on Saturday, May 10th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells (6) of St. James' will be available all day. Address by the Rev. G. A. Coleman at 4 p.m.; tea at 5, business immediately after. Sutton is easy of access, about four miles from Hull. It is the wish of the vice-president that this meeting should be a success as it is a long-standing invitation.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Braintree on May 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service, with address, 4.30. Subscriptions for 1919 are now due.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A general committee meeting will be held at Reading at the Great Western Railway Temperance Union Institute on Saturday, May 10th, at 3 o'clock, to arrange for Annual Festival and general business. A good attendance is required. It is hoped and expected that the Master will be in the chair. The Temperance Institute is adjoining the G.W.R. Station, turn to right on coming out of station.—R. T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on May 10th. Business meeting at 3.30 in Parish Room; tea at Gloucester Hotel 4.45, 3/- each (1/6 to members); Service at St. Nicholas' Church at 6. Ringing: St. Peter's Tower 1.30 to 3.30, St. Nicholas after the service. Half railway fares without limit.—H. R. Butcher, General Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Lavenham, Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at 2 p.m.; tea and business meeting 4 o'clock, 1/6 non-members, 9d. members. The rector (Rev. G. H. Lenox Conyngham) and Churchwardens (Mr. C. Mellis and Mr. H. C. Steed) have promised to be present.—A. Symonds, Acting District Sec., 41, Market Lane, Lavenham, Suffolk.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, May 10th. Service will be held in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Lea, in the Village Hall, at 5.45 p.m. The bells (6) will be available before and after service.—James Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly (and not at Penarth as arranged, owing to local circumstances) on Saturday, May 10th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5 o'clock.—James W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec., 112, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on Monday, May 12th and 26th, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will all ringers intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 13th? All ringers welcome. Brookwood Station, L.S.W.R., about one mile.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.** Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth Old Church, Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea 1/- per head at St. Mary's Restaurant for those who send word not later than May 13th. Business meeting afterwards.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 15th and 29th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged if possible. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by kind permission of the Rector, on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Members whose names appear in the unattached list, following the South and West District Towers, in the 1917 Report, pages 19 and 20, are asked to send me a card, with their address, in order that the new report may be sent to them. The subscriptions for 1919 are also now due.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 17th, 1919. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 13th. Subscriptions are now due, and should either be sent to the District Sec. or paid at the meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 17th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Kingscliffe, on Saturday, May 17th, in the afternoon and evening. All ringers intending to be present kindly let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, May 17th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Will members who intend being present at tea notify me not later than May 14th.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Childwall, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 4; service 5; meeting 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Festival will be held at Wimborne Minster (10 bells), on Saturday, 17th May. Service at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Headmaster of Wimborne School. Luncheon in Church House at 1.30 p.m., price 2/9 (drinks extra). Those intending to be present should notify the Secretary by the 13th, as accommodation is limited. Annual meeting will follow luncheon. Other bells available Poole (8), St. Giles', Camford, Sturminster Marshall (6).—F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting for practice and social intercourse will be held at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. Business meeting, including election of officers, to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. D. Barker, Northern District Master, 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.1.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Brinklow, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.  
—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul Street, Ramsbottom.

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

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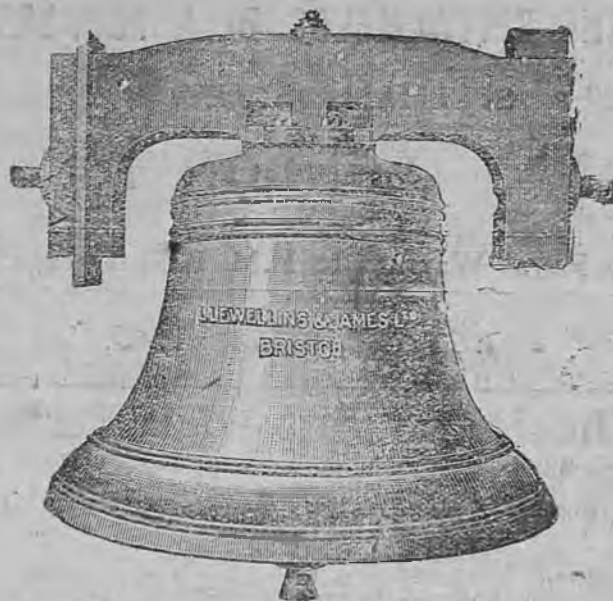
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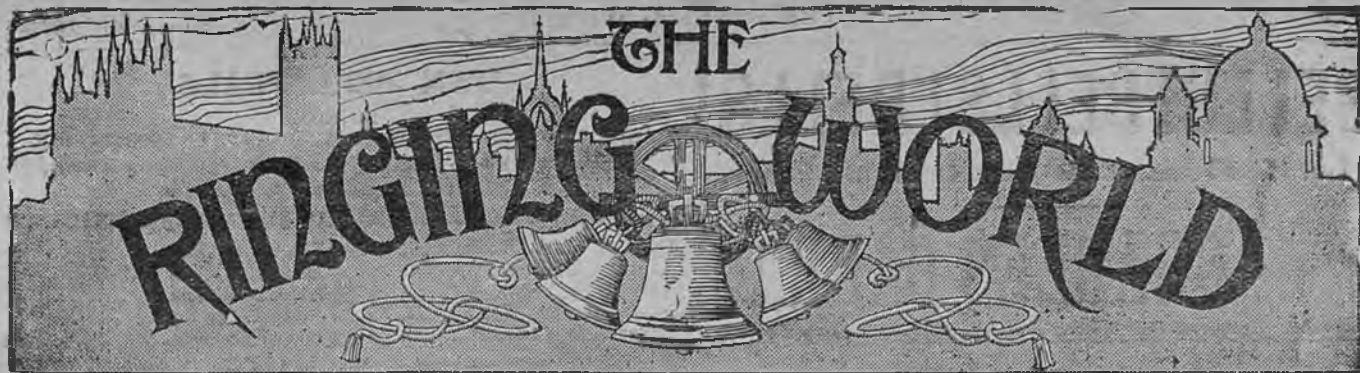
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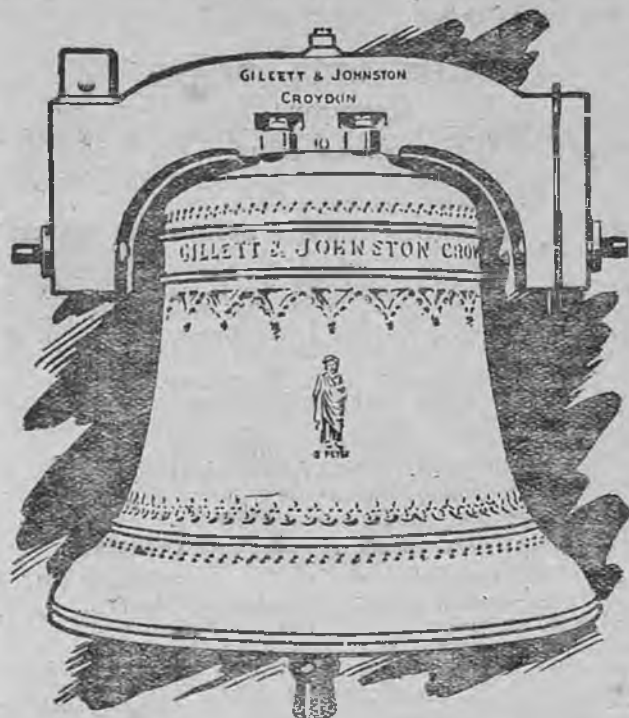
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### THE DISTRICT SYSTEM.

There are frequent indications that some of the Associations are setting about the rebuilding of their fortunes with a good deal of determination, and the signs are most gratifying. The meetings of the past few weeks have been unusually well attended, and a happy feature of the gatherings has been the return of demobilised men, who are showing that their interest in the Art has by no means diminished through their absence. These successful meetings show that here is one way in which Associations may encourage their members and swell their numbers. Meetings are a sign of vitality, and the more meetings that are held the greater life will the organisations develop. It is not, of course, possible to hold very frequently gatherings representative of a whole Association, but the division of societies, which cover large areas, into districts, provides a means by which the members may be much more often brought into close touch, and thus have their interest and enthusiasm made the keener.

Most of the big Associations are now worked on the district system, but some there are which still get along without this aid, or which are divided in name only. But unless they are organisations whose operations are conducted within a comparatively small area, with easy means of intercommunication, they lose much of their effectiveness by retaining only centralised control. One has only to look at the excellent results attained in such societies as the Kent Association, the Winchester Guild, or the Lancashire Association, to mention only three, to see what can be done by dividing large areas into districts and giving them control of their own affairs and a share in the general management of the organisation.

The advantages are obvious, and there are to be efforts to apply the principle more thoroughly in several instances where in the past the division has been largely in name only. We heard last week what is to be advocated in the Midland Counties Association, and in the Norwich Diocesan Association there is a hope of utilising the existing districts with more advantage. Some effort is to be made also, we believe, to induce the Hereford Diocesan Guild to move on the same lines, and there can be no doubt that advantage will arise from it. The best proof that the system of running large Associations by means of self-controlled districts is the best, is to be found in the fact that no Association which has once had effective administration by means of districts has ever gone back to the centralised system. Districts bring an Association into touch with the individual ringers, give them the feeling of being a real part of a live organisation, and make membership of the corporate body something to be desired instead of a matter of indifference.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANCES;**

FRED G. MAY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WHITE ... .. 6
ARTHUR SEVIOUR ... .. 2	HENRY B. BURT ... .. 7
ALFRED PEARCE ... .. 3	ARTHUR WALLACE ... .. 8
FREDERICK W. WADE ... .. 4	ISAAC LONG ... .. 9
GILBERT WILTSHIRE ... .. 5	URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The above was rung after meeting short for treble ten, and in honour of the anniversary of the King's accession.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANCES;**

Tenor 28½ cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN ... .. 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 8
*MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 9
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 5	† WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

\* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JESSE TYLER ... .. Treble	GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 5
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 4	GEORGE PAICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... .. 5
* RICHARD H. STEVENS ... 2	CHARLES W. BRETT ... .. 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 3	GEORGE J. JENKINS ... .. 7
* FREDERICK ELLIOTT ... 4	EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

\* First peal in the method.

KILDWICK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

E. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	J. GARLICK ... .. 5
C. BROWN ... .. 2	H. HORNER ... .. 6
H. ROE ... .. 3	W. BILLOWS ... .. 7
G. ROBINSON ... .. 4	W. D. HILLARY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. BILLOWS.



PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY ... .. Treble	HERBERT HAIGH ... .. 5
*JOHN AMBLER ... .. 2	JOHN W. CORDINGLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
SAMUEL WARD ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Francis Barker.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

HORACE BEDDINGFIELD ... Treble	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 5
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung in honour of the Accession of H.M. King George V. This composition has 2nd extent in 2nd and 3rd, and the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 5—6 without the 2nd there.

NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF St. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SEVIER ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. KIRKBY ... .. 5
ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2	ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
FRED BLOOD ... .. 3	FRED S. PRICE ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. WHITE ... .. 4	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON.

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

Rung to celebrate the return to civilian life of the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and tenor.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. BARKER ... Treble	JOHN T. BUTLER ... .. 5
SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6
EDWARD C. GOSEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... .. 7
JOHN P. TARTON ... .. 4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\* First peal.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs.

WALTER POPPLEWELL ... Treble	SAMUEL WHEATLEY ... .. 5
CHAS. PRATT ... .. 2	WILFRED LEE ... .. 6
SYDNEY KEIGHLEY ... .. 3	WILLIE CORDINGLEY ... .. 7
SAMUEL WARD ... .. 4	PRATT CORDINGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER POPPLEWELL.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wheatley.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE  
DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Treble	JOSEPH FAULKNER, SEN. ... 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	JESSE SCREEN ... .. 6
HARRY HUBBLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4	*JOSEPH FAULKNER, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. COOPER.

The peal was rung as a 'welcome home' to Sergt.-Major Richard Cooksey, R.A.M.C., sexton at the above church; also to commemorate the coming of age of Miss Edith Mary Gough, eldest daughter of Mr. B. Gough, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Elsie May Greenfield, eldest daughter of Mr. A. Greenfield.

The ringers of the third and tenor were proposed members of the Stafford Society previous to starting, the ringer of the tenor also being proposed a member of the Dudley Guild.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor.

WHISTON, ROTHERHAM.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

MISS W. M. HAGUE ... Treble	ROBERT HARRISON ... .. 5
ARTHUR HAGUE ... .. 2	ALFRED T. BAKER ... .. 6
COLIN RYDER ... .. 3	FRED WATKINSON ... .. 7
*COLIN HARRISON ... .. 4	WILLIAM WARBURTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK MONTFORD ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 7
HARRY OVERTON ... .. 4	*WILLIAM EDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

\* First peal. Tenor, 4th and 3rd from Crewe; 7th and 2nd from Coalbrookdale, Salop; 5th from Stanton, near Shrewsbury, the rest are local men.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE MAXIN ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	*ARTHUR MASON ... .. 6
GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY THORPE ... .. Treble	GEORGE CHESTER ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. 6
ARCHIE C. STOKES ... .. 3	SYDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 7
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH HALL ... .. Treble	HENRY J. PHIPPS ... .. 4
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	GEORGE ASHLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 3	CORPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Ashley on the occasion of their silver wedding.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. COLES ... .. Treble	RICHARD NICHOLLS ... .. 3
*JAMES W. SEARCY ... .. 2	*GEORGE T. UNLERWOOD ... 4

CHARLES W. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. J. T. Lawson. Mr. Coles was re-elected a member before starting for the peal.  
\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 7, 1919, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. HEMMING, 29, CHURCH BANK,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor size 10 in A.

*MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON ... 1—2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5—6
CPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3—4	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 7—8

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* 25th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James Hemming on the nineteenth anniversary of their wedding day.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 11, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

A Non-conducted peal.

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1—2	GERALD MOORHOUSE ... .. 5—6
JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 3—4	MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 7—8

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Witness: MR. A. WINDSOR.

This is the first non-conducted handbell peal in the method and was rung at the first attempt. Malcolm and Gerald Moorhouse are 14 and 15 years of age respectively.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING AT BARNET.**

The annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Barnet on Saturday, April 26th, when the towers of Barnet and Hadley were filled with members, whose ringing abilities ranged from rounds to Surprise Methods. A pleasing feature was the number of ladies present from the Stamford Hill tower, who, under the tuition of Mr. Ringrose, are making great strides. Another lady present was Miss Williams, of Hillingdon, while of the male sex present were Mr. Arthur I. King, I.S.O. (President), Mr. P. A. Milne, J.P., and Major J. H. B. Hessa (Vice-Presidents), Mr. W. Pye (Master), Messrs. J. Armstrong, G. B. Lucas, W. A. Alps, A. W. Coles, C. S. Bird, T. Beadle, C. Tricker, G. Pye, W. A. Pye, H. J. Ranzetta, R. Sanders, O. Twist, A. Mason, R. Rolley, J. Stumpster, J. Wicks, G. Fletcher, J. E. Miller, W. Wobb, C. Charge, W. Hewett, H. Kilby, G. M. Kilby, etc. The ringing on the whole was very good, and consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Bristol.

The service was held at Barnet Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Manning), and consisted of shortened evensong, with the hymns, 'Jesus Christ is risen, to-day,' 'The Lord is risen indeed, and 'Unchanging God who livest.'

The Rector gave an interesting address, in the course of which he extended to the ringers a sincere and cordial welcome, and thanked them for their coming, for this reason, that they of the C. of E. inherited from the munificence of the past the inestimable gift of their parish churches. The sad thing was that excluding Sundays, when they were thankful to find that their people still came in considerable numbers, their churches stood in their cities, towns and villages, unused. No purpose was found for them; no prayer was offered in them, and no praise was sung; so he was thankful that this church should be put to any purpose, consistent with the consecration to Divine service. Therefore, he not only welcomed the Association, but thanked them for coming to Barnet. For nearly five years, he continued, their functions had been practically suspended, and they had been inhibited from their office by many of the exigencies of the war. Many of their members had made the great sacrifice for God and the King. He desired to express the hope that, as at that Easter-tide they thought of the many who had rung with them on past Easter mornings, their sorrows for the loss of their friends might be brightened by the rays of the Resurrection Gospel, and by the prospect of a happy reunion. He asked them to remember that as the tower was, structurally, only a part of the church, bell ringing was only part of the service. But while in some places—what proportion, perhaps, they knew—on such occasions as that they rightly claimed that the ringing was part of the service, on Sunday they did their bit, and then said 'I'm off.' Was that quite playing the game?

After service an adjournment was made to the Church House where tea was served, which was followed by the business meeting, with the President in the chair.

The report and balance sheet were presented, and adopted. Extracts from the report will be given in our next issue.

Ten new members were elected.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of Mr. H. C. Chandler, who has retired from the position of hon. secretary of the S. and W. District. The question of a County War Memorial was raised, but the suggestion of the Central Committee, that no special scheme be put forward, was adopted. Mention was made that an inset be put in next year's report.

The President reminded the meeting that the Association had now passed its 21st birthday, and was going strong.

The meeting concluded by recording its thanks to the Rectors of Barnet, Hadley and Southgate for the use of the bells, and the local bands for their help in arranging the meeting.

The tower was then visited until 3.30 p.m. Thus passed another successful meeting.

**DISTRICT MEETING AT TWICKENHAM.**

A meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday last, when nearly 50 members attended from Acton, Brookley, Camberwell, Harrow, Oatlands Park, Hendon, Surbiton, Kingston, Fulmer, Hillingdon, Harlington, Isleworth, Slough, Southgate, Willesden, Heston, West Ealing, etc.

Among the methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Superlative and Bob Major, while some rounds were rung by a band consisting of all ladies.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master, five new members were elected, and it was decided to hold an evening meeting at Acton in June, and the next Saturday meeting at Harlington or Heston.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. Prosser) and to the local ringers. Ringing was then continued until 8 p.m., when a pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

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### THE LADIES' GUILD. MIDLAND DISTRICT.

A well-attended meeting of the Midland District was held at St. Nicholas' Church, King's Norton, on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells, a light musical ring of eight, were set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, shortly before four o'clock, five ladies taking part in a touch conducted by Miss E. A. Parker, who had travelled from London specially to attend the meeting. After further touches a short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Hugh Price) was held. After service, a short interval before tea was spent in viewing the interior of the church, a very interesting old edifice dating back to the early part of the 16th century. Alderman J. S. Pritchett acted as guide.

A substantial tea was provided in the Schoolroom, some 40 members and friends being present.

At the meeting which followed, it was decided to hold quarterly meetings instead of half-yearly business and practice meetings, and Solihull was selected for the next meeting.—Miss S. Pigott and Miss E. K. Parker both appealed to the members for better support for the 'Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Rector for the service in the church, to Ald. J. S. Pritchett for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting and providing tea, to the organist, and the ladies who had waited upon the visitors. The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob brought round by mixed bands. At 8.30 the bells were lowered in peal, and a very successful meeting brought to a close.

### SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATIONS.

On Saturday week, six members of the Worcestershire Association met at Toddington for a peal in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Ashley. Mr. Ashley is well known among ringers of the Southern Branch as one always willing to do anything in his power for ringers and ringing, although his own opportunities in that direction have been somewhat limited. Not his least useful work has been the training of a young band, including several ladies, at the Parish Church to fill the gaps caused by the rush of men to the colours.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the band were rather late in meeting for the peal and chances of success looked none too rosy, when after half-an-hour's splendid ringing, something 'went wrong with the works,' and 'stand' was called. However, another start was made, and a good peal rung, as recorded elsewhere.

Afterwards, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley, the band adjourned to their house for a very welcome tea, and a social evening was spent with the handbells, etc., which, however, was marred by the enforced early departure of one of the band. The visitors were to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Ashley for their hospitality on this and previous occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wheatley, of Colverley, Yorks, have also just celebrated their silver wedding, and a peal was rung in their honour last Saturday at the Parish Church. Afterwards they entertained the ringers to tea and the thanks of the company were expressed to them for their kind hospitality, as well as good wishes for their continued good health and happiness.

### PRESENTATION AT READING.

On Saturday week, at Tilehurst, Reading, an interesting presentation was made to Mr. A. Osborne, foreman of the tower of St. Giles' Reading, and late honorary secretary to the Reading branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Chairman, Mr. A. Pole Routh, before presenting the gift, which took the form of a striking clock suitably engraved, remarked on Mr. Osborne's good and loyal work for the past 17 years, and hoped the clock would serve him as faithfully as he had served the Guild. He further stated that owing to his good memory he looked upon him as a clever man.—Mr. Osborne, in acknowledging the gift, said that it was more than he deserved, as he had done the work purely for the love of the thing.

A large number attended, representing various outlying towers, including Mapledurham, Bucklebury, Tilehurst, Caversham, besides St. Mary's, St. Giles' and St. Lawrence's, Reading.

Tea, partaken of at the Parish Room, was most kindly arranged by Mrs. Lane; and after the meal, Mr. Wright, a trustee of the Guild thanked Mrs. Lane and her helpers for the excellent tea provided.—The Rev. F. W. Lane replied, remarking that they were all very pleased to see the members of the Guild.

Touches in several methods were rung on the bells of St. Michael's Church, both in the afternoon and evening, and during the interval handbells were brought into use, adding greatly to the enjoyment of the afternoon, a preliminary, it is hoped, to many similar gatherings.

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined practice of members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Staunton-on-Arrow, on Saturday week, members attending from Kingsland, Pembridge and the local band. Several 120's of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Eardisland if the bells are available; or, failing that, at Pembridge on May 24th at 6.30.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

#### HOLIDAY MEETING AT DISS.

A quarterly meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Diss on Easter Monday, about sixty representatives from the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk being present at the general meeting. The bells of St. Mary's, Diss, and St. Peter's, Palgrave, were available throughout the day, and were kept merrily ringing from morning to evening by the members, about 100 of whom put in an appearance.

The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) read a letter from the President (Mr. J. Saneroff Holmes) regretting his inability to preside at the quarterly meeting on account of being away from home.—Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president) took the chair, and others present included Messrs. G. E. Symonds, E. E. Diaper, W. L. Duffield, Denison Mayward, T. Fitzjohn, W. Ireland, F. Day, G. P. Burton, F. Knights, Rev. H. Drake, etc.

The Chairman, in proposing that a resolution of sympathy be passed to Mrs. E. F. Poppy and family, of Eye, on the serious illness of Mr. Poppy, a most keen and devoted supporter of the Association, announced that he (Mr. Borrett) had seen Mr. Poppy, who was progressing favourably, and wished to be remembered to all the members present at the meeting.

The Chairman announced that Mr. W. Grimes, hon. secretary of the Debenham District, had written resigning the district secretaryship, having held that office for over twenty years. The committee regretted Mr. Grimes could not hold office any longer, but were fortunate in finding a successor in his son, Mr. E. E. Grimes. He also announced that Mr. C. P. Fisher, of Ufford, had been appointed the secretary of the Woodbridge district, in the place of the late Dr. F. E. W. Meadows.

Twenty-one new members of the Association were elected.

The Hon. Secretary made an earnest appeal to the members to give better support to 'The Ringing World.' He said the circulation was far below what it should be. They had in Mr. J. S. Goldsmith not only a good Editor, but a first-class ringer, and, as ringers, they should give him their best support and show their loyalty by taking a copy of the paper week by week. He believed the Exercise desired a ringing paper of its own, and if that were so ringers must be prepared to do their part and double the circulation in their own Association. As secretary, he could not get on without it, and he thought even those ringers who did not hold office would endorse the sentiment that now there was a revival in ringing there should also be a revival of their support for their only ringing journal.

### SHEFFIELD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AT RAMMOOR.

Compared with some previous meetings held at headquarters, the attendance of members at the annual gathering of the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society at Rammoor on Saturday week, was not so numerous, some thirty attending, representing twelve towers, viz.: All Saints' (Sheffield), Barnsley, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Ecclesfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, Norton, North Wingfield, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral and Worksop. After the afternoon's ringing, tea, thoughtfully provided by the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls and the Rammoor company, and served in the Parish Room, was a very welcome change.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by Mr. F. M. Tindall, Vicar's warden, who welcomed the society to Rammoor in the name of the Vicar, who was away from home enjoying a brief holiday.

The balance sheet showed the society to be in a flourishing condition financially, the income exceeding the expenditure on the yearly account by £1 7s., which, added to the capital account, gives a total of £18 3s. 8d., compared with last year's total of £16 8s. 10½d. This was considered satisfactory, and was approved by the meeting.

The Honorary Secretary's report gave some very gratifying figures. The number of towers directly affiliated is 20; new members elected during the year numbered 16, while the losses through death were four. The average attendance at the seven meetings was slightly over forty, a very good average indeed. The fixtures for the coming year are to be monthly, as before the war, commencing on June 7th, with Norton, which tower has not been visited by the society since 1913. The Sunday service competition is to be revived. Nest cards, with the prayer for use in belfries printed on them, are to be distributed to those towers who will adopt this desirable practice, and it is hoped each tower in union will join in acceding to a request so reasonable. The report closed with the hon. secretary's thanks for the splendid support given to the various appeals for subscriptions, and urged each member to become a regular subscriber to the 'Ringing World.'

Six new performing members, including a lady, and one honorary member, were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks to the local company for making the arrangements, to the Vicar and chairman concluded the business, after which came a capital touch of Grandsire Catex on the handbells, followed by more ringing at the tower until 8.30, when a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples concluded a very successful and enjoyable meeting.



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### BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of St. Peter's, Nottingham, are shortly to be augmented to ten, the new trebles being the gift of Mr. H. R. Cobbin, the steeplekeeper, as a thankoffering for recovery from a recent serious operation.

We hear it is likely that two more bells will be added to the ring at Winchester Cathedral in the near future to make a peal of twelve. The Winchester Diocese does not at present possess a ring of this number. The tenor at the Cathedral is 30 cwt.

The 150th anniversary of the opening of the peal of eight bells at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on May 10th, 1769, has just been celebrated.

Mr. Challis F. Wimsay, who has been seriously ill for two or three weeks is, we are glad to say, now about again.

There will be many bells rung in the Winchester Guild on May 28th, when Mr. John J. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Guildford District, and one of the oldest members of the Guild, is married at Dulwich.

### ROLL OF HONOUR.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COMMEMORATION OF FALLEN RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Acting on the suggestion of the President, who is anxious that the Central Council should make commemoration of ringers fallen in the war, and thinks that this could best be accomplished by preparing a list of their names to be read out at the meeting of Gloucester, I write to say that I shall be glad to receive lists of names as soon as possible. It will be readily understood that as the meeting draws nearer the regular work of preparing for it grows daily heavier. I, therefore, hope that in sending me the lists these two conditions may be observed:—

(1) That the lists be compiled by the hon. secs., or other responsible official, of Diocesan, County, or at least District, Guilds or Associations, whether affiliated or not affiliated to the Council, and not by correspondents of local companies. By this means I hope that repetition of names and other forms of confusion may be avoided. It is obvious that were they to reach me direct from local companies the time and labour involved in sorting them would probably be more than I could afford.

(2) That the names in the lists may be given in alphabetical order and that the lists themselves may, if possible, be typed.

To these a third request may be added, namely, that all lists should be sent not later than the end of the present month. I trust that I may be excused for not acknowledging the receipt of communications, and also for not holding myself responsible for any inaccuracies or omissions in the lists, which will read exactly as they reach me.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Hon. Secretary of the Council.

Deane Rectory.

Overton, Hants.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUGGESTED PEAL OF TWELVE FOR THE CATHEDRAL.

For the past four years, for obvious reasons, the annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has been of a purely general character. This year a well-attended gathering was held in Lincoln on Saturday, April 26th. All the bells in the city rang out merrily during the afternoon and evening, touches in a variety of methods being rung. A good many ringers attended evensong in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, when the Guild Collect was used after the Collect for the day to mark the occasion.

About 140 ringers sat down to an excellent tea in the Co-operative Hall, and the Dean of Lincoln presided at the meeting which followed. The Dean gave a hearty welcome to those who had returned from the war, speaking specially of the great debt of gratitude the country owed to them. He then made touching reference to those members who had laid down their lives in the war, and spoke of the real sympathy felt with those to whom the conflict has brought sorrow and loss.

The officers were elected as follows: President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln; Master, the Rev. H. Law James; hon. secretary, the Rev. Reginald Bond; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. F. Finley.

The Master, supported by Mr. Procter, brought forward a proposal which emanated from the last meeting of the Southern Branch: 'That the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral be approached with a view to augmenting the ring of bells in the Cathedral from eight to twelve as a memorial to those ringers in the Diocese who had fallen in the war.'—This was carried unanimously.

The Master briefly addressed the members of the Guild, laying special emphasis on the need of training young ringers.

A vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding concluded the meeting.

**DISAPPOINTMENT FOR THE OFFICERS.****CROYDON PEAL COMPOSITION FALSE.**

There will be general disappointment at the news that the composition rung by the officers' band at Croydon on May 3rd is false, but it will be nothing to the disappointment which the ringers themselves will feel.

Mr. W. T. Elson, of Parsons Green, writes that the repetition occurs in the 3rd and 7th courses.

Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, writes: 'The curate-in-charge at St. Peter's, Croydon, was a wise man in stopping the officers' peal, and it was unfortunate that they made the second attempt, seeing that the composition is not true.'

It is hoped that another attempt for a peal of Caters will shortly be made, although circumstances render it improbable that exactly the same band can take part.

We hope next week to give a photograph of the ten officers.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****WINCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.**

At Hursley, the resting-place of the Rev. John Keble, and where, 60 years ago, when he was Vicar, the bells were regularly rung at five o'clock in the morning on all the great church festivals, ringers are always sure of a welcome, and on Saturday last the members of the Winchester District, who were holding a quarterly meeting there, were very heartily received by the present Vicar (the Rev. C. R. - husband). The visitors were kindly invited to make use of the Vicarage garden, and on such a beautiful May afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed a ramble in the grounds, where John Keble, Dr. Moberley and Charlotte M. Yonge had walked and talked together. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, and some good touches of Treble and Plain Bob Minor, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, were brought round on them. One 720 of Bob Minor was rung by J. Pannell, R. G. Hunt, Rev. W. E. Colchester, W. G. Rowe, W. T. Tucker (conductor), and R. W. Whittington.

Tea was provided in the Parish Hall, the Vicar presiding. After expressing his gratification at meeting the members of the Guild again at Hursley, the Vicar spoke of the importance of the office of a church bell ringer, and said how grateful he felt to his own band for the way in which they had kept the bells going during the war.

Mr. N. C. Hayter-Hames, Chagford, Devon, was unanimously elected a member of the Guild. Mr. Hayter-Hames was until recently a student at Winchester College, and during the war came regularly to assist in the Sunday service ringing at the Cathedral, when free from his college duties, thus making it possible for touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters to be rung, which otherwise, owing to members being absent on military duties, could not have been done.

Mr. W. H. George proposed the Rev. C. R. Husband as an hon. member of the Guild, and he was duly elected.—The Rev. W. E. Colchester was elected a life member of the Guild. Several young members of the local band were admitted as probationers.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Parish Hall.

Very sincere thanks were expressed to Mr. Jones (captain) and his band; also to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hunt, and the young ladies who assisted them, for the excellent tea which they provided, and for all the arrangements made for the comfort of their visitors.

Members were present from Dibden, Southampton (St. Michael's), Croydon, N. Stoneham, Eastleigh, Hursley and Winchester Cathedral.

A successful gathering of the Basingstoke District took place at Overton on Saturday afternoon, April 26th, when representatives were present from Basingstoke, Deane, Oakley, Overton, Steventon and Whitechurch. After ringing during the afternoon, the members attended service at 4.30. This was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Carpenter Turner). Tea was afterwards served in the Parish hall, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rector kindly took the chair. Happily there was but little business to be transacted, which being done and ending with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, the members speedily returned to the tower, where several six-scores of Grandsire were accomplished in excellent style, some Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor being also rung. This continued till shortly after 8 p.m. Altogether the meeting was a happy and successful one, and was favoured by beautiful weather.

**NORTHFLEET BELLS.**

For sixteen years the bells of St. Botolph's Parish Church at Northfleet, Kent, were silent, as the tower had been condemned as unsafe. A few months ago, however, the structure was inspected by some local gentlemen, and the necessary restoration to strengthen the tower was carried out. For morning service, on Sunday, May 4th, the local ringers rang their first 720 of Bob Minor, after having made several attempts. It was the first 720 by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and

4th, and was rung by F. Draper 1, J. Carrott 2, H. Barnes 3, G. Lingham 4, R. Smith 5, W. Ware (conductor) 6.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****PEACE PEALS PROPOSED.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Caerphilly on Saturday last, and was well attended by members of both Archdeaconries. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon. Tea, kindly provided, was served in the School-room, 80 sitting down. Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, who was the first Master of the Association when it was formed 26 years ago, was unanimously invited to the chair for the business meeting, in the absence of the Rector, who was detained at a funeral.—The Hon. Secretary explained the reason for diverting the meeting from Penarth to Caerphilly. The next Monmouth Archdeaconry meeting is to be held at Caerleon, and the next Llandaff Archdeaconry meeting at St. Athan's where, at present, the bells are being recast and rehung.

A discussion on peace ringing took place, the unanimous feeling being that peals wherever possible should be rung, and a record hung in each tower.

The proposal of a war memorial to fallen ringers, members of Llandaff Association, was deferred until a future meeting.

Some of the younger men, who had returned from the war, expressed themselves grateful to the older members for the way the bells had been kept going during their absence, and on the proposition of Mr. Claud Davies, of Caerleon, seconded by Mr. Arthur Morgan, of Newport (both of whom had done duty in France), it was decided that a record of the fact should be made in the minute book.

Before the meeting closed, the Rector put in an appearance, and welcomed everyone. He was grateful, he said, to the ringers, especially his own band, for the way the bells were regularly rung for the Sunday service.

Several new members were elected, and the meeting proved one of the best quarterly gatherings that had ever been held.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of this Branch took place at Shepton Mallet, on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells at Douling, a fine peal of six, were raised soon after two p.m., and several six-scores were rung on them, by various bands, who then made their way to Shepton Mallet Church, where they found eager enthusiasts, impatiently awaiting their arrival. No time was then lost in getting this lovely peal of eight on the swing, and before the hour fixed for special evensong a good deal of triple ringing had been done. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. L. Jones, Rector of Shepton Mallet, assisted by the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill, Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, the Rector giving a very earnest and inspiring address. Mr. A. W. Marchant (churchwarden) presided at the organ.

After the service, the members assembled for tea at the Parish Room. The Branch President (the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill) took the chair for the usual business proceedings. Several new admissions to membership were made, and voting on the selection of a place for the quarterly meeting in July resulted in an easy win for Chewton Mendip.

The retiring President was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, as was also the retiring hon. secretary (Mr. I. B. Holmyard). Both these officials thanked the members for the honour again conferred upon them, and expressed their willingness to accept office once more and gladly to do what they could to promote the best interests of the Branch.

Votes of thanks were most heartily passed to all those who had very kindly assisted in the day's arrangements, special mention being made of the Rev. R. L. Jones for the use of the bells and for evensong, Mr. Marchant (organist), Mr. Wm. Richards, and the ladies, who so ably managed the catering for the tea, the President, and the Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary made a specially urgent request to all the members present to become subscribers to the 'Ringing World,' and it is confidently hoped that the local circulation of that faithful and valuable 'organ of the Exercise' will be very materially increased.

The Hon. Secretary said he was particularly gratified to note the presence of ringing friends from outside the Deanery. These were always most welcome visitors, and he assured Messrs. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster), W. Farley (Wells), H. J. Trim (Glastonbury), and E. King (Bath), that their presence at that day's meeting was much appreciated by all the members. The attendance was probably a record one, for no less than sixty-two sat down to the tea.

The business over, the members once again repaired to the tower, where the bells were kept going merrily till quite a late hour, and doubtless the meeting will long be remembered as one of the most thoroughly enjoyable and successful ones since the inception of the Branch in 1902.

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**SIXTY-SIX NEW MEMBERS.****BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION'S RECORDED ELECTION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Milverton on Saturday, May 3rd, when about 30 members were present. The Rev. E. F. Felton officiated at the service and presided at the business meeting, which was held in the Parish Room.

Sixty-six new performing members, of whom twenty-one were ladies, and two hon. members were elected.

The next meeting, being the annual meeting, will be held at Bath.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, arranging and officiating at the service, and for presiding at the meeting, was carried unanimously. In reply, the reverend gentleman welcomed the member to Milverton, and hoped he should have the pleasure of meeting them there again.

Tea was then partaken of. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Doubles and Bob Major were rung on the bells, among the visitors being Mr. J. Shepherd, of Swindon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, was held at the Church of St. Mary, Lewisham, on Saturday week, when members availed themselves of the opportunity to ring on the grand peal on tower possesses. At 5.30 p.m., about 60 members assembled in church for the service, the Association Form being used, and a short but interesting address given by the Rev. R. P. Roseveare (Vicar).

Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was served in the Institute and thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Roseveare and other ladies waiting on the company. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Alex Young, hon. secretary of St. Clement's memorial service, with regard to the deficit on the accounts, and the District Secretary suggested 'passing round the hat.' The result was that a guinea was handed to Mr. Young who was present, and who thanked the members.

Sixteen new members were elected, including the Rev. Roseveare (an hon. member).

Shoreham was selected for the summer meeting, in July. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, for providing tea, and for presiding; also to the ladies and organist, and the local band for making the arrangements. The Vicar, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to welcome them to Lewisham, and he would convey their thanks to those named. Some of the ringers then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, and others to the Vicarage garden for a game of bowls.

**CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read in the 'Ringing World' a letter from Mr. J. F. Smallwood, in which he says ringers should modify going for peals in large towns, where there are sure to be a few 'grousers' living near the tower. He also says he would like to see a good many 'first touches' in the Miscellaneous Performances column, with which I quite agree. As I have said to my ringing friends a good many times, I think it is much more creditable for a country band in an out-of-the-way place that has rung 'stony' for a good many years to take to change ringing and get through a 720 of Plain Bob or Grandsire Minor on a rough-going six (where several of the band have to walk two or three miles across fields to do it), than it is for a good Treble Bob band to master Double Norwich (or some other higher method) on bells which 'go' well, and where the band live fairly near to the tower, or where they can jump on a tram to get to it, instead of walking across ploughed land where it is a job to get the men properly interested in change ringing. Now that many of us who have been lucky enough to get through this war are demobilised, the best thing is, settle down to 'spade work,' and try to fill up the gaps caused by the war. This will do the art more good than we should by going for peals in higher methods, in large towns where people grumble, however well the bells are struck.—Yours, etc.,

A COUNTRY RINGER.

**LADIES' FIRST 720.**

At Barton-on-Humber nine ladies volunteered to learn change ringing to fill the gaps caused by the absence of members on active service. On Sunday, April 27th, two of them rang their first 720 of Bob Minor, which was arranged as a welcome home to P. Hoodless, who has just been demobilised. The 720 was rung in 25 minutes by Miss Margaret Cole 1, P. Hoodless 2, Miss Nelly Cooper 3, A. W. Hoodless (conductor) 4, S. H. Ayres 5, W. Ayres (York Minster) 6.

MARLOW.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 1344 Bob Major in 50 mins.: L. W. Copsey 1, W. Walker 2, D. W. Coster 3, F. O. Nicholls, senr., 4, C. Green 5, J. Eldridge 6, A. Walker 7, J. Truss (conductor) 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 6 and 7, for whom this was arranged hail from Maidenhead, the rest are local ringers.

**NOTICES.**

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HERTFORD-COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, on Saturday, May 24th (Empire Day). Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Fuller announcement in next issue as to tea arrangements, etc. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hon. District Sec.

PARISH CHURCH, HIGH WYCOMBE.—Empire Day, May 24th. Dedication of new Belfry Clock and Memorial Tablet at 4 p.m. Ringing at intervals from 3 till 9 p.m. Organ Recital, vocal solos, etc., Parish Church, 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Proceeds to fund for recasting 6th bell.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Brookwood Station, L.S.W.R., about one mile.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth Old Church, Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea 1/- per head at St. Mary's Restaurant. Business meeting afterwards.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by kind permission of the Rector, on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Members whose names appear in the unattached list, following the South and West District Towers, in the 1917 Report, pages 19 and 20, are asked to send me a card, with their address, in order that the new report may be sent to them. The subscriptions for 1919 are also now due.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 17th, 1919. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should either be sent to the District Sec. or paid at the meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 17th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Kingscliffe, on Saturday, May 17th, in the afternoon and evening. All ringers intending to be present kindly let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, May 17th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Childwall, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 4; service 5; meeting 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Festival will be held at Wimborne Minster (10 bells), on Saturday, 17th May. Service at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Headmaster of Wimborne School. Luncheon in Church House at 1.30 p.m., price 2/9 (drinks extra). Those intending to be present should notify the Secretary by the 13th, as accommodation is limited. Annual meeting will follow luncheon. Other bells available Poole (8), St. Giles', Camford, Sturminster Marshall (6).—F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting for practice and social intercourse will be held at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. Business meeting, including election of officers, to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. D. Barker, Northern District Master, 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.1.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Brinklow, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of this society will be held at East Retford on Empire Day, May 24th. By kind permission of the Vicar of East Retford and the Rectors of West Retford and Ordsall respectively, the peal of 10 bells and two peals of six will be at the disposal of ringers from 1.30 to 8.30. Tea at Howard's restaurant at 5 at a reasonable price, half cost to members and full cost to others, will be provided for those who inform G. W. Metcalf, Beardsall Row, Retford, not later than May 20th. Members of kindred Associations will be welcomed.—H. Haigh and A. Beck, Hon. Secretaries.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on Monday, May 26th, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 29th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) ready 2.30.—F. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 3 o'clock; Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 27th; business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A monthly meeting of this society will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Fortieth annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday next. 3 p.m., service in the Cathedral with an address by Rev. D. B. Bardey, Vicar of Braintree; 3.45 p.m., annual meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 5 p.m., tea at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, 1s. 3d. each to members, 2s. 6d. non-members. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: The Cathedral (12 bells), Gallywood (8), Boreham (8), Gt. Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6). To ensure accommodation at the tea notice must be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than June 5th.—C. H. Howard, Master, H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.), now demobilised, wishes all Branch Secretaries or others who desire his presence at meetings, etc., to communicate with him at 'Broadlands,' Grosvenor Road, Caversham.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul Street, Ramsbottom.

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

**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.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Islington. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: H. Franks 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, G. F. Symonds 3, J. W. Cornford 4, G. J. Smith 5, J. Bullock 6, M. Fensom 7, R. F. Deal 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Camberwell, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Flower, junr., 1, H. Franks 2, G. V. Gasson 3, T. H. Taffender 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. W. Cornford 6, J. Bullock 7, M. Fensom 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, G. Harman 15. Longest length on ten bells by ringers of 2, 3 and 6.

**SLOUGH.**—On Easter evening, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: T. S. Smith 1, Gladys Bateman 2, W. Hewett 3, F. I. Hairs 4, W. H. Fussell 5, W. Hanley 6, Corpl. C. Woodberry (conductor) 7, Alfred Perryman 8. The steeplekeeper kindly 'stood out' for a visitor.

**EASTER SERVICE RINGING.**

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples: H. Blundell 1, F. Hopper 2, J. C. Dean 3, W. Atterbury 4, S. J. Lawrence 5, W. J. Allen 6, Driver W. Farey, R.A.S.C., conductor, 7, W. Farey, junr., 8. Arranged for W. Farey, senr., the highly respected leader of All Saints', who was home on leave.

**ST. ALBANS.**—On Easter Monday, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1368 changes), in 62 mins.: A. Hull 1, E. P. Debenham (conductor) 2, C. V. Hare 3, J. Malyan 4, F. C. Rice 5, A. J. Simms 6, T. J. Hull 7, E. D. Livermore 8, W. H. L. Buckingham 9, G. W. Debenham 10. First quarter-peal by ringer of the tenor, and first in the method by the ringers of the 4th, 5th, and 6th.

**A HELPING HAND.**

For the benefit of the widow and children of the late Mr. Joseph Ridyard, members of the Lancashire Association, of which the deceased ringer was a vice-president, are organising a draw in which the prizes include a set of handbells, and other articles. Those who wish to lend a helping hand in this matter can do so by sending to Mr. A. Trippier, The Glen, Eccles; Mr. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne; or Mr. W. H. Shaker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester. The tickets are only 1d. each.

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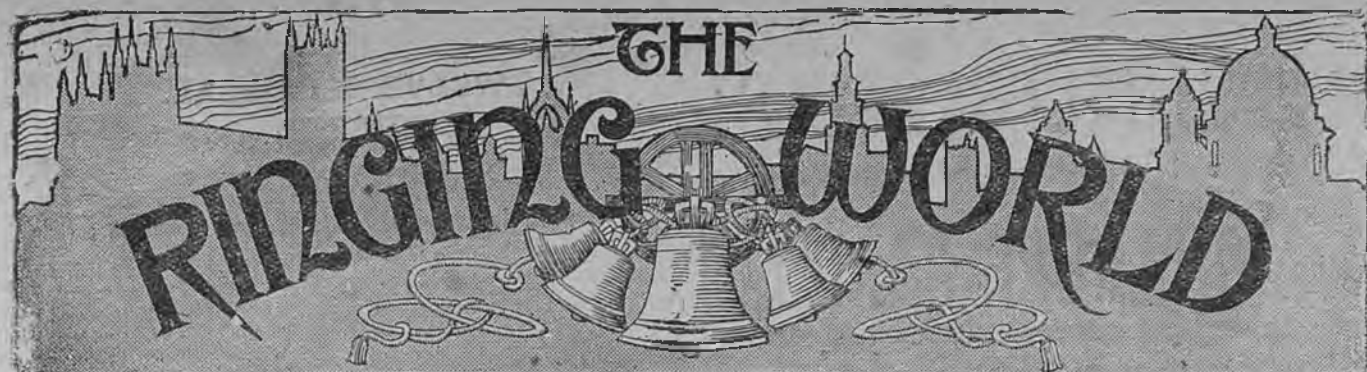
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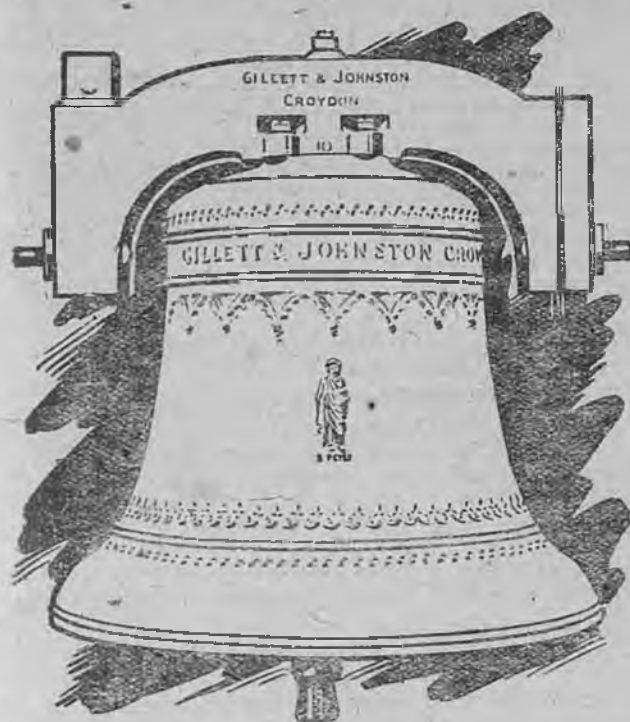
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The spice of uncertainty about every peal attempt adds to the interest of the ringing, and it has often been remarked that peals would not be half so much sought after if one were certain of scoring every time an attempt was made. There is a lot of truth in this, so far as the actual ringing is concerned, but when one has passed the winning post, as it were, and 'this is all' has been called, it requires a very equable temperament to realise without a feeling of disappointment that one's efforts have been in vain. But the chances which have to be taken in peal ringing add considerably to the interest of a performance. There are so many factors which may make for failure—a trip, a change course, a mis-call, a broken rope, and many other things—including the interruption of a curate, as well as the human element in the band itself, that the chances are really very largely against success. The standard of ringing has, of course, reached a high level in the last ten or fifteen years, but it is probable that even now there are more peals lost than rung. And it is well for the art that it is so. If success were always certain there would be no ambition, and ringing would lose a large part, if not all, of its charm and attraction.

For the officers' band, meeting under special circumstances for a purpose not readily attained, and one which, probably in a short time, will be finally beyond reach, the unhappy ending is all the more disappointing from the fact that the loss was not due to the risks of the actual ringing. The great hope will be that they may have the opportunity of meeting again, and that shortly, to carry to deserved success that of which they have now been denied. Unfortunately they are already split up by the departure of at least one of the band on distant military duties, but, the British Army having conquered the Hun in war, this little band of representatives ought to be able to make this conquest in one of the fields of peace.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
At St. Mary's Cathedral,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 35 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE... .. Treble	HARRY FLANDERS ... .. 7
*ARTHUR EDWARDS ... .. 2	*HENRY F. COOPER ... .. 8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 3	ALFRED PYE ... .. 9
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 10
*WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 11
*THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 6	*ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This was the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells and also Mr. J. George's 100th peal on 12 bells. \* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM T. HOLDING ... Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 6
RICHARD LANGFORD, SEN. 2	GEORGE HARDING ... .. 7
*HARRY OVERTON ... .. 3	*JOHN DENTITH ... .. 8
†RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 9
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 5	*WILLIAM EDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING.

Rung as a memorial peal for the railwaymen who have fallen in the Great War. All the band are employed by the L. & N.W. Ry. Co., and they take this opportunity of thanking Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke (Master of the Chester Guild) for making arrangements for them to ring the peal on this date.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters on an inside bell.  
First peal of Caters as conductor.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
At the Bell Tower,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31½ cwt.

FRANK JINKS... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 6
CPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 7
FRANCIS S. WILSON ... .. 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS... .. 8
HERBERT JORDAN... .. 4	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 9
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 5	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CPL. J. D. JOHNSON.

F. S. Wilson hails from Tewkesbury and G. W. Checketts from Worcester.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

W. IRELAND... .. Treble	A. W. LERDER ... .. 5
W. C. WISKENS ... .. 2	T. FORD... .. 6
G. BAILEY ... .. 3	C. MORE ... .. 7
G. ARCHER ... .. 4	J. SOUTER, ... .. Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE, of Ipswich.

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Rung on Accession Day and as a farewell peal to G. Bailey of Rickingham, a wounded and now discharged soldier, who was leaving his native village for Aylesham District. The peal was also a birthday compliment to W. Ireland.



LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8784 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY GOODALL ... .. Treble	HERBERT HAIGH ... .. 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM B. FRITH ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition is now rung for the first time and contains the sixty course ends.

MIDSOMER, NORTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

*S. CARTER ... .. Treble	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 5
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD ... .. 2	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 6
*WILLIAM KEEVILL ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
JOHN G. HANBLETON ... .. 4	THOMAS GRIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

DOVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. Mary's Society.)

On Wednesday, May 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... Treble	HORACE WHITEHEAD ... .. 5
CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... .. 2	HERBERT J. SAUNDERS ... .. 6
RICHARD H. STEVENS ... .. 3	GEN. W. WELLING, R.G.A. 7
CHARLES TURNER ... .. 4	*CPL. G. A. GODFREY, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEN. W. WELLING.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled with the exception of the tenor which was open at back stroke, in token of respect to Nurse Cavell, whose body arrived in Dover during the ringing, and rested in the town till the following morning.

The ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are ex-soldiers, the treble man having been eight months a prisoner in Germany.

\* First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

FRANK WAGSTAFF ... .. Treble	THOMAS BETTISON ... .. 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 6
CHARLES MASON ... .. 3	THOMAS RILEY ... .. 7
EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung to welcome back to civilian life C. Mason and J. Moss.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
HERBERT RANN ... .. 2	HENRY STALHAM ... .. 6
GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. 7
EDWARD BRAY ... .. 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

**SIX BELL PEAL.**

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES W. COOPER ... Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3	JOHN BASS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Minor. This peal was arranged on the 50th birthday of Mr. W. Ranford and was his 50th peal. His peals have been rung in 29 different towers.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

At RATCLIFF HOUSE, THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. E. SYMONDS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS. ... 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	*FREDERICK J. H. SARA ... 7-8

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On Thursday, May 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 size in A.	
THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 3-4	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: ALBERT E. NORMAN.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, May 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. FEERICK, 63, SOMMER LANE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANCES;**

*THOMAS C. KELLY ... .. 1-2	†MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 3-4	THOMAS MILLER ... .. 7-8
†ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

Witness: J. FEERICK.

This composition has 6th 24 times wrong and right.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells. ‡ First peal on handbells. 150th peal by M. J. Morris.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in One Hour and Thirty Minutes.

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. D. MATKIN, 145, POPLAR AVENUE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

CHARLES BRAGG ... .. 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 3-4
DANIEL MATKIN ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Witness: H. BRAGG.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. Matkin.

A start was made for a peal of Bob Minor, which was lost after 1,000 changes. Time then being short, the above was rung. The visitors wish to thank Mrs. Matkin for her kind hospitality in providing tea after the peal.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SATISFACTORY FINANCES.

The annual meeting of the Sussex Association at Brighton on Saturday week attracted about 80 members from all parts of the county, including Brighton, Eastbourne, Chichester, Horsham, Lewes, Battle, Seaford, Hove, Uckfield, Mayfield, Rotherfield, Little Horsted, Ruffborough, Lindfield, Heane, Burgess Hill, Crawley, Shoreham, Billingshurst, Bolney, Aldington, etc. Lieut. Cyril Johnston (Croydon) and Mr. W. C. Hunt (Nottingham) were also present. The fine peal of ten bells at St. Peter's Church attracted the members during the early part of the afternoon, and the business meeting was then held in St. Peter's Parish Room, the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins) being in the chair. Nineteen new members were elected, and the whole of the officers re-elected.

The annual report stated that in spite of the war the Association had continued its work and had paid its way. Six district meetings were held during the year, and were fairly well attended. The report concluded by urging members to do all in their power to further the work of the Association, and expressing pleasure at seeing many ringers, who had served with the Forces returning home, and to these a cordial and hearty welcome was extended.

The balance sheet showed that the receipts had exceeded the expenses by £2 6s. 1d. There is a balance on the General Fund of £83 16s. 1d.; on the Reserve Fund £50, and on the Benevolent Fund £38 15s. Of these balances £50 is invested in 5 per cent. War Loan, and £49 13s. 4d. in 5 per cent. War Stock.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

An alteration was made to the rules, empowering the committee in each Division to arrange the district meetings, instead of leaving the matter to the general meeting of the respective districts.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. R. Butcher) was appointed to represent the Association at the next Central Council meeting, and Brighton was again chosen as the venue for the next annual meeting.

High tea was afterwards served to the members at the Gloucester Hotel, and a service was subsequently held at St. Nicholas' Church, the curate officiating, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, and giving an address from the words: 'Love the brotherhood.' Ringing afterwards took place on St. Nicholas' bells, and the whole day's proceedings were very enjoyable.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### BIG GATHERING AT BRAINTREE.

A meeting of the North-Eastern Division, Essex Association, was held at Braintree, on Saturday week, there being an attendance of 80 members from Bocking, Braintree, Rayne, Stebbing, Kelvedon, Witham, Fars Colne, Maldon, Stisted, Dunmow, Boreham, Yeldham, Sible Hedingham, Notley, and Felsted. This was the largest gathering of ringers in Essex since the conclusion of the war, and the record numbers for a district meeting testified to the revival of interest in ringing in the county. During the afternoon and evening numerous touches were rung upon Braintree church bells. Service was held at the Parish Church, the Vicar of Braintree, the Rev. D. B. Barclay, officiating, and the address was given by the Rev. E. J. Doherty, Vicar of Felsted.

At the invitation of the Vicar of Braintree and Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, tea was served at the church schools, and the annual meeting followed, Mr. H. F. Cooper, Stisted, the District Master, presiding. Several new members were admitted, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Tey.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. sec. to the Essex Association, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Felsted for his sermon; to the Vicar of Braintree and Mr. Howard for the bounteous tea; and to Dr. Meechen, organist at Braintree Church, and the choir for the musical portions of the services, and all those gentlemen responded.

Mr. C. H. Howard said the arrangements for the tea were very kindly made by Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Bromage, Mrs. Bradbury, and Mrs. Fortescue. He expressed regret that Mrs. Howard, who was greatly interested in the gathering, was unable to be present on account of illness. He thanked the churchwardens of Braintree, and the chairman of the Braintree Urban Council for their attendance. Mr. Howard stated that the Essex Association was formed at Writtle on Whit-Monday, 1879. Braintree was a little ahead of the Essex Association, for change ringing was introduced at Braintree Church at Easter, 1879. Up to then there had been 'Churchyard Bob' and other primitive methods of ringing church bells, but no recognised order of change ringing. There were two Braintree ringers present that day (Messrs. W. H. Dyson and F. Rudkin), who were members of the band at Braintree Church on Easter Day, 1879, and it was largely due to the Braintree ringers that the Essex Association was formed. In four years the Braintree ringers established a record, for in 1883 they rang at Braintree the first 720 of London Surprise Minor that had ever been rung in the southern counties of England (applause). Mr. R. J. Johnson, J.P., chairman of the Braintree Urban Council, who also responded, said some very noted people had been produced at Braintree, and among them were certainly their old ringers (hear, hear).

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### DORCHESTER BRANCH PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Dorchester on Thursday week, was well attended by members from St. Peter's, Dorchester; Fordington, Wyke Regis, Upwey, Charminster, Cerne Abbas, West Lulworth and Bournemouth, and the best use was made of the bells at the fine old church of St. Peter, as well as those at Fordington. The Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary of the East Dorset branch) and the Rev. A. C. B. Dobie (Cerne Abbas) was the preacher. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea at St. Peter's Institute, and the business meeting followed, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the Branch), supported by the Revs. W. G. Barclay (Charminster), A. C. B. Dobie and C. A. Phillips, Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis (hon. secretary and treasurer), and Miss Ward, Mr. F. G. Longman (parish warden of St. Peter's) was in the vice-chair.

The Chairman, in extending a welcome to all present, bore tribute to the admirable manner in which the depleted bands of ringers had carried on during the trying years of the war. Every effort had been made to bring on other ringers, and in some parishes ready help had been forthcoming from lady ringers (hear, hear). That was an innovation, and it was the first time they had had lady ringers at their festive board, and heartily did he welcome them (applause). He trusted that the ladies would not think that the time had arrived for them to give up, but that they would continue as ringers, for they were always welcome in the towers. That was the first gathering of the branch that had been held since the early days of the war, and he trusted that many pleasant gatherings were in store in the future.

The financial statement, showing the substantial balance in hand of £9 18s. 11d., was regarded as highly satisfactory, and adopted.

The Hon. Secretary reported that no meetings were held during the year, although informal visits had been paid to Upwey, Abbotsbury and Dorchester, while at most of the towers there was ringing for the Armistice. Regret was expressed at the death of the Rev. Canon S. E. Davies, of Wyke Regis, a staunch supporter of the Guild. Dorchester had brought on some lady ringers to fill the gap made during the war, and Wyke had also trained several young lads. Attention was called to the fact that some of the bells in the branch towers wanted restoring and augmenting in numbers, and this was considered to be a fitting opportunity to commemorate fallen ringers.

Mr. Dawes was again elected chairman, Mr. G. T. White was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. W. J. Benger, Assistant Ringing Master.—Mr. C. H. Jennings was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and a warm tribute was paid to his enthusiastic services.—Mr. J. T. Godwin (Dorchester) was appointed to succeed Mr. S. G. Hodges as branch representative on the Guild Committee.

A discussion took place as to the provision of a memorial for the following members of the branch who had made the supreme sacrifice:—Messrs. Anderson (Wyke Regis), H. Brake (Upwey), W. Drake and F. Samways (Hilton), E. Foot (Buckland Newton), W. J. New (Leigh), F. Northover (Charminster), W. A. Painter (Dorchester), and H. Wilson (Milton Abbas). All belonged to the Dorset Regiment with the exception of Anderson (Wilt's Regiment) and New (Durham Light Infantry).—Mr. H. Thomas (Fordington St. George) proposed that a memorial tablet should be erected in Dorchester St. Peter's tower, and that subscriptions be invited from all the towers in the Dorchester branch. Although some towers had not lost a member, he was certain that they would gladly contribute their mite to such a memorial (hear, hear).—The Rev. W. G. Barclay, seconding, said it would be most appropriate to have the memorial in the great and central church of St. Peter's.—The proposition was agreed to unanimously, and Mr. Longman expressed pleasure at the selection of the site.

The meeting confirmed the election as life members of the following three ringers who have been stationed in the county while on military service: Messrs. Booth (Emberton, Bucks) L. V. Crabbe (Charminster), E. Morris (Leicester). The following new members were elected: The Misses Morgan, Frisby, Bugler, and Tyrrell (Dorchester St. Peter's); the Misses Barclay and Virgin (Charminster); Messrs. T. Groves and Lock (Charminster); and Messrs. John Harvell and William Whittle (West Lulworth).

The Chairman expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Canon H. C. Coote (Rector of St. Peter's), who took great interest in the ringers and the bells, and proposed a vote of thanks to him for his kindness in lending the Institute, coupled with the hope that he would speedily be restored to health. He also tendered hearty thanks to the ladies for providing the bountiful tea.—The votes were accorded with acclamation, and responded to by Mr. Longman.—Thanks were also accorded to the Rev. C. A. Phillips for arranging the service, and to the Rev. A. C. B. Dobie for his excellent sermon.

It was left to the hon. secretary to arrange the next quarterly meeting, and it is hoped to again hold these gatherings regularly.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### FESTIVAL TO BE REVIVED.

On Saturday week, the General Committee of the Guild met at G.W.R. Temperance Institute, Reading, and considering the restricted train service and the high railway fares, was well attended.

The chief item of business was to arrange for the annual festival, which has been in abeyance since the fateful year 1914. It was decided to hold the festival at Oxford on Saturday, July 19th next. Service at the Cathedral will be followed by the business meeting in Chapter House, and lunch in the dining hall, if permission can be obtained.

Owing to the enhanced price of all commodities, it was decided that it will be impossible to make any refund on dinner tickets, as in past years, but, to show appreciation and gratitude, it was resolved to invite all members who have served in Navy or Army during the war as guests of the Guild.

Various other items and useful suggestions were discussed.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who presided, afterwards invited those present to partake of tea, which was gratefully accepted and enjoyed.

Ringling was indulged in at St. Lawrence's and St. Mary's Churches. Now that the Master is a civilian again, a prosperous future for the Guild may be confidently hoped and looked for.

### A THRIVING BRANCH.

On Easter Monday, the members of the East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual gathering at Windsor. It was the first occasion on which as an organisation they had visited the Royal Borough, and the proceedings were of a successful nature, a party of over 100 members and friends expressing universal satisfaction. The Diocesan Guild, as a whole, musters 167 towers, and has 2,010 members throughout the diocese, while the East Berks and South Bucks branch numbers 31 towers and 454 members.

During the afternoon numerous touches were rung on the Parish Church bells by members of the party, and later a visit was paid to the Curfew bells, which were also rung, much to the gratification of those taking part.

The Mayor of Windsor (Councillor W. Carter) took a prominent part in welcoming the ringers, and was present with some 85 members and friends at a service at the Parish Church at 5 o'clock, this being taken by the Dean of Windsor (Dr. Albert Baillic), assisted by the Rev. J. R. Nash.

During the service, which was choral, the hymns, 'Christ the Lord is risen again,' 'Thy Kingdom come, O God,' and 'Now thank we all our God,' were sung, the lesson being read by Mr. Nash. Mr. Malcolm Boyle, junr., presided at the organ.

The Dean of Windsor gave an appropriate address, in the course of which he said there were two points of view from which they could look at bell ringing, the personal part which it played in their lives and the public point of view—what it stood for in the national life.

A collection was taken in aid of King Edward VII. Hospital, Windsor, and realised 30s.

After the service a tea, and the annual meeting were held at the Church Institute, where excellent preparations had been made to receive the party, which numbered over 100.

The Mayor presided, and those present also included Canon G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), Capt. J. H. Freeborn (Sutton), Revs. S. W. S. Riddlesdell (Bray), Clifford Toogood (Warfield), and J. F. Amies (Charlton St. Peter), Mr. C. H. Woodberry (Wolverley), Mr. E. Weatherby (Market Drayton), Mr. C. Farr (Curfew Tower), Messrs. J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), J. Blackmore (Beaconsfield), R. Randall (Penn), J. Brant (Winkfield), G. Twitchee (High Wycombe), J. Evans (Hughenden), J. Gutteridge (Old Windsor), G. Martin (Boyne Hill), G. Alder (Burnham), J. L. Kirk (Cookham), E. T. Hooper (Slough), T. S. Smith, A. Patch and A. Higgs (Windsor), T. Fuller (Wargrave), J. H. Barnes (Great Missenden), R. T. Hibbert, Pulling, Webb and Cox (Reading), Hewitt, Ronzetta, W. Garrard and H. Brown (London), W. Lawrence and Miss Jones (Ealing), J. A. Trollope (Acton), Misses Williams and Feltham (Hillingdon), Miss Gudgeon and Mr. Harding (Fulmer), Misses Bateman (Stoke Poges), Misses Smith (Boyne Hill), the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough), and other towers represented included Braywood, Bray, etc.

At the opening of the meeting, the Mayor alluded to a letter received from Canon Drummond, expressing his regret at being unable to attend, and stating that he felt it would be necessary to elect a younger man to occupy the position of President of the Branch.

### SECRETARY'S SATISFACTORY REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary presented the annual report, which showed that their Guild membership continued to increase, and, by the end of this year, he estimated that their branch alone would be 600 strong (applause). In the total of 454 for the year 1918 it would be seen that they had 75 non-resident members, who were all competent change ringers, from various parts of England and who had gladly joined their prosperous branch; 13 of them last year alone. The hon. members now mustered 48, and several had joined since Christmas.

so that they were over 50, a record the performing members much appreciated. The ladies still increased in number and usefulness in the belfry, a complete team of eight joining from Windsor. Several fresh names had to be added to their Roll of Honour, and the sad list of killed in action at present stood at 25 for their branch. One of their energetic members of High Wycombe (Mr. W. Horne) passed away soon after Armistice Day, and Miss Dancer, of Fulmer, one of the first of the Fulmer ladies, died during this year. The removal of Sir John Herschel to Surrey deprived them of a good friend. The number of towers in union was now 30, and they would be glad to hear that a fresh one had joined this year—Penn—with a strong team of young ringers under Mr. Randall. He emphasised the valuable services rendered to the Branch and to the Church generally by the local steeplekeepers who had done regular and full duties week after week to maintain the tower and bells in proper order. In conclusion he remarked that the Branch Committee would go away from Windsor that day with greater pride and interest in the old English art of bell ringing and their duties as Churchmen, after the hospitable manner in which the Dean, and the Mayor of that ancient Borough had come to encourage them and their humble calling as bell ringers (applause).

The balance sheet showed that the branch commenced the year with £12 18s. 4d. to their credit: the total receipts were £40 15s. 7d., and after expenses had been met there was a balance in their favour of £19 13s. 2d. During the past three years the Branch had paid £38 3s. 4d. to the Diocesan treasurer.

The report and balance sheet, which were considered eminently satisfactory, were unanimously adopted.

Canon A. H. Drummond having, after some 40 years of presidency, again expressed a desire to be relieved of the position, it was decided to ask Canon P. H. Eliot (Rector of Slough) to accept the position, he having formerly occupied the position of vice-president. It was further agreed to appoint the Rev. F. M. Blackie (Vicar of Windsor) to the office of vice-president.

The branch committee was then re-elected.

Mr. George Gutteridge was recommended as a qualified instructor in the place of Mr. R. Flaxman (Slough), deceased.

Mr. Fussell was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer and was cordially complimented on his useful work for the branch.

Canon Coleridge, in the absence of Canon Drummond, addressed the meeting and congratulated the branch on the admirable manner in which it had carried on during the past 4½ years of war, for it had, he remarked, been a very uphill task for ringers generally. He exhorted all to go on to the higher methods of bell ringing, and so reach perfection. Personally he had been a ringer for something like 43 years, and began as an undergraduate at Oxford in 1876. Since its formation the Guild had flourished extraordinarily, and after all the gloom and sadness of the war he hoped they now had a happy augury for a bright and prosperous future for the Guild in general and for the East Berks and South Bucks Branch in particular (applause). He wished them good luck and good bells in that and the coming years (applause).

### A PRESENTATION.

The Mayor, on behalf of the members of the branch, presented Mr. R. Buckland, of Beaconsfield, with a handsome silver-plated biscuit box, suitably inscribed and engraved with a bell, on the occasion of his marriage; and Mr. Buckland heartily thanked all who had contributed to the gift.

Allusion was made to the fact that one of a fine peal of twelve bells at High Wycombe was cracked, and it was decided to make a strong recommendation to the Diocesan Guild to give a substantial grant towards its repair.

Twenty-five certificates of membership were distributed, and a guinea was voted to the 'Goldsmith Testimonial Fund.'

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed as follow: To the hon. subscribers for their generous support during the four years of war; to the Dean of Windsor for his address, and for his permission for the members to use the Curfew bells; to the Rev. E. M. Blackie and churchwardens for the use of the bells of St. John's, and to the Rev. J. R. Nash for assisting at the service in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the Vicar; also to the choir and organist; to the Mayor of Windsor for his presence; to the workers who had organised the tea, which included Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith, Mr. Cropley, one Windsor ladies, and the Misses Roe (3), of Eton, who ably attended to the needs of the party; and to the hon. secretary and treasurer for his valuable services.

The Mayor expressed his pleasure at the visit of the ringers, to whom he said he offered a warm welcome, and congratulated them on their excellent ringing of the Parish Church bells.

### MR. JOHN W. TAYLOR.

For some weeks past Mr. John W. Taylor, head of the well-known Loughborough firm, has been seriously ill, but his many friends throughout the country will be glad to learn that his condition has now improved, and that immediate danger is past.



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## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern District was held on Saturday last at St. Ann's, Highgate. Although a number of Northern members were conspicuous by their absence, touches were brought round in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Forward Major.

At the business meeting, two new members were made, and the following officers were elected: Master, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. district secretary, Mr. F. G. Symonds; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Walker; steward, Mr. W. G. Matthews. A short touch on the handbells brought a pleasant evening to a close.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Willington on Saturday, the Rev. — Kingston being in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. Copeman, Vicar of Everton, and Mr. E. P. Duffield, hon. secretary of the Association. There were 38 members present from Bedford, Sharnbrook, Turvey, Biddenham, Elstow, Sandy, Roxton, Northill, Pilton and Biggleswade, and the local company.—Eight new members and one hon. member were elected.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Milton Ernest on Saturday, May 31st.—Mr. Duffield expressed the hope that all ringers would take in the ringing paper, so that it would get into all towers.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding over the meeting, and to the ladies for providing tea. The motion being acknowledged by the Vicar.—The ringing during the day ranged from Doubles to Treble Bob Minor.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

### MEETING AT CORRINGHAM.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Corringham on Saturday week, and was well attended, ringers being present from Gainsborough, Scotter, Brigg and Bigby, in addition to the local company. During the early part of the afternoon a very heavy thunderstorm, accompanied by a deluge of rain, came over the locality, and prevented others from being present. The bells, a nice ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and well utilised in ringing the standard methods, and also rounds for a number of learners.

Through the generosity of the Rev. R. Thornton (Vicar of Corringham) and Mrs. Thornton, the members partook of an excellent tea in the Schoolroom, after which the Vicar, on behalf of himself, Mrs. Thornton and the Corringham ringers, gave a most hearty welcome to the Guild, and also gave some very good advice to those present.

The Rev. H. T. Parry, on behalf of the Bigby ringers, expressed their gratitude and appreciation of the kind hospitality shown by the Rev. and Mrs. Thornton. He stated they had, that afternoon, foregone attending one of their own district meetings, as the notice of the one at Corringham was the first to reach them. They also enjoyed the company of the members in the Gainsborough district, and the opportunity of visiting such a beautiful church.

The business meeting followed, and was presided over by the Rev. R. Thornton. Seven new members were elected: Mr. H. Lydgett (honorary), Messrs. W. Martin, E. Middleton, A. E. Green, Wm. Pitchfork, W. Prestcott and F. Ingram, performing members, all of Corringham.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in June, at Stow and Willingham, the former to be the headquarters.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the business, after which a return was made to the church, and further ringing indulged in, which brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

## WAR MEMORIALS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—What I consider to be a very fine suggestion is contained in the report of the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, as reported in the current number of 'The Ringing World.' It is to the effect that, while ringing the peace celebrations, 'an effort should be made wherever possible to ring at least one peal and have it recorded in each tower.'

Every ringer will agree that the occasion presents a very unique opportunity. In many places, peals are never rung, because of the annoyance caused to certain people whose premises are under the shadow of the belfry, but here is an opportunity that no one can possibly take exception to, so I would emphasise the suggestion that wherever the requisite number of men can be got together, they should mark the occasion by ringing something that will worthily commemorate for all time the greatest day in the nation's history. — Yours, etc.,

Newton House, Gloucester.

A. ALLAN BENNETT.

## THE OFFICERS' BAND AT CROYDON.



Back Row (from left to right): 2nd-Lieut. E. P. Duffield, R.A.F.; Lieut. C. F. Johnston, 3rd Grenadier Guards; Lieut. A. E. Reeves, R.D.C.; 2nd-Lieut. W. C. Duffield, Norfolk Regt.; Capt. J. H. R. Freborn, 4th York and Lancs Regt.; 2nd-Lieut. York Bramble, R.A.F.  
Front Row Major J. H. B. Hesse, R.A.S.C., M.T.; Major Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C., S.C.F.; Lieut. E. M. Atkins, R.E.; Capt. Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, C.F.

Although the efforts of the ten officers to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's, Croydon, on May 3rd, have turned out to be fruitless on account of the composition, the above picture, taken outside the Church, is an interesting record of a unique gathering. The greatest obstacle to another attempt by the same band in the near future is that military duties have now taken Lieut. W. C. Duffield to Ireland. Eight of the above took part in the first officers' peal, rung at Putney on March 15th last, the two officers brought in to complete the ten bell band being Major the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Lieut. A. E. Reeves.

## THANKS TO SOLDIER RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the All Saints' Ringing Guild, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, the following resolution was passed: 'That the hon. secretary be instructed to write to the "Ringing World," expressing grateful thanks to all the soldier ringers who have been stationed in the district at various times during the war, for their kindly assistance in giving us a helping hand, and in promoting the art of change ringing and that good fellowship that exists among ringers. No less than 60 have visited the tower during the war, and now they have all left the district, we wish them every success and prosperity.—Yours faithfully,

C. H. JENNINGS.

Hon. Secretary, All Saints' Ringing Guild, Wyke Regis.

## HASLEMERE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see under the heading of the Winchester Guild, Guildford District, it is reported that an entirely new peal of eight will shortly be hung at Haslemere. I regret to say that this remark is rather premature. It is quite true a scheme has been on foot for some time for recasting the whole peal and increasing the tenor from 9 cwt. to approximately 12 cwt. It has been suggested that this be done as a Church War Memorial, and it is now put to the vote of our congregation to know their decision. Failing this, I hope a 'Bell Fund' will be started, and in the course of time the necessary funds collected. An estimate has been obtained from Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and no doubt the work will be placed in this well-known firm's hands when the necessary funds are collected.  
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**CROYDON, SURREY.**



**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN BRANCH.**

Thanks chiefly to the kindness of the 'clerk of the weather,' the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held what proved to be a very successful meeting at the pretty little village of Overbury, on Saturday week. Owing to the fact that Overbury does not boast a railway station, the humble bicycle was strongly in evidence, but no one minded cycling on such a day, and the first party to arrive presented quite an imposing spectacle, being some sixteen strong. The Vicar (the Rev. W. Lea) welcomed the visitors at the tower, and said belfry prayers, after which the fine and easy-going peal of six bells was raised and kept going in rounds for the beginners, and various methods, throughout the afternoon. Perhaps, the most interesting feature of the ringing was a few rounds rung by a band composed entirely of ladies, two of whom were so youthful that they could scarcely reach the sallies.

Service followed, at which the Association's special form of service was used, the lesson being read by the Rev. F. C. Champion (the ringing curate of Bredon, who has recently entered the district). — The Vicar, in his address, touched on the pleasure it gave him to see so many ladies taking up this branch of church work. He also remarked on the very fitting memorial scheme of the Association to erect a stained glass window in Worcester Cathedral, to their members who had made the supreme sacrifice in the service of King and country.

Through the generosity of Lady Martin, of Overbury Court, a bounteous tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, to which nearly 60 sat down. The introduction by the Vicar to the meeting of Lady Martin and Lady Larpent was greeted with applause, Lady Larpent briefly replying.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed. Two new honorary members (including Lady Martin) and several performing members were elected, the latter including Miss Olive Cotton and Miss Rosalie Johnson (both of Hinton), young ladies of only thirteen summers.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Pershore, subject to the approval of the Vicar, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Overbury, with Mr. W. Payne as conductor.

For the benefit of those absent from the annual meeting, the Secretary (Mr. J. Hemming) explained the Association's memorial scheme, and appealed to all to do their utmost to quickly raise the necessary money. The usual votes of thanks were carried with applause, the Vicar, Lady Larpent and the Rev. F. C. Champion replying, the two last mentioned remarking on the splendid welcome they had received, although coming to the meeting as complete strangers.

No meeting would be quite complete without the handbells, and at the special request, and to the no small pleasure of Lady Martin, the familiar 'Bluebells' and various other selections were rendered, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Cuters successfully brought round.

A move was then again made to the tower, and further ringing indulged in, while a few of the more venturesome spirits visited and made use of Kemerton bells. Thus ended a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon, and what constituted a record meeting for this part of the county since the formation of the branches.

The following towers were represented: Areley Kings, Bredon, Bredons Norton, Eckington, Pershore, Fladbury, Toddington, Stanton, Brefforton, Bengeworth, Evesham, Hampton, Hinton-on-the-Green and the local band.

**THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.****FIRST MEETING SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR.**

A meeting of the Framland Society was held at Croxton Kerrial on Saturday week, and from all points of view was an undoubted success. Well struck touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor interspersed with rounds for the recruits, were rung throughout the afternoon, and there was evensong in the church, which was well attended.

An excellent meat tea was served in the Schoolroom, over 60 members sitting down. Afterwards a short meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar of Croxton (the Rev. — Brown), who extended a hearty welcome to the society, as that was the first meeting they had held since the outbreak of war. By a strange coincidence also, the very first meeting of the society was held at Croxton on May 21st, 1876. He had much pleasure in informing the members that the hon. secretary (the Rev. C. Holmes) had arrived home from active service that morning, but was sorry he could not be with them that day. He had, however, sent a message wishing them every success.

On the proposition of Mr. R. H. Bartram, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the caterers, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to Mr. R. Mount, of Waltham, who had arranged for the meeting in the absence of the secretary.

It was arranged that the half-yearly meeting should be held at Waltham in October, and for the annual meeting the arrangements were left with the secretary.

Ringers were present from Croxton, Bottesford, Melton Mowbray, Waltham, Eaton, Hogs, Harby, Long Clawson, and Wymondham. The bells were kept going in various methods until late in the evening.

**NOTICES.**

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**PARISH CHURCH, HIGH WYCOMBE.**—Empire Day, May 24th. Dedication of new Belfry Clock and Memorial Tablet at 4 p.m. Ringing at intervals from 3 till 9 p.m. Organ Recital, vocal solos, etc., Parish Church, 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Proceeds to fund for recasting 6th bell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of this society will be held at East Retford on Empire Day, May 24th. By kind permission of the Vicar of East Retford and the Rectors of West Retford and Ordsall respectively, the peal of 10 bells and two peals of six will be at the disposal of ringers from 1.30 to 8.30. Tea at Howard's restaurant at 5. Members of kindred Associations will be welcomed.—H. Haigh and A. Beck, Hon. Secretaries.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, on Saturday, May 24th (Empire Day). Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. The Cathedral bells will also be available. Tea in Slater's Institute, High Street, at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, Hon. District Sec., North Myms, Hatfield.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 3 o'clock; Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 27th; business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on Monday, May 26th, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 29th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) ready 2.30.—F. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A monthly meeting of this society will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GUILDFORD.**—A memorial service for officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 'Queen's' R.W.S. Regiment who have lost their lives in the war will be held on Saturday, May 31st, at 3.30. Ringers who have served with the regiment, or are otherwise entitled to receive tickets, will be welcome to take part in the ringing after the service.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berrow, near Burnham-on-Sea, on Saturday, May 31st. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The May meeting will, as usual, be held at Bennington on May 31st, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be provided by the kindness of Canon Mills. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parochial Hall. Business after.—Will all who can kindly notify me of their intention to be present, so that provision can be made?—W. H. Lawrence, District Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, May 31st. Bells at Elham also available. Service in Church at 4.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting after at Mrs. Ketchell's tea rooms (close to the station). Tea will be provided free for members; the names of those desiring tea should be sent to me by May 27th at 7, Westcliff Gardens, Folkestone.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 4 p.m.; meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Mottram, Saturday, May 31st.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whetton on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing from 3—8 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) both at Shenley and Loughton will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.15, tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided by the Vicar (Rev. J. R. Vincent) to those who send me notice of their intention of being present not later than May 30th.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 69, Windsor St., Bletchley.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, June 7th. Eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) from 3 o'clock. Electric from Sheffield to Woodseats.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Fortieth annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday next. 3 p.m., service in the Cathedral with an address by Rev. D. B. Barclay, Vicar of Braintree; 3.45 p.m., annual meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 5 p.m., Tea at Hick's Restaurant, High

Street, 1s. 3d. each to members, 2s. 6d. non-members. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: The Cathedral (12 bells), Gallywood (8), Boreham (8), Gt. Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6). To ensure accommodation at the tea notice must be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than June 5th.—C. H. Howard, Master, H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham.

**ARKSEY SOCIETY.**—The dedication of two new bells (to complete octave), a brass memorial tablet, and Cambridge Chimes will take place in the Parish Church, Arksey, on Whit Monday, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Sheffield. A cordial invitation is given to all ringing friends. Bells available after service. Tea will be provided in the Hall grounds, 1s. each. Those wishing to attend, please notify me not later than 31st May. New Village cars run from Doncaster every fifteen minutes.—H. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec., Arksey, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Whit Monday. Bells ready at 2; service at 5. Poolstock bells from 2 to 4.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday June 9th. Ringing at All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Giles', St. Sepulchre's and St. Edmund's from 10 to 12. Service at All Saints Church at 12.30, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Hunt. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel, Market Square, at 1.30. Business meeting to follow. Luncheon, 3s.; members half-price. Will all those requiring lunch please let me know not later than June 2nd? The bells of All Saints', St. Giles', St. Edmund's, St. Sepulchre's and Kingsthorpe will be available after the meeting until 7 o'clock.—Fred Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—General Meeting at Maidstone on Whit Monday, June 9th. Committee meeting in the Old College, 11.15 a.m. **MEMORIAL SERVICE** at All Saints', 12 noon. Offertory for the Association War Memorial. Business meeting in the Old College, 2 p.m. Travelling expenses up to 2s. 6d. will be paid to members after the service. Towers open for ringing: All Saints' (10), St. Michael's (6), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), East Farleigh (6), Barming (6).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.), now demobilised, wishes all Branch Secretaries or others who desire his presence at meetings, etc., to communicate with him at 'Broadlands', Grosvenor Road, Caversham.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul Street, Ramsbottom.

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

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**DEATH OF A WOLVERHAMPTON RINGER.**

The death of Herbert Jones, of St. Peter's company, Wolverhampton, took place on April 24th, at the age of 43 years, and his remains were laid to rest in the Wolverhampton Cemetery on the 29th. Early in August, 1914, the deceased volunteered his services for the Army Service Corps, and went to Avonmouth, where he, with others, had to 'rough' it, as proper accommodation had not at that time been made for ordinary comfort. Indeed, it is more than probable that under such conditions the foundation of his illness was laid, the cause of death being consumption. In 1916 he was discharged as medically unfit for service, and from that time up to his death he was unable to follow his employment.

The deceased was a native of Shrewsbury, and among other places went to Sheffield, where he joined the St. Marie's company. In the latter part of 1912 he arrived in Wolverhampton, when he soon became attached to St. Peter's tower. Although he kept no record of the peals he helped to ring, it is known that he scored about 20, among which were Grandsire Triple, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Maximus.

The deceased leaves a widow and six children to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was made at St. Peter's on May 3rd, but a change course brought it to an untimely finish.

Mr. Thomas Walker, hon. secretary of the London County Association, has again been re-elected churchwarden of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

£55 has been promised towards two treble bells to be added if possible to St. John the Baptist's Church, Royston, Herts, making the ring into a peal of eight.

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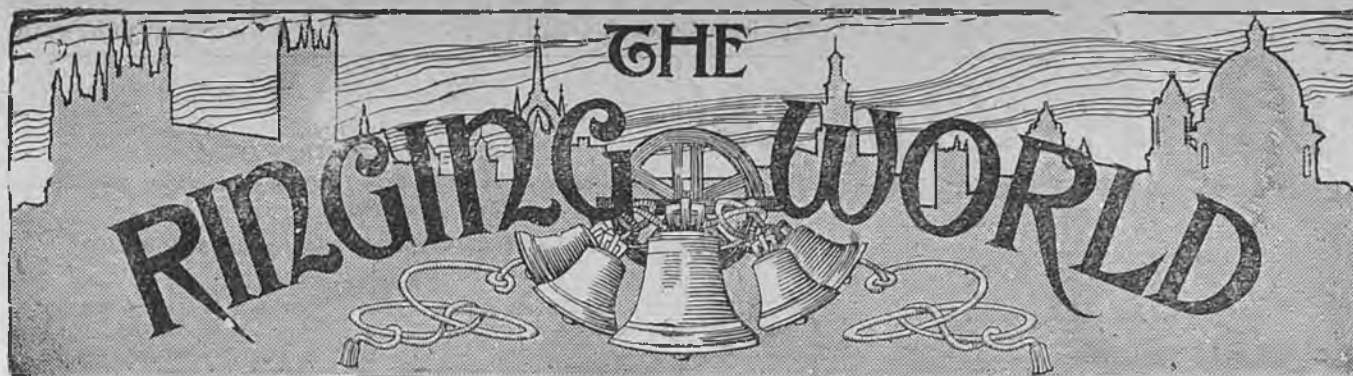
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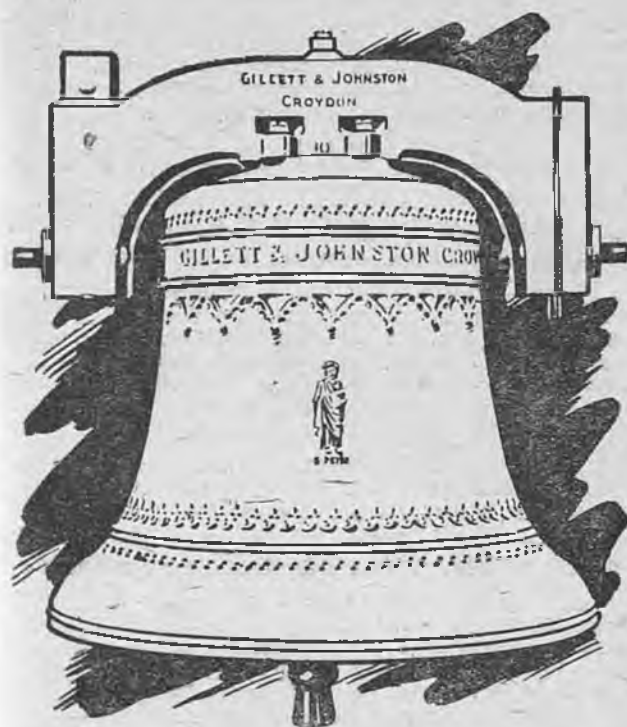
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The Central Council Meeting at Gloucester next Tuesday week will be the first held in the provinces for five years, the last one held out of London having been that at Winchester in 1914. Last year's gathering in the metropolis broke the hiatus which was caused in the series by the war, and was, in a sense, little more than the picking up of the threads of the work which the Council had in hand when the sterner demands of the conflict caused the abandonment of meetings after that of 1915. With the revival of the Council's activities, the Exercise hoped to see a larger scope given to its work, but unless something practical comes out of the adjourned discussion on "The means most likely to conduct to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council," there is nothing in this year's agenda to suggest any widening of the Council's usefulness or of the interest in its doings.

True, the most commonplace agenda may provide the most unexpected developments, and we hope that out of the discussion upon itself, the Council will find a means by which its future value to the Exercise may be enhanced. At present it is living largely upon its past, and before it can hope to be considered by the rank and file of ringers as anything more than a figurehead of the Exercise, it must do something to remove that indifference to its existence which prevails among the majority of ringers. No one can deny that in its earlier days the Council did much valuable work, but to retain the confidence of the Exercise in it, even as an advisory body, it must show continued activity and unceasing work of practical interest and utility.

Except for the Peals Analysis Committee, whose labours are substantial and really appreciated by the Exercise, there is not one of the old-standing committees who have reported any real progress for years. We know we shall be told that the war has caused delay, but a good deal of what is now held up from this cause might have been given to the Exercise before war broke out. It is the eternal dallying from year to year that in the past has made the man in the belfry so indifferent to the Council and all its works, and he looks upon the various pious resolutions discussed by the Council and placed upon record as so much waste of breath and ink. Now this is not as it should be. The Council fills a distinct place in the organism of the Exercise, which nothing else at present in existence can occupy. It is the connecting link between the associations which cover the country, and should be foremost with proposals to advance the art. We look to the Council to realise its true position and the services which it still can render to the Exercise, and we hope that out of the discussion at the next meeting, something really practical will result.

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**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

HARRY THORPE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ... 6'
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 7
WILLIAM WEBB ... .. 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 8
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On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
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CHARLES CAMM ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 6
ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 4	HENRY CHANCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

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On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 5
HERBERT PIERCY ... .. 2	JOHN SNELLING ... .. 6
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CHARLES BAKER ... .. 4	CHAS. T. P. BRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.  
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WEST MALLING, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

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LEONARD MANNERING ... Treble	F/Sgt. F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 5
THOMAS MANNERING ... 2	RICKS PAINE ... .. 6
CHARLES WINNER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*TITUS BARLOW, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE PINGOTT ... .. 5
TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
*HAROLD ODDY ... .. 4	*SAMUEL MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal in the method.



## STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE STOKS ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 22 cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. ... Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 5
CHARLES H. PAGE ... 2	RICHARD DEAL ... 6
ARTHUR CLAY ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
FREDERICK PAGE ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Frederick Page's 50th peal. The ringers of the six and tenor were made members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

## STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH ... Treble	EDMUND H. JOHNSON ... 5
OSWALD J. HUNT ... 2	WILLIAM T. COX ... 6
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 4	GEORGE WEBSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.

Rung in honour of Empire Day; also as a welcome home to the ringers of 4, 5 and 7, who have been demobilised.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
TITUS BARLOW ... 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	J. E. MARKLAND ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S six part.

Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY MARCHANT ... Treble	JAMES A. HART ... 5
CHARLES TRIBE ... 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 6
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ... 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... 4	TRAYTON BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day, at the request of the Rector (the Rev. — Laing), who very heartily welcomed the ringers and also provided an excellent tea after the peal. Messrs. Booth, Edwards and Hoad hail from Salehurst; Marchant, Pierpoint and Hart from Uckfield; Turner from Lewes; and Tribe from Tenterden, Kent.

## NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ten-part.

Tenor, 13 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH ... Treble	EPHRAIM MARKS ... 5
HARRY HOPKINS ... 2	WALTER SEAR ... 6
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 3	HARRY SEAR ... 7
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 4	RICHARD NICHOLS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SEAR.

Rung in honour of Empire Day, also for the induction of the Rev. E. M. Ellis to Newton Longville. The new Vicar thanked the ringers at the conclusion of the peal.

First peal as conductor.

## COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	*ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 6
C. RISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 7
Q.M. Sgt. G. PRATE, A.I.F. 4	WILLIAM FISHER ... Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON and conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung in honour of Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to Miss Knight, daughter of Mr. H. Knight, the much respected Hon. Sec. of the above Society, and to L. Barnett, a member of the local company.

\* First peal in the method.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANDREW LAYTON ... Treble	DAVID HORNE ... 4
CORPL. E. W. TURNER ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
CHARLES LAYTON ... 3	GEORGE JORDON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

## WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

comprising 720 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholar's Pleasure, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODCOCK ... Treble	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... 4
*HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	CHARLES WALSH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Specially arranged and rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest sympathy for those of the district who have fallen in the Great War.

W. Woodcock and C. Walsh hail from Darfield, the others belong to local band.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In 7 methods, viz.:—Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... 4
THOMAS GARLEY ... 2	GEORGE VALENTINE ... 5
ANDREW BLAXLEY ... 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLAXLEY.

This is the first peal by the conductor as such and it was arranged and rung in celebration of his daughter's 21st birthday, which occurred on the above date. It was also a coming-of-age peal to the daughter of Mr. W. C. Lewis, another local ringer, which occurred on the previous Sunday.

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.

## CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

being 42 six-scores called in 10 different ways. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Treble	EDGAR BOURTON ... .. 4
HARRY THATCHER ... .. 2	HARRY PROUT ... .. 5
CHARLES THATCHER ... .. 3	ALBERT SHERBORNE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells, and first by all except the conductor.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

*MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 5-6
JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	*GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 7-8
*MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Umpire: MR. A. WINDSOR.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal in the city of Leeds. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on handbells by all, and rung at the first attempt. First peal on handbells in the method by the conductor. \* First peal of Royal in the method.

It is upwards of 40 years since a peal of Royal in the method on handbells was rung by the Yorkshire Association.

This peal was rung on a peal of handbells specially lent by Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, and the band would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for this and many other favours.

## THE NEW PEAL AT CLAPHAM.

The new peal of bells by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, just installed at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, will be opened on Saturday, June 7th. Ringers of all Associations will be welcome, and captains or secretaries of bands should communicate to the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Ensor) the number of any visitors intending to come. The arrangements are as follow:—3 p.m., Dedication Service; 3.45 p.m., First Touch by the Ancient Society of College Youths; 5.0 p.m., General ringing, under the superintendence of Mr. Cockerill; 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage, to be followed by ringing until 9 p.m.

The most direct way to the Church is via Balham, and not via Clapham Park Road.

## THE J. S. GOLDSMITH'S TESTIMONIAL.

To enable me to bring this successful and interesting scheme to a close, I shall be glad if those who still have lists and amounts in hand will kindly forward these to me with as little delay as possible.

As amounts so liberally continue to come in, it is intended to keep the fund open for the present.

JAMES GEORGE,

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

13, Dolman Road, Aston, Birmingham.

BOLTON.—On Sunday, April 27th, for special service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Barlow, junr., 1, T. Barlow, senr., 2, J. Potter 3, H. Oddy 4, G. Pincott 5, W. Pennington 6, P. Crook (conductor) 7, T. Bratby 8.

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## CHESTER GUILD MEMORIAL SERVICE.

## IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT STOCKPORT.

Arranged on the lines of the memorial service at St. Clement Dunes, an impressive service for fallen members of the Stockport and Bowden Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Stockport. The proceedings commenced with half-muffled ringing on the Parish Church bells. As the congregation assembled Mr. T. L. Symes, L.R.C.M., deputy organist, played an appropriate selection, and the choir boys filed into the church from the vestry to the exquisite strains of the familiar air, 'O rest in the Lord.' The officiating clergymen were the Rev. F. A. Sereeton, Vicar of Norbury, and the Rev. A. T. Beeson, of New Mills, hon. secretary of the Guild.

The opening hymn, 'O God, our help, in ages past,' was followed by the chanting of Psalms xxiii. and cxxi. As first lesson the Vicar of Norbury read the lines from Longfellow's 'Golden Legend,' commencing 'The bells themselves are the best of preachers.'

The hymn, 'On the Resurrection morning,' was followed by a lesson from 'The book of Wisdom,' iii. to v. 9, beginning, 'But the souls of the righteous are in the hands of God.' The Rev. A. T. Beeson also said prayers for the King and all in Authority, for sick and suffering Ringers, for the Sorrowing and Bereaved, and then read the Roll of Honour of Ringers in this Branch of the Guild, as follows:—

Pte. Arthur R. Fielding, R.E., Stalybridge; Pte. Frederick Fielding, A.O.C., Stalybridge; Sapper Ernest Haythorn, R.E., New Mills; Cpl. Edwd. Ardern Hulme, Stockport, 8th Ches. Regt.; Sergt. James Wm. Leigh, R.E., Northenden; Pte. William Oldham, Stockport, 6th Ches.; Pte. Herbert Williamson, of Norbury, Royal Lancaster Regt.; Cpl. John T. Bottrill, R.M.L.I., non-resident; Sec.-Lieut. Harry Washbrook, King's Lanc., non-resident.

A prayer followed for our Fallen Ringers, and then, whilst the congregation remained kneeling, came from the west end of the church the sweet music of handbells, a plain course of Grandsire Triples rung by H. Meakin 1-2, W. Jackson 3-4, H. Jackson 5-6, E. A. Jackson 7-8. The hymn, 'Jesus, lover of my soul,' was followed by the address.

Speaking from the lectern, from Hebrews xi. 13—'These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off'—the Rev. F. A. Sereeton paid an eloquent and touching tribute to the dead, and spoke of the lessons of their great self-sacrifice. As was, he said, a fitting thing in the members of a Guild like that, when the bells were sending out their voice of mournfulness and more often of joyousness, calling men and women to higher things, that they should remember those who had been their comrades and had passed within the veil. They missed those comrades, they had hoped they might come back and join them in the familiar task, and now that they must leave them in the inner presence and undying love of the Father who pitieth His children, the holy and sacred duty was cast upon them of seeing that their blood had not been spilled in vain, and that they really were going to build up a better world.

At the close of the address, the hymn, 'For all the Saints who from their labours rest,' was sung, an offertory being taken meanwhile. Closing prayers were offered, then the 'Last Post' was sounded by buglers with fine effect, and after the Blessing the organist played the 'Dead March.'

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung by A. Barnea (Reddish) 1, J. W. Washbrook, senr. (Pendleton) 2, J. Deal (Manchester) 3, G. Warburton (St. George's) 4, Wm. Gordon (St. Mary's) 5, J. W. Washbrook, junr. (Pendleton) 6, J. Hankinson (St. Mary's) 7, H. Chapman (Pendleton) 8, A. S. Gordon (St. Mary's) 9, F. Welsh (St. George's) tenor.

Before the service, ringers from Ashton, Miles Platting, New Mills, Reddish, Hyde, Pendleton, Poynton, Wistaston, Manchester, and local towers, took part in several touches, and after the service many went to St. George's, where Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung until 9 o'clock.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A very successful and interesting monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Brinklow, when about 25 members attended from Allesley, Coventry, Grendon, Nuneaton and Rugby. The bells are a handy ring of six, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor were brought round upon them, including a well-struck 720 Bob Minor, the first 720 on the bells by the Allesley and Stoke-in-Coventry members.

During the ringing, the Rector visited the tower, and welcomed the members of the Guild. After the bells had been lowered he described the interesting features of the ancient parish church, which was much appreciated.

An enjoyable hour was afterwards spent with handbells, songs, etc. It was pleasing to see among those present several domiciled soldiers, including Messrs. A. Roberts and E. Johnson, of Stoke-in-Coventry; H. Stone, of Nuneaton; A. J. Hession, of Rugby, and others.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GLOUCESTER MEETING.

The 27th annual meeting of the Central Council will be held at Gloucester on Whitsun Tuesday. The Standing Committee will meet at 9.45 a.m., and the general body at 11 a.m. in the Chapter House of the Cathedral. It was in this chamber that William the Conqueror gave the order for the Domesday book.

The agenda for the meeting includes the voting of a humble address to His Majesty.

Reports are to be presented by the following Committees: Peal Collection, Literature, Legitimate Methods, Peals Analysis, Towers and Belfries, and Bells of Belgium.

There are only two motions on the agenda, viz.:-

To continue the adjourned discussion on the means most likely to conduct to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council, and, if thought desirable, to move a resolution thereon.

To consider a proposal for the revival of the ancient Peace Bell on Fridays at noon, and, if approved, to pass a resolution thereon.

At 6 p.m. the Dean of Gloucester will personally conduct members of the Council over the Cathedral, and they are afterwards to be entertained to tea by the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The ancient premises, occupied by the famous firm of founders, the Rodhalls, will be open to the inspection of members after tea.

On Whit-Monday a number of peals of bells in the city and district will be available for ringing.

## THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

### REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE FOR 1918

The cessation of hostilities in November was the occasion of an immediate turn in the tide of peal ringing, so that half the tower bell peals rung in 1918 were recorded in November and December, the two months showing a total of 114 peals out of 229.

The Analysis is presented in the same form as in the last two years the tower and handbell peals being given in separate tables; and the Committee would be glad to have the opinion of the Council as to whether such an arrangement should be continued in future years.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations each rang 31 peals on tower bells, Gloucester and Bristol coming next with 16. But while 15 of the Lancashire peals were Grandsire Triples, and 18 of the Yorkshire peals were Treble Bob Major, it will be seen that the 16 peals of the Gloucester and Bristol Association appear in ten different columns in the Analysis.

The greatest number of handbell peals was again rung by the St. Martin's Guild, viz., 15, of which nine were Stedman Cinques, not including one peal on April 4th, which unfortunately proved to be false. The Ancient Society of College-Youths come next with eight peals, of which four were also Stedman Cinques; and it is noticeable that, out of the 48 handbell peals, 16, or exactly one-third, were Stedman Cinques, two being rung by the Middlesex Association, and one by Worcestershire and Districts.

The number of ringers taking part in their first peal was 71: first tower bell peal, 6; first handbell peal, 20; first with a bob bell, 1; first as conductor 4; first on handbells as conductor, 2; while one Canadian ringer scored his first peal in England.

There were six 'first on the bells,' and two 'first since restoration,' and we may expect, with the return to peace conditions, that there will soon be a large increase in these last two figures.

Lady ringers are much in evidence, and we find first peals rung by ladies, at the ages of 14 and 15, while in a peal of Grandsire Doubles, all the ringers (mere males) except the conductor, were in 'their teens,' two being under 14. First peals on handbells were also achieved by ringers of the ages of 13 (two), 14 and 15. At the other end of the scale we find peal ringers of 68 (first peal), 70 (two), 76 and 81! A handbell peal at Lavenham by father, son and grandson is worthy of notice.

Muffled peals numbered 37, of which 22 were for those who have fallen in the war; while the signing of the Armistice produced 47, five were rung as a welcome to President Wilson, and three for successes in the war. One peal was to celebrate the winning of the Military Cross by a local ringer, and the dedication of a memorial chapel, a screen and a window gave occasion to three more. Six peals were arranged for soldiers' home on leave, and seven were rung for the King's silver wedding and birthday.

Ecclesiastical occasions of peals include the following: Welcome to new Incumbent, 4; Patronal Festival, 4; 50 years' service in the Church, 30 years as Vicar, Harvest Thanksgiving, Watch Night Service, Sunday School Anniversary, one peal each.

There were two Association peals, two Centenary peals, two for the Bicentenary of the first peal of Treble Bob, and one for the Bicentenary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples. Farewell peals numbered 4; wedding peals, 8; birthday peals, 29; and one peal was rung to celebrate election day.

The committee look forward to much more arduous duties in the years to come, and to making a much greater demand in the future upon the space of the 'Ringing World' for the insertion of the

Analysis; and in this connection they would like to express their appreciation of the unvaried excellence of the reproduction of the Analysis in the 'Ringing World.'

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GEORGE WILLIAMS, West End, Southampton.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

### POINTS FROM THE REPORT.

We extract the following from the annual report:-

The year 1918 is chiefly memorable by the signing of an Armistice on the part of Germany—the first step in a series of complicated negotiations which we hope may be closed by a dignified and abiding peace. Our thoughts naturally recur to those ringers who have fallen in the war, whom we mourn and miss, as well as to those who are being day by day restored to us, whom we welcome back to their accustomed places in our depleted belfries. We have done our best to keep the bells going for Sunday Services in their absence, and not altogether without success, but our progress has been necessarily delayed during the war service of so many experienced ringers, and we are looking to them (nor shall we look in vain) for help in bringing forward those who have been waiting with admirable patience for opportunities of practice and of advancement in their noble art.

For over ten months the most critical and fateful period of the war was experienced, and a further call for men brought ringing activities to a very low ebb; but when on November 11th the clouds were lifted there were only very few of our towers from which the message of victory was not rung out by the bells. Our district meetings were very successful, and at most the attendance very good. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. H. E. Wills for his kind invitation to St. Croydon, and the good reception which we received from our Surrey neighbours and comrades. May such cordiality be the forerunner of many more such meetings for our mutual enjoyment and advantage! The number of peals recorded show a slight increase on the previous year: 11 being rung, seven on tower bells and four on handbells. Forty-two quarter peals were reported.

It is with regret that we have to record the resignation of Mr. H. C. Chandler, who has acted as honorary secretary of the South and West District for the past twelve years, an office in which he did most useful work for the Association, which we feel sure has been valued by us all, and will be remembered with appreciation. The membership of the Association stands at 721. Death and other causes removed the names of 36, while 43 new members were elected during the year.

We have lost the services of Messrs. J. Barry, J. A. Boote, G. Buggs, W. Childs, W. J. Cooper, K. G. Hawkins, R. H. Hayward, L. A. Licence, J. Martin, W. J. New, B. Prewett, F. Roper and R. E. Stavert, and F. G. Tegg by death, ten of whom fell on the battlefield. All were good and loyal members, and as service ringers most regular in their attendances. Some advanced to a very high position as ringers, and many peals stand to their names, particularly to that of Bertram Prewett, with a record of 953 peals, 236 of which he conducted. They bore the true type of Christians, ready and willing to assist where their services could be most useful. We commend their souls to God's holy keeping, and extend our truest sympathy to their bereaved relatives. Their record will long remain revered by all whom it was a real pleasure to know.

In the matter of bell restoration, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have completed the rehanging of the peal of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, and have in hand the work of rehanging and adding of two trebles to the peal at Westminster Abbey, and the necessary work to the frame and bells at St. Clement Danes. Other minor repairs have been carried out in the county.

Again our thanks are due to our joint honorary secretaries for their efficient services during the past year. The work that Mr. Ornam has done for us in the absence of Mr. C. T. Coles merits our highest appreciation. He has acted with a zeal and discretion which those who are in frequent contact with him cannot fail to admire, and we congratulate the members of the South and West District for their discernment in electing him to succeed Mr. Chandler on his retirement from the office he so ably filled as secretary of the South and West District of the Association.

## LADIES' SERVICE RINGING.

Conducted by Miss Cissy Thorp, two 504's Grandsire Triples, in which altogether six ladies took part, were rung for service at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Sunday, May 18th. One was rung before morning service by Mrs. W. Wolstencroft 1, Miss Ethel Grimshaw 2, Miss Doris Ouden 3, Miss Ada Wolstencroft 4, Miss Cissy Thorp (conductress) 5, J. Harrison 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, F. Fiddler 8. The other was prior to evening service by Mrs. W. Wolstencroft 1, Miss Doris Ouden 2, Miss Cissy Thorp (conductress) 3, Miss Ada Wolstencroft 4, Miss Sarah Holt 5, John Harrison 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, F. Fiddler 8.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Prestwich, Manchester, are, we hear, shortly to go into the melting pot at the Loughborough Foundry.

Members of the Central Council who require any information in connection with their visit to Gloucester at Whitsun should communicate with Mr. John Austin, whose address is 38, Lysons Avenue, Bristol Road, Gloucester.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild has had close upon 60 per cent. of its members serving with H.M. forces during the war. We wonder whether any other association has done better!

In this connection it may be mentioned that the eight bell tower of Bradpole had 18 ringers in the war, while Lytchelt Minster, a six-bell tower, had an even larger proportion, with 17 of the band serving. More remarkable still, both these towers succeeded in maintaining a band at home to keep the bells going.

Last Wednesday was the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters, which was rung at Horsleydown on May 28th, 1787.

Two treble bells have been given to Royston Church by two anonymous donors and a few friends. These bells have to be hung, and any further gifts towards this object will be gratefully received.

Difficulty having been experienced in finding a substitute for a sick sexton, who rang the bell for the services at Holy Trinity Church, Bedford, a sidesman, Mr. S. E. Watkis, invented and fitted an electric ringer, which is switched on and off from the vestry. The electric chiming apparatus, however, is not new.

Lieut. York Bramble holds the rank of full lieutenant and not second-lieutenant, as erroneously given under the photograph in our last issue.

## RINGING FOR THE KING AT BIRMINGHAM.

'ROCKED IN THE CRADLE OF THE STEEP(LE).'

On the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to Birmingham on May 21st, the bells of the Cathedral were rung by official request, and the ropes were manned by a company of the St. Martin's Guild. Ringing commenced at 9.30, and was continued in various methods, and with intervals for luncheon, etc., until 5 o'clock.

Punctually at 10 o'clock as the King stepped on to the platform at New Street Station the bells were 'fired' as a royal salute, and with good effect. We have since heard that the vast concourse of people crowding the route of the royal procession, which passed close to the Cathedral, was partly interested and partly alarmed at the evolutions of the weather vane on the dome, which oscillates and wobbles to an almost unbelievable extent. However, while we did not break the vane we almost succeeded in breaking our hearts, and were quite successful in breaking three ropes, an electric lamp shade, and many blisters. You can have it with us that the belfry of St. Philip's, Birmingham, on a broiling hot day, and with about seven hours' ringing to be put through, is not to be recommended as a health resort. We know of many places to be preferred.

However, such a day has its compensations, and it may safely be said that everyone was happy—especially after lunch. Luncheon was arranged at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, and a capital spread was enjoyed by a company of twenty. Also a capital view of the royal procession was obtained—better than many folk had paid guineas for.

At 3.30 the brilliant idea was conceived of taking the handbells up on the dome, and ringing there a touch of Stedman Cinques whilst the tower bells were also being rung. Agreed! The cupola is carried above the dome by six pillars, and the spaces between the pillars are just wide enough for a man to stand therein. Six spaces, six men. Evidently built for this very thing.

After much toiling and heavy breathing, too soon after lunch, the handbell men arrived at the top, and almost immediately the tower bells 'let her go.' There are doubtless some towers that swing more than this one when the bells are going—but doubtless not much. After a while we got our sea legs and 'Go, Stedman Cinques' was called. A very decent couple of courses were brought round at the first time of asking, but what the music sounded like it is difficult to describe. The tower bells rumbled below like the bourdon pedal of a large and not over-tuneful organ. Tenor 29 cwt. in D. Handbells, size 17 in B.

The touches were as follows: Handbells, two courses, Stedman Cinques, by: A. Paddon Smith 1—2, A. Walker 3—4, J. E. Grove (conductor) 5—6, T. Russam 7—8, W. Kent 9—10, M. J. Morris 11—12. Tower bells: 408 Stedman Triples: J. Carter 1, W. H. Godden 2, J. Jagger 3, C. Williams 4, E. Mansell 5, J. Neul 6, J. L. Wells (conductor) 7, J. George 8.

As His Majesty left for the station, the bells were 'fired' down, and the authorities have expressed their appreciation of the part the bells played in welcoming the city's exalted guests.

During the day, the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., was presented to H.M. the King, and the members wish to take this opportunity of congratulating him on this great honour.

A. P. S.

## ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1918.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Associations.	TOWER BELLS.														HAND BELLS.										Grand Total.	Total Points.	Average Points per Peal.			
	Cinquies.		Royal.		Caters.		Major.				Triples.		Total on Tower Bells.	Cinquies.		Caters.		Major.		Triples.		Total on Handbells.								
	Stedman	Grandsire	Cambridge Surprise	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Superlative Surprise	Double Norwich	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman		Grandsire	Minor.	Doubles.	Stedman	Plain Bob Royal.	Stedman	Grandsire	Canterbury Pleasure		Plain Bob	Stedman				Grandsire	Minor.	Doubles.
Points per peal	32	13	40	16	12	28	10	30	16	12	8	24	7			32	12	28	10	8	8	24	7							
Anc. Soc. College Youths	1					1						2	1		5			2				1	1				13	330	25'38	
Bath and Wells						1									3												5	41	8'20	
Bedfordshire						1					1				2												2	23	11'00	
Central Northants															3												7	64	9'14	
Chester Diocesan										1					1						1						1	13	12'00	
Devonshire																								1			1	5	5'00	
Dudley and District															4												4	37	9'25	
Durham and Newcastle	1									1	1		5	1	8												8	180	22'50	
Ely Diocesan												1			1									2			3	18	5'00	
Essex County											2				3												3	54	18'00	
Gloucester and Bristol	1	1	1									1	5	1	16												16	236	14'75	
Hereford Diocesan										1	1	1	1	1	6								1				7	85	12'14	
Hertfordshire												2			2												2	48	24'00	
Kent County										1	2	1	10	1	15								1				16	137	8'56	
Ladies' Guild													1		1												1	1	7	7'00
Lancashire		1										3	1	7	15	1	2	31									31	369	11'90	
Lincoln Diocesan						1									2												2	36	12'00	
Llandaff Diocesan															1	1	1										2	36	12'00	
London County					1										3												2	46	23'00	
Middlesex County															5												9	214	23'78	
Midland Counties															11												12	158	13'16	
Norwich Diocesan															2												2	20	10'00	
Oxford Diocesan															6												6	48	8'00	
Peterborough																												1	7	7'00
Royal Cumberland Youths	1														1												1	5	76	15'20
St. Martin's Guild	1	1										2	1		8			2									23	540	23'47	
Salisbury Diocesan															1												1	3	3'00	
Salop Archidiaconal															5												6	39	6'58	
Stafford Archdeaconry											1	1	6	1	10												10	199	19'90	
Surrey															2												2	14	7'00	
Sussex County															4												4	45	11'25	
Warwickshire																											4	56	14'00	
Winchester Diocesan															5												6	60	10'00	
Worcestershire															12												14	151	10'78	
Yorkshire										18	1				31												32	309	9'58	
Independent Societies							1				1				7									1	4	5	12	71	5'91	
TOTALS...	5	3	1	3	2	11	8	3	4	39	17	36	74	16	14	229	16	2	4	3	1	3	2	8	4	5	49	277	3776	13'53

The 12 peals rung under the title of Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties: Gloucestershire, 1; Leicestershire, 1; Suffolk, 2; Warwickshire, 3; Worcestershire, 1; Yorkshire, 2; Dublin, 1; Wicklow, 1.

The 35 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follow: In the Kent Variation, Royal, 3; Major, 30. In the Oxford Variation, Major, 2.

The 24 peals in Plain Methods comprised Bob Royal, 4; Bob Major 20.

The 38 peals of Stedman Triples may be sub-divided as follows: Thurstan's One-part, 1; Thurstan's Four-part and Variations, 28; Carter's peals, 2; Washbrook's peals, 6; Sir Arthur Heywood's 10-part, 1.

The 82 peals of Grandsire Triples may also be sub-divided as follows: Holt's Original, 8; Holt's 10-Part and Variations, 12; Holt's 6-Part, 1; Parker's 12-Part and Variations, 21; Parker's 6-Part, 1; Parker's 5-Part, 1; Taylor's peals, 9; Carter's peals, 5; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals, 4; Shepherd's peals, 2; Thurstan's 5-Part, 2; Vicars' peals, 2; Banks' peals, 2; other peals (including two unnamed), 12.

The 20 peals of Minor, viz., 16 rung on tower bells, and four on handbells, were distributed among the following Associations:—

Association.	No. of Minor Methods.			
	1	3	4	7
Bedfordshire				1
Central Northants			1	2
Devonshire Guild	1			
Ely Diocesan	2			
Gloucester and Bristol	1			
Hereford Diocesan				1
Kent County			1	
Lancashire	1			
Lincoln Diocesan	1			
Llandaff Diocesan	1			
Peterborough and District			1	
Worcestershire and Districts	1			
Yorkshire	2		1*	1
Independent Societies	1			
	11	3	1	5 Total 20

\* This peal, though rung in 10 different methods, fails to fulfil the requirement that only complete 720's should be rung.

The 19 peals of Doubles are shown in the following statement:—

Association.	No. of Methods.		
	1	2	3
Bath and Wells	3		
Central Northants	2		
Gloucester and Bristol	1		
Lancashire	2		
Salisbury Diocesan	1		
Salop Archidiaconal	1		
Worcestershire and Districts	1	1	
Yorkshire	2		
Independent Societies	4		1
	17	1	1 Total 19

The conductors of four peals and over are as follows:—8 peals, E. M. Atkins (H.B. 3), A. E. Edwards, J. E. Groves (H.B. 4), E. Morris and A. Wright; 7 peals, G. F. Swann (H.B. 4), and W. Fisher; 6 peals, C. R. Lilley (H.B. 1), W. Pye (H.B. 2), A. Walker (H.B. 5) and J. W. Washbrook; 5 peals, A. Knights, J. Pigott, W. Short and B. Thorp; 4 peals, J. D. Matthews (H.B. 3), H. R. Pasmore (H.B. 4), E. Stoneley, J. E. Sykes, S. H. Symonds (H.B. 3), T. H. Taffender and C. F. Winney (H.B. 3). There were 9 conductors of three peals, 17 of two (6 on handbells), and 88 of one peal (10 on handbells): in addition to which two peals were published without the name of the conductor being given.

Two ladies appear as conductors in 1918, viz., Miss Nellie Gillinham, who conducted the peal rung by the Ladies' Guild on January 5th, 1918, and Miss E. K. Parker, who conducted two peals of Stedman Triples for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. One of these peals was conducted from the tenor, which was been aptly described as 'an interesting and unique' performance which few even of our most accomplished ringers have achieved.

The number of peals rung on Church bells during 1918 was 229, and on handbells, 48. Owing to the signing of the Armistice on November 11th, we are able to record an increase of no less than 147 peals rung

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during 1918. The peals rung month by month in 1917 and 1918 are appended for purposes of comparison.

	1917	1918		1917	1918
January .....	7	13	July .....	5	18
February .....	7	16	August .....	12	28
March .....	8	7	September .....	12	14
April .....	13	15	October .....	10	18
May .....	8	15	November .....	14	43
June .....	9	15	December .....	25	75
	52	81		78	196

Total for 1917, 130; total for 1918, 277, being an increase of 147, as stated above.

The total number of peals, whether on tower bells or handbells, rung year by year since 1881, is as follows:—

1881... 156	1889... 7-7	1897... 905	1905... 1519	1913... 2359
1882... 244	1890... 699	1898... 1092	1906... 1313	1914... 1415
1883... 330	1891... 878	1899... 912	1907... 1339	1915... 259
1884... 419	1892... 802	1900... 924	1908... 1474	1916... 217
1885... 500	1893... 705	1901... 1191	1909... 1628	1917... 130
1886... 555	1894... 859	1902... 1313	1910... 1725	1918... 277
1887... 646	1895... 766	1903... 1469	1911... 1739	
1888... 759	1896... 791	1904... 1512	1912... 2329	

Grand Total, 36,861.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

### MEETING AT HANDSWORTH.

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Handsworth on Saturday week, in beautiful summer weather. The Parish Church of St. Mary, commonly known as Handsworth Old Church, is an ancient building of stone in the Decorated style, consisting of chancel with vestry, nave, aisles, and a battlemented tower about sixty-five feet high, with pinnacles at the angles, rising on the south side of the church near the east end.

Many famous men are buried here, among them James Watt, L.L.D. and Matthew Boulton, F.R.S., the eminent engineers. In the Watt Chapel there is a magnificent marble statue of the former by Sir Francis Chantrey, which is generally regarded as that sculptor's masterpiece. Indeed, it is said that during his lifetime Sir Francis would allow no one else to touch it, and always made a point of visiting the church from time to time to dust and clean it. There is also a monument of Boulton, the founder of the world-famous Soho foundry, and a bust of Wm. Murdock, one of the introducers of gas lighting. The old house of the latter, in Queen's Head Road, reputed to be the first house in Great Britain to be illuminated by gas, is still standing, though in a very dilapidated condition.

It is a very singular coincidence that three such remarkable men as Boulton, Watt and Murdock, should be living at the same time in the same parish. James Watt died on August 25th, 1819, and his centenary will be celebrated in Birmingham in great style. It is proposed to establish a Watt Museum, to which will be brought many interesting relics of the 'Steam Man.'

The bells are a light ring of eight, tenor about 12 cwt. in F sharp, and none too good. However, they go well, and were kept busy in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Tea was held in the St. Mary's Restaurant, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. Vice-President W. Kent took the chair. Among the new members elected were five of the local band, and it is hoped that a good company will soon be got together again at Handsworth. — Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, the Rev. Canon H. G. Daniell-Bainbridge, M.A., for the use of his bells, and to Mr. Danby, towerkeeper, for having everything in readiness. The next meeting will be held at Solihull.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Yorktown District took place at Pirbright on Saturday week, when the following towers were represented: Sunbury, Aldershot, Guildford, Dorking, Puttenham, Worplesdon, Hersham, Bagshot, Chertsey, Oatlands Park, Walton Hawley, Yorktown, and the local band, the visitors also including Mr. J. Shepherd, of Swindon, and Mr. R. Whittington. About 60 members attended the service, the Guild's form being used, and an excellent address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Neild).

A splendid tea, kindly provided by the local band, and presided over by the Vicar, was much appreciated by the visitors, most of whom had cycled many miles.

The business meeting followed, when the local band were elected members of the Guild, the Rev. A. Neild joining as an hon. member. Reports of the combined practices held were very encouraging, and it was decided to arrange one at each end of the district each month.

## NOTICES.

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**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday May 31st. Bells available 3 o'clock; service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 27th; business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Shepherd, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) ready 2.30.—F. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A monthly meeting of this society will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berrow, near Burnham-on-Sea, on Saturday, May 31st. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The May meeting will, as usual, be held at Bennington on May 31st, when the bells will be on during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be provided by the kindness of Canon Mills. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parochial Hall. Business after.—Will all who can kindly notify me of their intention to be present, so that provision can be made?—W. H. Lawrence, District Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Lymington on Saturday, May 31st. Bells at Elham also available. Service in Church at 4.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting after at Mrs. Ketchell's tea rooms (close to the station).—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 4 p.m.; meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Mottram, Saturday, May 31st.—Rev. A. T. Bleston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whatton on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing from 3—8 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Linton to-morrow, Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3; service at 5; tea at 5.45; business meeting after. All ringers are welcome.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Annual general meeting, for the election of officers, etc., will be held at the Parish Church (S. Mary's), Eastbourne, to-morrow, Saturday, May 31st, 1919. Tower opened at 3 p.m.; special service at 4.45 p.m.; tea 5.15 p.m.; by kind invitation of the Vicar of Eastbourne, the Rev. Canon Streatfield, M.A. (Rural Dean). St. Saviour's bells will be available at 6.30, by permission of the Vicar (Canon Whelpton, M.A.). Subscriptions for 1919 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Geo. H. Howse, Divisional Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 3rd, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards at "The Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) both at Shenley and Loughton will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.15, tea and business meeting to follow. —W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 69, Windsor St., Bletchley.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, June 7th. Eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) from 3 o'clock. Electric from Sheffield to Woodseats.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Fortieth annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday next. 3 p.m., service in the Cathedral with an address by Rev. D. B. Barclay, Vicar of Braintree; 3.45 p.m., annual meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 5 p.m., tea at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, 1s. 3d. each 10 members, 2s. 6d. non-members. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: The Cathedral (12 bells), Gallywood (8), Boreham (8), Gt. Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6). To ensure accommodation at the tea not ce must be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than June 5th.—C. H. Howard, Master, H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—General Meeting at Maidstone on Whit Monday, June 9th. Committee meeting in the Old College, 11.15 a.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE at All Saints', 12 noon. Offertory for the Association War Memorial. Business meeting in the Old College, 2 p.m. Travelling expenses up to 2s. 6d. will be paid to members after the service. Towers open for ringing: All Saints' (10), St. Michael's (6), Aylesford (8), West Mallin (8), East Farleigh (6), Barming (6).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Annual meeting at Exeter on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Cathedral at 3 o'clock with memorial of fallen members. Address by the Dean. Tea and meeting at St. Sidwell's Institute at 4 o'clock.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Hon. Sec., Holbeton, Plymouth.

**ARKSEY SOCIETY.**—The dedication of two new bells (to complete octave), a brass memorial tablet, and Cambridge Chimes will take place in the Parish Church, Arksey, on Whit Monday, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Sheffield. A cordial invitation is given to all ringing friends. Bells available after service. Tea will be provided in the Hall grounds, 1s. each. New Village cars run from Doncaster every fifteen minutes.—H. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec., Arksey, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Whit Monday. Bells ready at 2; service at 5. Poolst ck bells from 2 to 4.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday June 9th. Ringing at All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Giles', St. Sepulchre's and St. Edmund's from 10 to 12. Service at All Saints Church at 12.30, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Hunt. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel, Market Square, at 1.30. Business meeting to follow. Luncheon, 3s.; members half-price. Will all those requiring lunch please let me know not later than June 2nd? The bells of All Saints', St. Giles', St. Edmund's, St. Sepulchre's and Kingsthorpe will be available after the meeting until 7 o'clock.—Fred Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland on June 9th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells of Parish Church (tenor 11½ cwt.) will be available all day. A committee meeting will be held in the Cockton Church Hall close to the Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided in the same place at 5 o'clock. Those who intend to be present will kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 4th.—George T. Potter, Hon. Sec., 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury (8 bells) on Saturday, June 14th. Evensong 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Will intending visitors kindly notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 9th?

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern Division.—A "missionary" meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15th, starting from Kelvedon 9 a.m., via Inworth, Gt. Totham, Goldhanger, Tollesbury, and Tolleshunt D'Arcy. I shall be glad to hear from members who intend taking part as soon as possible, so that final arrangements can be made.—B. Redgwell, Dist. Sec., Rayne.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those who let me know on or before Wednesday, June 18th.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul Street, Ramsbottom.

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

**HANDBELLS AT Y.W.C.A.**

After a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, for evening service at Acton Parish Church, rung by: Miss Edith Jones 1, Challis F. Winney 2, Geo. M. Kilby 3, C. Edwards 4, R. Holloway 5, W. E. Judd 6, H. Langdon (conductor) 7, W. Lawrence 8, five of the band, by previous invitation, went to the hall of the Young Women's Christian Association at Ealing, and performed before an appreciative audience of the members, ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters on handbells 131 years old, cast by Robt. Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts. Refreshment was served by the ladies, and a pleasant time was spent.

**A LANCASHIRE EFFORT.**

The committee who have organised the draw for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Mr. Joseph Ridyard, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, have decided to extend the closing date for a month. The tickets are 1d. each, and the prizes include a set of handbells, and other articles. Those who wish to lend a helping hand should communicate with Mr. A. Trippier, The Glen, Eccles; Mr. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne; or Mr. H. Shaker, 106 Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

**NUTFIELD, SURREY.**—On April 22nd, a date touch of 1919 changes consisting of Oxford College Exercise and Kent Treble Bob, in 65 mins.: A. Huggett 1, H. Wood 2, A. Cheesman 3, T. Leeson 4, W. Cheesman 5, F. Hawking (conductor) 6.

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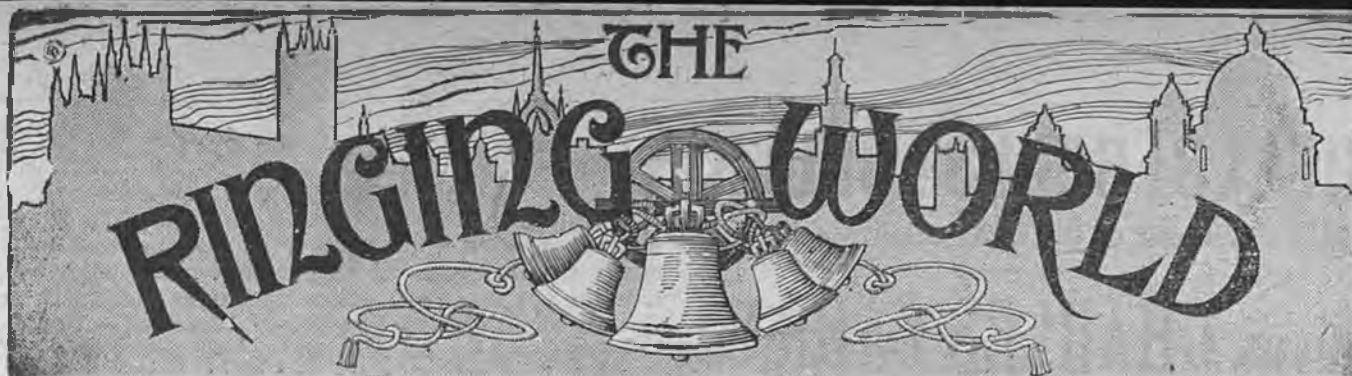
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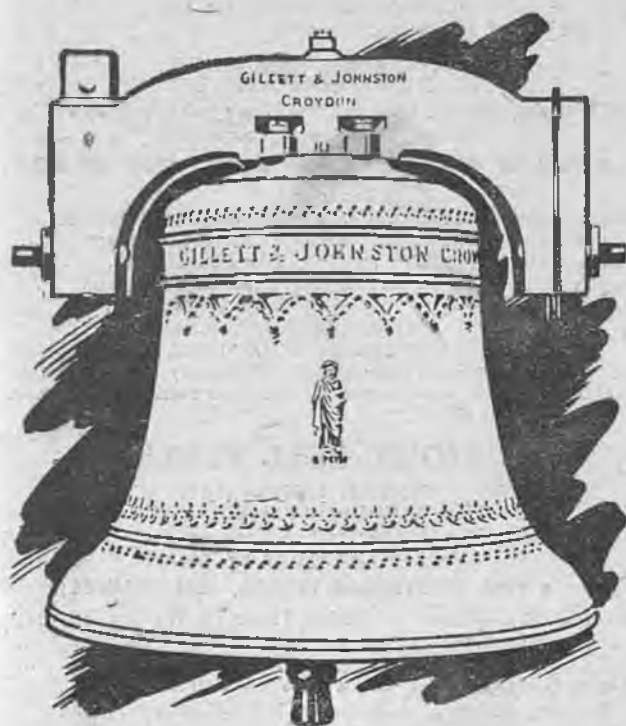
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### THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The last of the war-time peals analyses has appeared, and, covering as it does the first weeks of peace, the figures show the initial signs of the upward movement in peal ringing. Nearly a half of the 229 tower bell peals were rung after the Armistice, in the last seven weeks of the year, and must be taken as a satisfactory beginning in re-establishing ringing, because, whatever else may be said of them, peals mark the advance or decline of the art, and are a very true index of the virility of the Exercise. With the advantage gained by the 114 tower bell peals in November and December, 1918 rises above the performances in any of the three preceding years, and the indications are of a steady increase since the close of the period which the analysis covers.

Little can, of course, be said of the statistics which the Committee have published. They are an interesting record of what was done in 1918, but beyond that, comment is really superfluous in view of the great difficulties that beset the art during the last year of the war. Lancashire and Yorkshire, each with 31 peals on tower bells, and the latter with one handbell peal in addition, were easily the first in number of peals rung; but the College Youths, with eight peals on handbells and five on tower bells, had the best average, calculated on points. The Committee have recorded, with their customary diligence, all the matters of interest in the peals, but there is one feature in the statistics which shows that ringing during the war not only declined tremendously in quantity, but also in the quality of the methods rung. In 1913, the record year of peal ringing, Surprise methods on eight bells and upwards made up nine per cent. of the peals rung; last year the Surprise peals, limited to three of Superlative, formed only a trifle over one per cent.

Everyone, of course, is looking forward to a great revival of peal ringing, and there is not much doubt that the Committee's desire for more arduous duties in the years to come will be gratified. The statistics which they compile can never be other than interesting, but there are many ringers who deprecate the use of the analysis as a competitive incentive to associations to carry peal ringing to excess. The Council are asked this year to express an opinion upon one aspect of the preparation of the tabulated figures, perhaps they may be asked also to consider whether the present method of alphabetical order for the associations should be retained, or whether there should be a return to the form by which the association, which has the best aggregate or the best average of points, should be placed at the top, with the others in order of precedence by the same method of calculation.

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There is a great deal to be said on both sides, which brings us back to the old argument as to whether competitive points should be allotted to peals or not, and it opens up a big question which there is not room in this article to deal with. But now that ringing, as we all hope, is on the road to the status which existed before the war, the Central Council might well consider afresh what their attitude on the matter will be, that is to say whether by the form of the analysis they will officially countenance the competitive side of peal ringing.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... .. Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 2	SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE HOLLIS ... .. 3	*EDWIN C. CHASTY ... .. 8
FRANK JACOBS ... .. 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... .. 9
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... .. Treble	*ALFRED HOULDSWORTH ... .. 6
*TOM WILSON ... .. 2	EMMANUEL DETESON ... .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 3	TOM REDMAN ... .. 8
HARRY ENTWISTLE ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 9
RENNIE HARTLEY ... .. 5	JOHN WATSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the men in the Blackburn Branch, who have made the great sacrifice in the war.

\* First peal of Royal.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... .. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ... .. 5
EDWARD OLDFIELD ... .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 6
C. W. CLARK ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SENR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Greenhalgh and Trippier. R. F. Deal hails from London, the ringer of the 2nd belongs to the local band, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor are members of St. Thomas', Pendleton.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY LEA ... .. Treble	WILLIAM COLEY ... .. 5
ELIJAH WHITE ... .. 2	VICTOR WHITE ... .. 6
GEORGE N. COCKIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. WEBB ... .. 7
EDWARD BRETTE ... .. 4	MATTHEW HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. WEBB.

Rung as a compliment to Elijah White on his 75th birthday.



LONDON.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... Treble	WILLIAM NUDDS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... 6
*FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... 7
FRANK SMITH ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.  
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Surprise with an inside bell.

KILSALE, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON ... Treble	JAMES G. RUMSAY ... 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 6
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 4	GEORGE HARDY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.  
Conducted by GEORGE WILSON.

KILDWICK, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ELLIS LAMBERT ... Treble	*DR. WALES ... 5
CHRISTOPHER BROWN ... 2	HENRY HORNER ... 6
HARRY ROE ... 3	WILLIAM BILLOWS ... 7
JOHN MCKELL ... 4	WILLIAM D. H. LLARY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and conducted by W. BILLOWS.  
\* First peal. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 belong to local company; 4 and 5 are from Gargrave; 6, 7, and 8 from Skipton.

CUBITT TOWN.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES T. CLARKE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. DAYNES ... 5
HAROLD W. CLARKE ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6
*ALBERT J. FORD ... 3	THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 7
THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... 4	DALBY HODGSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

This peal was rung in honour of Empire Day, and also as a welcome home to Messrs. A. J. Ford and W. H. Daynes, on their return to civilian life from active service.

\* Elected a member previous to starting for peal.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb.

*HERBERT FAIRHEAD ... Treble	JAMES FLEUTY ... 5
WALTER BURST ... 2	FRANK CLAYDON ... 6
†JOHN TURNER ... 3	†JAMES FRENCH ... 7
*ROBERT FLEUTY ... 4	WILLIAM SCILLITOE ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE and conducted by J. FRENCH.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day, and was the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. \*First peal. †First on 8 bells. †First on 8 bells as conductor. These bells are rung for every Sunday service throughout the year.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WOODSTON.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

H. HOARE, SEN. ... Treble	MISS F. A. CULPEN ... 4
MISS P. HARE ... 2	S. H. HOARE ... 5
MISS A. PARKENS ... 3	H. HOARE, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by H. HOARE, JUNR.

First peal by all except the conductor, and it was his first peal in that capacity. First peal on the bells by a Woodston band. The three ladies took their first lesson in handling a bell 16 months ago.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being three 720's of Kent, and two each of Oxford and Woodbine.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*STANLEY FINCH ... Treble	ERNEST TURNER ... 4
HARRY W. CATTERWELL ... 2	OLAVE E. BROYD ... 5
HARRY CANSSELL ... 3	GEORGE E. PANNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.

\* First peal.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Gnr. C. SINFIELD, R.F.A. Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 4
*WILLIAM JAMES ... 2	MARK LANE ... 5
CYRIL HERBERT ... 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

The peal was arranged for Gnr. Sinfield, on leave from Germany.

\* First peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, May 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PRO-CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... 5-6
JAMES E. GROVES ... 3-4	WILLIAM KENT ... 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 9-10.	

Composed and conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has 1-2 and 2-1 in alternate blocks of three courses in 1-2 at each and every one of the 48 course ends with the 5th and 6th in 5th's place in alternate blocks, of 12 courses, 24 in the tittums and 24 in the handstroke.

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

On Friday, May 30th, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES BRAGG ... 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
HARRY BRAGG ... 3-4	*HUBERT SHEPHERD ... 7-8

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Witness: J. MARTIN.

\* First peal on handbells. First peal of Triples by all, and first handbell peal of Triples rung in Solihull.

Other Peals are unavoidably held over.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### THE PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL.

Representatives from practically all parts of the diocese, and numbering 105, attended the annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Wimborne on Saturday, May 17th. The service in the Minster was conducted by the Hon. Secretary of the Guild (the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the Vicar (Canon J. Fletcher) also taking part. The Rev. A. D. H. Allan (headmaster of Wimborne Grammar School and an hon. member of Wimborne Guild) gave the address.

Luncheon was served in the Victoria Hall, the Master (the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett) presiding. At the conclusion of the meal,

Mr. M. J. Raymond, one of the churchwardens of Wimborne Minster, in proposing 'The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers,' mentioned that of about 800 members 500 served in the war, and at least 50 had made the supreme sacrifice. That was a record, he was sure, of which any Guild or other organisation could be very proud (hear, hear). It was an excellent sign to see so many young ringers present that afternoon. They could not be too young to begin to take an interest in the art of bell ringing. Mr. Raymond wished the Guild long life and the prosperity which it was entitled to (applause).—The Master, in reply, observed that he felt sure that the Guild, so long as it had the support of the ringers and good guidance of the officers, would continue to prosper (hear, hear).

### CHANGE OF PRESIDENT AND MASTER.

The Hon. Secretary regretted that the report for last year was not yet to hand owing to unavoidable delays. The balance in hand at the end of the last financial year was £52 6s. 0d. With receipts the total income for the year was £77 14s. 7d., compared to expenditure of £15 16s. 2d., leaving a balance of £61 18s. 5d. (hear, hear).—The accounts as presented were adopted.

Captain J. E. Acland (Dorchester) having resigned the post of President of the Guild, recommended as his successor the Earl of Shaftesbury, a vice-president for many years, who had consented to accept the position.—It was pointed out that it was not an annual office, it being retained during the President's pleasure.—The election was unanimously agreed to, and it was resolved a cordial vote of thanks should be written by the Secretary to Captain Acland for his past service.

The Rev. Tilney Bassett, who had filled the office for the past six years, intimated he did not wish to be re-elected Master. Captain Acland had found a successor well known in Dorset, a Dorset ringer, and, until called up for war service, a great worker on behalf of the Guild, Major Hughes D'Aeth (Gillingham).

Major D'Aeth, acknowledging a unanimous election, said he considered it was not only a great honour to himself, but to those ringers of the Guild who had been out with him serving His Majesty, and to those who had laid down their lives for the great cause. He believed that one of his own battalion was one of the first of the Guild members to make the supreme sacrifice—Sam Davey, of Netherbury, who died on his journey to India. Speaking as a layman to the clergy, Major D'Aeth stated that on service one heard a good deal against what they called the padre. He came from Bagdad, where he was the first churchwarden, and where he started a branch of the Church of England Men's Society. The general complaint amongst the men was that the parsons in England were too sad about everything—(laughter)—in the pulpit they were too sad on Sundays, which should be a day of rejoicing, praise, and thanksgiving. He had also heard it said by very many men they did not want to be continually told they were sinners (laughter and hear, hear). There were other things to teach men (hear, hear). He had heard it said by the men so very often in the field that every time they had a church parade they were told they were wicked men. They did their best not to be, and naturally got rather tired of being told every Sunday (hear, hear). Incidentally, Major D'Aeth mentioned that he had been ringing, with the exception of the time during the war, ever since he was six years old, and he believed their secretary, too, learnt his first scientific ringing at the same time as he (the speaker) did.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, an office which, it was remarked, he had excellently held for eight or nine years.

### SCHEMES TO PERPETUATE MEMORY OF THE FALLEN.

A committee had been deputed to consider what steps should be taken regarding a memorial to ringers of the diocese who had fallen in the war.—Mr. T. H. Beams (Bradpole), honorary assistant-secretary, explained that he was deputed to have a conversation with the Archdeacon of Sarum, who was acting as deputy to the Dean, with a view to ascertaining what form of memorial would be acceptable to the Dean and Chapter in the Cathedral. They had doubtless seen by the report of the Synod that the Archdeacon made a public statement to the effect that they did not want a series of memorials in the Cathedral differing very much in character, but they had formed a scheme by which the whole of the windows in the north aisle of the Cathedral should, as funds permitted, be glazed with appropriate designs. Each window consisted of two huge lights, and the Archdeacon said to glaze one of these windows would cost somewhere in the neighbourhood of £1,000, or one light would be about £500. When the committee were informed of the cost, it caused them to hold their

hands, because they felt that it was such an enormous expense. Unless they had the full sanction of the Guild as a body they could not attempt to go forward with the scheme. They had, therefore, not done anything further, and they would like a free expression of opinion as to what the members thought.

On the secretary's proposition, those present agreed to the appointment of a small committee, consisting of the President, the Master, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, and Mr. M. Stewart, with power to add to their number if they thought fit, to arrange for a memorial peal as suggested if possible, and also make definite arrangements for a permanent memorial.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox (West Moors), in seconding, suggested as an alternative memorial to that mentioned the placing of a brass or bronze on the north wall of the Cathedral.

The Secretary, recalling the fact that a bell had been rung daily in the diocese during the war as a call for prayer for those on active service, proposed that the Guild respectfully request the Bishop to restore an ancient custom in that diocese, as a perpetual memorial to their fellow-countrymen who had sacrificed their lives in the Great War, by directing that at all churches in the diocese a bell should be rung every Friday at noon, at the sound whereof prayers should be offered for the peace of the realm.—Major D'Aeth seconded the proposition, which was carried.

A member inquired if there was any prospect of getting Sherborne affiliated with the Guild.—The Secretary promised he would do what he could towards the desired end.—Those present agreed that the collection taken at the service should be divided between the memorial fund which was being raised for that diocese and the fund opened towards the cost of rehanging the ten bells of St. Clement Danes Church (London), where a central memorial service for ringers was held in February last, and Mr. Stewart, who attended as the Guild's representative, gave his impressions of the unique occasion.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, secretary of the Dorchester Branch, mentioned that at Charminster it was proposed to add a bell to the peal of five to the memory of the fallen in the parish, and he asked for a sum of £2 towards the cost from the Guild funds.—The grant was sanctioned, and the secretary promised he would do his best in an effort to get the old peal improved.—The meeting also voted a sum not exceeding £4 for the expenses of the Guild's representatives at the Central Council this year.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Wimborne Minster, and also the clergy who had lent their towers in neighbouring places for the visits of the ringers, the Rev. A. D. Allan for his sermon, and Mr. G. F. Score for playing the organ at the service.—Canon Fletcher made reply.

A vote of condolence was also passed with the parents and relatives of ringers who had laid down their lives, coupled with it being a sympathetic reference to the death of the Rev. H. C. Coote, Vicar of St. Peter's, Dorchester, an hon. member.

Bands of ringers afterwards visited the towers of the Minster, St. James's Church, Poole, St. Giles, Cranborne, and Sturminster Marshall Parish Churches, and the methods rung during the day included Grandairs and Stedman Caters and Triples, Double Norwich Major and Treble Bob Royal.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

### KETTERING DISTRICT.

On Saturday, May 17th, a most successful meeting of the Kettering District was held at Burton Latimer, when, thanks to a lovely day, a very large number of ringers attended.

The bells were set going at an early hour, and at 4.30 a service was held in the beautiful church, at which an address was given by the Rector, which was very much appreciated by all who attended. A splendid tea was provided and soon demolished, and it was discovered that the attendance came to as many as 45, the following belfries being noticed as being represented, viz.: Burton Seagrave, Burton Latimer, Cranford, Desborough, Geddington, Isham, Kettering, Finedon, Rothwell, Raunds, Kingstead, Thrapston and Wellingborough.

The meeting was presided over by the Rector, who was supported by the District Vice-President, the Rev. B. J. Atkins; the District Secretary, Mr. W. T. Wilson; the foreman of the local ringers, Mr. G. Lines; Lieut. E. M. Atkins, Mr. R. Turner, etc.

Several new members were elected, including the three ladies from Geddington.—It was agreed to hold the annual district meeting at Kettering on the first Saturday in July, and a special meeting to visit Arthingworth, Harrington, Kilmarsell on a date to be arranged by the secretary.—After some votes of thanks a return was made to the tower, where the bells were set going again.

## RHYL RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. H. Bell, one of the oldest members of St. Thomas's Society, Rhyl. As a token of respect to his memory a muffled 720 Bob Minor was rung at St. Thomas's Church before morning service on Sunday, May 25th, by: F. Homan 1, B. R. Collis 2, J. Evans 3, T. Evans 4, C. Egerton 5, J. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bailey tenor (covering).

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article this week will be appreciated by all who wish to see the Council occupy the useful position that it ought. What is to be its future? Is it likely to be mended or ended? You state that it should be foremost with proposals to advance the art and that it should realise its true position. True! that is the point—but what is its true position? We have been told that it is merely an advisory, non-administrative institution, quite powerless to carry out or enforce any of its decrees. Surely there must be something peculiar and unsatisfactory in such an arrangement.

With its organisation of President, Secretary, Standing Committee, and duly appointed delegates from Associations, meeting in solemn conclave merely to discuss, advise, report, but without necessary powers to carry out or enforce their decisions—what an anomaly!

The idea of the national muffled ringing for our departed sailors and soldiers was apparently carried out by a few associations and not by the central body, and so, in my humble opinion, did not attain to the dignity it deserved. It was the work of 'Constituents' not 'Parliament.'

At one time it was suggested that no meetings should be held during the war, and that meeting once in three years would be sufficient. But surely if meetings are unnecessary in the days we are now passing through, they are not required at any time. I would respectfully suggest that in addition to the annual meeting, quarterly meetings be also held even if a few members only could find it possible to attend; and also that the president and secretary have the power to call a special meeting when anything of a special nature is required; and, above all, that the Council should have full power to administer and not only be advisory; and, I believe, that the majority of ringers would loyally abide by the wishes of those they have chosen to represent them.

Cannot the Council (as a body) take up the question of railway fares, raising funds for special purposes, receive a small annual subscription from every member through the associations, represented, take over the ownership of ringing publications (which appear to be at present, left to private enterprise), appoint and pay the Editor, see that all ringers subscribe, and not, as is too often the case at present have one copy, one company?

Council meetings have been very useful in the past for experts' discussions on Lead ends, Surprises, and other equally entertaining subjects, but they have seldom achieved their purpose. Why? Because we are told that the Council has no powers! Let the Council be invested with authority to carry out what is decided upon for the benefit of ringers and ringing in general, or it is useless.

Should anything of a national character be desired, it is far more likely to be successful if undertaken by a national body, than by individual Associations or private members. We have in our president a gentleman of experience, an enthusiast in ringing, united in a most genial disposition; in our secretary a treasure of undoubted ability; a Council selected from the most prominent exponents of the art—chosen by ourselves from ourselves, and many subjects awaiting solution, many objects demanding attention—certainly there is no lack of business, and with a constitution as far as possible perfect, the Council should have a long and useful life before it. But it is essential that it should have powers as well as opinions, and that it and ringers generally must realise their true position.—Yours faithfully,

Saffron Walden.

J. F. PENNING.

## PETERBOROUGH &amp; DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A VETERAN RINGER'S ANCIENT TRADE.

A meeting of this association was held at King's Cliffe on Saturday week. Members, to the number of 24, attended from Stamford, Woodston and St. Mary's, Peterborough, while Miss Orlebar, of Merstham, was also present. The peal of five was kept going during the afternoon and evening to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The Rector (the Rev. J. W. Marsh) kindly entertained the visitors, together with the local band, to tea at the Cross Keys.

King's Cliffe, an old-world village, right in the heart of Rockingham Forest, is interesting as the birthplace and home of William Law, Nonjuror and author of the 'Serious Call.' His tomb is in the east end of the churchyard in front of the old house where he dwelt. Fifty years ago King's Cliffe was the centre of the wood turning industry. To-day there are still two or three left who carry on the trade of their fathers. The writer had the pleasure of visiting one of these ancient workshops, and saw its old occupant turning out the various articles including beer taps, egg cups, spoons, etc., in the same old-fashioned way that they had been made for centuries. The old turner, who, by-the-by, was a ringer, said that when he was a boy there were upwards of 80 wood turners in Cliffe. Now there are only three of them left. They had plenty of orders more than they could fulfil, and plenty of money for the work. He had lost his two sons in the war, so there is no one left to carry on the business when he is gone.

J. J.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT RETFORD.

The 32nd annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford, the committee choosing a most fitting and appropriate day for the occasion, viz., Empire Day, Saturday, May 24th. Ringers were present from Anston, Harthill, Rotherham, Mansfield Woodhouse, Gainsbrough, Lincoln, Lancham, Workson and East Retford. Good touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung during the afternoon, in the course of which a junior from Workson made his debut on ten bells, and performed very creditably. The Vicar of East Retford (the Rev. C. Bailey) visited the ringing chamber, and gave a most inspiring and interesting address to the members. He said what a pleasure it was to welcome the ringers to East Retford, and referred to the appropriateness of the day they had chosen, and the delight of the people of Retford and district at hearing the bells rung once more on that festive occasion. At present, through the exigencies of the war, his own band of ringers was very much depleted and disorganised, but he sincerely hoped the result of that gathering would be to give an impetus to uniting them again so that the people of Retford would have the pleasure of hearing the bells for Sunday service, Church Festivals, and National Anniversaries. There was nothing more beautiful in his opinion than a peal of good bells when skilfully rung, and he sincerely hoped that gathering would be the means of bringing them together, and the bells being regularly rung in the future.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to Howard's Restaurant to partake of a substantial tea which was served in a style reminiscent of pre-war days. The Vicar of East Retford presided, supported by Messrs. H. Haigh and A. Beck, joint secretaries, ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., and others.—Mr. A. Johnson, of Workson, occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed, the Vicar having to leave early.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with one or two minor alterations, and Messrs. R. Wright, H. Jordan and H. Simpson, all of Workson, were elected performing members of the Association. Messrs. Colin Ryder, Arthur Hague and Sidney Briggs, of Rotherham, were elected non-resident life members.

The balance sheet presented showed that the balance in hand had been increased from £17 13s. 11d. to £22 16s. 10d. during 1918.

Mr. H. Haigh took the opportunity of impressing upon the members the importance of supporting the 'Ringing World' by each taking a copy every week. Without the paper they would have no source of information as to what was going on in ringing circles in other parts of the country. If they lost their paper it would be a terrible blow to the real enthusiasts. Another reason why they should support the paper was it saved the secretary a lot of time and the Association much expense in not having to notify the meetings to every tower by post. Their meetings were always advertised in the 'Ringing World.' The Workson company started in 1911 with twelve copies a week, and had never taken less than ten during the war, while now they were taking thirteen. He hoped other towers would do even better than Workson.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Harthill, in July, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Darley.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents of East Retford, West Retford and Ordsall respectively for the use of the bells were unanimously accorded, and the bellies of East and West Retford were again visited, and touches of Minor and Caters rung in various methods until 8.0 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The May meeting was held at Eccles, when a goodly company assembled. Ringing started about 4 p.m., and continued until after 8 p.m., touches in Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob Major being practised by mixed bands from most of the local towers, as well as Stockport and other Cheshire districts. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. E. Ryder, who was congratulated upon having 'grown younger' again, and being able to do some more work, after retiring through ill-health.

One new member was elected, and the next meeting was arranged for Whitefield on June 21st, providing the necessary permission can be obtained.

The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar and wardens for permission to use the bells, and to the local ringers for getting everything ready and welcoming the members to the ancient church of Eccles.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Milton Ernest on Saturday last, members being present from Bedford, Biggleswade, Elstow, Bromham and Sharnbrook. Mr. C. W. Clarke was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Hon. Secretary of the Association (Mr. E. P. Duffield) and Mr. C. A. Pratt, the Biggleswade District Secretary. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Rleisce and Riseley on June 21st. Three new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing tea.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is likely to be a large attendance of members at the Central Council meeting at Gloucester next Tuesday, and one of the busiest ringers in the western city just now is Mr. John Austin.

Last year the Council ordered their committees each to elect a chairman who should be responsible for preparing the committee's report, which, it was suggested, should be published before the meeting.

The Peal Analysis Committee have published their report—as usual—but where are the others? Have they nothing to report?

In the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild, the secretary is prepared to receive applications for the expenses of any party ringing for peace, in a tower where the bells would otherwise have been silent.

A peal of Stedman Triples on one's 75th birthday is not a bad performance. Congratulations to Mr. Elijah White, of Halesowen!

Ringers who experience difficulty in obtaining their 'Ringing World' punctually should send a postal order for 2s. 6d. to the Editorial Office, 9, Commercial Road, Woking, when the paper will be sent post free for three months.

The six bells at Chailley, Sussex, rang out merrily one day last week to welcome the return of the Rector (the Rev. T. H. L. Jellicoe), who is a cousin of Lord Jellicoe, on his return from naval chaplaincy duties in the Mediterranean.

All roads will lead to Clapham to-morrow for the opening of the first completely new post-war peal.

The fine peal of eight bells at Ross, Herefordshire (tenor 24 cwt.), has recently been rehung by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham. It is probable that in the near future two trebles will be added at this church.

Next Monday is the anniversary of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung on June 9th, 1850, at Christ Church, Philadelphia, U.S.A. It was conducted by Henry Haley.

## KENT ASSOCIATION.

### TONBRIDGE DISTRICT SECRETARY'S 25TH YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Chiddingstone, and was attended by about 50 members. A special service was held, kindly arranged by the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Salmon), who officiated, and gave a short address. Mrs. Salmon presided at the organ, and the service was very hearty throughout. The Rector presided at the tea which followed, supported by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Vicar of Shipbourne, and an hon. member of the Association). At the business meeting, Mr. W. Latter and Mr. G. Edwards were re-elected to the offices of district secretary and district representative respectively. In returning thanks for his re-election, the District Secretary remarked that this was his 25th year of holding office.

Twenty-four new members were elected. It was decided to revert to the pre-war practice of holding four district meetings a year, instead of two as at present, and the following places were selected: Marden in July; Tunbridge Wells and (by kind invitation of the Rev. F. L. Schreiber) Shipbourne in the autumn; and the annual district meeting at Edenbridge in January.

The District Secretary reported that the bells at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, were being recast, and were to be rehung with all new fittings. The work was being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and he hoped the work would be completed within the next few weeks. He also spoke of the Association memorial to the fallen members, and urged all to do their best to contribute to the fund so that the memorial could be carried out as proposed.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for arranging the service and for presiding at the meeting, to Mrs. Salmon for presiding at the organ, to the Rev. F. L. Schreiber for his support, and to Mr. Longley, the local secretary, for making the arrangements, concluded the meeting and the members returned to the tower where, during the afternoon and evening, touches in a number of methods were rung.

## THE PEAL AT STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

The peal of Stedman rung at Stoke-in-Coventry was arranged for the two-fold object of celebrating Empire Day, and as a welcome to Messrs. Roberts, Pervin and Johnson, who have been demobilised. The band is still short of two of its members. One, alas! Mr. F. Andrews, will never return. Mr. F. Brassington is with the Army of Occupation on the Rhine. The absence of these five members has made it very difficult to keep things going during the last four years, and the return of three of them is more than welcome. It is interesting to note that the last peal at Stoke was on May 25th, 1918, when a peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Roberts on the occasion of their silver wedding. The peal on Saturday was Mr. W. J. Hunt's first peal of Stedman.

# WESTMINSTER ABBEY'S PEACE BELLS.

## DEDICATION SERVICE.

The consummation of one of the most interesting events in modern bell history was witnessed on Tuesday when the new 'Peace' bells at Westminster Abbey were solemnly dedicated and rung for the first time, the service taking place in the morning and being performed by Dr. Ryle, Dean of Westminster.

As a work of restoration, this task of providing the Abbey with a peal of bells worthy of its antiquity and national importance has never had its equal, at any rate since the birth of the Ringing Exercise, and the events associated with it have made it unique. The completion of an octave of bells at the first ecclesiastical building in the land is of itself an historic event, but coupled to this are the facts that the restoration is to mark the conclusion of the greatest war of all ages, and that the casting of the



bells was performed in the presence of the King and Queen. Further, it is of particular interest to recall that the firm that placed one of the bells in the tower in 1583 is the firm that has carried out the work in the year 1919, and which has placed in the famous Abbey all the bells that have from time to time been added since the days of Robert Mot. Such a chain of events is indeed remarkable, and the completion of this scheme stands out as one of the most famous and important in the annals of bell founding.

Before the restoration was undertaken there were six bells in the massive and stately north-west tower of the Abbey, the tenor weighing a little under 30 cwt. The dates and makers were as follows:—

Tenor.	Cast at the Whitechapel Foundry.	1738.
5th.	Ditto.	1598.
4th.	Ditto.	1743.
3rd.	Ditto.	1583.
2nd.	Ditto.	1743.

Treble. Cast by Richard de Wymbish, about 1310.

The 2nd was cracked in the crown, and has been recast, the treble has been replaced by a new bell, the old one, a wonderful early 14th century relic, being happily preserved in the Abbey. Two new trebles have been added to complete the octave, with the result that the four back bells are old, and the four front ones new.

The old six were hung in a timber frame which was built on four trussed beams, supported by four main beams. All the old timber work has been taken out with the exception of the four main beams, and a new steel frame erected, which takes its bearings in the tower walls, thus making a perfectly rigid structure. All the bells are mounted with modern fittings, including iron headstocks, and the bearings are of hard gun-metal fitted into cast-iron housings, with new dust proof covers.

The two trebles are to be known as the 'Two Sisters,' the whole cost of the work having been defrayed by two sisters, who at present remain anonymous.

The inscriptions on the four new bells are as follow:—

4th:

PAX.

Deus canticum novum cantabo tibi.

1919.

3rd:

The Lord of Hosts is with us.

1919.

2nd:

RUTH.

There is none other that fighteth for us.

1919.

Treble:

FAITH.

Thanks be to God which giveth us the Victory.

1919.

All the capital letters are in the 'Somercoates' type, and the smalls in old English.

The 3rd, which is recast from the old 2nd, is the bell the casting of which was witnessed by the King, Queen and Princess Mary.

Everything that has been done in the tower bears the stamp of that excellent workmanship always associated with the ancient Whitechapel Foundry, and Mr. Albert A. Hughes, the principal of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, is to be heartily congratulated not only upon the fact that his firm, after the lapse of so many centuries has retained its association with the bells of the Abbey, but also upon the splendid result, from a technical point of view, which has been achieved.

## THE DEDICATION.

The dedication of the bells took place on Tuesday at a special service which followed the customary morning service in the Abbey. For the ceremony the Dean, with the other clergy and the choir, accompanied by the donors of the bells, proceeded to the base of the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were offered, including the following:—

In the faith of Jesus Christ and in the hope of the world's peace, we dedicate the bells now hung in this tower, as well those newly cast as those that being old have been renovated and hung afresh, to the glory of God and for the replenishing of this church of St. Peter in Westminster.

At a signal given by the Dean, the noble peal, in which the four old and four new bells have been magnificently 'spliced,' then rang out from above. It was an impressive moment. For those who waited below in the Abbey the music was as the deep diapason of a distant organ, while outside many a passer-by stopped to listen to the majestic roll of one of the grandest peals of eight in the kingdom. The special touch was a course of Stedman Triples rung by William D. Smith treble, Edwin Horrex 2, Edwin Gibbs 3, Challis F. Winney 4, Alfred B. Peck 5, Herbert Langdon 6, Charles Burden 7, Walter Prime tenor.

At the conclusion of the service, touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, the other ringers who were present and who took part being Messrs. A. A. Hughes (of the Whitechapel Foundry), W. T. Cockerill, Albert Walker (Birmingham), Major J. H. B. Hosse, Messrs. J. C. P. Bailey, W. Hewett, E. Fourn, etc.

Owing to the day and time of the ceremony, as well as to the short notice at which the opening was arranged, there were not a great many ringers present at the ceremony. It is interesting to note that Mr. F. Horrex was one of those who rang at the opening of the peal of bells at St. Paul's Cathedral in the year 1878, and of that band he is the sole survivor.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) both at Shenley and Loughton will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.15, tea and business meeting to follow. —W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 69, Windsor St., Bletchley.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, June 7th. Eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) from 3 o'clock. Electric from Sheffield to Woodseats.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Beccles on Whit Monday, June 9th. The ring of ten bells in the Campanile of the Parish Church, by the kind permission of the Rector, will be open for the use of members from 11 to 1 o'clock and from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 'Gales Hotel' at 1 p.m. punctually, at 3/6 for honorary members, and 2/3 for company members, followed by general meeting at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Arrears and subscriptions for 1919 should be paid without delay.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, 'High Croft,' North Walsham, Norfolk.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Steeplekeepers are asked to make known to their members the following fixtures for combined practices during the month of June.

**GREAT MARLOW.**—Whit-Monday, at 3 p.m. Tea by notifying Mr. J. C. Truss, St. Peter's Street.

**FARNHAM ROYAL.**—Saturday, June 14th, at 5.30 p.m. Tea by notifying Mr. J. J. Parker, 'Ellismere.' The 42nd anniversary of the opening of the ring of six bells.

**STOKE POGES and SLOUGH.**—Saturday, June 21st, 3 to 5.30 and 7 till 9 p.m. respectively. The Leytonstone Society's day in Bucks. Tea at Mr. Lidstone's, High Street, Slough, at 6 o'clock (1s. each), by sending him notice direct.

**COOKHAM-ON-THAMES.**—Saturday, June 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service at 5.30; tea, by invitation, at 6 o'clock. Social and ringing afterwards. The Master of the Guild is hoping to be present. Those attending will please inform the Hon. Secretary.

W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, nr. Slough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Fortieth annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday next. 3 p.m., service in the Cathedral with an address by Rev. D. B. Barclay, Vicar of Braintree; 3.45 p.m., annual meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 5 p.m., Tea at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, 1s. 3d. each to members, 2s. 6d. non-members. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: The Cathedral (12 bells), Gallywood (8), Boreham (8), Gt. Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6).—C. H. Howard, Master, H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—General Meeting at Maidstone on Whit Monday, June 9th. Committee meeting in the Old College, 11.15 a.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE at All Saints', 12 noon. Offertory for the Association War Memorial. Business meeting in the Old College, 2 p.m. Travelling expenses up to 2s. 6d. will be paid to members after the service. Towers open for ringing: All Saints' (10), St. Michael's (6), Aylesford (8), West

Malling (8), East Farleigh (6), Barming (6).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Annual meeting at Exeter on Whit-Monday, June 9th. Service in Cathedral at 3 o'clock with memorial of fallen members. Address by the Dean. Tea and meeting at St. Sidwell's Institute at 4 o'clock.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Hon. Sec., Holbeton, Plymouth.

**ARKSEY SOCIETY.**—The dedication of two new bells (to complete octave), a brass memorial tablet, and Cambridge Chimes will take place in the Parish Church, Arksey, on Whit Monday, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Sheffield. A cordial invitation is given to all ringing friends. Bells available after service. Tea will be provided in the Hall grounds, 1s. each. New Village cars ran from Doncaster every fifteen minutes.—H. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec., Arksey, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Whit Monday. Bells ready at 2; service at 5. Poolstock bells from 2 to 4.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday June 9th. Ringing at All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Giles', St. Sepulchre's and St. Edmund's from 10 to 12. Service at All Saints Church at 12.30, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Hunt. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel, Market Square, at 1.30. Business meeting to follow. Luncheon, 3s.; members half-price. The bells of All Saints', St. Giles', St. Edmund's, St. Sepulchre's and Kingsthorpe will be available after the meeting until 7 o'clock.—Fred Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland on June 9th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells of Parish Church (tenor 11½ cwt.) will be available all day. A committee meeting will be held in the Cockton Church Hall close to the Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided in the same place at 5 o'clock.—George T. Potter, Hon. Sec., 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 12th and 26th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury (8 bells) on Saturday, June 14th. Evensong 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Will intending visitors kindly notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 9th?

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern Division.—A "missionary" meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15th, starting from Kelvedon 9 a.m., via Inworth, Gt. Totham, Goldbanger, Tollesbury, and Tolleshunt D'Arcy. I shall be glad to hear from members who intend taking part as soon as possible, so that final arrangements can be made.—B. Redgwell, Dist. Sec., Rayne.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells

available from 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those who let me know on or before Wednesday, June 18th.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.; tea at 5 o'clock. Will members who intend being present at tea advise me not later than the 10th inst.?—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, on Saturday, June 14th. Service at 6 o'clock. Bells available afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar (Rev. H. South) for those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than June 11th.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Stapleford, Cambs (Shelford Station), on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock. Short Service at 5; tea at 5.30. Will those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon, Mon., on Saturday, June 14th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) available.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—An evening meeting will be held at Acton on Wednesday June 18th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 21st, at Hillingdon, both towers open. Will members who intend to be present please notify me by the 18th?—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.6.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, 21st June. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. in schools to those who notify Mr. Charles Law, Main Street, Kildwick, near Keighley, not later than Monday, June 16th. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary's, Putney, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 21st. As this marks the resumption of the Southern District meetings, the officers and members are requested to attend, particularly the business meeting after the practice.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea will be provided at a charge of 6d. each, those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than June 18th. Through the kindness of the Rector (Rev. F. G. Scovell) the Rectory grounds will be open for the use of ringers and friends. Rotherham and Mexbro' cars pass the church.—Arthur Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30 p.m., the Vicar will preside.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.** Established 1623.—Great ringing day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. Visitors welcome. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Will those wishing to partake of dinner kindly let Secretary know? If visitors, wishing to make a week-end, will kindly inform the Secretary, he will arrange for ringing on the Saturday and Sunday.—R. A. Strong, West Road, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The tower of St. Mary, Islington, is open for practice every Friday evening at 7.30 p.m.—Hon. District Sec., F. G. Symonds.

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

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#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the North and East District, held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, was disappointing, so far as attendance was concerned. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and at the business meeting five new members were elected. The Vicar was thanked for allowing the meeting to be held at St. Andrew's, and the use of the bells, which unfortunately went very badly on that day.

#### HANDBELL PEAL AT SOLIHULL.

The first handbell peal of Triples in Solihull, Warwickshire, is recorded in another column. The band who rang this peal began practising together just 12 months ago, and they are entirely self-taught. Charles Bragg commenced ringing a year ago. He is 14 years of age, and he rang the peal practically without a mistake. The band have rung eight peals since last July, and had four attempts for the Triples. Perseverance has, however, now gained its reward. All the ringers are related to one another, and the ringers of 5-6 and 7-8 are discharged soldiers, the conductor being the holder of the Military Medal.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****PAST MASTER'S PEAL ATTEMPT.**

The first Master of the above Association, Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, attained his 60th birthday on Wednesday, May 28th, and to mark the occasion and to appreciate the services of one that has done so much for change ringing, and to whom the hon. secretary of the Association is indebted for his first instruction, a band of past masters from Newport, Cardiff and Llandaff journeyed to Caerleon and attempted a peal. All went well for an hour and a half, when at half-way the bells were stopped owing to a 'shift course,' much to the disappointment of all, it being the first time a past master's peal had been attempted to honour one of their number. The band were afterwards the guests of Mr. Davies to a bountiful supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the party wishing Mr. Davies many happy returns.

**THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.**

To enable me to bring this successful and interesting scheme to a close, I shall be glad if those who still have lists and amounts in hand will kindly forward these to me with as little delay as possible.

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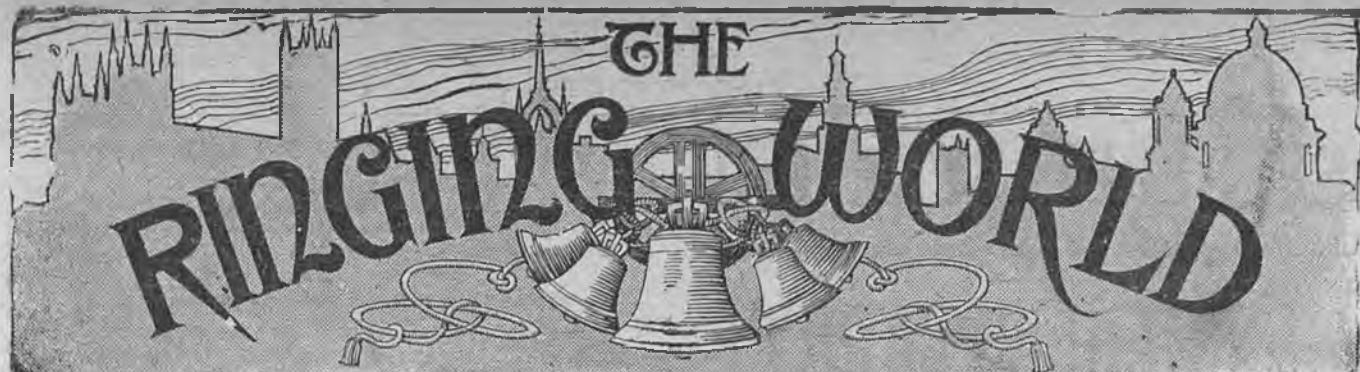
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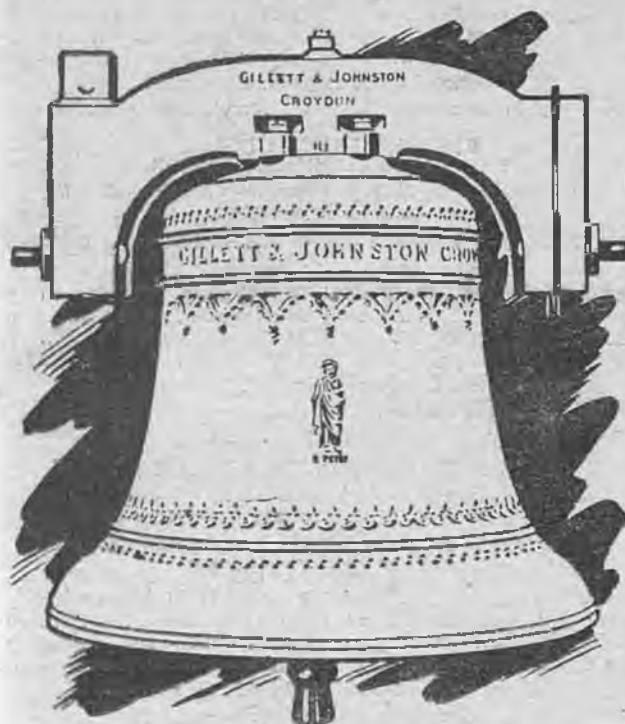
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The two bell openings which took place last week, the one at Westminster Abbey and the other at Clapham, are doubtless the precursor of many similar functions in the near future, but it was quite a fitting re-start of the post-war era that the important works of restoration should have been commenced at such a national monument as the Abbey. From a ringers' point of view the ceremony, important though it was as an historic event, had something lacking, for the hour was unusual, and the notice of the dedication was short, with the result that few ringers were able to be present. It would have been much more in keeping with the importance of the occasion if something on national lines could have been organised, but in that matter there was neither time nor opportunity. Had it been possible, the occasion might have been made one for a representative ringers' gathering.

One recognises that at such an event, and in such a place, the bells could not be rung by every ringer who might put in an appearance, but the importance of the occasion in ringing annals might have been emphasised by the sending of a representative, selected more especially for his ability as a ringer, from the leading associations of the country, because the bells in a tower like Westminster Abbey are a national and not a parochial or even a county possession. But while it may be regretted that there was no opportunity to make the gathering of ringers more representative of the Exercise at large, it is a sincere matter for congratulation that the greatest of our ecclesiastical buildings is now in possession of a peal of bells worthy of the ancient Abbey.

The dedication of the bells at Clapham was, by way of contrast, an event in which all who cared, had the opportunity of joining, and the enthusiastic Vicar of St. Stephen's found the ringing fraternity ready to gather round him and join with his congregation in celebrating an accomplishment of which the parish may be proud. The bells opened at Clapham are the first complete peal to be cast, hung, and dedicated since the conclusion of hostilities, and they are a very valuable addition to the bells of South London. Ringers who have the privilege of using St. Stephen's owe a debt of gratitude to the Vicar for the enterprise which has secured these bells, and to the devout lady whose generosity has made the accomplishment of the Vicar's designs so quickly possible. The completion of these two important works in London has given a lead to the rest of the country, and have shown what can be done when zeal and earnestness enter into the project in hand. Other dedication ceremonies of new or increased and restored peals will follow, but there is a special interest in the first events which mark the return of our bell foundries from a war to a peace footing.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, May 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

\*THOMAS LUFF ... .. Treble  
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 2  
ARTHUR ASHDOWN ... 3  
GEORGE LUFF ... .. 4

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JESSE W. HARRISON ... 5  
WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... 6  
THOMAS ATTWELL ... 7  
ELGIUS CARPENTER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

This was rung on the 25th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung on May 25th, 1894, conducted by Frank Bennett. Messrs. Attwell and Ashdown were the only ringers in both peals.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 27, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

LATES' ONE-PART.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble  
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2  
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3  
\*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 4

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BERRY ... 5  
PTE. MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6  
REUBEN SANDERS ... 7  
GEORGE HARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method. W. Berry's 100th peal.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

\*SAMUEL CARDELL ... Treble  
ALFRED BARNES ... 2  
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 3  
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. ... 4

\*TOM WILDE ... 5  
RICHARD F. DEAL ... 6  
HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7  
J. W. WASHBROOK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SENR.

\* First peal in the method.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

\*ERNEST E. JELLY ... Treble  
SIDNEY COX ... 2  
WILLIAM WEBB ... 3  
JOHN E. CLARK ... 4

WILLIAM H. B. MONDY ... 5  
HENRY BROWN ... 6  
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 7  
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal and elected a member prior to starting.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

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

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

L. W. COPESEY ... Treble  
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2  
EDWARD T. HOOPER ... 3  
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4

RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 5  
JAMES BLACKMORE ... 6  
ROBERT H. YOUNG ... 7  
WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the third, who attended at 3 hours' notice and rode 16 miles after being on duty all the previous night.



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

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.  
\*GEOFFREY HEMMING ... .. Treble | FREDERICK JORDON ... .. 5  
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... .. 2 | CPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 6  
HENRY J. PHIPPS ... .. 3 | JAMES HEMMING ... .. 7  
HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 4 | GEORGE MOISEY ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal on eight bells.  
After the peal the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. G. Moisey, the visitors thanking them for their kind hospitality.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.  
GEORGE ROSE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 5  
FREDERICK WEBB ... .. 2 | JOHN MONK ... .. 6  
THOMAS BULL ... .. 3 | REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 7  
\*ROBERT ROSE ... .. 4 | GEORGE BROOKS ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN MONK.

Rung on the occasion of the Branch's Spring Meeting at Woodstock, when the members were pleased to see the Master once more amongst them.

\* First peal. Messrs. G. and R. Rose are Woodstock ringers: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild, Caversham; F. Webb and W. Judge, Kidlington; T. Bull, G. Brooks and J. Monk, Witney.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
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On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.  
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5  
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 2 | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 6  
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. 3 | JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 7  
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 4 | JOHN E. PYWELL ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

DEPTFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.)

On Tuesday, June 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.  
JOHN CROWDER ... .. Treble | \*THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... .. 5  
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... .. 2 | ALBERT E. GODDARD ... .. 6  
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... .. 3 | ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 7  
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... .. 4 | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. Tenor  
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by an entirely local band. Rung in honour of the birthday of H. M. King George V.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.  
\*FRANCIS JELF ... .. Treble | GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 5  
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2 | \*ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 6  
GEORGE MAXIM ... .. 3 | WILLIAM SABAN ... .. 7  
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4 | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor  
Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.  
\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Wednesday, June 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.  
THOMAS BEADLE ... .. Treble | CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 5  
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 2 | WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 6  
\*H. W. LEDBETTER ... .. 3 | FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... .. 7  
FREDK. G. GODDARD ... .. 4 | MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES.  
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.  
\* First peal of Major. This composition is now rung for the first time and contains 62 bobs and 2 singles only.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 27 cwt.  
THOMAS HORTON ... .. Treble | MARK BEND ... .. 5  
\*ARTHUR MACKEARS ... .. 2 | JOHN W. KIRTON ... .. 6  
REV. C. J. STURTON ... .. 3 | ARTHUR W. WARD ... .. 7  
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 4 | LOUIS J. ABBOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.  
Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.  
Rung as a welcome home to Messrs. A. W. Ward and L. J. Abbott on their return to civilian life from active service.  
\* First peal in the method as conductor.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

LAMBERHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure & Plain Bob.  
RICHARD HOPE ... .. Treble | FREDK. J. LAMBERT ... .. 4  
GEORGE FULLER ... .. 2 | ALBERT RELFE ... .. 5  
JAMES WAGHORN ... .. 3 | HARRY PRICE ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by A. RELFE.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.  
WILLIAM OSTLER ... .. Treble | NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 4  
JOHN C. SELF ... .. 2 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 5  
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 3 | JAMES WARDLEY ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal on the bells. The ages of the ringers of the treble and 2nd are 70 and 69 years respectively.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob and Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each Kent and Oxford by:—  
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. Treble | CYRIL HERBERT ... .. 4  
DOUGLAS HARRISS ... .. 2 | WALTER CHIBNALL ... .. 5  
WILLIAM JAMES ... .. 3 | HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****THE EASTERN DIVISION.**

Members turned up in goodly numbers at the annual meetings of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association which took place on Saturday, May 31st, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Eastbourne. Canon Stratfield, with his usual kindness, placed the beautiful bells at the disposal of the members, arranged a special service (which he himself conducted), and provided a bountiful tea, which was served in the Pitman Institute, and to which about 40 members sat down. The Vicar presided, and upon his having to leave to take the customary Evensong, a hearty vote was accorded him for his kindness. The Canon, in reply, thanked the members for their vote, and trusted the Association would come again—but not to wait another seven years as he thought 1912 was the last time his tower was visited. The Rev. Canon Whelpton, of St. Saviour's, and his band, were thanked for their kindness in granting the use of their peal. At both churches during the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were brought round.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Rev. C. H. Clarke, M.A., Vicar of Chiddingfold, was voted to the chair.—The Divisional Hon. Secretary made touching reference to the passing of Mr. A. Watson, the late general hon. secretary of the Association, and mentioned that through his foresight and guidance the Association had been enabled to stand the financial strain, and was to-day paying members half rail fares when attending meetings, although this was about double pre-war rates. There being no new members to elect, the election of officers was then proceeded with.

Mr. G. H. Howse was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and in thanking the company for his re-election, said he had hoped someone else would have taken the post—he had been secretary for 11 years, and thought it was time new blood was infused into the offices of the Association. He however, appreciated their confidence, and would continue in office one more year. There were four nominations for the seats on the Association Committee, viz., Messrs. Franks, Stokes, Livermore and Miles.—On a vote being taken, the first three were declared elected.

The first quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingfold, by the kind invitation of the Rev. C. H. Clarke, on July 19th.

The members who attended from each of the three county divisions spent a very enjoyable (if brief) time in Eastbourne, which just now is looking its best.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.****MEETING AT NETHERTON.**

A very interesting and successful quarterly meeting of this Guild was held in ideal summer weather at St. Andrew's Church, Nether-ton, when a goodly number of members attended from Bilston, Coseley, Dudley, Tipton, Old Hill, Blakenhall, Sedgley, West Bromwich, Handsworth, Stourbridge, Wollaston, etc. The eight bells were at the disposal of the ringers from three o'clock until service time at 4.30, when service was held, the Guild form being used. The Vice-President (the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar of Nether-ton) officiated, and an admirable and inspiring address was given by Mr. T. Cooper, ex-parish warden, who chose as his text, Zechariah xiv. 20: "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord." At the close of the address the Doxology was sung, followed by a verse of the National Anthem.

The ringers then adjourned to the Church House, where tea was in readiness, to which upwards of 50 sat down. The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. H. Mason), Mr. J. Shaw, people's warden, and Mr. T. Cooper.—The Vicar gave the members a hearty welcome again in his church, and it was proposed to attempt a quarterly peal for the Guild at Nether-ton, the arrangements as regards the method, etc., being left in the hands of Mr. A. Greenfield.—Several new members were elected, including two life and two honorary members.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Penn, near Wolverhampton, on August 30th, subject to obtaining the consent of the Vicar and local ringers.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his great kindness in conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, for the use of the tower and bells, and the Church House; also to the wardens (Messrs. E. Frost and J. Shaw) for their support, regret being felt at the absence of Mr. Frost through indisposition, and wishes being expressed that he would soon be well again. Mr. Cooper was thanked for his able and interesting address, which was greatly appreciated, and thanks were also accorded to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies who undertook to prepare and serve it. The members also wish to thank sincerely the members of the local band for making the necessary arrangements for so successful a meeting.

A verse of the National Anthem brought the gathering to a close, and the bells were kept merrily going in various methods till nearly nine o'clock.

**A HIGH WYCOMBE MEMORIAL.****TABLET UNVEILED.**

On Empire Day a double ceremony took place in the belfry at High Wycombe, viz., the presentation of a handsome clock by Mr. C. E. Skull, J.P., one of the churchwardens, and the dedication of a tablet to the memory of deceased members of the belfry. The oak clock—which is a useful acquisition to the belfry—has been designed after the Jacobean period by Mr. W. T. Barnes (Messrs. W. Skull and Son), and it bears on a brass plate the inscription:—'Presented to the belfry by C. E. Skull, J.P., Churchwarden, Empire Day, May 24th, 1919.' The memorial tablet is also of oak, the design being carried out by Mr. Barnes, while the execution of the work was in the capable hands of Messrs. J. Carpenter and Jas. Young, who gratuitously gave their services, the bell ringers themselves helping to defray the cost. The tablet is inscribed:—'Jesu, Mercy. To the glory of God and in memory of Benjamin Page, William Phipps, and William T. Horne. Requiescat in pace.'

Many members of the congregation and others attended the belfry, and after the dedication they had the privilege of ascending to the top of the tower, where a really charming view of the surrounding country was obtained; Messrs. John Gransbury, Ed. Markham (Deputy Foreman), and Geo. Twitchen fulfilling the duties of guides while Mr. Ralph Coles carried out the arrangements in the belfry. A collection box was placed in the belfry, and all who availed themselves of the opportunity were asked to place donations in the box for the special fund which is being raised for the recasting of the sixth bell.

The presentation of the clock was made by Mr. Skull, and the gift was received in a graceful speech by the Vicar, who referred to the fact that efforts were being made to raise funds for the recasting of the sixth bell, which was cracked. Through the zeal and activity of the ringers he believed that nearly half of the money required had been raised for the work of recasting the bell. That day they were making another effort on behalf of the same object. The ringers had chosen a very happy, appropriate, and auspicious occasion, Empire Day.

The Vicar then dedicated the memorial tablet to the departed ringers by saying appropriate prayers.

Mr. Ralph Coles (Foreman), on behalf of the ringers, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Skull, observing that this was not the first time he had shown his appreciation of the ringers' efforts. They were very grateful to him. He should like to couple in the vote the names of Mr. Barnes for designing the clock and tablet, and of Mr. Jas. Carpenter and Mr. Jas. Young for the work they had gratuitously carried out in connection with the memorial tablet.—Mr. George White seconded the proposition.—The vote was carried by acclamation, and it was briefly acknowledged by Mr. Skull.

In the evening there was an interesting organ recital in the church by the talented organist (Mr. Geo. F. Andrews, A.R.C.O.), the collection at this service being also devoted to the special fund for recasting the sixth bell. The service, which was well attended, was conducted by the Vicar.

During the afternoon and evening much ringing was done on the bells, there being a number of visitors present, in addition to the local ringers.

**THE PEALS ANALYSIS.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—In looking through the Peal Analysis for 1918, in your last issue, I have noticed a slight error. Kent County Association is credited with one peal of Minor, and it states lower down that it is in three methods. You will find in the November 22nd issue of the 'Ringing World' a peal at Milton-next-Gravesend in four methods. That is either left out or credited one method short. The reason I call your attention to this is that the ringers of this peal look upon it as one of their best performances, inasmuch as it was rung by the band that had managed continuously to keep the bells going all through the war, while seven of the band was serving King and country.—Yours,

FRED. M. MITCHELL.

**LADIES AT ST. PETER MANCROFT.**

On the evening of May 20th, writes a correspondent of the 'Eastern Daily Press,' a good muster of ringers turned up for the weekly practice at St. Peter Mancroft tower, Norwich. There were more ringers than ropes; and for the first time since Armistice Day the twelve bells were rung. In each of two plain courses of Grandsire Cinques a lady took part—Miss Helen Bill in the first and Miss Frances Bill in the second. The scientific ringing record at St. Peter's is a long one, and the tablet on the belfry wall to a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1715 is said to be the earliest account of a peal extant. With this long record the name of Miss Helen Bill will go down to posterity as the first lady to ring Cinques at St. Peter Mancroft. There are now a number of lady ringers in England, but very few who are capable of taking part in a 'touch' on twelve.

## DEATH OF MR. J. W. TAYLOR.

### PASSING OF HEAD OF FAMOUS FIRM.

The news of the death of Mr. John William Taylor, head of the famous Loughborough Bell Foundry, will be received with deep regret by members of the ringing Exercise throughout the world, and to the many to whom he was so intimately known there will be a deep feeling of personal loss. Some weeks ago Mr. Taylor underwent a serious abdominal operation in a Nottingham Nursing Home, and was afterwards removed to the Loughborough Nursing Home. His condition never ceased to give cause for anxiety, and, although at one period there was every hope of his eventual recovery, this hope was not realised, and he passed peacefully away on Wednesday, June 4th, at the age of 66 years.

By his death the Exercise loses a well-known figure, and the craft an enterprising and honoured member. Born on May 23rd, 1853, at



Taylor was educated at the Loughborough Grammar School. --e then entered his father's business, to which he devoted all his energies. Realising the importance of a bell founder being a practical ringer Mr. Taylor set about acquiring the art, and it is no exaggeration to say that in the prime of his manhood he was one of the finest ringers in the Midland counties. Ringers always found in him a warm friend, ever ready to extend hospitality to those who visited Loughborough, but his intimate acquaintances found his geniality infectious, and his conversation and fund of anecdote not only entertaining, but instructive and interesting. He had travelled widely on the Continent, and his knowledge of the carillons of Holland, Belgium and France was unsurpassed by anyone on this side of the Channel.

His business had taken him to almost every corner of the British Isles, and probably no man was better known in connection with church bells. As the head of the Loughborough firm Mr. Taylor was naturally deeply interested in all that appertained to the progress of church bell ringing, indeed, cradled as he was among the bells, they had been his life-long study, scientifically and mechanically, and change ringing was his principal hobby, although in his younger days he was a keen follower of hounds. He was also an enthusiastic amateur photographer, and one of the pioneers of motorring in Lough-

borough. In this latter connection Mr. Taylor, as a member of the Royal Automobile Club, has rendered great personal service to the country. Placing himself and his car at the disposal of the military he acted as a staff driver to one of the important home commands, and in this capacity drove over ten thousand miles on military duty. His family, indeed, set a great example of patriotism. Four sons served in the fighting forces, and three of them made the supreme sacrifice on the fields of France, while the fourth was wounded. Miss Taylor took up Red Cross nursing, and also served overseas. The loss of three of his sons told heavily upon Mr. Taylor, and he was never able to shake off the burden of sorrow which accumulated by the successive deaths of three gallant sons.

In the councils of the Midland Counties Association Mr. Taylor has long held an honoured place. He joined the organisation in 1883, and for many years was a vice-president, until at the death of Sir Arthur Heywood in 1916, he succeeded to the presidency. Mr. Taylor was seldom absent from a meeting of the Association, and for over 25 years represented that body on the Central Council. Last year he was elected on the Standing Committee of the Council.

In his younger days Mr. Taylor was very active in peal ringing, and rang over 160 peals for the Midland Counties Association alone. The most noteworthy of these was the 8,800 of Superlative Surprise at All Saints', Loughborough, on May 15th, 1894, occupying 6 hrs. 16 mins., in which Mr. Taylor rang the tenor.

In addition to change ringing, Mr. Taylor took a special interest in carillons, and had visited almost every famous carillon on the continent. He placed a carillon in the Loughborough foundry, and upon these bells the famous carillonneur of Malines, M. Josef Denyn, had played several times.

Mr. Taylor was twice married, in 1884 to Annie Mary Bardsley, who died in 1904, leaving four sons and three daughters. Mr. Taylor married the second time in 1909, and Mrs. Taylor and her two children, a son and daughter, are left with the surviving members of the first family, to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place at Loughborough on Friday, the first portion of the service being held in the Parish Church.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Whatton on Saturday week and was well attended, ringers being present from Bottesford, Bulwell, Cotgrave, East Bridgford, Long Bennington, Nottingham, Radcliffe-on-Trent and Orston in addition to the local company. Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Court and Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were successfully brought round.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, the Rev. C. J. Street taking the chair.—It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, June 28th, providing the quarterly meeting of the Association is not arranged for the same day.—On the motion of Mr. Walter White, seconded by the Rev. A. D. Hill, the following resolution is to be brought forward at the next quarterly meeting of the Association: 'That a letter be sent from the Association to Mr. W. C. Wakley thanking him for his past services as hon. treasurer, from which position he retired last Easter through leaving the district.' Mr. White said Mr. Wakley and his father had held the office practically since the Association was formed.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and local ringers for the use of the bells.

### CHURCH BELL RESTORATION IN DEVON.

The bells of All Saints' Church, Highweek, near Newton Abbot, having been returned from the foundry, the tower now possesses a fine ring of eight. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Aggett and Son, of Chagford. The bells are hung on massive iron frames, constructed on the firm's own design, and their patent adjustable bearings have been used.

Messrs. Aggett and Sons have just received orders for the restoration of Seaton bells by recasting the present second and adding two new trebles to make a fine ring of six. They are also about to restore the famous peal of 14 bells in St. Mary's Abbey, Buckfast, Buckfastleigh. The Abbey dates back to the 10th century, and the general work of restoration to this fine old pile still continues. The bells are a grand peal, the tenor being about two tons in weight, and they were presented to the Abbey about nine years ago by a gentleman in memory of his wife. They are the only peal of the kind in England. The bells are to be hung in massive oak frames on oak beams, with all new fittings. General Birdwood, commanding Australian Forces, recently visited Chagford and inspected Messrs. Aggett's works, and was highly interested.

Messrs. Aggett and Sons hope to complete Barnstaple bells after the completion of the work at Highweek.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The report of Tuesday's meeting of the Central Council at Gloucester will appear in our next issue.



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## MEMORIAL BELLS DEDICATED AT SAWLEY.

On Saturday week, two new bells which have been placed in the tower of the Parish Church at Sawley, Derbyshire, as a memorial for the Sawley men who have given their lives for their country in the great war, were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Derby (Dr. Noakes). The addition of these two bells completes the octave, which is now one of the best in the neighbourhood. The work has been done by the well-known firm of John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have given the greatest satisfaction not only to the ringers but to the parishioners in general.

The bells were rung at the dedication service by the local band, after which they were open to visiting ringers, many of whom attended from Derby, Ilkerton, Long Eaton, Beeston, etc., touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich being rung during the evening.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**LOUGHBOROUGH.**—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday May 4th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 1,205 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: H. Stubbs 1, W. Smith 2, E. Leslie 3, J. Hardy 4, S. Smith 5, J. Huebby 6, C. Harriman 7, Geo. Freebrey (conductor) 8, E. Reader 9, W. Thorley 10. Arranged for Geo. Freebrey, who belongs to Derby, and who wishes to thank the ringers for their kindness.

**SOUTHGATE.**—At Christ Church, on Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: A. G. Crane 1, A. R. Glascock 2, J. E. Miller 3, J. A. Dart (conductor) 4, H. Miller 5, W. Pickworth 6, G. Fletcher 7, J. Armstrong 8.—On Sunday, May 18th, 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by S. Wade.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday, May 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Burner 1, A. Kentfield (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, W. Hobbs 3, W. Richards 4, J. Woodley 5, W. Rundle (conductor) 6, W. Marsh 7, S. Simonds 8.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—For evening service, on May 11th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1264 changes), in 42 mins.: L. W. Copsey 1, G. Martin (conductor) 2, W. Walker 3, C. Smith 4, J. Eldridge 5, A. Walker 6, A. Martin 7, G. Alder 8. All the band, except G. Alder (Burnham) are from Boyne Hill, where they are unable to ring owing to their own bells being out of repair.

**NEW SHOREHAM.**—Sussex County Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: B. Challen 1, W. Franks 2, R. Noakes 3, E. Marsh 4, T. Burtenshaw 5, F. Cripps 6, R. Stedwick 7, H. Stalham (conductor) 8.

**BUCKNALL, STAFFS.**—On Tuesday, May 13th at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Alice Wheelton 1, W. Wheelton, Junr., 2, W. Wheelton, senr., 3, C. Pointon 4, W. Fradley 5, C. Preston (conductor) 6. A second 720 in the same method was also rung: W. Wheelton, Junr., 1, C. Preston 2, Alice Preston 3, C. Pointon 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheelton (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by Alice Wheelton, Alice Preston and W. Fradley.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—For the Hertfordshire Territorials' memorial service, on May 17th, 1008 Grandsire Triples: E. Day 1, E. Newell 2, C. Cannon 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare (conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, H. Else 8.—On May 18th, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: E. Day 1, Miss M. Durrant 2, W. Croft 3, F. R. Bacon 4, E. Newell 5, J. Hare (conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, H. Else 8.

**NEWCHURCH, LANCS.**—On Sunday evening, May 18th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Taylor (conductor) 1, T. Harrison 2, J. H. Haydock (Ramsbottom) 3, L. Taylor 4, O. Eastwood 5, W. Taylor 6, S. Pickup (Bacup) 7, J. W. Ormond 8.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on May 18th, for evening service, the occasion of the Children's Sunday School Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Wood 1, W. Payne 2, B. Wilson 3, H. Walker 4, L. A. Goodenough 5, F. Hunt 6, A. King (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On May 18th, for morning service, at St. Giles' Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. Welford 1, W. Rogers 2, T. Law 3, J. T. Hensman 4, F. Hopper 5, T. Tebbutt 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, A. Monk 8.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—At St. Peter's Church, on May 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Rose 1, Rev. C. A. Phillips 2, C. F. Uphill 3, T. Page 4, C. B. Hurst 5, J. T. Hull 6, L. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. J. Benger 8. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. T. Godwin 1, T. Page 2, C. F. Uphill 3, Rev. C. A. Phillips 4, L. Wiffen 5, W. J. Benger 6, G. T. White (conductor) 7, C. B. Hurst 8. Rung with the bells fully muffled, before and after the funeral of the Rector of the parish, the Rev. Canon H. C. Coote, R.D.

**LAWTON, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Alice Preston (first touch on eight bells) 1, C. Preston 2, J. Booth (conductor) 3, W. Longmore 4, J. Pierpoint 5, J. Wildblood 6, W. Rigby 7, A. Wright 8.

## THE NEW PEAL AT CLAPHAM.

### DEDICATION AND OPENING OF ST. STEPHEN'S BELLS.

While many parish authorities are still discussing the form which their peace memorial shall take, the Rev. G. H. Ensor, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, has had the satisfaction of bringing to completion his efforts to celebrate, in advance, the peace which we all believe is so near to accomplishment. It is true that in this he has been helped by a very earnest and generous Christian lady, 94 years of age, who, as the donor of the beautiful peal of bells installed in the church on Saturday last, wishes to remain anonymous, but within a fortnight of the Armistice the Vicar had taken steps to obtain the funds necessary to provide for commemorating the coming peace. Among other improvements to the church a new ringing gallery has been erected, the organ is being restored and enlarged, a new Holy Communion rail is being provided, and two beautiful tablets, containing the names of the fallen members of the congregation, have been completed.

of congratulation from their Royal Highnesses, the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert, who had expressed their deep regret at being unable to be present on account of longstanding previous engagements, but stating that they were delighted to hear of the progress and success of the work in connection with St. Stephen's. A telegram expressing regret at his absence had also been received from Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, and letters from the Bishop of Kingston, the Bishop of Woolwich, and the Chaplain-General of the Forces. The Vicar also announced that he would be extremely grateful for any assistance that ringers could give until his own band, which was training, was competent to take charge of the ropes.

To the singing of the hymn, 'The strife is o'er,' the clergy and choir, accompanied by the churchwardens, the architect (Mr. Forsyth) and Mr. C. F. Johnston (head of the firm of Gillett and Johnston, the founders), proceeded to the west end of the church, beneath the ringing gallery, where Prebendary Webb-Peploe read the dedicatory prayers.



ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.

Inset—(top), The Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Ensor; (bottom), Mr. Herbert Langdon, who is to be the conductor and instructor at the belfry.

The dedication ceremony on Saturday afternoon brought together a congregation that completely filled the commodious and picturesque church, and the special form of service was that generally used on such occasions in the diocese of Southwark, and was the same as the Westminster Abbey service earlier in the week. The Vicar officiated, and the curate, the Rev. J. C. Green was also present. The service began with the National Anthem, and this was immediately followed by an address given by Prebendary H. W. Webb-Peploe, Vicar of St. Paul's, Onslow Square, who brought home the three points: that the bells were first a memorial peal for those who had laid down their lives in the war; secondly, a thankoffering for the close of hostilities in view of the signing of peace; and, thirdly, that they had been presented by an aged lady as a thankoffering for a long life.

After the address, the Vicar announced that he had received letters

A few rounds were then rung on the bells, and the procession returned to the chancel during the singing of the hymn, 'For all the Saints.' The Benediction closed a short but impressive service, and the rich and melodious tones of the new peal were then heard over the district in a quarter-peal of Stedman, rung to perfect time, and faultlessly, by J. N. Oxborrow 1, W. E. Garrard 2, A. B. Peck 3, 1, Attwater 4, H. Pasmore 5, T. Langdon 6, W. T. Cockerill (conductor); 7, C. S. Burden 8.

Afterwards a touch of 308 Grandsire Triples was rung by a complete band from the Croydon Foundry. Thereafter the bells were rung by bands made up from the numerous ringers who had journeyed to Clapham to take part in the opening. The methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, and everyone was delighted with the beauty of tone and the magnificent 'go' of the bells, which,

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**CROYDON, SURREY.**



being hung below the louvres are heard outside the tower to great advantage, and without the distressing noise which is too often a fault when new bells are erected in a tower. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated upon an excellent piece of work, and St. Stephen's parish upon the possession of a very fine peal of bells.

The Vicar, who is a keen sportsman and still holding his own with many younger men on the football and cricket fields and on the tennis and badminton courts, owes his own practical knowledge of the bell ropes to the celebrated veteran, Mr. Edwin Horrex, the oldest member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who has taken the greatest pains with his clerical pupil.

The St. Stephen's ringing band is composed of both ladies and gentleman, and Mr. A. Langdon, the well-known ringer and member of St. Paul's Cathedral band, has been engaged as conductor and tower instructor. Any London or provincial ringers desirous of ringing a few touches on the bells on any Sunday should communicate in the first place with the Rev. G. H. Ensor, St. Stephen's Vicarage, Clapham Park. It is hoped that for several months this beautiful peal will be rung for both services on Sundays by the many visitors who will doubtless wish to prove the merits of the bells for themselves.

The following are the details of the bells:—

	Note.	Inscription.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	E	Cast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon	5	0	5
2	D sharp	ditto	1	3	3
3	C sharp	ditto	5	1	11
4	B	ditto	6	0	17
5	A	ditto	7	3	24
6	G sharp	ditto	8	3	12
7	F sharp	ditto	13	2	8
Tenor	E	ditto	17	1	10
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G. H. ENSOR, M.A., Vicar.

S. H. SCOTT, (Wardens.  
W. T. GIBSON, )

### THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

To enable me to bring this successful and interesting scheme to a close, I shall be glad if those who still have lists and amounts in hand will kindly forward these to me with as little delay as possible.

As amounts so liberally continue to come in, it is intended to keep the fund open for the present.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Steeplekeepers are asked to make known to their members the following fixtures for combined practices during the month of June.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—Saturday, June 14th, at 5.30 p.m. Tea by notifying Mr. J. J. Parker, 'Ellismere.' The 42nd anniversary of the opening of the ring of six bells.

STOKE POGES and SLOUGH.—Saturday, June 21st, 3 to 5.30 and 7 till 9 p.m. respectively. The Leytonstone Society's day in Bucks. Tea at Mr. Lidstone's, High Street, Slough, at 6 o'clock (1s. each), by sending him notice direct.

COOKHAM-ON-THAMES. — Saturday, June 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service at 5.30; tea, by invitation, at 6 o'clock. Social and ringing afterwards. The Master of the Guild is hoping to be present. Those attending will please inform the Hon. Secretary.

W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, nr. Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury (8 bells) on Saturday, June 14th. Evensong 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Will intending visitors kindly notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 9th?

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.; tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, on Saturday, June 14th. Service at 6 o'clock. Bells available afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar (Rev. H. South).—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Stapleford, Cambs (Shelford Station), on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock. Short Service at 5; tea at 5.30. Will those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon, Mon., on Saturday, June 14th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) available.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A "missionary" meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15th, starting from Kelvedon 9 a.m., via Inworth, Gt. Totham, Goldhanger, Tollesbury, and Tolleshunt D'Arcy. I shall be glad to hear from members who intend taking part as soon as possible, so that final arrangements can be made.—B. Redgwell, Dist. Sec., Rayne.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 26th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—An evening meeting will be held at Acton on Wednesday, June 18th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Festival at Hereford, Thursday, June 19th, 1919. 10.30 a.m., Divine service at All Saints' Church. 11.30 a.m., business meeting in All Saints' Parish Room; 1 p.m., dinner, 3s. 6d. (including beer), at Imperial Cafe. Neighbouring towers will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Among other matters to be discussed, is a proposal to organize the Guild in districts. Owing to the difficulty in procuring supplies, members who intend being at dinner must notify the hon. sec. not later than June 11th, otherwise provision cannot be made for them.—James S. Roper, Hon. Secretary, Quatt Rectory, Bridgnorth, Salop.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 21st, at Hillingdon, both towers open. Will members who intend to be present please notify me by the 18th?—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.6.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, 21st June. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. in schools to those who notify Mr. Charles Law, Main Street, Kildwick, near Keighley, not later than Monday, June 16th. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE 'ND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those who let me know on or before Wednesday, June 18th.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield, on Saturday June 21st. Bells ready 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea will be provided at a charge of 6d. each, those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than June 18th. Through the kindness of the Rector (Rev. F. G. Scovell) the Rectory grounds will be open for the use of ringers and friends. Rotherham and Mexbro' cars pass the church.—Arthur Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary's, Putney, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 21st. As this marks the resumption of the Southern District meetings, the officers and members are requested to attend, particularly the business meeting after the practice.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30 p.m., the Vicar will preside.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Next meeting will be held at Barkway and Royston on Saturday, June 21st, 1919. A motor lorry will meet the down train arriving at Royston 1.55 p.m. to convey ringers to Barkway (8 bells), and will return to Royston for tea and business meeting at The County Dairy. The return motor journey will be 2s. 1d., and the tea 7d. to members. Visitors 1s. 3d. tea. Will those who can, notify me of their intention to avail themselves of the motor service and tea so that provision can be made?—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin, Herts.

**SONNING, BERKS.**—This fine peal of bells will be open for ringing on Wednesday, June 25th, between the hours of 12 (noon) and 2.30 p.m., being the occasion of a Missionary Gathering at which Canon Coleridge will preside. Ringing visitors will be welcomed.—C. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.** Established 1623.—Great ringing day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. Visitors welcome. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Will those wishing to partake of dinner kindly let Secretary know? If visitors, wishing to make a week-end, will kindly inform the Secretary, he will arrange for ringing on the Saturday and Sunday.—R. A. Strong, West Road, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Biggleswade (G.N.R. main line), on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m.; Service, 4.30. Tea in Vicarage Gardens, by kind permission of Rev. Rolf, at 5 p.m. Visitors cordially invited.—Edward P. Duffield, Hon. Sec., Sharnbrook, Beds.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (Forest Row Station), on Saturday, June 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 25th?—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (Cathedral) available from 3 till 3.55, and at St. Mary's during the afternoon and evening. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. Preb. Paice, M.A. (Vicar). Tea and general meeting at Seagrave's Restaurant at 5.30. Tea, 1/- to fully paid members, to others 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, 24th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—**Rochester District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at **Shorne** on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. in the belfry.—**E. A. G. Allen**, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill St. Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at **All Saints', Edmonton, London**, on Saturday, July 5th. Full particulars next week.—**E. K. Parker**, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—**Northern District.**—The tower of **St. Mary, Islington**, is open for practice every Friday evening at 7.30 p.m.—Hon. District Sec., **F. G. Symonds**.

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

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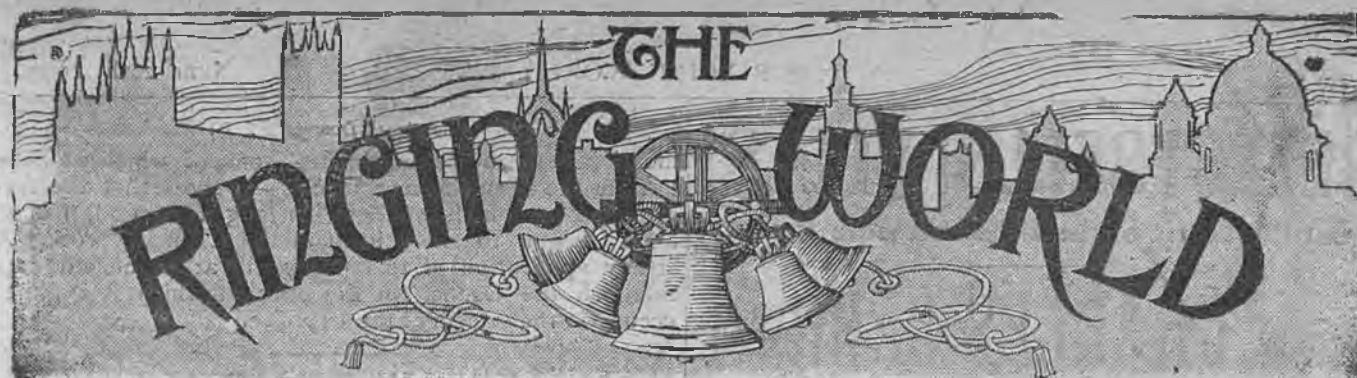
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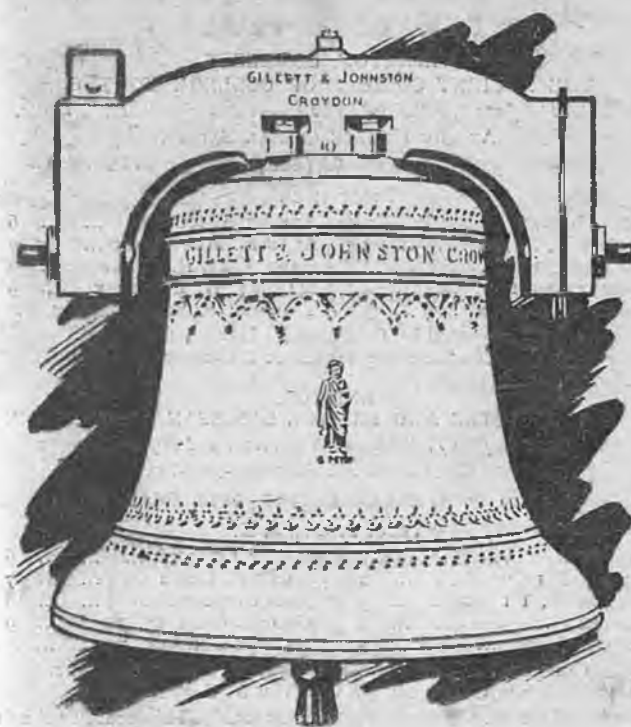
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The meeting of the Central Council at Gloucester last week was, from several points of view, one of the best that had been held for many years past. Apart from the fact that the attendance was high—one of the largest gatherings ever held in the provinces—there was shown a spirit of determination to make the Council once more a live body, which augurs well for the future if it be maintained. It was not to be expected that a revolution would come, but in two or three ways it was manifest that the policy of drift, of living on past reputation, is to be changed—if possible.

The alteration has come about partly as the result of the infusion of new blood, but largely, we believe, by the constant efforts which have been made to get the Council to realise that their works are not viewed throughout the Exercise in exactly the same light as some members of the Council have regarded them. The Council had been fast losing touch with the masses of the ringers, although some of the older members did not, perhaps, realise it. But the action which the Council has taken, particularly in regard to increasing its own utility, has the promise of leading to better things. Without discussing for the moment the possibilities contained in the suggestion that the Council should have powers of enforcing its decisions, the fact that the Associations are to be consulted on the subject is a great step. Then, too, the proposal to revise the procedure at the Council meetings should make for a greater interest in the meetings. At Gloucester much valuable time was frittered away in the morning in formalities and in discussing trivialities, time that might have been much more profitably spent upon the serious business of the day.

The Committee's reports led to some interesting discussions, and one of the signs of healthy movement was the steps taken, at the suggestion of Canon Papillon, to put life into the Literature Committee, whose long years of inactivity have been the laughing-stock of the Council. The Exercise, too, may look for an early publication of the results of the colossal labours of the Methods and Peal Collection Committees, which are to be issued when financial considerations render this possible. In this connection, too, we might perhaps be allowed to mention the decision to advertise the Council's publications in this journal. Some five years ago the Council definitely refused to do this, to, as we think, their loss and the loss of the Exercise in general. Now, at last, they have realised the importance of advertising ringing publications in a ringing paper, and we have no doubt the sales and the ringing fraternity will benefit accordingly. We have briefly

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mentioned these various points—some of which we hope to return to in subsequent articles—to show that the forward policy which we have so long advocated, has at length begun to show itself in the Council's work. A steady application of this policy will at no distant date establish the Council in the position which it ought to occupy in the esteem of the Exercise.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 9, 1919, in Four Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 8335 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT... .. Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... .. 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM STAITHE ... .. 8
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	SERG. ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 9
WILLIAM HALE ... .. 4	JOHN JEFFERIES ... .. 10
FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 5	FRANK COLE ... .. 11
ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 6	REPERT SHARP ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5078 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX ... .. Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 6
WILLIAM D. SMITH ... .. 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN... .. 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. 9
GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5010 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 6
EDWIN J. R. DYER ... .. 2	JAMES R. JONES ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 8
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ALBERT FLEMING ... .. 2	THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 6
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GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.



DERBY, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.		Tenor 11½ cwt.	
ALBERT H. WARD ... ..	Treble	WALTER WALLACE ... ..	5
GEORGE WARD ... ..	2	JOHN W. GLEW ... ..	6
BART MITCHELL ... ..	3	JAMES PAGETT ... ..	7
CHARLES DRAPER ... ..	4	A. B. STONE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John W. Taylor, of Loughborough, President of this Association, also as an anniversary peal to the memory of late Trooper W. J. Davis, a former member of this bellfry, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of his country, June 10th, 1916. The ringers represent the three change ringing bands in Derby.

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On Whit-Monday, June 9, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.	
ALFRED KEEBLE ... ..	Treble
GEORGE WILSON ... ..	2
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... ..	3
JAMES M. BAILEY ... ..	4
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... ..	5
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... ..	6
CHARLES SAMSON ... ..	7
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... ..	Tenor

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HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 24 cwt.	
FREDERICK J. REEVE ... ..	Treble	MORACE H. SMITH ... ..	5
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... ..	2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... ..	6
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... ..	3	*HERBERT H. HELEY ... ..	7
HARRY LEAR ... ..	4	WILLIAM G. REDMAN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY LEAR.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rev. H. Francis for the use of the bells and for his kind congratulations after the peal. \* First peal inside. † First peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
BERNARD ALLSOP ... ..	Treble
FRED W. HILL ... ..	2
HENRY GREGORY ... ..	3
THOMAS WHITE ... ..	4
EDWIN BLACKWELL ... ..	5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... ..	6
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... ..	7
*MAURICE FROGGATT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS.

Conducted by A. C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal. Rung with the clappers half-muffled to the memory of Mr. John W. Taylor, of Loughborough, President of the Association.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' REVERSED.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
FRANK SMITH ... ..	Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL ... ..	5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... ..	2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... ..	6
PERCY W. CAVE ... ..	3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... ..	7
SAMUEL CARDELL ... ..	4	AMOS TREFPHER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.	
CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... ..	Treble
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... ..	2
WILLIAM LEWIS ... ..	3
WILLIAM PAGE ... ..	4
SERG'T. E. MORRIS, A.S.C. ... ..	5
WILLIAM C. JONES ... ..	6
FRANCIS BARKER ... ..	7
JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Bowkett and Lewis. Rung on the eve of the return to civil life of Serg't. Morris, after 3½ years in the A.S.C.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
JOHN BALLARD ... ..	Treble
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... ..	2
ERNEST TIGWELL ... ..	3
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... ..	4
WALTER HORTON ... ..	5
FRED COTTON ... ..	6
ERNEST STONE ... ..	7
HARRY ARGYLE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, President of the Midland Counties Association.

E. Tigwell was elected a member of the M.C.A. before starting for the peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

KILLMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD AND  
OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being seven 720's each called differently.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
FREDERICK PARR ... ..	Treble	GEORGE BORNHAM ... ..	4
HARRY GREAVES ... ..	2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... ..	5
T. A. HOWES SMITH ... ..	3	CHARLES SEVERN ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

This peal contains 120 bobs and is the first peal of London Surprise Minor ever rung.

COTGRIVE, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being seven 720's each called differently.		Tenor 17½ cwt.	
GEORGE NOWELL ... ..	Treble	FRANK SPENCER ... ..	4
THOS. H. KIRKEY ... ..	2	JOHN OLDHAM ... ..	5
WILLIAM E. WHITE ... ..	3	WALTER WHITE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, President of the Midland Counties Association.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BEESTON, NOTTS.

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

On Sunday, June 8, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. PRICE, MONTAGUE ST.,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 42 six-scores each called differently.

*FREDERICK S. PRICE ... ..	1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... ..	3-4
HUBERT SHEPHERD ... ..	5-6		

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, M.M.

\* First peal on handbells. First handbell peal rung in Beeston.

Other Peals are unavoidably held over.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### THE MEETING AT GLOUCESTER.

The 22th annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held on Whitson Tuesday in the Chapter House of Gloucester Cathedral. The Rev. A. H. Boughey (President) occupied the chair. The other members present were: The Rev. C. D. P. Davies (hon. secretary), Miss N. Gillingham, and Messrs. J. Carter, J. George, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope and H. W. Wilde (hon. members), and the following representatives of Associations:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. E. Horrex and A. A. Hughes.

Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.

Bath and Wells Diocesan: Rev. C. C. Parker.

Bedfordshire: Rev. Canon W. W. Baker.

St. Martin's Guild for Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. W. H. Godden.

Cambridge University: Mr. E. H. Lewis.

Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. H. S. Brocklebank and R. T. Holding.

Devon: Rev. M. Kelly.

Dudley and District: Mr. W. R. Small.

Essex County: Mr. W. J. Nevard.

Gloucester and Bristol: Mr. J. Austin.

Hereford Diocesan: Mr. J. Clark.

Hertford County: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.

Kent County: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. E. Barnett and J. A. Cheesman.

Ladies' Guild: Miss H. K. Parker.

Lancashire: Rev. Canon Elsee, and Mr. W. E. Wilson.

Leeds and District: Mr. P. J. Johnson.

Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James, and Messrs. R. Richardson and J. W. Seamer.

Mandaff Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones.

London County: Mr. E. A. Young.

Middlesex County: Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. A. T. King, I.S.O., and J. R. Sharman.

Midland Counties: Mr. W. E. White.

Central Northants: Messrs. W. Perkins and F. Wilford.

Norwich Diocesan: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. G. P. Burton.

Oxford Diocesan: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. Canon Coleridge, Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hopgood.

Peterborough and District: Mr. R. Narborough.

Salisbury Diocesan: Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. T. H. Beams.

Staffs Archdeaconry: Messrs. W. Fisher and H. Knight.

Surrey County: Lieut. C. F. Johnston and Mr. C. Dean.

Sussex County: Mr. H. R. Butecher.

Warwickshire: Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts.

Winchester Diocesan: Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. G. Williams.

Worcester and Districts: Messrs. A. E. Parsons, T. J. Salter and W. Short.

Yorkshire: Mr. G. Bolland.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. Canon Papillon, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Rev. W. P. Wright, Messrs. J. D. Matthews, J. W. Parker, C. L. Routledge, W. Storey and F. Willey.

### THE PRESIDENT'S THANKS.

After the minutes of the meeting held in London in 1918 had been read and confirmed,

The President returned his warm thanks to the Council for the great honour they had paid him in electing him president. They were kind enough and he thought, unwise enough to do this last year, when he was prevented by temporary illness from attending the meeting. He had no opportunity of thanking them last year for a great and undeserved honour. He felt a very great responsibility, and he would like to say that he thoroughly agreed with those who held that, unless the circumstances were exceptional, the presidency of the Council should not be held for long by the same person. Circumstances were exceptional hitherto, because they had in their first and, up to the time of his death, their only president, one who was so clearly marked out as being the man for the presidency, that as long as he was able to guide the Council no one else would have consented to take that place. But the circumstances now were not exceptional, and he (the speaker) felt strongly not only that he ought to hold that presidency for a short time, but also that he wished to be able to hold it only for a short time—at latest up till the election of a new Council. Had he been present last year he certainly should have asked them to excuse him from the honour, but having heard of the election only after it had taken place, he felt it would be ungracious not to consent to do his best for a short time. For one thing he was not sufficiently young and vigorous. He was about the same age as the late President. They entered the same college at Cambridge at the same time, and he (the speaker) valued above all his life-long friendship with Sir Arthur Heywood. He knew they all still felt what a loss the Council had had by his death, and he (the President) put it to them clearly that his tenancy was only as a stopgap, until not later than the election of the next Council.

### LOSSES BY DEATH.

Continuing, the President said he had mentioned Sir Arthur Heywood. That reminded him that it was his sad duty to mention the names of three other members of the Council who had died in the past year. One was Mr. Bertram Prewett, of the Middlesex band, and who represented the Herts Association. He was a most delightful friend to everyone who knew him, a distinguished ringer, a most valuable member of any Council or Association to which he belonged. He was one of those—only too many—whose life was sacrificed in the great war. Another was Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke. They mourned a great loss in him also. The third and most recent death among their members was that of Mr. John William Taylor, of the well-known Loughborough Foundry. It was impossible to estimate how much bell ringing in England and in the world had suffered by his loss. He (the President) would ask the members to rise in their places for a moment in order to show their respect and affectionate tribute to their memory and their sympathy with those whom they had left.

The members then rose in their places, and stood in silence for a few moments.

At the suggestion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, a telegram of condolence was sent from the meeting to Mrs. Taylor.

### A ROLL OF HONOUR.

The President said it had been hoped to read at that meeting the Roll of Honour of ringers who have fallen in the war. An appeal was made to secretaries of Associations and others to gather the names for this purpose, but for different reasons they did not propose to read it that day. One was that it was at present incomplete, and another was that peace was not yet signed, and they did not know whether it might be—God grant it should not be—that there was more warfare to come before the final peace. For those two reasons they did not propose to read the roll that day, but to do it upon some future opportunity.

### AN ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY.

'To vote a humble address to His Majesty the King' was the next item on the agenda, and the President stated that the suggestion was first made a little while after the Armistice was signed. It was at once taken up, and endeavoured to be carried out, but there was some necessary delay. Then the feeling became more prominent that it was not certain that we had won actual peace. There was a moment when the great French Commander-in-Chief and another great leader, said they believed more war was inevitable, and they, therefore, decided to postpone the address—he hoped the Council would not think it was simply procrastination—until peace was actually signed, and they (the officers) settled upon two courses. First, if peace were signed, they would take on themselves the responsibility of presenting the address to the King as representing the Central Council immediately on the signing of peace; or, secondly, if peace were not signed before the meeting of the Council they would lay the matter before the Council to decide whether an address should be presented or not. They had drafted an address which he would ask the secretary to read.

The draft proposed was then read, and members were invited to send in suggestions for additions or alterations to the secretary for consideration by the Standing Committee.

It was unanimously resolved that an address should be presented, and the final wording will be eventually settled by the Standing Committee and officers.

Mr. Beams asked in what form the address was to be presented, whether it was to be simple or costly.

The President said the idea of the officers and Standing Committee was that it should not cost a penny, that it should be nothing grand and illuminating, but simply a written address, which, he thought, showed with least ostentation what he was sure, was the very heartfelt feeling of everyone present (applause).

### THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (hon. librarian) who was heartily welcomed on his return from the war, presented a statement as to the sale of the Council's publications. During the year ended May 22nd, 91 copies of publications were sold, the receipts being £2 19s. 1d. After deducting postages £2 16s. 8d. was handed over to the treasurer. During the five years he had been librarian, continued Mr. Jenkyn, 324 copies in all had been sold, and he now desired to know what the Council wished to do. Did they wish to go on in the same way, just slowly, or did they wish to go more quickly. If they wished to go slowly there was nothing more to be said. If they wished to go quickly and sell more of these publications he would suggest they should advertise them in the 'Ringing World,' and that he should be instructed to induce secretaries of Associations to take the publications on sale or return with a view to getting them brought to the notice of members. He found that many ringers had not the least idea what the books really were.

### THE ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Secretary presented the accounts of the Council, audited by the Standing Committee, which showed the balance in hand at the beginning of the year to be £70 2s. 1d. The receipts included sub-

scriptions from associations £11 10s., sales of publications £2 16s. 8d., interest on invested bonds £3 2s. Out of this amount £50 had been invested in War Bonds, £2 10s. had been paid in connection with the meeting in 1918 in London, and £1 17s. 4d. for incidental expenses, leaving a balance in hand of £33 3s. 5d.—The Hon. Secretary mentioned that the subscriptions of two Associations had not been received when the accounts were made up. One had since been paid but the Tower and Districts Association was still in default.

Mr. F. Wilford said the Secretary and Representative of the Tower Association had died, and the Association, so far as that part which came into Northamptonshire was concerned, was also practically dead. They of the Central Northants Association were going to try and work it up again if possible.

On the motion of Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson the accounts were accepted and approved.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston suggested that the Accounts should be printed for circulation among the members.

Mr. King did not see why they should incur the expense of printing, and suggested the accounts should be published in the 'Ringing World.'

Mr. P. J. Johnson said the 'Ringing World' was not supported as it should be by members of the Exercise, and if the Council were going to publish their accounts in the paper they should pay for it in the way of an ordinary advertisement.

After further discussion it was resolved that the Secretary be authorised to pay for the Council's announcements in the 'Ringing World.'

A motion that the accounts be printed with the agenda of the meeting was defeated.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved that the publications of the Council be advertised in the 'Ringing World,' and that he arrange with the secretaries of associations to take copies of the publications on sale or return. — Mr. Lewis seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Burton asked whether the Council ought not to consider the question of increasing the price of their publications.

The Rev. H. Law James said, on the contrary, that they ought rather to consider if it was possible to reduce the price. The Council printed these things for the benefit of the Exercise, and not to make money. As long as they did not lose money the more they sold the better.

#### A NEW HONORARY MEMBER.

Three honorary members—the Rev. A. H. Boughey, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker—retired by rotation, and a vacancy among the hon. members occurred by the election of Mr. G. Williams as a representative of the Winchester Guild.

The three retiring members were re-elected, and Mr. Harry Chapman (Manchester) was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Chapman was for some time one of the representatives of the Lancashire Association on the Council, and the reason why he was not re-elected on the last occasion was explained by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who said it was purely because the association thought it right that the honours should be passed round. None would rejoice more than the Lancashire Association and himself if Mr. Chapman were elected.

Mr. Chapman, who was spending the holiday in Gloucester, was able to take his seat at the afternoon session.

#### A SUMMARY OF OTHER BUSINESS.

After new members had been introduced to the President, the Council came to the consideration of the reports of the various committees.

The Peal Collection Committee reported that they were prepared to print the Treble Bob Collection, and the Council authorised this to be done.

The Legitimate Methods Committee reported that they were ready to go on with the printing of a selection of the Plain Major Methods.

An interesting discussion took place upon legitimate methods, and eventually it was resolved that in future the word 'Legitimate' should be omitted from the title of the committee, so that the committee in future will be known as the Methods Committee. It was also resolved that wherever the word 'legitimate' occurred in the documents of the committee and Council, the word be changed to 'regular' and 'illegitimate' to 'irregular.'

It was resolved that the selection of the plain Major methods contained in the report of the Methods Committee be printed as soon as the hon. secretary and treasurer considered it expedient.

The Literature Committee had been inactive during the year, but a letter from Canon Papillon was accepted as a report, and various suggestions, widening the reference of the committee, and extending its work were adopted. The title was changed to 'The Literature and Press Committee, and the committee was strengthened by the addition of the hon. librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn).

The Peals Analysis Committee's report which has already appeared in these columns was adopted, with thanks to the committee for their work, and it was resolved that the present form of publishing the

table of peals rung in the alphabetical order of the Associations be continued.

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report was an informal one, made by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who also stated that for various reasons the bells of Belgium Committee had been unable to do anything during the year.

The reports having been disposed of, discussion was continued on the subject opened last year, viz., the means most likely to conduce to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council. After a spirited debate it was resolved by 24 votes to 20, 'that the Standing Committee be instructed to consider the procedure of the Central Council and take such action as they think fit,' and it was also resolved 'that it be referred to the societies and associations affiliated to the Council to consider the desirability of giving the Council power to enforce its decisions, and report to the Hon. Secretary of the Council not later than April 26th, 1920.'

The first of these two motions was proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, and the second by Canon Baker.

It was proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. T. H. Beams, and carried: 'That this Council gives its hearty support to the movement, already locally initiated, to restore the ancient usage of a "peace" bell in this country as an appropriate memorial to the men who have sacrificed their lives in the great war, and as a call to prayer for the peace of the realm.'

It was decided that the Council should meet at Northampton next year.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Dean of Gloucester for having placed the Chapter House at the disposal of the Council, and for his offer personally to conduct the members round the Cathedral.

Mr. John Austin was thanked for having made the local arrangements, and the President was thanked for his conduct in the chair.

The members then made a tour of the Cathedral under the guidance of the Dean, and afterwards were entertained to tea by the Gloucester and Bristol Association. They then visited the premises, where two centuries ago the Rudhalls carried on their famous bell foundry, and subsequently spent a social hour at the Ram Hotel.

### THE LATE MR. J. W. TAYLOR.

#### HIS LIST OF PEALS.

The death of Mr. J. W. Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, recorded in our last issue, caused a feeling of deep regret throughout the Exercise, and many expressions of sympathy have been sent to the bereaved family, including a telegram from the Central Council while in session at Gloucester on Tuesday in last week.

Muffled peals were rung at Nuneaton, Cotgrave, Derby, Darley Dale and Leicester.

In addition, attempts took place in other towers, and touches were rung at a number of churches.

At St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, on Saturday, June 7th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect, but it was lost owing to a change course, after 1 hour and 25 minutes' ringing: W. Wileman 1, W. Poyser 2, A. H. Ward 3, C. Draper 4, J. Elcock 5, J. Glew 6, B. Mitchell 7, Geo. Freehay (conductor) 8.

One of the peals on which the Loughborough Foundry prided itself was the wonderful little ring at Long Stanton, Cambs, and on those bells on Whitsun Tuesday 720 Bob Minor was rung on the back six with the bells deeply muffled, by members of the Cambridge University Guild: W. H. J. Hooton 1, Rev. H. R. Woolley 2, J. B. Woolley 3, J. Butler 4, B. F. Sheppard (conductor) 5, E. H. S. Truscott 6. This was the first 720 on tower bells by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th, and the first by B. F. Sheppard as conductor. Also 180 Bob Minor was rung with 7-8 covering: W. H. J. Hooton 1, J. B. Woolley 2, B. F. Sheppard 3, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, E. H. S. Truscott 5, J. Butler (conductor) 6, W. Hawkes 7, C. E. V. Wilkins 8. W. Hawkes is a member of the local company. At the conclusion, 66 strokes, representing the age of the deceased, were tolled on the tenor.

The late Mr. Taylor rang, in all, 220 peals, of which he conducted 98. The following is the list:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	29	15
Grandsire Caters	16	12
Stedman Triples	34	11
Stedman Caters	32	16
Plain Bob Major	4	
Double Oxford Bob Major	2	
Kent Treble Bob Major	38	19
Kent Treble Bob Royal	17	11
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Double Norwich Major	24	9
Superb five Surprise Major	19	3
Duffield Royal	2	
Forward Royal	2	2
	220	98



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### BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of several London churches were rung on Monday in connection with the inauguration of the new Victory Loan.

Several peals, arranged for members of the Central Council and other visitors to Gloucester, went 'west' during the holidays. On Whit-Monday peals were lost at Tewkesbury, Ross, Bradford-on-Avon, and St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. On Wednesday there were failures at Painswick and Tewkesbury.

Pressure on space renders it unfortunately necessary to hold over several peal records and reports of meetings, including that of the annual meetings of the Essex and Kent Associations.

The Essex Association War Memorial is to be a tablet in Chelmsford Cathedral containing the names of the 32 members who have fallen.

To be elected President of his Association (the Central Northants) on one day and ring his hundredth peal the next, in celebration of his father's 80th birthday, has just been the happy lot of Mr. F. Hopper.

Ringers unable to get their 'Ringing World' delivered promptly on Friday by a newsagent should have it forwarded by post (2s. 6d. per quarter post free) from the Editorial Office, 9, Commercial Road, Woking.

The attentions of a bell hanger are sadly needed at Long Crendon—so the High Wycombe ringers found when they visited the tower the other day.

A new band at Stow, Lines, is making good progress under the tuition of the curate.

### LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT CAERLEON.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Caerleon on Saturday last, in glorious summer weather. The bells are a light ring of eight, and during the afternoon touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples were rung. There was a capital attendance, including the lady ringers of Rumney, Llanbradach and Llanfrechfa. Ringers also from such distant places as Aberavon and Llanelli were present. Tea, most kindly provided by the Association's first Master, Mr. Evan Davies, was served at the White Hart Hotel, and at the conclusion, Mr. Davies was thanked for his generosity, which is characteristic of him whenever ringers visit Caerleon.

Mr. Davies was unanimously invited to occupy the chair for the business meeting, which followed.

The roll of honour, as submitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council, was read.

The place for holding the next Monmouth Archdeaconry quarterly meeting was discussed. Blaenavon and Pontypool were proposed, and by a large majority it was decided that it be held at Trevethin, Pontypool.

The Hon. Secretary brought to the meeting's notice the proposed rehanging of St. Clement Danes' bells, with the result that 25s. was collected in the room towards the rehanging.

A vote of thanks to both the chairman for presiding and to the Vicar for the use of the bells closed the meeting, and the members then attended evensong. Afterwards the bells were rung in the standard methods.

The meeting was a most successful one. It may be mentioned that Caerleon dates back to Roman times, and is noted for its round table of King Arthur's days. The museum contains a large quantity of Roman relics and remains.

### HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT FAMOUS TOWER.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Bennington on May 31st, and was well attended and much enjoyed. The weather was perfect, and the old-world village in its spring garb, with its picturesque cottages, and typical green, with the church at the bottom, makes a beautiful picture. From a ringers' point of view, there are the noted ring of eight upon which in bygone days the local band accomplished peals in all the standard methods from Grand-sire to London Surprise, and these peals are recorded in the tower upon handsome tablets. It is a remarkable fact that the Bennington band rang London Surprise for divine service 50 years ago, and nearly every one of that famous company was born in the village.

Ringers, numbering 31, attended from many towers, and the bells were kept busy, through the kindness of Canon Mills, who is a staunch supporter of the Association, and gave a hearty welcome to all, and provided them with tea, at which he presided. The curate (the Rev. G. S. Chapman) was elected a member of the Association, and it is hoped he will be a great acquisition to the Bennington band.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Canon Mills for his generosity and kind welcome, on the motion of the Rev. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, seconded by the district secretary (Mr. W. H. Lawrence)—Canon Mills responded, and hoped all would be spared to come again next year.

ISLEWORTH.—On May 23rd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, A. Diserens (Sunbury) 2, C. Edwards 3, T. Beadle 4, R. Holloway (Acton) 5, G. Spencer 6, C. Hunt (Hammersmith), conductor, 7, H. Brooks 8.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING AT NORTHAMPTON.**

The annual gathering of the Central Northants Association was held at Northampton on Whit-Monday. During the day touches in a variety of methods were rung at All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Sepulchre's, and Kingsthorpe Churches, but, owing to illness near, the bells of St. Giles' and St. Edmund's could not be used.

The annual service was held at All Saints', the preacher being the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. L. Lunt, M.C.). Taking as his text the words, 'The Voice of the Living God,' the reverend gentleman delivered a most able and eloquent address. Lunch and the annual meeting followed at the Peacock Hotel, the retiring President (the Rev. F. H. Lang) presiding. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. F. Hopper, Northampton; treasurer, Alderman Owen Parker, J.P., O.B.E.; general secretary, Mr. F. Wilford, Northampton. Mr. F. Hopper took the chair, supported by the Mayor (Councillor J. J. Martin), the Rev. J. Evan Hopkins (Mayor's Chaplain), Rev. G. C. L. Lunt, M.C. (Vicar of All Saints'), Rev. T. A. Gurney (Vicar of St. Giles'), Rev. J. P. Friend (Collingtree), Rev. John White (Pittsford), Messrs. W. Perkins, T. Law, F. Stubbs and W. Wilson (hon. district secretaries), and about 120 members.

Mr. F. Wilford, in his secretarial report, stated that the balance in hand was £39 6s., which he thought was very satisfactory. In addition to the annual meeting, quarterly meetings had been held in the various districts; and special ringing meetings had also been held for the young ringers, all of which had been well attended. Several peals had been rung during the year, six of these taking place since the Armistice had been signed. The Secretary alluded to the pleasure it was to see so many of the ringers returned home again from H.M. Forces, particularly those who had been in the hands of the enemy. There were 20, he was sorry to say, would not return, 16 having been killed in action, one died of disease, and three died from wounds.

The toast of 'The King' was drunk with musical honours. It was resolved to place a tablet in All Saints' Church with the names of those ringers inscribed thereon who had fallen in the Great War.

The following new members were elected: Councillor J. J. Martin (Mayor), Rev. G. C. L. Lunt, M.C. (Vicar of All Saints'), honorary: E. Stanton (Pozzati), C. Wilson (Woodford), R. Clarke, J. Wilson and C. Crowson (Harpole), C. Higgs (Cogenhoe), ringing members: W. Robinson (Clipstone), unattached: J. Withers, H. Withers and S. Grove (Birmingham), A. W. Cole (London), and A. Diserens (Sunbury-on-Thames), life members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Northampton.

Hearty thanks were accorded the Mayor and other visitors for their attendance; and the Mayor, in his reply, said how pleased he was to be present, observing that it was very gratifying to find the society in such good working order.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of All Saints' and other clergy for the use of the bells; also to the late president for his valuable services. The replies brought a successful gathering to a close.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Southern Branch was held on Saturday, May 31st, at Godstone, where there is a fine peal of eight bells, erected by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the 'go' of them being all that can be desired. Thirty-four members attended from Bletchingley, Burstow, Charlwood, Crawley, Horley, Mersham, Nutfield, Oxted, Redhill, Reigate, and the local band. A short service was held in the church, at which the Rector gave an excellent address. Tea was partaken on the Rectory lawn, by the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Hoare, after which a short business meeting was held, the Rector presiding.—Eight new members were elected; Betchworth was chosen for the next meeting, and Bletchingley selected for the attempt for the quarterly peal.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Hoare for providing such a splendid tea, for use of the bells, and the excellent address at the service; and, in reply, the Rector said it gave Mrs. Hoare and himself great pleasure to entertain the members.

Thanks were passed to Mr. Beeson for making arrangements. This concluded the business, and members adjourned to the tower for further ringing, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major being brought round.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Sandy on Saturday last, members being present from all the towers in the district, and also several from the Bedford District. The bells were kept going to short touches in Plain and Treble Bob Methods during the afternoon. After tea a short meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. — Huggins (curate of Sandy), supported by Capt. Mead, C.A. Two new members were elected, and after some discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Southill, another six-bell tower. The usual votes of thanks were passed. Further ringing was then indulged in; a very pleasant afternoon was spent, and the hope was expressed that now 'the boys' are getting back to civil life more may be found to take up the art, and fill the places that are now empty.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL NORTH BUCKS BRANCH MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th, when a splendid gathering, numbering upwards of 100, was present to welcome back a number of members, including the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.), who attended after four years' absence. The service was held in the beautiful church, which Shenley can well be proud of, the Vicar and President of the Branch (the Rev. J. R. Vincent) officiating. The service was fully choral, and the Master gave the address. His very interesting discourse first gave a brief outline of his career in France during the four years of war, and this was followed by a few remarks on church work and the assistance rendered by the ringers in this work. Reference was also made to those of the branch who had made the 'supreme sacrifice,' and the roll of honour, including 15 names, was read out by the Rev. J. R. Vincent. The National Anthem brought the service to a close.

An adjournment was then made to the Vicarage grounds, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the visitors for a ramble until tea was ready. This was served on the lawn, and it goes without saying that those who had cycled over the hot dusty roads were quite ready to do justice to the good things provided.

At the business meeting, the Rev. J. R. Vincent presided. The balance sheet showed a favourable balance. Two new honorary members and 19 ringing members were elected, and one tower added to the branch. The Rev. J. R. Vincent was again unanimously re-elected president, and the secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. Sear) was also re-elected.

The Master spoke on the general working of the branch, and said he was pleased to see such a good gathering. A brief outline of the arrangements of the 'victory festival' which will be held at Oxford in July was given; and reference made to the proposals for the roll of honour and war memorial. A strong appeal was also made by him for support for 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. R. Vincent for making such excellent arrangements both for service and tea, and to the ladies who assisted.

An adjournment to the belfry was then made, where (the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, and brought a most enjoyable afternoon to a close.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****THE REORGANISATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

A general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Beccles on Whit-Monday, about 40 members being present. The ring of ten bells in the campanile of the Parish Church, by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. F. G. Millar, were available for the use of the members both in the morning and afternoon. Dinner was served at Gale's Hotel, and was followed by the general business meeting, at which the secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Creman) read a letter from the President (Mr. J. Sancerft Holmes) regretting his inability to preside at the meeting, and also announced apologies for absence from Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), the Rev. H. Drake, Rev. B. Downton, Rev. W. C. Pearson, and Messrs. W. L. Duffield, T. Fitzjohn, G. P. Burton.

Mr. George E. Symonds took the chair, and others present included the following members of the committee: Messrs. E. E. Diaper, C. Fisher, R. J. Goate, F. C. Lambert.

On the motion of Mr. C. E. Fisher, seconded by the secretary, the suggested alteration to Rule III., of which notice was given at the Diss meeting, viz.: 'That the representatives at the Central Council be ex-officio members of the committee,' was carried nem. con.

It was also resolved that the date of the annual general meeting of the Association, fixed for August 4th, be altered to the last week in September or the 1st week in October, the date being left in the hands of the president and secretary.

Five new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Beccles for the use of the bells.

The Secretary announced that the committee had decided to let the question of the reorganisation of the Association, on account of the division of the diocese, stand over until the annual general meeting.

**TRIP TO WREXHAM.**

On Saturday last, a band of Ashton Parish Church ringers paid a holiday visit to Wrexham Parish Church, and during the morning and afternoon rang touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The band was as follows: C. Bower, S. Booth, R. Thorp, J. Mellor, H. Heap, E. Morgan, J. Shaw, T. Jackson, A. Adams, W. Brammer, J. Harrison. The ringers spent an enjoyable day, and wish to thank the Rev. Canon Davies for his kind permission for the use of the bells, and the Wrexham ringers for their kind reception.

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**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—(Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 21st, at Hillingdon, both towers open. Will members who intend to be present please notify me by the 18th?—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.6.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, 21st June. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. in schools. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield, on Saturday June 21st. Bells ready 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea will be provided at a charge of 6d. each. Through the kindness of the Rector (Rev. F. G. Scovell) the Rectory grounds will be open for the use of ringers and friends. Rotherham and Mexbro' cars pass the church.—Arthur Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary's, Putney, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 21st. As this marks the resumption of the Southern District meetings, the officers and members are requested to attend, particularly the business meeting after the practice.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30 p.m., the Vicar will preside.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday, June 21st) at Crosstones, Todmorden. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**LAVENHAM.**—The bells at this church will be at the disposal of ringers to-morrow (Saturday, June 21st).

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Next meeting will be held at Barkway and Royston on Saturday, June 21st, 1919. A motor lorry will meet the down train arriving at Royston 1.55 p.m. to convey ringers to Barkway (8 bells), and will return to Royston for tea and business meeting at The County Dairy. The return motor journey will be 2s. 1d., and the tea 7½d. to members. Visitors 1s. 3d. tea. Will those who can, notify me of their intention to avail themselves of the motor service and tea so that provision can be made?—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin, Herts.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held in the Guildhall, Winchester, to-morrow (Saturday, June 21st). The bells of the Cathedral will be open for ringing from 11 a.m. Important business meeting at 2.15 p.m.; service at 4 p.m., preacher the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Tea 5.15 p.m. Half rail fares allowed to members attending business meeting.—George Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec., West End, Southampton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge to-morrow (Saturday, June 21st). The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/- each.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham Berkeley, Glos.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lymminster to-morrow (Saturday, June 21st). Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at the Parish Room (adjoining Vicarage).—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—An evening meeting will be held at Galleywood, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 6 o'clock.—F. W. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Clifton Villas, Writtle.

**SONNING, BERKS.**—This fine peal of bells will be open for ringing on Wednesday, June 25th, between the hours of 12 (noon) and 2.30 p.m., being the occasion of a Missionary Gathering at which Canon Coleridge will preside. Ringing visitors will be welcomed.—C. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 26th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30.—William T. Cockeril, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.** Established 1623.—Great ringing day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. Visitors welcome. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Will those wishing to partake of dinner kindly let Secretary know? If visitors, wishing to make a week-end, will kindly inform the Secretary, he will arrange for ringing on the Saturday and Sunday.—R. A. Strong, West Road, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Biggleswade (G.N.R. main line), on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m.; Service, 4.30. Tea in Vicarage Gardens, by kind permission of Rev. Rolf, at 5 p.m. Visitors cordially invited.—Edward P. Duffield, Hon. Sec., Sharnbrook, Beds.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The next meeting will be held at Lymington, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (Forest Row Station), on Saturday, June 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 25th?—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (Cathedral) available from 3 till 3.55, and from 5 till 6 p.m., and at St. Mary's during the afternoon and evening. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.15, with address by the Rev. Preb. Paice, M.A. (Vicar). Tea and general meeting at Seagrave's Restaurant at 6 o'clock. Tea, 1/- to fully paid members, to others 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, 24th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me at the latest by Thursday, the 26th. The Bakewell bells are silent owing to illness.—Alfred C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, near Matlock.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Kettering District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Kettering, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and Business meeting 5.15. Anyone wishing to take tea must let me know as early as possible.—Walter T. Wilson, Dist. Sec., The Pines, Isham, Nr. Kettering.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—(Swindon Branch).—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstone (Strivenham, G.W.R.), on Saturday, June 28th, where a fine ring of 8 by Mears and Stainbank will be available from 2 p.m. onward. Tea 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 25th?—H. W. Bishop, Church View, Wanborough, Swindon.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—(Guildford District).—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, 1919, at St. Nicolas, Guildford, for the purpose of a presentation to Mr. J. J. Jones, the District Secretary, on the occasion of his recent marriage. The Rev. C. E. Matthews is visiting Guildford specially for this meeting. The bells (10) will be available from 3, short service at 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Those wishing for tea must send names by Wednesday, June 25th, to A. C. Hazelden, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and business at St. Audrey's. The Rector (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus) has kindly offered to provide the tea, so, to give him some idea of number, will all ringers and ringing friends who think of attending, kindly drop me a P.C.?—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield (District Sec.).

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Tong. Bells available from 3 p.m. until dusk. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Leeds, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 at the Vicarage. The Secretary would be glad to know not later than Monday, 23rd, of any members intending being present.—Stephen Hayzelden (Dist. Sec.), Lower Street, East Farleigh.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, London, N., on July 5th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall. All who wish for tea should notify me before July 2nd.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E. 19.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Liversedge Parish Church on Saturday, July 5th. The draw will take place at the Albion Hotel, the headquarters for the day, at 2.45 prompt. Tea will be provided for those who notify me before Monday, June 30th, tickets 1/- each.—W. Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 5th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.** Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea (1/-) will be arranged at the Mason's Arms Hotel, for those who advise me not later than July 1st, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shorne on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. in the belfry.—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill St. Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at Reigate, on Saturday, the 12th July, further particulars later.—C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—As arrangements for the annual Festival at Oxford on Saturday, July 19th, are progressing, will any members who have business to bring forward please note that 'notice of motion' should be sent to General Sec. by June 30th? Further particulars will be announced in 'Ringing World' as soon as definite arrangements are made.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

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

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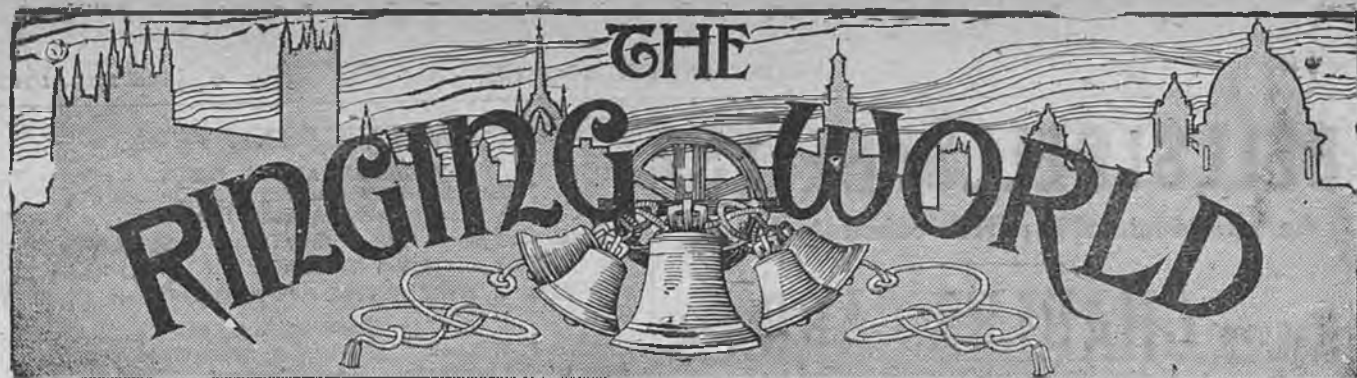
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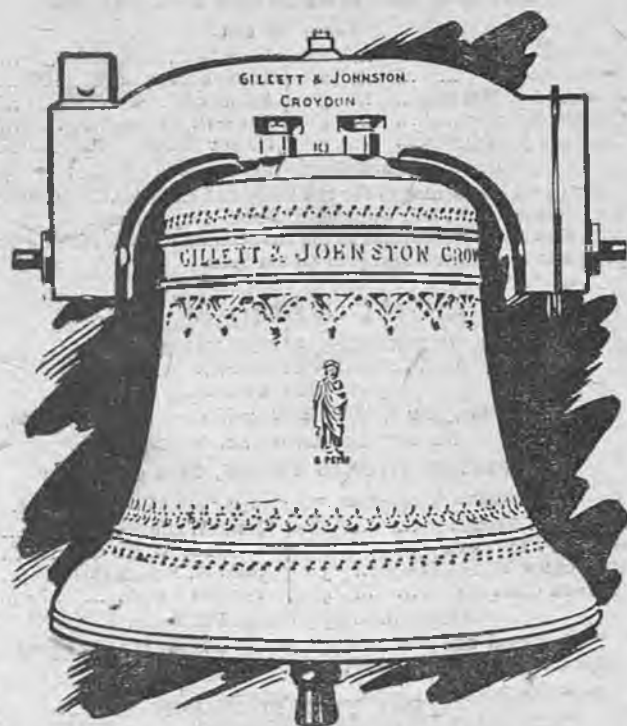
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### THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

From a ringer's point of view some of the most valuable work done in the past by the Central Council has been the issue of various publications by its Committees, and not least those which have been compiled at considerable cost of time and labour by the Peal Collection and Methods Committees. Partly, of course, owing to the war, it is some years since any addition has been made to the published works of the Council, but at Gloucester one of the most important things which the Council decided on was the issue of the Treble Bob Collection, and, subject to the funds of the Council permitting it, a selection of the Plain methods, which will be a 'big brother' as it were of the existing volume of Minor methods. This announcement will give a good deal of satisfaction to the Exercise, and will carry one step nearer completion a work already well begun.

To complete the sequence of their works it was necessary that the Council should include Treble Bob, but we wonder whether it has been really worth while to spend so much time and energy upon a collection of peals in a method which is scarcely more than a stepping-stone in the progress of a ringer. It certainly is not to be considered a stage in ringing at which a man should be content to rest, and while the collection will doubtless be of considerable interest, a task of ten or twelve years' duration does seem a long undertaking, when, to be in keeping with the progress of the art, it is peals in the Surprise methods that the Council ought to be thinking of publishing, in order to encourage ringers to aspire to higher things. But matters being as they are, everyone will agree with the remark of Mr. Johnson, of Leeds, when he urged the Council to get the Treble Bob peals out of the way.

The Methods Committee's report with regard to the Plain Major methods—in this case the report is really the collection of all the plain eight bell methods—is in a somewhat different category. Anything that gives ringers as a whole wider scope for their activities, enlarges their opportunities of practice, and thus advances the art, is heartily to be welcomed, and for this reason we should like to see the Methods Committee not only publish their plain methods without delay, but go on with their investigations at an accelerated speed. The publication of their work is, with the Treble Bob collection ahead of them, a question of finance, and though there may be funds enough in hand to meet the expense of printing, it must not be forgotten that it has taken the Council some years to accumulate the capital which they have got, and the publication of two volumes now will mean that some years must elapse, even if the Committee could do the work, before anything further can be done—unless other steps are taken.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 39½ cwt.	
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	* WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 8
† FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3	* EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 9
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 4	ALBERT W. COLES ... 10
* ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 11
* HAROLD P. BURTON ... 6	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVE.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

† First peal on 12 bells. \* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells and in the County of Essex.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE OATERS 5094 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.	
HARRY F. BROWNJOHN ... Treble	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 6
EDGAR GUISE ... 2	ALFRED PEARCE ... 7
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 3	ARTHUR W. SEVIOUR ... 8
ALFRED KING ... 4	JESSE B. TYLER ... 9
CHARLES J. WALTON ... 5	HENRY WAY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 6th who hail from Luton, Beds, and Dunstable, Beds, respectively. They were both elected Life Members of the Association before starting for the peal, and it was their first peal on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
ARCHIE C. STOKES ... Treble	* JOHN WALDEN ... 5
GEORGE FLINTHAM ... 2	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON ... 6
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
GEORGE CHESTER ... 4	THOMAS BAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal and first attempt in the method. First peal in the method since the bells were recast.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Tuesday, June 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.	
WILLIAM ROGERS ... Treble	FRED HOPPER ... 5
WILLIAM FAREY ... 2	TOM TEBBUTT ... 6
THOMAS LAW ... 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... 7
* WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY ... 4	JOSEPH C. DEAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal of Triples. 100th peal of Mr. F. Hopper. The peal was rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of his father and as a birthday compliment to the conductor. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. Andrews, whose late husband was an enthusiastic member of Daventry belfry and the above Association.



WARNHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, June 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* FRANCIS T. HOAD ... .. Treble	F. BENNETT ... .. 5
JOHN RICE ... .. 2	RICHARD STREDWICK ... .. 6
† ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 3	HENRY STALHAM ... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.  
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with an inside bell.

ROTHWELL, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

* GEORGE COPLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW ... .. 5
ALFRED CHAPMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 6
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW ... .. 3	STEPHEN STACEY ... .. 7
* THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS ... .. 4	WALTER CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.  
Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

\* First peal. Rung by the Rothwell Branch.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... .. 5
PERCY W. CAVE ... .. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 6
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

* FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Treble	† HENRY G. REYNOLDS ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 2	* WILLIAM TATE ... .. 6
* L. PERCY COOK ... .. 3	JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 7
* CHARLES A. J. AITKEN ... .. 4	RICHARD STONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. A. BURNETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in method.

LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Mark.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

HERBERT W. NERDHAM ... .. Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 5
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 6
WILLIAM WEBB ... .. 3	ALFRED MARTIN ... .. 7
HAROLD J. JENNEY ... .. 4	THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, President of the Association and founder of the bells.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Hilda.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

S. TUNNELL ... .. Treble	W. A. BRECKON ... .. 5
C. POLLARD ... .. 2	T. LANCASTER ... .. 6
T. R. HENSHER ... .. 3	J. W. PASSMAN ... .. 7
J. G. HALL ... .. 4	T. METCALFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

This peal was rung to commemorate the inauguration of the Joy Loan Campaign. First peal on the bells since they were rehung, quarter turned and thoroughly repaired by Messrs. Mears and Stain bank, Whitechapel Foundry, London.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being four 720's Kent Treble Bob and 3 of Plain Bob,  
720 of each being rung alternately.

EDMUND WEBB ... .. Treble	* CHARLES HALL ... .. 4
WILLIAM SCOTCHER ... .. 2	JOSEPH PAGE ... .. 5
JOHN STALLEY ... .. 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest sympathy for the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Nurses of our Forces, especially those of the Parish, who number 34, who have fallen during the Great War.

\* First peal and first attempt, also first 720 of Kent.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

* HUBERT SUMMERS ... .. Treble	JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 4
OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

\* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of a new oak reredos, also as a compliment to Mr. W. Pryce who was married on the previous Saturday.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

* ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... .. Treble	FRED BRADLEY ... .. 4
* JOHN BLACKSHAW ... .. 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 5
ESAO WALMSLEY ... .. 3	† ARTHUR MITCHELL ... .. 6

\* FRED RAMSHOTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. TOMLINSON.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to L/Cpl. Robert Bradley, Pte. Percy Gray, Pte. George Stancliffe, who were killed in the War and were members of the above tower.

\* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

comprising 720 of College Single and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

HARRY PRICE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK FOREMAN ... .. 4
GEORGE FULLER ... .. 2	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... .. 5
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 3	JAMES WAGHORN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Hammond. It was also his first peal.

Other Peal are unavoidably held over.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

### DISCUSSION ON REPORTS.

#### TREBLE BOB PEAL COLLECTION TO BE PRINTED.

(Continued from Page 241.)

The first report for the consideration of the Council was that of the Peal Collection Committee, on behalf of which the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson wrote: 'The Peal Collection Committee repeat their report of last year, that they will begin printing the Treble Bob Collection when authorised to do so by the Council. There being no longer any patriotic reasons for delay, it is now solely a question of cost.'

The Hon. Secretary said, if his memory served him rightly, the committee were instructed, before printing, to consult him as to whether the funds of the Council would bear it.

Mr. H. W. Wilde said the committee were prepared to print the first section of the Treble Bob peals if the Council authorised the expenditure. Mr. Richardson had unfortunately broken down in health, and had not been able to do anything for some months. There had been a certain amount of criticism of the work of the committee from time to time, but those who criticised did not quite understand what those committees were doing. Some years ago, Mr. Richardson pressed that all peals for the Treble Bob Collection, before being printed, should be proved, and it was involving a tremendous amount of work. They had found some of the peals sent in with the number of changes not correctly given, others with the course-ends incorrect, and some with the calling wrongly given. All had to be checked, and then there was the proof of the peals, and the internal proof. He (the speaker) had devoted himself to checking the proof of the peals, and he believed there was now a section ready for printing.

Replying to a question, the President said he understood the expense of printing the collection would probably be between £30 and £40. The only point for the Council was whether they wished the collection to be printed at the cost of the amount mentioned. He added that the Council owed a debt of gratitude to the Peal Collection Committee for the enormous amount of work they had done, a very troublesome work requiring great accuracy.

Mr. Wilde proposed that the Council authorise incurring the expense of printing.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston asked how many sections the committee proposed there should be. Could there not be a selection of the compositions combined in one section?

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the question of making a selection for these peal collections was discussed some time ago, and it was decided that it was not possible. They must print them practically all. That was the unanimous opinion of the committee at that time, and of the Council.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston seconded Mr. Wilde's motion.

The Hon. Secretary said it would be necessary to sell out some of their stock. They had something like £100 invested.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said the Council ought to know what they were committing themselves to financially. What would the total cost be? By publishing one part they were practically committing themselves to publishing the remainder.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he believed it was seven years ago at Westminster that they decided to prove these peals of Treble Bob, and if it was going to take another seven years to prove the next section they would have time to accumulate another £30 for publishing it (laughter). If they did not get this Treble Bob section out of the way they would bar the road to publishing the Surprise peals which ringers were anxious to see published. Let them get the Treble Bob out of the way at once.

The motion was carried by a large majority.

#### SUGGESTED LACK OF APPRECIATION.

Mr. J. A. Trollope asked the Council to accept his resignation from the committee.

The President said, except in the case of absolute necessity, he hoped members would not resign from the committees. Other reports spoke of resignations, and he thought it would be best if they did not accept any resignations until they had heard all the reports, because there were difficulties in the way. The Council would suffer very severely if members resigned from committees unless it was absolutely necessary.

Mr. Trollope said he could not withdraw his resignation because the reasons for it, which he did not want to go into still stood, but he would fall in with the suggestion of the President. He could not, however, act on the committee again. It was not a question of pique, or anything of that sort, but anyone who had had anything at all to do with the committees knew that there was a very large amount of work to do done, for which there was nothing to show.

The work must be done, but for that sort of thing they must have a certain amount of incentive. He supposed the real reason why they spent so much time on committee work was that they liked it, but there was another reason, and that was that they had in the back of their mind the idea that the work was going to be appreciated, and that those who did it were going to be considered as authorities upon it. For a long time past he had been of opinion, and now, he was sorry to say, it was a certainty, that the Council and the Exercise as a whole, did not appreciate the work that was done. They might pass resolutions if they liked, and they might say very nice things, but when it came to the point, committee work was not appreciated. Then, too, he could not possibly do the work he had done in the past, and he would not be of any use to the Council on the committee.

The President: Mr. Trollope speaks of want of appreciation, is there any way the Council can show it more than it has?

Mr. Trollope: If you appoint a committee on any subject, you appoint them as experts, and treat them as experts, and their views should be accepted, unless a thing is proved to the contrary by someone who knows something about the subject. That is not the case in the Exercise. A man's opinions are more dogmatic in proportion as he knows less about the subject.

Mr. Johnson: Profound ignorance never prevented a man from giving advice.

The President: I should have thought the most clear sign of appreciation was the fact of a person being put on a committee. If the Council puts anyone on a committee it certainly desires to show its full and complete confidence in his ability to carry out the purpose of that committee. It can afterwards thank him for the labour, as well as for the knowledge which he has shown in carrying out the work. For myself I feel particularly strongly that for the work of such a committee as this on the Peal Collection—I know the enormous amount of work which Mr. Richardson has given to the proving of the peals—there is no lack of appreciation. I cannot see any other way in which the Council can show it than first of all, and chiefly by putting a member on the committee; and, secondly, by thanking him afterwards for what he has done.

Mr. Trollope: You cannot define an atmosphere, but you can feel it.

The Rev. H. Drake said he would propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Trollope, and ask him to withdraw his resignation.

Mr. Trollope: That is not wanted.

#### THE PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

As only a few minutes were left before the luncheon interval, the President invited the members to consider the question of the place of the next meeting.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed Northampton, and this was seconded by Canon Baker.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston suggested Chester.

Mr. G. B. Bolland proposed Leeds, and Lincoln was named by the Rev. H. Law James.

At the opening of the afternoon session, the Rev. H. L. James withdrew Lincoln and supported Northampton, on the ground that the latter place was about the middle of England, so that it would be possible for everyone to get there at about the same expense.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston withdrew his nomination of Chester, remarking that after the next meeting in London it would be the turn of the North of England, and perhaps Chester might then have first choice.

This left only Northampton and Leeds, and, on being put to the vote, Northampton was chosen almost unanimously.

#### LEADS—PLAIN AND OTHERWISE.

The Rev. H. Law James, on behalf of the Legitimate Methods Committee, said the report was the same as presented last year. It was ready for printing, but he must refer to the attack which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies had made on the original Legitimate Methods Report, for the simple reason it was no good going on building the chimney if the foundation stone was coming out. He must go back to the committee's report and justify it, and he did so on two grounds: first, theoretical; secondly, practical. As to the theoretical, if anyone would write out a course of Triples with two hunting trebles they would find at the end of the lead that the result was one of three things, either they had got a lead end which came up in Grandsire Triples, in which all the working bells were in the same coursing order; or else they had got three working bells shifted, or two working bells shifted. Those were facts. The committee did not make those facts, they found them, and no power on earth could ever alter them. There were thus three kinds of leads. The first was Grandsire Triples, and it had been called a plain lead. Mr. Davies told them in his pamphlet that it had been the common custom of the Exercise to call anything a plain lead where a bob was not called. He (the speaker) was aware that that was the colloquial use of the belfry, but Mr. Davies had never given them any authority for it. They could not find it in any of the old authors. He had searched the Clavis, Shipway, Banister, Reeves and Hubbard. That brought him down to 1864. Not one of these books said anything

about a plain lead in any sense whatever. In its colloquial use in the belfry it was quite modern. It was, Mr. Davies told them, most unscientific and most confusing, and he agreed with him. He (Mr. James) wrote the definitions of a plain lead, a bob lead, and a single lead, and he wrote them because he found those three kinds of lead, which were, in their way absolutely different. They all agreed that Grandsire Triples was a plain lead; if they called one of the others a plain lead they had Mr. Davies' word for it that it was unscientific and confusing. Unless they had a real basis on which they could work, they could do nothing at all, and if they took Mr. Davies' pamphlet on leads, and proceeded to work on that, well—so far as the committee was concerned he was prepared to give up and not do any more, for the foundation was gone, and it was no use going on with the work.

#### THE PRACTICAL SIDE.

The practical side of the question was the most important from the ordinary ringer's point of view. Beginning with five bells, they could do one of two things. They could change two pairs of bells, or one pair of bells. Consider what happened if they changed only one pair of bells! Three bells would stand still, which was more than half the bells, and the result to the outside public—and they must not forget the outside public—was a horrible noise. Coming to six bell methods, Mr. James said there were two groups, those that obeyed the rule and had Bob Minor lead ends, and those that broke it. Let them call a 720 according to the old rule of 'home,' 'wrong' and 'home,' or 'in,' 'out' and 'in,' and with the Legitimate methods in 19 cases out of 20 it brought the tenors up the right way at the back; with the illegitimate methods in 19 cases out of 20 it brought the tenors up the wrong way, and they got a horrible noise. With regard to Triples, he would give Mr. Davies his Union Triples. As long as they rang triple changes they could not make a horrible noise. He had no objection to ringing Union Triples, but he had the greatest objection to calling it a plain lead. It was a 5th's place bell in Grandsire Triples. Mr. Davies said there was no call made. That was quite true. Suppose a band went into a tower and rang Holt's Original silent; there was no call made from beginning to end, but was that one plain course? (laughter). It was just the same thing; there was no getting away from it. Then as to the Plain Major methods. 'They are all here,' said Mr. James, holding up the ponderous report of the committee. 'No one can get another; there is not another in existence. What about them? They divide into two groups—pure Major methods and mixed Major methods. In pure Major methods you get two odd and two even rows alternately. In mixed Major methods you get them in various orders. Is there any practical difference? Musically there is none; so far as the outside public is concerned we can leave it alone. Practically there is a very considerable difference. The mixed Major methods are far more interesting for the ringer to ring. What do the Bob Major lead ends do? They keep the tenors together. Any other lead ends will part the tenors, and sooner or later, be the composer as careful as he may, the tenor and second will dodge at the back, and every ringer knows what a painful noise that is.' Continuing, Mr. James said the Treble Bob Major methods could be divided into pure and mixed methods, but the pure methods were not fit to ring. They parted the tenors all over the place, witness the much-belauded Superlative. There were just twelve courses of Superlative musically fit to ring, and that was all. If they got the second in 4th, 5th's or 6th's place she would dodge with the tenor behind and make a horrible noise, and the sooner ringers realised that Superlative, which was a beautiful thing on paper, was out of place in the tower, the better.

(To be continued.)

#### WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.

The first occasion on which the Abbey bells have been rung since their dedication was on Thursday of last week, when the marriage took place of Mr. Cuthbert Gow, youngest son of the Rev. Dr. Gow, headmaster of Westminster School, and Miss Katherine Wood, in the Henry VII. Chapel of the Abbey.

Before the ceremony the bells were rung to Stedman Triples by the following band from the neighbouring church of St. Margaret: W. H. Hewlett (conductor) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, E. Gibbs 3, H. Ellis 4, E. Brett 5, W. Alps 6, R. Sanders 7, S. Pettit 8.

After the signing of the register the bells were again sent off, then fired as the bride and bridegroom left the building, and opened into 'queens' and more changes until just before the three o'clock service.

It is not generally known that there is a small parish, 'the Close of St. Peter's,' within the Abbey precincts, and when a resident is to be married the banns are published in the Abbey.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for the evening service, a quarter-past of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. E. Judd 3, P. L. Miles 4, Geo. Hes 5, J. Driver 6, W. Lawrence 7, C. Charge 8.

#### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### ANNUAL MEETING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Maidstone on Whitsun Monday. In view of the increased cost of travelling, the committee voted by a majority of two to one to change the venue from Canterbury, the place originally fixed, to Maidstone, as being more central. Curiously enough, the alteration caused some disappointment in quarters expected most to welcome the change. The attendance, between 70 and 80, was better than last year, but nothing like so large as in pre-war days. A travelling allowance up to 2s. 6d. was granted instead of a general dinner or tea.

A meeting of the Central Committee was held in the Old College opposite All Saints' Church, at 11.15 a.m.

The annual service took the form of a special memorial for members fallen in the war. It was on similar lines to the many memorial services held throughout the country. The hymn, 'Brief life is here our portion,' was followed by the reading of special sentences, and Psalm cxxi. The lesson, Rev. xxi. 1-7, was read by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Harcastle). This was followed by the Te Deum and Creed. Then the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), standing at the church gate, read the 'roll of honour' containing the names of sixty fallen members, prefacing the reading of the names with the solemn invitation:—'Let us now remember with thanksgiving and with all honour before God and men the members of our Association who have died, giving their lives to the service of their country.' Special prayers were then offered, and after the grace was sung the hymn, 'Fight the good fight.' The preacher was the Rev. J. R. Hale, Vicar of Boxley, ex-C.F., who took as his text the familiar words of one of the opening sentences: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' Thankfulness and thanksgiving were the special notes struck by the preacher for the bright example of those who had given their lives for the victorious conclusion of hostilities, for the hope of a righteous and abiding peace. During the singing of the hymn, 'For all the Saints,' a collection was made for the Association War Memorial, and amounted to £1 15s. 1d. A most impressive service closed with the National Anthem and the Blessing. The Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, Vicar of East Peckham, presided at the organ, with his accustomed ability.

Ringings were carried on both before and after service at All Saints' (10). Other towers open for ringing were: St. Michael's (6), East Farleigh (6), Barming (6), Aylesford (8), and West Malling (8).

The business meeting was held in the Old College in the afternoon, the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley being voted to the chair. The various officers, vice-presidents, committee, secretary, treasurer and auditor were re-elected, the names of the Rev. H. R. Hughes, Vicar of Leeds, and the Rev. G. Brocklehurst, Rector of Mersham, being added to the committee.

The Hon. Secretary read the report and balance sheets, from which it appeared that the Association was still in a flourishing condition, and preparing to enter upon a course of renewed activity, after the long suspension of progress during the years of war.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Maidstone for the use of the church bells, and the Old College room, to the preacher, the organist, and the incumbents of the other churches open for ringing.

#### CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S 29 NEW MEMBERS.

The annual district meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Lyvinge. The Association service was conducted by the general secretary, as there was no Rector of Lyvinge at the time. A few words of welcome were addressed by him to those returning to civil life after their service in the forces. After service, 31 members sat down to tea in Mrs. Ketchell's Tea Gardens, and tea was followed by the business meeting. Twenty-nine new members were elected.

There were members present from ten towers, and the bells at both Lyvinge and Elham were kept going both before and after the service and meeting.

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In reference to my motion which was carried at the Central Council meeting to the effect that I should be empowered to send to secretaries of associations parcels of Central Council Publications on sale or return, may I, through your columns, invite all secretaries who may be willing to accept such parcels to communicate with me as soon as convenient?—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. JENKYN.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new peal at Clapham Park are proving a magnet to ringers, who have turned up in considerable numbers to ring for evening services. We understand the first peal on the bells is to be attempted to-morrow by a College Yonths company.

The two trebles at Arksey, near Doncaster, erected by public subscription one in celebration of peace, the other in memory of Arksey men fallen in the war, have been dedicated by the Bishop of Sheffield.

Pickering, Yorks, and not Clapham, must, we think, be given the honour of the first complete post-war peal of bells. The three old bells were taken out and a new peal of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) installed and dedicated on April 7th.

The bells at Whitechurch, Hants, are to be augmented to eight, by the addition of two trebles, in memory of the ringers and others of Whitechurch who have fallen in the war. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

A new peal of six bells, with a tenor of 6 cwt., is to be installed at Hitcham, Bucks, and these also will come from the Whitechapel Foundry.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

On Saturday week, a district meeting for the Archdeaconry of Ely was held at Stapleford. The bells, a peal of six, with a 7 cwt. tenor, were raised soon after two o'clock, and were made good use of until about 9 p.m. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Hawes, followed by tea and business meeting in the Sunday Schoolroom, sixteen being present. Four new members were elected, and Cottenham was selected as the place of the next district meeting, to be held early in September.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at the tea and meeting; and to the District Secretary, Mr. A. E. Austin.

Ringers were present during the afternoon and evening from Royston, Cambridge, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Whittlesford, and Dry Drayton. The methods rung were Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Kent, and Cambridge Surprise. The ringing concluded with 720 Oxford Bob, by: E. Burman (Stapleford), 1st 720. 1, A. E. Austin (conductor) 2, E. G. Hibbins (Cambridge) 3, R. G. King (Royston) 4, E. Finch (Great Shelford), 1st 20 Oxford Bob, 5, T. R. Dennis (Cambridge) 6.

## BRISTOL SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On Tuesday, June 3rd, a party of about 40 ringers dined together at the Swan Hotel, Midland Road, Bristol, on the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, of Woodland Road, Clifton. As already reported in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins celebrated their silver wedding on May 6th, 1918, but owing to the war (and food control) it was impossible to arrange for a suitable celebration of the event at that time.

The gathering was a very representative one, comprising ringers from the following towers: St. Mary Redcliffe, St. Thomas', St. Nicholas', St. Philips', St. Stephen's, Clifton Parish Church, St. Michael's, St. James', Emmanuel, St. Peter's, Henbury, St. George and St. Mark's.

An excellent dinner was served by Mr. Jesse Tyler (himself a ringer, and son of a ringer), and, needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed. It is usual to say that 'the good things disappeared as if by magic,' but this would not be true on this occasion, for after everyone had dined well, there was a joint left that would have been the subject of inquiries by the Food Controller had that official still been actively in business.

Mr. Percy Came gave 'the King,' and afterwards proposed the health of the 'Host and Hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins.' He spoke of Mr. Wilkins' long connection with ringing in Bristol, and said that he (Mr. Came) rang his first peal with him at St. Mary Redcliffe. He also referred to Mrs. Wilkins' progress in the art of ringing, and to the fact that her first touch of Triples was rung at St. Mary Redcliffe Church.—The toast was enthusiastically received, and Mr. Wilkins had a rousing reception when he rose to respond. In a few well-chosen remarks, he thanked the company for the honour they had done him, and also for all the encouragement they had given Mrs. Wilkins in her pursuit of change ringing. He said it was always his pleasure and delight to be amongst ringers, and some of the happiest times of his life were spent in their company.

There were plenty of songs, change ringing and tune ringing on handbells, and pianoforte selections, the accompaniments being played by Miss Ray, Mrs. R. J. Wilkins and Mr. A. E. Wilkins.

ACTON.—On Sunday, May 18th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1260 changes): C. Brown 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, R. Holloway 3, C. Edwards 4, G. Vickery 5, H. Cook 6, A. Skevington 7, C. Hunt 8.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. RINGERS WAR MEMORIAL DECIDED.

Members of the Essex Association met in large numbers at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday for their fortieth annual festival, and once again the popularity of Chelmsford for ringers' gatherings was demonstrated. There were ringers present from all parts of the county, suburban as well as rural, and some excellent ringing was accomplished. The twelve bells at Chelmsford Cathedral, the treble of which was given by the Essex Association, came in for special attention, not a few ringing their first touch of Cinques. Beside the Cathedral bells, the following church towers were open for ringing during the day, and were visited by various bands: Galleywood (8), Roreham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), and Broomfield (6), upon which touches in all the standard methods were rung.

In the afternoon service was held at Chelmsford Cathedral, Canon Lake, Rector, officiating. The lesson was read by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. secretary to the Association, and the address given by the Rev. Buxton Barclay, Vicar of Braintree.

#### THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual meeting followed at the Vestry Hall, Chelmsford, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master, presiding, supported by the Rev. Canon Lake, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. sec., and the Rev. D. B. Barclay, Vicar of Braintree. A letter was read from the Bishop of Chelmsford, regretting his inability to attend the meeting, and expressing appreciation of the work of the ringers.

The Master, in his annual report, referred to the depressing effect upon ringing as a result of the four years' war, and was happy to announce that with the cessation of hostilities there were already signs of a revival of interest in ringing, as was shown by the increased attendances at local district meetings. It was a matter for congratulation that the Essex Association had been fully maintained during four years' war. The finances were actually stronger than in 1914, the balance sheet for the past year showing an increase of income over expenditure of £14 Os. 6d. After transferring £5 to reserve a balance remained in hand of £26 12s. 10½d. compared with £17 12s. 4½d. at the end of the previous year, and the reserve fund was £92 13s. 2d., making the total assets £119 6s. 0½d. The membership was 769, about the same as in the previous year. Members who had been away with the forces had never lost interest in the Association; they were coming back full of enthusiasm for ringing, and the Association was pleased to welcome them once more (applause). Upon such an occasion thoughts turned to the fallen ringers buried all over the world where the war had been waged. The members of the Essex Association who fell numbered 32, and the association would that day be asked to consider the question of erecting somewhere in the county a permanent memorial to those brave heroes, so that they, and what they did for the home land, might never be forgotten (applause).

They would desire a memorial worthy of the loss sustained (hear, hear). The Master, continuing, acknowledged with gratitude the help of older ringers who came forward to keep the work of the association going while so many young men were away serving with the Forces. The lady ringers also were instrumental in keeping several towers in Essex going towards the latter part of the war (hear, hear). Ringers recognised the good ringing by the ladies, and hoped they would continue, and their number in the Association grow (applause). The year had been uneventful in ringing. Three peals were rung in the county to celebrate the signing of the Armistice, but they looked to the future with hope and confidence and were expecting the greater peals which would proclaim victory, and the return to our land of the blessings of peace (applause).

The Master added that that was certainly the best financial report the association had ever had, but with regard to the 32 members killed in the war he was afraid there might be more.

#### FALLING OFF OF HON. MEMBERS.

Mr. T. Faulkner, one of the auditors, referred to the falling off in hon. members, probably due to the middle class, from whom the hon. members were drawn, being hit by the war. If the Association was to be kept in a sound financial condition those hon. members must be induced to join again. Several associations had raised their subscriptions, and if the Essex Association was to be kept going, it might have to do something in the same manner. The subscription of a shilling per year in 1914 only represented 6d. now.

Mr. J. F. Penning, Saffron Walden, appealed to ringers, to raise the standard of their calling, and to remember that ringing was part of the work of the church. Then he asked ringers not to be local or parochial in their outlook, but to look to the wider issue. He suggested that ringers should show a deeper interest in ringing affairs, and to do that they should regularly take their own paper, the 'Ringing World,' in order to keep in touch with happenings of interest to ringers all over the country (hear, hear).

The Master (Mr. C. H. Howard): You will see announced in the 'Ringing World' that one of our district secretaries has arranged

for a series of missionary meetings, and doubtless other secretaries will take it up.

The report and balance sheet were then unanimously adopted, and all the officers were re-elected en bloc.

#### AN UNWIELDY DISTRICT.

Mr. B. Ridgwell, hon. secretary of the N.E.D.W. moved: 'To consider the question of dividing the N.E. District, and if found necessary the re-arranging of the other districts, and that a committee be appointed to deal with the same, with power to act.' He said the N.E. Division is 40 miles long, ten miles across, and had 35 towers. It was a rural district, with only nine or ten towers on the railway, and if four meetings were held a year it would take nine years to get round the division. After 5½ years in office as hon. secretary he found it practically impossible to work it as successfully as he wished.

Mr. H. F. Cooper, the District Master, seconded, and said he could not get round the N.E. District as at present. The district extended from Dunmow to Maldon and Harwich, and with present facilities they could not get round.

The Master said he considered the suggestion to appoint a committee was an excellent one, because the arrangement would involve alterations in other districts. They knew Mr. Ridgwell was devoted to his work, and wanted to do something better. It was a healthy sign when a secretary wanted an alteration made for such a purpose (hear, hear).—The resolution was carried, and the committee appointed.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Colchester.

#### THE ASSOCIATION'S WAR MEMORIAL.

The Master said the members had to consider the question of a memorial to be erected to their former brother members who had fallen in the war. He considered the best memorial would be a tablet, recording the names, to be erected at the west end, near the tower in the Cathedral at Chelmsford (hear, hear). Beside being the cathedral of the diocese, ringers looked upon Chelmsford as the most important ringing centre in Essex. With the permission of Canon Lake and the Cathedral authorities, the Master suggested the Chelmsford Cathedral the best place for the memorial.

Canon Lake said he wished to thank the ringers very much for their references to Chelmsford Cathedral. They would never forget the kindness of the Association in presenting the treble when the ring was augmented from ten to twelve. With reference to the project to place a ringers' memorial in the Cathedral as suggested by Mr. Howard, he thought it was excellent. On behalf of the authorities of the Cathedral, he could only say that the present requests for memorials in the Cathedral were a little bewildering. He had received requests from various regiments to place memorials in the Cathedral, and he could not say just how many such applications had been received from various regiments. He could, however, see no objection to the ringers' memorial in the Cathedral, and he was very grateful to them for the offer to put up a tablet to those Essex ringers who had made the supreme sacrifice. He suggested that a representative of the Cathedral should sit on the committee which considered this subject. The question of space in the Cathedral for the war memorials would have to be considered, but he accepted it as a great honour to have the ringers' names inscribed in the Cathedral at Chelmsford (applause).

The Master said it was suggested that the ringers' memorial should be placed on the tower above the entrance to the ringing loft, so that all who went there to ring should see it.

It was agreed, on the proposition of the Master, to erect a memorial tablet in Chelmsford Cathedral, subject to the approval of the authorities, and the meeting decided to pay for this memorial out of its own accumulated funds, so that all members should participate.

The company, numbering over a hundred, afterwards sat down to tea at Hicks' Restaurant.—A vote of thanks was passed to the preacher, Canon Lake, and the other church authorities for placing the bells at the disposal of the Association. The ringers afterwards dispersed to the various local towers till late in the evening. The meeting proved one of the most successful ever held by the Association, and gave proof of the members' desire to restore the Association to the position it occupied before the war.

#### PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at St. Andrew's Church, Whittlesey, on Saturday week, when about 30 members attended from Chatteris, March, Woodston and Peterborough. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Newman). After tea, the business meeting was presided over by Miss Annie Parkins. Eight new members were elected. The meeting received through the 'Ringing World' the news of the death of Mr. John W. Taylor, who was an honorary life member of the Association, and sympathy was expressed with the relatives of the deceased gentleman.

The bells of St. Andrew's and St. Mary's were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



**VETERAN PETERBOROUGH RINGER'S DEATH**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Robert Rowell, captain of St. John's ringers, Peterboro'. The deceased was in his 72nd year, and was well known and respected in the city. For 30 years he was employed at Messrs. Colman's mill, and previously, for a long period, at Wadenhoe mills, near Oundle.

The funeral was conducted at the Parish Church by the Vicar of Peterborough (Canon Morse), the interment taking place at Fletton Cemetery. The body was borne to its last resting-place by Messrs. Cooke, Jarvis, Davis, Vaughan, Butler and Cross, his fellow-ringers who also rung a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside, besides the chief mourners, there were present Messrs. F. Dainty, S. Wright, George Baker, the oldest member, and a former leader of St. John's, who has been connected with the belfry for upwards of sixty years; and J. J. Jutson, hon. secretary of the Peterborough Association.

Floral tributes were sent from St. John's and St. Mary's ringers and the bells of the Parish Church were rung deeply muffled in the evening.

**RINGING REVIVAL AT SOUTHWOLD.**

A friendly meeting of the ringers of the East Suffolk district took place at the Parish Church, Southwold. Members attended from Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth, Henham, Wrentham, and the local company, Mr. T. King, the tower custodian, having made all the necessary arrangements, and having everything in readiness. The members were welcomed by Mr. E. A. Holmes, J.P., the Vicar's churchwarden, and a member of the well-known ringing family. Mr. Harry Barton, of Ventnor, an old member of the Southwold company, was present, and received a hearty welcome. He conducted the touches, and amongst them was a 574 Grandsire Triples from 'Itch's Original'; E. Lincoln 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, T. King 3, J. Jillings 4, J. Spencer 5, J. Larter 6, G. Baxter 7, G. Blowers 8. Touches on the beautifully toned handbells were also brought round.

On Sunday evening, June 1st, 672 Bob Major was rung by: J. Farrington 1, J. Jillings 2, E. Chatton 3, J. O'Neill 4, J. Spencer 5, J. Larter 6, T. King 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

**PRESENTATION AT GORSEINON.**

An interesting gathering of the Gorseinon ringers to honour and bid farewell to the Rev. J. T. Davies, who has rendered valuable service in the tower, was recently held.—Mr. W. Dabbling presided and the presentation was made by Mr. J. Williams. The gift consisted of a very handsome silver inkstand, designed in the shape of a bell, and inscribed: 'Presented to the Rev. J. T. Davies by the Gorseinon bell ringers, June, 1919.' In making the presentation, Mr. J. Williams spoke of the ringers' appreciation of Mr. Davies' services, and wished him happiness, prosperity and long life.—The gift was suitably acknowledged, and afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung.

**FROM BURTON TO WOLVERHAMPTON.**

The induction of the Rev. J. J. G. Stockley, M.A., took place on Saturday, May 31st, in the presence of a large congregation, the Lord Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. Kempthorne) officiating at a very impressive service. The Mayor and members of the Corporation attended in civic state.

Before the service the bells of St. Peter's rang merrily, touches of Stedman Caters being successfully brought round. A touch of Grandsire Triples was also rung at the conclusion of the service.

Previous to being transferred to Wolverhampton the reverend gentleman held the living of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent.

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HILLINGDON.—For the evening service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Felham 1, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 2, Miss N. Williams 3, Miss Edith Jones 4, W. Honor 5, W. Lawrence 6, H. H. Chandler 7, J. E. Hughes 8.

**NOTICES.**

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SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. Established 1623.—Great ringing day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. Visitors welcome. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Will those wishing to partake of dinner kindly let Secretary know? If visitors, wishing to make a week-end, will kindly inform the Secretary, he will arrange for ringing on the Saturday and Sunday.—R. A. Strong, West Road, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Biggleswade (G.N.R. main line), on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m.; Service, 4.30. Tea in Vicarage Gardens, by kind permission of Rev. Rolf, at 5 p.m. Visitors cordially invited.—Edward P. Duffield, Hon. Sec., Sharnbrook, Beds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The next meeting will be held at Lymington, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (Forest Row Station), on Saturday, June 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (Cathedral) available from 3 till 3.55, and from 5 till 6 p.m., and at S. Mary's during the afternoon and evening. Service in S. Mary's Church at 4.15, with address by the Rev. Preb. Paice, M.A. (Vicar). Tea and general meeting at Seagrave's Restaurant at 6 o'clock. Tea, 1/- to fully paid members, to others 1s. 6d.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Kettering, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and Business meeting 5.15. Anyone wishing to take tea must let me know as early as possible.—Walter T. Wilson, Dist. Sec., The Pines, Isham, Nr. Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—(Swindon Branch.)—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstone (Shrivenham, G.W.R.), on Saturday, June 28th, where a fine ring of 8 by Mears and Stainbank will be available from 2 p.m. onward. Tea 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 25th?—H. W. Bishop, Church View, Wanborough, Swindon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—(Guildford District.)—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, 1919, at St. Nicolas, Guildford, for the purpose of a presentation to Mr. J. J. Jones, the District Secretary.

on the occasion of his recent marriage. The Rev. C. E. Matthews is visiting Guildford specially for this meeting. The bells (10) will be available from 3, short service at 4.30 followed by tea and meeting.—A. C. Hazelden, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and business at St. Audrey's. The Rector (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus) has kindly offered to provide the tea, so, to give him some idea of number, will all ringers and ringing friends who think of attending, kindly drop me a P.C.—Wm Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield (District Sec.).

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Leeds, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 at the Vicarage.—Steph'n Hayzelden Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The Quarterly meeting will take place at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Business meetings will be held in the Schoolroom: Committee, 2.30; General, 3 o'clock. Tea will be served in the Schoolroom from 4 to 6. The belfry will be closed from 3 o'clock until the end of the General Meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at \*St. Giles Cripplegate on July 1st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and \*St. Michael's, Corahill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, London, N., on July 5th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall. All who wish for tea should notify me before July 2nd.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Liversedge Parish Church on Saturday, July 5th. The draw will take place at the Albion Hotel, the headquarters for the day, at 2.45 prompt. Tea will be provided for those who notify me before Monday, June 30th, tickets 1/- each.—W. Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 5th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, July 5th, *not* Bolsterstone, as previously arranged. Six bells available from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shorne on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. in the belfry.—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill St. Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.** Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea (1/-) will be arranged at the Mason's Arms Hotel, for those who advise me not later than July 1st, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Dunstan's, Hunsdon, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available 2 p.m. Business meeting, 5 p.m.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James's Society, Est. 1824.—The Quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, July 7th, at 8.45 p.m., following the fortnightly practice at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Tower open 7.15 p.m. Members are requested to make a special effort to attend.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. There will be a short service. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Ginton on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Ringers are asked to bring their own food. Hot tea will be provided in the Rectory garden; if wet, in Schoolroom.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary notice.—A special meeting will be held at Ilkley, Yorks, on Saturday, July 12th, for the purpose of unveiling the memorial brass to the late Wm. Snowdon, Esq. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Circulars later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at Reigate, on Saturday, the 12th July, further particulars later.—C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—As arrangements for the annual Festival at Oxford on Saturday, July 19th, are progressing, will any members who have business to bring forward please note that 'notice of motion' should be sent to General Sec. by June 30th? Further particulars will be announced in 'Ringing World' as soon as definite arrangements are made.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

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

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DUNSTABLE.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, at the Priory Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: O. Matthews (first quarter) 1, C. E. King (first inside) 2, R. Harris 3, E. J. Hobbs 4, F. Baldock 5, Cyril Herbert 6, A. E. Sharrman (conductor) 7, C. T. King 8. The ringers of 1 and 6 hail from Woburn; 4th from Husbome Crawley; and this quarter was arranged for them.

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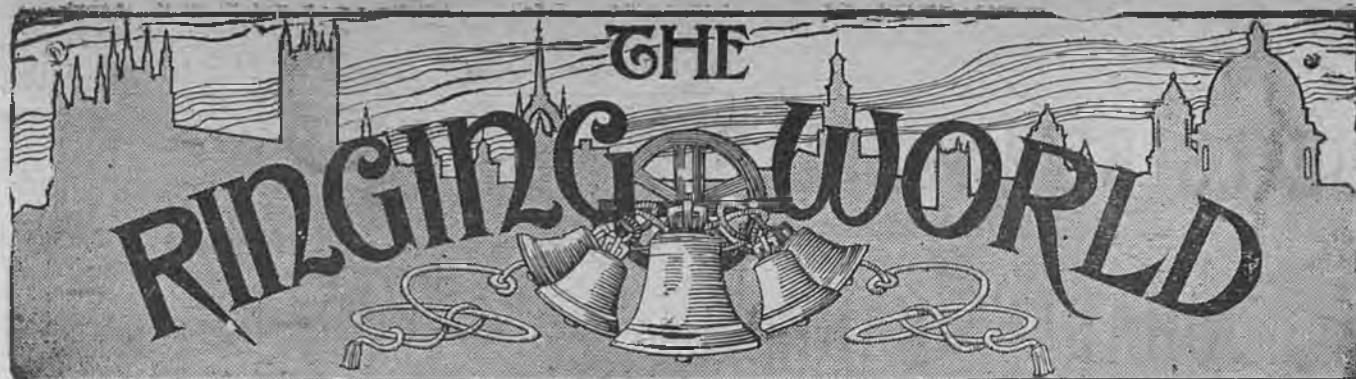
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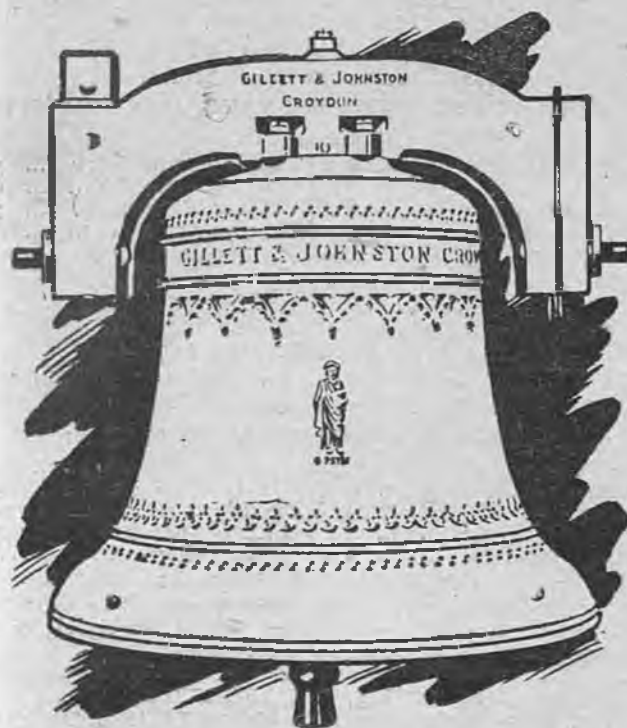
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### THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

An echo of the Lead Ends controversy was heard in the discussion at the Central Council meeting, when the Methods Committee's report was being debated. It was not altogether unlooked-for, as it was the first occasion upon which the two members chiefly responsible for the original report of the Committee had met the Council since the appearance of the Hon. Secretary's pamphlet, which had condemned the Report root and branch. The Rev. H. Law James, in one of the best speeches that was heard at the meeting, put the Committee's side of the question in a very convincing manner, and thus indirectly refuted the arguments upon which Mr. Davies' pamphlet is founded. Mr. Trollope's attack upon the Hon. Secretary showed that he still felt very keenly the spirit in which the Committee's past work had been criticised, but the storm which this speech threatened to raise was averted by the dignified silence of Mr. Davies.

Why, it may be asked, was the subject dragged up again? The answer is simple. Years ago the Legitimate Methods Committee laid down what they believed to be the basis for all future method construction, and their findings were accepted by the Council as the final authority on the matter. Then came the Hon. Secretary's tremendous attack upon the very foundations of the Committee's Report, and at this moment the two strongly divergent views stand side by side. At the Council meeting the Committee presented the Collection of Plain Major Methods ready for printing, and the question of lead ends, which, of course, really involves much more than the mere ends of leads, is a vital point. As the Rev. H. Law James pointed out, it was no use going on with the chimney if the foundations were coming out, and it would be of no use to print the methods based upon the Committee's ideas of what is right if their considered judgment in this matter was to be upset.

We said at the time of the appearance of Mr. Davies' pamphlet that the Council must throw over one or the other. The Committee's Report and the Hon. Secretary's pamphlet cannot both remain in the field. It is true that Mr. Davies' views have not been formally accepted by the Council—had they been accepted it would have been the end of the Committee and all its works—but they have been officially before the Council without a definite resolution being passed one way or the other. Perhaps the motion which was carried at Gloucester that the printing should go forward, subject to a reservation, may be taken as a vote of confidence in the Committee. At the same time it would be more satisfactory if the Council gave formal adherence to their previously adopted views.

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## PEACE PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

CORPL. EDWIN J. RIDLER,	L/CPL. A. W. SEVIOUR, 8th
R.E. ... .. Treble	Worcesters ... .. 6
C.Q.M.S. WILLIAM A. CAVE,	SERG. THOMAS F. KING,
R.E. ... .. 2	R.A.S.C. (M.T.) ... .. 7
SERG. JOSEPH T. DYKE,	*BMR. SAMUEL J. HECTOR,
M.G.C. ... .. 3	R.G.A. ... .. 8
PTE. CHARLES J. WALTON,	SERG. WALTER FARLEY,
A.E. Co. ... .. 4	N.S.Y. ... .. 9
CPL.-MECH. GILBERT H.	BMR. JESSE B. TYLER,
HARDING, R.A.F. ... .. 5	R.F.A. ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and tenor belong to St. Stephen's, 4 and 6 to St. James', 3 to Midsomer Norton, 5 and 7 to Bath, 8 to Trowbridge, 9 to Wells.

Rung to commemorate Peace and started within an hour of the signature to the Treaty.

WINSTON, Near ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Treble	THOMAS BARTHOLOMEW ... .. 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 2	CAD BUTCHER ... .. 6
HERBERT HAIGH ... .. 3	WILLIAM WARBURTON ... .. 7
COLIN RIDER ... .. 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung to commemorate the signing of peace.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT WOOD ... .. Treble	*HARRY WOOD ... .. 5
*WALTER PAYNE ... .. 2	*FREDERICK HUNT ... .. 6
THOS. BLACKBOURN ... .. 3	L. A. GOODENOUGH ... .. 7
ALFRED KING ... .. 4	*HARRY SHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by an entirely local band. Rung as a thanksgiving peal on the signing of the Peace Treaty. \* First peal in the method.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUNR. ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

The peal was rung in honour of the signing of the Treaty of Peace. 'Go' was called at 3/47 p.m. and 'that is all' at 7.12 p.m. The band believe this to be the first peal in the method on the bells which were cast in A.D. 1642. This composition is now rung for the first time.



**TEN BELL PEAL.**

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
(UNION YOUTHS.)

On Monday, June 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

JESSE TYLER ... .. Treble	HARRY BROWNJOHN ... .. 6
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2	JOHN BURFORD ... .. 7
*ARTHUR SEVIOUR ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... .. 8
*CHARLES WALTON ... .. 4	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... .. 9
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 5	ARTHUR WALLACE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' 25th birthday.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK STONELEY ... .. Treble	SAMUEL CARDELL ... .. 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 6
PERCY W. CAVE ... .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 7
REV. A. T. BRESTON ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. John W. Taylor, in whose foundry these bells were cast. They were placed in the tower by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL ... .. Treble	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... .. 6
TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 7
JOHN BLAKE ... .. 4	THOMAS HOAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Arranged for Mr. Fairbeard of Wickhambreux, Kent, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Hoad, mother of the ringers of the 2nd and tenor, and to F.-M. Sir D. Haig.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDGAR GUISE ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR E. SEVIOUR ... .. 5
*HARRY WAY ... .. 2	*JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 6
*CHARLES J. WALTON ... .. 3	*ARTHUR T. WALLACE ... .. 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 4	ALFRED KING ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER.

Conducted by ALFRED KING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. A. King belongs to Luton and A. E. Sharman to Dunstable, Beds.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. Treble	THOMAS ATTWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 2	WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... .. 6
RICHARD HAYES ... .. 3	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 7
THOMAS N. MACK ... .. 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

The ringers wish to thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE DURLING ... .. Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	*CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3
EDWIN C. CHASTY ... .. 2	SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 6
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... .. 3	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. WHITE ... .. 4	GEORGE A. THOMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung to commemorate the 70th birthday of Mr. Wesley.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW, SENR. ... Treble	JOHN STUBS ... .. 5
GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 7
*ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 4	†THOMAS WOODS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Daniel Browlow, master of the ringers at the above church, who has rung there for 54 years.

\* 50th peal. † First peal.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 2½ cwt.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD ... Treble	EDGAR G. LUSH ... .. 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7
JOHN G. HAMBLETON ... .. 4	HERBERT G. FARLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. I. B. Holmyard, the indefatigable secretary of the Frome Deanery. This was Mr. King's 50th peal for the Association.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 2	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 6
WILLIAM EUSEBIUS CLARKE ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Taylor of Loughborough Bell Foundry.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

**A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

PERCY MARCHANT ... .. Treble	GEORGE ADES ... .. 5
H. R. BUTCHER ... .. 2	A. CAUSELEY ... .. 6
A. PIERPONT ... .. 3	F. H. STALHAM ... .. 7
N. BURRELL ... .. 4	JOSEPH FRENCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. STALHAM.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Hart, the eldest daughter of Mr. James Hart, leader of the local ringers. Mr. and Mrs. Hart kindly invited the ringers to supper after the peal. A most enjoyable time was spent and the ringers thank their hosts for their kindness.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

comprising one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor, called differently.

DANIEL REDHEAD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 4
LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 2	*ARTHUR BELLAMY ... 5
HARRY MEADOWS ... .. 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

\* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday peal to A. Bellamy and W. J. Gilbert.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 each of London, Wells, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM ... .. Treble	HORACE H. SMITH ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

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

On Thursday, June 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES ... 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3-4	PTE. JOHN F. SMALLWOOD ... 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5-6	JAMES GEORGE ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: Vice President, Mr. THOMAS RUSSAM.

Arranged for Mr. Smallwood, who was home on leave from France.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

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THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Rev. H. Law James, speaking further upon the report of the Legitimate Methods Committee, said, with regard to the printing of the report, if the Council restored the foundation and went back to the Methods Report and would abide by it, then the committee would go on with the work. They had made a selection of the plain Major methods. They had selected everything of real interest; everything that was really fit to ring, and they were ready for printing. The Council had been asked by the previous committee to print an enormous collection of peals of Treble Bob. The collection was invaluable, but was it worth printing at the present moment? He maintained that Treble Bob was a method of change ringing that was out of date altogether, and that it was not worth spending £30 or £40 in printing peals of Treble Bob Major. They could be printed some day when it would be cheaper. The peals could be kept, just as he suggested the mass of plain Major methods could be kept by the Council. They could be kept so that when somebody claimed to have produced something new, they could turn to the collection and say: 'Well, here it is—(laughter)—it is not new.' And the Treble Bob peals could be treated in the same way. For that reason the work had not been wasted—it was very, very valuable. He did not ask the Council to print the methods; they were ready for printing if the Council liked to spend the money, but he thought, for practical purposes, they would do more good than printing the Treble Bob peals. If the Council had confidence in the committee they would go on with the work. He would suggest they leave the Treble Bob methods out. It had been through scores and scores of them, and there was nothing in them of special interest. They were not worth printing, and he did not think the committee at present ought to spend their time on getting them out. He thought they ought to go on with the Surprise methods, get them worked out and select from them those that were worth printing. But the Council must not think for a moment, if they printed the plain methods this year they could go on to the Surprise methods next year. It was a far larger task than the plain methods, because when they selected the methods they had to get the proof scales out to see if the scale was worth ringing. It was no use printing a Surprise method and finding out afterwards that they could not get a true peal. Consequently the committee had a great amount of work before it, and while the Exercise was inclined to complain that the committees were doing nothing, they little realised the amount of work there was to do before there was anything practical to show for it. With regard to the Surprise methods, he was going to propose a further restriction in regard to the application of natural laws. Natural laws gave them Bob Major lead ends, but he proposed that the Council should lay down—not for old methods, but for new Surprise methods, that were published—that not only should the methods have Bob Major lead ends, but should bring the bells up into 7-8 in the plain course order, the same as in Bob Major. He made the suggestion for the reason that if they did otherwise they would get the 2nd dodging with the tenor at back. Mr. Davies, in his pamphlet, gave them a new Treble Bob method. Mr. Davies might have thought it was new, but it went into his (Mr. Law James') waste-paper basket long before Mr. Davies published it (laughter). Mr. Davies gave them one lead, and said it was a very good method. In the first lead of the plain course they had a thing like this: 128, 382, 128, 382, 832. The first lead condemned the method; it was bad music, and not fit to ring. Returning to the question of printing the Plain Methods, Mr. James said perhaps the Council would like to leave it in this way, that the secretary should obtain an estimate from 'The Ringing World' for printing the Collection. He thought the Council should go to 'The Ringing World.' Years ago there were two ringing papers, and the Council could not take sides. Now he certainly thought the Council should uphold the paper as far as it could. At the same time 'The Ringing World' had criticised the Council. What he had said ought to bring it home that the Council was doing rattling good work in a quiet sort of way. They must not expect fireworks every year, because they could not do it (laughter and applause).

MR. TROLLOPE'S STRONG COMMENTS.

Mr. Trollope said he had not the slightest objection whatever to Mr. Davies criticising anything in the Method Report or anything that the Method Committee had done, if only for the reason that the Method Committee's work and Report would stand any amount of criticism, but he did object very strongly indeed to the charge made by Mr. Davies in his pamphlet against the good faith of the committee. It was stated in the pamphlet that the committee had foisted on the Exercise a fad which they knew to be a fad, and that what they were saying was not true; and that they did it in an underhanded manner. That was the kind of criticism that ran through the pamphlet, and those charges ought either to be proved or withdrawn. There was one personal thing he wanted to refer to. Mr. Davies had several times said that he (Mr. Trollope) had said Mr. Davies was ignorant. He had never said anything of the sort. What he did say to the criticism of Mr. Davies and other people was that it was so wide of the mark that they either deliberately distorted what the com-

mittee had done, or were ignorant of what the committee meant, and he preferred to believe it was want of knowledge. In his endeavours to discredit the committee, Mr. Davies had refused to understand what the committee meant, but he had had the opportunity; he had had in his possession papers which he returned unread, simply that he might say 'so far as I know' the committee had never argued the question at all. Mr. Davies challenged him when he was in France, just at a time when he was in the thick of the fighting, to prove there and then under pain of being branded as an impostor, the correctness of the committee's conclusions. He did, however, give him proofs in a letter which appeared in the 'Ringing World,' and he gave him two methods in support of his proof. The first was Kent Treble Bob, and the second was Bristol Surprise. He did not call it Bristol Surprise, and Mr. Davies, in his reply said: 'Oh yes, it is all very well when he deals with Treble Bob, but what about the Surprise methods?' Because he (Mr. Trollope) did not call that second method Bristol Surprise, Mr. Davies did not know it was Bristol. Therefore, he thought Mr. Davies was ignorant.

The President (intervening): I hope Mr. Trollope and all speakers will avoid as much as possible personal references (hear, hear).

Mr. Trollope said he felt very strongly on the subject. The pamphlet was supposed to be a scientific exposition, and dealt with what Mr. Davies thought the alternative to the Method Committee's Report. They could test whether Mr. Davies' or the Method Committee's views were right in a fairly simple way. According to Mr. Davies, practically the only methods rung were ruled out—Kent Treble Bob, London, Cambridge and Bristol. Did they think the methods were not worth ringing? Yet that was what Mr. Davies would have them believe, and the statement was made without any proof whatever.

#### THE TEST OF A GOOD METHOD.

There was one criticism, continued Mr. Trollope, that was leveled at the committee and which, if it were true, was an effective one, and that was that the committee had taken upon itself to tell ringers what they should and what they should not ring, and that the tendency of the method report was to restrict composition. It was true to some extent, but he would remind the Council that when the committee was first appointed the intention of the Council was that the committee should draw up a set of rules for the distinct purpose of restricting composition. They were to draw up rules to distinguish between good and bad methods, and so far as they were guilty of that charge the Council itself was responsible. He had, however, come to this conclusion, after long years of study, that they could not draw up any rules of that sort. There was no special distinction to be made that would enable them to say that this was legitimate, and that was not legitimate, simply because all methods were the product of natural law. They could not draw a sharp line and say 'this is good and that is bad.' The only test was the test of practical ringing. It did not follow because a band found a method a good method to ring that it was necessarily a good method; neither could they take the opinion of men who were recognised as authorities in composition, either ancient or modern. Shipway knew a great deal more about methods than the majority of people to-day, but directly he tried to do something of his own, and gave them Shipway's Principle or Shipway's Court Bob, he got failures. The test was this: the Exercise had spoken in no undecided manner as to what was a good method, and what was not. We had had ringing for 300 years, and during that time there had been a small group of methods evolved, which we called standard methods. There were ten, including Bristol. There was great variety in these from the simple to the most complex, and 999-thousandths of the ringing had been done in these methods. They had all well-marked characteristics, and these characteristics had by actual practice been proved to be the things wanted in methods. These things were embodied in the Method Report. There were certain of the objections brought against that report respecting matters which could be easily altered, and if he were going to draft the report again he would not draft it in exactly the same way. They were sometimes asked what was the sense of having symmetrical leads, which looked very pretty on paper, and Bob Major lead ends. The reason was, they could not help it—it was nature. There was a reason for it, and their business had been simply to understand the reason. There was no necessity to say down arbitrary laws. Ringing had always had its well-marked rules, which had been kept, and what they had to do was, not to try to make new laws and say ringers must ring this or not ring that, but to understand why it was they could not get outside that group of standard methods, and that the nearer they kept to them the nearer they were to getting a good method.

#### HUNDREDS OF METHODS TO RING

Mr. E. H. Lewis said Mr. James had told them everything fit to ring among the plain Major methods was in the selection, but he did not quite agree with him. If he could get back into the country of bells and accumulate an eight-bell band he would like to go through the book of plain Major methods, because out of the 800 or 900, 300 or 400 were quite fit to ring once. While they were only going to print a selection, as they had two copies of the complete collection, one in figures, and one in diagram form, he thought it might be properly loaned out to accredited ringers, under proper safeguards, if

they wished to go for a larger number of the methods than would be printed. There had been added Mr. Lewis, a good deal of bitterness over this question of legitimate methods. Mr. Trollope referred to 'legitimate' as being according to natural law. He (Mr. Lewis) did not at all agree. He took 'legitimate' to be according to man-made law. He tried once before to get rid of the word 'legitimate', and substitute for it, the word 'regular.' There seemed to be an idea that the committee was trying to lay down that ringers should ring certain things only. There was not the slightest intention of doing that, but they did want to educate ringers as to what were good methods to ring. Mr. Lewis then moved that in the title of the Legitimate Methods Committee the word 'Legitimate' be omitted, and that the committee in future be called the 'Methods Committee.' He also moved 'that in future in any documents of this Council the word 'legitimate' be changed to 'regular,' and the word 'illegitimate' to 'irregular.'

The Rev. H. Law James seconded both these propositions, which were carried.

The Rev. H. Law James then moved 'That the selection of plain Major methods contained in the report of the Methods Committee be printed as soon as the hon. secretary considers it expedient.'—This was agreed to.

(To be continued.)

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### DISTRICT ORGANISATION.

After a lapse of five years, the annual meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild has been once more held, and took place in the Cathedral City on June 19th, when a very fair muster of ringers put in appearance from the various towers affiliated. The ring of six at St. Nicholas' were rung previous to the service, which was arranged for 10.30 at All Saints', and at which about 70 ringers were present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Preb. R. D. Machen, Vicar of Clun who gave a most excellent address. After service, the members adjourned to All Saints' Room for the business part of the proceedings.

In the absence of the Master (Mr. J. Buchanan), the Rev. G. W. Turner (Madley) was unanimously voted to the chair and made an admirable chairman.

Mr. J. Clark (Ross) very ably brought forward a motion that the Guild be formed into districts, and pointed out the various advantages that such a scheme would give.—Mr. C. Edwards (Madley) seconded the motion, and having had considerable experience with other Guilds which had adopted the formation of districts, was able to put forward with emphasis the advantages of the district system. He asked the members to take a serious view of the scheme, and pointed out that it was not one of division, but of unity. It would enable each district to look after its own interests, and would lead to the mutual improvement of ringers. At the present time it was obvious to all that the Guild was too much centralised to be worked with advantage, as it had to cover the whole of the county of Hereford, and part of Shropshire, Montgomery and Brecon.

After an interesting discussion, it was decided to adopt the scheme of districts as suggested by the Rev. G. W. Turner, viz., by forming districts of about a seven-mile radius.—Mr. J. Jones (Cathedral) suggested that a committee be appointed to deal with the matter.—Mr. Edwards said that in his opinion the Guild had waited long enough for reconstruction, and now was the time to act, and not wait for committees.—This view was received with applause.

The Chairman then put the motion to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.—It was decided to ask the Bishop of Hereford to become President, in succession to the late Dr. Percival. The Dean of Hereford, the Archdeacon of Hereford, the Rev. A. C. Lee (Lugwardine), and Preb. G. S. Palmer were re-elected vice-presidents, also the Archdeacon of Ludlow, subject to Canon Lilley's consent being obtained. Mr. J. Buchanan was re-elected Master, and the Rev. J. S. Roper and Jones (Ross), hon. secs. Revision of the committee resulted in the re-election of the following: Mr. H. W. Aden (Colwall), Mr. J. Cartwright (Foy), Mr. A. Chester (Dinham, Ludlow), Mr. J. Clark (Ross), Rev. F. W. Carnegie (Ledbury), Mr. C. Edwards (Madley), Mr. W. Evans (Brecon), Mr. J. J. Jones (Hereford), Rev. R. A. Lyne (Upton Bishop), Mr. Robt. Marston (Ludlow), Mr. W. Mead (Clun), Mr. J. Overton (Bridgnorth), Mr. W. Poston (Bridstow), Mr. C. L. Sadler (Hereford), Mr. H. Smith (Kington), Mr. T. Smith (Cradley), Mr. Charles Thomas (Colwall), Rev. T. Walwyn Trumper (Clifford), Rev. G. W. Turner (Madley), Rev. C. T. Wilton (Foy), Mr. W. H. Williams (Hagley), and Preb. A. B. Wynne Willson (Hereford), Mr. J. Clark and Mr. C. Edwards were elected as representatives on the Central Council, and the following District Secretaries were appointed:—Hereford, Mr. C. Edwards (Madley); Ross, Mr. J. Clark (Ross); Ledbury, Mr. C. Thomas (Colwall); Clifles, Mr. J. P. Hyett (Hay); Presteign, Mr. H. Taihot (Staunton-on-Arrow); Leominster, Mr. J. Robinson (Kimbolton); Bromyard, Mr. Alf. Tomkins (Bredenbury); Bridgnorth, Mr. J. Overton (Bridgnorth); Brecon, Mr. Wm. Evans (Brecon). For several other districts, a secretary was not forthcoming.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Hereford each year, and that it be held on a Saturday.

During the day the belfrie, of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas, Burehill, Lugwardine, Home Lacey and Pownhope, were visited, and touches rung in many methods.



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## ARKSEY'S PEACE BELLS DEDICATED.

A NEW OCTAVE FOR YORKSHIRE

Arksey, near Doncaster, has got its peace bells, and on Whit-Monday the two new trebles to make a peal of eight were dedicated by the Bishop of Sheffield. One of the new bells has been placed in the tower in memory of those belonging to the parish who fell in the great war, and the other in commemoration of peace. At the same time there were dedicated a tablet setting forth the occasion and bearing the names of the fallen; also the renovated clock and the new Cambridge full quarter chimes given by Miss Dunhill, of Coney Garth, one of the churchwardens, as a memorial of her father and mother; also a Litany desk, given by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Rhys James, and Mrs. James, in memory of their two children who died in the parish; and a Litany service book in memory of Charles Clifford Thompson, late organist of the church, given by his wife.

### THE GROWTH OF THE PEAL.

The peal of bells in Arksey, like the church itself, has grown. All Saints' dates back to 1150, and its various styles—Perpendicular, Transitional, and the rest—proclaim approximately their age. The order of the arrival of the six bells which comprised the peal up to the present addition is given in the dates which they bear. The dates include the following:—Sixth, 1622; fifth, 1718; fourth, 1657; third, 1673; second, 1875. The first bell was hung in honour of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. On that occasion the late Mr. W. Chadwick, who then lived at the Hall, had all the old bells returned, and the peal of six hung on a steel frame; and he also endowed the bells with a field of ten acres, producing £18 a year paid to the ringers for their services. The inscriptions on the bells are mostly in Latin, but the tenor bell dated 1622 bears the words:—

God send them Heaven that heave me ryng  
All laud and prayse now let us singe.

A free translation of the inscription on the third bell says: 'The quiet piety of a former age gave the Church; a rather garrulous age insulted the bell.' On one of the new bells are the words: 'In memory of the fallen, 1914-1919,' and on the other 'Peace after Victory, 1919'.

The tablet, which faces the nave on the pillar carrying the steps to the belfry, bears the following inscription:—'To the glory of God two bells were added to the six in this tower, by public subscriptions: the second bell commemorating Peace after victory, 1919; the treble bell in memory of the men from this parish who gave their lives during the Great War 1914-19, whose names we gratefully record: Herbert Hopper, Jim Lecking, W. Leadbeater, Alfred Leadbeater, Charles Leadbeater, Charles Webster, Robert Norris, Charles Armand, Harry Frost, John William Dawson, George Arthur Stanley Hirst, Henry Severn.—R.I.P.'

The inscription on the clock and chimes is 'In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dunhill, Coney Garth, by their family.'

A brass plate on the Litany-desk is inscribed, 'To the glory of God and in memory of Margaret Olive Rhys James, at rest March 16, 1915, aged 8 years; also to Gwerydd Mary, her sister, at rest June 11th, 1913, aged 6 months. Blessed are the pure in heart.' Printed in the Litany Service Book are the words: 'To the glory of God and in affectionate remembrance of Charles Clifford Thompson, died November 21st, 1918, from his loving wife and dear ones.'

The service touch of Stedman Triples was rung by a picked band under the leadership of Mr. George Hawksworth, conductor of the Doncaster Parish Church ringers, who, by the way, was made an honorary member of the local Association on the Wednesday previous. There were altogether about fifty ringers present for the dedication from the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association, including Sheffield, Pontefract, Selby, Bolsover, Mansfield Woodhouse, Huddersfield, Doncaster and other places.

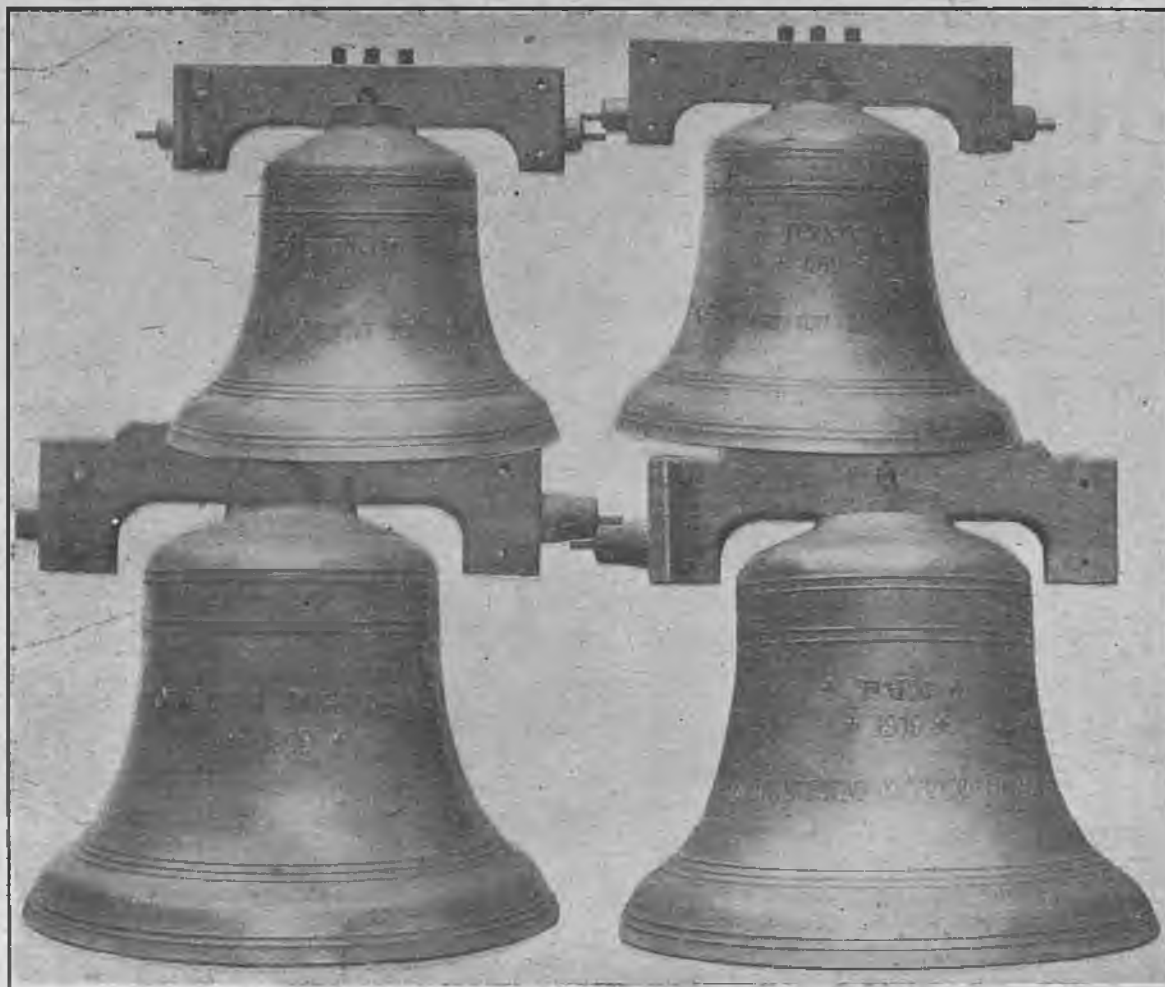
### THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The service was attended by a large congregation, including the members of the local Comrades of the Great War organisation. The processional hymn was 'Praise my soul, the King of Heaven.' The lesson was read by the Rev. Canon Rolfe, Rector of Kirk Bramwith, and Rural Dean. The dedication ceremony took place after the hymn 'Christ is our cornerstone,' following the lesson—first the bells, then the clock, the memorial tablet, the Litany desk, and the Litany Service Book, in their order.

Dr. Burrows based his address upon the words: 'Have they not heard? Yea, verily, their sound went into all the earth.' He said that the Arksey bells had been celebrated for the beauty of their tone. There were six of them, and two more had now been added to complete the peal. Although not an expert of bell ringing himself, he was very keen on bell ringing, and he knew there were many things that could be rung on eight bells that could not be rung on six. He had to deal with hundreds of faculties for war memorials, and he knew no more appropriate memorial than these two bells, one for the fallen and one for the peace which had not yet culminated.

Turning to the young, his Lordship said he hoped they would never again live to know the suffering, the horrors, and the wickedness of war. He had dedicated in that church a memorial such as he had every reason to believe they were going to put up in every parish church in the land, a memorial plain, simple, permanent, and enduring.

## WESTMINSTER ABBEY'S NEW PEACE BELLS.



The above picture is of historic interest, for the bells are the four new bells placed in Westminster Abbey, as part of the restoration carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The treble is inscribed with the word 'Faith,' in capitals, and the words 'Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory.'

The 2nd bears the word 'Ruth,' and 'There is none other that fighteth for us.'

The 3rd, the casting of which was witnessed by the King and Queen, has upon it 'The Lord of Hosts is with us.'

A Latin inscription is on the 4th: 'Pax' and the words 'Deus canticum novum cantabo tibi.' On all the bells is the date 1919. The capital letters are in the 'Somerrotes' type, and the smalls in Old English.

ing, to those men, whether they went to church or chapel, or nothing at all, simply as parishioners giving their lives to their King and country. He had visited 62 parishes in his primary visitation. Every single parish had risen to the idea with enthusiasm, but at Arksey they had got the memorial already. If not, the first it was the second parish to carry out this most important duty.

Turning to the Comrades of the War, Dr. Burrows said he could imagine nothing more appropriate and eloquent than their presence on a Bank Holiday afternoon to do honour to their comrades and fellow parishioners who had given their lives in the war. They above all had a right to be present, to thank God for His mercy to them individually, to praise His Name for the self-sacrifice of those who had given their lives for their country. Besides that touching memorial they had three others dedicated that day to the glory of God. There was the clock now restored and fitted up with Cambridge chimes, given in memory of two faithful parishioners; the Litany desk in memory of two little children of their Vicar and his wife, lying there in the parish amongst them; and then the Litany desk book, to the memory of one who had played the organ in that church, and given by his wife and dear ones, that his memory might be kept green. Meeting as they did in that beautiful house of God, one of the most beautiful in the diocese, their memories were carried back into the past. The pulpit in which he was standing dated from the time of Charles I., the first bell was put in in the time of Charles II., whilst the church itself

self dated back to the early Edwards.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, 'The Church's one foundation.'

A great parish tea was provided in the grounds at Arksey Hall, by kind permission of Mr. Nuttall. The Bishop and Mrs. Burrows visited the grounds and chatted with the people.

During the day there was much ringing on the bells, whose beautiful tones were greatly admired.

## THE LATE MR. J. W. TAYLOR.

At Henley, Suffolk, on June 26th, eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association started for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, with the clappers half-muffled, as a last tribute to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, whose firm restored and augmented the bells at this church in 1902. Unfortunately the peal came to grief after one hour's ringing, and a second attempt failed after 2½ hours; Edward Jenkins 1, Rev. Wm. C. Pearson 2, Albert Fleming 3, James Rose 4, George Fleming 5, Thomas W. Last 6, William Burgess 7, Arthur S. Boar 8.

## REV. H. A. COCKEY MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund is now closed, and the total receipts are £32 10s. 8d. The committee wish to thank everyone who has helped to make the fund such a success.

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

## CROYDON, SURREY.



**BELFRY GOSSIP.**

The signing of the Treaty of Peace on Saturday was the signal for the ringing of the church bells throughout the country, and many peals and touches were rung. On Sunday also there was a good deal of special ringing, both before and after services.

The President of the Midlands Association (Mr. A. T. King) has now gone to reside at 'The Summit,' Stevenage, Herts.

The attention of ringers is called to the announcement of the publications of the Central Council in another column. The Legitimate Methods Collection ought to be in the hands of every ringer, and the Collections of Peals in the possession of every conductor, actual and prospective.

At Penn, Bucks, a new treble is being added by Messrs. Neary and Stainbank to make a peal of six, and the bells are to be rehanging in new fittings and framework.

When the High Wycombe ringers were on an excursion to neighbouring towers, they were met at Long Crendon by Mr. David Warner whose age is 81. The veteran rang the treble in a touch of 210 Grand sire Triples, the 2nd being rung by a lad of 13, the son of Mr. J. B. Barnes, of Missenden.

It is reported that there has been an 'indignation strike' of ringers at Brentwood, caused by their being reprimanded for having killed 14 pairs of jack-laws in the tower. The authorities, however, eventually decided to wire the tower windows, whereupon the strike was called off.

We regret that various reports and peals are unavoidably held over.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****WAR MEMORIAL PROPOSAL.**

At the annual meeting of the Winchester Guild, the Bishop of Winchester was elected president, in place of Mr. J. P. Stilwell, J.P. (re-signed). The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master for many years, was elected to the new executive office of Vice-President, and Mr. George Williams being appointed Master of the Guild. It was also decided to ask the Rev. Sir John Herschel, Bart., Rector of West Cunden, to become hon. secretary (a post which Mr. George Williams has filled with conspicuous success for some years).

The Rev. W. E. Catcher was re-elected hon. treasurer; Mr. Geo. Smith (Twyford) was appointed auditor, in the place of the late Mr. H. White; Mr. T. W. Fairley was re-appointed Recorder of Peals, and Mr. W. Shepherd was elected as one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council.

It was also resolved, on the recommendation of the committee, that the Guild's memorial to fallen members should be the addition of two new bells to Winchester Cathedral, to make a peal of twelve, and a tablet, bearing the names of the men who made the supreme sacrifice, placed in the Cathedral. The cost is estimated at about £300, of which the Guild voted the first £100 from its reserve funds.

After the meeting the members attended service in the Cathedral the Rev. C. D. P. Davies being the preacher.

A fuller report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**

The society celebrated its 296th anniversary on Friday last, when a very enjoyable day was spent. Visitors began to arrive early, and came from the Isle of Wight (3), Croydon, Cambridge, Bishop Stortford, Stansted and London. Ringing commenced at 9 o'clock with an excellent touch of Stedman Caters rung by the local company. Mixed bands kept the bells going till the service at 12.30, when an instructive sermon was preached by the Vicar. The company then adjourned to the Abbey Hotel, where a capital luncheon was provided by Mr. Seathney. The chair was taken by Mr. F. Pittsow, who thanked the Vicar for his excellent sermon, and for being present with them at luncheon.—The Vicar replied that he was very pleased indeed to be present, and to have the opportunity of saying how glad he was to have such a renowned company of ringers, and to meet their old friends and acquaintances. Other toasts included 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. F. Dench, and replied to by Mr. W. Prior and Mr. Roper; and 'The Chairman,' proposed by the Vicar. The company then proceeded to the Church, where touches of Grand sire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung, the day's ringing being concluded by a well-struck touch of 380 Stedman Cinques.

**ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.****A MEMORIAL TABLET.**

At a recent meeting, it was decided to erect a peal board in the ringing room of the Parish Church as a memorial to the Rev. V. A. Cresswell, M.A., who was one of the donors of the treble bell.

The board will be one of solid oak, comprising five panels. The first panel will record the Armistice peal, rung on December 4th last year which was the first on the bells, and which proved to be the last in which Mr. Cresswell took part; two other panels will record the other two peals rung during the same week.

The cost of the peal board will be about £28, and about £10 has already been promised. The work will be put in hand as soon as the funds will allow. It has been suggested that other members of the Guild may be glad to join in the memorial by contributing towards the cost.

**NOTICES.**

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 5th. Service in the Abbey at 3 p.m.; meeting in the Abbey Church House at 4 p.m.; tea at Messrs. Taylor's, New Bond Street, 5.15 p.m. Bells available: St. Andrew's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, St. Saviour's and Twerton.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, July 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; tea at 5; Service at 6.15.—T. Law, District Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C. A District meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, July 5th, at 4 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members are asked to make known the following fixtures for the month of July: Beaconsfield, Saturday, July 5th, at 5.30; Amersham, Saturday, July 12th, at 4 p.m.; Oxford, Annual Festival, Saturday, July 19th, all day; Slough, Saturday, July 26th, at 7 o'clock. Tea at Amersham at 6 o'clock on sending word to W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, nr. Slough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, London, N., on July 5th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Liversedge Parish Church on Saturday, July 5th. The draw will take place at the Albion Hotel, the headquarters for the day, at 2.45 prompt.—W. Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, July 5th, not Bolsterstone, as previously arranged. Six bells available from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shorne on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. in the belfry.—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill St. Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.** Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea (1/-) will be arranged at the Mason's Arms Hotel.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Dunstan's, Hunsdon, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available 2 p.m. Business meeting, 5 p.m.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Est. 1824. — The Quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, July 7th, at 8.45 p.m., following the fortnightly practice at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Tower open 7.15 p.m. Members are requested to make a special effort to attend.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tower Secretaries should advise me as early as possible how many of their members expect to attend.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, July 12th. The bells (10) will be open at 3 p.m., by kind permission of the Vicar. Service at 5; tea in the Parish Room, Lesbourne Road, at 5.45. Will those attending tea kindly inform Mr. Ewins of Duncton, Eversfield Road, Reigate, not later than Thursday the 10th? Price of tea 9d. to members and 1/3 to visitors.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Eddingham on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening, Service in the Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Five Bells Hotel at 4.45 p.m.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on July 12th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. There will be a short service. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Glinton on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Ringers are asked to bring their own food. Hot tea will be provided in the Rectory garden; if wet, in Schoolroom.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Ilkley, on Saturday, July 12th, for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a memorial brass to the late Mr. Wm. Snowdon. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Ilkley Church Institute at a charge of 1/3 per head to all who notify me not later than first post on Tuesday, July 8th. Tea cannot be guaranteed to any not observing this request.—Percy J. Johnson, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Peter's, Portishead, on July 19th. Bells available from 2.30, short Service at 4 o'clock, tea at the White Cot Dairy at 4.45, followed by meeting. Will those who require tea kindly notify me before the previous Thursday? Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock, 1/- each to all giving notice not later than July 15th.—B. Redgwell, Rayne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, Warrington, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m.; meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 2.30; Committee meeting 3.45; Service 4.30. Tea can be provided in Bishop Ryder's Schools at a reasonable charge at 5 o'clock for those who notify Mr. James George, 13, Dolman Road, Aston, Birmingham, not later than July 14th. Business meeting after tea. The bells of St. John's, Deritend (8), and St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available during the evening.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**CAMPSALL**, near Doncaster (8 bells).—The Pontefract ringers propose to have a ringing afternoon at Campsall on Saturday, July 19th, which will be the 4th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. Any ringing friends heartily welcome, and those requiring tea please notify W. Pearson, 2, Lynd Villas, Bank's Avenue, Pontefract, not later than Monday, July 14th.

**ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.**—It is proposed to place an oak peal board in the ringing room of St. George's Church, as a memorial to the Rev. V. A. Cresswell, M.A., an enthusiastic member of the Hereford Guild, and subscriptions towards the cost will be gratefully received by W. Mead, Hon. Sec., 1, Market Place, Clun.

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

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#### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### SUCCESSFUL RESUMPTION OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The Southern District of the London County Association resumed their meetings at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday week, after a lapse of four years, owing to the war. The start proved an excellent one, about forty members being present, and ringing took place in various methods up to 8 p.m. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Master, Mr. H. Burton; secretary, Mr. F. Smith; treasurer, Mr. H. Mance; steward, Mr. G. Harman.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. H. S. Ellis, the retiring Master, and eight new members were elected, including two ladies.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on the third Saturday in August, and monthly meetings are to be held at All Saints', Fulham, of which due notice will appear.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. T. Bolton for having the tower in readiness, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Touches on the handbells concluded the evening.

**GOOD BEGINNING AT DARTFORD.**

One of the first fruits of an attempt to form a real live change ringing band at Holy Trinity, Dartford, was a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung for evening service on June 8th, by: W. J. Wheadon 1, M. G. Bates 2, F. Ellis 3, R. Smith 4, R. Morgan 5, J. Wheadon 6, T. Groombridge, junr. (conductor), 7, E. Brown 8. It was the longest length in any method by the ringers of 1 and 3; and also on the bells since they were recast and rebung.

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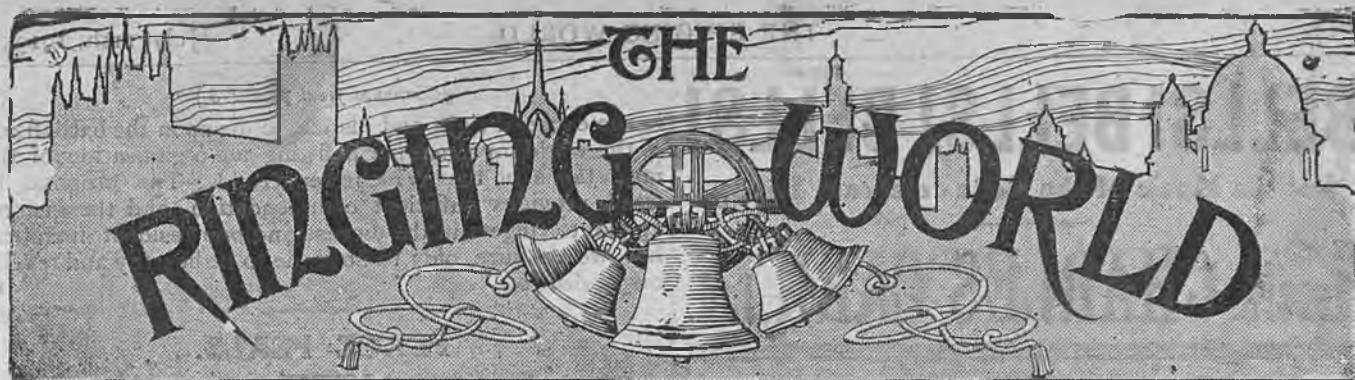
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### THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

In its methods of management, the Winchester Diocesan Guild has always been one of the best organised ringing associations in the country, and the changes which were effected at the annual meeting, small as they really were in detail, will, we have no doubt, go a step further towards improving the position of the Guild and tightening the bonds which unite the towers in this big diocese, which covers not only the whole of Hampshire, but a considerable portion of the populous county of Surrey, as well as the Isle of Wight. In making the Bishop of Winchester president instead of patron, the prelate will be brought into a position of more active touch with not the least important of his diocesan organisations, and he has already in various ways shown himself interested in the Guild.

Next, the reorganisation of offices by elevating to the position of Vice-President; the Rev. C. E. Matthews, whose intense interest in and good work for the Guild, spread over a period of a quarter of a century, has done so much to promote the welfare of the organisation and maintain its unity, and electing as its Master, Mr. George Williams, who for some years has been general hon. sec. and who is one of the most accomplished members of the Exercise, will strengthen the Guild by maintaining the administrative powers of its executive, and extending the scope of its practical energies. In securing the Rev. Sir John Herschel as hon. secretary, the Guild has been fortunate in finding a member of the Church whose interest in the Guild has been shown in many ways and whose position will add to the dignity of the office which he has undertaken.

Had the Guild done nothing more than effect these changes in its organisation when it met for its annual meeting, it might well have been satisfied with the proceedings, but it crowned an excellent day's work by launching its war memorial scheme in a manner that was fully worthy of the Guild and of the cause. With the hearty sanction of the Dean and Chapter, two more bells are to be added to the present peal of ten at the Cathedral and a tablet recording the names of the fallen members is to be erected in the Mother Church. Towards the estimated cost of £300, the Guild has voted £100 out of its reserve funds, and so given an impetus to the scheme that should make for its early and complete success. The balance of £200 that remains to be raised is not an insignificant sum, but the spirit in which the scheme has been launched leaves little room for doubt that the members will consummate the task which is before them, and honour their comrades, who went out from the belfries of the diocese,

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in the cause of right and justice, to die upon the battlefields of the world, in a manner befitting an organisation of the importance of the Winchester Guild. The proposal in itself provides sufficient commendation, and the general appeal to ringers in the diocese and non-resident members has, we are sure, only to be made to be heartily and readily responded to.

### PEACE PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 9
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 4	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 10
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
*ARTHUR MASON ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal on 12 bells. The above was W. J. Nudds' 50th peal on 12 bells. Rung to celebrate the proclamation of Peace.

WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

*WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Treble	*GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... .. 6
*ALBERT HILL ... .. 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 7
GORDON CHECKETTS ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 8
*JOSEPH BRETTILL ... .. 4	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 9
*WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5	JOSEPH SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. PAGE.

\* First peal of Royal. Believed to be the first peal of Bob Royal on the bells. Rung in honour of the signing of the Peace Treaty.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

THOMAS WESTCOTT, A.S.C. Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 6
WALTER H. MARSH ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT, R.E. 7
WARREN HORN BROOK, R.G.A. 3	ERNEST W. MARSH, R.G.A. 8
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... .. 4	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 9
JOSEPH WOODLEY, R.N.R. 5	FRANCIS PURSE, DEVON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

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LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

GEORGE MARRINER ... .. Treble	JOHN WHITE ... .. 6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. 2	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3	STAFF-SGT. ALBERT HARMAN 8
WILLIAM E. OTWAY ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. 9
JOHN WYATT ... .. 5	WILLIAM LYNCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

Rung as a Thanksgiving peal for Peace, and was the 160th peal for both Messrs. Dean and Winch.



STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE-TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

E. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*J. WERTHINGTON ... .. Treble	F. RIGBY ... .. 5
*T. GROUNDS ... .. 2	†E. BIRCHALL ... .. 6
J. BOOTH ... .. 3	J. W. GROUNDS ... .. 7
A. SEDDON ... .. 4	*R. URMSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. BIRCHALL.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

The ringer of the 5th is from Chorley, the rest belong to the local band. The ringers of treble and tenor were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH ... .. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 5
PERCY W. CAVE ... .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 6
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

At the conclusion, the Vicar entered the tower and congratulated the band, particularly Mr. Harry Chapman on scoring his 400th peal, and promised that a suitable record of the peal would be placed in the church.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*P.C. FREDK. RIDGWELL ... Treble	WALTER BURST ... .. 5
JAMES FLUETY ... .. 2	HENRY F. COOPER ... .. 6
*JOHN TURNER ... .. 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7
*ROBERT FLUETY ... .. 4	†WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. P.C. F. Ridgwell was re-elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

The peal was in progress while Peace was actually being signed.

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

On Monday, June 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHNATHAN WHEWELL ... Treble	JAMES SHAW ... .. 5
*MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... 2	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 6
*MISS ELLEN SHAW ... .. 3	†JAMES TOMLINSON ... .. 7
†JACK BARNES ... .. 4	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung in celebration of the signing of the Peace Treaty, and to welcome home from the Colours W. Riley, a former ringer, after 4 years and 2 months' service. Probably these are the first two Lancashire ladies to ring a peal of Major.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb. in F.

LESLIE ALLISON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR CHURCH ... .. 5
ARTHUR EDWARDS ... .. 2	HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. 6
PERCY TIMSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH ROOTE ... .. 7
WILLIAM ALLEN ... .. 4	SIDNEY LEITCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate the signing of the Peace Treaty.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 28th, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently, and contains the possible 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN NEAL ... .. Treble	JAMES OSBORN ... .. 4
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 5
ALBERT E. LARKINSON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band. Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace. "Go" was called at 3.38 p.m. and "that is all" 6.36 p.m.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

JOHN BEVAN ... .. Treble	EDWARD SUMMERS ... .. 4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... .. 2	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 5
JOHN CLARK ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

COALEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

42 SIX-SCORES. Tenor 14 cwt.

OLIVER HIGGINS ... .. Treble	ALBERT H. CARTER ... .. 4
PERCY C. BROWN ... .. 2	JAMES L. SMITH ... .. 5
CHARLES OLPIN ... .. 3	ETHELBERT HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. CARTER.

First peal by any member of the Band. First peal on the bells. Rung as a Victory peal.

HALSE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

*WILLIAM CREWS ... .. Treble	JOHN WYATT ... .. 4
GILBERT JONES ... .. 2	ALBERT TOUT ... .. 5
WILLIAM CLAPP ... .. 3	WILLIAM SEALEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

\* First attempt. The ringers of 1st and 3rd are local men, 2nd from Chipstable, 4th from Fitzhead, 5th from Milverton, 6th from Bishop's Lydeard.

Rung to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty.

MALDON.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

In the following methods: 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH ... .. Treble	GEORGE WM. MANSFIELD ... 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK ... .. 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
ALFRED J. PRAKE ... .. 3	FRED CHALK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM ... .. Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDWIN YATES ... .. 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**  
SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes.

At MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES BRAGG ... .. 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
HARRY BRAGG ... .. 3-4	HUBERT SHEPHERD ... 7-8

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Rung to commemorate the Signing of Peace.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GEORGE OAKES ... .. Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 5
MISS W. M. HAGUE ... .. 2	ALFRED T. BAKER ... .. 6
COLIN RYDER ... .. 3	FRED WATKINSON ... .. 7
ARTHUR HAGUE ... .. 4	WM. WARBURTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

SWINDON, WILTS.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(SWINDON PARISH CHURCH GUILD.)

On Sunday, June 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

HERBERT W. BISHOP ... .. Treble	THOMAS RICKETTS ... .. 5
ALFRED LAWRENCE ... .. 2	THOMAS ROBINSON ... .. 6
ROBERT W. HYNTER ... .. 3	SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 7
ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

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THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The following letter from Canon Papillon was read:—

The Literature Committee has, I understand, no report to lay before the Council. It has done nothing and is, I fear, as much open to the charge of 'idly dallying from year to year' as any of our committees. For this inaction I accept my share of responsibility, only remarking that, so far as my memory serves, there has been no summons to a meeting of the committee, nor has any one of us been responsible as chairman or convener for calling it together. If the Council decides to reappoint the committee I should like to suggest:—

(1) That its 'reference' be widened, with a corresponding change of title, e.g., 'Literature and Press Committee,' 'Literature and Propaganda (or Publicity) Committee.'

(2) That one of its members be named as Chairman or Convener, responsible for summoning the Committee, for arranging its agenda and for drawing up an annual report to the Council.

(3) That general instructions be given to the Committee to make all possible use of the 'Press' (in the widest sense of that term) for spreading knowledge or correcting misapprehension about ringing matters. In this connection the Council might well authorise a subscription on its behalf to one of the Press cutting agencies, so that attention may be called to any published statement which seems to need correction, contradiction or confirmation.

In conclusion, I must ask to be relieved of my seat on the committee on the ground of advanced age. It has been a pleasure to use my pen, so far as opportunity has offered, for the cause that we all have at heart, but the time comes when no more work can be done.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said he was unwilling to take any share of the blame attached to the committee. Since his appointment he had not heard a single word from any members of the committee.

The President said the difficulty seemed to have arisen because the Council left each committee to appoint its own chairman, and there was no one responsible for convening the committee for the purpose. He thought in future, in appointing committees, the Council should ask one member of each committee to convene the committee for the first time, and then the committee as its first business should elect its own chairman.

The Rev. H. Law James: 'There is one difficulty about that, and that is that the committees never do meet. The work is done through the post, and if a chairman is elected the election would have to be done through the post.'

Mr. A. T. King said the Peals Analysis Committee never had met. They had done their work, he thought, fairly well, but they certainly did appoint a chairman, and they considered it the chairman's duty to inform the other members of the committee what was wanted, and who had to supply it, and ultimately somebody wrote the report. When he was a member of the former committee on 'Rules for an Association,' the late secretary was chairman, and he circulated the papers upon which the members made their own observations. The papers then went back to the Chairman, who compiled the report. By that means, at least, harmony reigned supreme, and it worked very well. With regard to the Literature Committee, he knew that a great deal of work had been done, and it was valuable and it ought to be got at some way or another, but how to get it, well—ask him another.

STILL WAITING FOR MR. DANIELL.

On the motion of the Rev. H. Drake, it was agreed that Canon Papillon's letter be accepted in place of the report of the committee.

Canon Elsee said Canon Papillon's letter contained suggestions of great value. He thought the committee should be a living committee, and suggested they might strengthen it by the addition of one or two members to it. He thought they ought to adopt the idea of having press cuttings, and so keeping in touch with what was being said in the Press about bells and ringing, and how public opinion was being formed in different places. He proposed that the Council should subscribe to a Press Cutting Agency.

Mr. G. P. Burton, in seconding, spoke of the wrong impressions which were often created by erroneous reports in the Press, and remarked that if it were known that there was an authoritative source from which information could be obtained, the daily papers would be only too glad to avail themselves of it.

The question was raised as to obtaining from Mr. R. A. Daniell the material which he has been compiling, and as to whether it was his private property or the property of the Council.

The President said he did not think they could compel Mr. Daniell to produce it. A report had not been presented, and he thought he could say the material did not belong to the Council.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that the president should approach Mr. Daniell and ask for it.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews: May I make it stronger and suggest that from the whole Central Council we have a proposal asking him to hand over the records which he has to the President.

The Rev. H. Law James: If the President will undertake it in his nice quiet way, I think he will get it for us. If he cannot do it I am perfectly sure no one else can.

This suggestion was agreed to. It was also resolved that the title of the Committee be in future 'The Literature and Press Committee,' and that the Council subscribe to a Newspaper Cutting Agency.

Canon Elsee proposed the addition to the committee of the hon. librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), but Mr. Jenkyn asked to be allowed to withdraw, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews was added to the committee, and asked to act as convener. The Council also decided to adopt Canon Papillon's suggestion to make the widest use of the Press.

#### THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

Mr. A. T. King moved the adoption of the Report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which has already been published. He said the committee would like to know whether the Council would like to revert to the former practice and settle the order of the Associations in the table according to the number of points, or whether they should continue to publish them in alphabetical order. He was afraid if they started a discussion on points they would not finish before it was time to go home, but the committee would like to know the feeling of the Council. While very few peals were rung last year up to that day the peals reported in the 'Ringing World' as having been rung in the first five months of this year were 275. Of those, 24 were on handbells, and 251 on tower bells. The ladies, as they always did, were coming to the fore. Miss Parker had already rung three peals, Miss Olive Lumley three peals, Miss Ellen Johnson, Miss Hague and Miss Steele two peals each, and there were 17 other ladies who had each taken part in one peal. He thought, therefore, it was going to be what they might call a ladies' year. He thought the peals rung this year would make it worth while, if the Council saw fit to direct it, to apply the points which they took so much trouble to settle in 1913.

Mr. G. Williams seconded the report, which was adopted. The President said they not only accepted the report, but he was expressing the views of the Council when he said they were deeply indebted to the committee, as to the other committees, for the great amount of trouble and valuable time they had given in the work.

On the motion of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, it was resolved to continue to publish the analysis of peals in the alphabetical order of the associations.

#### TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said, on behalf of the Towers and Belfries Committee, he had practically nothing to report. In only one case was he asked personally for advice. He suggested, however, that if members of the Council came across any case where a bigoted architect was interfering with the proper method of hanging bells he should write to the committee giving the fullest possible particulars in order to allow them to investigate the matter with a view, if possible, to removing any false impression the architect might have.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said with regard to new towers there was one point he had noticed in which architects failed more than in any other, and that was they seldom made proper provision for the ringers to stand at a reasonable level below the bells. In many cases they were on the ground floor with a tremendous length of rope to handle, and in other towers they stood just below the bells, with the sallies sometimes running round the wheels. That was a matter in which the committee might do very good work for ringers by trying, in the case of new towers, to secure that proper provision should be made to place the ringing floor at a suitable level below the bells.

#### BELLS OF BELGIUM.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said he had to report almost a blank, so far as the committee on the Bells of Belgium was concerned. It was left to him largely to act as convener of the committee, but he had been so occupied by important business, and then he was unfortunately ill, that he simply had not had one moment, except coming down in the train from Scotland on the previous day, to apply himself to ringing matters. He did not want to let this matter drop, however. He quite agreed that the claims of the homeland should come first, and that any claim for a local war memorial should have precedence. At the same time he did hope it would ultimately be found possible that the ringers of England should put some bell or bells into Belgium, and he hoped it would take the form of a memorial to the ringers who were killed in that country. He suggested they should let the committee carry on with its original instructions, and consult the associations. He hoped in a very short time to be able to get reliable information of the amount of thefts and destruction of bells in Belgium. When he got that he would, he hoped, get the committee to send a circular to the secretaries of Associations, and take such action as they thought fit, if the Council approved of that course.

Canon Elsee said they were really waiting for the accurate information as to the state of the bells of Belgium before they could act. He understood from Mr. Lewis that that information would now very soon be forthcoming.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said from what he personally knew of the losses of bells, and that was mostly in France, although he supposed it would be the same in the war area in Belgium, where the old line ran churches had simply ceased to exist. When they got beyond Cambrai and into the area of the more open warfare, artillery had to select a prominent object for their ranging, and a church spire was one of the best marks they could have. The result was that towers were down or spires were hit. Further on he had heard bells in the churches, so it was not right that the Bosches stripped everyone of the churches. He went up one belfry tower. There were pits for two bells. The big one was there, but the smaller was gone. It seemed to be usual in France to have two bells, so that probably one had been taken. In Valenciennes Cathedral he heard but one bell and a thing that may have had some bearing on what had happened there was that there were two organs, one at the east end and one at the west, and in both cases the metal pipes from the front of the organ had been taken.

Mr. Lewis' suggestion was adopted by the Council.

(To be continued.)

#### WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAY OUTING.

One of the most successful outings of the Priory Church bell ringers. Worksop, took place on Whit-Monday. At 9 a.m., the party of 20 ringers, wives and friends, set out upon the drive, while some of the members took the journey by bicycle. The country scenery in June's leafy garb was simply delightful; the beautiful drive through Gateford, Woodseats, Gildingwells, Letwell, Firbeck and Stone, will live in memory for years to come. Arriving at Stone, the entrance to Sandback Park or Roche Abbey, the party alighted to give the horses a rest and to walk through the forest and view the historical Abbey, the footway through the first bringing them into Malby Churchyard, where they took the opportunity of looking through the village and extremely interesting church. The journey was then resumed for Whiston, a further distance of seven miles, a break, however, being made in the journey at a nice sequestered spot for refreshments. On arrival at Whiston at 1.30, the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Allton) was the first to greet the party. He intimated that there was a wedding at 2.0 and a funeral at 3.0, but after that they could ring to their hearts' content. He also invited them into the Rectory grounds for a game of bowls.

The tower of Whiston contains a lovely peal of eight bells, one of Taylor's latest, with a tenor of a little more than 14 cwt., and tuned on the Simpson principle. The two trebles are new, also 6, 7 and 8, whilst 3, 4 and 5 are bells cast in the 16th century. The splendid go of them and their purity and sweetness in tone leave nothing to be desired.

At 3 p.m., the party were joined by Miss W. Hague, Mr. Sid Briggs and Mr. Colin Ryder, of Rotherham, and also eight others from Norton Woodseats, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were got through, conducted respectively by H. Haigh and W. Biggin. The Rector very hospitably lent the Church Institute for tea, and presided at a splendid repast, at which the visitors were joined by Mr. W. Warburton, the genial tower keeper.

Everyone admired the beautiful building, which is practically a new addition to the village and is fitted up with all kinds of games, and a peal of handbells for ringers to practise on. During the tea interval Bandsman Geo. H. Haigh, of the 23rd Reserve Canadians, gave a selection of music, the latest of American Marches, and other selections. He is on draft leave prior to sailing for Canada, and was formerly one of the Priory ringers.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and institute, and to Mr. Warburton for making arrangements, and also to the ladies who had helped so ably with the tea. The Rector, in reply, said how much he welcomed the visitors, and should be pleased to have them again on some future occasion; in fact, when bricks became cheaper and labour more plentiful under the new housing scheme, he would like to build them some houses and keep them at Whiston. — A little more ringing and beautiful drive home ended a most enjoyable day.

#### THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your leading article in yesterday's issue there is one clause on which I should like to comment. I cannot concur in your statement that the arguments on which 'Lead Ends' is founded were in any way 'refuted' by anything advanced by Mr. James. I could easily have replied to each and all of his contentions, but for various reasons refrained from doing so at the time. All will come in due course.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES D. P. DAYIES.

Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.  
5th July, 1919



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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. Sir John Herschel, Rector of West Claddon, Surrey, has accepted the office of hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The bells of Royston, Herts, Parish Church are to be augmented in eight by the addition of two trebles. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Portishead is postponed to July 26th on account of the peace celebrations on the 19th. The meeting of the Essex Association is postponed until further notice for a similar reason.

The bells of St. Clement Danes, Strand, which were blessed at a special service held on Thursday last week, will be dedicated next Thursday at 4 o'clock, and it is hoped that Queen Alexandra may be present. Tea will be provided after the service at the Church House to all ringers who send their names to Mr. T. Walker, 50, Cannon St., E.C. There will be ringing subsequently until about 8.30 p.m.

Westminster Abbey bells were rung for Divine service for the first time, on Sunday, July 6th, at 9.45, when four courses of Stedman Triples were well struck by W. D. Smith 1, E. F. Pike 2, E. Fenn 3, R. Fenn 4, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 5, A. A. Hughes 6, R. Saunders 7, S. Andrews 8.

The death took place, on Friday, June 27th, of Mr. John Eachus, a former vice-president of the Lancashire Association, and for 48 years a member of the Manchester Cathedral band.

In the list of attendances at the Central Council meeting, the name of Mr. J. H. Cheesman (Kent Association) was given in error. It should have been Mr. T. Groombridge.

## PEACE BELLS.

The bells throughout the country played an important part in celebrating the signing of the Treaty of Peace. In addition to the many peals that were rung, numerous long touches were accomplished, and we give below a few of them.

**ROYSTON, HERTS.**—A quarter-peal of Treble Bob (720 Woodbine, 360 Oxford and 240 Kent), in 43 mins.: W. B. Manning 1, W. L. Darlow 2, A. Gilbert 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

**STAVELEY.**—On June 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. G. Palmer 1, A. E. Parsons 2, Wm. Daffin 3, F. E. Parsons 4, J. H. Brooks 5, Wm. Palmer (conductor) 6. Also a touch of Bob Major, in which A. Markwell and S. Smedley, junr., took part.

**SELBY.**—On June 28th, the bells of the Abbey were rung to touches of Stedman and Grandsire, and 'firing' also took place.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Hall 1, G. A. Morley 2, H. S. Morley 3, W. A. Hall 4, F. Cryer 5, W. Hinton 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, G. Rippon 8.

**FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—A quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), at St. Michael's Church, on June 28th: William Ostler 1, Walter Miller 2, William Flory 3, Charles E. Fisher 4, John C. Self 5, Willoughby E. Maulden 6, George E. Symonds (conductor) 7, William A. Ward 8.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL.**—At St. Tydfil's Church, touches were rung by: G. Hide 1, ... England 2, H. Davies 3, A. Goddard 4, A. Allthorpe 5, T. Tindall 6, A. Slatter (conductor) 7, J. Coles 8.

**CARPHILLY, GLAM.**—At St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 minutes: P. Jones 1, W. Dare 2, W. Pike 3, A. Addicott 4, H. Broughton 5, G. Cook (conductor) 6, F. Boucher 7.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On June 28th, at All Saints' Church, 1,60 Stedman Triples: H. Blundell 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. R. Parker 3, W. J. Allen 4, J. C. Dean 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, W. G. Farey 8.—On St. Peter's Day, June 28th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. C. Dean 1, W. Auslin 2, A. P. Hensman 3, J. T. Hensman 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Atterbury 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, W. Sturges 8.

**PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.**—At St. Peter's Church, on St. Peter's Day, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: E. J. Goldstone 1, Miss N. Gillingham 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss V. Crocker 4, Pte. A. L. Gale, R.A.M.C., 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, Miss H. Orchard 8. This was the first quarter-peal on an inside bell by Miss Violet Crocker and Pte. A. L. Gale.

**MERTHAM, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church, on June 28th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: H. Morley 1, Miss Orlebar 2, E. Ataine (conductor) 3, C. Killick 4, A. Wood 5, E. Chisley 6. The bells were also fired.

**WEST BROMWICH.**—At Christ Church, West Bromwich, on June 29th, before evening service (on the occasion of the Sunday School Festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. The band was as follows: Rev. C. H. Barker 1, Herht. Howl 2, Edwd. Reeves 3, Thomas Horton 4, Joseph Walker 5, Jesse Screen 6, Thomas H. Reeves 7, Fred Troth 8. Conducted by Jesse Screen. Tenor 23 cwt. Time, 46 mins.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### THE MEMORIAL BELLS FOR THE CATHEDRAL.

The annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, was held at Winchester on Saturday. Following a meeting of the Central Committee in the morning, a general meeting took place at the Guildhall in the afternoon. The Master, the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Bitchfield), was in the chair, and there were with him on the platform the treasurer (the Rev. W. E. Colchester), and the general secretary (Mr. George Williams). There was a numerous attendance of members.

The 39th annual report and accounts referred with regret to the death of Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke (Hon. Guild Auditor for many years), one of the oldest and most enthusiastic members; also the Rev. F. G. Hume, of Church Oakley, hon. district secretary for Basingstoke. Another loss deplored was that of Sergt. C. H. Russell, 4th Hants Regt.; he was a most promising and enthusiastic member of the Cathedral band. The return of the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) from his second term of service in France as Chaplain to the Forces was welcomed. Bell restorations and augmentations were already in progress in the Diocese, and the hope was expressed that the Mother Church of the Diocese would not be lacking in taking this opportunity of adding two trebles to its five ring of ten at the Cathedral, to make a complete ring of twelve for the Diocese.

The treasurer's balance sheet showed that the credit balance amounted to £131 17s. 8d., an increase on the year of £10 5s. 5d. Of the balance, £102 12s. 7d. was invested in War Loan; £27 2s. 8d. was at the bank, and £22 2s. 5d. in the hands of the general secretary.

### A NEW-RINGING MASTER.

The Vice-President said a further recommendation by the Central Committee was that Mr. George Williams, of West End, should be appointed Master, or 'Ringing Master,' as the meeting pleased. For the years he (the Rev. Matthews) had been Master, he felt the title was a misnomer, because he was not an actual ringer, much interested as he always had been. That would not apply to Mr. Williams, and he hoped they would consent unanimously to his election. Mr. Geo. Williams had been with them for many years, he had worked loyally and indefatigably for the business of the Guild (applause), he was a well-known change ringer throughout the South of England—probably all over England—and they could not have a better man to represent them as Ringing Master. He was very pleased to put from the chair that the recommendation be assented to (applause).

This was unanimously approved, and Mr. George Williams thanked the members, and expressed his appreciation.

The Vice-President added that, as it was known Mr. Williams was willing to do a great deal to help young hands in different parts of the Diocese, the committee recommended that his reasonable travelling expenses be defrayed (hear, hear).—This recommendation was also at once approved of.

On the motion of Mr. Whittington, seconded by Mr. George (Eastleigh), the Rev. W. E. Colchester was unanimously re-elected treasurer.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester, returning thanks, remarked that he had held the purse strings rather closely. When he took over the treasurer'ship the balance was on the wrong side, but they now had the very creditable balance of £130 to the good (applause).

On the election of an auditor, the Vice-President made allusion to the death during the past year of the former auditor, Mr. H. White (of Basingstoke), who had always been interested in the Guild, besides being a delightful character and charming personality.

On the motion of Mr. Wilfred Andrews (Winchester), seconded by Mr. Tucker (Eastleigh), it was resolved to ask Mr. George Smith (Twyford), who had acted as auditor pro tem., if he would continue the work.

Mr. T. W. Fahey (Camberley) was re-appointed recorder of peals.

The Vice-President said that Mr. Williams felt that after seven years' service and having been elected Master, someone else should take over the post of general secretary. The Central Committee recommended that the Rev. Sir John C. Herschel, Bart., Rector of West Clandon, be invited to become general secretary.

On the motion of Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford), seconded by Mr. R. Whittington, this was unanimously approved.

Mr. A. M. Kennett (Camberley) was re-appointed hon. solicitor, and Mr. W. Shepherd (Hersham) was elected a representative on the Central Council.

The next annual meeting of the Guild was fixed for the third Saturday in June, 1920.

### 'PROMOTION.'

The Rev. W. E. Colchester mentioned that amongst the matters considered at the Central Committee meeting was that of the presidency. Mr. J. P. Stilwell desired a year or two ago to retire from the presidency, but consented to hold office till the termination of the war. The committee now recommended that for the future the Bishop of the Diocese should be ex-officio President of the Guild; that there should be a Vice-President elected annually (a new officer), who would be practically the executive head of the Guild; that the patrons should be those who appeared in the present list as vice-patrons—such as the Dean, the Archdeacons, and Canon Braithwaite and Canon

Madge—that a Ringing Master should be elected, and other officers as before.

In answer to a question, it was stated that the Bishop had not been asked, but he had shown so much interest in the Guild that it was confidently expected he would be quite willing to accept the position (the Bishop has hitherto been patron of the Guild).

The committee's recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester said the Central Committee unanimously recommended that the Rev. C. E. Matthews be the first Vice-President, and, therefore, executive leader of the Guild (applause). It was unnecessary he should go into details of what Mr. Matthews had done for the Guild. Mr. Matthews had been working 25 years for them, and he was recognised as an authority on all matters connected with the Guild (applause). He moved the confirmation of the recommendation.

Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) seconded the proposition. Two years ago, when Mr. Stilwell wished to retire from the presidency, he (Mr. Whittington) had the honour of proposing Mr. Matthews as successor, and but for the fact of the Bishop of Winchester having been proposed he should now have opposed tooth and nail the election of anyone but Mr. Matthews (hear, hear).

The recommendation was unanimously adopted, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews resumed the chair, which he had temporarily vacated.

The Vice-President returned sincere thanks for the honour done him, and said he was very grateful for the kind expressions of feeling towards him. A quarter of a century was a very long time to have been connected with the Diocesan Guild, but all through that time the Guild had progressed very wonderfully, and he believed it was no exaggeration to say, as regarded the Church work of the Diocese all members of the Guild had contributed a very large share towards their duty as Church workers, which had always been the ideal before them (applause).

### £100 VOTED FOR WAR MEMORIAL.

The Vice-President said the Central Committee discussed the question of a memorial to the ringers who had fallen in the war from this Diocese (the names of 42 were printed in the report). It was a recommendation from the Committee that two treble bells should be placed in the Cathedral, making it a ring of 12 instead of 10 as at present. They had approached the Dean and Chapter, who had expressed their full approval of the scheme. The idea was that these bells should be provided by the Guild by subscriptions and out of the Guild funds, and should be a gift to the Cathedral from the Diocese in memory of ringers who had given all for King and country. The proposal seemed to recommend itself to the committee generally. They had obtained estimates from three leading firms, but before going into details the committee desired to submit their scheme to the members. What they proposed was that the Guild should start a fund for providing the bells and fittings, and paying the whole cost with the sum of £100, and, having done that, the Central Committee should draw up some kind of recommendation asking for subscriptions from the various towers throughout the Diocese, and no doubt in that way they should be able to collect a considerable sum. In addition to the bells, it was suggested there should be an oak panel bearing the names of all the fallen men, their rank, and regiment; this would be erected according to the wishes of the Dean and Chapter, in the Cathedral probably or in the belfry. The whole cost would come to something like £300. It was also recommended that the Central Committee should act for the whole Guild with regard to the details and going into any points raised, but not to give any definite order to either of the firms until they were financially equipped with the proper funds. The committee desired to bring the scheme before the annual meeting, and invited discussion, and he hoped they would unanimously adopt it as the most suitable scheme they could think of to perpetuate the memory of their dear brothers who had given their all for us and their country (applause).

Mr. Jones moved, and Mr. Whittington seconded, a resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Central Committee—that the permanent memorial should consist of the two new bells for the Cathedral and a tablet with the names of the fallen, and that the fund be started with £100 from the Guild.

The Hon. Treasurer remarked that the Guild needed a working balance, and that would be provided by the £30 remaining after the £100 was applied in the manner suggested. But towers must not expect the Guild would be able to help them in any individual war memorial.

An amendment that the whole of the £300 should be raised by an appeal to the belfries and through the belfries to the parishioners of the various parishes, having been withdrawn, the motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Vice-President expressed his satisfaction at their not being divided. It was a matter of Diocesan importance, and for the honour and glory of the Guild, and a unique occasion which could never come again in their lifetime.

In answer to the Rev. E. H. Duke, the Vice-President said the position of the memorial tablet must be left to the Dean and Chapter. Personally, he felt the tablet should be in the Cathedral, and not in the belfry; it would be seen by many in the Cathedral, but only by the ringers if in the belfry (hear, hear).

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A resolution was then unanimously passed empowering the Central Committee to carry out the scheme in all its details.

This concluded the business of the annual meeting.

The members attended evensong at the Cathedral, which was made special for the occasion. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rector of Deane, and district secretary for Basingstoke, was the preacher.

Ten was afterwards served at the Guildhall, 110 being present. The Cathedral bells were at the disposal of the members, and most of the Standard methods were practised during the day.

## A DAY'S RINGING TOUR.

BY MOTOR THROUGH KENT.

Kent has many times been termed the 'Garden of England,' and that was the opinion formed by the party of ringers of North Kent, who journeyed forth into their 'home' county for a ringing tour on Whit-Monday. Starting from Huggins' College, Northfleet, at 7.15 a.m. by motor charabanc, various members were picked up until a 'full house' was called at Chatham. The main road down to Canterbury was chosen, and on the way great interest was taken in the sight—not seen during the last four years, that of part of England's mighty fleet that had 'kept the seas' during the war, lying idly, yet majestically, at anchor in the quiet waters of the Medway. The first stop was at Ospringe, Faversham, with its 'watery' approach to the church. It is certainly a quaint sight to see the high footpath on either side of the road and the running water in the roadway—truly one of nature's freaks, and certainly a fine opportunity for the junior member of the party to bring his camera into requisition. The fine old peal of eight were soon going, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were much enjoyed. After a look round, sandwiches and 'shrimps' were served—by the way, North Kent is noted for its shrimps, but in this particular case they were of a liquid variety, and anyone who has tasted them knows how they can be enjoyed after a sharp country run and some ringing.

Soon after, the party were all aboard and off again to the beautiful City of Canterbury, where they were favoured with permission to ring on the fine old peal of ten at the Cathedral, and soon their lovely tones—of the bells I mean—were heard echoing down the old-fashioned streets. Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Royal were the order until 'stand' was called for dinner. After the inner-man had been satisfied, and a tour of the Cathedral made the journey was continued, and then the beauty of Kent was seen in a lovely country run. Charing was the next stop, and the old-fashioned church, with its peal of six visited, and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were tapped off. After a short stay, the trip was continued through the 'up and downs' to Leeds with its fine peal of ten. Leeds churchyard is certainly of interest to bell ringers, inasmuch as there lies the body of James Barham, who died at the age of 97, and whose tombstone, erected by the Kent County Association some years ago, records the information that in addition to his numerous peals, he did, on April 7th and 8th, 1761, at Leeds Church, assist to ring a peal of 40,320 changes of Bob Major in 27 hours. Opinions were exchanged as to the correctness of the claim, and the one with the camera certainly showed fact, when he gathered the party round the shrine and finished the arguments. The tower was then visited, and could have accommodated four times the number. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung, until all had been catered for—except the member who enjoyed the organ far better—as he said. The next call was looked for Maidstone, where the Association of Kent held its annual meeting earlier in the day. As time was getting short, no bells could be heard, and tea was waiting, the journey was continued to West Malling, where all were quite ready for all the fine things prepared by 'Mine Host.' At the tea table the junior member, whether by accident or design, got between two 'old hands,' and so attentive were they to his wants that his father can testify that he had his fill—as he wanted nothing all next day.

A ring at the church, where the 'best eight' rang a fine touch of Stedman—ask the conductor—and all had a pull, and then on again to the last port of call. The promoters were not far wrong when they said 'the best' to finish up with. Wrotham was the choice, and this fine peal of eight lying down in one of the prettiest parts of Kent, are certainly a beautiful peal. After an hour of ringing in methods to suit all present, the bells were 'rung down' on a fine day's tour of ringing, and an hour was left to look round and fraternise. A speedy run from this part to the starting-point was enlivened by more sandwiches and 'shrimps.'—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had contributed to such an excellent day's outing, and the party would like, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank the responsible parties for the use of the bells at all the places named, also to all who had the bells in readiness. May this be the first of many such tours is the wish of all, and more especially of F. M.

## NOTICES.

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tower Secretaries should advise me as early as possible how many of their members expect to attend.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, July 12th. The bells (10) will be open at 3 p.m., by kind permission of the Vicar. Service at 5; tea in the Parish Room, Lesbourne Road, at 5.45.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday July 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening, Service in the Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Five Bells Hotel at 4.45 p.m.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on July 12th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Glington on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Ringers are asked to bring their own food. Hot tea will be provided in the Rectory garden; if wet, in Schoolroom.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Ilkley, on Saturday, July 12th, for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a memorial brass to the late Mr. Wm. Snowdon. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Ilkley Church Institute at a charge of 1/3 per head.—Percy J. Johnson, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—Short notice of meeting.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Aldington on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Apple-dore, Ashford, Kent.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Thrapston District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.; Service at 4.30; tea and meeting to follow.—F. Stubbs, District Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—District meeting at Andover on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, with business meeting to follow. Ringing again afterwards. 6d. each for tea allowed to those informing me not later than 15th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The meeting arranged to take place at Chiddingfold on July 19th, is postponed.—G. H. Howse, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, Warrington, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m.; meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Peter's, Portishead, on July 26th. Bells available from 2.30, short Service at 4 o'clock, tea at the White Cot Dairy at 4.45, followed by meeting. Will those who require tea kindly notify me before the previous Thursday? Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.; Service at 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m. The Wickwar meeting will *not* be held to-morrow. Will those who intend to be present at tea kindly advise me not later than July 23rd?—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the White Swan Hotel.—William Gage, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival.—Owing to Peace celebrations being held on the date fixed for the festival, this will now be held on Saturday, July 26th, at Oxford. Service in Christ Church Cathedral at 11 a.m. Business meeting at Chapter House immediately after service. A repast will be served in Christ Church dining hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets: 2/6 each to non-members, 2/- each to members. The 2/- will be refunded to all members who have served in Navy or Army during the War. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Secretary as early as possible. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available all day; New College (10) and Merton College (8) from 3 to 4 o'clock. Several six-bell towers will be available, and will be announced at meeting.—Richard T. Hibbert, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Northwich on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. H. N. Nowell, M.A., Vicar of Northwich. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Shoreham on Saturday July 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar). Tea and business meeting at the George Inn to follow. Will those who require tea (1s. 6d. per head) let me know by Tuesday, July 22nd, the latest? Half-fares up to 2s. allowed.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**CAMPSALL, near Doncaster.**—Owing to Peace celebrations on July 19th, this meeting is postponed until July 26th. Particulars next week.—W. Pearson, Pontefract.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—As the Peace celebrations coincide with the date fixed for the annual meeting, it has been decided to postpone the latter until Saturday, August 23rd, next.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

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

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meetings for practice are held at St. Mary's, Islington, every Friday evening, at 7.30 p.m. (excepting July 18th).—F. G. Symonds, Hon. Sec., 157, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Owing to Peace celebrations being fixed for July 19th, the meeting arranged at Stebbing on that date will be postponed until further notice, by request of Local Company.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.**—It is proposed to place an oak peal board in the ringing room of St. George's Church, as a memorial to the Rev. V. A. Cresswell, M.A., an enthusiastic member of the Hereford Guild, and subscriptions towards the cost will be gratefully received by W. Mead, Hon. Sec., 1, Market Place, Clun.

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#### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

##### NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

For the first time in history a ringing meeting was held at the ancient parish church at Northfield, Worcestershire, on June 21st. In glorious summer weather, over 50 members were present, including a fair number of lady ringers. Various methods were rung on the six bells in the afternoon, and the members attended service, at which, in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. Charles Ridge Toft officiated, and in an address welcomed the members of the Association.

After the service, the members adjourned to the Parish Room, where the tea had been tastefully laid out, and was thoroughly enjoyed. At the meeting afterwards, the Rev. C. R. Toft presiding, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Harborne on September 27th, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Northfield. As only two peals had been rung there, it was hoped the attempt would be successful. Before the war broke out seven Surprise methods were rung, and it was no doubt owing to the events of the last four and a half years that appeal of Surprise Minor had not been accomplished. Unfortunately one of the most active members of the local band, the late Mr. Frank Withers, made the supreme sacrifice two years ago.

It was mentioned that there was some talk of increasing the peal from six to eight, and the meeting decided that if the scheme matured the Association would help to the full extent of its power to carry out the scheme.—The Chairman said he would convey to the Rector the views of the meeting.

The Master of the Association, Mr. A. E. Parsons referred to the appeal made for the memorial window and roll of honour to be placed in the Cathedral at Worcester in memory of those members who had made the supreme sacrifice, and to those members who had answered the call to uphold Right against Might. He mentioned that with donations received and promised about £50 had been secured to date.—Mr. Harry Mason, supporting the appeal, strongly urged every member to give as liberally as he could, saying that those who gave quickly gave twice.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

The evening meeting arranged at Galleywood was a great success, about 30 members attending from Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Fryerning, Writtle, and the local company. The ringing was much appreciated, as it is a great many years since these bells were rung. —The Rev. J. Keen, Vicar of Galleywood, welcomed the members, stating that it was a pleasure to hear all the eight bells, and hoped it would not be long before the Association paid them another visit. Several of the Broomfield members rang their first touch on eight bells.

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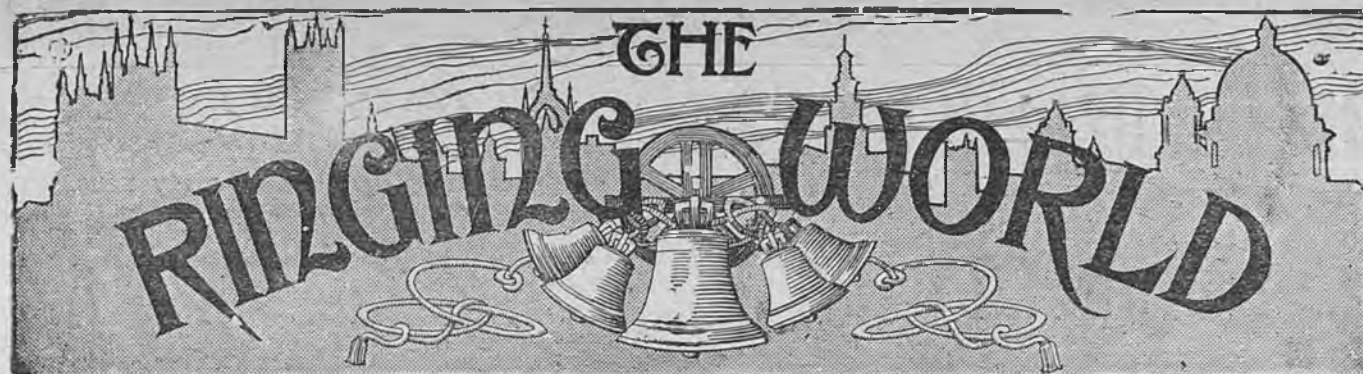
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### THE COUNCIL.

As ringers follow the discussion which took place at the Central Council meeting on the subject of the Council's own future, it will be apparent that there is at least a determination among the members to inquire whether the utility of this body cannot be increased. The resolutions that were carried will show the Exercise that, at any rate, the Council is desirous of making its proceedings as interesting and valuable as possible, and if that is the determination, good will certainly come of it. We have been criticised for the line we have persistently taken in urging the Council to show more vitality in the interests of ringers, but we feel that all that we have said has been justified, and if our endeavours to stir the Council into action are in any way responsible for the results at Gloucester, we feel that we have been of service not only to the Exercise but to the Council itself.

We have never hesitated to point out that the Council is a most essential body to the Exercise; that without some such organisation the ringing fraternity would be like a ship without a rudder; but it was obvious to those really in touch with the feelings of the rank and file of the Exercise that many ringers were losing not only their respect for the Council's authority, but treating it in a spirit which in the long run must have resulted in the decline, and perhaps end of the Council. In proof of this one has only to turn to the fact that such associations as the Gloucester and Bristol and the Sussex County send only one member each when they are entitled to four. It was to stop this falling away, due rightly or wrongly to the feeling that the Council was not doing sufficient to justify its existence, that we continually urged the Council to take steps to retrieve the position which it once held in the Exercise.

The action which has now been decided upon will at any rate set the wheels in motion, and if only the existing prejudice against even an attempt to improve the recent state of things is removed, much will have been accomplished. Space does not permit of examining in this article the proposal to ask the Associations whether they will give the Council power to enforce their decisions—it is a very thorny subject upon which much may be said—but all those who follow the Council's doings, whether from inside or outside the meetings, will, we feel sure, approve of the proposal to overhaul the methods of procedure, so that the general interest of the meetings may be extended, both for the members and those who have to be content to read of the doings of the Council through the columns of their journal. There are ways to be found of making the proceedings more interesting to ringers generally, and we hope the Standing Committee will get to work on the subject in time for definite proposals to be put into effect next year.

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## PEACE PEALS.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN, 4th York & Lancs Regt. <i>Treble</i>	*2/Lt. W. C. DUFFIELD, 3rd Norfolk Regt. ... .. 6
LIEUT. E. M. ATKINS, R.E. ... .. 2	*LIEUT. YORK BRAMBLE, R.A.F. ... .. 7
LIEUT. F. WHITE, 3rd The King's (Liverpool Regt.) 3	MAJOR THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN, M.C., S.C.F. ... 8
2/Lt. E. P. DUFFIELD, R.A.F. ... .. 4	LIEUT. C. F. JOHNSTON, 3rd Grenadier Guards ... 9
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE, R.A.S.C., M.T. ... .. 5	†CAPT. THE REV. B. H. T. DRAKE, C.F. ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by LIEUT. E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on Tower bells. The band are all now demobilised, except the ringers of Treble and 9th, but hold honorary rank as stated above. They desire to convey their congratulations to the band of ringers of 'other ranks' who recently in Bristol rang a peal of Stedman Caters.

This peal was rung to celebrate the signing of Peace after the Great War, and also takes the place in the Peal Book of the College Youths of that rung in the same tower by the same band save one, on May 3, 1919, and subsequently found to be false.

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE TOWER OF ST. LAWRENCE AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

*CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 7
HENRY MIDDLETON ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 8
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 4	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 9
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

Rung in honour of the ratification of Peace. This peal contains the extent with the 6th at home and is now rung for the first time.

\* First peal of Royal.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LRESON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 6
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 2	ROLAND BRAGG ... .. 7
STANLEY BRAGG ... .. 3	JOHN EATON ... .. 8
GEORGE WALKER ... .. 4	SAMUEL BRAGG ... .. 9
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 5	JOHN BRAGG ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty. Five of the band have been demobilised from the army.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

PERRY BAR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, June 30, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. E. GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED A. JONES... .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WEBB ... .. 5
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 6
OLIVER G. NORMAN ... .. 3	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 7
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... .. 4	CHARLES F. WARREN... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. T. SCRIVENS.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace. The peal was attempted on June 28th, 1919, but was lost 7 leads from home through a change course, the band being the same except the ringer of the 5th. First peal since demobilisation by the ringers of the Treble and 6th. Thanks are extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Mr. George Mitchison for getting them in order. The ringers of 1, 4 and 8 were made members of the above Guild.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5th, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE HEWITT... .. Treble	JAMES HOUGHTON ... .. 5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 2	JAMES GARRATT... .. 6
CLIFTON NEWMAN ... .. 3	JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. 7
ALPHEUS PERKINS ... .. 4	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

**ABERAVON, GLAM.**

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*F. STONE ... .. Treble	A. J. PITMAN ... .. 5
J. A. HOARE ... .. 2	*E. STITCH ... .. 6
W. NURTON ... .. 3	F. STEDMAN ... .. 7
*S. PERRY ... .. 4	J. WETHERSBY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal. This composition was published in the 'Ringing World,' Aug. 9th, 1918. Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace.

**STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of Michael,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHAS. HENRY WEBB... .. Treble	CHAS. HENRY BRIGGS ... .. 5
ERNEST STONE ... .. 2	*CHARLES BROWN ... .. 6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 4	*JOHN F. VERNON ... .. Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. Rung as a welcome on the return to civil life of Ex-Sergt. E. Morris, also in connection with the thanksgiving in celebration of Peace.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 5th, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Peter at Westminster,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX ... .. Treble	HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM D. SMITH ... .. 2	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 6
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 3	ALFRED B. PECK... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

This peal, the first on the bells, was rung as a Magnificat for Victory and Peace.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

† FRANCIS HEDGES ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK WHITEHEAD ... .. 5
† WILLIAM MEAD... .. 2	WALTER SEAR ... .. 6
*FREDERICK J. STONTON ... .. 3	HARRY SEAR ... .. 7
*HARRY F. MORRIS ... .. 4	VALENTINE SEAR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Triples in the North Bucks Branch by a local band, and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and in honour of the signing of the Peace Treaty.

**COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sunday, July 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES I**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALFRED H. FLETCHER ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5
WALTER GRINSELL ... .. 2	SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6
*LEONARD BARNETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7
SAMUEL PEARCE ... .. 4	ALBERT E. LAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

\* First peal. Rung as a special act of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the restoration of Peace.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.**

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER ... .. Treble	ERNEST GOWER ... .. 5
OWEN H. GILES ... .. 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... .. 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung for evening service on Thanksgiving Sunday to celebrate the signing of Peace.

**DITCHLING, SUSSEX.**

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MAURICE KILLICK ... .. Treble	ERNEST E. BISH ... .. 5
FREDERICK PROTHROUGH... .. 2	HENRY J. GRAVETT ... .. 6
JOHN FEIST ... .. 3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT... .. 7
WILLIAM HORNEY ... .. 4	JAMES PARSONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

The peal was rung in honour of the signing of the Treaty of Peace.

**GILLINGHAM, KENT.**

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF VICTORY MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

F/Sgt. F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE ... .. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 2	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 6
CHARLES WINNER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7
RICKS PAINE... .. 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

First peal ever rung in the method. Arranged especially as a thanksgiving for peace.

**TEN BELL PEAL.**

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	*ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 6
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
FRANK J. HAIRS ... .. 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ... .. 8
HERBERT RANN ... .. 4	HENRY STALHAM ... .. 9
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 5	*THOMAS H. DEADMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. Dawe, senr., and Mr. R. J. Dawe, also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. F. I. Hairs.  
 \* First peal on ten bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ... 5
SYDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
HARRY THORPE ... .. 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 7
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM WEBB ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung to welcome home E. BARTRAM, who has been demobilised.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5
R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 7
*BERT HORTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

\* First peal in the method.

CORSTON, BATH.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

§WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Treble	JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 5
*ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
†MRS. RAYMOND J. WILKINS 3	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal, and is the first resident lady member of this Association to ring a peal. It is also the first peal in which father, mother and son have rung.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 2,190 lb. in E.

FRANK STONELEY ... Treble	A. C. WRIGHT ... .. 5
RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
TOM WILDE ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7
FRED PAGE ... .. 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

A. C. Wright bails from Darley Dale, Derby.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

**A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD J. ILOTT ... Treble	SIDNEY ANSTEAD ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR. ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
ARTHUR J. MORTON ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SENR. ... 7
HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 4	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SENR.

First peal of Union Triples by all the band except ringers of 2 and 7.

CLAPHAM, LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX ... Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

First peal on the bells.

**SIX BELL PEAL.**

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lb.

*ELSIE BRANDON ... Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 4
*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	FRANK ROWLINSON ... .. 5
GEORGE BARKER ... .. 3	SIG. A. H. PULLING, R.G.A. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a congratulatory peal to Geoffrey Neely, son of the Vicar, on his winning an open scholarship for Marlborough College; also as a compliment to A. H. Pulling on being demobilised.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, July 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

In the Cathedral Belfry,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 size in D.

JOSEPH FIGOTT ... .. 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM KENT ... .. 9-10
THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 11-12

Composed by CHARLES HATTERSLRY.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: JAMES GEORGE.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—Winchester Guild.—For thanksgiving services for peace, on Sunday, July 6th, the following was rung: For Choral Communion, 1,295 Grandsire Caters; for the official service in the afternoon, 630 Grandsire Triples and 504 Stedman Triples; for evensong, 575 Grandsire Caters; and after service, 504 Stedman Triples by: L. Stone, Miss O. Sparshott, A. Woolf, S. Best, G. Stone, E. Hinton, F. Sparshott, A. Best, G. Preston (conductor), H. Preston and H. Bagshott. First quarter-peal by L. Stone (age 15), and first quarter by Miss Sparshott with an inside bell.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

A special general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ilkley, on Saturday last, for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a brass memorial tablet to the memory of the late William Snowden, who was President of the Association from the year 1885 for a period of 25 years. About 80 ringers assembled at the dedication service, at which the preacher (the Rev. Harold Gibson) delivered an eloquent sermon from the text: 'Go! Tell the disciples I am risen.' He besought his hearers to let the example of their late president and his brother be inspirations to them, and remember that the sound of the bells carried God's message to the failures of life, as well as to those whose way in the world was easy. When the ringers were tried in paths of life he asked them to remember the steadfast example set them and take fresh encouragement.

Tea was served in the Church Institute immediately after service, and the meeting was then held in the same building, with the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. H. Higson (Vicar of Ilkley) and a numerous body of ringers.

The election of Mr. P. J. Johnson as secretary of the Association proper, in place of Mr. H. Williams, was confirmed, and a vote of thanks to the latter was passed for his many services to the Association.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. H. Gibson and the Vicar of Ilkley were also accorded, and the latter gentleman, in reply, gave the visitors a hearty welcome to Ilkley.

The President next proposed the Vicar of Ilkley as an honorary member, and this was carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting, if possible, at York, or failing York, at Selby.

So the day finished, the visitors carrying away with them pleasant memories of the delightful old town, which being the birthplace of the greatest authority on ringing, the late Jasper W. Snowden, and his brother, William Snowden, has special claims to the affections of all ringers.

## ST. CLEMENT DANES' BELLS.

The bells of St. Clement Danes were to be dedicated at a special service yesterday.

On Thursday week, before being rehung in the tower, they were blessed at a most beautiful and impressive service, arranged by the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford), at which the Archdeacon of London officiated. The proceedings began with the National Anthem, and selected sentences, followed by Psalms 67 and 98. The lesson was from 1 Cor. xiv. 10, and was read by the Rev. John Darlington, of St. Mark's, Kensington. During the singing of the hymn 'We love the place, O God,' the Archdeacon, with the clergy and choir, proceeded to the west entrance of the church, where the bell-decorated with orange blossom and lemons, were solemnly blessed in special prayers. After this ceremony, 'Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,' was sung, and the Archdeacon gave an address. He said the bells were historic bells, and they were being rehung in an historic church on an historic occasion. The words on the bells 'Oranges and lemons, say the bells of St. Clement's,' carried them back to a phase in English history with which they were familiar. The site of the church was historic. Certainly it could tell how it had seen an old English enemy, the Dane, conquered by a Fleet which had grown until it had thrashed the Germans. Again, it could tell how it had seen a King's daughter from over the sea listen to the bells when Denmark gave her beautiful daughter to England's wonderful King, and she passed that way on her wedding day. And it was an historic occasion in between the signing of peace and peace itself. The bells of St. Clement would take their part with all the other bells of London in ringing a welcome to the end of the war.

The concluding portion of the service included a special hymn written for the occasion by Mrs. Pennington-Bickford, and set to music by the Rector.

## PEACE RINGING.

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.**—Gloucestershire.—On Sunday, July 6th, for Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 chances) in 45 minutes: H. E. Gillett 1, T. Running 2, H. Packer 3, J. Collett 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Stratford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.

**WOKINGHAM.**—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, July 6th, at All Saints', Wokingham, prior to thanksgiving service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: \*F. Clark 1, W. James 2, \*H. Lee 3, N. Lawrence 4, S. Paice 5, W. Brooks 6, W. J. Paice (composer and conductor) 7, G. Green 8. \*First quarter-peal.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, July 6th, in honour of the peace thanksgiving services, at St. Margaret's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1258 chances), in 43 mins.: H. Lock 1, E. Morris 2, E. E. Smith 3, J. Morris 4, T. H. Hardy 5, H. Peach 6. Called by T. H. Hardy and E. Morris alternatively.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## SUMMER FESTIVAL AT BIGGLESWADE.

On Saturday, June 28th, the Bedfordshire Association held its annual summer meeting at Biggleswade. The musical peal of bells was kept going during the afternoon, and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. Rolfe), who gave a brief but forceful address from the text, 'Do all for the glory of God.' The Rev. N. C. Woods presided at the organ, and his assistance in this direction was much appreciated. Tea provided and served by willing ladies was then partaken of, through the kindness of the Vicar, in the Vicarage gardens, amidst pleasant surroundings. This was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters, three leads of Treble Ten and a touch of Stedman Triples 'in hand' on the lawn, and a short business meeting was afterwards held. At the last moment, the President (Canon W. W. C. Baker) wired that he was unable to be present, and his absence was regretted. Mr. A. King also wrote apologising for absence.

Miss Evelyn Steel (vice-president) took the chair, supported by Mr. E. P. Duffield, hon. secretary, Messrs. H. L. Harlow and C. A. Pratt (hon. district secs.) and Messrs. C. W. Clarke, E. Herbert, Cyril Herbert, and others. The Chairman and the Hon. Secretary spoke of the loss to the Exercise caused by the death of the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, and this meeting expressed its sincere regret.

The Rev. E. L. Holmes, R.D., of Milton Ernest, was elected an hon. member, and two non-resident life members and one performing member were also elected.

It was proposed by Miss Steel, and seconded, on behalf of the 'visitors' present, by Mr. A. H. Pulling, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar the curate, and the ladies, for giving the ringers such a splendid reception.

In addition to Mr. A. H. Pulling, who has just been 'demobbed,' the visitors included Mrs. Pulling, Mr. C. Dean, Croydon; Mr. J. Hare, Hitchin; Mr. G. Billinness, Hawkhurst, Kent; and Corpl. Arnell, M.F.P., Worthing, Sussex. Close on 20 towers were represented and undoubtedly the number would have been larger but for the call of the hay crops.

The methods rung were Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise Major, interspersed with rounds, etc., for the learners.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Northampton District was held at Colintree on Saturday week, when about 50 ringers were present from St. Peter's All Saints', St. Giles' and St. Edmund's, Northampton; Moulton Boughton, Kinsthorpe, Cogenhoe, Hardingstone, Wootton, Weston Favell, Harpole and the local band. Tea was served in the Institute the Rev. Canon Dodson presiding until the arrival of the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Frend). There were also present Mr. F. Hopper, president; Mr. F. Wilford, general secretary; Mr. T. Law, district secretary.

Before the business of the meeting was transacted a vote of condolence with the widow and relatives of the late Mr. J. W. Taylor was passed by the members rising in silence.

The Rev. J. P. Frend was unanimously elected vice-president; Messrs. B. O. Soden and H. Clarke, members of the Central Committee; S. J. Lawrence, H. England and W. Atterbury, district committee; T. Law, district sec. Nine ringing members and one life member were elected, and Moulton was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and Cretton for a special meeting.

The District Secretary, in his report of the past year, said that ringers were in great demand on Armistice day, but owing to the fortnight of the committee, who met and made arrangements beforehand, a letter had been sent to each belfry, asking if they would require help, and where they were short, volunteered to take enough to make up a band. All the bells in the district were, therefore, rung during the day. Another event was a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Weston Favell on February 8th, it being the first peal in which a lady member—Miss Lily Law—had taken part for the Northampton district. The most recent event was the honour conferred on one of the district members—Mr. F. Hopper—by his election as President of the Association, an honour which he richly deserved, he being always ready and eager to help beginners in the art, and having probably piloted more ringers through their first peal than any other man in the Northampton District.

The General Secretary gave a report of the Central Council meeting, and said next year the Council would meet at Northampton, when he hoped as many as possible would attend and judge for themselves as to the work of the Council.

The Association's certificate was presented by the President to Miss Lily Law for ringing her first peal on a working bell.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Canon Dodson and both suitably replied.

A short service, conducted by the Rector, was held after the meeting, when 9s. 9ld. was collected for the Belfry Repair Fund. The bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m., the beginners being well looked after.





## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from page 277.)

### MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES.

The Hon. Secretary read the following letter which he had received from Mr. E. H. Lewis: 'You will remember that at the Council meeting last year, I suggested that the Council should select a chairman for each committee, and hold him responsible for the work of the committee, and that he should present a written report to the annual meeting. This was turned down, and it was decided that each committee should elect its own chairman. As far as the committees in which I am interested are concerned this has led to the inevitable result; it has been no one's business to take the initiative, and I have heard of no proposal to elect a chairman. Last year I was called upon to report in two cases. This year I hope you will find other members to do so. Personally I have been unable to give any time at all to ringing matters in the past twelve months. Nor do I see any prospect of leisure for anyone connected with industrial management for many months to come. For that reason I think it would be best for me to resign from all committees of the Council except the Standing Committee. I believe the work of the committees to be the most important work of the Council, and that that work should be undertaken by those whose circumstances allow them to give much time to the purpose. My responsibilities have very much increased in the past four years, and I feel that I should not undertake any work for the Council, which I see no prospect of carrying out until the industrial position of the country is much more settled.'

The Hon. Secretary said the moment he read that letter he felt it was one of the strongest arguments for asking not only Mr. Lewis but any other committeemen they had, not to resign. When they got a letter like that it showed they had got the very best man they possibly could have (hear, hear) and if they allowed Mr. Lewis to resign they would allow one of their best men to resign. It appeared to him to be a very excellent answer to the criticisms that the Council was doing nothing. It was doing nothing because the men had other things to do, and the Council's work could wait while the work of the country could not wait. It would be a thousand pities to allow Mr. Lewis to resign, and his letter was one of the strongest arguments in favour of committeemen retaining their places.

Major Hesse said he did not know how much time he would have in the future to give to the Towers and Belfries Committee's research work, and he felt he ought to stand down.

Mr. C. P. Johnston said for the information of the Council and for the gratification of the Towers and Belfries Committee he would like to say that he had noticed a marked change in the attitude of architects in general, as compared with their attitude before the war. He had come into contact with a great many of them, and he had found them all open to reason, and in many cases they had talked about the committee which the Council sent to meet the Architects' Committee. He thought the results of the committee's work and of what Mr. Lewis had done were being felt all over the country to the good of ringers (hear, hear).

Mr. E. A. Young (member of the committee) said he had not done anything particular this year, but they were standing ready as a technical committee to answer questions, and the fact that they had not had these questions put to them did not show that they had been idle. They were ready to work when required. They were a technical committee, and it did not follow that they were always to be looking for something to do. They waited for the references to come from the members or the officers.

Mr. Lewis said he would like the Council to understand that he could not do any work for the Council until the industrial position was very much changed.

The Rev. H. Law James: At the same time we must not let Mr. Lewis resign. For the next few years we have got to go slowly, and we have got to make up by teaching young ringers. There is plenty to do without expecting committees to do too much.

The President: We have got splendid men on our committees, but they are tremendously occupied by other work. We must be content to go slowly, waiting and watching but I do hope that those we have got on our committees will not at this juncture resign. If in the course of the year we can only get five minutes of the time of such men it is immeasurably better than having nothing at all. I hope, therefore, that no resignations will be insisted upon. If it would lighten their work I see no reason why we should not increase their numbers by adding to them, but I should be grieved if the numbers were lessened. I take it the Council is not accepting any resignations at present, and is hoping to have something, however small, of the services of the men who are now on the committees. I should like to add our very great thanks for what they have done (hear, hear).

### EDUCATION, NOT LEGISLATION.

The Council next came to the item on the agenda: 'To continue the adjourned discussion on the means most likely to conduce to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council, and, if thought desirable to move a resolution thereon.'

The Rev. H. Law James thought the matter had been settled by what had been said about the committees. Everybody was so busy, they could leave it alone. The Council was all right.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said what they had to face was not a question whether the Council was a good Council or not—he thought the Council was quite a good Council, and was doing good work, but that was not the point. The ordinary ringer outside—the man in the tower—did not look upon the Council as he should do.

That might be the fault of the ringer, but it was up to the Council to try and alter it. They did not want so much legislation, but should try to do a little more education. Let them take themselves first. There were a great many things of interest to them, and he would suggest that the Standing Committee should ask two or three men who were more or less authorities on any subject, and preferably men with different points of view, to read short papers. The Council should not sit to judge which of them was right, but treat them as authorities and learn something from them. If the Council did that he believed they would do good to themselves and ultimately to the people outside. There were plenty of interesting subjects and plenty of men capable of reading them a paper. The papers might afterwards be published in book form, which he thought would be better than the masses of figures, which came from some of the committees.

The Rev. H. Law James formally moved 'that this Council feels that the important discussion which has taken place with regard to the committees has proved that the Council is doing good work, and will satisfy the needs of the Exercise for the time to come.'

### POWERS OF ENFORCEMENT.

Canon Baker said he thought the letter from Mr. Penning published in 'The Ringing World' hit the nail on the head. The real thing was that the Council should have some power to enforce its decisions. They wanted the Council to be looked upon by the Exercise as taking the same place as the Jockey Club with regard to racing, the M.C.C. with regard to cricket, or the Football Association with regard to football. And why did it not? The reason was that it had no power to enforce its decisions. It was quite clear the Council could not take power to itself. It could only exercise such power as was conferred upon it by the organisations that were represented. He hoped he would not be thought disrespectful to the views they so often heard from their late President that they were only a consultative and advisory body. When the Council started that was the only attitude possible for them to take up, but he thought the time had gone by now when the Council, which had existed for so many years, and in view of the criticism that was going on among the ordinary ringers should have no power. He thought they should ask the association whether the Council should have power, or remain as it was. If they wished it to remain a debating society then, surely, they must give up sniping at the Council for being futile and useless, but if they wished the Council to occupy the place which he thought the Council should occupy in regard to ringing, then they should be prepared to give the Council the power. He proposed as an amendment that the matter be referred to the societies and associations affiliated to the Council to consider the desirability of giving the Council the power to enforce its decisions and report to the hon. sec. of the Council not later than April 12th, 1920, no power to be considered to be conferred upon the Council except by a vote of three-fourths of the Council.

The Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake said he thought the time had come when the Council should have power, and he agreed with Canon Baker that they could only get that power from the constituents they represented.

The Hon. Secretary said the difficulty that appeared to him was, how were the Associations going to give the Council power? Canon Baker had mentioned that the Jockey Club and the M.C.C. were able to make their power felt. He believed there were ways by which they could do that but was there anything in the Exercise to enable the Council to make its power felt? He knew of nothing, and he did not know what process Canon Baker had in mind which would enable that to be accomplished. If they once got a body which tried to enforce decisions which they could not and had not the power to enforce it made them look ridiculous at once. If the power could be given them, well and good; he should not be against it, but up to the present he had never been able to imagine any means by which it could be done.

Canon Helmore said the way to do it was to ask every Association and Guild in the country to take a vote on the subject, and if they gave their ready consent to the Council to have the power to enforce their decisions, he believed they would act loyally in the matter. Unless they tried to bring it before their associations they would never know their views. There was another point, and that was with regard to the Council taking any financial responsibility. He knew the hon. secretary was very much opposed to it but he thought the time had come when they ought to be considered able to take some responsibility in the matter of publications, etc.

Mr. F. Hopgood said there was no doubt a way to get over the matter, but it was quite probable that in a short time there would be no Council left. The Jockey Club had power to expel, and if the Council

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

## CROYDON, SURREY.



came to decisions which an Association would not carry out, they could expel the offenders, but if they put the powers into operation his theory was that in time there would be no Council. He reminded the Council that one part of their constitution was already compulsory - they did not admit any delegates unless they paid the fees.

The Rev. H. Drake said they could enforce their decisions in a way they had already done through the peals analysis.

The Rev. Maitland Ily said he found himself unable to agree with either the resolution or the amendment. Mr. James' resolution seemed to assume there need be nothing done with regard to improving the utility and efficiency of the Council, and Mr. Baker's resolution seemed to be impossible. He could not see how they were to enforce the resolutions of the Council, but they could, he believed, increase both its efficiency and utility. He thought Mr. Trollope's suggestion an excellent one, that papers should be read, with a time limit. Speakers for each subject could be selected by the Standing Committee. The selection might be made six months before the meeting so that there should be time to prepare the papers. With regard to the criticism upon the Council's utility, that was a thing that had been hurled at all conferences. Those who could look back for fifty years and more in the Ministry could see what an enormous amount of good the Church Congress and the Diocesan conferences had done. They could not pick out one particular thing, perhaps, but they must remember that before their existence there was no absolute organisation in the Church. Each parish was a unit to itself, and there was no co-operation whatever. In the same way the Central Council had brought about co-operation among associations, and had brought forward the science of change ringing in a way in which it had never been before. So he thought they could say it had been very useful, but to say they could not increase its utility was, he thought, a mistake. He had attended a great many of the meetings, and they had been meetings of great enjoyment, and one had seen how much real good had been done to the Exercise at large.

Replying to a question, Mr. Trollope said his idea was not that the Council should have to listen so much to technical subjects, like papers on Bob Major Lead Ends, but on subjects such as ringing organisation, ringing history, the best methods to ring and so forth.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he had been simply thirsting for that moment to hear, what had been dinned into their ears for a long time, of something that was for the good of ringers, but now they had come back to lectures. They had had too much of that sort of thing from the experts.

Mr. Trollope: I want to hear other people.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: But you are the experts.

#### THE RIDYARD FUND.

In connection with the fund organised by the Lancashire Association for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Vice-President, Mr. Joseph Ridyard, the prize-winning numbers are:—1, No. 14112, set of handbells; 2, No. 13087, timepiece; 3, No. 8043, sarat; 4, No. 4392, gent's umbrella; 5, No. 6487, lady's handbag; 6, No. 2914, box of cigars; 7, No. 15668, silk muffler; 8, No. 11976, wallet; 9, No. 14125, pipe and case; consolation prize, No. 4552, 'a bell rope.'

#### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### CENTRAL DIVISION ENTERTAINED.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, June 28th, and was very well attended, 33 ringers being present. A short service was held, at which an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. L. Ogle), and a collection was taken for the Association's Benevolent Fund, 11s. being realised. Those present then assembled at the Vicar's room for tea, kindly provided by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry.

The usual business meeting followed, and several new members were elected, including Mr. Cyril F. Johnston as a life member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his kindly welcome of the Association to Coleman's Hatch, and for his capital address at the service; to Mr. Johnston for his kindness in providing tea; and also the ladies who waited at table.

The tower was again visited until 8.30, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing to this pleasing little village in the heart of Ashdown Forest.

During the afternoon and evening, touches were rung in a variety of methods, including London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. The following towers were represented: Aldrington, Angmering, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Crawley, Henfield, Lindfield, Rotherfield, Seaford, Uckfield, and independent members.

#### BELFRY GOSSIP.

Father, mother and son in the same peal, is, we believe, a new record, and congratulations will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, and their boy upon the accomplishment. It was Mrs. Wilkins' first peal, and the reward of perseverance after many disappointments.

#### PRESENTATIONS AT GUILDFORD.

Saturday, June 28th, will fix itself in the memories of all England, one might almost say of all the world, doubly so will it fix itself in the minds of all members of the Guildford district of the Winchester Guild; for it happened that on the day, and almost the hour of the signing of the Treaty, they had arranged to meet to do honour to their energetic hon. secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones, who, exactly one month before had entered the bonds of matrimony, the occasion furnishing the members with an opportunity to show their appreciation of Mr. Jones' long and able service. The festivities began shortly after three, by ringing upon the bells of St. Nicolas' Church, a tower with which Mr. Jones was for many years associated, and from which he had a long struggle to spread change ringing to the surrounding district between 30 and 40 years ago; in fact, Mr. Jones may well be regarded as the father of the art in the district.

The service which followed at 4.30 began by ringing the National Anthem and thanksgiving for the gift of peace (probably the first in the Diocese), followed by the Winchester Guild form of service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler), with the Rev. Sir John Herschell at the organ; the Rev. C. E. Matthews gave a most interesting address on the dignity of service and the spirit of adventure. He said that it would seem almost superfluous to talk to ringers about service, as he knew quite well that many of his hearers, through good times and bad, had faithfully and humbly served the Church, yet he felt bound to speak of it, because there was never a time when the Church and the world stood in greater need of service. Therefore, to those who, as he knew, had grown grey in their work, he would say: 'Go on, while you are given the strength to do it.' To those who had, perhaps, grown slack he would appeal to make their service correspond with the Church's need. Speaking of the spirit of adventure, the preacher said that the time had arrived when the Church would have to offer its message in new forms, to correspond with the spirit of the new age. Let not those who had become accustomed to the old methods and the old forms, become discouraged or alarmed by the experiments which would have to be made.

At the conclusion of the service, the company, numbering about 60, sat down to tea at the Royal Arms Temperance Hotel. The tables had been prettily decorated by Miss Fisher, a lady ringer of Dorking. The Rector presided, supported by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and ringers from Croydon, Dorking, Cranleigh, Chiddingfold, Godalming, Worplesdon, Puttenham, Farnham, Aldershot, Shalford, Haslemere, Guildford, Merrow and Clandon.

The Rector mentioned that he might himself have been a ringer but for Mr. Jones, for some years ago he inquired of Mr. Jones what it meant to take up change ringing, and Mr. Jones' answer was 'Well, it's something like learning to ride a cycle, and playing a game of chess at the same time.' The Rector added, amid laughter, 'that finished me.'

The Guild Master, on behalf of the Guildford District, then handed to Mr. Jones the gift, which took the form of a handsome silver-plated teapot, cream jug, sugar basin, and hot-water jug; also a silver-mounted umbrella from the women ringers of the district. At the same time, Miss Jessie Melville, a daughter of ringing parents, handed to Mrs. Jones a lovely bouquet of crimson roses.

Mr. Jones thanked the district in a few suitable words, but he was later heard to remark in the ringing chamber that it would have been easier for him to have rung the tenor for a peal.

The silver was supplied and suitably engraved by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking.

#### ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The summer quarterly meeting was held at Hillington, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. R. M. Carrick). A goodly number of members attended, and a very enjoyable afternoon was passed. A splendid tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, thanks to Miss N. G. Williams, and her lady friends. A few items of business were discussed, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, Mr. Pratt, the steeplekeeper, and the ladies. Further ringing followed, in which several ladies took part.

The hon. secretary is still asking for names to be sent him of members who have served with H.M. Forces during the war. The roll of honour cannot be started until the list is complete, and at present very few have sent in their names, and a great difficulty is being experienced in compiling the list.

#### PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of this Association was held at Glinton on Saturday, July 12th. Members attended from Stamford, Maxey, West Deeping, Peterborough, with the local band, and Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford. After tea in the Rectory Garden, the Rector, the Rev. F. Almond, presided over the business meeting. Three new members were elected.—The Rector expressed a wish that the Association would soon pay another visit. He hoped to entertain them to a social evening, and, if possible, to create more enthusiasm among his own ringers.

During the afternoon and evening methods were rung from Grand-sire to Cambridge.

## NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, Warrington, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m.; meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Peter's, Portishead, on July 26th. Bells available from 2.30, short Service at 4 o'clock, tea at the White Cot Dairy at 4.45, followed by meeting. Will those who require tea kindly notify me before the previous Thursday? Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.; Service at 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m. Will those who intend to be present at tea kindly advise me not later than July 23rd?—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the White Swan Hotel.—William Gage, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival.—Owing to Peace celebrations being held on the date fixed for the festival, this will now be held on Saturday, July 26th, at Oxford. Service in Christ Church Cathedral at 11 a.m. Business meeting at Chapter House immediately after service. A repast will be served in Christ Church dining hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets: 2/6 each to non-members, 2/- each to members. The 2/- will be refunded to all members who have served in Navy or Army during the War. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Secretary as early as possible. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available all day; New College (10) and Merton College (8) from 3 to 4 o'clock. Several six-bell towers will be available, and will be announced at meeting.—Richard T. Hibbert, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Northwich on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. H. N. Nowell, M.A., Vicar of Northwich. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Shoreham on Saturday July 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar). Tea and business meeting at the George Inn to follow. Will those who require tea (1s. 6d. per head) let me know by Tuesday, July 22nd, the latest? Half-fares up to 2s. allowed.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Mauditt on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6. The Association will hold a committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided to all who send their names in to Mr. Massey, 40, Buckley Hill Lane, Milnrow, on or before Thursday, July 24th. Nominations for Branch Secretary to be sent in for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, July 26th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. It is hoped that the Litton bells (6) will also be available. The Secretary would be glad if he could be advised not later than July 22nd as to the number of ringers who hope to be at the tea, in order that the necessary arrangements for catering may be made in good time.—I. B. Holmyard (Hon. Sec.), School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney, near Mansfield, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. and available to 9 p.m. Members from kindred associations welcome.—H. Haigh and A. Beck, Joint Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, July 26th. Ringing 3 to 8 p.m. All are welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The district meeting proposed for Andover on the 19th inst. is unavoidably postponed to August 1st. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, with business meeting to follow. Ringing again afterwards. 6d. each for tea allowed those informing me not later than 19th inst.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, August 2nd. Eight bells. Deepcar Station, G.C.R.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Monthly practices will take place at Brewood on Saturday, August 2nd (instead of July 19th) and at Penkridge on August 30th, both at 4 p.m.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.—It is proposed to hold a reunion of the St. Michael's Juniors on Tuesday, August 5th, at Gloucester. Will those members likely to attend kindly communicate at their earliest with R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol?

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

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.—It is proposed to place an oak peal board in the ringing room of St.

George's Church, as a memorial to the Rev. V. A. Cresswell, M.A., an enthusiastic member of the Hereford Guild, and subscriptions towards the cost will be gratefully received by W. Mead, Hon. Sec., 1, Market Place, Clun.

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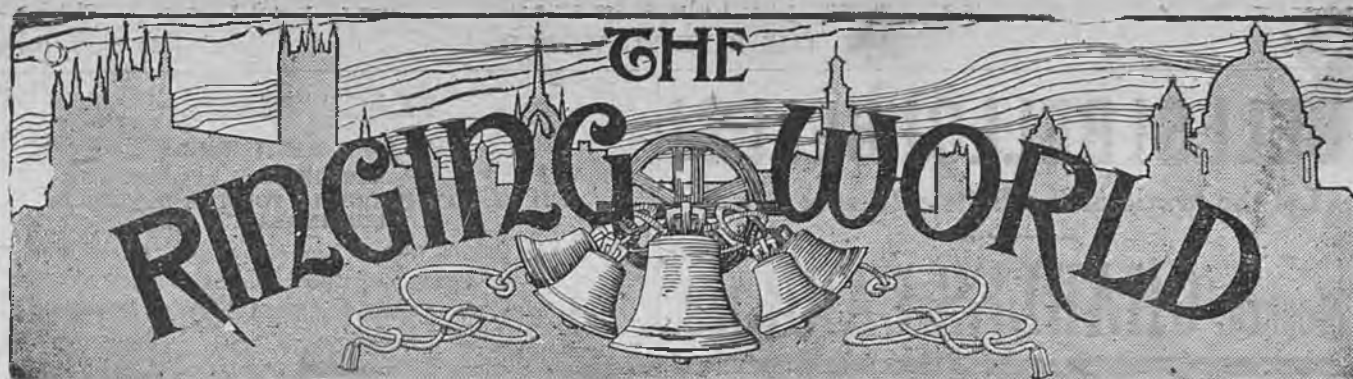
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### THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Last week we touched briefly upon the decision of the Central Council to take the opinion of the Associations which are affiliated to it upon the question of whether or not the Council shall have power to enforce its decisions. First of all, it is agreed by everyone that the Council cannot take to itself power of this description; its power, if power there is to be, must come from the associations to which the Council owes its own existence. It is therefore only right that in this matter the Council should go straight to the associations for their mandate or refusal--indeed, there is no other course open. The subject is important and, therefore, we trust it will be brought officially to the notice of the affiliated societies, and not left, as practically all questions are upon which the Council seeks the views of the associations, to the representatives. This would be fatal to obtaining a conclusive reply, quite apart from the fact that some associations were not represented at the meeting at all. Even as it is, there are some organisations who will not hold an annual meeting between the date of the Council meeting and the last day for receiving replies. Among these will be those who hold their meeting on Whit-Monday and others whose gathering falls in May or early June.

But apart from this drawback, which could be got over by adjourning the subject for another year, let us look at the broad principle and see whether it is really practicable. Except for the loyalty which every member is expected to give to his association, we are afraid there is nothing by which a binding allegiance can be obtained. Penalties for infringements of regulations are out of the question; suspensions for infractions of the rules would be laughed at. The truth is, the link between the ringers and their associations is still of a very weak kind and easily snapped, and unless that is strengthened, action by a still more distant authority is quite unlikely to have any coercive effect.

This, however, brings us to the even more crucial point: Has the Council any decisions to enforce? It has specified certain definitions for a peal, but these have been established for centuries; it has stated the requirements when record peals are to be attempted, but these have been more honoured in the breach than in the observance; it has laid down the law as to what are and what are not regular methods, but the divergence in the Council on this point is such that the members would hesitate—at present, at any rate—to enforce a decision one way or the other. On these subjects, however, the Council can, if it likes, uphold its views by excluding all else from the analysis, but where, outside them, is there anything to enforce?

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## PEACE PEALS.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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On Tuesday, July 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.**

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

FREDERICK DICKENS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KENT ... .. 7
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... .. 2	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 8
CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 4	ALF. PADDON SMITH ... .. 10
PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 11
THOMAS MILLER ... .. 6	JOHN NEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung to commemorate the victorious conclusion of the Great War, and the signing of the terms of peace.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... .. 6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... .. 2	CHARLES DYSON ... .. 7
FRANCIS S. WILSON ... .. 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 8
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... .. 9
ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... .. 5	JOHN W. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Specially rung by invitation from the Vicar of Tewkesbury to celebrate the signing of Peace, and also as a farewell peal to Mr. F. S. Wilson who is shortly leaving Gloucestershire for Norfolk. Mrs. Wilkins' first peal of Caters.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5188 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs. in F.

REV. H. LAW JAMES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... .. 6
*JOSEPH W. FLOWERS ... .. 2	*ARTHUR FARR ... .. 7
JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 3	*JOHN CURRY ... .. 8
GEORGE LADD ... .. 4	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 9
REPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 5	†NORMAN KING ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal. Rung for the Peace celebration.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES.**

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY ... .. Treble	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ... .. 6
MRS. E. J. WILSON ... .. 2	HENRY B. BURT ... .. 7
WILLIAM WHITE ... .. 3	JOSEPH GOULD ... .. 8
FREDERICK W. WADE ... .. 4	ISAAC LONG ... .. 9
HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. 5	URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DOLTRY.

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The above was rung to place on record the ringing of a peal in Bristol on the official day of Peace rejoicings throughout the country.



## BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
At the Abbey Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES W. BELL ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. HOLDER ... 6
*GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2	†GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
*RICHARD J. COUSINS ... 3	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 8
HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 5	*THOMAS HOGSFLESH ...
	*FREDERICK C. RICH ... } Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.  
Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

\* First peal on ten bells. † Fiftieth peal. Rung on the occasion of Peace celebrations.

## LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, July 19th, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6081 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
SAMUEL COTTON ... .. 2	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... 7
WILLIAM WEBB ... .. 3	*SGT. JOHN L. WILLIAMS ... 8
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ... 4	ALFRED MARTIN ... .. 9
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5	THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters rung in connection with the national Peace celebrations.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Edmund,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR 6088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN SPENCER ... .. Treble	*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5
THOMAS KING ... .. 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 7
ALBERT L. J. NAUNTON ... 4	SPR. F. W. NAUNTON, R.E. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.  
Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

First peal in the method as conductor. \* First peal in the method and first attempt. Arranged for Spr. F. W. Naunton, home on leave from the Army of Occupation. Also to commemorate the signing of Peace. The ringers of treble, 4th and tenor belong to Wrentham, 2nd to Southwold, 3rd, 6th and 7th to Leiston, 5th to Fakenham, Norfolk.

## DORKING, SURREY.

THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

EDWARD E. DODD ... .. Treble	STAFF-SERGEANT A. HARMAN ... 5
ALFRED WINCH ... .. 2	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 7
HARRY BOXALL ... .. 4	WILLIAM LYNCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. WHITE.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CLIFFORD DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, June 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

†ALFRED RACKHAM ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. 4
*ROBERT STEPHENS ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYATT ... .. 5
JOHN H. RACKHAM ... .. 3	†JOHN JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYATT.

† First peal. \* First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the treble was congratulated on the way he rang his bell thro' the peal, he being only 13 years of age and the youngest ringer to score a peal for the Guild. The ringers wish to thank Mr. J. Jones for entertaining them to tea after the peal. This was the Peace Peal for the parish.

## DUSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MISS LILY LAW ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. 4
*WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY ... 2	JOSEPH C. DEAN ... .. 5
THOMAS LAW ... .. 3	FRED HOPPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor by a lady member of the Northampton district. Rung to celebrate the signing of the Peace Treaty at Versailles.

## MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung in celebration of the signing of Peace.

\* First peal in 5 methods. The calling of this peal comprised 107 bobs and 104 singles.

## WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 7, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	SPR. F. W. NAUNTON, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by SPR. F. W. NAUNTON, R.E.

Arranged by and rung to oblige the conductor who was home on leave from the Army of Occupation. Also to commemorate the signing of Peace. The band wish to thank Mr. G. Eastaugh, one of the local ringers, for having the bells in readiness.

Peace Day ringing provided a deluge of peal records to this office and a large number are unavoidably held over.

**TEN BELL PEAL.**

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. Treble	HARRY SMITH ... .. 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 2	HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 7
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	JOHN JEFFERIES ... .. 8
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4	FRANK COLE ... .. 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS ... .. 5	RUPERT SHARP ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

JOHN FOREMAN ... .. Treble	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 5
JOSEPH ROWELL ... .. 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 7
BERT HORTON ... .. 4	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

BRERTON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE H. GIBBS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 5
JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 2	§JOSEPH W. PENBERTON ... .. 6
†HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... .. 7
†HENRY HOLLIS ... .. 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Triples.  
§ First peal in the method with a bob bell. G. H. Gibbs was elected  
a member previous to starting for peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER MASSEY ... .. Treble	JOSEPH FAULKNER, SEN. ... .. 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 6
HARRY HILL ... .. 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 7
HARRY HUBBLE ... .. 4	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

The above peal, which was arranged as the quarterly peal for the  
Guild, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to  
the memory of the late Lady Boscawen, wife of Lieut.-Col. Sir  
Arthur G. Boscawen, M.P. for Dudley, and an esteemed Vice-President  
of the above Guild.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*A. W. BOWERS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 5
ERNEST W. MARSH ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. WAKELEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... .. 3	HENRY W. WILKES ... .. 7
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... .. 4	†H. J. HOLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\* First peal on eight bells. † Elected member previous to starting.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*ANNIE BROWN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 6
†JOHN BROWN ... .. 3	JOSEPH GOULD ... .. 7
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 4	*FREDERICK C. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 5
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 7
ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HORACE TULETT ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ARTHUR WHITE ... .. 2	*HENRY STALHAM ... .. 6
WILLIAM HILLMAN ... .. 3	ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 7
*GEORGE I. NORRIS ... .. 4	*EDMUND H. LINDOP ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 1 ton.

ROBERT EVANS ... .. Treble	RICHARD JONES ... .. 5
WILLIAM WASE ... .. 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 6
*JOHN HERBERT RIXOM ... .. 3	GEORGE LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 4	*ALFRED SYDNEY BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

\* First peal. Walter Lago sat in the tower and checked every  
lead end.

**SIX BELL PEAL.**

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 8 six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob,  
and 26 six-scores of Grandsire.

ALBERT RELFE ... .. Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT ... .. 4
GEORGE FULLER ... .. 2	HARRY PRICE ... .. 5
JAMES WAGHORN ... .. 3	CYRIL DRAWBRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

Rung as a compliment to Canon and Mrs. Boyd on the anniversary  
of their wedding, also as a birthday compliment to H. Price. First  
peal for C. Drawbridge who was elected a member of the Association  
before starting for the peal.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE WAR MEMORIAL SCHEME.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Bath on Saturday week, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding. There was ringing at the various towers during the day, and in the afternoon a special service was held in the Abbey on the invitation of Preb. S. A. Boyd, and at this service the names of the members who have perished in the war were read. The Rev. W. S. Coad preached the sermon.

At the business meeting in the Abbey Church House in the afternoon, the Chairman extended a welcome, on behalf of the Association, to those members who had returned from military service, and hoped that their return would give a renewed stimulus to the work of the Association in the district.

The report of the Master stated that, as far as could be ascertained, 387 members had joined the colours, and 54 were either killed or died on service. Thanks to the efforts of the secretary and the co-operation of its members, the Association had come with credit through these years of unexampled trial and difficulty. The present need was for progress. Many bells had been silent—there had been no ringing for the services. He hoped the ringing would now be restored and the custom of ringing for services greatly increased. Peals had also been rare; they must aim at a greater number of peals and also of methods. The Master also urged the more experienced ringers to do all they could to help the younger members, and to encourage the learning of the art. During the year ten honorary members had been elected, and 171 performing members, including 32 ladies. Five peals had been rung, including one at Corston and one at Wells Cathedral.

The accounts showed a balance in hand at the beginning of the year of £78 10s. 11d., and the credit balance at the end of the financial year was £81 1s. 10d.

It was agreed to grant the usual honorarium of £10 10s. to the secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. E. Burgess).

On the motion of Mr. D. G. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Prescott, the Rev. C. C. Parker was re-elected Master for the ensuing year by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Burgess was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Taylor was again chosen as auditor.

The Chairman gave his impressions of the meeting of the Central Council at Gloucester, which he attended as the Association's delegate.

The Chairman said the selection of a suitable memorial to the fallen members of the Association had been discussed by the committee, who recommended that a tablet should be placed in Wells Cathedral to commemorate their comrades. The meeting endorsed the suggestion, and the Chairman said the committee proposed that the necessary funds should be provided by subscription. The first step would naturally be the preparation of an estimate.

It was agreed that the three next quarterly meetings should be held at Street, Evercecech, and Midsomer Norton.

Several new members were elected at the meeting.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Rector of Bath for allowing the service to be held at the Abbey and for lending the Church House for that meeting, and to the Rev. W. S. Coad for his address. Thanks were expressed to the local incumbents for placing their bells at the disposal of the Association to the local Association's secretary (Mr. F. C. Rich).

In the evening a half-hour's muffled ringing in memory of fallen members of the Association took place on the Abbey bells.

## ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A meeting of the above was held at New Romney on July 12th, and, favoured with fine weather, a good number of members put in an appearance. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, interspersed with rounds for the recruits. An excellent knife and fork tea was provided by the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. Hugh Louth), who presided.

The business meeting followed, at which it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Aldington. Several new members were elected, including Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Croydon, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, as vice-presidents, all of whom were paying their first visit to New Romney, and who were heartily welcomed by the members present. The two former cycled on their 'tandem' from East Croydon, a distance of 76 miles, and rang at Biddenden and Headcorn on their return journey on Sunday.

The question of the annual outing was considered by the meeting, and after Mr. R. Whittington had assured the members that they would receive a hearty welcome at Croydon Foundry from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and that they would be able to ring on the bells of St. Peter's, Croydon, it was decided finally to consider the matter at the next meeting at Aldington. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality, and also to the visitors who had come so far to attend the Guild's meeting.

A move was then made to the tower, and courses of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung before dispersing for home.

G. T.

## ST. CLEMENT DANES' BELLS.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONY.

The bells of St. Clement Danes, Strand, which, owing to the enthusiasm of the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, have now been rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were rededicated on Thursday last week, and were thus once more in their place in time for the peace celebrations. The bells had been practically silent for nearly seven years on account of the weakness of the frame, which after more than 300 years' use, had shown serious signs of collapse. The Vicar, with characteristic energy, set about the restoration of the peal, so that the voices of the bells should not be missing when peace was celebrated, and with little more than 24 hours to spare he won the race against time. The expense of the work is considerable, but it is interesting to note that contributions are coming in from ringers and ringing organisations in many parts of the country, so that the Exercise will be able to claim a share in the renovation of this historic peal.

The dedication service, like those other services in which ringers have been interested at St. Clement Danes, was given special significance, and was both beautiful and dignified in its details. The ceremony was performed by the Chaplain-General of the Forces, and was attended by Queen Alexandra, who passed the church to the sound of the bells when she entered this country to become the bride of the late beloved King Edward. Inside the church a fashionable congregation assembled. A number of flower-girls bearing great bunches of carnations and sweet peas, lined the entrance and formed a charming guard of honour; and through their ranks passed Queen Alexandra, bestowing gracious smiles on all as she passed into the church to take part in the service.

For some time the clear young voices of the choirboys mingled with those of the congregation in chanting appropriate hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

Then the Queen Mother followed the white-robed clergy to the western entrance of the church, where Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain-General of the Forces, pronounced the dedication. Her Majesty touched the bells, and the procession slowly returned down the aisle.

A hushed silence, and then came the melodious notes of the old bells sending a glad message of peace and good cheer over London.

The ringing, after the dedicatory prayers, consisted of six whole peals, and as Queen Alexandra left the church the bells were 'fired,' and then followed a touch of Stedman Caters, the ringing being done by a band drawn from the officers of the London County Association in which 'Headquarters,' Northern and Southern Districts, had a part.

Afterwards, the Rector provided tea for some 50 ringers, and was present with Mrs. Pennington Bickford. In welcoming the visitors the Rector made the interesting announcement that Queen Alexandra had contributed 25 guineas to the Restoration Fund, and other royal personages of both Denmark and Norway had also helped. Donations had come in from far afield, and over a wide area. The brides whom he had married there, 'the Belles of St. Clement's,' had subscribed over £100. Many of the provincial ringing associations had also sent sums, and he had just received three guineas from the Ancient Society of College Youths.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Pennington Bickford was proposed by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, and carried by acclamation, and was followed by 'musical honours.'

The restoration which has been carried out has been complete and effective. The bells were removed from the tower and taken to the foundry, where, after cleaning, they were retuned, and entirely new fittings added. They have been rehung in an iron frame, which is supported on the old beams, and new iron headstocks have been fixed. These are of special design, in order to preserve the cannons, except in the case of the tenor, the cannons of which were removed at a previous restoration. Despite the considerable swaying of the tower the bells now run perfectly.

The bells were kept going until 9 p.m., and all agreed that the bell hangers, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were to be congratulated upon a very successful rehanging and tuning.

## MUFFLED BELLS FOR CAPT. FRYATT.

With the bells deeply muffled, on the occasion of laying to rest the body of the late Captain Charles Fryatt, Parker's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at Harwich, by: J. Alderton 1, T. Phils 2, T. Bernard 3, G. Taylor 4, A. Morris 5, C. J. Ramplin 6, W. A. Cooke (conductor) 7, C. Bloice 8. Owing to a shift between the last two leads of the first part, the bells were called into rounds, and time not permitting another start, the peal was abandoned. A quarter-peal of 'Bob Major' was lost, through the slipping of the 6th muffle: J. Alderton 1, T. Phils 2, T. Bernard 3, W. A. Cooke 4, G. Thompson 5, A. Morris (conductor) 6, C. J. Ramplin 7, B. Elmer 8.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

There were many early birds about in the belfries on Peace Day. We wonder who really can claim to have aroused the neighbouring populace at the earliest hour. At Salehurst, in Sussex, and Wraxall, Somerset, they started at 5.10 a.m.

The Bells of St. Clement's—the brides married at the St. Clement Danes by the present Rector—have contributed over £100 towards the restoration of the Bells of St. Clement's.

The Northampton Oddfellows have set up a unique record in ringing a peal of Stedman Triples, the first Friendly Society peal in the county, which was conducted by the Grand Master of the Victoria Lodge, who is also President of the Central Northants Association.

At the ringers' tea, after the St. Clement's Dedication Service, it was observed that the veterans of the London County Association had foregathered at one table. They were Messrs. Raynor aged 83, Waghorn 76, Foskott 73, and Chapman 72. Their total, not out, stands at 304 years.

The Lincoln Guild's War Memorial is to be four bells for the Cathedral to increase the present eight to 12.

## DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

### NOTTINGHAM RINGERS' THANKOFFERING.

As a thankoffering for his recovery from a serious illness, Mr. H. R. Cobbin, steepkeeper at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, presented two treble bells to the church, which at a special service held on Friday, July 11th, were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Rev. W. J. Conybeare, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. H. P. Hale.

The Archdeacon, in the course of a short pulpit address, said bell ringing, in the scientific sense of the term, was peculiarly an English custom. Abroad one heard them clanged in almost any order, but in England they were rung scientifically. It was true, few people appreciated the art of bell ringing, and it was an art only learned by considerable practice, a science demanding the most absolute concentration of thought. As a ringer himself, it was with peculiar pleasure he found himself dedicating those bells, for if anything could develop bell ringing in the country it would be a good thing. It was maintaining something that had been characteristic of English Church life for many hundreds of years, and he hoped young men who might hear the chimes might be attracted to learn bell ringing, and thereby render very real service to the Church. Bells undoubtedly uplifted our hearts and reminded us of worship.

During the service the congregation sang the hymns, 'O praise ye the Lord!' and 'When morning gilds the skies,' while the conclusion of the words of dedication was followed by the ringing of the bells for a brief interval.

Round the crown of each bell are the words: 'To the greater glory of God,' and on the waist the inscription, 'H. R. Cobbin gave me—1919—thanking God.'

Immediately after the service, the Archdeacon rang the treble through a course of Grandsire Caters. Ringers were present from Nottingham, Beeston, Bulwell, Colgrave, Eastwood and Loughboro' the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have been responsible for the work, which has also included retuning the three old treble bells, thereby making the splice perfect. Nottingham has now a really ringable peal of ten, and ten-bell ringing should retrieve the position it once held in the city.

## VICTORY MAJOR.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The method published in your issue of 18th inst. by the Rev. E. B. James, I also produced some years ago with a view to having something good to ring on ten and twelve bells. In my method (which I named St. Martin's Semi-Court Bob) I made 2nd's place so as to use 4th's place bobs. It makes an excellent method for Maximus. I have peals of it composed by the late W. D. James, in his handwriting, and dated July, 1912.—Yours,

JAS. E. GROVES.

Dear Sir,—Though Mr. E. B. James' method—now called Victory Major—has been sleeping, it has turned once or twice in its sleep. A quarter-peal was rung at St. Mary's, Pulford, on October 20th, 1914 under the name of Little Court Major, and an attempt for a peal was made at St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester, on the 23rd of June this year, but came to an end after 18 courses.—Yours faithfully,

Waygateshaw, Carlisle.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

## THE PEAL AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

This peal was rung as a welcome to Admiral Beatty and Sir Douglas Haig, who were visiting Newcastle to receive the freedom of the city. It was rung on the middle octave with the 9th as tenor, the semi-tone 6th, the gift of Miss Alice Dixon, in memory of her brother, having been added in 1914, with the express wish of the donor that it would be rung in a peace peal.

## PEACE DAY.

## ORGANISED RINGING IN LONDON.

By pre-arrangement some of the London Societies rang for the Peace day at several towers which would probably have been otherwise silent, and in some cases indeed, where the bells had been silent for very many years. This was the case with the London County Association, who organised four bands for Saturday last. The efforts of the Association caused the bells to be rung at St. Clement's; St. Mary's, Islington; St. Giles', Bloomsbury; St. John's, Waterloo; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; St. Stephen's, Coleman Street; St. Mary's, Rotherhithe; St. John's, Vassall Road; St. Gabriel's, Fimbo; St. Olave's, Hart Street; St. John's, Wilton Road; St. Peter's, Walworth; St. Stephen's, Clapham Park and St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield. The West London band at Hammersmith, whose efforts were partly allied, were able to ring at St. Paul's; also at Barnes Parish Church, and at St. Andrew's, Wells Street. The 'L.C.A.' hands included the Master and officers. Several good touches in various methods were brought round in the different towers. The organising secretary was Mr. E. Alex. Young.

The College Youths were extremely active, and in addition to the festive ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, bands of the society visited Westminster Abbey; Bow, Chiswick; St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. John's, Hackney; St. Mary Abbots, Kensington; St. Dunstan's, Stepney; St. Mary's, Whitechapel; and St. Barnabas', Fimbo.

The Cumberland Youths rang at St. Martin-in-the-Fields and other churches.

The bells of the old and historical church of Shottesbrooke, Berks, rang out to touches of Grandsire Doubles on the morning of Peace Day celebration by the following ringers, all local men, who have served in the army overseas, and are now demobilised: J. Merridge, R. Berks Yeomany, 1; W. Blay, Northumberland Fusiliers, 2; H. Hopkins, 2nd Royal Berks, 3; W. Avery, 2nd Royal Berks, 4; W. Bristow, A.S.C., 5. All the above learned to ring at this church over 20 years ago. The bells are very old, the tenor, 3rd, 2nd, dating 1634 treble 1811. The fourth has been recast, and the ring is of a very rich tone; tenor 10½ cwt. The church is a very fine specimen of architecture, being built in the form of a crucifix in 1337, and is considered to be one of the most beautiful and interesting of churches in England, attracting many visitors.

A great many peals were attempted on Saturday last, in connection with the nation's Peace Day celebrations, and a number were successful. In many more towers the bells took their part in the rejoicings, and the following are among the touches recorded:—

TAUNTON. — St. Mary's Guild, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, rang 1287 Stedman Caters: W. White 1, J. Hunt 2, E. Lloyd 3, A. Wyatt 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Burge (composer and conductor) 6, I. Creel 7, F. Sadd 8, H. Mockridge 9, E. Wyatt 10.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE. — An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Peter's Church unfortunately came to grief in the 8th part of Holt's 10-part, through a change course. The ringers were as follows: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, Miss E. Grimshaw 2, Miss Cissy Thorp (conductor) 3, Miss A. Wolstencroft 4, Miss S. Holt 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Wolstencroft 7, F. Fiddler 8.

WYKE REGIS. — At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's, in 50 mins.: T. Hyde (St. Peter's, Dorchester) 1, J. Rose 2, W. Rose 3, R. J. Tall (St. George's, Gravesend) 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, C. H. Jennings 6, A. J. Rose 7, J. Beale 8.

BRANTREE. — At 6 a.m., 1008 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, E. F. Slade 7, W. H. Hamond 8. Ringing was continued at frequent intervals throughout the day, concluding with some excellent firing and a well-merited 420 Stedman Triples: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. J. Collins 3, G. Melbourne 4, E. J. Slade 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.

LESTON, SUFFOLK. — On Saturday, July 19th, on the occasion of celebrating Peace Day several touches were brought round during the day, including Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative Surprise, Stedman Triples, and also a short touch of Bob Major, in which Mr. J. M. Bulton rang the 7th, he being in his 82nd year. He has been the much respected Master of St. Margaret's Society for over 50 years. The following members took part through the day: U. Sampson, J. G. Rumsey, G. Wilson, A. Keeble, J. Titterton, E. H. Bailey, C. F. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, J. M. Bailey, L. P. Bailey, F. W. Bailey, A. F. Bailey, and W. G. Crikmer (from Earl Soham). The conducting was shared between G. Wilson and C. F. Bailey.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. — The Peace celebrations at this village were ushered in at 7 a.m. on the Parish Church bells. Ringing was also done at various times during the day when many six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. The ringers taking part were: Miss Olive Lane, Miss Lilly Sargood, Messrs. A. Parker, E. Hartnell, J. Hall, C. Lawrence, G. Harrison, and the conductor, G. Ashley.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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Mr. A. T. King, who spoke in favour of papers being read to the Council on matters of interest, which the members could afterwards criticise, if they desired, said the Council had no power to enforce their decisions, and never would get power to enforce them, but he would tell them what they had got and did not exercise, perhaps, to the full, and that was influence. When they went back to their associations they could always exercise an influence, and that was ever so much better than trying to enforce rules.

Canon Elseo asked if the Council thought that any committee they appointed could be better than the Standing Committee? He agreed that they wanted in some way to improve their procedure, but they were faced with the difficulty that a great proportion of their time was taken up by reports. They ought somehow to limit the time spent on these in order to have more free time for the discussion of other subjects. He thought the Standing Committee was the proper body to consider the matter, and he suggested that Mr. Drake should alter his motion so that this might be done.

The Rev. H. Drake accepted the suggestion.

The motion was then put in the following terms, and carried by 24 votes to 20: 'That the Standing Committee be instructed to consider the future procedure of the Central Council at its meetings, and take such action as they think fit.'

At the suggestion of the Rev. H. Law James, the date in Canon Baker's motion was altered to April 26th, 1920, and as amended was carried.

## THE PEACE BELL.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards then opened the subject of a proposal for the revival of the ancient Peace Bell on Fridays at noon. Having referred to the Angelus, with which those who have been on the Continent are familiar, and which is heard in many places in the morning, at mid-day, and in the evening he said this call to the faithful to recite, on hearing the bell, the words to the Virgin, 'Hail, Mary, full of grace,' made a spiritual appeal, which was of distinct value. It stood in the first place as a constant witness of the Christian faith and the presence of the Christian Church. It would not perhaps, have the same significance in England, because to the minds of most English people the devotion to the Virgin Mary associated with it would not appeal. The ringing of the Angelus came gradually into use, the earliest reference to it being that a bell should be rung in the evening as a signal for people to put out their lights and say their evening prayers and retire to bed, it being thus partly a curfew and partly a call to prayer. In the 13th or 14th centuries the same thing was introduced by the ecclesiastical authorities in the morning, in order that people should be directed to say certain prayers. The mid-day bell, which still survived in the Protestant cantons of Switzerland, where to a large extent the morning and evening bells have fallen into disuse, or been deliberately suppressed, originated in the same way as the others. In 1456, the Pope, in a universal crusade of prayer, ordered a bell to be rung at mid-day in all the churches of the world, and in France the bell became known as the Ave Maria of Peace. He suggested that it would constitute a most beautiful and appropriate memorial to our fallen heroes if they could restore in this country, he did not say the Angelus pure and simple, but the mid-day bell as it was originally introduced, with its original intention amplified, by reference to those we should ever bear in grateful remembrance for the sacrifice they had made in the cause of King and country. Nothing could be more appropriate than that the bell rung in memory of those who had given their lives in the war should be at the same time a call to prayer for the continuance of the peace they died to win. It would be most appropriate if it could be done on Fridays at noon.

He moved: 'That this Council gives its hearty support to the movement already locally initiated, to restore the ancient usage of the peace bell in this country as a perpetual memorial to the men who have sacrificed their lives in the great war, and as a call to prayer for the peace of the land.'

Mr. T. H. Beams seconded, and the motion was carried without discussion.

## VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral for their great kindness in allowing the Council to meet in the historic Chapter House, and especially to the Dean, for giving them his time and his knowledge of the Cathedral in showing them some of the glories of Gloucester.

The Rev. H. Law James seconded, and the Hon. Secretary supported the motion, remarking how very heartily his proposals in regard to the meeting were entertained.

The motion having been cordially carried was acknowledged by the Dean, and a vote of thanks was also accorded to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and to Mr. John Austin for their share in the arrangements.—A vote of thanks to the President concluded the business, and the members were then conducted round the Cathedral.

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**



by the Dean, whose charming description of the beautiful and historic building was much appreciated by those who were privileged to accompany him.

The members of the Council were afterwards entertained to tea at the Gresham Hotel by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The Master of the Association (the Rev. M. E. Thorold) said it gave him much pleasure to welcome the members of the Central Council to the Association area. He referred to the position his Association held in the ringing circles, and thought that now the war was over we should all work hard and place all Societies and Councils on a sound working basis.

The President of the Central Council thanked the Gloucester and Bristol Association for their kind welcome, and said that he knew all the members of the Council appreciated the local association's welcome. Mr. Rock Small (Worcester and Districts Association) and Mr. James George (Master of the Warwickshire Association) supported the President's words.

Many of the members then paid a visit to the premises which were the foundry of the famous firm of Rudhall centuries ago, and afterwards there was an enjoyable social at the Ram Hotel.

### THE LADIES' GUILD. RAPIDLY GROWING MEMBERSHIP.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, on July 5th. The attendance of members was small, owing to difficulties in travelling, but nevertheless the meeting was very successful. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and several touches were rung with the assistance of the gentlemen. The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, at which Miss Alice White, the President of the Guild, presided.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Guild has made great progress, and the membership was now over 200. This was largely due to the work which had been done by Miss N. Gillingham, of Portishead, and Miss S. Pigott, of Smethwick, in arranging meetings at numerous towers. In order to extend the work of the Guild, and enable more meetings to be held, the Secretary proposed that districts should be formed as opportunity offered, and each district should have its own secretary and committee. For this purpose it would be necessary to alter some of the rules. The members were all in favour of these changes, and the rules were altered accordingly. The work of arranging for the formation of the districts was left in the hands of the secretary.

Miss Alice White was unanimously re-elected President, and Miss Edith K. Parker, hon. secretary and treasurer. The committee were also re-elected.

It was proposed that a report should be printed annually, and also a further supply of badges made. Reading was decided upon as the place for the next annual meeting.

Votes of thanks were proposed to Miss White for presiding, and to the secretary for her work during the year. This concluded the business meeting, and the members returned to the tower for further ringing.

A short service was held at 5.30, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Evill, who gave a short address. Miss Feltham, of Hillingdon, a member of the Guild, presided at the organ.

A splendid tea was provided in the Church Hall for members and friends, to which about 40 sat down. The Vicar welcomed the Guild to Edmonton, and Miss Feltham, who replied, thanked the Vicar for his address. A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who had provided the tea, and to all who had helped in making the meeting a success.

Ringling was continued till 8.30, the methods ranging from Grand-sire Triples to Cambridge Surprise.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on July 6th, Peace thanksgiving Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.; L. A. Goodenough 1, Herbert Wood 2, T. Blackburn 3, B. Wilson 4, Harry Wood 5, W. Payne 6, A. King (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood (first quarter-peal in method) 8.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday June 29th, in celebration of signing of Peace, 1279 Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins., at St. Margaret's Church (on front 6): J. Vernon 1, F. Sharman 2, A. Ballard 3, E. Morris (conductor) 4, J. Morris 5, A. Cattell 6.

**FLIXTON.**—Lancashire Association.—On Sunday, July 13th, on the occasion of the anniversary services, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Johnson 1, W. E. Ryder 2, Jas. Shaw 3, R. Davies 4, S. Collier 5, Lt.-Col. S. Stott, V.D., 6, J. H. Collier (conductor) 7, W. Johnson 8.

**SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, July 6th, for special thanksgiving service, 1056 Bob Major: N. R. Bailey 1, T. King 2, C. V. Ebberson 3, J. Spencer 4, E. Nunn 5, E. Challen 6, A. J. Lincoln 7, Spr. F. W. Naunton, R.E. (conductor), 8.

## NOTICES.

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Peter's, Portishead, on July 26th. Bells available from 2.30, short Service at 4 o'clock, tea at the White Cot Dairy at 4.45, followed by meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.; Service at 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the White Swan Hotel.—William Gage, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival.—Owing to Peace celebrations being held on the date fixed for the festival, this will now be held on Saturday, July 26th, at Oxford. Service in Christ Church Cathedral at 11 a.m. Business meeting at Chapter House immediately after service. A repast will be served in Christ Church dining hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets: 2/6 each to non-members, 2/- each to members. The 2/- will be refunded to all members who have served in Navy or Army during the War. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Secretary as early as possible. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available all day; New College (10) and Merton College (8) from 3 to 4 o'clock. Several six-bell towers will be available, and will be announced at meeting.—Richard T. Hibbert, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Northwich on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. H. N. Nowell, M.A., Vicar of Northwich. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**CAMPSALL, near DONCASTER (8 bells).**—The Pontefract ringers propose to have a ringing afternoon at Campsall on Saturday, July 26th. Any ringing friends heartily welcome. Bells ready at 2 o'clock.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their next meeting at Worsley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m.—Chas. Bower, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3, service at 5, tea 5.45. A meeting will also be held at Bearsted on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready at 3, service at 5, tea 5.45. Please inform me not later than Monday, August 4th, all those intending to be present.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar). Tea and business meeting at the George Inn to follow. Hall-fares up to 2s. allowed.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Mauditt on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6. The Association will hold a committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Nominations for Branch Secretary to be sent in for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, July 26th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. It is hoped that the Litton bells (6) will also be available.—I. B. Holmyard (Hon. Sec.), School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney, near Mansfield, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. and available to 9 p.m. Members from kindred associations welcome.—H. Haigh and A. Beck, Joint Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, July 26th. Ringing 3 to 8 p.m. All are welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The district meeting proposed for Andover on the 19th inst. is unavoidably postponed to August 1st. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, with business meeting to follow. Ringing again afterwards.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, August 2nd. Eight bells. Deepcar Station, G.C.R.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Monthly practices will take place at Brewdon on Saturday, August 2nd, and at Penkridge on August 30th, both at 4 p.m.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Monday, August 4th. Bells available 1 o'clock; tea at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present let me know not later than Wednesday, July 30th.—E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth, District Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, when the following towers will be visited: Weybridge, 10 a.m., Otlands Park, 12,

Esher and Hersham in the afternoon. Service at Hersham at 5 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards in the Church Institute. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 29th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held in Peterborough on Monday, August 4th (Bank Holiday). The Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6) and Woodston (6) available during the day. It is hoped to have the service in the Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Tea is at the Bedford Cafe at 4 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.**—It is proposed to hold a reunion of the St. Michael's Juniors on Tuesday, August 5th, at Gloucester. Will those members likely to attend kindly communicate at their earliest with R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol?

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

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

**ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.**—It is proposed to place an oak peal board in the ringing room of St. George's Church, as a memorial to the Rev. V. A. Cresswell, M.A., an enthusiastic member of the Hereford Guild, and subscriptions towards the cost will be gratefully received by W. Mead, Hon. Sec., 1, Market Place, Clun.

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#### PEACE PEAL BY 'RANK AND FILE.'

Following the example of the officers in ringing a peal of Caters, the rank and file in and around Bristol determined to emulate them or go one better, so about a month ago a band met at St. Stephen's, and rang 3,164 changes of Stedman Caters. Owing to a change course, the bells were brought round at this number. It had been done so clean that not even the conductor (who was ringing the tenor) nor the men concerned knew where the mistake had occurred, and it was only the fact of bringing them round after only one single had been called that proved to them that it was a change course, and not the conductor 'swinging the lead.' After this attempt it was arranged to meet for it on Saturday, June 28th, and to start at 4.30 p.m. As events turned out this was a most appropriate date. A punctual start was made, and a very good peal was rung, as has been already recorded. Previous to the peal, arrangements had been made for Mr. G. R. Newton from Liverpool to have a ring at St. Mary Redcliffe, and, meeting here at 2.30 p.m., the twelve bells were raised in peal, and several touches of Stedman Cinques and one of Forward Maximus were rung, in which Messrs. J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton), W. Farley (Wells), T. F. King and G. H. Harding (Bath) also took part.

#### DEATH OF MR. H. HAMPSON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Hampson, which occurred at his residence, Bradford, Yorkshire, on Monday, June 16th. The funeral took place at Moorside on June 21st, and as the cortege neared the church, the bells were rung deeply muffled by the Oldham and district ringers. After the service (which was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Garnett), a plain course of Grandfire Triples was rung over the grave by C. E. Platt, H. Barlow, S. Stott and I. Schofield.

Before joining the army deceased was a ringer at Moorside Parish Church, and was greatly interested in Kent Treble Bob, in which method he had conducted several peals. Death was due to fluid on the brain, caused by shrapnel wounds, and heart failure.

**LITTLE MUNDEN.**—Hertfordshire Association.—Recently, 720 Bob Minor: S. Carter (first 720) 1, B. Carter 2, F. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, E. Overall (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. Another 720, with R. Jones (first 720) treble.—On Sunday, July 13th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: B. Carter 1, C. Gale 2, F. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, E. Overall 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On July 17th, 1029 Minor, 180 Double Oxford, 120 Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: B. Carter 1, B. Patmore 2, N. Patmore 3, A. Phillips 4, E. Overall 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

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When the Central Council are looking round for directions in which they might increase their usefulness, they might do worse than consider whether they could not set out, with advantage to the Exercise, upon a campaign of propaganda. This is a phase of work which has never been undertaken. We often deplore that the general public knows practically nothing of the varied interests and the fascination of our pursuit; but it must be admitted that the fault lies with the ringing fraternity itself, which has done little or nothing to remove the ignorance which prevails. Although there have been ringing societies in existence for nearly three hundred years and the country has been covered with a complete network of organisations in the last forty years, it is surprising how little the lore, the science and the art has permeated the multitudes. To the average man in the street the bells are just the bells; of their history, of their mechanism, of the skill that is necessary to the making of the good ringer, to say nothing of the intricacies of change-ringing, he knows nothing. Of necessity ringers have had to practise their art in the seclusion of the belltowers, but it has been their habit, also, to discuss it only in their own circles. It is not a spectacular pastime like football or racing, but there is not another pursuit which surpasses it in interest, or which possesses, in combination with a fascinating mental exercise, a physical occupation of a more healthy type. Yet all its advantages are unknown to the public. If they were, it could only be for the good of the Exercise, and fewer people would look upon ringers as being sent for their special annoyance.

Now, a great deal by way of educating the public can and should be done through local societies and the larger county and diocesan associations. But it should certainly be within the province of the Central Council to organise these efforts, to concert the measures which might best be taken, to provide the material by way of lectures and even lecturers, and generally to stimulate and encourage the extension of knowledge concerning the art and all that appertains to bells. The idea opens up a big field, and a committee of energy and enthusiasm, with a secretary specially appointed for the purpose, who would put his heart and his time into the work, might do wonders in a few years. To get the whole machine moving would require no little effort, for associations and local companies of ringers must be stirred to movement, and to move some of these from their lethargy would in itself be an achievement. But there is the work to do and the Central Council is the body to do it. Even apart from enlightening the public, there are many opportunities for useful service

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### PEACE PEALS.

#### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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On Monday, July 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES.**

Tenor 37½ cwt.

*WILLIAM STORY ... .. Treble	JOHN FOREMAN ... .. 7
C. L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 2	BERT HORTON ... .. 8
*JOSEPH ROWELL ... .. 3	A. F. HILLIER ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 4	J. E. R. KEEN ... .. 10
W. W. SINCLAIR ... .. 5	ROBERT RICHARDS ... .. 11
JOSEPH McKEAG ... .. 6	B. C. DIXON ... .. Tenor

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#### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

†JOHN GOULD ... .. Treble	JOHN BISHOP ... .. 5
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2	*HENRY WINDSOR ... .. 6
ARTHUR E. SEVIER ... .. 3	JOHN WINDSOR ... .. 7
*SAMUEL BUTCHERS ... .. 4	W. JOHN EVERED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

\* First peal with a working bell. † First peal. This is believed to be the first peal accomplished on Peace Day, 'go' being called at 5.10 a.m. and 'that's all' at 8.8 a.m.

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On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*MISS IDA E. CHARMAN ... Treble	CECIL A. CHARMAN ... 5
HORACE S. CHARMAN ... 2	THOMAS WORSFOLD ... 6
WILLIAM CHARMAN ... 3	†ALWYN CHARMAN ... 7
HENRY W. TIDY ... 4	*ERNEST WARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALWYN CHARMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor. This peal was rung on Peace Celebration Day, starting at 5.30 a.m. It was also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and a welcome home to the tower of the ringers of the 2nd and 5th, who are now demobilised from H.M. Forces.

## DEPTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

JOSEPH LAW ... Treble	THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 5
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 6
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung to commemorate the proclamation of Peace.

## SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

## THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.

JOHN R. FRYIRS ... Treble	HENRY FERGUSON ... 5
HERBERT MILLNER ... 2	HARRY GIBSON ... 6
ALFRED W. DITCHBURN ... 3	JOHN R. BARTON ... 7
TOM WARDMAN ... 4	FRANK DAVISON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. BARTON.

Rung to commemorate the National Peace Celebrations. First peal in the method by an entirely local band.

## WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Treble	*WALTER STEED ... 5
WILLIAM J. E. JONES ... 2	*OLIVER TWIST ... 6
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 3	HERBERT F. HULL ... 7
CHAS. A. HUGHES ... 4	GEO. B. LUCAS, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. B. LUCAS, SEN.

\* First peal. Rung to commemorate the Peace celebrations.

## BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 19th, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GIBBS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 5
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 2	GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... 7
JONATHAN PRESTON ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty.

## SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL ... Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH ... 5
FREDERICK MORGAN ... 2	EDWARD MILLS ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 7
JOHN BLAKE ... 4	THOMAS HOAD ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate Peace, go being called at 5.10 a.m.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*THOMAS I. KNIGHT ... Treble	PERCY J. SPICE ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... 2	GEORGE HUXLEY ... 6
ALFRED E. JAMES ... 3	GEORGE DURLING ... 7
GEORGE F. JAMES ... 4	ARTHUR BYGRAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung on Peace Celebration Day.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN THORNTON RICKMAN ... Treble	ALBERT D. STONE ... 5
WILLIAM PALMER ... 2	JOHN JAY ... 6
ALFRED CRIPPS ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
CHARLES PALMER ... 4	RICHARD STREDWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

## HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR G. H. HEMDS ... Treble	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 2	GEORGE HITCHMAN ... 6
ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	ALBERT BEACHAM ... 7
HARRY GROSVENOR ... 4	GEORGE PIGOTT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

Rung as a Peace Peal for Harborne. The band wish to thank the Vicar for so kindly entertaining them after the Peal.

## DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*BERNARD ALLSOP ... Treble	EDWIN BLACKWALL ... 5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 2	JOHN SIDDAL ... 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 3	FRED W. HILL ... 7
THOMAS WHITE ... 4	*MAURICE FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

\* First Peal in the method. † 50th Peal.

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

On Saturday, July 19th, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

BROERTON'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 15½ cwt.	
GEORGE H. GIBBS ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... ..	5
JONATHAN PRESTON ... ..	2	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... ..	6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... ..	3	GEORGE F. GARRISON ... ..	7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... ..	4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of Peace, and rung by  
he local band.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD  
DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5136 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD SHAW ... ..	Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... ..	5
*ALBERT HELLIWELL ... ..	2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... ..	6
DR. S. HARRISON, R.G.A. ... ..	3	DAVID BREARLEY ... ..	7
PT. A. BREARLEY, R.E. ... ..	4	WILLIAM HARRISON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HILL.

Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of Peace celebrations. This peal  
commenced the day's proceedings, going off into changes at 7.30 a.m.

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

On Thursday, July 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL RADDON ... ..	Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON ... ..	5
BENJAMIN FOSKETT ... ..	2	HARRY KILBY ... ..	6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... ..	3	THOMAS LANGDON ... ..	7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... ..	4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

†G. SINGLETON ... ..	Treble	*H. HARPER ... ..	4
†P. ALERIGHTON ... ..	2	†W. J. TIGWELL ... ..	5
E. TIGWELL, JUN. ... ..	3	E. TIGWELL, SEN. ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. TIGWELL, SEN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung in connection with the  
Peace rejoicings. First peal on the bells by a local band, and rung at  
the first attempt. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5 were elected members of  
the Warwickshire Guild before starting for the peal.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARK LANE ... ..	Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... ..	4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... ..	2	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... ..	5
LEONARD HARLOW ... ..	3	HORACE H. SMITH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace. Quickest peal on the  
bells.

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

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob,  
Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire Minor and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Conducted by GUY R. AMBROSE.

\* First peal in 6 methods, and first attempt at Oxford Treble Bob.  
First peal as conductor by G. R. Ambrose. T. M. Mitchell's 25th  
peal. Rung as a 'start off' for the local Peace Celebrations, 'go'  
being called at 7 a.m.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grand-  
sire Minor, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Two of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS ... ..	Treble	GEORGE A. JONES ... ..	4
HARRY ARGENT ... ..	2	GEORGE MORRAD ... ..	5
GUY R. AMBROSE ... ..	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

This peal was rung in the afternoon, and the band were kindly  
entertained to tea by the Peace Celebration Committee.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being one 720 of Single Court, three 720's of Oxford Bob and three  
720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS IDA B. THOMPSON ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE ... ..	4
WALTER WHITE ... ..	2	FRANK SPENCER ... ..	5
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... ..	3	THOMAS SQUIRES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to celebrate the great Peace. First peal by ringer of the  
treble and first peal on these bells by ringer of the 3rd.

MINCHINHAMPTON.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*VICTOR HATHAWAY ... ..	Treble	FRANK PONTING ... ..	4
EDWARD JEFFERIES ... ..	2	HARRY BARRATT ... ..	5
HARRY NEWMAN ... ..	3	GEORGE PACKER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by H. NEWMAN.

First peal of Doubles by all the band, with the exception of the  
ringer of the tenor; also the first peal of Doubles on these bells since  
the year 1868. Rung as part of the Peace celebrations. \* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On St. Margaret's Day, July 20, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Consisting of ten different callings of Grandsire, four of Canterbury,  
and four of Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT, SEN.

A peal of Minor was unfortunately lost on the previous day for  
Peace celebrations when 4000 changes had been rung, through the  
illness of one of the band. \* First peal.

Other Peals are unavoidably held over.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

## ANNUAL MEETING AT LICHFIELD.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held recently at Lichfield proved to be a very successful one. The return to the Cathedral city for the chief meeting of the year is a move in the right direction, as was evidenced by the number of members who attended. At 3 o'clock the Cathedral bells were raised in peal, and were kept on the go till nearly 4, and again from 5 to 6 o'clock. The bells at St. Mary's were also made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The customary service was held in St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Preb. Paice (Vicar) delivering a most interesting address. A bountiful tea was provided at Seagrave's Restaurant, at which 75 ringers and friends sat down.

During the interval which followed, Messrs. F. Perrens, W. Kent, A. Walker, J. E. Groves and J. F. Smallwood, rang a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters on handbells, which delighted those within earshot. The subsequent meeting took place out of doors, under the patronage of Mr. J. J. Bradney.

The committee, in the annual report, said they hoped soon to issue a roll of honour suitably printed on card-board, containing the names of all the members of the society who have served in the Forces, and it is hoped that a copy of this will be hung in every affiliated belfry. Three more of the members had won decorations (the Military Medal): Mr. Frank Ward, of Willenhall; Mr. William Wall, of Rushall; and Mr. Leonard Bate, of Kingswinford, and heartiest congratulations were extended to them. During the year twelve peals had been rung, of which six were since the Armistice was signed:—Grandsire Triples, 1: Stedman Triples, 7; Stedman Caters, 1: Bob Major, 1: Kent Treble Bob Major, 2. Last year, 20 new members joined the society, making a total membership of 423. The accounts for the year showed a small reduction in the balance in hand. This was partly due to the large number of members on active service, who, of course, were not asked for their subscriptions. It is hoped that the return of so many to the bands, together with an increase of new members, would render unnecessary the raising of the annual subscription. The committee were very anxious to avoid that step, though the cost of printing and other expenses had tremendously increased. The committee added that the Society were grateful to the Dean and Chapter for allowing them to return to the pre-war custom of holding the annual meeting at Lichfield. It was right and fitting that they should meet together thus as the Mother Church of the Diocese and the hope was expressed that in future years the time limit of less than two hours for the use of the Cathedral bells might be extended. Congratulations were extended to the band at All Saints', West Bromwich, on their new ring, recast by Taylor and Co. The bells at St. Michael's, Lichfield, are being rehung, two being recast. The Society regretted the loss, through death, of two honorary members the Rev. Canon Boddington and the Rev. C. H. Johnson, both of whom have been connected with the society for many years; of Mr. Herbert Jones, of St. Peter's company, Wolverhampton; and Mr. John G. Rowley, of Tipton, whose names appear in the roll of honour; also of Mr. E. Eccleshall, of Cannock, and Mr. T. Verry of Handsworth.

The officers were re-elected on bloc. Some discussion ensued with regard to a memorial to the late Mr. Roland Cartwright, who had for many years been a means of promoting change ringing in various parts of the Archdeaconry, and had also been one of the Society's representatives at the Central Council meetings for about 23 years. It was eventually decided to ask for subscriptions with the object of placing a headstone at his grave in Wombourne Churchyard subject to the family's approval.

The roll of honour—though not complete—includes the names of over 100 members, nine of whom will never return; they are: Rev. A. M. Pratt (chaplain—hon. member), Willenhall; Messrs. William Brown, Aldridge; Howard Burton, Rushall; Bert Hand, Penn; Herbert Jones, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; William J. Jones, Wombourne; Francis J. Keen, Tamworth; Herbert Pagett, All Saints', West Bromwich; and John G. Rowley, Tipton.

The following places were selected for the forthcoming meetings: Wombourne in September, Wood Green in January, Wolverhampton in April and Lichfield (annual) in June. The monthly practices will be: Brewood, July 26th, and Penkridge, Aug. 23rd, both at 4 o'clock.

Votes of thanks were accorded those who had helped to make the day a happy one.

## FILLING HER BROTHERS' PLACE.

Having lost three brothers in the war, two of them having been ringers at St. Giles', Desborough, Miss Ada Deacon, joined the local company to help fill the gap. She has developed into a capable and promising ringer, and on Peace Day, July 19th, rang her first 720 of Bob Minor, acquitting herself admirably. The band was: Miss Adeline 1, Fred Kilborn 2, Frederick Kilborn 3, A. Tailby 4, Bert Kilborn 5, S. Burdett (conductor) 6.

## YORKSHIRE RINGERS' OUTING.

## ENJOYABLE TRIP TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, June 6th, the following members of the Yorkshire Association met in Leeds Station, en route for Gloucester and district, viz., Messrs. J. W. Moorhouse and his two sons, Gerald and Malcolm, A. C. Fearnley, of York; P. J. Johnson, of Leeds; Mr. and Mrs. T. Maude, of Pudsey; W. Idle, of Earlsheaton; H. B. Kendall, of Shipley; G. Naylor, of Lightcliffe, together with Mr. and Mrs. F. Salmons and C. Salmons, of Halifax, and the 'Father of the Flock,' the esteemed Mr. George B. Bolland, of Tong, along with Mr. J. Ambler, of Halifax. After a seven hours' journey in a packed train, Gloucester was duly reached at 5 a.m. on the Saturday, and found the genial Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, awaiting them. An hour or so was beguiled in ringing courses of Grandsire Cinques, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major on handbells, and also, to the delight of friend Austin, clinking courses of Oxford Minor were rung. The natives passing through the park seemed highly diverted at being roused to their labours in this musical fashion, but time called a halt to the handbell ringing, and a move was made to the Bristol Hotel, which was to be the headquarters of the visit.

After a most welcome and substantial breakfast, Stroud was declared to be the next objective, and a journey by rail through delightful scenery brought the town into view. Here a hearty welcome was received from Mr. H. Scriven, one of the local band, and the Rector (the Rev. Canon H. Proctor (who by the way, is a nephew of the famous Squire Leonard Proctor, of Bennington) kindly paid a visit to the tower, and placed the bells, a fine peal of ten, tenor 20 cwt. in E, at the disposal of the visitors. Touches of Treble Ten, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, after which a return was made to Gloucester, one of the junior members having to be carefully decoyed away from the very fine organ in the church. A visit to the Church of St. Lawrence, at Sandhurst, some four miles distant, was next paid, the party being joined there by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilkins and Mr. A. Wilkins, of St. Nicholas', Bristol. The bells are a nice running peal, with a tenor 14 cwt., the three 'back' bells being of the early 16th century, but the others are more modern, the two trebles being by Messrs. Barwell. Mr. W. Pugh gave the party a hearty welcome and the bells were soon set going to touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire Stedman and Double Norwich, the delightful cool of the old church being much appreciated by the visitors, who subsequently paid the penalty usually exacted from the great, by being photographed by W. Pugh, junr.

After tea, in Gloucester, a visit was paid to the Church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, the bells, a delightful little peal of eight, tenor 10 cwt., being much enjoyed in touches in the standard methods. The back six bells are by the famous Gloucester founders, Messrs. Rudhall, but the trebles, again, are by Messrs. Barwell.

On Sunday, the party met for ringing at St. Michael's and St. Mary de Crypt, and they were joined at both churches by various members of the Central Council, who were beginning to congregate in the town.

Monday saw the party en route by steamer up the beautiful River Severn for a three hours' journey to Tewkesbury, the trip being enlivened by touches of all descriptions on handbells. A peal of Treble Ten was attempted on the bells of the magnificent Abbey Church of St. Mary, Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, ringing the ninth. The peal, alas! came to an abrupt conclusion, but the band, having been augmented by Messrs. J. B. Sykes, F. Barker, J. A. Trollope, J. S. Goldsmith and G. Dean touches were rung of Forward Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

The interior of this church is truly magnificent in its splendid proportions, here being the tallest Norman arches ever erected in England, while the great tower is a revelation for size and architecture. Some of the party returned to Gloucester by train while others performed a memorable journey by motor lorry, which will live in their memories, long after most other things are forgotten.

Tuesday saw some of the party attending the Central Council meeting, while others were kindly escorted through the Cathedral by the Dean of Gloucester, whose description of the magnificent choir, the east window, said to be the largest in England, and the beautiful cloisters, were much appreciated by his hearers.

Various members of the party left early on Tuesday for home while others performed the homeward journey on Wednesday. The party would like to take this opportunity of thanking their good friend, Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, for his untiring efforts on their behalf, and also to the various clergy and steeplekeepers for their kindly offices, the warm welcome extended to the visitors on every hand being much appreciated by all, the only regret being that the long journey will prevent the band paying very frequent visits to such lovely scenery, nice going bells, and genial hosts.

P. J. J.

## A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

Just too late last week, a request reached us to withdraw the record of the peal rung at Bath Abbey. The report appeared in our columns, but the claim to the performance is withdrawn.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Ringers contemplate a tour in the Midlands, commencing Saturday, August 2nd, at Sheffield, followed by visits to Birmingham (which they will make their headquarters, staying at the Cobden Hotel), Wolverhampton, Stratford-on-Avon, King's Norton, Clent, Wednesbury, etc.

The bells of the ancient Church of Barthomley, Cheshire, have fulfilled their mission to a remarkable degree within the last few days, for within the space of a week they rang not only for divine service, but for national rejoicings, a wedding and a funeral.

Canon Coleridge, who for 25 years has been Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks, has been presented by the parishioners with a cheque for £150 and an album containing the names of 500 subscribers.

Some 315 acres of the well known East Kent estate, Quex Park including the tower and twelve bells, were recently offered for sale by public auction, but the properties failed to reach the reserve.

## THE OLD BRIGADE.

On Saturday last, at St. Mary's, Reigate, 520 Grandsire Triples was rung by: G. Barrington (Streatham) 1, J. D. Drewitt (Mitcham) 2, E. Dewey (Reigate) 3, W. Shepherd (Streatham) 4, W. Argent (Reigate) 5, W. States conductor (Croydon), 6, F. W. Rice (Reigate) 7, A. Lorkin (Reigate) 8. The age of the eight ringers totalled 540 years.

Other good touches were rung by Reigate ringers and friends after which the company adjourned to Somersfield Cottage for tea. Afterwards the eight veterans were photographed, as well as the whole of the company. Mr. Lorkin's handbell, were brought into use, and during the evening the President of the Surrey Association (Mr. Drewitt) made a humorous speech, and Mr. Temple Newell (churchwarden) also spoke, after which Mr. Lorkin thanked them for their kind remarks.

Mr. Lorkin first began pulling the ropes at the age of 14 at St. Michael's Church, Witham, Essex. Eight other youngsters started with him, but the majority have now passed away. The late Mr. Henry Sayer was conductor. Should any ringer of that time recognise his name, Mr. Lorkin would be very pleased to communicate with him.

## VICTIM OF COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

The remains of the late Mr. Henry Leslie Eden, who lost his life in the explosion at the 'Minnie' Pit, Halmerend, Staffs, on Saturday, January 12th, 1918, were interred in the burial ground attached to the Barthomley Parish Church, Cheshire, on Saturday last, the body having been recovered from the mine on the previous Tuesday. His comrades from the belfry carried him to his last resting-place, amid many signs of sympathy and regret, as he was organist as well as one of the ringers at the Parish Church, and was highly respected by all.

He lost his life at the early age of 23, but had made a host of friends.

The service was impressively conducted by the Rector who, with the writer, has lost a very valued friend.

The bells sent out their muffled tones before and after the funeral, and along the route of the procession blinds were lowered. The grave was lined with evergreens, and many beautiful wreaths were sent.

## LINCOLN VETERAN'S UNIQUE RECORD.

In connection with the ringing of the Cathedral Bells upon the occasion of the Peace celebrations, a noteworthy fact was brought to light. Mr. William Henry Tilburn, a respected citizen residing in 'The Bail,' close under the Cathedral tower, who is near his 80th birthday, although not a regular ringer took part in the ringing at 7 a.m. in the morning and again at 7 p.m. in the evening. Mr. Tilburn rang the Cathedral bells at the close of the Crimean War in 1856. He also rang at the signing of the Armistice on the 11th November, 1918, at the signing of the Peace Treaty on the 28th June, 1919, and as mentioned above at the Peace celebrations on the 19th July, 1919.

Mr. Tilburn's father was the last surviving ringer who rang 'Great Tom' of Lincoln when it was first rung on Whit-Sunday, 1835.

Again Mr. W. H. Tilburn was amongst those who rang the splendid new peal put in by the well-known Loughborough firm, when they were reopened for Divine service on Whit-Sunday, 1913.

This is a fine record for one who had not the opportunity of acquiring the art of change ringing.

## RINGING AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

The first change ringing for many years at Magdalen College, Oxford, took place on Sunday, June 22nd, in honour of the anniversary of the Coronation of King George V. The bells were placed at the disposal of the Oxford Society by the kind permission of Sir Herbert Warren, President of the College, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1299 changes) was rung by: S. Hounslow 1, T. Payne 2, W. I. Smith 3, W. Finch 4, W. B. Wilkins 5, H. Miles 6, V. Bennett 7, G. King 8, R. Congreve Pridgeon (conductor) 9, R. Plaster 10.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS IN SOMERSET.

### THE STORY OF AN ENJOYABLE TRIP.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Some time ago a number of youths, ranging in age from 81 to 32 years, paid a visit to 'Zummerzet,' and rang the bells at a place called Wrington for longer than some of them cared about. I think you wasted some ink over that business at the time, about June 7th of this glorious year of peace (perhaps). Well, these good men put it on me to write to you about the ins and outs of this visit, as they thought you would like to hear about it, and maybe print it. It's a pity, isn't it, that I could not do the job a bit sooner, but what with one thing and another, I haven't had time. However, better late than never.

Looking back on that trip, the item which stands out most is not the ringing, though that was good, but the cider, and that was very good. Yes, very good indeed, Mr. Editor, and it's wonderful that the ringing was good, too, in spite of it. It was a sight for sore eyes to see the Major and Ted trying who could get outside a quart in the shortest time. But a quart's nothing, is it?

We wore a jolly party right enough. My friend the Major arranged it all, and gathered together one or two who know one rope's end from another, for he badly wanted to hear his beloved bells rung decently, and decently rung they were to suit their tones, which is hard to beat, and their 'go,' which is likewise; and their setting is almost ideal, a grand old church crowned with a noble tower, set in a neat churchyard.

But to get back to the personnel, as they say in the army. There was dear old Ted, as happy and young as a sandboy, and he won't forget that outing for many a day, I know. Then came that good fellow the Master, whose only fault is that he is too unselfish, and the Master's relative, by marriage, who contributed to the joy of nations that trip. Then that clever fellow Bert, who (the bells were a thought noisy in the ringing chamber) called Bo-o-obs just at the right moment, came along with Jack o' London (late of Bristol), and Tom o' Kent, a giant on the heavy end. Let me see, that accounts for seven of 'em. George, o' Shepherd's Bush, hardly recognisable for Somerset dust (the best in the Kingdom), rolled up on his 'Enfield' in time for a late lunch, and—oh yes—there was good old Mac from Bournemouth. As for me, I'm not used to the generous Zummerzet fare (I don't mean the cider, that has no terrors for me), and I had to take a short rest after lunch. Oh that beef, those pies, that noble cheese! I'm sure there are no food cards 'down in Zummerzet.' However, lunch must have made us strong, for we rang a very strong peal in very strong time. Afterwards we strangely ate more beef and pies and noble cheese, and suffered more golden cider to slip smoothly (and rapidly) down our parched throats. Subsequently those who were not incapacitated passed (as the 'Ringing World' so often says) (what a lot of brackets!) (oh that cider!) a pleasant hour with the handbells.

The morrow being Sunday, we drew lots who should represent us in church. I was not chosen. In company with some promising local material, we rang many changes for morning service, finishing up with three excellent leads of Treble Ten, standing as we had for our peal. I cannot report on the sermon, because I had to go to visit my great-uncle's grave at Winscombe, six miles off, hear the sermon there, and wheedle the Vicar into letting us ring there in the afternoon. By virtue of my great-uncle, my efforts succeeded.

So, after a most adequate lunch, that 'pub' ought to be transferred to Warwick Lane, E.C., the lot of us got into cars, or on the backs of motor bikes, and started off. We went first to the little church of Rowberrow, where the Major's grandfather was Vicar for 90 years, or 90 years ago. Although it was getting on for the time of the three o'clock service, by virtue of his grandfather, the Major persuaded the Rector to postpone his service for ten minutes—how useful these aged relatives are!—and we rang two touches of Kent Minor on the quite nice little six. I don't think we inconvenienced the congregation much.

Bidding good-bye to Rowberrow, we arrived in the fulness of time at Winscombe, whose church is delightfully perched seven-eighths of the way up a hill, and is second only to Wrington in that part of the world for beauty. The architecture is Early English, Decorated or Perpendicular—I'm not sure which, but perhaps a bit of three. Anyway, it's beautiful, and so are its bells, though they are mostly douced false. However, we rang here also many changes, and returned to Wrington for tea, and to ring for evensong. And here came what I personally enjoyed most in a very delightful holiday, and that was three leads of Treble Ten absolutely perfectly struck, with Tom o' Kent ripping the 37 cwt. tenor along at just the right pace. He's some chap on a heavy bell, that Tom.

And here ended for most of us a trip we shall always remember for its unqualified success and enjoyment. The weather, the bells and their 'go,' the camaraderie of the party, the bountiful fare, the cider, the Somerset air, everything, combined with the Major's excellent organisation, made for pleasure.

And now, Mr. Editor, my ink's rung out—what's that you said?—and I'll dry up. If you've room, and enough ink, perhaps you'll be a nice kind man, and tell our ringing friends about how the College Youths went to Zummerzet in the glorious year of peace.—Yours fraternally,

Sutton, 10/7/19.

J. H. R. FREEBORN, Capt.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

### GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT ECLIPSES PREVIOUS RECORDS.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Brigg on Saturday week.

A large gathering of ringers and friends were present from Gainsborough, Stow, Corringham, Kirton, Lindsey, Bigby, Scunthorpe, Barton-on-Humber, Grimsby and Workson, in addition to the local company. The bells, a ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to the standard methods, some lady ringers from Barton-on-Humber taking part. A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. F. Burgess, Vicar of Brigg, and afterwards the ringers and friends, to the number of 67, adjourned to the Church House, where, through the kind generosity of the local company and their friends, a most excellent tea was served. The business meeting followed. Mr. F. F. Finley presided, and was supported by the Rev. F. Burgess, Mr. E. J. Brown, churchwarden; and Mr. F. W. Atkinson, senr. Among those present were also Mr. J. Lowman (churchwarden), Mr. H. Haigh (Workson), and the Revs. Hunt and H. T. Parry, of Stow and Bigby respectively. Nine new members were elected, viz., Mr. J. E. Riding (Brigg), hon. member; Mr. G. F. Smithson (Corringham), and seven members (including six ladies) from Stow. Messingham was fixed as the place for the next meeting, the date to be left in the hands of the district secretary.

In response to a suggestion brought up by the Rev. Hunt, it was decided to revive the pre-war custom of arranging the meetings early in the year, so that the full list may be printed on cards, and a copy sent to each of the towers.

Interesting speeches were made by several of the gentlemen present, including the Rev. F. Burgess, who gave a most cordial welcome to the visitors.

A hearty send-off was given to the Rev. Hunt, who, to the regret of the members, is about to leave for New Zealand.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; the Brigg ringers and friends for their kind hospitality; Mr. F. W. Atkinson, junr., and others who had helped to make the necessary arrangements; and, last but not least, to the ladies who had so willingly and efficiently waited at the tables, were unanimously passed, and duly responded to.

Following the business meeting, further ringing took place, and a most successful meeting, which completely eclipsed all previous records, was brought to a close.

### SOUTHERN BRANCH AT EDENHAM.

On Saturday week a very successful meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Edenham, when members attended from Bourne, Barkston, Grantham, Ingoldsby, Colsterworth, Orston, Surfleet, Market Deeping, West Deeping, Witham-on-the-Hill, and the local company.

During the afternoon and evening, touches in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor were rung. A short service was held, at which the Vicar of Edenham (the Rev. Arthur Galton) delivered a very interesting lecture on the history and weights of the heaviest bells throughout the world.

Tea was provided at the Five Bells Inn, at which 25 members sat down.—The Vicar occupied the chair at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. H. Law James and the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston. Several new members elected were from Bourne, Market Deeping, Ingoldsby and Grantham.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James) announced to the meeting that the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln Cathedral had accepted, with thanks, the Guild's offer to increase the present peal of 8 in the Cathedral to twelve in memory of the ringers, who had fallen in the war, and asked the members present to hurry up with their subscriptions, so that the work could be put in hand as soon as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Edenham concluded a very successful meeting.

## TRIP TO GOOLE.

On Saturday, July 12th, the Doncaster and Arksey ringers had an outing to Goole. Some good ringing was done, including a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. The following ringers took part: H. Feyer, A. Ashe, J. Holmes, F. Clarke, C. Scott, F. Ashe, G. Halksworth, H. Birkwin, and F. Woodhouse; and wish to thank Mr. Drake for making the necessary arrangements and also the Vicar of Goole for the use of the bells.

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

## CROYDON, SURREY.



### THE LATE MR. JOHN EACHUS. FIFTY YEARS AT MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Mr. John Eachus, who, from 1870 was a member of the Manchester Cathedral company, and whose death we have already briefly recorded, was interred at Bradford Cemetery, Manchester, on July 2nd. The mourners included the members of the family; Mr. and Mrs. Mather; Mr. and Mrs. Wolstenholme, the Misses A. E. F. and A. Wolstenholme, Mr. Edward and Mr. William Eachus, Mr. F. Johnson, Mr. Bail, Mr. and Mrs. Webber, Mr. W. Ryder and Mr. Horrocks. Floral tributes were sent by the mourners, Mr. Ryder, and members of the Cathedral bell ringers, who also acted as bearers. Preceding the cortege were ringers from Ashton-under-Lyne, Barlow Moor, Hyde, Flixton, Reddish, Pendleton and Manchester. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. G. Hillier, M.A., of the Cathedral, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. J. Chapman, S. Booth, A. Barnes and J. W. Washbrook. Half-muffled peals were attempted at the Cathedral and St. John's, Miles Platting, but unfortunately came to grief.

Mr. Eachus had reached his 77th year, and for several years served as one of the branch secretaries of the Lancashire Association, of which organisation he was formerly a vice-president. A bootmaker by trade he was a native of Sandbach, Cheshire. He rang his first peal when 18 years of age and his record at the time of his death was well over 200. For 48 years he was conductor of Manchester Cathedral band, and he took part in the opening of the bells at Manchester Town Hall in 1877. Mr. Eachus was highly respected through the Lancashire Association and in the adjoining counties, for he was ever active in advancing the art, and in his younger days was one of the most accomplished ringers in the North.

### VICTORY MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It may interest your readers to know that 'Little Court' Bob Major is the father of all the 'Little' methods. It first materialised in my rooms in Cambridge in 1890. Little Bob is about half an hour younger. The prince of all the 'Little' methods is Little St. Lawrence, known to some of my friends as 'Hot Tom.'—Yours faithfully,

E. BANKES JAMES.

Little St. Lawrence.

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### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### A PEACE DAY MEETING.

A meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent Association at Brabourne coincided with the signing of peace, and just as the business proceedings were concluding, the guns were heard booming the signal that the treaty had been signed. The Vicar (the Rev. Lockyer) at once led the meeting in singing the Doxology and the National Anthem, and then a move was made to the tower, where 720 of Kent Treble Bob was tapped off in fine style, by: G. Jenking (Canterbury) 1, E. Cheesman (Brabourne) 2, E. S. Ruck (Ashford) 3, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 4, F. Hodgkin (Headcorn) 5, P. H. Peirce (Brabourne) 6. The Vicar suggested that this 720 be inscribed on a tablet, together with the names of all the ringers who had rung there that day and placed in the tower as a memento of such an auspicious occasion, and the proposal was gladly accepted.—The Vicar officiated at the service previously held, and kindly provided an excellent tea, which was partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, the local ringers and their wives doing their best to see that the visitors' wants were well supplied.

In replying to a vote of thanks, the Vicar hoped the visit would become an annual one.

### WELCOME HOME FROM RUSSIA.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on July 13th, for morning service, and as a 'welcome home' to Q.-M.-S. J. Champion, who has done 4 years' service, the last few months having been in Russia. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Bramham 1, H. Chamberlain 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, Q.-M.-S. J. Champion (first 720) 4, A. Gill 5, C. Walsh 6. For evening service, 240 of Oxford and Plain Course of Violet, New London Piousive and London Scholars Piousive, by: R. J. Ricketta 1, J. Panther 2, H. Chamberlain 3, Q.-M.-S. J. Champion 4, A. Panther (conductor) 5, A. Gills 6.

### PEACE CELEBRATION TOUCHES.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on the 19th July, in connection with the Peace celebrations, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins., was rung by members of St. Mary's Society: H. Russam 1, D. McKillop 2, W. C. S. Heathcote (conductor) 3, W. B. Sampson 4, A. F. Martin Stewart 5, A. G. Collinson 6, E. F. Price 7, J. Whitson 8. Tenor 42 cwt.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins. was rung at St. Bartholomew's Church: Thomas Herbert 1, John Martin 2, Alfred Burrows 3, William H. Inglesant (conductor) 4, Alfred Peach 5, George Horspool 6. The bells were also fired.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, at St. Maries, a quarter-peal of Kent Minor (consisting of one: 720 and a 600), in 50 mins.: J. J. Tune 1, G. C. Terry 2, W. A. Hudson 3 (conductor), Gus Hatfield 4, T. Barker 5, E. D. Tune 6. Rung for thanksgiving day for Peace; also as a welcome to John J. Tune, who only returned the day before after 3½ years' absence in the army.

CLAPHAM.—At St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Horrex 1, Miss A. White 2, W. J. Kemp 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, J. Willshe 5, W. A. Alps 6, W. S. Langdon 7, Miss G. M. Adams 8. The following also took part in the ringing: J. Rumley, F. G. Symonds and H. Langdon.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Whit-Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, at St. Edwards, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): A. Pye 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, A. Chapman 3, L. A. Pye 4, E. J. Butler 5, G. R. rye 6, H. Dawkins 7, W. Watson 8. This quarter is in five courses, with the 4th and 6th only in 6th's place.

MIDDLETON.—Lancashire.—On Sunday, July 6th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: F. Berry 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, T. K. Driver 4, S. Holt 5, T. Ogden 6, W. Hardman 7, S. Wellins 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stilwell 1, G. Butler 2, W. G. Bunch 3, A. Hearmon 4, H. Tice 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. J. Riddell (conductor) 7, C. Bunch 8.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 28th, to celebrate the signing of the Peace treaty, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): Miss K. Harrington 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, R. Rayner 3, F. Wiseman 4, S. Hale (conductor) 5, B. Pettitt 6, S. Wilding 7, C. Barker 8.—On Sunday, June 29th, for the festival of St. Peter, 504 of Grandsire Triples, L. Wiseman 1, S. Hale (conductor) 2, R. Rayner 3, H. Perkins 4, A. Wash 5, B. Pettitt 6, S. Wilding 7, K. Harper 8.

DEBENHAM.—The Peace celebrations at Debenham, Suffolk, were opened with 1280 of Bob Major before 8 a.m., by: J. Hammond 1, E. E. Grimes 2, P. Laffin 3, W. J. Groom 4, T. H. Chapel 5, W. J. Rumsey 6, W. Grimes (conductor) 7, G. S. Rowe, junr., 8. Later, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung, G. Rowe, snr., and Sergt. Bennett (a visitor) also taking part. At the conclusion of every touch the bells were 'fired.'

BROXBORNE.—On July 19th, in honour of Peace, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 45 mins., by: W. Mumford 1, G. Maxim 3, F. Jelf 4, W. Saban 5, F. Saban 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8.

### LATE NOTICES.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND OXFORD GUILD.—A friendly gathering will take place at Hillingdon on Monday, Aug. 4th. Ringing at St. Andrew's, 3 to 5; St. John's, 7 to 9. Tea can be provided at small fee on writing to Miss N. G. Williams, 5, Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon. Cambridge Surprise by request.—W. H. Fussell.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Hereford District).—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. Tea, 6 p.m., free to members forwarding replies not later than Aug. 5th. Business meeting afterwards. It is earnestly requested that all members in union in the district will attend this meeting. Combined practice as follows: Allensmore, Aug. 23rd; Stoke Edith, Sept. 6th; Townhope, Sept. 20th, all at 6 p.m.—C. Edwards, Great Bampton, Madley, Hereford, Dist. Sec.

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**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The district meeting at Andover on August 2nd. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 with business meeting to follow. Ringing again afterwards.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, August 2nd. Eight bells. Deepcar Station, G.C.R.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Monthly practices will take place at Brewood on Saturday, August 2nd, and at Penkridge on August 30th, both at 4 p.m.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next Meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church to-morrow, Saturday, August 2nd, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6. Business important.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Monday, August 4th. Bells available 1 o'clock; tea at 5 o'clock.—E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth, District Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, when the following towers will be visited: Weybridge, 10 a.m., Oatlands Park, 12, Esher and Hersham in the afternoon. Service at Hersham at 5 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards in the Church Institute. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held in Peterborough on Monday, August 4th (Bank Holiday). The Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6) and Woodston (6) available during the day. It is hoped to have the service in the Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Tea is at the Bedford Cafe at 4 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A District Meeting will be held at King's Lynn, on Monday, August 4th, 1919. The ring of ten bells at the Parish Church, by kind permission of the Rev. J. C. Vawdrey, will be open for the use of members, and also the ring of six bells at Tilney All Saints', Gaywood and Grimston. Dinner will be served at Mr. Ely's, Norfolk Street, King's Lynn, at 1 o'clock, followed by General Meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Ashford on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 4th, by kind permission of

the Vicar, Rev. T. K. Sopwith. Ringing from 2 till 4 o'clock. Tea at 4. Business Meeting to follow. Service in Church at 6 o'clock. Ringing again from 6.30 till 9. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, at once? The towers of Eastwell and Kennington will be available for ringing during the morning.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.**—It is proposed to hold a reunion of the St. Michael's Juniors on Tuesday, August 5th, at Gloucester. Will those members likely to attend kindly communicate at their earliest with R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol?

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 7th and 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th, at 10 a.m.; and on the 11th and 25th, at 7.45 p.m.; \* St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, and \*St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock; business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brent Knoll on Saturday, August 9th. Service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting after service. Bells afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Hon. Sec., Burnham-on-Sea.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, August 9th. Ringing from 2.30 till dusk. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mr. H. R. Butcher (Gen. Hon. Sec.). Half railway fares. Members wishing to be present to tea must let me know by Tuesday, August 5th. The postponed Chiddingly meeting has been arranged for September 20th. Notice in due course.—George H. Howse, Div. Hon. Sec., "Kenilworth," Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824, Southern District.—The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints', Isleworth, tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Nominations for Vice-Presidents, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors to be handed in at this meeting.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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

**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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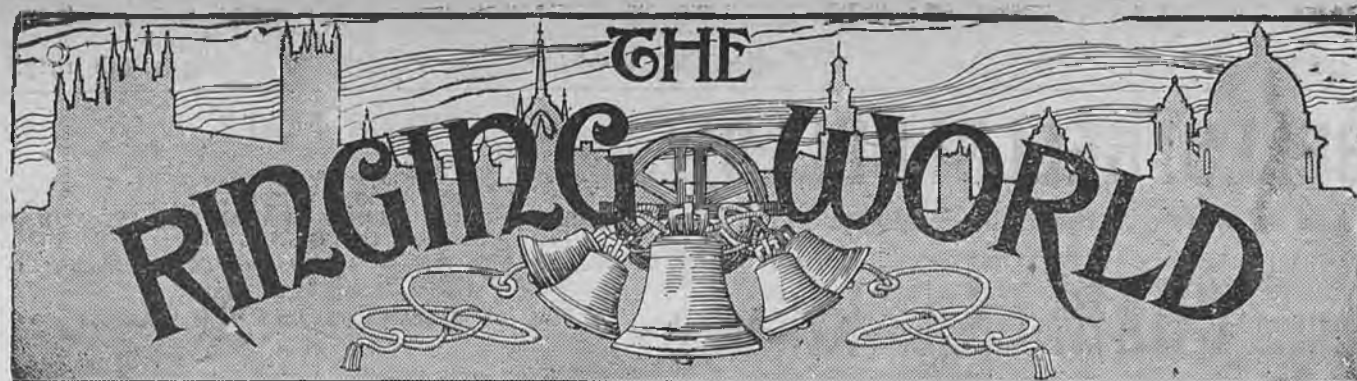
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### FINANCE AND PROPAGANDA.

Our article last week has called forth a letter from Canon Papillon, than whom no one in the ringing Exercise is better able to speak on the question of propaganda for the extension of knowledge relating to bells. For more years than most of us have known how to hold a rope, Canon Papillon has laboured with his able pen to spread information and create interest through many channels, and how much the Exercise owes to his efforts will never, perhaps, be known. Canon Papillon welcomes the suggestion which we put forward, and looks upon it as a fitting task to be undertaken under its extended reference by the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council. For ourselves, we care not whether this committee or some other specially appointed committee is entrusted with the work so long as it is taken up with energy. To be successful, a propaganda campaign cannot be run on half-hearted lines. It must be in the hands of men prepared to give time and thought to the matter, and the Council must be prepared to back it up, not only with its influence, but also with funds. It would be of no use to delegate to a committee a task of this kind without also a vote of money to put into operation any scheme which they might evolve. At present the Council appears to be committed to the expenditure of what funds it may possess for the purpose of printing the next section of the Peals Collection and the Plain Major Methods, and it is quite clear that nothing in the nature of an effective propaganda campaign could be run at the same time as a scheme was on foot for the issue of further publications, unless the Council can find a means of increasing its revenue.

It has taken a good many years to accumulate the present funds, but this small nest-egg, the result of long saving, will probably be swallowed up when the two publications contemplated are issued. What the Council must therefore be prepared to do is to go to the affiliated associations and tell them it is necessary to increase the annual subscription. If the Council is really prepared in the future to extend its efforts, it might well raise the fee to half a guinea. As long as it can show the associations that its work warrants it, we feel sure there are few who would quibble at the payment; but, here again, the Council must show its readiness to engage actively in work which is going to benefit ringing. While the Council remained purely a debating society, the modest half-crown fee was probably sufficient, but when it is remembered how little can be done with the annual savings from this contribution, it would be useless to think of launching any propaganda work without finding further money to carry it out, and in considering any plans of this description it will be necessary to deal with the financial situation as well.

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## PEACE PEALS.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

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

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5041 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... .. 7
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3	ARTHUR MASON ... .. 8
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... .. 9
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... .. 5	WILLIAM HONOR ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace and also as a birthday compliment to J. J. Pratt and Miss Pratt. The band wish, through the medium of this journal, to thank Mr. Pratt for his kind hospitality after the peal.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Monday, July 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE WALKER ... .. 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	JOHN NEAL ... .. 6
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... .. 7
S-M. ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS, Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Priesthood of the Rev. Dom Lambert Nolle, O.S.B.P.S.; also to commemorate the Signing of Peace.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

H. MILES ... .. <i>Treble</i>	W. H. B. WILKINS ... .. 5
W. F. JUDGE ... .. 2	F. WEBB ... .. 6
F. TAYLOR ... .. 3	W. JUDGE ... .. 7
G. HOLFIELD, JUN. ... .. 4	W. STONE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. JUDGE.

Quickest peal on the bells. \* First peal.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS THORPE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM DEVEY ... .. 5
JOSEPH CORNS ... .. 2	*ARTHUR PIPER ... .. 6
HARRY SADLER ... .. 3	HORACE SADLER ... .. 7
JOHN APSE ... .. 4	*ROBERT DEVEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HORACE SADLER.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace. \* First peal.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION,  
AND THE MANCHESTER UNITY OF ODDFELLOWS.  
(THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, July 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*BRO. J. WILFRED SHARP ... Treble	BRO. JOHN T. HENSMAN ... 5
BRO. BERTIE O. SODEN ... 2	*BRO. WILLIAM SIBLEY ... 6
BRO. THOMAS LAW ... 3	BRO. F. HOPPER, G.M. ... 7
BRO. FRED WILFORD, P.G. ... 4	BRO. WILLIAM STURGESS ... Tenor

Conducted by BRO. FRED HOPPER, G.M.

\* First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung to commemorate the Signing of the Peace Treaty, and is the first Oddfellows' Peal to be rung in the County of Northamptonshire. The ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th belong to the 'Victoria' Lodge, and the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, and 6th belong to the 'Good Intent' Lodge.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT WOOD ... Treble	HARRY WOOD ... 5
THOMAS BLACKBOURN ... 2	WALTER PAYNE ... 6
BERT WILSON ... 3	ALFRED KING ... 7
HARRY WALKER ... 4	FREDERICK HUNT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED KING.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 1 ton.

ROBERT EVANS ... Treble	RICHARD JONES ... 5
WILLIAM WASE ... 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 6
*JOHN HERBERT RIXOM ... 3	GEORGE LEONARD HEWITT ... 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4	*ALFRED SYDNEY BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

\* First peal. Walter Lago sat in the tower and checked every lead end.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF S. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF CRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY BROCKLEBANK ... Treble	*HERBERT SAMUEL ... 5
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 2	JOHN EVANS ... 6
WILLIAM HUGHES ... 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES ... 7
ROBERT BIRCHALL ... 4	SAMUEL MOSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

\* First peal with a working bell. Rung on Peace day in celebration of the victory of the Allies.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... 5
CHARLES GREEDY ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
TOM FORD ... 3	ARTHUR E. MORGAN ... 7
JOHN BULLEN ... 4	*FREDERICK J. WHITFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

\* First peal. Rung in connection with the Peace celebrations and national rejoicings on the termination of the Great War.

NORTHAMPTON.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... Treble	JOSEPH C. DEAN ... 5
ALFRED P. HENSMAN ... 2	HERBERT RAINBOW ... 6
HENRY BLUNDELL ... 3	WILLIAM FAREY, SEN. ... 7
WILLIAM ATTERBURY ... 4	*WILLIAM G. FAREY, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FAREY, SEN.

\* First peal. Rung in celebration of the signing of Peace.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALL,

**A PEAL OF CRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK FOX ... Treble	MARTIN HARRIS ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	THOMAS NEWALL ... 6
EDWARD HARRISON ... 3	GILBERT GERRARD ... 7
GEORGE JONES ... 4	ARTHUR HARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

All are members of the tower.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIFFITHS ... Treble	AUSTIN GREGORY ... 5
RICHARD LUNT ... 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT ... 6
JOSEPH MAYERS ... 3	WALTER THOMAS ... 7
JOHN ROBERTS ... 4	ROBERT GREGORY ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.

All are members of the tower, and it is worthy of record that the ringer of the 3rd, Joseph Mayers, is seventy-nine years of age.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 6 qr. 26 lb.

EDWIN DUMPER ... Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 5
*OWEN H. GILES ... 2	ALBERT MARKS ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung for Peace day celebrations, and was brought round at 8.30 a.m.

ROTHWELL, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE COPLEY ... Treble	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW ... 5
ALFRED CHAPMAN ... 2	GEORGE W. STEEL ... 6
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW ... 3	STEPHEN STACEY ... 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS ... 4	WALTER CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

Rung to celebrate the rejoicings on the signing of Peace.

## CAERPHILLY.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

PERCY JONES ... .. Treble	* HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5
* WILLIAM DARE ... .. 2	GEORGE COOKE ... .. 6
WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 3	FRANK BOUCHER ... .. 7
ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 4	THOMAS LOVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. COOKE.

\* First Peal. First Peal on the bells by a local band. Rung to celebrate the Signing of Peace.

## WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

† THOMAS R. PERCIVAL ... Treble	† GEORGE R. HOLMES ... 5
* RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 2	† JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 6
† JAMES E. GOFTON ... 3	† STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
† R. ALDER GOFTON ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

Rung to commemorate Peace Day and as a welcome home to J. E. Gofton who has just returned from France.

\* First peal in the method. † Served in H.M. Forces.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY LEA ... .. Treble	EDWARD BRETTLE ... .. 5
ELIJAH WHITE ... .. 2	VICTOR WHITE ... .. 6
GEORGE COCKIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM WEBB ... .. 7
ALBERT PARSONS ... .. 4	MATTHEW HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WEBB.

Rung to celebrate Peace.

## PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM COTTERIL ... Treble	CHARLES SEDDON ... .. 5
DAVID HINDLEY ... .. 2	THOMAS HOWARD ... .. 6
THOMAS LINGARD ... .. 3	JOHN HOWARD ... .. 7
JAMES HINDLEY ... .. 4	JOHN EDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

## FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's each called differently with 6-8 covering. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DYE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 2	GEORGE BEVERLEY ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN ... .. 3	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 7
CHARLES WYBROW ... .. 4	CHARLES S. FUTHILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. E. BASON.

Rung in celebration of the signing of Peace. 'Go' was called at 6.41 a.m.

## OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JONATHAN WHEWELL ... Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 5
MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... 2	JAMES THAW ... .. 6
* MISS MARY E. BARNES ... 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
JACK BARNES ... .. 4	JOHN BENTLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung during Peace Celebration. Mr. J. Bentley had journeyed from Hoylake, and afterwards entertained the ringers to lunch.

\* First peal in Major.

## HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor, 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs.

* FRANK CRUTTENDEN ... Treble	LAZARUS PAYNE ... .. 5
SAMUEL BURT ... .. 2	CHARLES TYLER ... .. 6
WILLIAM MARKWELL ... .. 3	GEORGE PAYNE ... .. 7
ALBERT E. BAKER ... .. 4	ARTHUR HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PAYNE.

\* First peal.

## WORSLEY.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 21, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

P. H. DERBYSHIRE ... Treble	JAMES T. POTTER ... .. 5
J. H. RIDYARD ... .. 2	W. PENNINGTON ... .. 6
F. GRINDY ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
W. JONES ... .. 4	W. GRUNDY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to commemorate Peace, also to welcome home on leave W. Oakes and W. Grundy. The ringer of the Treble has rung a peal on every bell in the Tower. The ringer of 5th hails from Eccles, 6th from Bolton, and the 7th from Walkden; the rest belong to the local company.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## BEDFORD.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Stamford, Lancashire, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. 10 G.

CHARLES A. ROBINSON ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4
HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 5
CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

## LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12th, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH PETTIT ... .. Treble	HARRY MEADOWS ... .. 4
LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 2	RICHARD DUNKLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE LINES ... .. 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung as a thanksgiving peal on the signing of the Peace Treaty. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and Mr. Dunkley for their kind hospitality after the peal.

**THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of College Exercise, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN ... .. Treble	GEORGE KEMP ... .. 4
WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 5
EDWARD YOUNGS ... .. 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Rung in honour of the Peace celebrations.

**GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.**  
**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Nicolas,*

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

BERT CARTER ... .. Treble	HENRY WALLACE ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. LAURENCE ... .. 2	NATHAN PATMORE ... .. 5
ERNEST A. OVERALL ... .. 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Rung upon the occasion of Peace Celebrations, after an unsuccessful attempt at Little Munden in the early morning at 4.40 a.m.

**HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Maries,*

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EX-SPR. JOHN J. TUNE ... Treble	AUGUSTUS HATFIELD ... .. 4
EX-PR. EDWIN D. TUNE ... 2	GEORGE C. TERRY ... .. 5
MATTHEW T. TONE ... .. 3	EX-SPR. WM. A. HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

This peal was rung for Peace Celebrations. The bells were rung in Queens and were 'fired' before and after the peal. It was also rung as a welcome to Ex-Sapper J. J. Tune, Ex-Private E. D. Tune, Ex-Sapper W. A. Hudson, who were the only three to join the Forces from the tower, and all returned.

**CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours,*

*At the Parish Church,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

*REV. CREIL H. CLARKE ... Treble	*ALBERT GORRINGE ... .. 4
*WILLIAM WHITE ... .. 2	ALBERT REED ... .. 5
WILLIAM JENNER ... .. 3	*WILLIAM ELLIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. REED.

\* First peal.

**SIX BELL PEAL.**

**ORDSALL, NOTTS.**

**THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, July 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

*At the Church of All Hallows,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HARRY HURST ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR BEARDSALL ... .. 4
*SYDNEY BLAGG ... .. 2	ROBERT MILES ... .. 5
*JOHN ATKINSON ... .. 3	JOHN SEGAR, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by J. SEGAR, JUNR.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of those who have fallen in the war.  
\* First peal.

**DEATH OF A LUTON RINGER.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Rookwood, which occurred at his residence, at Luton, on July 13th, at the age of 58 years. The deceased had been a ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 30 years, and watched with interest the progress of the band from call changes to Double Norwich. He had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and was looking forward to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples, when he was called to rest.

The funeral took place at the church cemetery and was attended by five ringers in addition to the family, the first part of the service being held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Chapman, officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. C. M. Winter (senior curate). The Vicar gave an appropriate address.

During the evening the local band rang the bells half-muffled for upwards of an hour. Deceased was a member of the Beds and Herts Associations, and of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AT BEACONSFIELD.**

Members of the local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild met on Saturday, July 5th, at 4.30 p.m. for a combined practice, which was rather thinly attended owing to the heavy storms in the district which prevailed till after 3 o'clock. Several bands made good progress in Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and touches of Double Norwich, Plain and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. By kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett, the party was entertained to tea at the Burnham Hall, the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Commeline, saying a few appropriate words of welcome. The branch secretary, Mr. W. H. Fussell, offered thanks on behalf of the visitors to the host and hostess; to the Vicar and steeplekeeper, and to Mr. Churchwarden Bagley; mentioning what a fortunate tower they possessed so far as peal ringing was concerned, and that a complete local band of eight joined the Army and Navy during the war.

Mr. A. Bagley responded and referred to one or two early points of interest to ringers concerning the old ring of six when restored to the coming of age of Lord Burnham, a life member of this branch, who built the hall in which they were gathered for the use of the townspeople.

Mr. J. H. Barnes and son cycled from Great Missenden, and Messrs. Elburn and Edwards, both recently demobilised, from Amersham. Mr. Bennett, late of St. Albans, gave some particulars of his experience as a prisoner of war in Germany and mentioned how pleased he was to entertain them, and generously offered to do so again later in the year.

**STRANDED!**

**A LEICESTER OUTING 'BUNKERED.'**

Re-united, with one exception, the members of St. Martin's Society, Leicester, set out on Saturday week for their annual outing in true victory style. Discarding the old-fashioned means of locomotion, a programme was arranged by which the field of operations was considerably extended by means of a motor charabanc. The ultimate destination was the capital of the smallest county in England, where a good repast had been prepared for the party, and where they hoped the natives would bear some good practice on the bells. Alas! the plans were rudely upset by the mechanical transport failing to carry the weight (due to some extent to a few whose avoirdupois was in excess of the average). Anyhow, after traversing some seven miles steam was up, and it was decided to give the engine a cooling mixture. The complaint was catching, and after the requirements had been satisfied a fresh start was made, but another four miles found the excursionists in a similar predicament far removed from the remedy. They rested by the roadside whilst the mechanic performed gymnastic exercises under the car, but all efforts to coax the machine into life and movement failed, and the party were reluctantly compelled to wend their way to the nearest village. There their difficulties multiplied, for there appeared to be no means of refreshment, either liquid or solid. Two disgruntled individuals decided to tramp the 11 miles back to town, and departed with various blessings. After some search, a loaf or two and some 'bully' did a little to revive drooping spirits, and after several inglorious attempts to ring the five bells in the village church the outlook brightened. No conveyance was likely to be available until late in the evening, but at the legal hour an inn was found where the supply of the cup that cheers had not quite run out. Here the handbells were requisitioned and a fairly pleasant evening spent, and eventually the party reached Leicester in the manner they apparently should not have forsaken, and in better spirits than at one time appeared probable. Regret was expressed on behalf of those who had been at so much trouble in making the arrangements, which were unhappily in vain.

**CURDRIDGE, HANTS.** — Two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples and a 504, conducted respectively by Andrew Mears, Alfred Mears and W. J. Ryves, were rung at St. Peter's Church for the Peace celebrations.



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## PROPAGANDA.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your article on Propaganda is a timely sequel to the recent decision of the Central Council to widen the scope of its 'Literature Committee'; which might, as you suggest, under an energetic and enthusiastic secretary, become the mainspring of an organisation for diffusing wider knowledge of, and interest in, the ringer's art and bell-love in general. Of all that concerns our art, its history, its technique, its fascination as a pastime, the general public is profoundly ignorant. It does not know, and at present it does not want to know anything. Nor are the mental habits fostered by daily skimming of newspapers, which demand little thought or mental exertion, likely to make it respond to any kind of educational propaganda. I have at various times tried various methods—leaflets, correspondence, articles, lectures, etc.—with little or no apparent result. But where an individual fails, or drops off disheartened, a committee, constantly reinforced by fresh brains and enthusiasm, may in time succeed. I trust that the Central Council, among other evidences of life and progress, will through its Literature or Propaganda Committee, make a determined and systematic effort to dispel the mists of ignorance which obscure the Exercise and all its works from public view.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans, August 2nd, 1919.

T. L. PAPILLON.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Sir,—Having read through your reports of the last Central Council meeting, also your excellent observations on the same I suppose the whole matter is now open for general discussion as it were.

The one real item which directly concerns the rank and file, is whether the Council should have power to enforce its decisions, or should remain as ever only an advisory body.

I think that the most ardent supporters of the Council are beginning to see that as an advisory body, the days of the Central Council are numbered; therefore, it is on the first part of the proposition that all who are interested should concentrate. Your excellent article this week gets down to the rock bottom of the whole matter. Has the Council any decisions to enforce. Practically they have none, and concerning the rank and file of ringers, it is remarkable what little time is spent in trying to create any, or in trying to strengthen the links which should bind ringers to their associations and the associations to the Central Council.

The Council members say: 'If you will only give us something to do we could go ahead.' Well, in my humble way, I am going to make one or two suggestions.

I should suggest that the Central Council should launch out on the lines of some of the musical bodies, say, for instance, the London College of Music. This body has not the power to say that a person should only play a certain piece of music, but at the same time it is a great power in directing the music of the whole nation. For instance, if a church is in want of an organist, who in most cases directs the church's music, the church officials know at once the merits of any man by the certificates awarded him by some of these bodies.

I think the Central Council could create tests in various stages which would show any man's degree of proficiency, and also give him an incentive to go from one step to another. Each association could have its own examining council, which would visit districts periodically. If some system like this was persisted in, I think we should eventually know who was who, we should begin to have the right men in the right places, and not round pegs in square holes, as is now too often the case, simply because Bob proposes Bill, and so on. We should have ringing masters all teaching on the same lines, and those lines laid down by the Central Council. Here the force of the Central Council would come in, as no man should be allowed to be elected to any position unless he had passed the Central Council's examination.

Lastly, and, perhaps mostly, the church officials would have something to guide them which they have not to-day.

The above scheme is, perhaps, a rough one, but if some such principle were adopted there are sufficient brains on the Council to lick it into something like shape. It has a good deal more to recommend it than I have written, but no doubt I have trespassed on your space sufficiently for once.—Yours,

Birkenhead.

H. LUDKIN.

## EARLY BIRDS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the question asked in the 'Ringing World' as to which was the band of ringers who first roused a air neighbours on Peace morning, I really think that Beasted (Kent) band can claim this honour. The time the bells were raised and rung was 4.5 a.m., thus beating Salehurst (Sussex), and Wrexhall (Somerset) by an hour and five minutes!

It would be only fair to mention that the ringers lived in terror of their lives throughout the whole day, and were the recipients of some caustic remarks, but they were heartily thanked by one lady, who said that the only bit of happiness and cheer for her invalid mother was the ringing of the Peace bells. Is this a record?—Yours faithfully,

W. H. STAPLEY.

### THE LADIES' GUILD.

#### WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT PORTISHEAD.

A meeting of the Western District was held at Portishead on Saturday week. Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m., touches in various methods being rung by mixed bands. A short service was held in St. Peter's Church, and an address given by the Rev. H. S. Briggs. Miss H. Orchard, a member of the Portishead ringers, presided at the organ, and Miss Jukes acted as organ blower, owing to the electric apparatus failing.

Tea was served at 5 o'clock at the White Cot Dairy, to which 20 members and friends sat down.

A short business meeting followed, Mrs. H. S. Briggs presiding. The Hon. District Secretary read a letter received from the General Secretary, with regard to the alteration of rules, viz., the election of Secretary and committee of four for the Western District, and two representatives for the General Committee. There being only 12 members present, it was decided to defer the matter until the next meeting, when a better attendance is hoped for.

Bristol was fixed for the September meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. Briggs for presiding, to the Rev. H. S. Briggs for arranging the service, and to Miss Orchard and Miss Jukes for their services at the organ.

The members then returned to the belfry, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung.

### THE LYDNEY 'ANNUAL.'

#### AN ENJOYABLE GLOUCESTERSHIRE OUTING.

The annual 'salmon and green pea' supper at Lydney, Glos., took place on Saturday July 26th, and proved quite equal to, if not better, than any of its predecessors. The bells of the Parish Church were available, and it being the first opportunity for a peace peal on these bells, the effort was made, which happily proved successful. The visitors who put in an appearance, were the Rev. Edward Banks James, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Arthur Wilkins, Mr. Jesse Tylor, of Bristol, Messrs. J. Austin, of Gloucester, J. Williams, Newent, J. E. Sykes, Huddersfield, Herbert Dransfield, Barlisheaton, Gordon Checketts and W. C. Jones, of Worcester, J. Clutterbuck, of Cardiff, and H. Morgan, Newport. Appropriately enough, the Peace celebrations for the village were in full swing, the whole of the children of Lydney being entertained by his lordship of Lydney Park.

Immediately following the peal a move was made for the Queen's Hotel, where a bountiful supper was in readiness, consisting of the palatable green pea and Severn salmon galore. In addition to those already mentioned were the ringers of Ruardean and St. Bridwells, with the organiser of the function, Mr. John Davies. After grace had been said by the Rev. Banks James, the 'course ends' rolled up in fine style. The evening was spent afterwards with songs, recitation and handbell ringing, various methods and tunes being rung, while the Rev. E. B. James tapped off courses on the piano, the proceedings coming to a close at midnight. At 8.15 next morning the cars were waiting for a trip through the Forest of Dean. The first stop was made at Ruardean, where the locals were in force to welcome the visitors. Touches were rung for the morning service, and then a move was made to Mitcheldean Church, which was reached just in time to ring the people out from service. Several touches were indulged in, and the party received an invitation from Dr. N. F. Seavrance (who, by way, is a keen ringer) to his house for refreshments. There, too, his own peal of handbells were brought into use, and were soon off into Kent Major. After the doctor had taken a photograph of the party, a return was made to the tower to lower the bells, and then the journey was continued to Westbury-on-Severn. Here is a heavy ring of six, and if rumour is right they will be a ring of eight in the near future. After all had tried their hand at these bells they proceeded to Newnham, where there is a handy ring of eight by Mears. The bells were soon raised, and touches of Major and Stedman Triples rung. Tea was next enjoyed, and brought to an end one of the very best outings a change ringer could possibly have, the party dispersing with the hope of a similar gathering next year.

### MUFFLED BELLS AT SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

On Thursday, July 3rd, with the bells fully muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Wiseman (conductor) 1, F. Wiseman 2, Miss E. Pettitt 3, C. Barker 4, A. Wash 5, B. Pettitt 6, S. Wilding 7, K. Harper 8.—On Wednesday, July 9th in 1 hour 35 mins., a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 (first half of Holt's 10-part): L. Wiseman (conductor) 1, F. Wiseman 2, R. Rayner 3, A. Wash 4, S. Hale 5, B. Pettitt 6, S. Wilding 7, K. Harper 8. This was rung with the bells fully muffled after the funeral of the late Miss Eleanor Webster, who, with her sister, a few years ago defrayed the cost of rehanging the old peal of five with new steel frames, and the adding three new trebles to make a splendid peal of eight.

### THE ADVENTURES OF HE, ME AND IT.

#### A WEEK-END AT WINCHESTER.

Yes, we went to Winchester on the twenty-first of June. The bells were ringing all day; that was why; I mean, why we went.

We are not so large a party now as when we went to Diben; he is the only one left with me. Phiz left at the end of last term, so we held a meeting in May, at which all the members were present, and decided to elect a new one.

After mature deliberation, it was selected and was evidently gratified at the distinction. It began burbling something about having rung Grandsire Doubles on one handbell, but was sternly rebuked. We all said 'Hush!' in a dreadful voice, and explained that in the best circles such things were never done, and that in our company they must not even be mentioned. That was on the fourteenth of May. Now it can ring 5-6 for Bob Minor, aye, and call a 720 if necessary.

But as I was saying, we went to Winchester. We left Fareham on Friday evening at 4.30. The handbells were at once produced, and a 720 rewarded our efforts before we reached Eastleigh. The crowd at Botley Station round our carriage was tremendous, and I still have visions of scores of unwashed faces and glittering eyes that devoured us as we rang. At Winchester we repaired to the residence of Mr. Elkins, where we passed an evening most cheerful and musical, and Mrs. Elkins provided an excellent supper. On Tuesday morning we visited the Waterworks—the Mineral Water Works, I should say—and were shown the whole process by the foreman. Mr. Wilfred Andrews was obliged to go out into the country, but had left instructions that we were to be treated as honoured guests, and we certainly had a good time. We inspected everything, from the washing of the bottles as they came in, the brewing of the beverage, the mung, and even went so far as the emptying of some of them.

Then to the cathedral. We took our seats modestly in the ringing chamber beneath the clock case, and a kind friend came and asked us if we were ringers. However, on a nearer inspection he made up his mind that we were, and did not press for an answer, so we took our turn with some of the many ladies who had already come. Lunch to lunch. Lunch at Dumper's is an institution. All who have ever visited Winchester will understand me. The meeting has already been fully described in your columns.

After that we rang for service and then came the tragedy of the day. It was lost! He and me waited vainly for it at the belfry door, but it never came out. We ran wildly round the streets, we visited the Guildhall, we were rebuked by Mr. William George for not being in service; but all to no purpose. In despair we returned to the cathedral, where we got a ray of comfort from a kindly Bedesman, who told us that he had seen something closely resembling it following Mr. Elkins into the choir. We were filled with horror. Could it have forgotten itself so far as to have usurped the Dean's position? But no, it was not so bad as that. It had only slipped out of the belfry by another way, had followed Mr. Elkins into the choir, and had occupied one of the choicest chairs, as is its custom. So we managed to get into the choir in time for the sermon after all.

We met it at the choir door after service; but where were the handbells? It said that it had given them to a man, who had promised to put them in a safe place, and then wandered off aimlessly in the direction of the west door, as if it thought they might be there. It was afterwards discovered that Mr. Elkins had kindly placed them in one of the vestries, in the south transept before taking it in to service. Then to tea in the Guildhall. Who shall describe that tea? Certainly not me. We shared a little table near the wall, where we made acquaintance with some nice friends who had come from Diben long years ago, and told us much interesting lore of the ancient ringing history of Hampshire. After tea we had some handbell ringing with Mrs. George Williams, and were very pleased to meet her. Then up the tower for Stedman Caters, but the long dodging in 4-5 and 6-7 upset it.

Sunday was Coronation Day, and we stayed over, as did Mr. Harris. The proceedings commenced by firing the cathedral bells at 9 a.m., a performance in which we took part. He was afterwards heard explaining to some officers that his was the little bell that went all by itself while the others were crashing. I believe that they thought he had been appointed solo boy for the occasion.

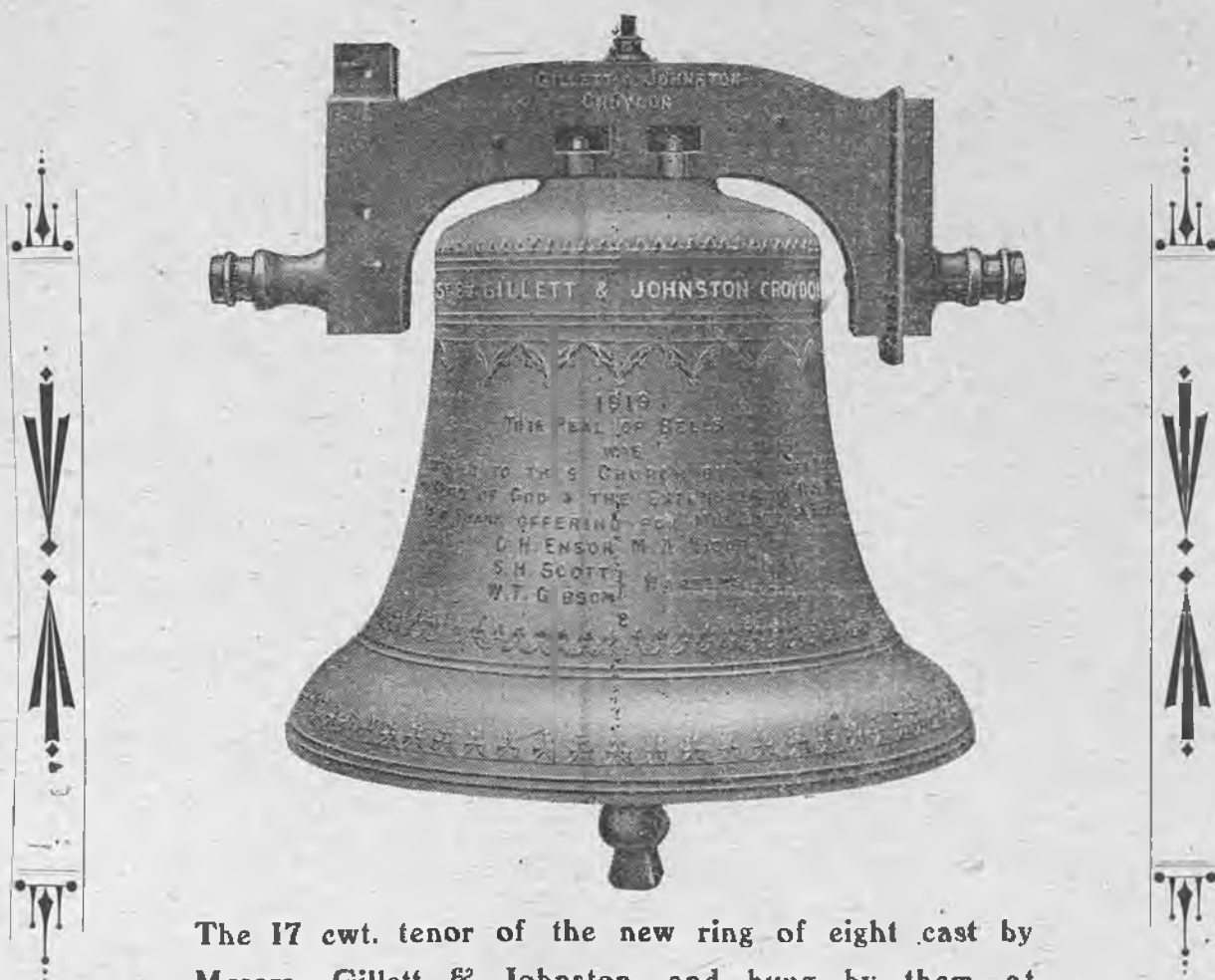
We feel that we cannot say too much of the kindness of Mrs. Elkins and Mr. Andrews during our stay.

E. B. J.

### THE BELLS OF ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

On the occasion of the choir and ringers outing from Nottingham, which was held at Dovedale on July 26th, touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the bells of Ashbourne Church. The bells have been practically silent for some years, owing to defects in the tower, which have now been satisfactorily remedied. All the bells, except the tenor, go splendidly. They are very noisy in the ringing room, but are a delightful eight. There is a peal board in this tower recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, by a band from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, claiming to be the first peal on the bells, but a band from Nottingham rang a peal of Grandsire Triples here quite 65 years previously.

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

## CROYDON, SURREY.



## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The bells of Norton Cuckney, fitted with new frames, with two trebles added and the tenor recast by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, in 1914, leave nothing to be desired in the way of hanging and ringing, and it was not unnatural that the ringers of the North Notts Association should desire to return to this place for their summer quarterly meeting, as it is just five years since the Association held its last gathering there on the eve of the European war. There was a fair attendance of ringers from Anston, Bolsover, Barlboro', Mansfield Woodhouse, Killamarsh, Treeton, Shireoaks, Worksop, Warsop, and Cuckney, on Saturday week, and the ringing during the afternoon and evening was of the highest standard, from Cambridge Surprise to Plain Bob Minor. It included 720 Kingston Treble Bob, 720 violet Treble Bob, 360 each of Cambridge and Plain Bob, and 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, the conducting being done by Messrs. Flint, Hargreaves, Severn and Haigh.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Smith) the business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. Hargreaves, of Shireoaks. The new members elected included the Rev. F. A. Newton, Rector of Warsop, and Mr. O. Levick, of Norton Cuckney, as vice-presidents, Mr. J. H. Brothwell, of Treeton, as non-resident member, C. Moore and F. Needham, Norton Cuckney, and J. Wilson, of Warsop, as probationers.

The Vicar and the genial steeplekeeper, Mr. Smith, gave the ringers a hearty welcome. The ringers of North Notts are greatly indebted to those members of kindred associations who favoured them with their attendance, and the friendly rivalry for good striking and classical methods in open lead ringing and close lead ringing by the different bands of ringers was keenly followed by outsiders. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar was accorded for use of bells.

The next meeting will be at Harthill in October.

## GREAT MARLOW AND ITS MEMORIES.

## AN O.D.G. MEETING.

The meeting of the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild announced for Whit-Monday at short notice, brought over 30 ringers together, and an enjoyable summer afternoon's outing on the banks of the Thames was greatly enjoyed by those present. Tower ringing—kindly sanctioned by the Vicar, the Rev. O. F. Sparring, M.A., as a favour to the branch—was limited, as the bells were being reserved for 'peace day' celebrations, but the members made up for this with the handbells in the well-known long room of the Two Brewers Inn, where more than one generation of the ringing craft has spent many jovial hours in the past.

Mr. H. Collins, steeplekeeper, was present to receive the visitors, who found everything in readiness and greatly appreciated on a hot day the modern small window built in the south wall of the belfry—formerly very dark—through the influence of Mr. A. H. Cocks, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, besides dear old Stedman and Grandsire, were the methods attempted, some of which did not come out any too well. Tea was served at the Station Road Cafe by Mrs. Bert Truss, amidst humble but most satisfying accommodation for rather a hungry crowd.

The Marlow and Boyne Hill 'tune men' brought a couple of teams out, and with handbells retained (four in each fist) gave one or two fine selections—one of which the 'Rakes of Marlow' having rather a local twang about it. Stedman and Grandsire Caters, double-handed, was softened by the fumes of shag or other pipe deceptions, and peering through the 'clouds' other faces seemed to be with us, faces that will remember their 'firsts' in Bucks—Symonds, Richardson, Barton, Taffender, Davies and O'Meara.

One cannot say Marlow without thinking of Truss, and ringers cannot mention Truss without dwelling upon the ancient Parliamentary borough of Marlow, which used to return two members. The graceful church tower and spire and the suspension bridge; the picturesque weir and lock; the distant famous quarry woods were all looking their best at Whitsuntide. Marlow scenery still remains to us beautiful as ever, but of the Trusses few remain of a long family who have had connections with ringing here for a century. Many who dared to climb the steeple, when undergoing repairs, and turned the weathercock round, rest beneath its shadow John Truss, senr., lies near, too. In his younger days he was a pioneer of 'half' pull in the days when Tom Tollyday haunted the riverside towns between Marlow and London. Arthur William will never again pour out his eloquence at the annual gatherings of the O.D.G.

I hope my readers will excuse these little wanderings from the strict path of Editorial matter; there are times when one's thoughts run away with oneself. There are a number of old hands living to whom, perhaps, these wanderings may be a pleasure to read of, and I feel we owe a debt to the retiring generation of change ringers for handing down the art to us from their few but earnest predecessors. To resume our subject, the members broke up reluctantly, and with a full moonlight night made fair voyages home with pleasant memories, having carried out a long-desired trip.

W. H. P.

## PEACE CELEBRATION TOUCHES.

**STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.**—On Peace day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: \*C. King 1, E. Hill 2, E. Hookham 3, G. Pugh 4, F. E. Davis 5, \*R. Shillam 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8. \* First quarter.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On July 19th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. Leeson 1, E. C. Shepherd (composer) 2, H. Shepherd 3, H. Bragg 4, Sam Bragg 5, J. Bragg 6, A. Bragg (conductor) 7, A. Bragg 8.

**THANET.**—On Peace day, at St. Lawrence Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Gildrens 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, F. Gibb 3, W. G. Birch 4, W. J. Jarman 5, A. E. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8.

**NORTON, STAFFS.**—Ringing began at the Parish Church on Peace Day, 10 a.m., and was kept up at intervals until 7.30 p.m. A good start was made with a date touch of 1919 changes rung in 1 hr. and 8 mins. in four Treble Bob Minor methods, as follows: 119 Cambridge Surprise, 360 each of Killamarsh Surprise, Violet and Woodbine, and 720 of Oxford: G. E. Lawrence 1, J. J. Wheeldon 2, W. C. Lawrence 3, F. T. Dawson 4, J. Walley 5, J. E. Ryles 6. Conducted by J. E. Wheeldon. In the afternoon an invitation was received from the Norton Parish Council to a 'knife and fork' tea, which was very much appreciated.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—For Thanksgiving Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for morning service, and 672 Stedman Triples for evensong, the former being rung by: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Johnson 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Neal 8.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—On Peace Day, July 19th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 54 mins.: G. R. Naish 1, J. Howes (conductor) 2, F. G. Woodiss 3, F. G. Goddard 4, J. N. Frossell 5, C. Slade 6, H. G. Naish 7, C. H. Dobbie 8, G. Woodiss 9, J. Chandler 10. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Mrs. C. H. Dobbie (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Howes (conductor) 2, W. Duffell 3, F. G. Goddard 4, F. G. Woodiss 5, J. N. Frossell 6, C. H. Dobbie 7, J. Chandler 8.

**LONG STANTON.**—At the Vicarage, on July 14th, 720 Bob Minor on handbells: W. H. J. Hooton 1—2, B. F. Sheppard 3—4, C. W. Woolley (aged 12½), conductor, 5—6.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 52 mins.: S. Williams 1, H. Day 2, H. Bellamy 3, E. Coles 4, J. Clutterbuck 5, W. Coombs 6, F. Viles 7, F. Chamberlain 8, W. Bolton (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10. H. Bellamy has just returned home after demobilisation, and this was his first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, July 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. Pannett 2, E. B. Crowder 3, A. G. Bennington 4, T. Easterby 5, A. E. Goddard 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Law 8.

**OXHEY.**—Oxhey Society.—On Sunday, July 6th, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: A. W. Dix 1, \*H. Dix 2, \*G. Cooper 3, W. Hodgetts 4, C. Leman 5, H. Hodgetts 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, \*C. Kazer 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Wellingborough District was held at Euston Maudit on Saturday, July 26 and proved very successful, 25 members being present from Irthlingboro', Wellingborough, Finedon, Earl's Barton, Wollaston, Castle Ashby, Bozent, Northampton and the local tower. The Rev. G. Dalrymple gave an excellent address at the service, at which Mrs. Sturges presided at the organ. Tea was provided in the schoolroom by the local ringers and their wives. The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. F. Hopper (president) and Mr. W. Perkins (district secretary).—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wellingborough in October. Mr. J. Sturges, who is churchwarden, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. C. Newman, of Irthlingborough, was elected a ringing member. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised 7s.

A hearty vote of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ringers and their wives for their kindly welcome.

**BARKING.**—The College Youths.—At All Allowes, on July 13th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes. Wm. Tanner 1, H. J. Walton 2, T. Langdon (conductor) 3, W. A. Alps 4, H. Hills 5, E. Hall 6, J. Scholes 7, A. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the steeplekeeper, Mr. A. Joyce, who is much respected by his brothers of the long sitting. He was the recipient of many good wishes from them.

## NOTICES.

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock; business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Hereford District).—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. Tea, 6 p.m., free to members forwarding replies not later than Aug. 5th. Business meeting afterwards. It is earnestly requested that all members in union in the district will attend this meeting. Combined practice as follows: Allensmore, Aug. 23rd; Stoke Edith, Sept. 6th; Townhope, Sept. 20th, all at 6 p.m.—C. Edwards, Great Bramp'ton, Madley, Hereford, Dist. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brent Knoll on Saturday, August 9th. Service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting after service. Bells afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Hon. Sec., Burnham-on-Sea.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, August 9th. Ringing from 2.30 till dusk. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mr. H. R. Butcher (Gen. Hon. Sec.). Half railway fares. The postponed Chiddingfold meeting has been arranged for Sept. 20th. Notice in due course.—George H. Howse, Div. Hon. Sec., 'Kenilworth,' Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th, at 10 a.m.; and on the 11th and 25th, at 7.45 p.m.; \* St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, and \*St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824, Southern District.—The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints', Isleworth, tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Nominations for Vice-Presidents, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors to be handed in at this meeting.—W.

W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at Leesfield. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Pudsey, Saturday, August 16th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hanbury on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who send me their names by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

**HIGH WYCOMBE.**—On Saturday, Aug. 16th, the ring of 12 bells at the Parish Church will be available, commencing at 3.30. All ringers welcome.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45; service, 4.30. Tea can be provided in Bishop Ryder's Schools at a reasonable charge at 5 o'clock for those who notify Mr. James George, 13, Dolman Road, Aston, Birmingham, not later than Aug. 18th. Business Meeting after tea. The bells of St. John's, Deritend (8), and St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available during the evening.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, August 30th. Tower open at 3; Service at 5; tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, August 26th.—W. Lather, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Any suggestions for the annual meeting, and nominations for Vice-President, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors, to be sent in to the General Secretary by September 1st.—W. H. Shuker, Gen. Sec., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

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

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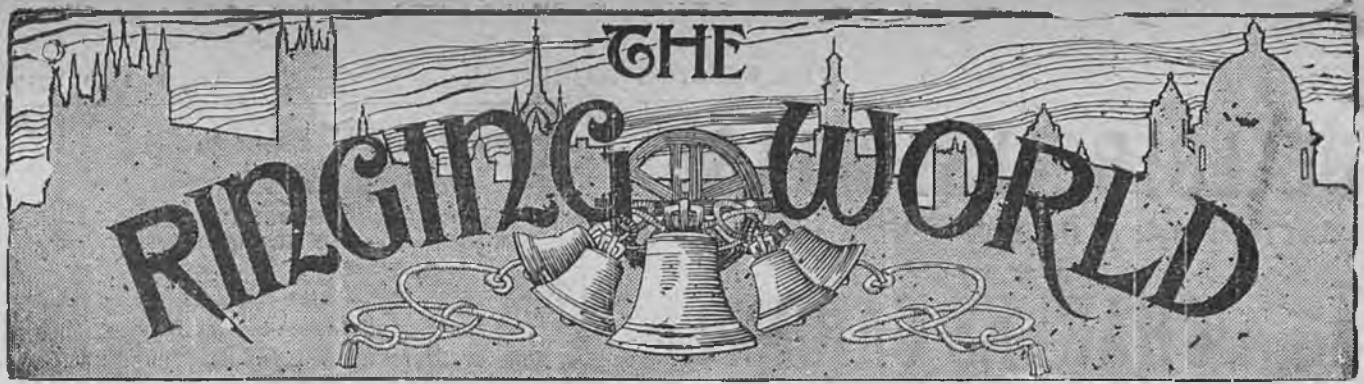
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### ASSOCIATIONS' OPPORTUNITIES.

Our two last articles have been devoted to suggestions by which the Central Council might find one direction to increase its usefulness, and the scheme of furthering the interests of the Exercise by a propaganda campaign can be extended to the Associations and Guilds, for opportunities might often be brought within their reach to do good, solid work in extending knowledge both among ringers and the public outside. It is true that our art, to a large extent, appeals only to those who are learned, to greater or less degree, in it, but that this cannot be altered is quite a fallacy. There are many things connected with bells and ringing which, if dealt with in the right way, can be put before the public in a manner that would arouse interest, and if we can only get that first spark of interest kindled it will be a great factor in bringing home to the public the realisation that in the ringing of Church bells there is a great deal more than merely pulling a rope, and that when a peal is rung the ringers have some other motive than an anxiety to annoy the neighbours.

Everybody is not gifted with the ability, even though he may have the opportunity, of putting facts and figures before the public in a way that would interest them, but if Associations could organise some method of disseminating items of ringing news, and dealing with ringing events of historic interest as anniversaries or other opportunities occur, a good deal could be done to educate the public. Perhaps the appointment of correspondents in different districts, who could keep closely in touch with a group of towers and provide the local newspapers and the parish magazines with news served up in a style that would create interest and be something beyond a mere recital of facts, which, standing by themselves, the outsider might not comprehend, might be a beginning in a scheme which could be elaborated with advantage as time went on.

Then there comes the opportunity which can be made by a good lantern lecture, or a well prepared paper, at some winter evening gathering. These latter are, perhaps, matters which could best be arranged by a local enthusiast, but they are details in which an Association might give a great deal of help, and if they could set up a machinery for this kind of work and have behind them a central organisation, such as a propaganda bureau established by the Central Council to which application could be made for authentic information and for help, if need be, there ought to be the prospect of doing much good work. At the same time there are opportunities which might be utilised of improving the knowledge of the ringers themselves, but this side of the question must be left for another article.

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## PEACE PEALS.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

HORACE STUBBS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 6
JOSEPH HARDY ... .. 2	CHARLES HARRIMAN ... .. 7
ERNEST LESLIE ... .. 3	JAMES HUTCHLEY ... .. 8
JOHN GRUNBY ... .. 4	EDWARD READER ... .. 9
SAMUEL SMITH ... .. 5	WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by E. READER.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace. It also was the first anniversary of the induction of the Rector (the Rev G. W. Briggs) who congratulated the band on the excellent ringing and invited them to the Rectory for tea.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHARLTON KINGS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

PT. GEORGE F. PEARCE, Worcestershire Regt. ... Treble	PT. GEORGE WALTERS, Tank Corps ... .. 5
†PT. HAROLD HALFORD, 5th Gloucestershire Regt. 2	C.Q.M.S. THOMAS DYER, M.M., Royal Engineers... 6
SGT. WALTER YIEND, 5th Gloucestershire Regt. 3	SPR. JOHN F. BALLINGER, Royal Engineers ... .. 7
*SGT. MARK HICKS, 2nd Gloucestershire Regt. 4	PT. REUBEN HENNING, R.A.M.C. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SPR. J. F. BALLINGER.

Rung as a thankoffering for victory and the safe return of the ringers to their homes. First soldiers' peal on the bells and by the Association. \* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, July 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR L. ALLSOP ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ALLSOP ... .. 5
CHARLES WATMAN ... .. 2	THOMAS BLOORE ... .. 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	BERTRAM LEEDHAM ... .. 7
GEORGE ROBERTS ... .. 4	JAMES REYNOLDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALFRED BRYAN ... .. Treble	EDMUND LERCH ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2	DICK ILIFFE ... .. 6
JOHN T. TAYLOR ... .. 3	FRED STANFORTH ... .. 7
W. NEAL ADKINSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. Tenor

Transposed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by FRED STANFORTH.

Rung in connection with Peace Celebrations at this village.



GREENWICH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. ALPHEGE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.	
I. GEORGE SHADE ... .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... .. 2	GEORGE RAWLINGS ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	THOMAS JAKEMAN ... .. 7
HAROLD CLARK ... .. 4	WILLIAM SHIMMANS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

Rung to celebrate Peace.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
At St. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.	
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. Treble	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
EDWARD WHITE ... .. 2	MARK LANE ... .. 6
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 3	HORACE SMITH ... .. 7
*CHARLES A. PRATT ... .. 4	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, Sheffield.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung to commemorate Peace and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. \* First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
† ERNEST W. DAY ... .. Treble	† L/c. HERBERT E. DAY, R.E. 5
† MISS MAY DURRANT ... .. 2	HARRY WOOD ... .. 6
* GEORGE WOLFE ... .. 3	ALFRED KING ... .. 7
JOHN HARE ... .. 4	HERBERT ELSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by ALFRED KING.

† First peal. \* First peal on eight bells. The ringer of 2 hails from Norwich, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8 from Hitchin and 6, 7 from Luton. L/c. H. E. Day arrived home on furlough on the previous Thursday evening from France. Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. Treble	JOHN CLARK ... .. 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... .. 6
WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 3	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... .. 7
* EDWARD SUMMERS ... .. 4	* THOMAS W. ROWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung as a Victory Peal for the Parish, also as a birthday compliment to the Conductor. \* First peal on eight bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 27, 1919, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ALFRED RACKHAM ... .. Treble	* JOHN H. RACKHAM ... .. 5
† JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... .. 6
* SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 7
† WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. SPARKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

This peal was rung by special request of the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Trumper as a Victory Peal. \* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight with a Bob bell. The ringer of treble is only 13 years of age and the youngest member of the Guild to ring a peal. Great credit is due to him for the way he rang his bell throughout the peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, July 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. Treble	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal on six bells. Rung in connection with the celebration of Peace.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. GABRIEL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 each of Double Oxford, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

Rung as a thankoffering for Peace, and also for the safe return from active service of the ringers of 2nd and 4th.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

BERT CARTER ... .. Treble	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 4
HENRY WALLACE ... .. 2	ERNEST A. OVERALL ... .. 5
NATHAN PATMORE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Rung as an act of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of Peace restored after the Great War.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

consisting of 720 each of Duke of Leeds, Royal Sovereign, Snowdrop, London Scholars' Pleasure, Roystone Delight, College Pleasure and Arnold's Victory.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM ... .. Treble	HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 4
WILLIAM WOODCOCK ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	CHARLES WALSH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Rung to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty, also to celebrate the birth of a son to H. Chamberlain.

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WEEK.

**TEN BELL PEAL.**CITY OF MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Tuesday, July 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL.**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.	
ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
GEORGE TURNER ... .. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 8
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 9
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY).**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.	
MRS. E. J. WILSON ... .. Treble	HENRY B. BURT ... .. 5
FREDK. W. WADE ... .. 2	ISAAC LONG ... .. 6
WILLIAM WHITE ... .. 3	FRED G. MAY ... .. 7
GILBERT WILTSHIRE ... .. 4	URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor

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

The above was rung on the occasion of the Sunday School Children of Christ Church being entertained to tea, etc., in connection with the Peace rejoicings. First peal of Stedman Triples by Mrs. Wilson.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.	
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. Treble	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM C. INFELD ... .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. J. POOLSON ... 7
THOMAS WALKER ... .. 4	FRANK SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.  
Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 5
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 2	REV. EDWARD BANKES JAMES 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	*EX-DET.-SGT. H. DRANSFIELD 7
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. HARDY.  
Conducted by HERBERT DRANSFIELD.

This peal now rung for the first time. \* Elected a member before starting. Rung as a thanksgiving for Peace.

Ex-Sergt. Williams hails from Newent, J. Austin from Gloucester, J. W. Jones from Newport, Mon., G. Checketts and W. C. Jones from Worcester, E. B. James from Lee-on-Solent, H. Dransfield from Earlsheaton, Yorkshire, J. E. Sykes from Huddersfield.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
GEORGE CLEAL ... .. Treble	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. MONDY ... 2	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM WEBB ... .. 3	ALFRED MARTIN ... .. 7
SAMUEL COTTON ... .. 4	THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Cleal.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
FREDERICK BUTCHER ... Treble	HARRY SEAL ... .. 5	ERNEST EVEREST ... .. 6	
GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 2	PERCY DENTON ... .. 7	ELGAR KING ... .. Tenor	
ARTHUR WILES ... .. 3			
EDWARD BRIDGER ... .. 4			

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

Rung half-muffled to honour the memory of fallen brother ringers, viz., G. Cooper, S. Huntley, E. Huntley, R. Medhurst and W. Whitelaw, and as a tribute to all in the Parish who have laid down their lives in the service of their country.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.	
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
GEORGE TURNER ... .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, sen.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
PETER NUTTALL ... .. Treble	JOHN MAKIN ... .. 5
GEORGE PINCOIT ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
FRED MORRIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
JOHN NUTTALL ... .. 4	*RICHARD W. MOSELEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.  
Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Wm. A. Bridson, Parish Clerk for over 20 years, who was interred the previous day.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.	
JOSEPH H. ILIFFE ... .. Treble	*SAMUEL BURGOWNE ... 5
RICHARD DRAGE ... .. 2	†JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 6
HENRY HARRISON ... .. 3	*HERBERT TURNER ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob inside. This was the conductor's 100th peal. Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace. Also as a birthday compliment to J. H. Iliffe.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HALEY'S VARIATION.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
FRED J. CULLUM, SENR. ... Treble	*FRED J. CULLUM, JUNR. ... 5	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6	
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SENR. ... 7	*JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Tenor	
FRANK R. COPEMAN ... .. 3			
ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 4			

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SENR.

\* First peal of Stedman. F. R. Copeman's 50th peal.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A Flat.

JAMES MOTTS ... .. Treble	SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 6
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 7
JAMES ROSE ... .. 4	ERNEST LANHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## HEYDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

WM. B. DUNCAN ... .. Treble	WALTER MEDLER ... .. 4
JOHN MOY ... .. 2	GEORGE SOAMES ... .. 5
*FREDERICK BARBER ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

\* First peal, and first peal on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

## WORCESTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Treble	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 4
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 5
*WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

Rung in honour of the Ratification of Peace. This is the 100th Six-Bell Tower in which Mr. J. E. Sykes has rung. \* First peal of Minor.

## SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4
ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... .. 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 5
JOHN W. AVIS ... .. 3	FREDERICK WATLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

Rung to oblige Sergt. J. Bennett, Royal Marines, who was paying a visit to Saxmundham on a few days' leave from H.M.S. "Phaeton."

## STRENSHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM CROOK ... .. 4
HUBERT BROWN ... .. 2	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... .. 5
JOHN WELLAND ... .. 3	ERNEST POPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

## ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.

## A HAPPY RE-UNION AT GLOUCESTER.

At 11 a.m., on August 5th, old and new members of the St. Michael's Juniors, founded in 1887, assembled at St. Michael's Church, in the city of Gloucester, for a re-union. It was a great treat to meet so many old faces, some we had not seen for 20 years. Touches of Stedman Caters Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters, were rung here, and in the afternoon various touches were rung at St. Mary de Crypt and St. Mary de Lode.

At the kind invitation of the Revs. H. Law James and E. Bankes James dinner was served at the Wessex Hotel, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The following were present of the original band: Revs. H. L. and E. B. James, Mr. S. E. Romans, of Milford Haven (first Master), Mr. A. Roberts (Coventry), Mr. W. C. Jones (Worcester), and Mr. R. J. Wilkins (Bristol); and letters were received from those who could not attend, viz., Messrs. W. and A. Peglar (Bangor), J. E. Grove (Birmingham), W. J. Savier (Nottingham), and W. Brunson (Coventry). Other members present were: Mrs. Wilkins Messrs. G. Condie, sen. and jun., C. H. Tomkins, J. Tyler, W. A. Cave and A. E. Wilkins, Bristol; F. Oakhill, A. Carter, A. Burecombe and H. Fussell, Dursley; H. J. Balcombe, W. J. Smith and W. Cox, Coventry; W. Mills, T. Whiting, E. F. Davis, J. Gillet, J. Austin, T. Baldwin, G. Brunton, J. Stephens and F. E. Hart, Gloucester.

After dinner, Mr. Austin proposed the health of the Chairman (the Rev. H. L. James) and the Rev. E. B. James, and in a few appropriate remarks thanked them for providing such a fine spread.—Mr. R. J. Wilkins seconded, and the Chairman, in responding, said how he would like to see the ringing brought up to the same level that it was in the old days.

'Jack' could not take this lying down, and asked the Vicar to look round and see what the Juniors were doing all over the country.

The Rev. E. B. James gave the toast of the first Master, Mr. S. F. Romans. This was received with musical honours.—Mr. Romans said how sorry he was he could not go on with ringing, as he was living about 100 miles from any bells. His performance during the day, however, showed he had not forgotten his ringing or striking.

The Rev. E. B. James gave the health of Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, the only lady member present, and insisted in ringing a course of Stedman Triples with the three W's.—Mr. Wilkins was called on to respond, and remarked how essential it was for the Gloucester ringers to keep going as, independent of the ringers who had left the city, there were plenty of good ringers remaining.

The Rev. E. B. James gave a recitation in his best style. The Juniors are much better talkers than singers, and the musical part of the programme was, therefore, provided by Miss Trice (niece of Mr. R. J. Wilkins), who sang several songs, and Mr. R. Harris, who is deputy organist at St. Mary de Crypt Church.

The Rev. E. B. James proposed a vote of thanks to them for their kindness in attending and giving the party so much pleasure.

During the evening, touches of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells, and a couple of tunes were given by Messrs. R. J. and A. E. Wilkins.

The writer would like to thank the Revs. H. L. and E. B. James for providing such a pleasant evening, and it is hoped this gathering will be made an annual event on the Tuesday following August Bank Holiday.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the King's Lynn district of the Association was held at King's Lynn on Bank Holiday, and was well attended and much enjoyed, representatives being present from the following districts: Aylsham, Fakenham, Norwich, Redenhall and Thetford. By kind permission of the Rev. Canon J. C. Vawdrey the ring of ten bells at St. Margaret's and the ring of eight bells at St. Nicholas' were available for the use of the members; and also the ring of six at St. Faith's, Gaywood, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. H. S. Radcliffe).

Dinner at Mr. W. Ely's Restaurant, Norfolk Street, was presided over by Mr. G. P. Burton, the secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) being in the vice-chair. The general business meeting was afterwards held. The chairman announced that he had received a message from the Rector of Gaywood regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

Five new members were elected, and the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of King's Lynn and the Rector of Gaywood for the use of their bells.—Mr. A. L. Coleman moved a vote of thanks to the acting district secretary, Mr. George Hawes, for making such excellent arrangements both for the dinners and for the ringing.

The Secretary, in reply to the question raised by Mr. F. R. Borrell as to the change of title on the reorganisation of the Association, said the matter was standing over until the annual general meeting in the autumn.

This concluded the business, and members adjourned to the Palfries for further ringing and some good touches in the standard methods were successfully brought round.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It's a long lane that has no turning, and after 65 years another peal has been rung at Glinton, Northants, the last peal there, it is believed, having been rung in 1854.

But after all, that is nothing. Joe Sykes has just called the first peal on the bells at St. Swithun's, Worcester, and these bells were cast in 1654!

Many of the St. Michael's juniors are now seniors, both in years and experience, but they would not change their title if they could for one can be a 'youth' at 82. If there is any doubt on this point, ask Ted Horrex.

The recast peal at Prestwich is to be dedicated on August 30th.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild arranged to visit Croydon and the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for their annual outing, doing the journey from South Eastern Kent by motor-car.

## PROPAGANDA.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Your last two leading articles, together with the excellent letter by Canon Papillon, open out a field for action and possibilities. Your readers always welcome anything from the pen of Canon Papillon, and this last discloses one of his efforts in quiet and unostentatious spadework for our art. As you say, results from such genuine efforts in good work will be manifest in later years.

The field is a wide one, but what are the possibilities for action? Tradition and history show how great men, or institutions, convinced of the good of any particular subject, conducive to the nation's benefit, set to work to develop it. How? Generally by educating the young.

Is it possible in this case to bring authority into touch with authority? To come nearer; is it possible for the Central Council to give authority through Associations or otherwise, to approach Local Education, or County Council Education Committees, or even the Minister of Education himself, and put before them the healthy and educational merits of our art?

I am aware it could not be accepted as a permanent subject, but I see no reason why it should not be introduced as gymnasiums, or dancing, etc., or even as our two great national games of cricket or football.

Men can be found in our ranks who would delight in preparing lectures, backed by handbell or limelight exhibitions and illustrations, and once you set youth ablaze, enthusiasm will be unbounded.

'Nothing ventured nothing won.' Here the Exercise has much to gain and nothing to lose. Action is the necessary thing in this case.

Old Hill, August 11th, 1919.

A. E. PARSONS.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Sir,—May I suggest to Mr. Ludkin that a consistent perusal of the peal columns will give him, or anyone, a good idea of the ability of a ringer. Unfortunately, and I use this word deliberately, this method of examination of a ringer's abilities is questionable from many points, as, for instance, the strength and ability of a hand often lies in its weakest unit. Another point is this: Does peal ringing justify itself? Here, again, are many thorny problems, and I would like to hear a few opinions as to whether the incentive of ringing a peal in any particular method produces that good quality of ringing and striking, which is, or should be, the desire of every true ringer to attain. Good striking should be the first object, and a lower method well struck should, if points are allotted for peals, count higher than a rougher accomplished higher method. But where are there judges or referees impartial enough to report on a peal, and what band would be prepared to accept such judgment? The only way out of this difficulty is to revive ringing competitions, and there is certainly a good deal to be said in favour of these trials of skill, if conducted on a right basis. If peal ringing is to remain as a proof of ability, why not legalise a shorter length for competitive purposes. On the present basis we ring the same length to celebrate the birthday of someone or other's wife, as we do for the great festivals of the Church, and this should not be. A 5,000 or upwards should be rung for celebration of some important event, and not for selfish amusement alone. The general public like the bells, but very few, I fear, appreciate our three hours' performances, and I must confess I can give no satisfactory defence of peal ringing to the public. In no other branch of the musical world would such a performance be tolerated, and only a steam roundabout organ is capable of imitating the strictly local annoyance. Were an ordinary peal but half its present length I feel sure we should get better ringing, more appreciation by the public, or at any rate less objection, and many people who do not ring in peals owing to infirmities, age, or other causes, would be tempted to enter the arena. My own record is 63 peals rung and 29 conducted, if anyone wants to know; and still trying. Now for a storm!—Yours,

ALBERT COPPOCK

33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL AT OXFORD.

The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Oxford on Saturday, July 26th. This was the first festival since the beginning of the war, and there was an attendance of 250 members from all parts of the Diocese, including: The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C., C.F.), the Revs. Canon Coleridge, R. H. Hart, Davis, A. C. A. Freeborn, H. C. Wilder, E. S. Powell and Toogood, Messrs. W. Newell, A. D. Cullum, W. P. Routh, J. Hands, E. Menday, H. Simmonds, G. White, J. F. Barlow, F. Hopgood, Mrs. A. E. Reeves, the Misses Walker, Robinson Hopgood, the secretary (R. I. Hibbert), and representatives from 57 different towers.

The proceedings commenced with a service in the Cathedral. It was one compiled by the Oxford Guild, consisting of Psalms, specially written hymns and appropriate prayers. The service was taken up by the Master, the lesson was read by the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, C.F., Vicar of Titchfield, late Master and now Vice-President of the Winchester Guild. He gave his brother ringers some sound practical advice, and rejoiced in the fact that ringers were now being recognised as church workers, while many Rectors took a keen interest in their bells, two things for which the Guild worked. The service closed with the singing of the 'Te Deum.'

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, with the Master presiding.

The Master, in his annual report, stated: 'It is only about three months that I have been able to "function" as Master. I have attended meetings at Chipping Norton, Newbury, Witney, Woodstock, and East Berks and South Bucks, and North Bucks Branches. These meetings were all well attended. A secretary is much needed to take the late Mr. West's place in the Bradfield Branch. Ringing for services has been well maintained, and credit is due to the boys and girls, and in some cases married women, who have offered themselves for this service. We have good reason to be proud of our Guild and thankful to God for the way His Spirit has been with us.'

The Treasurer moved the adoption of the balance sheet. He said that there was a balance of £145 on the credit side, most of which had been invested in the War Loan. This was very satisfactory considering the large number of members who had been serving with the colours.

The Secretary reported that the membership was increasing, and now stood at 2,000. He had been secretary for two years, and he could look back with pleasure on the progress which the Guild had made. He especially wished to thank the Branch Secretaries, to all of whom the Guild owed a deep debt of gratitude, for it was mainly owing to them that the success was due. He had attended as many branch meetings as possible, and hoped, now that the war was over, to take part in many peals.

The Master, in moving the adoption of the report, eulogised the secretary's work and the way he had kept things going and the members of the Guild together.

Canon Coleridge, in moving the re-election of the Master, congratulated him on his safe return, and the Guild in having a Master who had done so much in the interests of ringers.

The Master, treasurer and secretary were all re-elected. The following members were elected on the committee: Canon Newhouse, Mrs. A. E. Reeves, Messrs. Booth, Caudwell, Holifield, Humfrey, Parker, Newell, Webb, Pike, Sear and Evans.

The report of the Central Council proceedings was presented by Canon Coleridge. It was resolved to make a grant of £4 4s. towards recasting the 6th bell at High Wycombe.

No fewer than 103 new members were elected. The next festival will be at Reading in July, 1920, all the arrangements being left in the hands of the committee.

A luncheon followed in the dining hall at Christ Church. All those who had served in the war were entertained by the Guild. After the usual loyal toasts, that of 'The Guild,' was proposed by the Rev. A. C. A. Freeborn. He congratulated the Guild on the progress made and on having a Master who worked so hard in its interests. The Master, in responding, thanked the officers of the Guild who had kept the work going while he was away, and now he had returned he hoped that the influence of the Guild would make itself felt in all parts of the Diocese, and especially where little or no change ringing was done. There was no reason why every tower should not be in the Guild. He hoped that ringers would mark the difference between practice nights and the Sunday services.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, and afterwards ringing took place in various towers in the city.

It is interesting to note that amongst the demobilised men were one major, two captains, two lieutenants, regimental sergt.-majors, sergeants, corporals, privates of the following corps: Royal Artillery, Horse, Field and Garrison Artillery, Royal Horse Guards, Coldstream Guards, Royal Engineers, Devons, Essex, Wiltshire, Worcester, Royal Fusiliers, Royal Bords, Rifle Brigade, Oxon and Bucks, Sussex, Hamp-

shires, Machine Gun Corps, Royal Army Service Corps, R.A.F., Labour Battalion, Australian and Canadian Infantry, Royal Army Medical Corps, two V.A.D. nurses, and one land lady.

## THE NEW BELLS AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

### A MAGNIFICENT PEAL.

On July 18th (the eve of Peace Day), at the request of Mr. C. F. Johnston (of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), the St. Peter's ringers, Tunbridge Wells, met to test the bells which have been recast and rehung with all new fittings by the Croydon firm. Besides the ringers there were also present the Rev. J. L. Cobham (the late Vicar), Messrs. B. R. Collins and C. F. Catt (churchwardens), Mr. C. F. Johnston and Mr. W. W. Starmer (the well known authority on the tuning of bells). The bells were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

At the conclusion of the ringing, Mr. Starmer (who had superintended the tuning on behalf of the churchwardens) addressed the ringers. He congratulated them on possessing such a beautiful peal of bells; he said, with regard to tone and tune they were as near perfection as it was possible to get them. He had been advocating this system of bell tuning for 25 years, and he was very pleased indeed that Tunbridge Wells now possessed a peal of bells which for the weight were second to none in England.

The old tenor was reputed to be 14½ cwt., but on being taken to the foundry and weighed (in the presence of the late Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Cobham) was found to be 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. The new tenor is 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs. in F sharp, and has the following inscription: 'Cast 1876. Recast in 1919 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston Croydon.' Rev. J. L. Cobham, Vicar. B. R. Collins and C. F. Catt, churchwardens. Guillermo W. Starmer, Campanis Perito.'

The total weight of the peal is 51 cwt. 0 qrs. 11 lbs. The parish is at present without a Vicar; the Vicar-elect is the Rev. W. H. Ferguson, Vicar of Stratford, London. His induction will probably take place at the end of this month, and it is hoped to arrange for the dedication of the bells as soon as possible after his induction, probably early in September. Until the dedication the bells will only be rung for the Sunday services. It is hoped that the Bishop of the Diocese will perform the ceremony of dedication, and that a substantial sum will be raised on that occasion for the bell fund, for which a considerable sum of money is still required.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on the excellence of both the bells and the hanging, and also on completing the work so that the bells could be rung for the commemoration of peace. Mr. Johnston originally promised that the work should be completed by July 26th, but when Peace Day was fixed for July 19th he said that every effort should be made to complete it by that date, and his staff so thoroughly carried out the wishes of the firm, and also the churchwardens, ringers, and the inhabitants, that the work of rehanging was completed in about ten days, and the bells were heard ringing out their message of peace as before stated.

## PONTEFRAC T BELLS TO BE RECAST.

### PONTEFRAC T PARISH CHURCH.

On Sunday evening, August 3rd, the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Capron) announced that the church authorities had decided upon the following as a war memorial: First, the recasting and hanging in iron frame of the ring of eight bells, the tenor being some 16 cwt. in E. The reverend gentleman expressed the hope (the order having been given) that the new bells would be ready by Christmas, next they intended to instal the electric light, attend to the ventilation, and also to clean and repaint the building. The Vicar also announced that the parish church ringers had promised a substantial sum towards the fund, the total cost of the whole being about £1,500 or £1,600.

## THE PEAL AT KIDLINGTON: A CORRECTION

A correspondent writes, in connection with the recent peal at Kidlington: There are two mistakes in the report of a peal of Stedman Triples at Kidlington, which appeared in your issue of August 8th. The tenor was weighed some years ago, and found to be 25½ cwt. There have been certainly one, if not two, peals rung on the bells in three hours exactly, so that the peal in question is not the fastest. I myself rang in a peal on June 15th, 1909, which took exactly three hours, and which is recorded on a peal board in the belfry. The statement in your last issue is, therefore, the more surprising.

## THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

The fund for this successful and interesting scheme will definitely close on August 31st, 1919.

I shall be glad if those who still have lists will kindly forward the amounts in hand to me on or before the above date. I hope all ringers will do their best to bring the total to a level figure.

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



## PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION THE CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Peterborough on August Bank Holiday. The bells of the Cathedral, St. John's, St. Mary's and Woodstone were available all day, and service was held in the Eastern Chapel of the Cathedral. Canon Bury officiated; minor Canon Gray presided at the organ, and the Bishop of Peterborough gave the address, basing his remarks on Psalm 95, 1, which properly translated was 'O come let us ring out our joy unto the Lord.' In the course of an eloquent address his Lordship drew attention to the team of ringers, standing for a peal, each doing his own work, and yet so dependent on each other. It had, he said, a moral for Britain in the great industrial unrest of to-day.

After tea, the President (the Dean of Peterborough) presided over the business meeting, supported by Canon Bury, Rev. C. J. Sturton and the Rev. A. C. Neely.

The accounts presented by the secretary showed a balance of £6 2s. 9d.—The secretary stated that three peals of Minor had been rung, in which five ladies had taken part. There were sixteen lady members in the Association. Four meetings had been held, and it was hoped to have monthly meetings in the district. Seven members had made the supreme sacrifice.

In addition to the officers re-elected, the Rev. A. C. Neely was elected vice-president and treasurer. Miss K. Jutson was appointed on the committee in place of the late Mr. Rowell (deceased), and Mr. Frank Rowlinson was elected Ringing Master.

A memorial in the form of a tablet (with the names of those members who had fallen in the war) was suggested, and it was proposed that it be placed in the Cathedral. The following were elected a committee to carry out the scheme: The Rev. C. J. Sturton, Messrs. S. Vaughan, F. Cooke, T. Howling, H. Hoare, R. Narborough and A. Abrams, with the secretary (Mr. J. J. Jutson).

Considerable discussion took place with reference to the Cathedral bells. It was felt that a light ring of ten should replace the present heavy back five of the original ten.—The Dean said the Cathedral was very poor, and suffered from not being in the county town. They were reconstructing the old restoration committee, and something was to be done as a war memorial. Owing to the war they had had to put off their commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey. They needed £20,000 for their scheme, and the bells were included in the estimate.

One pound was voted from the funds to the Goldsmith testimonial. During the day, Mr. R. J. Dandy, churchwarden of the Parish Church, presented the ladies, through Miss Jutson, with a large box of chocolates.

A feature of the meeting was a fine touch of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, and a course of Double Norwich tapped on the piano by Mr. Thomas.

Amongst those present were members and visitors from Swindon, Edmonton, Long Bennington, Cotgrave, Irthlingborough, Northampton, Guildford, Chatteris, March, Crowland, etc., in all about 60.

## PEACE CELEBRATION TOUCHES.

On Peace celebration day, the Battle Branch of the Sussex Association started at 6 a.m. for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in 52½ mins.: W. H. Eldridge 1, R. Curtis 2, G. R. Carter 3, F. Mathis 4, J. Sinden 5, P. Carter 6, W. Franks (conductor) 7, C. T. Dennis 8. The following served in the war: R. Curtis (5th Sussex), G. R. Carter (Red Cross), J. Sinden (Sussex Yeomanry), P. Carter (5th Sussex), Sergt. Dennis (A.S.C.).

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Wickens 1, E. Bishop, junr., 2, H. Hammond 3, H. Smith 4, E. Bishop, senr., 5, F. Hammond 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, W. Hammond 8.

**MAULESFIELD.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). Ringers: E. Atkin 1, G. Bottomley 2, J. Hankinson 3, A. Burgess 4, S. Cardell 5, S. Deau 6, W. Walsley 7, C. E. Galleymore 8. Composed and conducted by S. Cardell. Also on Saturday, July 19th, for the local Peace celebrations, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Atkin 1, G. Bottomley 2, W. Walsley 3, W. McKinnell 4, S. Lean 5, S. Cardell 6, J. Norbury 7, A. Burgess 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On July 30th, for Peace celebrations, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Etherington 1, F. J. Goddard 2, A. Beckensale 3, T. Beadle 4, J. Lee (Streatham) 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Beadle 8.

**LLANBRADACH.**—On July 19th, at All Saints' Church, on the occasion of the Peace celebrations, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), with 4, 6, 8 covering: Miss L. Nottley 1, H. Cassel 2, S. Vorsey 3, W. Williams 4, F. Stevens 5, Miss Ivy Williams 6, A. Burgess (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8.

**BASINGSTOKE.**—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Chesterman 1, Miss A. White 2, F. Wilson 3, F. Hansford 4, J. Ward (conductor) 5, A. Burgess 6, J. Ballard 7, J. Hopworth 8.

## NOTICES.

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**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824, Southern District.—The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints', Isleworth, tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Nominations for Vice-Presidents, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors to be handed in at this meeting.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at Leesfield. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Pudsey, Saturday, August 16th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hanbury on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who send me their names by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

**HIGH WYCOMBE.**—On Saturday, Aug. 16th, the ring of 12 bells at the Parish Church will be available, commencing at 3.30. All ringers welcome.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 25th, at 7.45 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, and St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45; service, 4.30. Tea can be provided in Bishop Ryder's Schools at a reasonable charge at 5 o'clock for those who notify Mr. James George, 13, Dolman Road, Aston, Birmingham, not later than Aug. 18th. Business Meeting after tea. The bells of St. John's, Deritend (8), and St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available during the evening.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30 prompt. Business important, re annual meeting.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, August 30th. Tower open at 3; Service at 5; tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, August 26th.—W. Lather, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ISHAM, NORTHANTS, SOCIETY.**—In conjunction with the Ladies' Guild.—A summer ringing festival will be held at Isham on Saturday, August 30th, at 4 p.m. (ringing from 2.30). All ringers and supporters of the Ladies' Guild cordially invited to be present, but those who intend to do so are requested to inform Mr. W. T. Wilson, The Pines, Isham, of their intention, so that sufficient provender may be prepared.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, August 30th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 30th. Tea at The Tea Table, High Street, at 5.30, followed by business meeting. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m., also St. Margaret's and Frindsbury bells. Will those who wish to have tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, August 27th. 9d. each will be charged for tea. All ringers are welcome. Hope to see the younger members of the Exercise.—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of this guild will be held at Penn, near Wolverhampton, Staffs., on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; service in church at 4.30 which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Hartill, M.A. who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Prestwich, Manchester.—Dedication of the re-cast peal on August 30th. The service will take place at 4 p.m. conducted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President). All ringers cordially invited.—R. W. Bent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Any suggestions for the annual meeting, and nominations for Vice-President, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors, to be sent in to the General Secretary by September 1st.—W. H. Shuker, Gen. Sec., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells available at the Minster from 1 o'clock till 8.30 p.m.; service at the Minster 5 p.m.; tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Tea will be provided at 1/- each to those only who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithnuns Place, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than the first post, Sept. 2nd.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 50, Volta St., Selby.

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

**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BERTRAM PREWETT AND ROBERT STAVERT.**—It has been decided to place a Tablet in Bushey Church to record the half-muffled peal rung in memory of these two Bushey ringers who gave their lives for their country. Subscriptions thankfully received by Mr. F. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

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#### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### A DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Shoreham, on Saturday, July 26th. Touches of Grandioso, Stedman, Treble Rob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge were rung in the afternoon, and at the service an interesting address was given by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar), on bells and their uses. Tea followed at the George Inn, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. H. J. Blackwell presided. Seven new members were elected, including Mr. O. Sippitts (Crawley) and Mr. F. R. Copeman (Wymondham) as non-resident life members. St. Luke's, Bromley, was selected as the place for the annual district meeting in October.

The District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge, senr.) gave notice, that owing to inability, he should not be able to stand for re-election, and asked the members to do their best to secure a successor for the office.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address to the organist, who accompanied the service, and to Mr. H. J. Blackwell for presiding, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

BEESTON, NOTIS.—A peal of Stedman, was lost in the 18th part, after 2 hrs. 35 mins. good ringing: W. Clifford, junr., 1. A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, P. Price 4, C. Dicken 5, F. S. Price 6, E. J. Boot 7, A. B. Moss 8.

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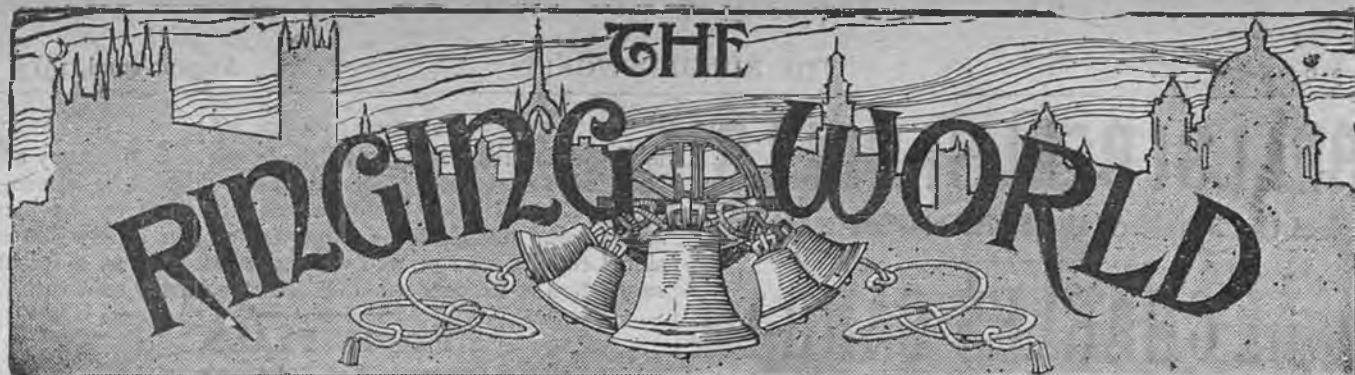
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### CAMPA NOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

In some recent articles we have pointed out a direction in which, we believe, something might be done to enlighten the public in regard to matters campanological, and thus secure a wider and more intelligent interest in the doings of ringers among those outside. At the same time, there is, as we have suggested, another field in which the efforts of the Central Council and the various associations might find a useful outlet, and that is among ringers themselves. The county and diocesan organisations have for many years pursued a steady and successful campaign which has resulted in the elimination of abuses from the belfry, improving the status of the ringer in his relation with the church authorities, and raising generally the standard of ringing. These things, everyone whose knowledge of belfries goes back over any lengthy period, must readily acknowledge. There has been a great transformation in the last forty years, but this does not mean that nothing further can be done.

In these days of high pressure, the man who does not go on is sure to go under, and the same principle will apply to those associations who are content to stand still. Frequent and well-attended meetings are an excellent sign of life in a society, but these ought not to be the end of an organisation's activities. Meetings create interest and enthusiasm in those who are able to attend them, but for every ringer who is able to take part in a meeting there are probably four or five who are unable, or, worse still, disinclined, to do so. Combined practices among small groups of towers, such as are very successfully carried on in some districts, are of immense benefit in reaching those who do not find opportunity to get to the larger meetings. Indeed, the probability is that associations which are now divided into larger districts would do even better if they enlarged their devolution machinery and further subdivided their areas.

But, apart from this, there is another direction in which associations might make their influence felt and extend their value to their members. Why could not instructional lectures be given, either in towers or in some convenient centre for a group of towers? These lectures could cover a wide field and, in the hands of a competent man, could be made extremely attractive. They could be made interesting as well as educational; they could touch the historical and antiquarian side of bells as well as the practical and scientific. They would, we are certain, increase interest and raise the aspirations of those already in touch with the Exercise, and, planned on the right lines,

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might do much to increase the general competency and knowledge of ringers. The scheme could well be launched by the Central Council and carried through by the local associations much in the same way as University Extension Lectures are run, and we throw out this as a further suggestion to all concerned for their serious consideration.

### PEACE PEALS.

#### TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

#### A PEAL OF BRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 6
HARRY MORGAN ... .. 2	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 7
FRED ATWELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 8
GORDON W. CNECKETTS ... .. 4	JAMES PIPPIN ... .. 9
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5	GEORGE POPWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLLIS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters on the bells. Arranged and rang specially to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Peace.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,  
AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

S. HOUNSLOW ... .. Treble	V. BENNETT ... .. 6
A. HAWES ... .. 2	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... .. 7
W. J. SMITH ... .. 3	T. PAYNE ... .. 8
W. FINCH ... .. 4	R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON ... .. 9
W. H. B. WILKINS ... .. 5	R. PLAISTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON.

Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace at the wish of Sir Herbert Warren, K.C.V.O., President of the College. The first peal on the bells since Aug. 23rd, 1875. The ringers all wish to thank the President and Fellows for the privilege of ringing a peal on the college bells.

#### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

FRANK OAKSHOTT ... .. Treble	EDWARD T. GROVE ... .. 5
ALFRED BROWN ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... .. 6
WILLIAM G. GROVE ... .. 3	CHARLES E. READ ... .. 7
THOMAS MILES ... .. 4	WILLIAM POLETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. READ.

Rung to commemorate the victorious conclusion of the Great War and signing of the terms of Peace.

FLIXTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES SHAW ... .. Treble	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... .. 5
GEORGE TURNER ... .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 6
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells and rung as a Peace celebration peal.



BERKHAMSTEAD, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	HORACE H. SMITH ... 5
OWEN W. BAYES ... 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 6
FREDERICK J. REEVE ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 4	*ERNEST W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal. Rung as a victory peal for the above parish.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.	
HUGH WATTS ... Treble	WILLIAM HINDLEY ... 5
HARRY ALLRED ... 2	JOHN POTTER ... 6
JOHN T. ALLRED ... 3	ROBERT ALLRED ... 7
HERBERT ALLRED ... 4	JOHN HAMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a Peace peal for Tyldesley, and also as a welcome home to the ringers of the 4th, now demobilised.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*MISS VIOLET CROCKER ... Treble	JAMES NISBET ... 5
MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM ... 2	†MISS EDITH M. HOLE ... 6
ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE ... 3	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM ... 7
MISS MABEL C. N. JOKES ... 4	WALTER S. WATTS ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS E. M. HOLE.

\* First peal. † First peal as Conductor. This peal was rung to commemorate the termination of the Great War.

WITNEY, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.	
REV. R. L. C. NEWHOUSE ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 5
MARK WOODHOUSE ... 2	JOHN MONK ... 6
FREDERICK WEBB ... 3	THOMAS BULL ... 7
NOBLE SPINDLOW ... 4	GEORGE BROOKS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

This peal was rung at the request of Mr. F. M. Green, Rector's Churchwarden, who has promised a peal board to record it.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Forty-two six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.	
FRANCIS S. SHAW ... Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... 4
THOMAS J. SALTER ... 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
JOHN BASS ... 3	ALFRED MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung in celebration of Peace.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
TOM TEBBUTT ... Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	FRANK RAWLINSON ... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

This peal was rung as a special Peace peal at the request of the Rector (Rev. F. Almond), who, at its close, kindly entertained the band to a sumptuous tea in the Rectory. Great credit is due to the ringer of the second for the splendid way in which she struck her bell throughout. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells since the year 1854.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

BRISTOL.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.	
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 6
ALFRED REAVES ... 2	GEORGE CONDLICK, SEN. ... 7
ALFRED WINCH ... 3	HENRY PRING ... 8
GEORGE CONDLICK, JUN. ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
ERNEST DAVIS ... 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. A. BURFORD.

A. Winch hails from Leatherhead, Surrey; E. Davis from Gloucester.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble	ALFRED CRIPPS ... 6
ALBERT D. STONE ... 2	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 7
RICHARD STREDWICK ... 3	JOHN JAY ... 8
WILLIAM WATTS ... 4	KEITH HART ... 9
CHARLES PALMER ... 5	WILLIAM STENNING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.	
†JAMES BUTLER ... Treble	†CPL. JOHN DEARLOVE ... 5
THOMAS EAST, SENR ... 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 6
*THOMAS EAST, JUNR. ... 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	*WILLIAM GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Cpl. John Dearlove belongs to the Canadian Engineers.

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On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WESLEY WATSON... ..Treble	ALFRED PYE ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	*ARTHUR MASON ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JESSE J. MOSS ... ..Treble	CHARLES MASON ... .. 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	THOMAS BETTISON ... .. 6
WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 3	THOMAS RILEY ... .. 7
EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE ... ..Treble	EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 5
ALFRED WYATT ... .. 2	JOSEPH MADDOCK ... .. 6
FRANK MILLARD ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	JAMES HUNT ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Fiftieth peal by W. Farley, and first peal of Major on the bells.  
Arranged for Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE GREENACRE... ..Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... .. 2	ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... .. 5
SPR. F. W. NAUNTON ... .. 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

\* First peal. Arranged for Spr. F. W. Naunton, who is home on  
leave from the Army of Occupation.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and  
Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. HARRINGTON ... ..Treble	E. TURNER ... .. 4
H. CATTERWELL ... .. 2	O. BROYD ... .. 5
H. CANSSELL ... .. 3	G. E. PANNELL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by O. BROYD.

First peal on the bells.

WORCESTER CITY.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 2,520 changes each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... ..Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 4
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... .. 5
WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the Signing of the Treaty of Peace. This was  
the first peal on the bells which were cast in 1654, and the first peal of  
Minor rung in Worcester on the eastern side of the Severn. Mr.  
Bowkett's first peal on six bells.

WORCESTER CITY.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob Minor and two 720's each of Oxford and  
Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor.

WILLIAM PAGE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 4
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This peal was rung in honour of the Signing of the Treaty of Peace,  
and is the first peal ever rung on these bells, the oldest of which dates  
from 1715.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double  
and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. HAYNES... ..Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 4
REV. C. J. STURTON ... .. 2	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... .. 5
JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 3	WALTER WHITE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Dalby, of Harby, and Miss  
Mitton, of Hough-on-the Hill, a ringer at the above tower.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's differently called.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH Treble	ALFRED WATSON ... .. 4
*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... .. 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 3	JAMES WARDLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

BREMNHILL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CRANBIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST STEVENS ... ..Treble	JOSEPH SLADE ... .. 4
THOMAS MERRITT ... .. 2	*JAMES WALKER ... .. 5
*GEORGE MORTIMER ... .. 3	GEORGE FREEGARD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. SLADE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

*CYRIL WILSON ... .. Treble	JAMES N. NICKERSON ... 4
FRANCIS BATT ... .. 2	JOHN LEWIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 3	†LESLIE GROOM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor, recently demobilised. A welcome home to the ringer of the 5th.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's differently called.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 1-2	MADRICE SYMONDS ... .. 4
*FREDERICK LEES ... .. 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal.

LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 5-6
*JAMES R. KEMP ... .. 3-4	†JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attested by GEORGE A. JOWETT.

\* First peal on an inside pair. † First peal on handbells.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

AN OUTING TO CROYDON.

On Saturday, August 9th, having received an invitation from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to visit their foundry and works, the members of the Romney Marsh Guild, to the number of 40, spent an enjoyable day. Two motor charabancs were chartered, one starting from Ashford and the other from Tenterden, to meet at Maidstone at 8.30. After passing through some of the finest scenery in Kent and Surrey, the party arrived at the foundry at 11.30, where they were received by Mr. Johnston and Mr. Dean. St. Peter's tower was visited, and some ringing done on this fine peal of ten in Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Dean and Miss E. H. Parker lending a helping hand. Lunch was partaken of at the foundry, and at 2.15 the visitors motored off to St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and spent a very enjoyable time in ringing and listening to this most up-to-date and musical peal. Returning to the foundry, the visitors found a substantial tea awaiting them in the spacious canteen connected with the works.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Johnston for his kind invitation, for his generous hospitality, and for the arrangements to ring on two such fine peals of bells, and making (from a ringers' point of view) a perfect day.—Mr. Johnston, in reply, said he was pleased to make his first acquaintance with the members of the Guild, and was glad if he had been the means of their spending an enjoyable day. He then conducted the party over the foundry and works, explaining the various processes of bell founding in detail, and struck some tunes on three or four different peals which had been cast in the foundry, and were awaiting their despatch. This was a splendid object lesson. At 6.30 the party moved out of Croydon, through Warrington and Limsfield to Westerham, where we had made previous arrangements for ringing, and where they were met at the church by the secretary (Mr. G. B. Selby) and other local ringers. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round, with a few rounds for the recruits, and after an hour's ringing the bells were lowered in peal. Home was eventually reached safely about 12.15 after being very sternly reminded of the parable of the foolish virgins by a man in blue who, however, let the company off with a caution. In the opinion of all who took part in it this was the best outing the Guild had ever had or ever could have.

FARNHAM ROYAL AND ITS BELLS.

REVIVING A DECAYING ANNIVERSARY.

In the month of June, 1752, there was cast at the flourishing village of Whitechapel a ring of six bells for the village of Farnham Royal (tenor 12½ cwt.). An old parish document mentioned that there were four bells there previously. On the completion of the present tower in 1876 the middle pair of bells was recast and the whole rehung. The original six had been taken out in 1868, and stored in the Rectory barns, whilst the tower, in a ruinous condition, was being demolished; so that these bells were not sounded for eight years. Two additional trebles were added to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897, the restored tower and a new organ being the gift of a Mr. Dodd, an old resident of the parish, who began life as a lad at the plough, and amassed a fortune by the collection and disposal of London's dust and refuse. In June, 1877, the local bell opening festival was observed on Whit-Monday, and ringers from Boyne Hill, Burnham, Slough and London attended, the writer being one of some half-dozen survivors of a gathering which laid the foundation of the E. Berks and South Bucks Association, so named out of courtesy to the Boyne Hill men (and the Rev. A. H. Drummond), who then possessed a new octave; and to Farnham Royal, with the Rev. F. S. Marshall, and Messrs. Parker and Alder. The incumbents of each parish took the office of president and hon. secretary respectively.

To-day the bells and the steeplekeeper are yet in evidence, and as the war was practically over, members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—which swallowed the older Association in 1881—decided to revive the decaying anniversary, and on a recent Saturday a friendly practice was fixed up with the hearty approval of the present Rector (the Rev. F. M. Hargreaves).

The following (27) answered 'roll call' and enjoyed the day in this beechy district of Bucks by ringing London, Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Plain Bob Major, and Oxford, Stedman, and Grandsire Triples; a team of fair damsels manning the octave quite unaided for a spell, and with one or two newly demobilised men and visitors kept the bells going at intervals to their mutual satisfaction: The Misses Fuller, Bateman, Gudgin, Williams, Feltham, Cooper, Wheeler and Wheeler—who rang 'Queen's' in a Royal parish; Messrs. W. Hewett, F. I. Hairs, Parker, Kenley, Bateman, Gutteridge, Blackmore, Mason, Alder, W. C. Mayne (and his handbells), Pike, Shreeve, Hooper, Jones, Smith, Leader, Williamson, Fussell and H. Cox. Tea was provided at the Crown, the chair being taken by Mr. J. J. Parker of twelve-part fame, and the vice-chair by Miss F. Gudgin. An excellent practice with reminders of the dim and distant past ended in a beautiful summer night's cycle ride home, with feelings of thanks to the Rector and foreman for hospitality and attention expressed feebly in the form of a 'vote' after tea.

Two questions arose during the day, how came 'Royal' tacked on to Farnham, and why eat at the Crown? Others may wish to know, so here's the answer:—

Julius Caesar is said to have erected a hunting box on the Thames at Windsor. It was fortified by William the Conqueror, and to-day is known as the Curfew Tower. Most of our early Kings and Queens hunted the South of Bucks, and this parish became famous for its royal sport. It is a fairly established reputation that ringers are a most loyal and patriotic body, and the churchwardens' parish accounts all over England and very early press paragraphs from the days of Charles I. help to confirm it, and so 'we' supported the Crown to-day.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BRENT KNOLL.

A meeting of the Axbridge Deanery branch was held on Saturday week at Brent Knoll. A glorious August afternoon, a fine peal of six bells; a gathering of nearly 30 enthusiastic ringers, numbering amongst them some ladies; a hearty welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Gardner) to the beautiful Vicarage grounds (one of England's beauty spots). What more could a ringer wish for? The proceedings began with ringing on the fine peal about 3.45 p.m., and service was held in the beautiful old church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an impressive address. The members were then generously entertained to tea on the Vicarage lawn by the Rev. and Mrs. Gardner. The business meeting followed, the President of the Branch (Preh. G. L. Porcher) being in the chair, and Brent Knoll, Burnham, East Brent, Mark, Weston-super-Mare, Worle and Berrow towers represented. Two honorary members and two performing members were elected, and Worle was selected for the next meeting.—The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Gardner for their very kind hospitality, and Mr. Hey, in seconding, also thanked the ladies who had so kindly waited on them.—The vote was carried with acclamation and the Vicar humorously replied. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung on the bells. The afternoon will long live in the memory of those who were privileged to take part in the proceedings.



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## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

### AMONG THE HEAVY BELLS OF KENT.

After a break of three years, the Bromley Youths, the ringers at the old Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, resumed their annual outing, the venue being the Weald of Kent, with towers containing some of the heaviest eight bell peals in the county. Eleven members and several friends, including Messrs. W. Smith and F. King, of Beckenham, and E. F. Pike, of Brockley, left Bromley South at 5.39 a.m. for Headcorn, where, after a substantial breakfast, the bells (tenor 24 cwt.) were raised, and some capital touches of Grand-sire, Stedman and Double Norwich were brought round. The bells were well lowered in peal, and a move at once made for Biddenden via the Kent and East Sussex railway. Arriving at this quaint old village, with its fine church tower, the party were met by Mr. Tribe, of Tenterden, and Mr. W. Spies, of Tunstall. The ringing included Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Grand-sire and Bob Major, in which last named method the Biddenden ringers of the 18th century were quite proficient, as the peal boards in the belfry testify. The bells are a fine old peal, with a splendid tenor of 26 cwt. They were restored a few years ago but unfortunately the sixth has developed a crack, but it is hoped to have it recast at an early date. Biddenden was worth the journey to visit it. Some courses of Triples, double-handed on the handbells, much to the interest of the locals, especially the youngsters who crowded round again (and whom it is safe to assume have heard but little if any handbell change ringing) brought the Biddenden visit to a close, and the party were soon packed into a smart little motor-bus for the next tower on the list—Tenterden which was the main object of the journey. A most enjoyable ride, and a splendid dinner at the White Lion Hotel, to which 17 sat down, including Mr. C. Tribe who had kindly made the arrangements there. After this everyone declared they felt fit to ring the 30 cwt. tenor to Double Norwich, and a move was made for the grand old tower, where some more excellent touches were rung, including the Double Norwich. The visitors agreed that the praise that has been lavished on Tenterden bells has not been exaggerated. Owing to the very early time of the last train back to Headcorn, viz. 5 o'clock, the stay at Tenterden was all too brief, and it was not long before the party realised why it is necessary to start early when travelling on the K. and E.S.R. This particular train shunted three times at each station, and took 1½ hours to do the nine miles. It is believed to be the champion shunting railway of the empire. Eventually arriving at Headcorn, where tea, like breakfast and ringing, had been arranged by Mr. P. Hodgkin, it was found necessary to make this the most hurried part of the day's proceedings in order to fulfil the programme, by concluding the day's ringing on the peal at Marden, where a pleasant evening was spent. Stedman Grand-sire Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major being rung with Mr. D. Hodgkin (who made the arrangements there), and Mr. C. Sone, of Linton. The conducting throughout the day was shared by Messrs. W. Smith, G. Durling, G. Hurley and I. Emery. Thanks are due to Messrs. Hodgkin (2) and Mr. Tribe for the capital arrangements made, and to the incumbents of the four churches named for kindly allowing the use of their bells. I. E.

### A SUSSEX OUTING.

The Henfield (Sussex) ringers had their first outing since 1914, the other day, when they visited Lewes and Eastbourne, by motor. At the former place they had the opportunity of ringing on the peal of ten at St. John the Baptist's, Southover, where they were met by the steeplekeeper, who had the bells ready for the visitors. Several of the members made their first attempt at Stedman Caters, several courses, of which were brought round in excellent style. Reaching Eastbourne at 11.30, the party had the privilege of ringing on the grand peal of eight at St. Saviour's Church, where a well-struck 504 of Stedman Triples concluded the ringing programme.

The visitors met for both dinner and tea, and the rest of the day was spent in enjoying the attractions of one of the most beautiful seaside resorts on the south coast. Thanks are accorded to the incumbents of Southover, Lewes and St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, for permission to ring; to the steeplekeepers of these churches for meeting the visitors and having the bells in readiness; and also to Mr. Markwell, who was responsible for all the arrangements.

### OSPRINGE RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, July 6th, the Ospringe ringers on the kind invitation of one of their number, journeyed by brake to Hernhill, near Faversham. They were welcomed there by the Vicar, the Rev. Alfred Clark. After inspecting the church, they indulged in ringing on the eight bells in the tower until five o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Red Lion Inn and an excellent meat tea enjoyed, the Vicar being of the party. A tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. E. E. Foreman, of Hernhill, who had for so many years taken such a lively interest in bell ringing, and helped so many young ringers in the district, and who had been present on more than one similar occasion. Further ringing was done during the evening.

## A SUNDAY EXCURSION.

At Isleworth, on Sunday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by W. Lidbetter 1, H. C. Chandler 2, C. Edwards 3, E. F. Cole 4, C. Bird (conductor) 5, F. C. Goddard 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Beckinsale 8. Afterwards four of the Isleworth band, with Mr. E. F. Cole, journeyed by bus and tram to Reigate. A pleasant hour was spent with an old ringing friend, Mr. W. Argent, of 'Ye Panther,' and the party then walked on to Redhill, where from the common magnificent views were obtained. Reaching 74, Earlswood Road at 4 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey had tea awaiting them, and this, it goes without saying, was thoroughly enjoyed, the hosts being thanked for their kindness. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church was arranged for the evening, the band being completed by Mr. F. Woodiss, of Kingston, and local men: E. Dewey 1, A. Beckinsale 2, T. Beadle 3, E. F. Cole 4, F. Woodiss 5, F. C. Goddard 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, J. Sherlock 8. The visitors were to thank the Redhill ringers for kindly placing the bells at their disposal.

## FAREWELL.

As a farewell to the Rev. L. E. Richardson, Rector of Shirenewton, who was shortly leaving for the parish of Ilton, a band of ringers, members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, including the conductors of Chepstow, Caidecot, and All Saints', Newport, towers, with others, journeyed to Shirenewton on Saturday last, and, during the afternoon and evening, rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor on the church bells. Tea was served during an interval.

The bells, a light ring of six, are very musical, and only recently were augmented from five to six, and the second bell recast. This was the first time since the augmentation that change ringing had been done on them. Amongst the visitors was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon.

The old five were cast in 1769 by Evans, of Chepstow, and it is hoped one day to see the completion of the octave by the addition of two others.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.  
SWINDON BRANCH DOING GOOD WORK.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at the pretty little village of Bishopstone, and was attended by 30 members of various towers, who fully appreciated a ring on the fine peal of which came from the well-known Whitechapel Foundry. Incidentally it was the last day of the great war, and soon after 3 p.m. the silence of this little village was broken by the music of the beautiful bells in methods varying from Elsin Bob Major to Double Norwich, useful practice being obtained. A short service was held at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Lucas Stubbs officiating. A strawberry tea, provided by Mr. Stone, was enjoyed on the Vicarage lawn, and the business meeting followed, with Mr. Ernest Bishop, branch president, in the chair. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next two practice meetings at Malmesbury and Wroughton respectively, the next quarterly meeting to be held at Chippenham.

A letter was read by the president with reference to the Diocesan War Memorial to fallen ringers, but no vote will be taken until the next quarterly meeting.—The Secretary read gratifying reports of the two last monthly practice meetings which were held at Blunsdon and Castle Eaton, and brought out talent at five and six bell towers.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for use of bells and the service, and the Rev. L. Stubbs offered the Association a welcome at any time they cared to pay a visit.

The business meeting over, there was further ringing, a well-struck 504 of Stedman Triples being included: H. W. Bishop 1, R. W. Hynes 2, T. Robinson 3, T. Ricketts 4, C. Gardner 5, E. Bishop (conductor) 6, S. Palmer 7, J. Durham (Bishopstone) 8.

## COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT NOTTINGHAM

Mr. H. R. Cobbin, who has recently very generously provided St. Peter's, Nottingham, with two new bells, was entertained to a complimentary dinner at the Welbeck Hotel. There was a very happy gathering of ringers and church officials, the Rector being in the chair, supported by the churchwardens, Mr. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough, and the late Mr. John Taylor's only surviving son. After an excellent dinner, and the loyal toast, the senior member, Mr. Geo. Johnson, proposed the health of the guest of the evening in very cordial terms, the toast being drunk with musical honours. Mr. Cobbin suitably replied, and the Rector referred to Mr. Cobbin's generosity in placing the new bells in the tower, a gift which, he said, was greatly appreciated.

The delightful musical programme was sustained by the Welbeck Quartette (Messrs. Warren, Pearce, Coppock and Adkin), and Miss Nellie Price, the talented daughter of a well-known Beeston ringer, played the accompaniments. Four ringers were present who had seen active service, viz.: Messrs. R. Clifford, F. Blood, G. West and T. Coppock, and the Vicar offered his hearty congratulations and the thanks of the community.

## RINGING EXCURSION IN ESSEX.

With most ringers an enjoyable addition to the fascination of change ringing is the desire to visit as many different towers as possible. Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, shares this wish, and has for some time cast longing eyes on the rings of six bells at Burnham-on-Crouch and Southminster, but as they are some 40 miles from his home, and not easy of reach by rail, he has had to wait for the more modern motor. His son (fortunate man!) owns a line-running 4-seater, in which W. J. Nevard and P. Almond, of Great Bentley; J. Howell, of Great Bromley and E. W. Beckwith, of Coggeshall, travelled to Burnham on Saturday, June 28th. On arrival there they found Messrs. F. Chalk and H. Mansfield, who had kindly cycled from Maldon to make up the party. The church is a fine, long building, paved with glowing red brick, and it is said that the tower was originally much higher, but had been blown down in a gale. However, there is enough left to hold a nice going ring of six bells, on which was rung 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Double Court, and 240 Cambridge Surprise.—The Vicar congratulated the party on the ringing, which very happily coincided with the signing of peace.

After a stroll round the charming yachting town and a good tea the company started for Southminster. The local men were ringing eal changes when the excursionists arrived, but very kindly handed over the ropes to the visitors who rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Bob Minor, and a course of Cambridge Surprise. This church contains several Nelson relics, including the fine Sheraton writing table formerly in the cockpit of the Victory.

Best thanks are due to the Vicars of the two churches for permission to ring, to those who made up the band, and last, but not least, to Mr. Nevard for the use of the car, and for making all arrangements. Mr. Nevard confesses that his list of Essex towers visited now stands at 120.

## LAVENHAM RINGERS HOME AGAIN.

On Saturday, August 2nd, at Preston, Suffolk, 720 Bob Minor: R. J. Poulson 1, F. Poulson 2, L. Poulson 3, F. Boreham 4, T. Hollocks 5, A. Symonds (conductor) 6. The three first names are brothers, and with F. Boreham have served in the army. This was the first 720 on tower bells by the ringers of 3rd and 4th, and all belong to Lavenham except T. Hollocks. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was also rung by: T. Symonds 1, H. Poulson 2, A. Hollocks 3, T. Hollocks 4, J. Crick 5, M. J. Poulson (conductor) 6. H. Poulson fought in Salonika; F. Poulson in Egypt; R. J. and L. Poulson in France.

## WAR'S HANDICAP OVERCOME.

The first 720 of Bob Minor rung on the bells at All Saints' Church, Whitstable, for upwards of 20 years was made additionally noteworthy by the fact that J. Hadlow, who rang the 2nd, has only one arm, having lost the other in the war. Congratulations to him upon having so quickly overcome the handicap of his unhappy incapacity. This 720 was rung on August 5th, by: H. A. Hopkins (Royal Cumberland Youths, London), 1, J. Hadlow 2, F. Hadlow 3, A. Gilbert 4, H. Gilbert (conductor) 5, Clarence Hadlow 6.

Afterwards three 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung respectively by C. Hadlow, H. Gilbert and H. A. Hopkins, and in which Miss Kathleen Hopkins took part. Great credit is due to Miss Hopkins for the manner in which she rang, this being her first attempt. She has only learnt to ring a bell since March last.

## LONDON SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with interest the account of the meeting at Braintree of the Essex Association and its account of the ringers regarding the 'first 720 of London Surprise ever rung in the Southern Counties' in 1883. I should like to state that a 720 of this difficult method was rung on handbells single-handed at John Slater's house on Monday, February 26th, 1883. The same 720 was also rung on the Parish Church bells, Glemsford, on Saturday, March 10th, 1883. The band each time was: John Slater 1, Zachariah Slater 2, Frederick Wells 3, Thomas Oliver Garwood 4, Fredk. Paul Adams 5, Samuel Slater 6. Conducted on both occasions by Samuel Slater. This parish, at that time, possessed a first-rate band of ringers, and in 1882-3 made an attempt to ring the 16 Surprise methods given in the 'Clavis,' but after ringing London, Ely, Rochester, Coventry, Cambridge and Superlative, the attempt was abandoned. This was also the first 720 in this method rung in this district, and I do not think that any 720's of it have been rung anywhere round here except at Preston, near Lavenham.—Yours faithfully,  
THEO. E. SLATER.

## THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

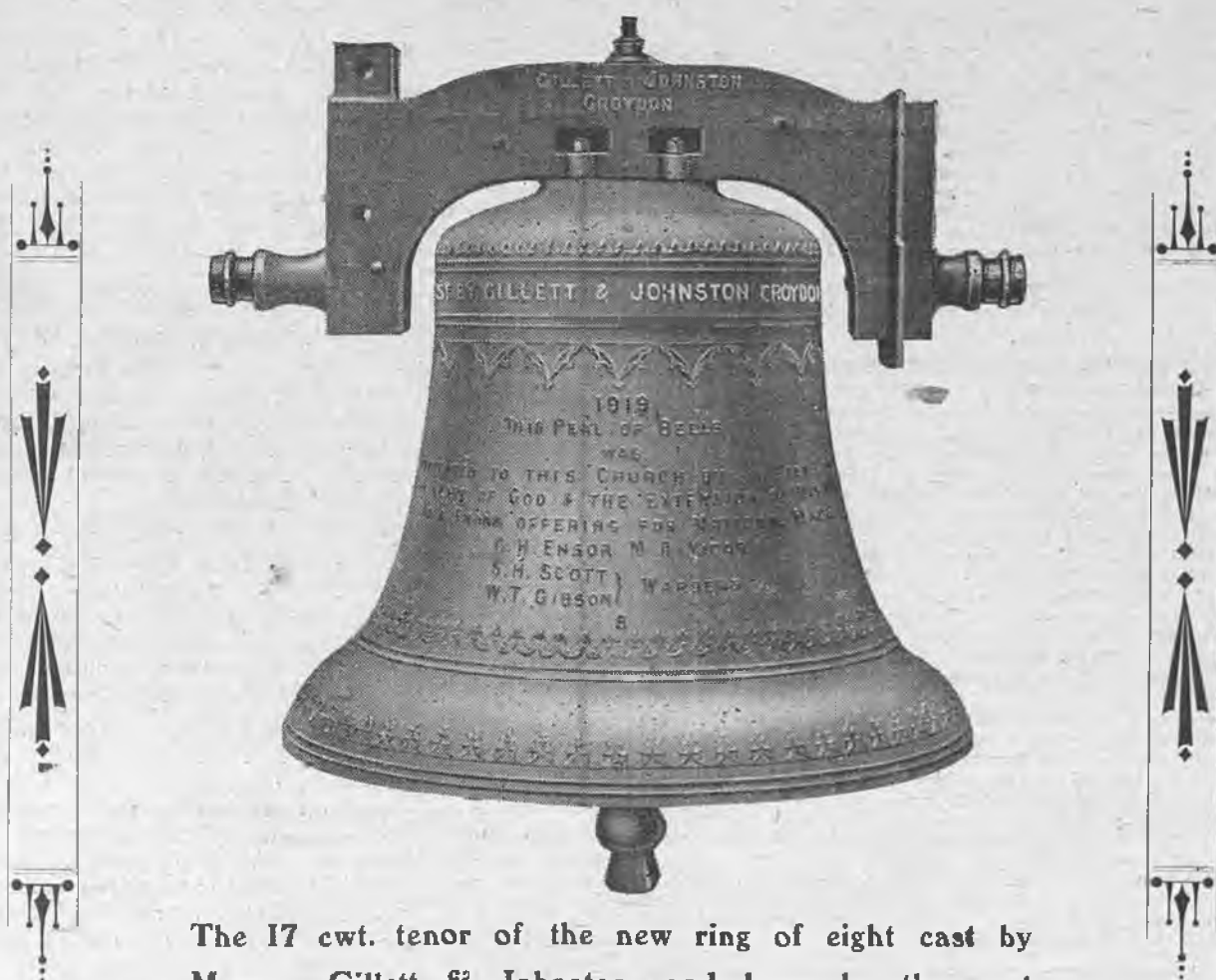
The fund for this successful and interesting scheme will definitely close on August 31st, 1919.

I shall be glad if those who still have lists will kindly forward the amounts in hand to me on or before the above date. I hope all ringers will do their best to bring the total to a level figure.

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



**A DORSET AND SOMERSET TOUR.****A DAY AMONG HEAVY BELLS.**

On July 5th, the Wyke Regis ringers held their peace outing. Accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. E. De B. Thurston), Mr. Russ (organist), Mr. W. P. Rose (churchwarden), the sidesmen and three members of the choir, making a party of 23, a circular tour in the 'Wessex' on a 32 h.p. touring motor charabanc was enjoyed. Leaving Wyke Regis at 7 p.m., and calling at Dorchester, they picked up Mr. Longman (churchwarden) and three of St. Peter's ringers. The road was taken to Sherborne, passing through Cerne Abbas, situated in the Cerne Valley in a gap in the chalk hills, with its fine church and lofty tower, which it is hoped in the near future will contain a fine peal of eight bells instead of the five old ones which are now unringable. The Cerne Giant, cut in chalk on Giant Hill, called for no little attention. It represents in truly colossal proportions a figure of a man that would have caused the great Frederick to sing a 'Nunc Dimittis.' It is 180ft. in height, and the club in the right hand is 120ft. long. Passing through some lovely country, rich in stately mansions for which Dorset is noted, Sherborne was reached at 9 o'clock. For 370 years this was a Cathedral City, and took its place as the second city in the kingdom of Wessex. Permission had been obtained to visit the famous Sherborne School, where it is said Alfred the Great began his education; this was very much enjoyed, and time would not permit of a touch on the beautiful Abbey peal (tenor 47 cwt., B flat). The party resumed the road to Queen Camel (where they made a 'dodge' into Somerset), which possesses a very fine church and equally fine tower, which contains a grand peal of six bells reputed as the heaviest six in England, the tenor being 37 cwt. Here the bells were soon set going to Grandsire Doubles, and a course of Bob Minor was also brought round in fine style. The general remark was: 'What a grand peal of eight this would make!' Next, at Marston Magna, the six bells were set going to Grandsire Doubles, and 12.30 found the party at Yeovil, where, after lunching at Maynard's Restaurant, a visit was paid to the belfry of the Parish Church, with its magnificent peal of ten, tenor 45 cwt., where some nice touches of Triples were brought round. A move was next made to East Coker (eight bells), and touches of Triples were rung, and then the company followed the byways to West Coker, where there was just room for the charabanc to pass, the overhanging bushes meeting each other. Here it did not require the conductor to call bobs, for it was 'bobs' and 'dodges' until the main road to Crewkerne was reached. Unfortunately, through unforeseen circumstances, ringing was not possible at West Coker, which the Rector at that place very much regretted. At Crewkerne tea was awaiting the party at the George Hotel, and afterwards the Rector proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary, and complimented him on his great success in arranging the tour. This was endorsed by Mr. Russ, and generally acknowledged.

Tracks were then made for the church, which contains some fine architecture, and a central tower with its splendid peal of eight bells with tenor 22 cwt. For over an hour the bells sent forth their music to the tune of Grandsire Triples, this being the last tower for the day, throughout which the conducting was principally in the hands of Mr. L. Wiffen. Wyke Regis was reached at 10 p.m. at the end of a perfect day.

**ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.**

On Sunday, August 10th, at St. George's Church, Great Bromley, Essex, 720 Bob Minor, for morning service: P. Almond (Thorrington, Essex) 1, Fredk. Bowell (Ipswich) 2, Alfred Bowell (Ipswich) 3, E. Eady (Thorp-le-Soken) 4, J. Bowell (Great Bromley) 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), conductor, 6. This was rung with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Jos. Taylor, a former ringer at the church, and who was interred during the week. After morning service, with the bells 'open,' 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: 1. Almond 1, Fredk. Bowell 2, W. Clover (Thornham Magna) 3, E. Eady 4, A. Bowell 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6.

**EAST HARLING RINGER DEAD.**

The band at East Harling, Norfolk, have lost a pleasant companion and a safe ringer by the death of Mr. Alfred Newson, and as a last tribute of respect a half-muffled 720 of Bob Minor has been rung by: T. Stagg 1, C. Carter 2, A. Macro 3, W. Eagling 4, W. Everett 5, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 6.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—On Sunday, 13th July, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: J. Simmonds 1, W. Johnson 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. For evensong, 408 Stedman Triples. Ringing takes place each Thursday evening, from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Also Sundays at 10 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 25th, at 7.45 p.m., and \*St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45; service, 4.30. Tea can be provided in Bishop Ryder's Schools at a reasonable charge at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after tea. The bells of St. John's, Deritend (8), and St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available during the evening.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30 prompt. Business important, re annual meeting.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Brecon District).—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Talgarth on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m., free to members. Business meeting after tea. A hearty invitation is extended to ringers to make this meeting a success.—J. P. Hyett, Dist. Sec., 2, Dulas Terrace, Hay, Breconshire.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, August 30th. Tower open at 3; Service at 5; tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, August 26th.—W. Lather, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ISHAM, NORTHANTS, SOCIETY.**—In conjunction with the Ladies' Guild.—A summer ringing festival will be held at Isham on Saturday, August 30th, at 4 p.m. (ringing from 2.30). All ringers and supporters of the Ladies' Guild cordially invited to be present, but those who intend to do so are requested to inform Mr. W. T. Wilson, The Pines, Isham, of their intention, so that sufficient provender may be prepared.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, August 30th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 30th. Tea at The Tea Table, High Street, at 5.30, followed by business meeting. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m., also St. Margaret's and Frindsbury bells. Will those who wish to have tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, August 27th. 9d. each will be charged for tea. All ringers are welcome. Hope to see the younger members of the Exercise.—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of this guild will be held at Penn, near Wolverhampton, Staffs., on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; service in church at 4.30 which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Hartill, M.A. who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Prestwich, Manchester.—Dedication of the re-cast peal on August 30th. The service will take place at 4 p.m. conducted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President). All ringers cordially invited.—R. W. Bent.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on Saturday, August 30th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Alresford on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5.15.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tytherington on Saturday, August 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday afternoon, August 30th, 1919. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the school at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Any suggestions for the annual meeting, and nominations for Vice-President, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors, to be sent in to the General Secretary by September 1st.—W. H. Shuker, Gen. Sec., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells available at the Minster from 1 o'clock till 8.30 p.m.; service at the Minster 5 p.m.; tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Tea will be provided at 1/- each to those only who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than the first post, Sept. 2nd.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 50, Volta St., Selby.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Solihull on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (10) available at 3.30.

Service in the church at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, free to members, others 1s. each; to be followed by the business meeting. Will all intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, September 3rd? Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

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

**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BERTRAM PREWETT AND ROBERT STAVERT.**—It has been decided to place a Tablet in Bushey Church to record the half-muffled peal rung in memory of these two Bushey ringers who gave their lives for their country. Subscriptions thankfully received by Mr. F. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

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**WORKSOP.**—On July 28th, on the occasion of a visit by Messrs. E. Maurice Atkins (Northants) and Leonard Mason (Leicester), 224 Bob Major, 210 Grandsire Triples, 228 Kent Major, 280 Union Triples, 120 Stedman Doubles and 336 College Single Major by the following: Maurice E. Atkins, L. Mason, H. Haigh, T. Bartholomew, A. Johnson, ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.O., J. T. Wilson, W. Roberts, E. Clark, D. Eastland, A. Beck and G. Hardwick.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On July 25th, for special service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. Lidbetter 1, H. Chandler 2, T. Beadle 3, C. Bird 4, R. Holloway 5, G. Spencer 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Sheard 8.

**WOOLWICH.**—At St. Mary's Church, on July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Pollard 1, F. Groves 2, W. Watshorn 3, N. North 4, H. Bickford 5, W. Wellington 6, W. Aldridge (conductor) 7, H. McCabe 8.

**SETEBY ABBEY.**—On Sunday, July 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Cryer 1, J. Jackson 2, E. Storr 3, W. A. Hall 4, H. S. Morley 5, W. Hinton 6, F. Cryer (conductor) 7, R. Moate (first quarter) 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. — On Sunday, July 20th, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Gibbs 1, Pte. H. E. Watson, A.S.O. 2, E. Etheridge 3, G. W. Steer (first quarter) 4, G. Thompson 5, E. Radden 6, T. W. Radford (conductor) 7, S. Radford and C. Heath 8.

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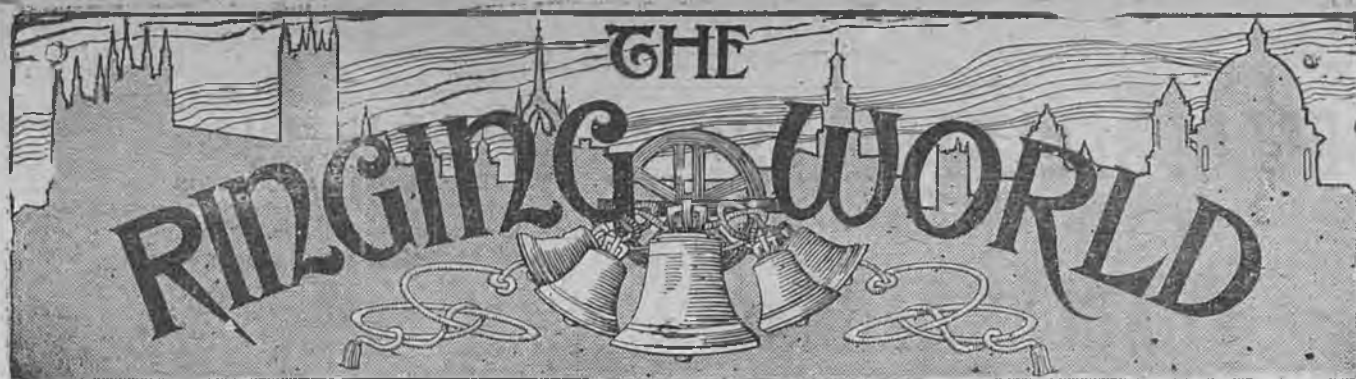
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### PEAL RINGING STANDARD.

An interesting point in reference to peal ringing was raised the other day at a Lancashire Association meeting, when a discussion took place upon the advisability of setting up a standard for peals beyond the mere ringing of five thousand changes. This is not altogether a new subject, although it may not have been discussed in exactly the same light as it was at Flixton, and it is not surprising to learn that the whole question was left in abeyance. The matter has been debated in various phases at different times by the Central Council, and the truth is that to set up a standard beyond the ringing of the requisite number of changes bristles with difficulties, if it is not actually impossible.

The Central Council have laid down what they will recognise as a peal, and the conditions are the barest possible. Broadly put, there must be at least five thousand true changes rung without repetition, and without break, starting from and finishing with rounds. Of the quality of the method, or the composition, of the character of the ringing, of the skill of the ringers, the Council do not and cannot say anything. What procedure obtains at present? Eight men, resolved to attempt a peal, go into a tower and ring for three hours, more or less, at the end of which time the bells come into rounds. They record a peal. The whole business is a matter of honour among the band; and in some respects it is an admirable thing that this should be so. Taken all in all, very, very few false peals are knowingly foisted upon the Exercise. False peals are sometimes rung and the performances published, but as soon as the falseness is known the record is withdrawn. It is well that in this matter a company should be on its honour. After all, the peals, as peals, are rung because of their special interest to the performers, and there can be no value to any man in a peal which he knows to be false.

But when it comes to the standard of the striking the same cannot be said. There are, we are afraid, a great many peals rung with sad blemishes in the ringing, and many performances which adorn association peal books are certainly not worthy of the place they occupy. Ringers as a whole do not place the same importance upon the accuracy of their striking as upon the correctness of the peal, yet the one ought to be of as much account as the other, although it may be argued that the former may be a question of opinion, while the latter is a question of fact. For instance, should an otherwise good peal be ruled out because of a few bad blows caused by a single trip? If not, how many bad blows and how many trips are to be admissible? where, in fact, is the line to be drawn? This is the first stumbling-block to setting up a standard beyond that which we have already got. Surmount this and there are others.

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BEVERLEY, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERB, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 35 cwt.

*ARTHUR H. HOODLESS ... Treble	HARRY RODMELL ... .. 6
THOMAS S. MORTON ... .. 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... .. 7
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 8
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. 4	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 9
COLIN RYDER ... .. 5	R. HUGH RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal on ten and first attempt, and elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a victory peal for Beverley.

The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality to them after the peal, as well as marking their appreciation of the Beverley Minster ringers for the arrangements they made for the visitors' enjoyment and comfort.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

(In the Kent variation.)

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble	ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 6
RICHARD STREDWICK ... .. 2	FREDERICK BAILEY ... .. 7
FREDERICK BRINKLOW ... .. 3	JOHN JAY ... .. 8
CHARLES PALMER ... .. 4	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 9
ROBERT J. DAWES ... .. 5	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by KEITH HART.  
The ringers of 3 and 6 were made members previous to starting.

TWICKENBURY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERB, 5087 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. in B flat.

W. T. PATES ... Treble	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 6
G. H. PHILLOTT ... .. 2	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES ... 7
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 3	A. A. HUGHES (Master) ... 8
H. HALFORD ... .. 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 9
JOHN CARTER ... .. 5	EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Messrs. Austin, Halford and Williams were elected members before starting for the peal.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4th, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERB, 5010 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE ... Treble	JAMES BURGE ... .. 6
JOSEPH MADDOCK ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
SYDNEY WYATT ... .. 3	EDGAR E. BURGESS ... .. 8
ALFRED WYATT ... .. 4	EDWARD WYATT ... .. 9
JAMES HUNT ... .. 5	EBENEZER FRIDDLE ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman Caterb on the bells. Arranged for Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Bank Holiday, August 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERB, 5147 CHANGES;**

Tenor 29 cwt.

FRANCIS W. BOND ... Treble	*ARTHUR PAINTER ... .. 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 2	H. CHARLES BOND ... .. 7
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	FRANK COLE ... .. 8
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 9
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 5	RUPERT SHARP ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Caterb.



STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5039 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lb.

*THOMAS A. HASTINGS ... Treble	CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... 6
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 7
FRED G. MAY ... 3	ROBERT SCRIVEN ... 8
WILLIAM J. SMITH ... 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... 9
WILLIAM T. COX ... 5	THOMAS J. WHITING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

\*First peal on ten bells by the ringer of the treble. Ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 from Coventry, 3rd from Bristol, 6, 9, 10 from Gloucester, 8th belongs to Stroud. Messrs. Balcombe and Smith are belfry elections.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLLISSES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

FRANK MIDDLETON ... Treble	THOMAS BELCHER ... 5
WALTER FERN ... 2	JOHN RAWSON ... 6
STOKER W. WEST ... 3	JOHN A. MOULT ... 7
JOSEPH CADLE ... 4	FRED BOAM ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FERN.

Mr. Cadle hails from Hugglescote.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

LEWIS WISEMAN ... Treble	SIDNEY HALE ... 5
*HORACE HALE ... 2	STANLEY WILDING ... 6
RONALD RAYNER ... 3	CECIL BARKER ... 7
ARTHUR WASH ... 4	*KIMBERLY HARPER ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

\*First peal in the method by all except the conductor. All are members of the local company.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 5
GEORGE SYMONDS ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 6
GEORGE WILSON ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

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On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER S. WISE ... Treble	ARTHUR MASON ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

First Surprise peal on the bells.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Bank Holiday, August 4, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

**A PEAL OF CRANBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*ARTHUR PARSONS ... Treble	FRANK COLE ... 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... 2	ALBERT WRIGHT ... 6
*SIDNEY HICKS ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 7
WILLIAM IRELAND ... 4	RUPERT SHARP ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

*SIDNEY A. BOAR ... Treble	†JAMES ROSE ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	CHARLES J. SEDGELEY ... 6
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 3	JAMES MOTTS ... 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method on an inside bell. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the declaration of war with Germany.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... Treble	†CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
THOMAS KING ... 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 6
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... 7
SPR. F. W. NAUNTON, R.E. ... 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Major and first attempt. †First peal in the method.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM COOK ... Treble	JOHN WYATT ... 5
HARRY W. CORBETT ... 2	JOHN HOYLE ... 6
GEORGE COOK ... 3	ARTHUR DEAN ... 7
ALFRED H. BROWN ... 4	DAVID ANSCOMBE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOYLE.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Treble	JOHN WITHERS ... 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... 2	ALFRED DAVIES ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 7
WILLIAM SHORT ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for permission to ring and also Mr. T. Heathcock for getting everything ready.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tuesday, August 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 8TDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BREEZE ... .. Treble	*CORPL. J. A. HOARE... .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 2	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 7
EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 4	†SAMUEL MOSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman as conductor. The band wish to express their thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to Mr. J. Cliffe for kindly having everything ready.

NORWICH.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND S. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.

On Thursday, August 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

CAPT. JOHN E. BURTON ... Treble	*MISS HELEN W. BILL ... 5
*MISS HILDA M. DURRANT... 2	FRANK H. PHILLIPS ... 6
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... 7
*MISS FRANCES L. BILL ... 4	CHARLES E. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CAPT. J. E. BURTON,  
Central Council Collection No. 116.

\* First peal and first attempt.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PERCY SAYER ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. PEAKE... .. 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK ... .. 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
ALFRED SOUTH ... .. 3	FRED CHALK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

CYRIL WILSON ... .. Treble	JAMES M. NICKERSON ... 4
FRANCIS BALL ... .. 2	JOHN LEWIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... .. 3	LESLIE GROOM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

First peal by the ringer of the treble for whom it was arranged, also as a welcome home to the ringer of the 5th recently demobilised. First peal as conductor.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, and Three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... .. 3	SPR. F. W. NAUNTON, R.E. ... Treble

Conducted by SPR. F. W. NAUNTON, R.E.

\* First peal in five methods. This was arranged and rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Edgar Bailey one of the local ringers who was leaving the district for Woodbridge.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

RICHARD THOMAS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
E. WILLIAM TURNER ... .. 2	CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 5
CHARLES LAYTON... .. 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

BRETTFORTEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS HANDS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 4
*STANLEY WAYMAN ... .. 2	*JOHN HALL... .. 5
JAMES HEMMING... .. 3	*JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal of Minor in five methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to Leonard J. Jeffs (who is a member of the local band) on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Florence Marsden. After the peal the bride and bridegroom entertained the band to tea, the ringers wishing them much happiness.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL... .. Treble	*THOMAS HOAD ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 5
EDWARD MILLS ... .. 3	TRAYTON BOOTH... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal with a bob bell. First peal ever rung on these bells, which were first hung in 1737 and were rehung in 1914. The peal was rung to celebrate Peace. All the ringers belong to Salehurst.

WILTON, TAUNTON.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

HARRY MOGGIDGE ... .. Treble	ALFRED WYATT ... .. 4
SIDNEY WYATT ... .. 2	*CAPT. TARGETT ... .. 5
EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 3	GEORGE COLEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CAPT. TARGETT.

Rung as a Victory Peal. \* Made a member of the Association previous to starting. First peal of Minor by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Bob Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. CHARLES ALLEN ... .. Treble	R. CHARLES ALLEN ... .. 4
W. ARCHIBALD NORMAN ... 2	ALBERT J. BARCOCK ... 5
GILBERT BELL ... .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

First attempt for a peal by ringers of treble and 3rd, and first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Canon H. Cote, who was inducted to the living on the Thursday previous.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 1, 1919, in Three Hours,  
At the North Farm.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;**

EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 1—2	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5—6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 3—4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 7—8
JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 9—10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.  
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The following peals were rung during the Durham and Newcastle Midland tour:—

**SHEFFIELD.**

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 41 cwt.

JAMES KEMP ... .. Treble	BERT HORTON ... .. 7
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 2	ALFRED H. HILLIER ... .. 8
JOSEPH R. KEEN ... .. 3	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... .. 9
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 10
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 5	ROBERT RICHARDS ... .. 11
JOHN THORPE ... .. 6	ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.  
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\* First peal on 12 bells. First peal as conductor on 12 bells.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.**

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 7
ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 2	WILBY HAZEL ... .. 8
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3	ALFRED HILLIER ... .. 9
JOSEPH R. KEEN ... .. 4	BENJAMIN DIXON ... .. 10
WILLIAM SINCLAIR ... .. 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 11
BERT HORTON ... .. 6	ROBERT RICHARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.  
Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

All are also members of Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

**CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

ROBERT RICHARDS ... .. Treble	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 5
JOSEPH R. KEEN ... .. 2	ALFRED H. HILLIER ... .. 6
BERT HORTON ... .. 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 7
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.  
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

**EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
In the Bell Tower,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble	ALFRED H. HILLIER ... .. 6
BERT HORTON ... .. 2	JOSEPH R. KEEN ... .. 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 8
HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 9
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 5	ROBERT RICHARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.  
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

MANCHESTER BRANCH DISCUSS PEAL  
STANDARD.

On Saturday week, at Flixton, the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association held one of its most successful meetings of the year, ringers attending from Ashton-under-Lyne, Birch, Barlow Moor, Pendleton, Pendlebury, Miles Platting, Manchester, Newchurch (Warrington), Stockport, Eccles, Bolton, Glossop, New Mills and Hyde, etc.

After tea, it was decided to hold the business meeting on the south side of the church, which is an ideal spot overlooking a wide and beautiful stretch of country. The weather conditions were all that could be desired, and the open-air meeting was greatly enjoyed by all present. Mr. W. Ryder, of Birch, presided, and gave a very cordial welcome to all on behalf of the Flixton ringers. Birch was chosen as the place of the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The nominations received were: For vice-president, Mr. Amos Trippier, of Eccles; ringing secretary, Mr. J. H. Banks; auditors, Mr. A. Barnes and Mrs. S. Greenhalgh. A proposition was carried that the annual meeting be held on some day earlier in the year, and that a whole day be given to the festival.

The question was raised as to what support could be given to the Central Council to enforce its decisions, but it was thought the matter could be dealt with more effectively at the annual meeting.

A point was raised as to the advisability of having some standard which peal ringers should attain to before recording peals rung, instead of everything being recorded simply because a three hours' performance had been accomplished. As no method of procedure was outlined to deal with this important question the matter was left in abeyance.

A letter was read by the secretary from Mr. R. Bent, on behalf of the Prestwich ringers, inviting all ringers to the opening and dedication of the bells by the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., on Saturday, August 30th, at 4 o'clock.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all things ready.

Various methods were practised on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The summer meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Upwey on Saturday, August 19th. This beautiful spot is situated between Dorchester and Weymouth. The village or Upwey—the upper town on the Wey—affords an extraordinary instance of the value of a happy, if meaningless title. Upwey is one of the places for the Weymouth holiday-makers. The reason for their coming to Upwey is the noted spring there, with the fascinating title of the 'Wishing Well,' made famous by Holly Smart in 'Broken Bonds.' About thirty ringers were present from Bournemouth, Dorchester, Fordington, Wyke Regis, Wool, and the local band. The bells were available from 2 p.m., and touches of Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandire Doubles were rung. The Guild service was held at 4 p.m., and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Gildea (who is the oldest Rector in the Diocese). The Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary East Dorset Branch), gave an inspiring and interesting address, taking for his text, 'Put off the old, and put on the new.'

After tea, a short business meeting was held, and in the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes) the Rector was voted to the chair, being supported by the Rev. C. A. Phillips and the hon. secretary. Apologies for absence were received from the chairman, Mr. Martin Steward, and members of the Dorchester, Bournemouth, Charnminster, Hilton, Puddletown, and West Lulworth bands. The Secretary reported on the progress of the memorial tablet, and appealed for subscriptions for same. Thirteen new members were elected, and Milton Abbey was the place chosen for the next meeting. — Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for taking the service, the use of the bells and the schoolroom; also the Rev. C. A. Phillips for his excellent address, Mr. Smith, the organist, and the Upwey ringers for having everything in readiness. — The Rector, replying, said it gave him pleasure for the Guild to come to Upwey, and gave a little history of the bells, saying there were four bells in the tower, and his children gave one to commemorate his golden wedding, and a family who emigrated to Mass., U.S.A., from Upwey 300 years ago. The descendants had always kept in touch with Upwey until the present day, and they gave the other.

The tower was again visited, and touches rung in various methods until 8 p.m.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 20th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Caters: C. F. Winner 1, T. 11 Taffender (conductor) 2, F. G. Symonds 3, A. Smeather 4, W. G. Matthews 5, A. W. Coles 6, E. J. Brett 7, T. D. Barker 8, G. R. Penson 9, M. Penson 10.



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## VISIT TO THE MIDLANDS.

### NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD'S LONG EXCURSION.

The August holiday season provided an opportunity for an excursion into the Midlands by the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, and the outing proved not only an enjoyable but an exceptionally successful week. 'B. H.' records the experiences of the party in the following article:—

We left Newcastle at 7.50 a.m. on August 2nd. Mr. J. W. Parker was to have joined the party at Durham, but we all became somewhat concerned when it was found we were being diverted by another route, which did not touch Durham. What would happen to Joe, and would he get to Sheffield? became the general topic. Arrived at York we found our connection to Sheffield gone, and speculation was rife as to whether there would be sufficient time for a peal attempt at Sheffield, but after being diverted via Doncaster we reached Sheffield an hour late. A hearty welcome was given us by Mr. John Holman, Mr. George Lewis, and other local ringers; and after a hasty lunch we assembled at the tower to find Mr. Parker had not arrived. Time was short, so Mr. John Thorpe, the local steeplekeeper, kindly took the vacant rope, and was elected a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association. 'Go' was called at 1.35 p.m., and after a rather warm 3 hours and 52 minutes, Tom Goffon had the satisfaction of hearing his first peal as conductor on 12 bells roll home. Leaving the tower we found Mr. Frank Willey and our lost friend, J. W. P., and several local men waiting with their congratulations. Forty minutes only remained to train time, and our ringing friends outside had thoughtfully provided sandwiches, which were very acceptable. Mr. Frank Willey took charge of the party, and became our pilot to the Midland Station. Our train was due to leave at 10 p.m., but despite Dora keeping the doors closed until six o'clock, there was time to drink to our first success. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Frank Willey, Mr. John Holman, Mr. John Thorpe, and other Sheffield friends for their kindness and attention during the brief but successful visit to Sheffield.

After a very pleasant journey we arrived at Birmingham, and on the platform awaiting us were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Groves, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker. On Sunday morning, the party went to St. Martin's, but Stedman Cinques would not go, and a visit was afterwards paid to St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, and two courses of Double Norwich were rung as the congregation left the church. In the afternoon, the majority of the party visited King's Norton and inspected the church and bells, and enjoyed the view from the top of the beautiful tower, then walked through Bournville to Selly Oak, and rang touches of Stedman Triple and Double Norwich Major for evening service.

Next morning we were off to Wolverhampton, where several local ringers were waiting to bid us welcome and wish us luck. E. L. it was the conductor for the day, and a first-class peal of Stedman Cinques under his able conductorship was the result of our efforts in 3 hrs. and 58 minutes. Descending the tower we found a crowd of about 50 ringers, in many cases accompanied by their wives and lady friends, who showered upon us congratulations, justified and otherwise. About 40 ringers and friends, sat down to an excellent knife and fork tea, after which Mr. Mitchell, on behalf of the local band, how pleased they were to have the Newcastle men with them. Doubtless pleased at hearing a well-struck peal roll home. Mr. C. L. Rortledge briefly replied, and thanked the local company for having everything in readiness, a factor which in no small way aided success. As the next business, the band were to be photographed beneath the tower, Mrs. J. E. Groves being the operator, under the instruction of Mr. E. Ferry, after which a large group of ringers and friends suffered the ordeal of the camera. A little later, we said good-bye to Wolverhampton with happy recollections, and spent a very pleasant hour at St. Martin's headquarters, with Albert Walker at the piano.

Next morning, at St. Martin's, came the first failure of our tour. Stedman Cinques coming to grief, after 2 hrs. and 25 minutes' good ringing. It afterwards proved, perhaps, a blessing that we failed: the policemen and bakers, who were holding strike meetings in the Bull Ring, went to the verge and demanded the cessation of the bells, and also made the assertion that the bells were ringing for their particular annoyance. While he was seeking the churchwarden as to what was to be done, the peal came to grief, and the horizon cleared once more. After lunch, Mr. John Carter became our guide, and conducted us to his residence to hear and inspect his wonderful ringing machine. Courses of Stedman Cinques, Forward Maximus and Carter's Principle were rung by it, and diagrams of the methods made by the machine were presented to the company as souvenirs of the visit. There were several engineers in the company, and they were invited by Mr. Carter to take dimensions and sketches, an offer which, if accepted, would take up a few summer days, if I am any judge of its complications. Instead we retired to the lawn, and touches of Stedman Cinques, Forward Major and Treble Ten were rung 'in hand.'

A social evening at St. Martin's Hotel had been arranged, and on assembling we found St. Martin's Guild in force. To ringers who have had the pleasure of attending any function in Birmingham in connection with St. Martin's, that will be sufficient introduction. There was a company of about 80 present. Mr. Tom Hussam, Vice-President of St. Martin's Guild was voted to the chair, and said how pleased they were to have the Durham and Newcastle Association among them, and the pleasure they felt at the successes so far gained by the tourists. Although they had not scored at St. Martin's that morning, he hoped that would be the only failure they would have to record.—Mr. C. L. Routledge replied, and said how grateful they were for the splendid reception extended to them, and for the many acts of kindness they had received on all sides. The entertainment opened with a touch of Stedman Cinques on handbells by members of St. Martin's, followed by a selection of Scottish airs on the famous dulcimer by Mr. Harry Withers. Mr. Tom Miller sang his Stedman song; and a very pretty handbell selection, entitled 'Harvest Home,' given by Messrs. H. Withers, S. Grove and T. Miller, accompanied at the piano by Mr. Albert Walker, was loudly applauded. Songs were also ably rendered by Mrs. A. Walker and Mr. B. Horton. A touch of Stedman Triples on the dulcimer by H. Withers, conducted by W. H. Barber, was a very interesting item, and Mr. John Jagger caused screams of laughter by his songs in the Black Country dialect. It was a never-to-be-forgotten evening, and one was glad to think how many we had met that night who had helped to make St. Martin's Guild so worthily famous. Many there were who are approaching the evening of their days, but what did one good was to see that they were the happiest of all. I caught five of them with their hands together telling yarns of other days, the youngest of the group being 63. At this stage we had to say 'good-bye' to two of our company, whom business forced to return to 'The Canny Town.'

(To be continued.)

#### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DIVISION.

Members turned up in goodly numbers at Rotherfield for the quarterly meeting, when they were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. H. R. Bulcher, the general hon. secretary. The following towers were represented: St. Nicholas and St. Peter's, Brighton; Christ Church, St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and All Saints, Eastbourne; Seaford, Heathfield, Mayfield, Uckfield, Waidron, Chiddingfold, Crawley and Shoreham; Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, late of Cranleigh; Mr. A. Piper, Mr. R. Stredwick, etc.

During the afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major. Evensong was attended, and the Rev. Alex. Morgan (who was doing duty for the Rector) gave an excellent address.

The company sat down to a splendid and bountiful tea.

The usual business meeting took place in the Schoolroom. The Rev. A. Morgan, who took the chair, was thanked for arranging and conducting the service, and his kind donation to the funds of the Association.—A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. Churchwarden Butcher for providing tea, arranging the meeting, and for the use of the bells.

#### HIGH WYCOMBE BELFRY.

On the occasion of a children's festival at High Wycombe, and a tea to war widows, the High Wycombe belfry was available for an 'open' practice so as to give an 'extra special' addition to the affair. There was a very good attendance, and some creditable ringing resulted. Representatives were present from the belfries of Marlow, Tring, West Wycombe, Great Missenden, Stoke Poges, etc., and a gratifying feature was the presence of a young lad from London, who had seen the announcement in the 'Ringing World.' He proved a very good ringer, too, and was highly pleased that he was able to ring his first course of Major in the country. Other touches were rung, including Grandsire Caters, Stedman, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob. The peal of twelve were rung in 'rounds,' and several visitors who had not been to Wycombe before expressed themselves well pleased with this fine ring; and satisfaction was also expressed that the Wycombe men had had their sixth bell recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who had done the work in a very satisfactory manner.

#### CORRECTIONS.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung by service men at Charlton Kings was wrongly given under the Gloucester and Bristol Association. It should have been under the Cheltenham and District Guild.

In the peal at Lavenham, on July 26th, the ringer of the 6th was William C. Duffield, and it was the first peal in the method away from the treble by the ringer of the 4th.

The ringer who rang the 2nd in the peal at Witney, Oxon, should be Mark Woodcock not Woodhouse, as published last week.

#### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Messingham on Saturday, August 23rd, and represented by the following towers: Gainsborough, Scotter, Bigby and Scunthorpe, in addition to the local company. Apologies of absence were received from other towers, including Stow, the latter place being busy with the harvest.

The bells, a ring of five, were available, and kept going to the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman; also rounds for the benefit of learners.

The Rev. Canon Hicks very kindly entertained the members and friends to tea in the schoolroom.

The business meeting followed, at which Canon Hicks presided, and was supported by Mr. F. E. Linley, Gainsborough; the Rev. A. B. Peirce, Vicar of Messingham; Mr. G. A. Wade, lay reader; and the Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, after giving a most hearty welcome to the Guild and urging upon the members to realise their work as to the glory of God, called upon the Vicar of Messingham who, owing to clerical duties, had to leave early. The latter gentleman, in a very appropriate and interesting address, gave a kind reception to the visitors, and said he should be pleased to see them again on some future occasion. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which two new honorary members, Canon Hicks and the Rev. A. B. Peirce, were elected.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kilton Lindsey, the date to be left in the hands of the district secretary.

Votes of thanks to Canon Hicks for his kind hospitality, the Church authorities for the use of the bells, the ladies who had so kindly helped at the tables, and all others including Mr. A. Loughton, who had assisted toward making the meeting such a success, were unanimously carried.

This is the first occasion upon which the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has held a meeting at Messingham, but, by experience of Saturday, August 23rd, it augurs well for others to follow in the future.

#### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Burton-on-Trent District of the Midland Counties Association held a meeting at Measham, on Saturday, August 16th, and the following towers were represented: Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Burton-on-Trent, Hetherseale and Hewhall. During the afternoon and evening, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, and in addition there was a practice with the local ringers, in which several accomplished their first touch on eight bells.—The Vicar, besides placing the bells at the disposal of the visitors, made arrangements for an excellent tea at pre-war prices which was much appreciated, and at the business meeting which followed, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness.

The following officers were elected for the district, viz.: Mr. W. ... Worthington, vice-president; Mr. Joseph Griffin, local hon. secretary; Mr. Edward L. Stone and Mr. Ernest W. Beadsmore, committee.

One honorary member (the Vicar of Measham) and nine ringing members (eight of which form the local band) were elected members of the Association.

#### SILVER WEDDING.

On Sunday morning, August 10th, at St. Giles' Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) was rung, to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. James: J. Freeman 1, J. W. Sharp 2, F. Wilford 3, J. W. Metherell 4, W. Farey 5, H. Key 6, W. Sibley 7, G. Flavell 8, A. Stewart (conductor) 9, E. James 10.

#### RINGER'S WEDDING.

On the 19th August, at St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, by the Rev. E. G. Coles, Vicar of Lippswell, Yorks (brother of the bride), the wedding took place of Mr. Joseph Thomas Dyke (Midsomer Norton), late Sergt., M.G.C., to Edith May Coles, of Burton-on-Trent. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. G. Coles, Vicar of Lippswell, Yorks. Mr. Dyke was an old member of the St. Paul's Society, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells of St. Paul's, in honour of the event, by the following members: E. J. Stone, J. Griffin, J. H. Swinfield, J. Benstead, G. Hewman, F. - enninglow, F. Shepherd, T. Hurdman, J. Hough, G. Bull and E. K. Harrison.

#### THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

The fund for this successful and interesting scheme will definitely close on August 31st, 1919.

I shall be glad if those who still have lists will kindly forward the amounts in hand to me on or before the above date. I hope all ringers will do their best to bring the total to a level figure.

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**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****AN ALL-DAY MEETING.**

An all-day meeting of the Yorktown district of the Winchester Guild took place on August Bank Holiday, when four towers were visited. Meeting at St. James', Weybridge, at 10 a.m., about 40 ringers took part in various touches on the pretty peal of eight, with its 12 cwt. tenor. At 11.30 a move was made to Outlands Park, and the peal of eight there was soon going to the tune of Double Norwich. Stedman, Bob Major and Grandsire. The keen interest always shown by the parishioners was again manifest here, for several came to watch the ringing, including Miss Fowler and Miss Blachler, both of whom take a great interest in the local band. After lunch, for which the party dispersed, they reassembled at Hershams sharp to time; in fact the 'man with the key' was easily one of the 'also rans. After a finely struck touch of Stedman, those who had been over to Esler for some Cambridge Minor and other methods arrived with instructions to those about to start as to where the Esler belfry key was to be found, and also to say that 'number two' party was not to take alarm at a noise proceeding from above as soon as ringing was commenced. A hunt for the key and some photography took place, and so did the noise from above, which was found to arise from a frame which was in a shaky condition. Returning to Hershams just before tea, it was found that the last touch of the afternoon had been brought round. The company sat down to an excellent repast at 5.30, presided over by the Rev. H. L. Creasy. The Rev. F. S. Colson from Outlands, Mr. W. A. Wigram (Hersham), and nearly 50 ringers from various parts of Surrey, and visitors from Berks, Middlesex and Sussex formed the company at the peace meeting of the district.

A fine course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells after the tea, and the Rev. H. L. Creasy then took the chair for the business meeting. The Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd) gave a very encouraging report, showing the work carried out during recent months, and pointing out the fact that 38 new members were proposed and elected. After disposing of minor items of business the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to those who had contributed to the success of the all-day ringing meeting.

'Touches' in hand' and on the tower bells concluded a day which will not easily be forgotten, for from the age of the oldest ringer (76 down to the youngest (10½) one could see happy faces, and a lot of this was due to 'Winchie'.

**BELLS FOR THE FALLEN.**

A valuable cheque has been received from the Earl of Home, late Commanding Officer of the Lanarkshire Yeomanry, Strabane, towards the chime of bells proposed to be erected at Strabane parish church in memory of those who fell during the war. The Earl with a large number of the Scottish troops, whilst in Strabane attended the services held in the church.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

In ever-faithful and loving remembrance of our dear friend and brother ringer, Mr. Bertram Prewett, killed in action in France, August 31st, 1918.

And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels.

**MUFFLED RINGING AT CLEWER.**

The death has occurred at Clewer of Mr. Jack Brown, one of a family of local ringers, who passed away at the age of 34 years, after a long and trying illness. Deceased was a member of the Oxford Guild, and in the evening, after the funeral, the parish church bells were rung-muffled, a bow of black crepe being tied above the sally of the 2nd, which was the bell the deceased usually rang. The years of deceased's age was tolled on the tenor, and the following took part in the ringing: T. S. Smith 1, Miss G. Farr 2, H. Belcher 3, G. Summers 4, T. Stone 5, H. Mead 6. On the following Sunday evening further touches were rung half muffled by friends and visiting members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Rector of Clewer and Mr. Brown being present to receive them at the tower, when 720 of - ent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 28 minutes by Messrs. Smith, Fussell, Huxley (conductor), Jones, Williamson and Woodberry. The final touch was rung and the bells lowered in peal by Mr. W. Hewett (Camberwell), Miss Gladys Bateman (Stoke), Mr. W. Wellbelove (Curfew Tower), Mr. J. Goodwood (Clewer), Mr. W. Bateman (Stoke), and Mr. E. Handcox (Curfew Tower).

**DEATH OF WRITTLE RINGER.**

Writtle, Essex, has lost one of its original band, formed in 1896, by the death of Mr. Robert Wood, who passed away on the 7th inst., after an illness of many months' duration. The funeral took place on August 11th, and the following touches were rung with the bell half-muffled as a last token of respect: G. Sorrell 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Radley 4, A. Edwards 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln 7, G. Head 8; and 576 Kent Treble Bob: W. E. Emery 1, G. W. Sorrell 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Radley 4, A. Edwards 5, E. P. Buckingham 6, W. Lincoln 7, A. Head 8.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, August 30th. Tower open at 3; Service at 5; tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Lather, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ISHAM, NORTHANTS, SOCIETY.**—In conjunction with the Ladies' Guild.—A summer ringing festival will be held at Isham on Saturday, August 30th, at 4 p.m. (ringing from 2.30).

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, August 30th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W. 19.

Organised ringing for Peace.—Ringers who were in this please attend to meet Organising Sec. if possible. This will save postage of payments.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 30th. Tea at The Tea Table, High Street, at 5.30, followed by business meeting. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m., also St. Margaret's and Frindsbury bells.—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of this guild will be held at Penn, near Wolverhampton, Staffs., on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; service in church at 4.30 which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Hartill, M.A. who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Prestwich, Manchester.—Dedication of the re-cast peal on August 30th. The service will take place at 4 p.m. conducted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President). All ringers cordially invited.—R. W. Bent.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A meeting will be held at Alresford on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Parish room at 5.15.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tytherington on Saturday, August 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday afternoon, August 30th, 1919. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the school at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Sawley on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing from 4 to 8 p.m.—T. H. Kirby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Any suggestions for the annual meeting, and nominations for Vice-President, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors, to be sent in to the General Secretary by September 1st.—W. H. Shaker, Gen. Sec., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells available at the Minster from 1 o'clock till 8.30 p.m.; service at the Minster 5 p.m.; tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Tea will be provided at 1/- each to those only who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than the first post, Sept. 2nd.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 50, Volta St., Selby.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Solihull on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (10) available at 3.30. Service in the church at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, free to members, others 1s. each; to be followed by the business meeting. Will all intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, September 3rd? Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.**—Clifford District.—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.; tea at 6; business meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be at tea please notify me by September 3rd? All ringers welcome.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec., 2, Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Bagshot, Surrey, on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Ringing at 3 o'clock, Service 4.30, tea 5.15, to be followed by a meeting. All who wish for tea should notify Mrs. Hazelden, St. Michael's, Joseph's Road, Guildford, before Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells available afternoon and evening, short Service in the Church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea notify me by Sept. 2nd.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on Sept. 4th and 18th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 8th and 22nd at 7.45 p.m.; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 14th at 10 a.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 23rd. The others at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisbrough on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Eight bells available from 3 to 7 o'clock. Members are requested to note the change of date from 6th to 13th.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Epping, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; short Service, 5.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please inform the undersigned not later than Wednesday, September 10th?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, 20th September.

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

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Combined practice for Major ringing will be held at Burnham on the first Saturday of each month from September to April, meeting at 6 p.m.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—A. E. Parsons, to 'Beauty Bank,' Old Hill, Staffs, from 148, Station Road, Old Hill, Staffs.

The meeting at Isham is postponed till September 20th, on account of serious illness near the church.—E. Maurice Atkins.

**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BERTRAM PREWETT AND ROBERT STAVERT.**—It has been decided to place a Tablet in Bushey Church to record the half-muffled peal rung in memory of these two Bushey ringers who gave their lives for their country. Subscriptions thankfully received by Mr. F. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

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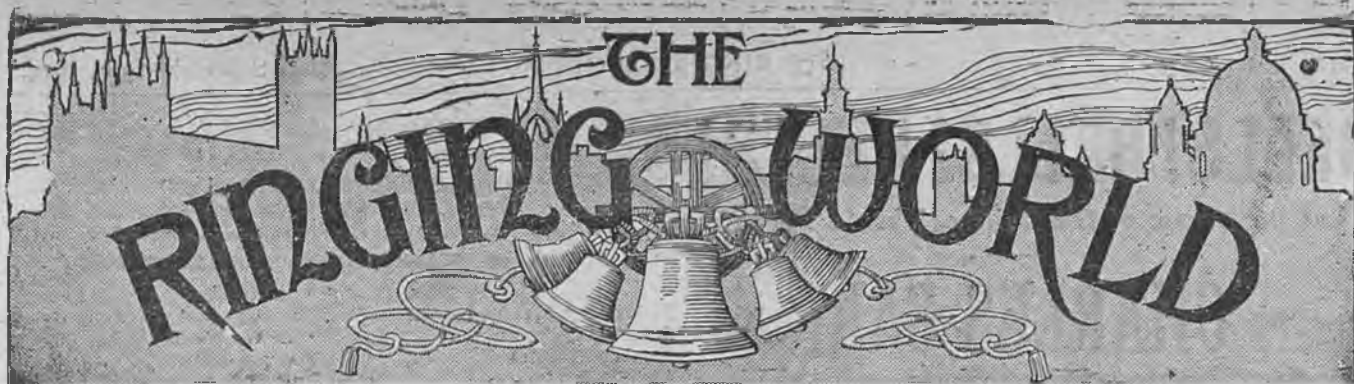
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As far as we are aware the Warwickshire Guild is the first association to vote officially upon the question referred from the last Central Council meeting as to whether the Council is to be given power to enforce its decisions, and the Warwickshire members have decided in favour of this power being conferred on the central body. Between this and next Whitsuntide, doubtless the majority of the other affiliated organisations will consider the proposition, and there are likely to be considerably diversified views on the subject. We admire the spirit of loyalty in which the Warwickshire Guild has pledged itself to support the authority of the Council, and it should provide a lead for others. In principle there is no doubt much to be said for placing the Council in a position to enforce its decisions, and we believe it is the opinion of many ringers that it is only by giving this power to the Council that the future of the central body can be made effectively useful.

When, however, it comes to practice, the effects are likely to be the opposite to those intended. All the while things go smoothly and there is nothing to enforce, or only minor matters in which obedience is sought, the support of the Associations would be easily maintained. But it can be foreseen that where any large question was involved, the loyalty of an Association in opposition to the majority might be severely strained, resulting perhaps in a complete breakaway. This could not be anything but a weakness instead of a strength to the Council, while there is also the other possibility of the Council's rulings being ignored by those who dissent from them, and the Council being in the unhappy position of being flouted without means of redress, simply because the powers of enforcement are actually non-existent.

Then, too, there is the question of how far the authority of the Council is to extend. Can it be extended to financial matters so far as they affect the general interests of ringing? Can it even go so far as to prohibit the ringing of methods which fail to come up to a prescribed standard? And beyond all this, there is an initial difficulty to be overcome. Assuming that the necessary three-fourths' majority of the Associations are in favour of powers being conferred, what is to become of the other one-fourth or less number who take the opposite view? They cannot be brought in against their will, and if they stay out, what becomes of the scheme? Further down the scale the various Associations will be confronted with the same difficulty. The majority of affiliated towers may be in favour of accepting the decisions of the Council, but there may be others who will not do so, and the Associations will then have to decide whether to break with their own towers or break with the Council.

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ALBERT D. COLLUM ... .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 7
HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

MOUNTSORELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION  
AND ST. MARGARET'S GUILD, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lb.

GEORGE BOWLER ... .. Treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. BALLARD ... .. 6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 3	FRED STANFORTH ... .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 4	*FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Ballard, by whom the band were kindly entertained after the peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

R. GREGORY ... .. Treble	A. J. PITMAN ... .. 5
E. STITCH ... .. 2	W. J. SMITH ... .. 6
W. NURTON ... .. 3	D. R. JAMES ... .. 7
R. J. EVANS ... .. 4	B. J. TOBY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in respectful memory of Richard Bunstone, John Cox and John Evans, whose recent deaths are a severe loss to the tower. The composition was a variation of that published in the 'Ringing World,' March 1st, 1918, and rung with 2 singles only.



## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT ... .. Treble	GEORGE ABLITT ... .. 5
ALBERT FLEMING... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... .. 7
GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. LAST ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. Lockwood.

Conducted by W. T. LAST.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
HENRY J. CREED... .. 2	JOSEPH MADDOCK... .. 6
ALFRED WYATT ... .. 3	EDGAR E. BURGESS ... .. 7
EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 4	JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late H. DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Arranged for Mr. Frank Bennett of Brighton.

## PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 6
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition was now rung for the first time and contains the extent of the 5th and 6th in 5-6 and both five times right. It was Mr. Hemming's first peal of Treble Bob Major and Mr. Ranford's first peal in the method on a working bell and was the first peal in a Treble Bob method on these bells, cast in 1729.

## DEANE, BOLTON.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT... .. 5
JOHN POTTER ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7
HAROLD ODDY ... .. 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Titus Barlow, jun., and Miss Cissie Pennington, daughter of the tenor ringer.

## BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 11, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT LOCK ... .. Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 5
MRS. A. LOCK ... .. 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 6
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... .. 3	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD ... .. 4	FRED WHITE... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Arranged for E. J. Pannett, who hails from St. John's, Deptford.

## HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE ADES ... .. 5
OLIVER SIPPETIS... .. 2	WILLIAM STEED ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT... .. 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
CHARLES PALMER ... .. 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

## SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL ... .. Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 6
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	THOMAS HOAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Richardson of St. John's, Deptford, who was elected member of the Association previous to starting. Messrs. Tribe and Player hail from Tenderden and Stone respectively, the rest belong to the local band.

## PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES... .. Treble	EDWIN BREEZE ... .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 2	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	*SYDNEY F. BARNES ... .. 7
*WILLIAM HUGHES ... .. 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on the first available opportunity after the signing of Peace to celebrate that great event.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE GARRISON ... .. Treble	OLIVER G. NORMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 2	CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
*ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal in the method.

## HITCHIN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST W. DAY ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. NEWELL ... .. 5
THOS. BLACKBOURNE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. CROFT ... .. 6
JOHN HARE ... .. 3	ALFRED KING ... .. 7
FRANCIS R. BACON ... .. 4	HERBERT ELSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED KING.

Rung to commemorate Peace. The ringers of 2 and 7 hail from Luton. The rest are members of the local band. Thos. Blackburn was elected a member of the Association prior to starting for the peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt

HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. Treble	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 7
J. LESLIE WILLARS ... .. 4	THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, NO. 6.

THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 2	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
BERT HORTON ... .. 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

John W. Jones, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Newport, Mon.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

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

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent  
Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 4
SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.L.I. 2	FREDERICK HAYES ... .. 5
GUY R. AMERSE ... .. 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

This peal was arranged for Sergt. James Bennett, H.M.S. Phaeton, who was heartily welcomed by his Milton friends and congratulated on his safe return after 4½ years' hunting for and fighting the Germans.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 10, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 Six scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM DALE ... .. Treble	THOMAS HOAD ... .. 4
TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 5
EDWARD MILLS ... .. 3	*GEORGE E. PONT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the annual church parade in the village. Messrs. Dale and Pont, who hail from Brightling, were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal. The other ringers hail from Salehurst.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Consisting of 720 each of Roystone Delight, London Scholar's Pleasure, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM ... .. Treble	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... .. 4
WILLIAM WOODCOCK ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	CHARLES WALSH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Rung as a Peace peal for South Kirkby and was the first peal on the bells. Ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th hail from Wath and 2nd and 6th from Darfield.

BENSIES, HERTFORD.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent  
Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

BERT CARTER ... .. Treble	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 4
EDWARD H. KING ... .. 2	ERNEST A. OVERALL ... .. 5
NATHAN PATMORE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This ring is about to be augmented to eight by the munificence of Alderman Alfred Baker of Hertford, as a thankoffering for the safe return of his two sons from the war.

NORTON, NEAR EYESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM KYTE ... .. Treble	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 4
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 2	HENRY J. PHIPPS ... .. 5
LEONARD J. JELFS ... .. 3	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Harry T. Howith, Sidney H. Howith and Ernest W. Green, who were accidentally drowned while bathing in the river Avon on the previous Sunday. After the peal Mr. H. Middleton very kindly provided tea, which was very much appreciated. This is the first peal of Minor upon the bells.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT S. CHERRYMAN ... Treble	ALFRED J. CHERRYMAN ... 4
ARTHUR S. WHITE ... .. 2	FREDERICK F. TRUSLER ... 5
GEORGE A. STEELE ... .. 3	JAMES W. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WHITE.

All are members of the local band.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of Kent, and three of Oxford Double Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER BRUCE ... .. Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 4
HENRY BURCH ... .. 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	ERNEST LANHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL HOUSE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 13½ in D sharp.

†WALTER AYRE ... .. 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: JOHN J. JUTSON.

\* First peal on eight bells, first 'in hand' and rung at the first attempt. † First peal of Triples 'in hand'.

First peal of Grandsire Triples by the above Association. Miss Jutson received the hearty congratulations of the band at the conclusion of the peal.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## THE OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Second Session of the Tenth Council (27th meeting) was held, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Chapter House of Gloucester Cathedral, on Whitsun Tuesday, 10th June, 1919, at 11 o'clock a.m., when there were present of representative members 55 out of 96, and of honorary members eight out of 13, making a total of 63 present out of 109 on the roll.

The chair was taken by the President, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughoy, who said prayers.

After the Hon. Secretary had read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed and signed.

The President, in a few graceful words, thanked the members for the honour conferred on him in electing him to the presidency.

He then referred to the losses sustained by the Council, through death, during the past year, viz., Mr. Bertram Prowett, Mr. John W. Taylor, and Mr. Henry White, and the hon. secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the Council to their relatives, the members all rising in their places. At the suggestion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, a telegram was sent to Mrs. Taylor, whose bereavement was then very recent.

The President then intimated that as the Treaty of Peace was not officially signed, and the roll of honour of fallen ringers was as yet far from complete, it was proposed to defer the reading of it until a later occasion.

At the request of the President, the Hon. Secretary read the draft of a humble address which it was proposed to present to His Majesty, on behalf of the Council, at the conclusion of peace, the president and hon. secretary to sign the address in the name of the Council. It was unanimously agreed to send the address, and that any suggestions of alteration in its wording should be sent for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Apologies for absence were reported as having been received from the Rev. C. C. Marshall, the Rev. Canon Papillon, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Rev. W. P. Wright, Messrs. J. D. Matthews, J. W. Parker, C. L. Routledge, W. Storey, and F. Willey.

The Hon. Librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, read the account of sales of publications during the past year, exhibiting a net balance of £2 16s. 8d., which had been remitted to the hon. treasurer. The statement was adopted.

The Hon. Treasurer read the statement of accounts for the year of which the following is a summary: Balance in hand from last year, £70 2s. 1d.; affiliation fees, £11 10s.; sales of publications, £2 16s. 8d.; interest on War Stock, etc., £3 2s., making a total of £87 10s. 9d. Against this there had been the following outgoings, viz.: Expenses of meetings, 1918, £2 10s.; purchase of War Bonds, 1928, £50; printing and postage, £1 17s. 4d., leaving in hand a balance of £33 3s. 5d. The accounts having been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were adopted, on the motion of the Rev. Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

It was proposed by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse, and carried, that the accounts of the Council should be published annually.

It was moved by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, and carried, that the hon. secretary be authorised to pay for the insertion of the Council's notices in the columns of the 'Ringing World.'

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed, and Mr. E. H. Lewis seconded, that the hon. Librarian be authorised to advertise in the 'Ringing World' the list of the Council's publications for sale, and also to make arrangements according to his judgment with the hon. secretaries of Guilds and Associations to take copies of the publications 'on sale or return.'—The motion was carried.

The re-election of the three retiring honorary members, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughoy, Mr. J. W. Parker, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was proposed by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, and carried unanimously.

To fill the vacancy caused by the cession of Mr. G. Williams, Mr. H. Chapman was elected, on the proposal of Mr. H. W. Wilde, seconded by the Rev. Canon Elsee.

The following new members were presented to and shook hands with the President, viz., the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, of the Herts County Association; the Rev. H. Drake, of the Norwich Diocesan Association; Mr. H. R. Butcher, of the Sussex County Association; also Mr. James George, and Miss Nellie Gillingham, honorary members.

For the Bell Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson sent a written report to the effect that the committee were ready to begin the printing of the collection of Treble Bob peals, if duly authorised by the Council. It was proposed by Mr. H. W. Wilde, seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and carried, that the Council authorise the expenditure required for the printing.

For the Literature Committee a letter was read from the Rev. Canon Papillon, which, on the motion of the Rev. H. Drake, was accepted as the report of the committee.—It was proposed by the Rev. Canon Elsee, seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, and carried, that the committee be strengthened by the addition of one or more members, and that it subscribe to a press-cutting agency.—On the proposal of the Rev. Canon Elsee, seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker, it was resolved to alter the title of the committee by naming it the 'Literature and Press Committee.'

It was proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and carried, that it be a special instruction to the committee to follow the advice of Canon Papillon by making all possible use of the Press for spreading knowledge and correcting misapprehension of ringing matters. The Rev. C. E. Matthews was added to the committee, and was requested to act as interim convenor.—It was also agreed that the president should ask Mr. R. A. Daniel to hand in his material for the Bibliography of Ringing.

The Rev. H. Law James reported for the Legitimate Methods Committee that the situation was the same as last year, viz., that the collection of Plain Major Methods was ready for printing as soon as that course should be deemed expedient.—It was moved by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, and carried, that the word 'Legitimate' be henceforth omitted in the name of the committee, which will, therefore, be known as the 'Methods Committee,' and that in all future documents the words 'regular' and 'irregular' be substituted respectively for 'legitimate' and 'illegitimate,' as hitherto applied to methods.—It was further proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, and carried, that the selection of Plain Major Methods contained in the report of the committee be printed as soon as the hon. treasurer considers it expedient.

Mr. A. T. King moved, and Mr. G. Williams seconded, the adoption of the report of the Peals' Analysis Committee.—The report was unanimously adopted, the President at the same time expressing the thanks of the Council to the committee for their labours.—It was proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, and carried, that the analysis be still published in the alphabetical order of the associations.

For the Towers and Belfries Committee, Mr. E. H. Lewis reported that owing first to the war and now to the continued state of general unsettlement, nothing had been done.—Major J. H. H. Hesse also spoke for the committee, which was asked to continue its work as opportunity offered.

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported also for the committee, relating to the bells of Belgium, and said that for the same reasons as in the last case practically nothing had been done, but he felt that, if the Council would continue their instructions, the committee would be in a position to make progress in due course.—The Rev. Canon Elsee said that among other things, the committee were awaiting accurate information as to the amount and degree of loss suffered by Belgium in the matter of her bells.—The report was received.

An interesting discussion, adjourned from the last meeting, on the subject of the utility and efficiency of the Council led to the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.: Proposed by the Rev. Canon Baker, and seconded by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, that the question of the desirability of giving power to the Council to enforce its decisions be referred to the Guilds and Associations affiliated to the Council, who should report to the hon. secretary of the Council not later than 26 April, 1920, no power to be considered to be conferred on the Council except by the vote of at least three-fourths of the Guilds and Associations concerned.

Proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, and seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, that the Standing Committee be instructed to consider the future procedure of the Council at its meetings, and to take such action as they think fit.—This was carried by 24 votes to 20.

It was proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. T. H. Beams, and carried, that this Council gives it hearty support to the movement for the revival of the ancient peace bell on Fridays at noon, as a perpetual memorial to those of our fellow-countrymen who have sacrificed their lives in the great war, and as a call to prayer for the peace of the realm.

On the proposal of Mr. F. Wilford seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker, it was resolved to hold next year's meeting at Northampton.

The President proposed, the Rev. H. Law James seconded, and the Hon. Secretary supported, a very cordial vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for their kindness in allowing the Council to meet in the Chapter House, and particularly to the Dean for his kindness in conducting members round the Cathedral. The vote having been enthusiastically carried, was acknowledged by the Dean.

Votes of cordial thanks were passed to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for their kindness in inviting the members to ten, and to Mr. John Austin for the valuable help that he had given in every possible way.

On the motion of the Rev. Canon Coleridge, a hearty vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the President, and the meeting adjourned.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand the extension of the fine peal at St. Mary's, Taunton, to a ring of twelve, with an extra 2nd to make a light eight is contemplated. When the work is done the bells are to be put into a new frame.

Recently we mentioned that a ringer had rung in more than 100 belfries in one county. We are now asked if we can find the man who has rung in the greatest number of belfries in any one county.

There was a time when one or two Sussex men had rung a peal in every eight bell tower in that county—or all but one. That is a record which will require some equalling by the natives of any county.

Long service in the Army and a total severance from practical ringing does not seem to have in the least affected the accomplishments of Alf. Pulling, if the handbell peals rung since his demobilisation are any criterion. Only on Wednesday in last week he conducted a double-handed peal of Stedman Triples and another of Grandsire on the same day.

Estimates have been asked for for the addition of two trebles to the six at Langport, Somerset, and the work will be carried out as soon as funds permit.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Bishop Ryder's Church Birmingham, on Saturday, August 23rd. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and touches in various methods were rung by members from Allesley, Birmingham, Coventry, Edgington, Knowle and Solihull. At the service a short address was given by the Rev. R. A. Ellis. Afterwards the members adjourned to the Schoolrooms for tea, which the Ringing Master, Mr. James George, had kindly arranged.

The business meeting followed and in the absence of the President of the Guild (the Rev. Canon Back), the Rev. R. A. Ellis presided.—The Hon. Secretary read the report of the past year's work, which proved very satisfactory.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected.

Mr. A. Roberts, Central Council representative, moved that the Council's decisions as a governing body, should be acknowledged by the Guild, and the motion was carried.

It was decided to hold the monthly meeting in September, at Knowle and the quarterly meeting in October, at Bedworth. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. A. Ellis for presiding, and for his address, and also to the organist for presiding at the organ.

During the evening St. Chad's (R.C.) Church was visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major were rung.

## THE LENGTH OF A PEAL.

### CURTALMENT FAVOURED IN SOME QUARTERS.

Writing on the suggestion that the length of ordinary peals should be curtailed, 'H' says: 'Mr. Coppock has had no little courage to put the proposal in cold type. We are labouring in strenuous times when the tension of the nation is such that the public is likely to be contentious. I have always advocated, and often through the columns of your esteemed journal, the need of encouraging a good feeling with the public, and an endeavour to rub off the rough edges of the apathetic feeling towards bells and bell ringing. But these little notes of warning are often passed unheeded.

The orthodox peal which has been handed down from generation to generation is one of 5,000 or more. Since the advent of Mr. Coppock's letter it has been my pleasure to visit one of the most important Midland cities and to fraternise again with the local ringers. The sociableness so evident here could well be adopted in other places. The grasping after peals is not altogether a primary factor. The subject matter of Mr. Coppock's letter was discussed at a convivial gathering one evening, and the letter gave no surprise: indeed it was met with approval. Some gentle reminders were thrown out that the question was discussed some ten to fifteen years ago, and handed down to the present time on the point of the duration of peals and the numbers of changes. It was considered that three or four hours was too long, being not only a tax upon nature, but an annoyance in certain respects to those who have perforce to live under the shadow of the church. In fact, a three or four hour peal is not one that would stimulate the appreciation of bells and bell ringing. It is all the same to the public, as regards the acknowledgment of our efforts, whether we ring for two hours or four hours. The concluding stage of the discussion brought forth a formula, as it may be termed, from a very learned and esteemed ringer, who, by the way, is a composer and a celebrated conductor of many years' standing. I give it herewith: "3,000 changes is quite long enough for Cinques or Maximus; 3,500 for Caters and Royal, and 4,000 for Major and Triples." Needless to say, the "new" arrangement met with approval. I pen the suggestion for what it is worth. The formula would consume one hour less, or approximately, and still give satisfaction to most parties. It will certainly manufacture a long of contention amongst the few.'

## VISIT TO THE MIDLANDS.

(Continued from page 363).

Clent, famous as the birthplace of many well-known ringers, not the least among them our own W. H. B., was our destination on Wednesday. Arriving at Hagley, a delightful country railway station nestled among the Worcestershire Hills, there was before us a pleasant two miles' walk to our destination—I might add they were country miles, but W. H. B. knew his ain country well, for a call at a pretty wayside cottage brought forth quarts, not of cider, but of golden brown liquid with a foaming white top, which was particularly acceptable after the previous quiet evening and a country walk, with Old Sol about 90 in the shade. The inner man refreshed, we set forth with light hearts to complete our journey and admire the charming countryside. We came upon the church prettily nestled at the foot of Clent Hills. Awaiting us were Mr. W. Short, Mr. W. Shilcock, and the two local lady ringers, the Misses Thatcher. A touch of Bob Major was rung with the lady ringers, then, under the conductorship of Tom Gofton, Superlative was the order. There was some excellent striking in the peal, but the effects of the previous day—and night—were responsible for trips, for it was a trouble to keep awake, but we woke up eventually and rolled home in 3 hrs. 10 mins. A real country spread was awaiting us at the Vine Inn, and dining with us were Mr. John Carter, Mr. W. R. Small, Mr. Ben Gough and several other ringers, who had kindly travelled from various districts to spend the day with us. A rest in the pleasant garden of the Inn, and then to climb to the summit of the highest of the hills, for which Clent is famous in the Midlands. With panting breath and damp foreheads we eventually reached the top, and the glorious view that met our gaze was well worth the effort, our local guides pointing out the various points of interest. Descending proved more troublesome to the older members of the party, but happily we landed back at the Vine Inn for tea without any casualties. Tea over, handbells were brought forth on the lawn, and quite a crowd of visitors were both pleased and interested at the performance. Then we found that Zummerzet is not the only place where they brew cider. We didn't get quarts, but pints were very acceptable. A visit was paid to the cottage where W. H. B. first saw light, and where his mother still resides. A fine peal of ten handbells kept beautifully polished were suspended from the ceiling, and a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters gave great satisfaction to the old lady. Then a 17-mile ride in a motor-bus to Birmingham brought to a close another glorious day.

Thursday, according to programme, should have been a visit to King's Norton, but with a possibility of another attempt at St. Martin's in the evening, touches only were rung here, London Surprise, Stedman Triples and King's Norton Major being brought round. Afterwards, by kind permission of Messrs. Cadbury Bros., the party were shown over the works and grounds by Mr. Smith. After inspecting the carillons we were privileged by the goodness of Mr. Withers to listen to his playing of various selections upon them, which gave us all intense delight. Tea was provided for the party at Ye Old Farm Inn. Mr. Chapman, of Messrs. Cadbury Bros., welcomed the party, and was cordially thanked for the kindness of the firm. A pleasant evening with our Birmingham friends was spent, the further peal attempt at St. Martin's being off, owing to the previous trouble.

On Friday, we visited Worcester. On arrival at the faithful city we were met by Mr. J. Sykes, who, after seeing our luggage safely housed, became our guide. We first inspected the ancient Church of St. Swithin, and a splendid example of the old three-decker pulpit was very much admired. The privilege of inspecting the deanery was afforded us, and a very interesting inspection it proved. We were taken through the old crypts, kitchen, bedrooms, and the special suite of royal rooms which, as a brass plate at their entrance tells, have been used by royalty on more than one occasion. After dinner the bells of the Cathedral were raised, and we were taken in hand by Canon Southwell, who gave us a very interesting discourse on the ancient crypts, cloisters, and sermons in stone, after which the reverend gentleman kindly entertained us to tea at the College. The party were then photographed on the lawn with Canon Southwell. I have omitted to state that the party had now been joined by J. G., formerly of R., but now of B., and upon arriving in the tower, the above gentleman immediately divested himself of his shirt, which is sufficient to let you know it was warm. All that can be said about the Worcester attempt is that after about 2½ hours struggling and acrobatic feats on the rope ends by some of the band, we came to grief with tired muscles, sore hands and wet undergarments.

Bvesham was our next destination, which we reached after 11 p.m., and were met by Mr. Harry Morton, who conducted us to our lodgings. The only trouble, at least for one portion of the party, was the snoring abilities of one gentleman, whose name cannot be mentioned. It is sufficient to say that he once rang the tenor at Ashton-under-Lyne to a long peal of Treble Ten. This may, perhaps, solve the problem of who this champion snorer really is. He certainly is the best specimen of his kind it has been our lot to meet so far.

Anyway we survived it, and after a good breakfast, everybody was fit and happy. Shortly after 10 a.m. quite a crowd of Birmingham friends put in an appearance, and at noon we met for an attempt for Stedman Caters, having previously enjoyed the view from the top of the tower and inspected the bells. Business having called our president back to Newcastle, Mr. J. E. Groves took the vacant rope, and Billie Barber had the satisfaction of calling his first peal of the tour, a nicely struck peal rolling home in 3 hrs. and 30 mins. A quiet stroll after tea, and then preparations were made for our long journey north. Our train left Bvesham at 7.30 p.m., but happily we had over an hour to wait in Birmingham, after a parting drink and then to our train. On the platform we found Mr. John Carter, happy as ever, risking a walk home, for our train was not due to leave until 11 p.m. Then there was a gathering of the clans, a scratch choir, under the conductorship of Harry Withers, singing Scotch glees and other airs until the train moved off.

We must offer to the various incumbents our best thanks for the use of their bells. To the various steeplekeepers, who in every case had everything in readiness, and to the many friends we met in Sheffield, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Worcester, and other places where we travelled, we owe a debt of gratitude which it will be difficult to repay, but when St. Martin's Guild comes to Newcastle we will do our best to get out of debt. We arrived at Newcastle 6.25 a.m. on Sunday morning, but we mustered a band for Stedman Caters at 10 a.m. service. Thus ended one of the happiest weeks it has been our lot to live, and, as Mr. W. R. Small said, that makes life worth living.

B. H.

## A TRIP IN THREE COUNTIES.

One recent Saturday, a few ringers from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, visited some of the little known towers, where change ringing is seldom heard in that part where Hants, Wilts and Dorset meet. Wimborne St. Giles, the first tower of the tour, possesses a musical ring of six by Taylor, with the latest fittings and a perfect 'go.' Here a 720 of Bob Minor was brought round, the first on the bells; also some 120's of Doubles. Resuming the trip, Cranbourne was reached with a welcome cup of tea, and various good things as well; after which the tower was visited, and the bells set going to Grandsire Triples, the only trouble here being that some of the bells are very false. The next move brought the party to the five-bell tower of Damerham, Wilts, the name of the place it is said having been derived from a visit of Sir Walter Raleigh, who, wishing to obtain some refreshments, called at several houses, but all he could get was ham, which so upset the worthy knight that at last he exclaimed: 'Oh, d—n your ham.' However, the five bells are worthy of Sir Walter's time, as they have been recently rehung by the local sexton and the village blacksmith, and to ring 120 of Doubles on them is well worth a tablet. Still, it was accomplished, not without a struggle, especially by the ringers of the third and tenor, whose antics greatly amused those who were looking on, and, as if to add insult to injury, the sexton informed the ringer of the third that it was the best going bell in the tower.

The homeward journey was made via Fordingbridge and Ringwood, the Evergreen Valley being reached soon after 10, after a most enjoyable day had been spent.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## FIRST HEREFORD DISTRICT MEETING.

The first meeting of the new Hereford District was held at Burghill, under ideal weather conditions. Perfect arrangements had been made, and directly after 4 o'clock the handy ring of eight were raised in peal. The ringing varied from rounds to Stedman Triples, so that everyone had an opportunity of ringing. An excellent tea was provided in the Reading Room, and fifty members sat down, the Vicar (the Rev. T. O. Charteris) presiding, supported by the Rev. G. W. Turner (Madley), the Rev. T. Clark Smith (Pipe-cum-Tyde), the secretary and ringing master (Mr. C. Edwards), Mr. and Mrs. R. Elkins (Farnham), and others.

After tea, the Chairman welcomed the ringers, and assured them that the Guild would have his utmost support. He hoped that the new district scheme would be a great success.

Twenty-seven new members were elected, including five honorary.

After tea the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until 9 o'clock, when they were lowered perfectly in peal.

There is no doubt whatever that the district scheme is much in favour in the Guild, as the members present expressed their satisfaction at the arrangements made for ringing and the help given to beginners.

A combined practice of the district was held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 23rd, and proved very successful, members being present from Madly, Burghill, Clehanger, and the local band. Various methods were rung; and, the Ringing Master being present, several probationers received their first lesson in the art of change ringing.

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The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

## CROYDON, SURREY.



**PROPAGANDA.***To the Editor.*

Sir, — Events move quickly, in the ringing world as elsewhere; memories are short; and before his name is forgotten, I should like to record the fact that 20 years ago the then secretary of the Central Council, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, took at least one decisive step towards ensuring better information about ringing matters in a well-known book of reference, 'The Encyclopædia Britannica.' When 'The Times' was reprinting that work, Mr. Bulwer represented strongly to its conductors that the article 'Bell' in the 9th edition, dealt very inadequately with the whole subject of change ringing; and so far convinced 'The Times' authorities that in the supplementary volumes (1902) a new article, 'Campanology,' appeared; which in the present (11th) edition has been combined with the former article into one ('Bell').

The only paragraph dealing with change ringing in the original article ran as follows:—

'In 1668, a famous work on bells, "Tintinnologia," appeared, introducing a sort of bell notation by printing. The bells, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., are slips of paper in different orders, according to the changes rung. Of these changes there is a great variety, spoken of technically as hunting, dodging, snapping, place-making, Plain Bob, Bob Triple, Bob Major, Bob Major reversed, Double Bob Major, Grandsire Bob, Cator, etc.' The writer then shows how three bells can ring six changes, states the number of changes upon four or five bells, and dismisses the subject.

No wonder that Mr. Bulwer found this treatment of change ringing inadequate for a standard book of reference! But for him it might have been simply repeated in the current edition, to mystify new generations.—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON.

**A PEAL BANNED.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Re the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Christ Church, Bristol, on July 24th, 1919, and published in the 'Ringing World' August 15th, a protest has been lodged against it being recorded as a peal.

Opinions have been asked for from several ringers who were known to have heard the 'peal,' and they all agree that the ringing from 7.45 until 8 o'clock was too bad to be considered in peal ringing. Therefore, the peal cannot be entered into the records of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Yours truly,

EDGAR GUISE Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

A pleasant afternoon was spent on a recent Saturday at Isleworth Parish Church, which is situated on the bank of the Thames. A large attendance of members were present, including from Barnes, Battersea, Beaconsfield, Clapham, Catford, Chelsea, Camberwell, Edmonton, Islington, Putney, Otlands Park, Sutton, Slough, Shepherd's Bush, West Ham and Westminster; also visitors from Colchester and Northampton. Methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. At the business meeting, Mr. H. Burton presided. Four new members were made.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to Mr. T. Beadle, the steeplekeeper.

**BRIDGNORTH RINGERS' OUTING.**

On August Bank Holiday, the ringers from St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, and their wives paid a visit to Clun to have a pull on the recently restored bells, and to inspect the restored town and church. They were met on their arrival by the Rev. H. J. Scott, who acted as guide for the afternoon. They were first conducted to the Trinity Hospital, of which he is sub-warden, and afterwards a visit was paid to the fine old church, which was greatly admired by the visitors. The bells were then raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob Major were rung. Every satisfaction was expressed of the 'go' of the bells, which they considered a very good peal and well in tune. After inspecting other places of interest and partaking of a sumptuous tea, the visitors left for their 30-mile drive home, having spent a very enjoyable day.

**THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.**

Although the fund for this successful and interesting scheme closed on August 31st, amounts still continue to come in.

I am now anxious to close and make up the account definitely on September 20th, 1919.

I am also anxious to reach a level figure, and shall be glad if all ringers and others will do their very best during the next few days to let me have what they can on or before that date.

JAMES GEORGE, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

13, Dolman Road, Aston, Birmingham.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells available at the Minster from 1 o'clock till 8.30 p.m.; service at the Minster 5 p.m.; tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 50, Volta Street, Selby.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Solihull on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (10) available at 3.30. Service in the church at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, free to members, others 1s. each; to be followed by the business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.**—Clifford District.—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.; tea at 6; business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec., 2, Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Bagshot, Surrey, on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Ringing at 3 o'clock, Service 4.30, tea 5.15, to be followed by a meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells available afternoon and evening, short Service in the Church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—There will be a meeting for practice on Monday, Sept. 8th, at 7.30 p.m., at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate. All ringers welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 10th. Ringing from 6 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisbrough on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Eight bells available from 3 to 7 o'clock. Members are requested to note the change of date from 6th to 13th.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Epping, on Saturday September 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; short Service, 5.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please inform the undersigned not later than Wednesday, September 10th?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at South Wigston. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will all members endeavour to be present?—J. Morris, Hon. Sec., 11, Devonshire Street, Leicester.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Service in church, 6.30. A hearty welcome to ringers.—John Clark, Hon. Sec., Chase Road, Ross.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Eastwell near Ashford on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. All ringers are welcome.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Creaton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; service 4.30; tea 5 p.m. Kindly inform me not later than Sept. 9th, all who require tea.—T. Law, Dist. Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern district meeting at Royston on Saturday, 13th September, in connection with re-opening of bells, augmenting them from 6 to 8. Tea at The Dairy, 5 o'clock.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., Hitchin.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of above will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, Sept. 13th, 1919. Bells of St. James and St. Andrew's available afternoon and evening. Service in St. James' Church 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Bull Ring Coffee Hall. Visitors requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday previous. All ringers welcomed.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec., 9, St. Augustine's Avenue, Grimsby.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on September 18th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 8th and 22nd at 7.45 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 14th at 10 a.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; \*St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 23rd. The others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8), tenor 10½ cwt., available from 2.30 to 9. Tea at 5 (1/3 each) in the Parish Hall. Members requiring same must apply to Mr. A. Smith, 4, Wells Mount, Guiseley, via Leeds, before first post, Sept. 16th, 1919. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the association will take place at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, 20th September. Ringing chamber open at 2.30; committee meeting 3 o'clock; tea 4.30. General meeting after tea. Meetings and tea will be in the Co-operative Hall, King's Road. Tea will be arranged at 1/6 per head for those who notify Mr. P. H. Bartram, 33, Rosebery Avenue, Melton Mowbray, not later than Wednesday, 17th September.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from

4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (9d. each) will be provided for those who notify me by Sept. 16th. The Rectory gardens will be open to ringers, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Allton, M.A.). The church is about 15 minutes' walk from Broom car terminus.—A. Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Barnet on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify me by the 24th. The outing to Chelmsford is to take place on September 30th. Members intending to take part please give their names in to the Stewards by September 13th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Combined practice for Major ringing will be held at Burnham on the first Saturday of each month from September to April, meeting at 6 p.m.

The meeting at Isham is postponed till September 20th, on account of serious illness near the church.—E. Maurice Atkins.

**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BERTRAM PREWETT AND ROBERT STAVERT.**—It has been decided to place a Tablet in Bushey Church to record the half-muffled peal rung in memory of these two Bushey ringers who gave their lives for their country. Subscriptions thankfully received by Mr. F. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

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### THE LENGTH OF A PEAL.

A not infrequent subject of discussion among ringers is that of what should constitute the length of a 'peal,' and it is revived again by correspondents, whose views will have been read with interest. The feeling put forward is that in the present day when the public, in the mass, is more highly strung and kept at a higher state of nervous tension than in the days of our fathers, peals which last for three hours or over are too long to be appreciated, and that the time has come when something of a much shorter length should be recognised as a peal performance.

The present standard for a peal length has stood ever since peal ringing began, just over two hundred years ago, and never at any time, we believe, has any serious claim been set up to call less than 5,000 changes a peal. Thus the recognised standard has behind it the unbroken tradition and practice of two centuries, and it will be long before that qualification will be abandoned; and not only is it a matter of tradition and practice, but there is substantial argument in favour of maintaining the present number. To begin with, there are mathematical grounds, inasmuch as the recognised length is the extent of Triples, which, in some respects, is the basis of peal ringing. Then, also, there is the question of the value of the peal as a performance. To reduce it by, say, a thousand changes would take off far more than twenty per cent. of its worth, for it is the last hour of a peal that counts and which requires the biggest output of both physical effort and mental alertness. To cut down the number of changes substantially would reduce a peal to a value hardly worth consideration.

If the length of time for which bells are to be rung at a stretch is to be reduced, ringers already have it open to them to content themselves with 'touches,' and, while we do not gainsay the statement that there are times and places where a peal of five thousand changes is too long, we think there is no reason whatever for altering the present standard of a 'peal.' Ring shorter lengths by all means if the occasion demands it, but do not lower the standard of the peal. We do not want peal ringing made easier; the tendency should be in the other direction; but to shorten the length materially would at once cheapen the performance to such an extent that peals would be looked upon with little or no more honour than touches. At the same time we fully endorse the view that the public must in these days be considered, and that there are places where a peal under any circumstances can be a source of annoyance. It is here that ringers should observe restraint, and content themselves with the shorter lengths which, while satisfying the occasion, must perforce fall short of the designation of 'a peal.'

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

SURELEST, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... .. Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 2	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 7
FRED W. STOKES ... .. 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 8
ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 4	THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 9
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 5	THE REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal of Royal on the bells and in the method.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(WESTERN BRANCH)

AND THE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

* FRANCIS W. NEATS ... .. Treble	* WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 8
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 4	* EDWARD WATKINS ... .. 9
WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

\* First peal of Royal. Rung upon the occasion of the great parade of all Worcester County and City men (10,000) returned from the war. This is the first time the Cathedral tenor has been turned in.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. Treble	* WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 6
* JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 7
HARRY BROWNJOHN ... .. 3	HENRY PRING ... .. 8
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. This peal contains the least number of bobs possible, viz., 18.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR STEWART ... .. Treble	JOHN METHERELL ... .. 6
* SIDNEY J. MILLWARD ... .. 2	* THOMAS TEBBUTT ... .. 7
HARRY BLUNDELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 8
* JOHN HENSMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE FLAVELL ... .. 9
* WILFRED J. SHARP ... .. 5	WILLIAM FAIREY ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung to commemorate the victorious conclusion of the Great War and signing of Peace, also to commemorate the dedication of the Church of St. Giles.

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On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

*CHAS. D. HEGINBOTHAM ... Treble	THOMAS F. KING ... 5
THOMAS RICKETTS ... 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 6
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 3	SIDNEY HILLIER ... 7
*CHARLES DOEL ... 4	† GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.  
Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

\* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY PROCTOR ... Treble	SYDNEY PROCTOR ... 5
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 2	ARTHUR W. WARD ... 6
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 3	WALTER WHITE ... 7
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 4	JOHN W. KIRTON ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.  
Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Lincoln, who passed away on Thursday, August 14th, 1919.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN HALL ... Treble	JAMES ROSE ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	WILLIAM T. LAST ... 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 7
PETER LAFLIN ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON.  
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

No. 54 C.C. Collection.

HOOKINGTON, CANTERBURY.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PISTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

F. W. RICHARDSON ... Treble	E. G. BUESDEN ... 5
C. W. PLAYER ... 2	REV. F. J. HELMORE ... 6
P. PAINE ... 3	G. JENKINS ... 7
A. C. KAY ... 4	G. H. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

Arranged for F. W. Richardson of Deptford, C. W. Player of Stone, A. C. Kay of Ashford.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JONATHAN WHEWELL ... Treble	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
ALFRED J. HOLDSWORTH ... 2	JACK BARNES ... 6
JAMES SHAW ... 3	JAMES HOLDSWORTH ... 7
MISS ELIZABETH TOWNLEY ... 4	JAMES TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.  
Conducted by J. HOLDSWORTH.

First peal for Miss Townley and first of Major for L. J. Williams.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND, R.C.,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEORGE H. GIBBS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 5
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 2	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... 6
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
WILLIAM KENT ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled being the 14th anniversary of the death of the Rev. Father Silvester Schlecht, prior of the abbey.

\* Made members of the above Guild before starting for the peal.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... Treble	*PERCY TIMSON ... 5
ARTHUR EDWARDS ... 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
GEORGE F. EDWARDS ... 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 7
FREDERICK G. RADLEY ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Edwards and W. Lincoln. First peal at this tower since the bells were rebung.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5
THE REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 2	JOHN W. WOOD ... 6
ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... 3	ALFRED H. PELLING ... 7
THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung muffled after the funeral of the Bishop of Lincoln.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE  
DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	JESSE SCREEN ... 6
DANIEL JONES ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... 7
WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung on the vigil of the festival of St. Bartholomew, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. George Holbrook and Miss K. Pigott of the Smethwick band.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS  
AND THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIES ... Treble	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4	HENRY DYAS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Two Hours and For y-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW, JUN. ... .. Treble	TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... .. 5
FRED ABBOTT ... .. 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.  
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM OSTLER ... .. Treble	JOHN SELF ... .. 3
*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 6
DAVID E. WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... .. 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.  
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

No. 115 C.C. Collection. Rung in honour of the marriage of John Hall, one of the local ringers, on the eve of St. Bartholomew.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WEBB ... .. Treble	SYDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 5
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 2	FREDK. H. DEXTER ... .. 6
REV. C. J. STURTON ... .. 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 7
WM. H. B. MUNDY ... .. 4	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN DENNER ... .. Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 6
TITUS BARLOW ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

NEW SHOREHAM.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERT CHALLEN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK CRIPPS ... .. 5
ARTHUR WHITE ... .. 2	LIONEL SEARS ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	*HENRY STATHAM ... .. 7
GEORGE ADES ... .. 4	ALBERT GREGORY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STATHAM.

\* First peal as conductor in this method.

BOURNEMOUTH.—St. Peter's Society.—Recently, for Sunday services, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Robinson 1, E. T. Green 2, E. Waters 3, C. Forfitt 4, A. F. Martin-Stewart 5, C. W. Goodenough 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, L. Harris 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Williams (conductor) 1, L. Harris 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, H. Flowers 4, C. Forfitt 5, J. Loader 6, C. Goodenough 7, E. Garrett 8. First quarter by 2nd and 4th ringers.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

MEDEWORTH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5340 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HUBERT BOORMAN ... .. Treble	TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4
GEORGE BELL ... .. 2	LOUIS NEWMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM ELDRIDGE ... .. 3	HARRY BELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ELDRIDGE.

SHEEPPY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 Six-scores.

G. SINGLETON ... .. Treble	E. TIGWELL, SEN. ... .. 4
W. J. TIGWELL ... .. 2	E. TIGWELL, JUN. ... .. 5
E. MAUND ... .. 3	W. HARTHILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. TIGWELL, JUN.

First peal by the ringers of 3 and tenor, who were elected members of the Warwickshire Guild before starting for the peal.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. PARKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM FAREY ... .. 5
HERBERT RAINBOW ... .. 3	FRED HOPPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

\* First peal of Minor.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*REGINALD ORTH ... .. Treble	WM. GEORGE MANSFIELD ... .. 4
ALFRED SOUTH ... .. 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... .. 5
ALFRED J. PEAKE ... .. 3	FRED CHALK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 Six-scores called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CYRIL S. WEBB ... .. Treble	ERNEST H. H. LANE ... .. 4
HERBERT E. WEBB ... .. 2	HERBERT WILCOX ... .. 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 3	*WILLIAM J. ROSSITER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace, also the first peal ever rung on the bells. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th are from Doulting (Somerset), the tenor is a local man, and the conductor hails from Erdington, Birmingham.

\* First peal.

DOVER.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, 504 Stedman Triples was rung by: O. R. Millway, H. C. Saywell, R. H. Stevens, C. Turner, H. Whitehead, H. J. Saunders, W. Welling (conductor), G. Godfrey.

BRIDETON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ROSS DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN CLARK ... .. Treble	ALLEN GWYNNE ... .. 4
JOHN BEVAN ... .. 2	FRANK VOYCE ... .. 5
EDWARD SUMMERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
At THE VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Size 13½ in D sharp.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	*WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpires: REV. H. LAW JAMES and REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Witness: ARTHUR E. WILKINS.

\* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At THE VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Size 15 in C.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 1-2	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... .. 5-6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... .. 3-4	*ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpire: E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
At THE VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 13½ in D sharp.

*ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... .. 1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpires: REV. H. LAW JAMES and REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Witness: E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First handbell peal away from tenors.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 13½ in D sharp.

WALTER AYRE ... .. 1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 7-8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Witness: A. J. FARR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Richardson.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At THE VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Size 15 in C.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 1-2	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... .. 5-6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... .. 3-4	*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Witnesses: MRS. A. H. POLLING and MISS P. HARE.

\* First peal in the method. At the conclusion Miss Jutson received the hearty congratulations of the band and witnesses, also of Mr. Wilkins, who heard part of the peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 13½ in D sharp.

ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 1-2	*WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 3-4	KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Witnesses: MRS. RICHARDSON, A. E. WILKINS and H. C. BAYLISS.

\* First peal of Triples on an inside pair.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.  
(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,  
In THE TOWER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42-Sixscores.

HARRY O. WHITE ... .. 1-2	JOSEPH H. WHITE ... .. 3-4
*JOHN W. TAYLOR ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE. Referee: HERBERT SUMMERS.

\* First peal on hand bells and rung at the first attempt.

**MITCHAM SOCIETY'S SURREY TOUR.**

The Mitcham Society, on the occasion of their annual outing recently met at the Parish Church at 6 a.m., when a short touch of Stedman Triples was nicely struck. Ashted was the first place on the programme, and with appetites sharpened by the early morning drive, breakfast was heartily enjoyed. Then away to the sweet-toned bells of Ashted Church, which is situated in the park. The bells were soon pealing to the tune of Stedman, and then we went on again to the foot of the hill leading to Rammore Common, where preparations were made for the ramble up the hill, through the wood, and across the common to Rammore Church (the conveyance going on to await the party at Dorking). At Rammore Church, a wedding was about to take place, and the bride was waiting for the bridegroom, who, apparently was somewhat tardy in putting in an appearance. While waiting for the ceremony to be performed, an inspection was made of the beautiful surroundings, including the memorial chapel in memory of Lord Ashcombe's three sons who fell in the great war, and we thought of our own three comrades, and the memorial to their memory in our belfry at home. The wedding over, the beautiful ring of bells were set going to Stedman, and, being augmented by two valuable additions to our number, were able to enjoy a well-struck touch of Double Norwich Major. The nicely appointed ringing chamber, the mellow tone of the bells, and other magnetic influences, made one and all reluctant to leave this charming spot, but eventually we descended the hill, and arrived at the Parish Church to find another wedding in progress. More Stedman Triples on this fine peal and a request for Double Norwich, but the thoughts of the contents of the hampers in the brake proved irresistible (the writer is speaking for himself) so we were soon again in the brake en route for Buckland. Selecting a shady spot by the roadside, a raid was made on the contents of the hampers, and what a delightful picnic! Had Mrs. Tilley been present with her husband to have shared the compliments bestowed on the delicacies provided, she would probably have been doubly assured if any assurance were needed, of the appreciation of her skill and kindness. Buckland was the next stop, and a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor on the light six at the Parish Church, was rung before proceeding to Reigate. After tea, we were again on the road for Kingswood, where more well-struck touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles on a fine peal of six were rung, some of the local members taking part. Light refreshments, thoughtfully provided by the Vicar of Kingswood, who expressed his pleasure of once more being able to greet us, were enjoyed before we set out for home. Thus ended one of the happiest of days, thanks to the admirable arrangements made by Messrs. Drewett, Bance and Tilley, the lovely weather and the cordial reception by those in charge of the places visited.

W. H. J.

**A SATURDAY AFTERNOON OUTING.**

On an August Saturday, a motor trip was arranged by Mr. C. Bird, of Osterley Park, for the ringers of Heston and Isleworth, and their wives. Halls were made at St. John's, Egham, and Old Windsor. Mr. Gutteridge, of Old Windsor, was thanked for his hospitality to all. Our journey was continued on to the Crown Hotel at Farnham Royal, where we were met by Mr. Parker. Tea was provided, and appreciated by the party. After tea the church was visited, and we had some Stedman Double, Norwich, etc. The ringers wish to thank the members of the three churches for the use of the bells. The return journey was made via Colnbrook, Cranford reaching Pear's Fountain about 10.30, after a most enjoyable outing.

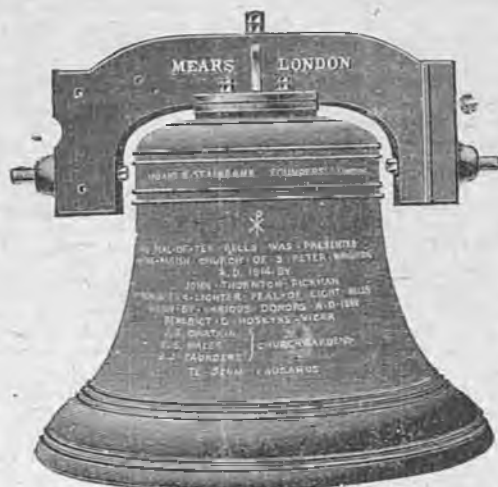


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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The fine ring of eight bells at Llandaff Cathedral are to be overhauled and two trebles added to make a ring of ten. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The new ring of six at St. Athan, Glamorgan, is being put in, and will be available at the proposed quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association the last Saturday in September, notice of which will appear later. Messrs. Warner and Son are doing the work.

The Creswell memorial peal board fund at Clun has now reached £18 towards the £28 required, and the work will be put in hand as soon as the fund reaches £20.

The popular hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) and Mrs. Cartmel will celebrate their silver wedding on September 18th. Their many friends in the county and beyond will join in good wishes.

By the way, it is of interest to note that last June Mr. Cartmel, at a service in St. Albans Cathedral, was admitted by the Bishop as a Parochial Lay Reader, at the invitation of the Diocesan Lay Readers' Board.

One result of the revival brought about in the Hereford Diocesan Guild by the recent division into districts is a rapidly growing membership. In the Hereford District alone the hon. secretary, who bubbles over with energy, has already 'roped in' upwards of 30 members.

Another step forward is the opening of Hereford Cathedral bells for practice every week.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT FORMED.

A very successful meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bagshot on Saturday last, ringers being present from Hawley, Yorktown, Sandhurst, Bagshot, Aldershot, Worplesdon, Guildford, Fulmer, Slough, Wokingham, Chertsey, Yateley, and Farnborough.

Ringling commenced with rounds for beginners. The touches which followed included Stedman by a mixed band, for the service which was held at 4.30. The Winchester Guild form was used and the well-known ringers' hymns were very heartily and tunelessly sung, despite the absence of the organist. Tea was partaken of in the Institute, the Vicar kindly accepting an invitation to be present. Over 40 sat down, and two late arrivals, Mr. and Mrs. Pulling were warmly greeted, this being their first appearance in the district since Mr. Pulling was demobilised.

After tea, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells by Miss Parker, Mrs. Hazelden, and Messrs. Smither, Pulling and Hazelden.

The business of the meeting consisted mainly of forming a branch for the southern district. It had been decided at the annual meeting at Edmonton that districts should be formed as the need arose, and it is expected that others will shortly be established.—Miss Parker explained the rules and the working of a branch, and the new district was then formally launched.

Mrs. Hazelden proposed eleven new ringing members, and Miss Mills one honorary member, and these were elected.

Miss Robinson (Wokingham) proposed, and Miss G. Bateman (Slough) seconded, that Mrs. Hazelden (Guildford) should be elected district secretary, and this having been agreed to, Miss Robinson (Wokingham), Miss Nye (Bagshot), Miss Mills (Aldershot), and Miss Fisher (Dorking) were elected as committee. The secretary and Mrs. Pulling (Guildford) were nominated as representatives to attend the annual general meeting at Reading in 1920.

It was decided that quarterly meetings should be held, with friendly practices when convenient. The officers are to retire at the annual meeting of the branch, to be held each September.

It was decided that the first quarterly meeting should be held at Aldershot.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to Miss Parker for so kindly giving so much time and thought to starting the branch, which it is hoped will help and encourage all ladies in the district to become efficient.

Ringling was then continued until 9 p.m.

## THE STANDARD OF PEALS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir.—With reference to your leading article of August 29th, I should like to point out two facts which must be considered if a protest is made against the quality of striking in a peal. (1) If there is bad striking in a peal and every ringer standing in it knows the method thoroughly, then the bad striking must be due to bad ringing, and bad ringers ought not to be asked to stand in peals until they can ring accurately. (2) If there is bad striking and all the ringers have learnt to strike a bell thoroughly, then the bad striking would arise at such trouble as one bell moving half a pull too soon, or two ringers trying to do the same work, which is what eventually leads up to a change course. In peals with extents you are bound to get a repeated change if either of the above items occur. Therefore, I maintain, if the Central Council do not make their laws quite clear there is no reason why Associations should acknowledge peals in which either of the two conditions referred to takes place.—Yours, etc.,

EDGAR GUISE (Hon. Sec.), Gloucester and Bristol Association.

**LOYAL ADDRESS TO THE KING.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—In the official minutes of the Central Council, just published in 'The Ringing World' is one recording that it was unanimously agreed that an address should be sent on behalf of the Council to His Majesty the King on the conclusion of peace. Your readers may like to know the terms of the address, which was duly sent, and of the reply from the Home Secretary; so I append them. Yours faithfully,

A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

Cambridge, Sept. 6th, 1919.

**THE ADDRESS.***To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.*

We desire to present to Your Majesty our most loyal and dutiful congratulations on the successful and glorious termination of the great war by a just and permanent peace. It has been the pride and privilege of the Church Bell Ringers of England, whom we represent, that from the beginning of the war very many of them have volunteered for service in Your Majesty's Forces, and not a few have laid down their lives as a sacrifice in the cause of right. For more than four years practically no peals have been rung upon the church bells of our country, except occasionally in muffled tones to commemorate brave men who have fallen. Now again it is our privilege to ring in thanksgiving to Almighty God, and as an expression of allegiance to Your Majesty, to Whom we offer our most respectful homage; ever praying that Your Majesty may long be preserved to rule in peace and prosperity over the great Empire of which you are the Sovereign.

On behalf of the Central Council of Ringers,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and obedient servants and subjects,

A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge).  
President.CHARLES D. P. DAVIES (Rector of Deane, Hampshire).  
Secretary.**THE REPLY.**

Home Office, Whitehall S.W.

15th July, 1919.

Sir,—I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that the congratulatory address from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers on the signing of peace has been laid before the King, and that His Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. J. BAGLESTON.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, M.A.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.**

A district meeting was held at Andover, and representatives gathered from Andover, Basingstoke, Deane, Reading, Steventon, and Whitechurch. Service, with address by the Vicar (the Rev. Walter E. Smith) was followed by tea, at which 19 sat down in the Parish Room. This was in turn succeeded immediately by the business meeting, at which the Vicar took the chair. The business occupied only a few minutes, and was ended by a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and for his address, and also for his consenting to take the chair. Most of those present then returned to the tower, and concluded a very pleasant afternoon and evening. Touches of Grandsire Triples and several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung.

**WINCHESTER DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Winchester District was held on Saturday week at Alresford, when members were present from Alresford, Bishop's Sutton, Stoneham, Winchester, etc. Tea, kindly arranged by Mr. Knight, was served in the Parish Room, among those present being the Rev. Canon Braithwaite, Rev. F. G. G. Jellicoe, the Rev. G. H. Preston, the Rev. W. E. Colchester (treasurer), and Mr. G. Williams (Ringing Master).

At the meeting which followed, the Revs. F. G. G. Jellicoe and G. H. Preston, the incumbents of New and Old Alresford respectively were elected honorary members, and Messrs. G. Bowler and P. D. Link probationary members. The larger bells at New Alresford so badly, and Mr. Williams stated that the result of his examination showed a considerable movement of the frame, especially between the seventh and tenor—a comparatively easy and inexpensive matter to remedy; put in hand at once, and this the Rev. F. G. G. Jellicoe promised should be done.

During the afternoon and evening the tuneful bells at both churches were rung in various methods.

**HEREFORD GUILD MOVING.**

On Monday evening of last week, at the request of the Vicar (the Rev. T. Clark Smith), the district secretary, Mr. C. Edwards visited Pipe-cum-Lyde to meet the local ringers and explain the objects of the Guild and its advantages. The result was that eleven new members joined, and the Vicar became an honorary member. The pretty ring of six were rung for the first time for five years, and several received their first instruction in the handling of a rope.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.****FESTIVAL REVIVED.**

The first post-war annual festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Truro on Friday last, under the supervision of the Rev. Canon H. Holroyd Mills as hon. secretary and Dr. John Symons as Ringing Master. Ringers, about 80 in number, from Helston, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, St. Mewan, St. Veyan, Rodruth and Gulval, including eight ladies, were present.

There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Truro, at 8 a.m., and evensong at 4, at which latter service Canon Maddrell (Vicar of Gulval) preached, reminding the ringers that they were servants of God when they rang the bells dedicated to His service, and that they should register a new vow to become more worthy in their calling.

The rings of ten at the Cathedral and of eight at Kenwyn and Kea were kept continuously pealing forth during the day, and especially pleasing were the well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples with 9, 8, 10 covering, and also of Grandsire Caters on the former, and in the evening several excellently struck touches of Grandsire Triples, including one of 840, on the Kenwyn bells, by a special band comprised of ringers from the Gulval, Kea and Kenwyn companies.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday week at the beautiful village of Penn, near Wolverhampton. Upwards of fifty members attended, the towers represented being Bradley, Bilston, Coscley, Dudley, Tipton, Blackenhall, Sedgley, Tipton (Christ Church), West Bromwich, Netherton, Handsworth, Stourbridge, etc. The eight bells were at the disposal of the members, and at the service the beautiful form adopted by the Guild was used, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Edgar Hartill, M.A.), who also gave an eloquent address from the words: 'Familiarity breeds contempt.'

After service, the ringers adjourned to the Church House, where the business meeting took place, at which the Vicar presided and gave the members a hearty welcome to Penn. He also said he hoped that at no distant date he would be able to welcome them again.

It was proposed to attempt the quarterly peal at Penn, the arrangements as to date and method to be rung being left to Mr. Herbert Knight who was also asked to conduct the peal.—It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, on Saturday, November 28th.—At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of the Ringing Master (Mr. H. Mason), seconded by Mr. J. Bradney, the best thanks of the meeting were given to the Vicar for his great kindness in conducting the service in church and presiding at the meeting for the use of the tower and bells and the use of the Church House.

It is needless to say that the bells were kept merrily going in various methods during the afternoon and evening, and the meeting was voted to be one of the best and most enjoyable in the history of the Guild.

**WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.**

A pleasant afternoon was spent by members of the West Wales Association on Saturday last, at Cadoxton Parish Church which is an ideal spot overlooking a wide and beautiful stretch of country. The weather conditions were all that could be desired, and there was a large attendance of members from Aberavon, Babilan, St. Thomas' and St. Mary's, Swansea, Sketty and Gorseinon. At the service, the Rev. J. James (Vicar) gave an excellent address. Afterwards the company sat down to a bountiful tea which was kindly given by the Vicar.

At the business meeting seven new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting in December at Aberavon.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. James for presiding and for his address for the excellent tea, and for the use of the bells. The tower was afterwards again visited, and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Minor, Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob brought round, an enjoyable afternoon being spent.

**RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.**

There has just come to hand particulars of what is believed to be the longest length on ten bells outside the British Isles. This was a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1296 changes) rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, on Sunday, June 29th, in 54 mins. The ringers were: C. E. Tyler 1, J. L. Murray 2, J. Spencer 3, A. G. Fitzgerald (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, E. Pearce 5, F. Boughton 6, H. Blakley 7, J. M. Guest 8, W. Woollard 9, A. E. Kane 10. Sgt. Frank Boughton, M.M., A.I.F., is a native of Cleith, Worcestershire. The touch was the first quarter-peal of Caters by most of the band.

**FORTY YEARS' SERVICE.**

The St. Nicholas' Guild, Yarmouth, have presented a handsome gold watch, with a suitable inscription, to Mr. Denison Hayward, the Warden of the Belfry, on completion of 40 years' service. Not only has Mr. Denison Hayward, who is highly respected among members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, been for many years an enthusiastic leader, but he has just trained a fresh band of younger men to form a reserve company. As the Vicar truly says, his work is hidden, but never ceases.

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

## CROYDON, SURREY.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Marden on Saturday, August 30th, and was attended by about 30 members from Addisham, Tenterden, Headcorn, Penshurst, Lamberhurst, Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, Linton, Tunbridge Wells, and the local band, Mr. W. Porter, of Darlington, Durham (who was formerly a member of the Tunbridge Wells band, and who was on his holiday at Tunbridge Wells) being also present. The Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Johnson) officiated at the service, and gave a short address. After service, the members adjourned to the Vicarage for tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston). It had been intended to partake of this on the lawn, but owing to the threatening state of the weather it was deemed advisable to go indoors. After tea the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Three new members were elected, and the District Secretary announced that he had received a letter from the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne, who regretted his inability to attend the meeting, and invited the members to hold a meeting at Shipbourne on October 21st.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston and the members of their family, for the use of the bells, and arranging the service, for providing such an excellent tea, and attending to the wants of the members, to the two young ladies who acted as organist and blower, and to Mr. D. Hodgkin for making the arrangements. Tower ringing in various methods was enjoyed, and a very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent, although on reaching Tonbridge Junction three of the members found that they had lost their connection, and were faced with the necessity of a six-mile walk home.

**JOHN S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.**

A meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of handing a cheque for the amount collected to the Editor of the 'Ringing World.'

The chair will be taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. A musical evening will be arranged, and refreshments will be provided for all those who advise the undersigned not later than Sept. 30th of their intention to be present.

All subscribers who can manage it are cordially invited to attend.

A. PADDON SMITH, Organising Sec.  
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Edith Lady Auckland wishes to recommend Wm. Wenban as GARDENER (head working, where three or more are kept); thorough practical life experience in all branches; excellent references; age 33; married when suited. Change ringer, upon any number of bells, including Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative. — Apply Wm. Wenban, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks.

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**NOTICES.**

**BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.**—Commencing to-morrow (Saturday) the bells of this Church will be available for practice from 7.30 till 9 p.m. — James George, Ringing Master.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisbrough on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Eight bells available from 3 to 7 o'clock. Members are requested to note the change of date from 6th to 13th. — Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division. — A district meeting will be held at Epping, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; short Service, 5.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting to follow. — E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District. — A meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at South Wigston. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will all members endeavour to be present? — J. Morris, Hon. Sec., 11, Devonshire Street, Leicester.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District. — The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Service in church, 6.30. A hearty welcome to ringers. — John Clark, Hon. Sec., Chase Road, Ross.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District. — A special ringing meeting will be held at Creaton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; service 4.30; tea 5 p.m. — T. Law, Dist. Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Northern district meeting at Royston on Saturday, 13th September in connection with re-opening of bells, augmenting them from 6 to 8. Tea at The Dairy, 5 o'clock. — F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., Hitchin.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch. — The half-yearly meeting of above will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, Sept. 13th, 1919. Bells of St. James and St. Andrew's available afternoon and evening. Service in St. James' Church 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Bull Ring Coffee Hall. All ringers welcomed. — J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec., 9, St. Augustine's Avenue, Grimsby.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clun District. — The first quarterly meeting for this District will be held at Clun on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting at 4, followed by tea; Evensong at 6. — W. Mead, District Sec., Market Place, Clun.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637. — Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on September 18th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 14th at 10 a.m., on the 22nd at 7.45 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 23rd. The others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8), tenor 10½ cwt., available from 2.30 to 9. Tea at 5 (1/3 each) in the Parish Hall. Members requiring same must apply to Mr. A. Smith, 4, Wells Mount, Guiseley, via Leeds, before first post, Sept. 16th, 1919. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the association will take place at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, 20th September. Ringing chamber open at 2.30; committee meeting 3 o'clock; tea 4.30. General meeting after tea. Meetings and tea will be in the Co-operative Hall, King's Road. Tea will be arranged at 1/6 per head for those who notify Mr. P. H. Bartram, 33, Rosebery Avenue, Melton Mowbray, not later than Wednesday, 17th September.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (9d. each) will be provided for those who notify me by Sept. 16th. The Rectory gardens will be open to ringers, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Allton, M.A.). The church is about 15 minutes' walk from Broom car terminus.—A. Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service at 3.15 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow at Flamington.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Knowle on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane Church on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m.; meeting at 7.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, Sept. 20th, by special invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Clarke, M.A.), who is also kindly providing tea. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Members wishing to be present at tea and have a seat in wagonette from Hailsham Station at 3.30, must let me know not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th, otherwise they will not be provided for.—Geo. H. Howse, Divisional Sec., Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; Service in the Church at 5; business meeting in the Schools. Tea will be provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd for all those who let me know on or before Wednesday, Sept. 17th. The election of elective officers takes place at this meeting, where a hearty welcome will be extended to all members.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; Service at 4.30; tea at 5.30, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m.; short Service at 5 p.m., business meeting afterwards.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Barnet on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify me by the 24th. The outing to Chelmsford is to take place on September 20th. Members intending to take part please give their names in to the Stewards by September 13th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; Service in Church at 4.30; tea in Church House 5.30. Will all members intending to be present please advise Mr. G. Preston, 13, Holifast Road, Erdington, not later than Wednesday, the 24th inst.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The bells of St. Stephen's will be available from 3 p.m.; tea at the Cadena Café, Wine Street, at 5 p.m.; a short Service in St. Stephen's Church will be arranged if possible. All members are requested to make a special effort to attend. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, the 24th inst.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; short Service at 5 p.m.; tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Gt. Shelford, Cambs.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Idle (near Bradford) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m.—W. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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

**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BERTRAM PREWETT AND ROBERT STAVERT.**—It has been decided to place a Tablet in Bushey Church to record the half-muffled peal rung in memory of these two Bushey ringers who gave their lives for their country. Subscriptions thankfully received by Mr. F. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

#### THE PEAL AT LEIGH-ON-MENDIP.

On Saturday, Aug. 23rd, after ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles (5040 changes), the ringers were met by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Honnywell, President of the Association, who heartily congratulated the ringers, at the same time promising that a peal board would be erected. He afterwards entertained them to tea at the Vicarage. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar most heartily for the kind manner in which he received and entertained them, and also to Mr. J. Rossiter for having the bells in readiness.

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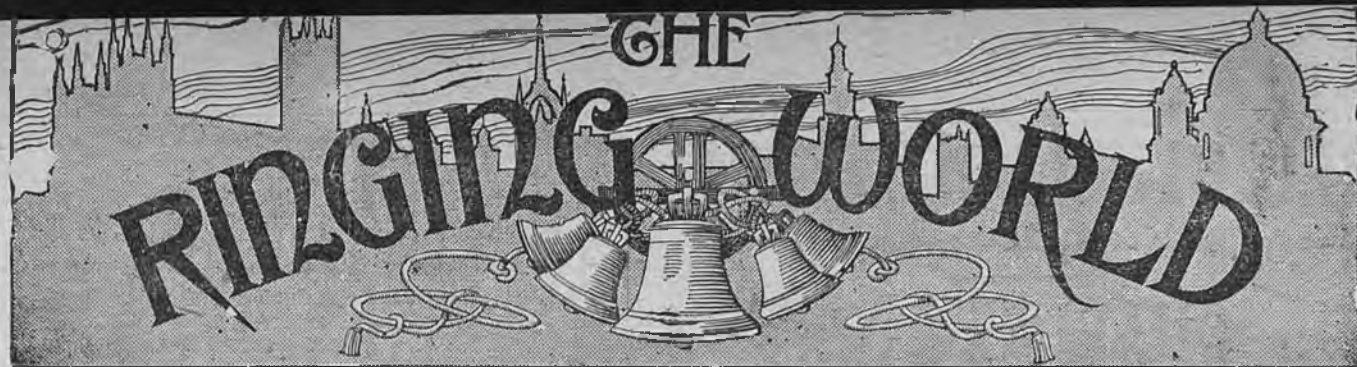
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### STRIKING IN PEALS.

Raising the standard of ringing, in peals and otherwise, should be the constant aim of all ringers, and anything which will help to eliminate slovenly striking, whether it arises from incompetency or carelessness, should be encouraged. Instances sometimes occur where serious blemishes in a peal, or general bad striking, ought to rule the performance out, so far as the records go, yet it is seldom an association takes this extreme step, as the Gloucester and Bristol Association did recently. More frequent action on this line would probably help to improve the standard of peal-ringing, but a difficulty arises from the fact that it is only in the small minority of cases that there are within hearing of the bells sufficient ringers qualified to express an opinion. Generally the only people competent to speak are the men engaged in the ringing, and it is hardly to be expected that these, after their long effort, should say that the ringing was not worth recording as a peal.

When the ringing is really bad it would be far better if the conductor were to stop the bells at a stage when it is obvious there can be no improvement, or that a trip has developed into such a muddle that, though the bells may eventually be 'sorted out,' the striking has been so sadly 'scarred' that to call it a peal would be a travesty of the name. But it needs a man with earnestness of purpose to take such an action, if he is the conductor; and one of particularly strong will if he is not the conductor. Better, however, a few peals lost than the encouragement of poor striking, which, if once admitted in a band, will increase and grow upon them like any other bad habit.

Few men will knowingly try to bolster up a 'cooked' peal for the sake of adding one more to their record. Why, therefore, should a band try to foist upon the Exercise a performance equally bad in another way? The remedy for bad striking in a peal is more practice, and there is a great deal in the argument put forward last week by the Hon. Sec. of the Gloucester and Bristol Association that no man should be invited to take part in a peal until he has learned the art of striking a bell. If those who were responsible for organising peals were to act more upon this suggestion there would be fewer bad performances. To raise the standard of striking in peals, therefore, there seem to be two courses open—first, to exercise more care in selecting the bands; and, secondly, when ringing proves to be bad, for the conductor or someone else to have the courage to stop. The difficulty is, when does striking become sufficiently bad to make a peal unworthy of record.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, August 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS ... .. Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... .. 7
EDWARD EVANS ... .. 2	CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM ... .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 9
EGBERT BORRETT ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 10
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 5	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... .. 11
EDGAR PEMBERTON ... .. 6	PETER LAFLIN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER ... .. Treble	ERNEST H. CLARKE ... .. 5
JOHN HAYNES ... .. 2	JOSEPH LORD ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. WILEMAN ... .. 3	SAMUEL MASKREY ... .. 7
JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 4	JOHN C. HUNT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. LORD.

This peal was rung as part of the borough celebrations of Peace. The ringers represent five towers in the town, viz., treble, St. Alkmund's; 2 and 4, St. Peter's; 3, St. Luke's; 5 and 7, St. Andrew's; 6 and 8, All Saints'.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*HENRY HARRISON ... .. Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN ... .. 5
FRED W. HILL ... .. 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... .. 3	ALEX. HUTCHISON ... .. 7
FRED S. PRICE ... .. 4	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

\* First peal in a Surprise method. J. C. Dicken's 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. C. Gobeys. The quickest peal of major on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*MISS WINIFRED JONES ... .. Treble	JOHN EARP ... .. 5
HARRY A. FARLOW ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... .. 6
DANIEL JONES ... .. 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 7
ANDREW JONES ... .. 4	*H. GEORGE DAWKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a Peace peal—this being the first opportunity to make the attempt; also as a birthday compliment to H. G. Dawkes. First peal rung in Wolverhampton in which a lady ringer has taken part. Great credit is due to her for the manner in which she rang her bell. The ringers of the treble and fifth were proposed as members previous to starting for the peal. \* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH. — On July 27th, in 50 mins., 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. Stubbs 1, W. Thorley 2, J. Grundy 3, W. Smith 4, E. W. Abbott 5, W. Pervin 6, J. Oldham 7, E. Reader 8, J. Hutchley (conductor) 9, J. Powell 10. Arranged for Ernest W. Abbott an old member of the band, on a visit to Loughborough.



EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

WILLIAM D. SMITH ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	HAROLD P. BURTON ... .. 6
ARTHUR GOWER ... .. 3	*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 7
THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... .. 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN (DEANSGATE).

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 5
RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 2	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE TURNER ... .. 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... .. 7
TITUS BARLOW ... .. 4	*AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung to celebrate Peace.

\* 50th peal on the tenor and rung in 6 counties and 24 towers.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIS' TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANK COLE ... .. Treble	CAPT. BENNETT, C.A. ... .. 5
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 2	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	FRANCIS WAITE ... .. 7
ALFRED E. WAITE ... .. 4	THOMAS H. HAWKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5792 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Contains the 5th and 6th the extent and the 3rd and 4th 18 times each way in 5-6 and is now rung for the first time. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTEAD ... .. Treble	NORMAN NORTH ... .. 5
FRANCIS GROVE ... .. 2	HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 7
EDWARD J. ILOTT ... .. 4	*JAMES McLAREN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN.

Mr. F. Grove was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. It was his first peal for 18 years. \* First peal.

DEPTFORD.—On Tuesday, July 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: \*R. Marshall 1, J. Law 2, T. Easterby 3, \*G. Harris 4, \*R. Riches 5, W. Daynes 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, S. E. Daynes 8. \* First quarter-peal.

MIDSOMER NORTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*ISAAC B. HOLMYARD ... .. Treble	JOHN G. HAMBLETON ... .. 5
STANLEY CARTER ... .. 2	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 6
GILBERT HARDING ... .. 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 7
THOMAS F. KING ... .. 4	THOMAS GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT HARDING.

\* First peal on an inside bell. This peal was rung specially as a welcome home to Mr. Joseph T. Dyke (one of the local band) and his bride, to whom the ringers heartily wished long life and every happiness.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH W. BELL ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. HOLDER ... .. 5
JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 2	HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 6
FRED C. RICH ... .. 3	CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 7
CHARLES DENSLEY ... .. 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace. The ringers wish to offer their thanks to the Rector (the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby) for kindly allowing them the use of the bells.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 7 lb.

THOMAS MACK ... .. Treble	EDWARD F. COLE ... .. 5
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 2	RICHARD HAYES ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 3	THOMAS ATTWELL ... .. 7
WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... .. 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. E. F. Cole was elected a member in the tower.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ARNOLD BLOOD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. POYZER ... .. 5
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 2	JOHN HAYNES ... .. 6
†FREDK. WALDRON ... .. 3	JOSEPH LORD ... .. 7
JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 4	*ARTHUR SHERWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYNES.

\* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. ‡ First peal as conductor.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. H. L. JAMES (Caius) ... .. Treble	*W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens) ... .. 5
REV. H. B. WOOLEY ... .. 2	REV. E. W. CARPENTER ... .. 6
(Fitzwilliam Hall) ... .. 2	(Caius) ... .. 6
R. O. STREET (Joh.) ... .. 3	A. E. WILKINS (Trin.) ... .. 7
J. BUTLER (Fitzwilliam Hall) ... .. 4	E. M. ATKINS (Cath.) ... .. Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by REV. H. L. JAMES.

\* First peal.

SALDHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR CAUSLEY ... .. 5
TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 2	JAMES A. HART ... .. 6
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... .. 3	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 7
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 4	EDWARD MILLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

Messrs. Pannett and Crowder, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from St. John's, Deptford, and they were elected life members of the Association previous to starting for the peal. Messrs. Causley and Hart hail from Uckfield, Tribe from Tenterden, and the rest belong to the local band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
FRANK STONELEY ... .. 2	*JOHN HARRISON ... .. 6
FRED PAGE ... .. 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

\* First peal of Stedman with a bob bell.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM D. SMITH ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE H. HOWSE ... .. 6
ARTHUR GOWER ... .. 3	EDWARD W. BRAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST DUNPER ... .. Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 5
OWEN H. GILES ... .. 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 6
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to O. H. Giles.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JELLI,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. Treble	SGT. A.-R. ELKINS, R.A.F. 4
*ROBERT STEPHENS ... .. 2	JOHN H. RACKHAM ... .. 5
ALEC A. RACKHAM ... .. 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

\* First peal of Minor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On August 6th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Moulden (first 720) 1. R. W. Hyner 2, T. Moulden 3, J. Vincent 4, J. Tuckwell 5, C. J. Gardner (conductor) 6.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 24, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL I. EATON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 4
WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 2	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

FREDERICK HOLLANDS ... Treble	THOMAS JULL ... .. 4
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung as a Peace peal and was specially arranged for the conductor, who was on a visit to Kent from Oxford.

FOYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ROSS DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... .. 4
JOHN BEVAN ... .. 2	JOHN CLARK ... .. 5
JOHN GWYNNE ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;**

*W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens) 1—2	R. O. STREET (Joh.) ... 5—6
E. M. ATKINS (Cath.) ... 3—4	J. BUTLER (Fitzwilliam Hall) 7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: REV. H. B. WOOLEY.

\* First peal in hand.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, September 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 size in D.

JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 1—2	THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 7—8
JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 3—4	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 9—10
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: GEORGE YENDALL.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. JOHNSON,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;**

Tenor size 12 in F.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON ... 1—2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5—6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 3—4	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 7—8

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

The composition contains the forty-eight courses, with the 5th and 6th each their extent in 6ths, with the tenors together.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A most successful meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Market Deeping on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Grantham, Bourne, Edenham, Surfleet, Colsterworth, Maxey, Peterborough, Market and West Deeping. During the afternoon and evening full use was made of the bells, touches of Minor, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise, being brought round. Several lady ringers from Peterborough took part, especially in the higher methods.

A short service was held, when the Rector of Market Deeping (Canon Ashby) appealed to the ringers present to do all they could to make up the leeway caused by the war, and to have patience to teach beginners to become proficient in the art, and, above all, to become true Churchmen.

At the business meeting, Canon Ashby presided, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Colsterworth, on Saturday, November 8th. Three life members of the Guild and two performing members were elected.

Canon Ashby became an honorary member of the branch, and invited the visitors to view the Rectory gardens and a fine collection of war relics, which he had brought home from France and Italy. The ringers took advantage of the invitation, and wish to thank Canon and Mrs. Ashby for their kindness during the afternoon and evening.

**MOTORING THROUGH SUSSEX.**

On August 27th, the Ditching Branch of the Sussex Association, with a few friends and three ringers from each of Keymer and Burgess Hill towers, making up a total of 30, spent a most enjoyable day in a motor tour through part of Sussex, the route lying through some very pretty country. A start was made at 9.30 for Coleman's Hatch, where permission had been obtained for a pull. On arrival the party were met by the steeplekeeper, who had everything in readiness, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire Triples, several short touches being brought round. The 'go' of the bells was admired by all. Then, after lowering the bells in peal, a move was made for Rotherfield. On arrival, however, it was found that ringing was out of the question, as owing to a slight mishap on the previous evening at practice, one of the bells was out of order. The time was, therefore, spent in looking round the ancient church, which was greatly admired, as well as the old cottage in the churchyard, dated 1520. The journey was then resumed to Withyham, where a halt was called for luncheon. The ringers greatly regret that time would not permit them to keep their appointment at the tower, after the Rector had so kindly given them permission to ring there. Rotherfield was the next stop, and was reached over very hilly country. Several good touches were rung on this fine peal of bells while the rest of the party were enjoying the view from the top of the tower. After lowering the bells in peal a move was made for Salehurst, where tea was partaken of. Afterwards, at the tower, with the assistance of Mr. A. E. Edwards and members of the local band, an hour's good ringing was enjoyed. The return was made through Heathfield and Maresfield, and home was reached about 11 p.m., the outing having been thoroughly enjoyed. The band wish to thank the Rectors of all the churches, and those who were kind enough to make preparations, for the pleasure of the party.

**BOLSOVER RINGERS' OUTING.**

On a recent Saturday, the Bolsover ringers, their wives and friends, had their annual outing; all the ringers were able to go, this being the first time since the outbreak of the war in 1914, so a motor charabanc was chartered for the party of 29. The outward journey was through a part of the peak at Derbyshire, via Chesterfield and Baslow, Chatsworth Park and Matlock, and Matlock Bath, to Wirksworth, the place selected for the first stop. The bells were raised in the church at Wirksworth. Mr. Fox arrived, and gave one and a hearty welcome. Norfolk and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Bob Major were rung. Dinner was served at the Red Lion Inn. After dinner, some of the party indulged in the good old historical game of bowls. On arrival at Derby, St. Alkmund's was visited, and we were met by our old friend, Charlie Draper. Bells raised, and Norfolk, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Bob Major were rung. The party were joined by more of the Derby ringers; also Mr. J. Pagett, who took part in some of the ringing. Tea was provided for us at St. James' Hotel. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. C. Draper for making arrangements at the Derby end; also to Mr. Flint for the excellent arrangements for the outing. The return journey was made via Ripley and Alfreton, arriving at Bolsover at 9 p.m. One and all voted this was one of the best outings they have had.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Sunday evening, August 24th, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): A. Boxall, junr., 1. A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2. R. Brough 3. W. Denyer 4. J. Trappitt 5. A. Clarke 6. R. Whittington 7. A. J. Trappitt 8. This is the longest length in the method by three of the band.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Bromham on Saturday last. Mr. C. W. Clarke presided, supported by Miss E. Steel (vice-president), and members were present from Bedford, Sharnbrook, Elstow and Olney, Wellyingboro' and Roxton. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Kempston, on Saturday, October 11th, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

The ringing during the day included touches of Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Exercise, and London and Cambridge Surprise.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****CLUN DISTRICT'S GOOD START.**

The first quarterly meeting of the newly-formed Clun district was held at Clun on Saturday week, when 22 ringers were present, including Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary Llandaff Association, and Mr. J. Perks, of Knighton, who, at the age of 89, rang the tenor to some six scores of Doubles. He has been a ringer for 76 years. Unfortunately the afternoon was an exceedingly wet one, which militated against a larger attendance.

Mr. Rowland Tench (Knighton) was voted to the chair for the business meeting, and read the circular letter sent out by the Guild explaining the alterations of the Guild rules, and the division of the Guild into districts with their own committee of management.

The Rev. H. J. Scott (Clun) was elected Ringing Master, Mr. W. Mead (Clun) hon. secretary, and Mr. C. Minton (Bishop's Castle) instructor. These will form the committee, with one representative elected by each tower in the district. Ten new members were elected, including one hon. member, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishop's Castle.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members sat down to a splendid tea in the Town Hall, and afterwards the Vicar (the Rev. Preb. Machen) said how pleased he was to welcome the members to Clun, and to see such a good gathering. He was, unfortunately, not a ringer himself, but he was getting to know quite a lot about it, and that it was an art that required constant practice and attention. He was sure the division of the Guild into districts was a very wise step, and he hoped it would now go on and prosper, and that they would hold many more such meetings.

Afterwards, the members attended evensong, and then adjourned to the tower for more ringing, when several recently 'demobbed' men had their first touch of change ringing since their return from the war.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT VISIT SAWLEY.**

The monthly meeting in connection with the Nottingham District of the M.C.A. was held at Sawley, and proved a particularly interesting fixture, for it was the first meeting held at this church since the old peal of six was augmented to eight. Visitors to Sawley on this occasion found another event in progress—an angling contest. Spaced by intervals of about 15 yards, disciples of the renowned Isaac stretched for upwards of a mile along the canal bank seriously intent upon their 'floats.' Some were fixed comfortably, others were less comfortable, being disposed on seats several inches too small for their redundant figures to give steadiness for the occasion. The patience of these anglers was interesting to watch, but sport did not seem very exciting, and despite humorous chaff, one nervous individual was quite unmoved at his neighbour's success in landing a tadpole. But the raising of the bells called the ringing visitors away, and the importance of the gathering was manifested by the number of ringers present. They came mainly from Nottingham, Leicester, Ilkeston, Daybrook, Beeston, Long Eaton, Sandiacre, Bulwell, Radcliffe, etc., and among them were Miss Hilda Wilson, Messrs. A. Wallace (Bristol), A. Coppock, W. C. Hunt, A. Barratt, S. Wesley, W. Flinders, F. Blood, W. J. Sevier, Wallace (Nottingham), Harrison, E. C. Gobey, F. George, G. Chasty, etc.

The birth of the new trebles at Sawley is of quite recent date, and they emerged from the melting-pot with perfect tone. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated upon the success of their work. The Vicar (the Rev. Arthur E. Clark, M.A.) gave the ringers a hearty welcome. He is an enthusiast for bells, and it was a pleasure to note his pride in the new acquisition. There was some capital ringing during the day, the methods including Double Norwich, Stedman, Bob Major and Grandsire.

The Vicar greatly added to the entertainment of his visitors by the wealth of humorous stories that he told. When, however, he told them he was the greatest ringer in Sawley he gave the company a piece of information which made them look. Then they blushed, looked again, and gave each other significant kicks. For the moment they were silent, for here was one who could excel them at their own profession, and they had not known it. But at last he put them in their ease when he said, 'Gentlemen, I ring the bride at marriage.' Right was he and with a hearty handshake, and thanks to the Vicar for placing the bells at the disposal of the meeting, the ringers took their farewell.





**'STRIKING' IN PEALS AND TOUCHES.****A ROAD TO REFORM.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The letter from the hon. secretary to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, as published in your last issue, may be taken as a sign of the times, for it raises a question which is of vital importance to the Exercise if a true standard of peal ringing is to be maintained; and one which is closely allied to the subject of 'the length of a peal,' as discussed in your leading article of the same issue.

Every ringer knows that of all peals recorded, the percentage of those rung without a 'trip' is not high; notwithstanding the fact that a peal is supposed to consist of a given number of changes—all different—starting and ending with 'rounds,' and produced only in that order permitted by the method then being rung. Now, as a trip invariably produces a change which, otherwise, would not have turned up at that particular place, it is impossible for a peal in which a 'trip' has occurred to be recorded as a perfectly true performance.

If, after a 'peal' has been rung, it is 'discovered' to be false—even to the extent of one change only—it is ruled out—and this is an inflexible law; and yet how many performances are recorded as 'peals' in which there occurs—at least once—something like the following! A spell of bad striking crops up, and this is suddenly broken by a sharp call from the conductor of 'Lead, So-and-So,' when that particular ringer is, at the moment, striking somewhere half-way up the compass! In order to lead (or to jump into the correct position, wherever it is)—the unfortunate individual has to skip three or four places; this means that his bell had been striking in the wrong place; i.e., that several changes have been produced which never should have occurred at all; at any rate not in that position in the peal. How much less, then, can a performance, in which occurs even one trip such as just described, claim to be recorded as a true peal! So that there can be no question as to why Associations should refuse to acknowledge peals in which such conditions have arisen.

This leads to the question raised by Mr. Edgar Guise in reference to 'bad striking'; and in this connection the term is used rather in the generic sense of 'bad ringing,' which may be taken to include: (a) Merely the incorrect tempo of the striking of the bells within the proper compass; and (b) trips, resulting in the production of misplaced changes, as already described.

The application of the term 'bad striking' should be limited solely to the significance of (a); and while cases of (b) are tolerated in a 'touch'—(which, after all, is merely a length of changes rung for practice in any given method)—yet, immediately a case of (b) occurs during the ringing of a peal proper, the conductor should (as a duty to the Exercise generally) call 'stand.' Not only his honour, as ringer and conductor, but also that of the whole band would be at stake, if such a performance were permitted to be recorded as a peal.

Here then, lies one of the earliest roads to reform in the matter of peal ringing, and, indeed, of the ringing of any recorded 'touch'—(for, in either case, the performers claim to have produced the given number of changes, and no others).

In reference to the discrimination between 'bad striking' and 'bad ringing'—(i.e., production of misplaced changes)—already mentioned, it may be asked, how is a definite line for practical purposes to be drawn between the two? Let us take a practical example.

Suppose 'rounds' are being rung upon eight bells, and that the complete period of time from one treble handstroke to the next is six seconds. Now in this period of time there are 16 strokes, and also—where open hand-leads are practised—a short period of rest (equal to one stroke), which occurs between the back-stroke of the tenor and the hand-stroke of the treble. That is to say, the whole period of six seconds will be divided into 17 short spaces of time each equal to 6-17ths of a second; and, if the striking is good, each bell should sound in the middle of the short space of time allotted to it. Let us suppose further, that the ringer of the fourth is striking his bell a little 'wide'—he will be holding her up and encroaching upon the short space of time allotted to the striking of the fifth bell, so that 'four' and 'five' will be striking together. If, however, No. 4 holds his bell up to such an extent that he begins to encroach upon the short space of time allotted to No. 6 (and if he continues to strike 'true'), No. 4 will be now striking after No. 5, and will no longer be striking badly, but striking altogether out of place; and if change ringing were in progress, the result would be the production of a misplaced change.

Similarly, by checking his bell too much, he would be encroaching upon the period of time allotted to No. 3, and the same trouble would arise in a forward direction. It would appear, therefore, that some such ruling as the following is in need of establishment either by the Central Council or by common consent.

When a bell is rung so badly that she is made to strike on the far side of either of the bells adjacent to her, instead of in her own place, it is no longer a case of 'bad striking' merely, but of being altogether 'mis-struck'; and if a peal be in progress (or even a touch

which it is proposed to record) the ringing should be stopped immediately, and a fresh start made—if desired.

It is high time that we should recognise more generally throughout the Exercise that peal ringing does not consist merely of managing to keep the bells going until rounds eventually turn up at the conclusion of the calling.—Your very truly,

YORK BRAMBLE.

The Lodge, Gonville Road, Thornton Heath.  
15th September, 1919.

**PETERBOROUGH PRESENTATION.****INTERESTING GATHERING.**

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 2nd, between 30 and 40 ringers and friends from Peterborough and district met to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, who were leaving for Guildford the next day.

The proceedings commenced, as all ringers' festivities should do with an hour's ringing on the six bells in St. Mary's tower. The ladies had reversed the order of things by raising the bells in readiness. They then took part in touches of Bob Minor and course of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise, one course of Bob Minor being rung entirely by ladies. All the towers in Peterborough were represented, the company also including Mr. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. W. Ayre (Barton-on-Umber), and Mr. Cox, one of the churchwardens of St. Mary's. After lowering the bells in peal, all adjourned to the Church Hall, where the proceedings commenced with a course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' Games were then indulged in, while the enthusiastic handbell ringers rang Bob Major, although the sound of the bells was obliterated by the sound of mirth proceeding from one portion of the room. After this, Bob Major was quoted as a 'dead cert' at all times. Refreshments were then handed round by the ladies.

The next item was the most important one of the evening, and the real reason for the festivities. In well-chosen words, Mr. J. Jutson speaking of the regret felt amongst all present in having to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Pulling, thanked the former for his assistance and geniality during his stay in Peterborough, and spoke with feeling of the presence there that evening of three or four ex-service men who had been spared to come back from the great conflict.—Miss E. Parkin, on behalf of the Peterborough ringers and friends, in a few fitting words then presented Mr. Pulling with a week-end attache case as a token of goodwill and appreciation.—Mr. Pulling, in acknowledging this pleasant surprise, thanked one and all for their kindness in according Mrs. Pulling and himself such a welcome to Peterborough. Speaking for himself, he was only too pleased to be of service to the ringers, and hoped they would forgive him for any hasty words. He advised them to work more in union with one another, and advocated the taking up of handbell ringing, for there was talent in Peterborough. He knew it was uphill work, but, as members of the company would bear him out, the successful accomplishment of a peal 'in hand' was a fitting reward to their patience and determination. In conclusion, he made it quite clear that whenever the opportunity offered itself, he would certainly visit Peterborough and district again.

Violin solos, songs, etc., were rendered by various members of the company, and Mr. R. Richardson gave a very humorous recitation, entitled 'The Saint and the Sinner,' which was received with applause. This was followed by Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob in hand, and more games until the hour of midnight drew near. The company then joined hands and sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' and to complete the evening's entertainment, a well-struck course of Stedman Triples was rung in hand by members from Surfleet, Guildford, Barton and Peterborough.

Farewells were then the order of the day (or night), and a very enjoyable evening came to a close, with thanks to all who had helped to make the whole such a success.

**A 'SPLICED' 720.**

The interesting variation of Minor ringing, that of splicing two or more methods into one 720, is not often practised, but last Sunday evening, at Denton, near Manchester, the very progressive band at St. Ann's Church scored a 'spliced' 720 consisting of College Bob IV, Wragby and Neasden Treble Bob, for evening service: D. Wilde 1, A. E. Marshall (conductor) 2, H. Bardsley 3, J. H. Walters 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom 6.

On September 3rd, 720 Rochester Treble Bob was rung by: C. Clayton 1, A. E. Marshall (conductor) 2, H. Bardsley 3, J. Pollitt 4, W. Wilde 5, E. Walters 6; and on Sept. 7th, for evening service, 720 Rochester, by: D. Wilde 1, H. Bardsley 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. H. Walters 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6. These were the first touches in the method by all.—On Sept. 9th, 720 Armley Treble Bob, by: D. Wilde 1, A. E. Marshall (conductor) 2, H. Bardsley 3, J. Pollitt 4, W. Wilde 5, J. Heckingbottom 6.

**THE PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT ROYAL AT SURFLEET.**

Mr. A. Roberts, of Stoke, Coventry, writes: 'May I call the Rev. H. Law James' attention to page 225 of Messrs. Jones, Rees and Blakemore's book, "A Key to the Art of Ringing." He will probably find something of interest re the above peal.'

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8), tenor 10½ cwt., available from 2.30 to 9. Tea at 5 (1/3 each) in the Parish Hall. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the association will take place at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, 20th September. Ringing chamber open at 2.30; committee meeting 3 o'clock; tea 4.30. General meeting after tea. Meetings and tea will be in the Co-operative Hall, King's Road. —A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (9d. each) will be provided for those who notify me by Sept. 16th. The Rectory gardens will be open to ringers, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Allton, M.A.). The church is about 15 minutes' walk from Broom car terminus.—A. Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service at 3.15 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow at Flemington.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Knowle on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane Church on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m.; meeting at 7.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, Sept. 20th, by special invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Clarke, M.A.), who is also kindly providing tea. Ringing from 3 o'clock.—Geo. H. Howse, Divisional Sec., Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; Service in the Church at 5; business meeting in the Schools. The election of elective officers takes place at this meeting, where a hearty welcome will be extended to all members.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m.; short Service at 5 p.m., business meeting afterwards.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. Sec.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard Branch.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, Sept. 20th. All ringers welcome.—A. Tomkins, Red Hill, Bredenbury.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing from 3. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 22nd at 7.45 p.m.; \*St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 23rd at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Barnet on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify me by the 24th. The outing to Chelmsford is to take place on September 20th. Members intending to take part please give their names in to the Stewards by September 13th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; Service in Church at 4.30; tea in Church House 5.30. Will all members intending to be present please advise Mr. G. Preston, 13, Holifast Road, Erdington, not later than Wednesday, the 24th inst.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The bells of St. Stephen's will be available from 3 p.m.; tea at the Cadena Café, Wine Street, at 5 p.m.; a short Service in St. Stephen's Church will be arranged if possible. All members are requested to make a special effort to attend. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, the 24th inst.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; short Service at 5 p.m.; tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Gt. Shelford, Cambs.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Idle (near Bradford) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m.—W. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Athan (Gileston Station) on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 4.30. The new ring of bells available from 3.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at East Bridgeford on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing from 3.30. All ringers are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The bells of St. Nicholas (12), St. Luke (8), St. John, Tuebrook (8) will be available. Service at St. Nicholas at 4 p.m.; Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute, 1/9 each to those who send in their names to Mr. W. Davies, 71, Wordsworth Street, Lodge Lane, Liverpool, not later than Sept. 24th. Meeting 6 p.m.—W. H. Shuker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, and after business meeting in the evening at St. Peter's. Tea at 5.30 if arrangements can be made. Ringers cordially invited.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nibley on Saturday, September 27th. Bells from 2.30. Short service, 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m., to those who advise me not later than Sept. 24th.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign District.—The first annual meeting of the above district will be held at Presteign on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Tea at 6, business meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea notify me by Sept. 24th? All ringers welcome.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Helleston on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Padbury (6) will also be available during afternoon and evening.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Pershore on Saturday, October 4th. Service in the Abbey Church at 5 p.m. prompt, at which all attending the meeting should be present. Tea will be provided, and it is important I should know the number likely to be present by the previous Tuesday. The Abbey bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. till service time, and St. Andrew's (6) after the business meeting.—James Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. H. L. Langley, M.A. (Vicar). Tea (1/- each) at 6. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th. Motor bus leaves Station Drive (L. & N.W.), Wolverhampton, at 2 and 3.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Silsden (near Keighley) on Saturday, October 4th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at the King's Arms at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Tea, 1/6 each, will be provided for those who notify the Secretary, Willie Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield, not later than Sept. 29th.

**NOTTINGHAM VISITING.**—Visitors to Nottingham Goose Fair on Saturday, Oct. 4, are informed that St. Peter's peal of 10 will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Kirkby.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1919. By kind permission of the authorities the following ring of bells will be open to the use of members (except during the time of Divine Service) throughout the day: St. Peter Mancroft (twelve bells), St. John de Sepulchre (eight bells), St. Michael at Coslany (eight bells), All Saints' (five bells), and St. Giles' (eight bells)—if ringable. Divine service will be conducted at 12.45 p.m. at St. Peter Mancroft church, when the address will be given by the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich (Rev. J. W. Willink, D.D.). It is earnestly hoped that all members will be present at the service. Dinner will be served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1.30 p.m., at 2/6 per head company members, and 3/6 per head hon. members. Those who intend to be present at the dinner must send notice to the Secretary before Tuesday, October 7th. The business meeting will be held immediately after dinner.—Arthur L. Coleman, Hon. Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available for ringing at the Parish Church. Service will be taken by the Vicar and there will be a business meeting after tea. Further particulars next week.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobb, Hon. District Sec., Elsted Rectory, Ashford, Kent.

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

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The bells at Cookham are now available for change ringing from 6 till 9 p.m. on the 4th Saturday of each month. All ringers are welcome. Six bells, tenor 14½ cwt.—T. J. Fowler, Nightingale, Cookham.

#### JOHN S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

A meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of handing a cheque for the amount collected to the Editor of the 'Ringing World.'

The chair will be taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. A musical evening will be arranged, and refreshments will be provided for all those who advise the undersigned not later than Sept. 30th of their intention to be present.

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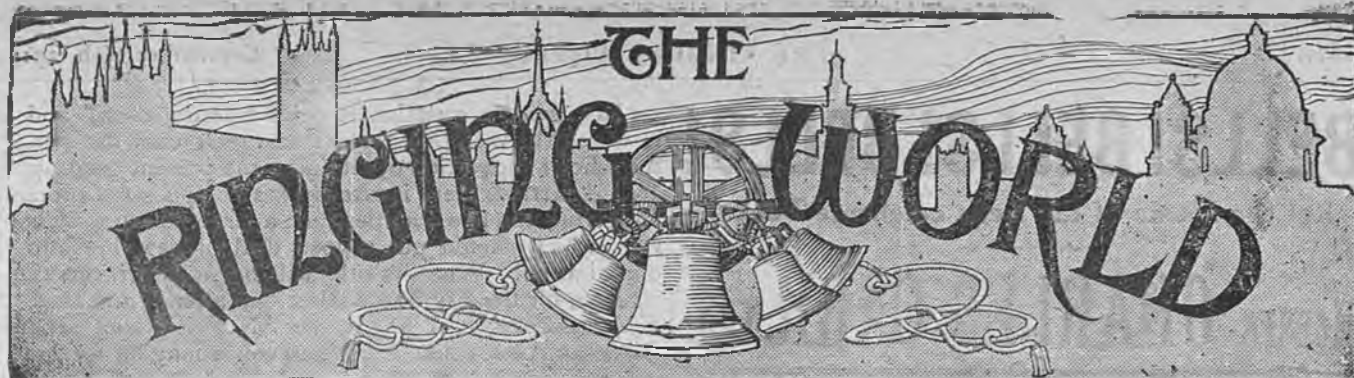
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### NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S FUTURE.

When the Norwich Diocesan Association holds its first post-war annual meeting early next month it will have to decide a question as important as any with which it has been confronted in its history. Shortly before the war, it will be remembered, the Dioceses of Norwich and Ely were each shorn of a portion of their area and a new diocese, that of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, formed, this latter being now approximately coterminous with the county of Suffolk. The Norwich Diocese lost the Archdeaconry of Suffolk, and the Ely Diocese the Archdeaconry of Sudbury. The towers in Suffolk had, to a large extent, owed allegiance to the Associations covering the dioceses in which they were respectively situated, but the division of the ecclesiastical areas confronted the associations with the question of deciding upon their own future—whether they should each remain as they were, or cut off the Suffolk towers to form a new Association.

Already Ely has decided the question, and retains its old territorial limits, with the expanded title of the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association. When the members of the Norwich Association meet at Norwich in a fortnight's time, they will have to decide whether or not they will follow Ely's example. In view of the opinion which has been expressed at various Suffolk meetings, there is not much doubt what the decision will be, for there have been strong expressions in favour of maintaining the present status and extending the title, instead of curtailing the area. After all, this is a matter which concerns chiefly the Suffolk members, and if they desire to remain attached to their confreres of Norfolk that obviously is the best solution. So far we have heard of no opposition to the suggestion among ringers that the two counties should remain united, but we understand that in other high quarters there is a distinct desire for an independent association for the new diocese.

We have no doubt that Suffolk could form a very live and efficient ringing organisation if it so desired, but the Sudbury Archdeaconry members having precipitated matters by having already decided to remain within the fold of the Ely Association, there seems no grounds for suggesting that the ringers in the Archdeaconry of Suffolk should break their allegiance with Norwich. A St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association would be shorn of a valuable portion if it was unable to embrace the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, and the fact that this Archdeaconry is already committed to its future policy is a strong argument in favour of Suffolk doing the same thing, despite the desires of those who would like to see the new diocese with an association of its own. It is, however, as

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we have said, a question of 'self-determination,' and one in which the members must make their own decision. If the official suggestion of retaining the present geographical area is carried, there is already drawn up a set of proposals for giving the two counties each a large measure of home rule, which should put a good deal of new life into the organisation. What its title will be, however, remains to be seen, for the Ely Association has already annexed 'St. Edmundsbury.' Will it be 'Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association'? Whatever it may be we hope it will not drop its 'diocesan' connection.

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HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 7
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS ... .. 8
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 4	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 9
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor who is shortly sailing for India. The composition now rung for the first time, has the 6th the extent behind the 9th and 8th, alternately 12 courses in the titums and handstroke home positions.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE  
DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5041 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT E. BLUNDELL ... Treble	BERT HORTON ... .. 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	JOHN BARBER ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	JESSE SCREEN ... .. 8
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 9
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. COOPER.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques. First peal of Caters as conductor. 150th peal.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERTA,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5014 CHANCES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

EDWIN HORREX ... .. Treble	FRED W. TOWNSEND ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	SAMUEL T. HECTOR ... .. 8
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 9
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 5	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the esteemed Secretary of the Guild. The ringers of the treble and 4th were elected members of the Guild before starting.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS. — On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: G. Groves 1, J. W. Searcy 2, J. Brooks 3, Flight-Sgt. T. Best, R.A.F., 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5, P.O. J. Washbrook 6. Arranged for T. Best, home on leave.

SIMPSON, BUCKS. — On Sunday, August, 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins.: W. E. Coles 1, J. W. Searcy 2, G. Groves 3, J. Brooks 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled immediately after the dedication, by the Rector, of a memorial tablet erected in the church in memory of J. H. Jones, a member of the local company, killed in action at Hamel on April 5th, 1918.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.  
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Friday, September 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;**

Tendor 7½ cwt.	
E. M. ATKINS ... .. Treble	J. BUTLER ... .. 5
JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... .. 2	REV. R. L. B. OLIVER ... .. 6
R. O. STREET ... .. 3	T. R. DENNIS ... .. 7
W. H. J. HOOTON ... .. 4	A. E. WILKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

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

Tendor 7½ cwt.	
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... .. Treble	REV. E. B. JAMES (Caius) ... .. 5
(Fitzwilliam Hall) ... .. 2	R. O. STREET (Joh.) ... .. 6
E. M. ATKINS (Cath.) ... .. 3	REV. H. L. JAMES (Caius) ... .. 7
J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) ... .. 4	C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) ... .. Tenor
A. E. WILKINS (Trin.) ... .. 4	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of William Douglas James, Pembroke College, who was killed in action in France, September, 25th, 1915.

WILLESDEN GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tendor 10 cwt.	
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method, also the first peal in the method on the bells.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At St. Andrew's Church.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S FIVE-PART, No. 2. Tendor 23½ cwt. in E flat.	
ALBERT TOUT ... .. Treble	HENRY NORMAN ... .. 5
JOSEPH MADDOCK ... .. 2	ARCHIBALD ANDREWS ... .. 6
ROBERT SCOTT ... .. 3	HENRY BOSLEY ... .. 7
EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 4	WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tendor 18 cwt.	
RICHARD KENDALL ... .. Treble	EDWARD WHITE ... .. 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 6
ALFRED KING ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 7
MORACE H. SMITH ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal of Major as conductor No. 116 C.C. Collection. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. J. H. Spokes for kindly providing tea for them before the peal on this and a previous occasion.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tendor 25½ cwt.	
WILLIAM PALMER ... .. Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. WHITE ... .. 2	JOHN W. GOLDING ... .. 6
WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Cross.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tendor 12 cwt.	
ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 5
HERBERT RANN ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 3	JAMES HART ... .. 7
ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 4	HENRY STALHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

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

Tendor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.	
EDGAR GRISE ... .. Treble	* EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 5
* PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 2	HARRY BROWNJOHN ... .. 6
* ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... .. 7
ARTHUR SEVIOUR ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Double Norwich; and first in the method on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mark.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tendor 21 cwt.	
F. GRUNDY ... .. Treble	P. H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 5
F. STONELEY ... .. 2	W. PENNINGTON ... .. 6
* T. LINGARD ... .. 3	J. POTTER ... .. 7
W. JONES ... .. 4	J. EDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. POTTER.

\* First peal in the method. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Miles Platting, 3rd and tenor from Pendlebury, 6th from Bolton, 7th from Walkden, the rest belong to the local company. This peal was rung after the marriage of Mr. J. H. Ridyard (a member of the local company) and Miss A. Williams. It was also a birthday peal for the conductor.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tendor 12½ cwt.	
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	JOHN WITHERS ... .. 7
SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 4	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD MALLARD ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN HOBBS... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	EDWARD W. BRAY ... .. 6
GEORGE PENFOLD ... .. 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 7
ARTHUR GOWER ... .. 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Sunday, September 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE ... .. 2	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 6
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 7
CPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was Cpl. Johnson's 50th peal and first peal of Treble Bob Major.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Mary, Old Town,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH ... Treble	BENJAMIN HOBBS... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	EDWARD W. BRAY ... .. 6
ARTHUR GOWER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE PENFOLD ... Treble	ERNEST GOWER ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 3	EDWARD W. BRAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 5
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 7
HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung on the occasion of the Hackney Borough Peace Celebrations.

FELSTED.—On Saturday, August 16th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. H. Farrow 1, J. T. Barker 2, W. J. Sadler 3, H. Emery 4, E. Clayden 5, G. Lindridge 6, G. F. Williams (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. First quarter peal on the bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

EAST BRIDGEFORD, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, July 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At St. Peter's Church,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of Single Court, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

REV. A. D. HILL ... Treble	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... .. 4
SYDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 2	FRANK SPENCER ... .. 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... .. 3	WALTER WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were rehung about 5 years ago by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and was rung to celebrate Peace. The Rev. A. D. Hill is Rector of the Parish, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, the other ringers belong to Grantham, Long Bennington, Radcliffe-on-Trent and Cotgrave respectively.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER ... Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 5
ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and a welcome home to him from France, he having been recently demobilised after over 3 years' service in the Royal Engineers.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED HOPPER ... Treble	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... .. 4
J. WILFRED SHARP ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. 5
THOMAS LAW ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. J. W. Craddock, an enthusiastic member of the above belfry.

**FIVE BELL PEAL.**

BROADWAS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 2 Six-scores of Stedman, 16 Six-scores each of Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 8 Six-scores of Grandsire.

JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Treble	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 3
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

The tenor is a pre-Reformation bell and this was the first peal on the bells.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Millen 1, \*F. Orris 2, \*N. E. Hope 3, E. Bridges 4, E. G. Lathall 5, T. Farley 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, J. Coppins 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd. E. G. Lathall hails from Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

**THE RECAST PEAL AT PRESTWICH.****DEDICATION BY PRESIDENT OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The dedication of the recast peal of eight bells at Prestwich was performed by the Rev. Canon Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association), and took place at evensong on August 30th. There were three special hymns, during the singing of the second of which the clergy and choir made their way to the west end of the church, the former to the ringing chamber, and the latter taking up a position under the tower. After the dedication and a few rounds on the bells by the local company, Canon Elsee gave a very interesting address, taking as his text 150th Psalm, 5th verse, 'Praise him on the loud cymbals: praise him on the well-tuned cymbals.' He mentioned that Prestwich bells had played a great part in the past, in celebrating our victories both on land and sea, including the taking of Porto Bello 1740, the taking of Carthage 1741, the victory of Dettingen 1743, the taking of Havannah 1762, Admiral Duncan's victory 1797; ringing for good news of downfall of Bonaparte 1815. At the conclusion of the service, a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the following: J. W. Washbrook (Pendleton) 1, R. F. Deal (London) 2, W. Smith (Tunstall) 3, T. Worsley (Bolton) 4, J. Potter (Walkden) 5, H. Chapman (Pendleton) 6, W. Washbrook (Pendleton) 7, R. Bont (Prestwich) 8.

Tea was kindly provided in the Schoolroom by the donors, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walkden to whom the ringers extend their thanks.

The bells, the tenor of which is 16 cwt. 15 lb., have been placed in an iron frame, and fitted with all modern fittings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have carried out the work in an excellent manner, and to the entire satisfaction of the donors and the church authorities. The ringers, of which there were a goodly number present, also expressed great satisfaction, being well pleased with both the tone and 'go.' There have also been improvements made in the tower, a new ceiling having been placed in the ringing chamber, the ends of the steel girders concreted in, and the louvres bricked up 4ft. 6in. all round, thereby completing a very good work. Appended are particulars of the original and new inscriptions on the bells.

**THE INSCRIPTIONS.**

All the inscriptions are in bold Roman letters, and the six largest bells have 'recast, 1919' along with the founder's trade mark.

Treble—The gift of Benjamin Carver, November, 1910.

2nd.—The gift of Dora Carver, November, 1910

Servum Corda.

3rd.—When you me i i ng, I'll sweetly sing. A. R. 1742.

The gift of Lydia Constance Walkden, in affectionate memory of her cousin, Lieut. Joseph Norman Rostern.

4th.—Prosperity to the Church of England. A. R. 1721.

The gift of Arthur Cyril Turner Walkden, in memory of his dear friend, Robert Grant, Second-Lieut., R.F.C.

5th.—Peace and good neighbourhood. A. R. 1721.

The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walkden and family, to the sacred memory of those fallen in the war from Prestwich, 1914-1918.

6th.—ABR. Rvdhall, of Gloucester, cast us all 1721.

The gift of Martha Walkden, in memory of her loving parents, James and Alice Turner.

7th.—Gloria Deo in Excelsis et in Terra Pax.

The gift of Arthur Walkden, in gratitude of his loving mother's devotion, Lydia Walkden.

Tenor.—John Hope, Thos. Schols, Peter Astley, Jno. Ramsden, Miles Mather, and Wm. Grundy, Churchwardens, 1789.

To the Glory of God. The six largest bells were recast and the peal rung by John and Denison Taylor, of Loughborough.

The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walkden and family, as a thanksgiving offering for peace, 1919. Rev. Frederic Cooper, Rector; W. H. Coomber, Arthur Walkden, Churchwardens.

The gift of Arthur Walkden in memory of his loving father, John Walkden.

**LEWES.**—At St. John the Baptist's Church, Southover, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar by the Lord Bishop of Chichester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Richardson 1, F. S. Sturt 2, F. W. Thornton (St. Alfege, Greenwich) 3, J. T. Rickman 4, R. J. Dawe 5, G. Piper 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, J. F. Steadman 8.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On Thursday, August 21st, at the Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Ceters (1259 changes): G. Jordan 1, Pte. F. Bird 2, W. Prior 3, H. M. White 4, P. Springham 5, T. Jordan 6, W. T. Prior 7, T. J. Watts 8, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 9, C. Bidgwell 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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# LEADING BELLFOUNDERS

## LOUGHBOROUGH.





## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. REORGANISATION SCHEME.

The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich, on October 9th, will be an important one, for the members of the two counties of Norfolk and Suffolk will then be called upon to decide whether they shall remain as one united whole, or split into two separate organisations. The following resolution will be officially moved by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman): "That our Sunday members having repeatedly expressed their disapproval of any suggested severance from the Norwich Diocesan Association on account of the division of the Diocese, that there be one Association as hitherto for the Norfolk and Suffolk members, and the Association be reorganised on the lines as set forth in the 'Recommendations of June 11th, 1914.'"

The matter would, of course, have been settled before, only the war intervened, and the whole question has been in abeyance. The 'Recommendations' which were drawn up by a Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. W. L. Duffield, F. Day, A. L. Coleman, R. J. Goale, F. R. Borrett and O. E. Borrett (who was then the hon. secretary), were as follows:—

That the Diocese of Norwich and the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, have one Association for the Change Ringers of the two dioceses under the title of 'The Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association of Ringers.'

That the Association be divided into two divisions, a Norfolk division and a Suffolk division.

That the Bishops of the two dioceses be invited to become Patrons, and the Archdeacons Vice-Presidents of the Association.

That a President of the Association be elected as hitherto.

That the government of each division shall be vested in a committee consisting of a Ringing Master, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, District Secretaries, and three persons elected from the honorary members. All these shall be ex-officio members of the General Committee of the Association—five to form a quorum.

That each division shall hold three meetings a year, and that the first of these shall be the annual meeting for the division, when officers shall be elected.

That an annual meeting of the Association be held, as hitherto, alternately in Norfolk and Suffolk.

That all the finances of the Association be administered, as in the past, through one central fund.

That the Rev. W. C. Pearson and the Rev. H. Drake be asked to undertake the work of the Association in the Suffolk division, and the Rev. E. C. Hopper and Mr. Arthur Coleman in the Norfolk division.

## DOUBLE COURT BOB ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Does Mr. Roberts really think he has caught so old a hand as Mr. Law James napping? The Clavys method has been rung many times, and is usually called Double Norwich Court Bob Royal. I have no official knowledge of what they rang at Surfleet, but I think I know, and it is really Double Court Bob Royal, and has never been rung before. You will notice that Mr. James did not say that his was the first peal of Court Bob Royal, but the first of this variation.

—Yours,

J. ARNAGER TROLLOPE.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Seale on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Guildford, Clondom, Godalming, Puttenham, Farnham, Worplesdon, Aldershot, Witley, and other towers. Service was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Wiseman Rector, who afterwards explained many of the interesting features of the ancient church, which is about 700 years old, and one of the Pilgrim's Way churches. Tea took place in the Jubilee Room, and was as nearly a pre-war tea as the district has been able to obtain. One gratifying feature was the presence of a large number of 'demobbed' men, prominent amongst them being Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, who received a very hearty welcome. Mrs. Pulling also coming in for a share.

Seven hon. members were elected and one ordinary member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dorking, in October.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter of congratulation to Mr. Charman, of Cranleigh, on the recent peal, in which no less than five of his family took part.

The Ringing Master's report was read by Mr. Melville, in the absence of the Master, through the death of his sister, and Mrs. Hazelden was asked to convey the regrets of the meeting.

After tea, some members went on to Puttenham, whilst others accepted the invitation of the Rector to inspect his large garden and woodland.

LONDON.—On July 28th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. J. Harman, junr. (first quarter-peal away from tenor), 1. T. J. Harman, senr. 2. G. Shade (conductor) 3. J. Lamb 4. T. H. Taffender 5. A. King 6. W. Berry 7. A. W. Phillips 8.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

### FORMATION OF A N.E. DEVON BRANCH.

At the annual meeting of the Devonshire Guild, held on Whit-Monday, it was decided to accept the suggestion of the committee whereby the district covered by the Guild should be divided into local branches. With a view to carrying this reform into effect in the Rural Deaneries of Tiverton and Cullompton, a meeting was held at Tiverton on Saturday last, when 33 ringers were present from Bampton, Buckleigh, Calverleigh, Holcombe Rogus, Tiverton and Washfield.

The general secretary, the Rev. E. S. Powell, attended the meeting, and explained the new policy of the Guild. He alluded to the fact that the first local branch had been formed the previous week for the Rural Deaneries of Barnstaple, Sherwell and Torrington, and would be known as the North Devon branch.

It was unanimously decided to form a North-East Devon branch which, for the present, should include the Deaneries of Tiverton and Cullompton. The Rev. E. J. Barton, Vicar of Holcombe Rogus, was elected as chairman of the branch, and the Rev. E. V. Cox, Vicar of Bampton, was appointed as honorary secretary and treasurer.

It was agreed to hold the first quarterly meeting at Holcombe Rogus, of which due notice will be given in the 'Ringing World.'

A distinctly encouraging feature of the gathering was the presence of the incumbents of all the parishes belonging to the local branch except one, and he was away on holiday, and sent an apology for his absence.

The eight bells of St. Peter's Church were kept going in the Grand-sire method, both before and after the business meeting, and tea was served in St. Peter's Institute.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. S. Powell for travelling the long distance from Holbeton, and to the Rev. Preliminary Burroughs for granting the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

There is plenty of work in front of the branch, as in only six out of the twenty-two towers possessing six or more bells is any change-ringing done, and Grand-sire is the only method practised in them.

## NORBURY RINGERS' OUTING REVIVED.

On Saturday week, the ringers of St. Thomas', Norbury, Cheshire, with their wives and friends, revived their annual outing, which has been in abeyance since 1914. Meeting in Stockport, the party proceeded by horse conveyance to Knutsford by the way of Cheadle, Handforth, Wimslow and Mobberley, arriving at Knutsford after a pleasant journey of three hours. The bells of the Parish Church were soon raised, and a touch of Plain Bob Minor was brought round, after which 120 Bob Doubles were rung, the ringer of the tenor being the sexton of Norbury, who, although not an experienced ringer, has assisted in keeping the bells going during the war. Two of the Knutsford ringers then took a hand in 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and the bells were then lowered in peal. Meanwhile, the ladies of the party had made a tour of this old country town, and judging from their parcels, had made good use of their time. After an excellent tea at the Cafe the return journey was commenced at about 7.15 p.m., and was made by the way of Bucklow Hill, Altrincham, Timberley and Cheadle, Stockport being reached about 10 p.m., after a very enjoyable outing. The ringers take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Canon Evans for the use of the bells, and to the Knutsford ringers for their assistance and arranging of tea.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### BRECON DISTRICT INAUGURATED.

The first quarterly meeting of the Brecon District was held at Talgarth, the following towers being represented, viz., Llangattock, Brecon, Glasbury, and the local band.

Twenty-six ringers sat down to tea in the church hall, and at the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was voted to the chair. He gave the ringers a right hearty welcome to Talgarth on that their first meeting as a district, and said he was very pleased to see so many present. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Llanelly ringers, and from the Vicar of Llangorse for his ringers, who were busy with the harvest.

Mr. Louis S. Griffiths was appointed Ringing Master, and a committee, composed of the following ringers, were elected: Mr. Chas. Powell, Brecon; Mr. Chas. Powell, Talgarth; Mr. Chas. Powell, Llangattock; Mr. S. T. Rackham, Llanelly, and Wm. Powell, Derynack. Mr. J. P. Hyell is the district secretary. Llangattock was selected for the next quarterly meeting, the date being left in the hands of the secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the ladies for their assistance at the tea tables, and to the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells, and the Church Room. Touches of Bob Minor and Stedman were rung both in the afternoon and evening.

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## NOTICES.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Barnet on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open 3 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; Service in Church at 4.30; tea in Church House 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The bells of St. Stephen's will be available from 3 p.m.; tea at the Cadena Café, Wine Street, at 5 p.m.; a short Service in St. Stephen's Church will be arranged if possible. All members are requested to make a special effort to attend. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; short Service at 5 p.m.; tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.30 p.m.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Gt. Shelford, Cambs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Athan (Gileston Station) on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 4.30. The new ring of bells available from 3.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at East Bridgeford on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing from 3.30. All ringers are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The bells of St. Nicholas (12), St. Luke (8), St. John, Tuebrook (8) will be available. Service at St. Nicholas at 4 p.m.; Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute. Meeting 6 p.m.—W. H. Shaker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nibley on Saturday, September 27th. Bells from 2.30. Short service, 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, and after business meeting in the evening at St. Peter's. Tea at 5.30 if arrangements can be made. Ringers cordially invited.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign District.—The first annual meeting of the above district will be held at Presteign on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Tea at 6, business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Hellesden on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Padbury (6) will also be available during afternoon and evening.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Oct. 2nd, 16th and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th, 12th (Sunday, 10 a.m.), and 20th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milton Abbey on Thursday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) also Hilton (6) available from 2 p.m. Guild Service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. The Abbey gardens will be open to the ringers. A conveyance leaves Dorchester about 1.30. Ringers cordially invited.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing from 3. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Pershore on Saturday, October 4th. Service in the Abbey Church at 5 p.m. prompt, at which all attending the meeting should be present. Tea will be provided, and it is important I should know the number likely to be present by the previous Tuesday. The Abbey bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. till service time, and St. Andrew's (6) after the business meeting.—James Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The October meeting will be held at Straveley on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Eight bells open for ringing at 2.45. Service in Church 4 o'clock. A meat tea, at 1/- per head, will be provided for those who notify Mr. Wm. Palmer, 22, Mabel Villas, Bent Lane, Lowgates, Straveley, near Chesterfield, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—Visitors to Nottingham Goose Fair on Saturday, Oct. 4, are informed that St. Peter's peal of 10 will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Kirkby.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A combined practice will be held at Llangorse on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Beccles District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bungay, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Tower open at 2 p.m.—R. J. Goate, Hon. District Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Oct. 6th, at 7.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow at Headquarters, The 'Edinburgh,' adjacent.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourn on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. H. L. Langley, M.A. (Vicar). Tea (1/- each) at 6. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 30th. Motor bus leaves Station Drive (L. & N.W.), Wolverhampton, at 2 and 3.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Silsden (near Keighley) on Saturday, October 4th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at the King's Arms at 3.45 p.m. prompt. Tea, 1/6 each, will be provided for those who notify the Secretary, Willie Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield, not later than Sept. 29th.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1919. By kind permission of the authorities the following ring of bells will be open to the use of members (except during the time of Divine Service) throughout the day: St. Peter Mancroft (twelve bells), St. John de Sepulchre (eight bells), St. Michael at Coslany (eight bells), All Saints' (five bells), and St. Giles' (eight bells)—if ringable. Divine service will be conducted at 12.45 p.m. at St. Peter Mancroft church, when the address will be given by the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich (Rev. J. W. Willink, D.D.). It is earnestly hoped that all members will be present at the service. Dinner will be served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1.30 p.m., at 2/6 per head company members, and 3/6 per head hon. members. Those who intend to be present at the dinner must send notice to the Secretary before Tuesday, October 7th. The business meeting will be held immediately after dinner.—Arthur L. Coleman, Hon. Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available for ringing at the Parish Church. Service will be taken by the Vicar and there will be a business meeting after tea. Further particulars next week.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobb, Hon. District Sec., Elsted Rectory, Ashford, Kent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at Gt. Tey on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service, with address by the Rev. G. A. Grace 4.30; tea will be provided at the 'Chequers Inn,' 6d. each (non-members 1/6) to all giving me notice not later than first post Oct. 8th.—B. Ridgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Epping 'Old' Church on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells from 3.30; tea kindly provided by the Vicar. A conveyance will meet train due Epping 3.10 for those proceeding by train who advise me not later than first post Tuesday, October 7th, for both tea and conveyance.—E. Butler, Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Oct. 11th. The bells at Mytton will be also available from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Meeting at Whalley 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at Whitworth. Gents 2/6, ladies 2/3; tickets may be had from Mr. J. Grindrod, 6, Rawston Street, Whitworth, or the Branch Sec., T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will take place at Wrotham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available at 3.30; a short service at 5; tea, provided by the Rector, at 5.45; business meeting after. The Secretary hopes all ringers intending to be present will let him know not later than Monday, Oct. 6th.—Stephen Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, near Maidstone.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A bye-quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Melbourne. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock.—J. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

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

#### JOHN S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

A meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of handing a cheque for the amount collected to the Editor of the 'Ringing World.'

The chair will be taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. A musical evening will be arranged, and refreshments will be provided for all those who advise the undersigned not later than Sept. 30th of their intention to be present.

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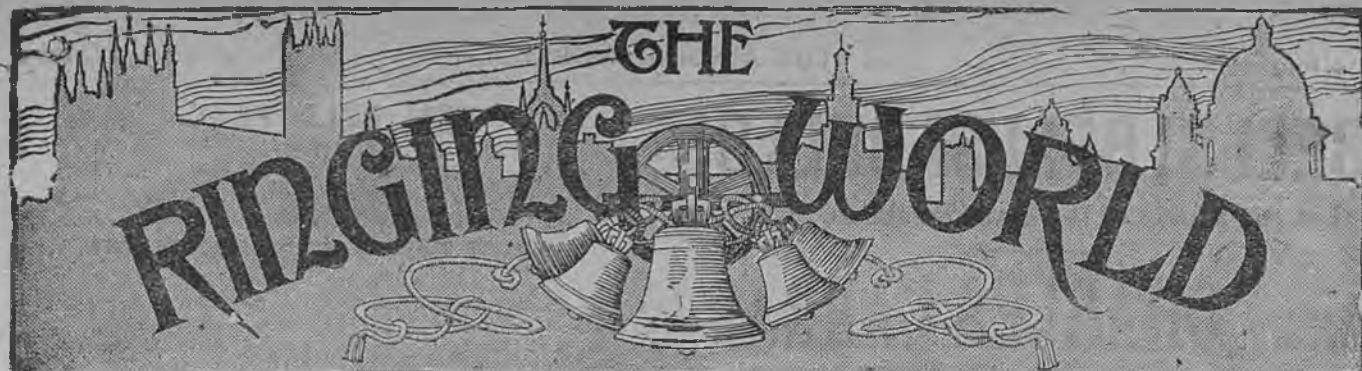
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Another important Association—the Midland Counties'—has discussed the question submitted by the Central Council, as to whether or not the Council shall be given power to enforce its decisions. The result was not very complimentary to the central body. Most of the speeches made seem to have been a criticism of the Council and its methods, and in the end it was decided to take no action; from which we conclude the Midland Counties' men are not prepared to give the Council plenary powers. This decision may be followed by similar conclusions on the part of other Associations, and if it is only followed by one or two we believe it will be fatal to the suggestion that powers of enforcement should be given. Even if the Midland Counties alone stand out we can scarcely see how the proposal can be put into operation, for the M.C.A. covers an extensive and important area, and has one of the largest memberships among all the ringing organisations.

But apart from this aspect of the question, the attitude of the members of the Midland Counties' Association only goes to bear out what we have often said, that the general body of ringers have no high opinion of the Council, either as a legislative or an advisory assembly. We have sometimes been taken severely to task for expressing this view, but whenever an association has seriously debated the merits of the Council and its methods there has almost invariably been revealed a feeling that the Council is not fulfilling the functions that it ought to fulfil. As we have so often said, we do not agree with those who would end the Council, we should much prefer to see it 'mended,' for there can be no question that such a central body is essential to the needs of the Exercise. It is for the Associations to see that the Council is put to the best use, and that can be done by sending men as representatives who have experience and initiative. In this the Associations have it in their own hands, and further, they could if they chose provide work for the Council to do, by sending up subjects for consideration.

The Midland Counties' decision will show those who think otherwise that the general body of ringers are not satisfied with the Council; on the other hand it is for the Associations to show the Council the way they would wish it to go. We would like to see a far greater interest displayed by ringers in matters concerning the welfare of ringing, which might well be debated first in the Associations and then sent up to the Council for general approval or otherwise. If Association's own proposals were debated in the Council it would add greatly to the interest and value of the proceedings.

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## TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5082 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	HORACE ADAMS ... 7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 4	EMANUEL HALL ... 9
JAMES SCHOLES ... 5	THOMAS LANGDON ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.  
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 6 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*JOHN AVIS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... 5
GUY R. AMBROSE ... 2	*GEORGE MORRAD ... 6
CHARLES WINNER ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 4	WILLIAM HAIGH... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.  
Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. For calling see Kent County Handbook, 1904, Peal No. 918. The band wish to thank the Rev. Sir Saville Shaw for the use of the bells and Mr. George Barham for having the bells in readiness.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 14 cwt.
*EDWARD PUGH ... .. Treble	CHARLES DYSON ... 5
JOHN AUSTIN ... 2	WALTER PUGH ... 6
JESSE GILLET ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 7
EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 4	CHARLES H. AUSTEN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\* First peal. Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Triples, Mr. W. Pugh kindly filling up the vacancy. W. Farley hails from Wells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
WILLIAM PALMER ... .. Treble	JOHN JAY ... 5
ALBERT D. STONE ... 2	WILLIAM C. HART ... 6
WILLIAM WATTS ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
ALFRED CRIPPS ... 4	RICHARD STREDWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

*MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	R. LATHBURY ... 5
JOHN BEAMS ... 2	A. C. DARNELL ... 6
JESSE BEAMS ... 3	CHAS. E. READ ... 7
A. LEE ... 4	DAVID ANSCOMBE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

\* First peal. Miss Shorter is the first lady to take part in a peal under the auspices of the Surrey Association.



WIDFORD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. Treble	HARRY HEAD ... .. 5
ALFRED TARBUN, SEN. ... .. 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 6
ARTHUR EDWARDS ... .. 3	*JOSEPH ROOTE ... .. 7
PERCY TIMSON ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINES.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. This was the 60th peal by A. Tarbun and the 100th by H. W. Kirton.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

LANCASHIRES' ONE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. Treble	EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... .. 5
H. J. BALCOMBE ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. COX ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH ... .. 3	FRANK PERVIN ... .. 7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. 4	*WILLIAM CLEMENT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PERVIN.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd bell.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

ALBERT H. WARD ... .. Treble	PERCY PRICE ... .. 5
W. R. DRAGE ... .. 2	N. H. WIDDOWSON ... .. 6
R. ALAN HICKTON ... .. 3	JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	EDMUND C. CHARTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

First peal on the bells since their recent augmentation of two bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... .. Treble	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 6
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a Peace peal, also as a welcome home to C. N. Burdock and the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, September 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER ... .. Treble	JOHN NEAL ... .. 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 7
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4	OLIVER G. NORMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

The peal was arranged for Mr. W. Farley, who hails from Wells, Albert Walker's 200th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

JOHN R. MAIN ... .. Treble	ANDERSON T. TYLER ... .. 4
WALTER PERKINS ... .. 2	FRED WILFORD ... .. 5
GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung as a Peace peal for Earls Barton.

WORCESTER CITY.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of the Worcester Variation of Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST E. BABER ... .. Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... .. 4
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
CPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar and as a farewell peal to Cpl. Joseph D. Johnson who is sailing for India. This is the first peal of Minor yet rung containing the Worcester Variation of Treble Bob.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of the Worcester Variation of Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL I. EATON ... .. Treble	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 4
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was G. W. Checketts' 100th peal for the Worcestershire Association. It was also the quarterly peal for the Western Branch. It was intended to ring Major, but owing to a defection at the last minute the peal had to result in the above.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER KERRISON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 4
*GEORGE GREENACRE ... .. 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

\* First peal in five methods. The ringers wish to thank Mr. W. Kemp, steepkeeper, for having the bells ready, and Mr. W. Kerrison for kindly entertaining the ringers to tea after the peal.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7th, on the occasion of a drumhead memorial service a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) B. Fleet (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Baldock 2, G. E. King 3, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 4, H. H. Smith 5, A. King 6, G. Heley 7, W. Horne (1st quarter-peal) 8.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5656 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHAY ... 1—2	REV. E. BANKS JAMES ... 5 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... 7—8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Major in hand. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Whittington of Croydon, and the conductor.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5840 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's with 3 different callings,

*W. H. J. HOOTON ... 1—2	†J. B. WOOLLEY ... 3—4
†C. W. WOOLLEY ... 5—6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Umpire: REV. H. B. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal of Minor and first as conductor. † First peal in hand  
† First peal, aged 12 years 9 months.

The following peals were rung during a week's tour in Cheshire:—

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5840 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 8
JOHN FLINT ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
ARTHUR G. MASON ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5164 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 2	†EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 3	JOHN FLINT ... .. 7
*ARTHUR G. MASON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Bristol in the county. \* First peal in the method.  
† First Surprise peal.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... .. Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 3	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal in the method.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 2	ARTHUR G. MASON ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	JOHN FLINT ... .. 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5
*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 2	ARTHUR G. MASON ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

LONDON. — London County Association.—On June 30th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Harman, senr., 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. G. Shade 3, A. King 4, A. Smeathers (conductor) 5, C. Raddon 6, W. Berry 7, H. J. Harman, junr., 8.—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., for special evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Harman, senr., 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. J. Shimmans 3, T. King 4, H. Belsher 5, C. Raddon 6, W. Berry 7, A. H. Phillips (first quarter-peal) 8.

**WELSH RINGERS' COMBINED OUTING.**

A somewhat new feature in ringing outings has taken place in South Wales, where the Llandaff Cathedral, St. John's, Cardiff, and St. Mary's, Whitchurch, bands held a combined outing, which it is hoped to make an annual affair. Starting by steamer from Cardiff, the journey to Weston-super-Mare by charabanc conveyed the party to the Parish Church at Yatton. Here the ringers enjoyed an hour's ringing in the four standard methods, and a tour round the church with the Vicar as guide.

The next move was to Congresbury, where a fine peal of eight, with a melodious tenor, were kept going for another hour, the bells receiving the praises of all the party. An adjournment was then made to dinner at the Ship and Castle.

A further motor journey landed this 'perpetual motion crowd' at Wrington Church. The peal of ten was raised, but before they had started off into methods, visitors from St. Mary's, Taunton, who, like the men from South Wales, were having their annual in the same neighbourhood, put in an appearance.

An invitation to have the first touch was courteously accepted, after which the Llandaff party obtained another hour's enjoyment, although they found the ringing chamber rather noisy.

The return journey was then commenced to Weston-super-Mare, where tea was followed by an adjournment to the useful peal of eight at Weston Church.

The steamer was duly reached, after an hour and a half in the queue, owing to holiday pressure, and the passengers were landed in Cardiff at 10 p.m. The success of the outing goes far towards cementing the close relations of the three towers concerned.

The Secretary of the Association (Mr. J. W. Jones), and Mr. H. Page, of Pentre, were members of the party, and the weather was all that could be desired. The ringers cordially thank the Vicars of the towers visited for the use of the bells and the local ringers for their kindness in having all ready for the visit.

**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

A successful monthly meeting was held on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at Knowle, the following places being represented: Allesley, Solihull, Stoke-in-Coventry and Knowle. The bells, a handy ring of six, were raised about 3.30, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor were rung until 5 o'clock, when the members adjourned to the White Swan for tea. The tower was afterwards visited, and touches in various methods were rung.

**RINGERS' OUTINGS.**

On Saturday week, the Reigate Parish Church ringers had an afternoon outing to Streatham, where some good touches were rung on the bells of St. Leonard's Church. After tea, kindly provided by one of the members, the company went on to Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, where further good ringing took place. The party left for home at 8 p.m., after a most enjoyable afternoon.

The ringers and learners at St. Peter's, Berkhamsted, held their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Leaving Berkhamsted at 7.45 a.m. by brake, they had a very cold journey to Tring. Although Tring possesses such a beautiful peal of bells (it is said the best in Herts), the party did not stop to ring there, but continued their journey to the small but pretty village of Aston Clinton. Very soon they had the bells going and some good touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung. They then proceeded to the picturesque village of Wendover. This tower can boast of a good peal of six cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung and appreciated by the Vicar of Wendover, who was present. After light refreshments, the ringers proceeded to Great Missenden, where a magnificent luncheon awaited them. A few touches were afterwards rung on the heavy ring of six in the Parish Church tower, and later the journey was resumed to Amersham, where, after tea, the party found their way to the church, where several of the Amersham ringers met them, and some very good touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were brought round.

Leaving Amersham about 8 o'clock the party, after a cheerful ride through the darkness and pleasant country roads, arrived home at 10 p.m. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent, and the visitors wish to thank the ringers at the various towers for having everything ready, also Mr. Owen Bayes for the excellent arrangements he made.

The Selby Abbey bell ringers had their annual outing to Pickering and Malton on Saturday week. The weather was very cold in the morning, with snow and rain, but when they arrived at Pickering it had somewhat changed, and was fine for the remainder of the day. The party had a pleasant surprise when they reached the church to find the Scarborough ringers there, and the bands joined in touches of Stedman and Grandsire. Leaving Pickering at 5 o'clock for Malton they were again met by Scarborough ringers. It was a most enjoyable outing, and the party wish to express their best thanks to the Rev. E. Drage Pickering, and the Rev. H. Ogle, Malton, for their kindness in giving permission to use the bells.

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### BELFRY GOSSIP.

Those who know the magnificent belfry of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, will be interested to learn that it has been thoroughly cleaned, by some of the ringers, from 'truck to keelson,' i.e., from the bell cage to the foot of the stairs, and now looks finer than ever. The casts of ancient bells which it contains have been repaired, and a memorial tablet will shortly be erected to the members of the Belfry Guild who fell in the great war.

Two trebles are to be added to the peal at Bengoe, Herts, to complete the octave. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The new peal of eight bells at Birstall Parish Church, Yorkshire which have been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, are to be dedicated to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.30 p.m.

The Lord Mayor-elect of London is an honorary churchwarden of St. Michael's, Cornhill.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Whistow on Saturday week. Over forty ringers attended from Anston, Bolsterstone, Bolsover, Conisbro', Ecclesfield, Norton, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints' and Rammoor, Treton, Wath, Wortley, and Workson. The bells were kept going for about four hours, to touches of Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford and Double Norwich.

A short service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Allon, M.A.) extended a hearty welcome to the Association, and offered words of wise counsel from the text, 'Set up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations,' Jeremiah xxvii. 51.

Tea was provided in the Institute, ample provision being made by the ladies, amongst whom were Mrs. Glenn, wife of the general secretary, and Mrs. Hague and daughters. At the subsequent business meeting the Rector presided, supported by the Vice-President (Mr F. Willey) and committeemen. Eight new members were elected, and Ecclesfield proposed for the next quarterly meeting.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, local ringers and the ladies for helping to make the meeting a great success.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

On Saturday week the Manchester branch held its usual monthly meeting at St. James' Church, Birch. There was a fair attendance of ringers, and touches of Bob Minor and Major. Grandsire and Stedman were rung. The Rector presided over the business meeting, and gave a very cordial welcome to the ringers.

In discussing the lack of interest that seemed to be prevalent amongst young people in taking to ringing, he suggested that the Boy Scouts, and Church Lads' Brigade should be appealed to to fill the ranks of ringers, and that something in the way of a medal be given upon qualification.

Mr. Burroughs proposed the Rector as a honorary member of the Association, which was approved very heartily.

An invitation was given to hold the next monthly meeting at Radcliffe on Saturday October 25th and this was accepted.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having things ready.—Sympathy was expressed with Mr. W. Ryder, who was unable to be present owing to illness.

### 'EXCHANGE' OF BELFRIES.

Writing on the subject of fraternising among ringers, Mr. Arthur Lorkin, of Reigate, writes: 'It would be much better for all if ringers were more united, and, by changing belfries, every now and then, we should get to know one another much better than we do. As soon as a stranger enters the belfry the compliment should be passed of asking him, if he is a ringer, to take a rope. I have visited belfries where I have hardly been spoken to and not even been asked if I could ring. Happily to say, these are few and far between. Within a radius of eight miles from our church there are nine peals of bells, yet it's very rare that we see any ringers. That should not be so. Facilities for getting from one place to another are much easier than they used to be. I trust this little appeal will not fall on deaf ears.'

### THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

We anticipate that the 'Ringing World' will be much delayed in reaching many of our readers, this week, owing to the railway strike. While we regret it, our friends will, we are sure, recognise that this is a matter beyond our control.

Another result of the strike is to hold up on rails somewhere a consignment of paper with the result that part of our edition this week has had to be printed on paper of inferior quality.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## TRENCHANT CRITICISM OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The autumn quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, Sept. 20th, the rendezvous being Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. The popular hunting centre is famous for another production, ye old 'Ye Melton Pork Pie.' This toothsome tit-bit can safely hold its own, and has positively no connection with any of its green-eyed rivals. In these days of meat rations it fills a long-felt want, and when washed down with the liquid nourishment easily obtainable from houses 'within the meaning of the Act,' one realises that life is still worth the living, notwithstanding the threatened invasion of pussfoot.

The tower of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, is a landmark for miles around. The interior is almost a counter-part of Gloucester Cathedral. Well endowed by dead-and-gone patrons, its upkeep leaves nothing to be desired—unless it be that at some future time an iron frame replaces the present one of wood. From about 2.30 p.m. the ten bells were going to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Treble Ten was rung, as was also Double Norwich and Superlative. Considering the limited railway facilities, there was quite a good muster of ringers, who came from Nottingham, Derby, Loughborough, Leicester, Birmingham, Mansfield and Duffield.

The tea was held in the Co-operative Hall, when 45 members sat down. The business meeting followed. The chair was taken by the Rev. Wilkinson (a ringer), of Mansfield, in the absence of Ald. R. B. Chambers, vice-president, of Derby, who was away at Southport. He was supported by the Rev. A. Mowbrige (curate of St. Mary's); Mr. A. E. Wright, hon. secretary; and Mr. Wm. Willson, hon. treasurer.

After disposing of the usual routine business, interest centred round an item on the agenda, regarding the support to the Central Council in its decisions.—The Chairman, in introducing it, speedily showed his intimate knowledge of the Council's deliberations and his appreciation of the 'Ringing World's' criticisms thereon. In his opinion the Central Council was asleep and required severely awakening.

Mr. Bart Mitchell moved 'That we ignore the Central Council, and decline to send any more representatives.'—Mr. R. H. Bartram pointed out that in order to watch our own interests this would not do, or legislation passed might be hurtful to the M.C.A.—After further discussion on the matter, Mr. W. Willson gave a resume of the career of the Council from its inception, saying it was founded thirty years back to unify the various societies in the country, and to be a tribunal to which all might have access. Proceeding, he said: 'I understand quite well the feeling that now exists towards the Council. It has done good work in the past. The publications of its first ten years are proof of that, but dry rot set in and many thought that I was too bitter in my criticisms of twenty years ago, and I was attacked in turn for my writings, but now those who differed, rediscover the fact that the Central Council is weighed and found wanting! We are asked to support the Council in its decisions. Has any decision been flouted? What decision is there awaiting your verdict? The Council has neither policy nor programme. It makes one smile to read its request for more work, and 'How can it be made more useful'? It is merely an apology for its existence, and any Government in similar circumstances would be told to get out.' According to the reports he considered it almost a waste of time. In his opinion the whole procedure was wrong. One half of the time should be for practical purposes, the other for theoretical, but to-day delegates represented nobody but themselves. The agenda was never published until it was too late to discuss any item. The 'high-browed' critics decried Grandsire Major and uplifted 'Little Bobs,' a mongrel 'Minimus Major,' attempted to wash out Stedman as he is rung to-day; and, after showing the common or garden variety of ringers that no decision could be arrived at in the Council Chamber, desired the rank and file to support them! Mr. Willson contended that members occupied their places too long, and became like a brick in a wall, honorary members, some of whom have no qualification except peal-piling, are elected and re-elected as though there were no other men in the country worth the name. What was wanted was a lot more new blood and in this connection he had no axe to grind, as he would not stand as a candidate, but whoever was sent, let him be original and assert his object, and then that man would have justified his election. When the Council had any decision—not autocratic—to make, of course the Associations would support it. Let them get a move on or many would consider as he did, that having done without the Council during the war, they could possibly do without it altogether.

Mr. W. E. White, a delegate, said it was true no subject could be discussed in advance, therefore, the delegates had to vote as they thought fit, but it was not the fault of the delegates.

It was eventually decided unanimously not to proceed further with the matter at present, but to leave the vacancy (caused by the death of the late Mr. John Taylor, president) open.

Concerning the reconstruction proposed for the Association, Mr. A. E. Wright, hon. secretary, intimated that a special committee

would be called to discuss matters of importance, among which were: The issue of a report for the war period; the question of President—or Ringing Master—and Vice-President; local government of branches and finance.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, to the local branch for their catering, and to the chairman, brought a most interesting meeting to a close, after which the bells were again requisitioned until train time separated all.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

Those members who were fortunate enough to attend the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association, at Chiddingly, received a most cordial welcome from the Vicar and the local band. The following towers were represented: Brighton, Seaford, Heathfield, Mayfield, Waldron, Uckfield, Eastbourne, Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. W. D. Smith, both of London, being also present. Mr. W. Franks (Battle), who had met with an accident, wrote saying he was too unwell to come, and a letter was also received from Salehurst, regretting that none of their band would be present. Excellent practice was had in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Methods.

The bells go very well, considering the years they have been rung without the attention of the bell-hanger, and it is pleasing to note that the Vicar has a scheme on hand to recast and rehang the whole real, with the addition of two trebles and a new frame. Contributions to the restoration fund should be sent to the Rev. C. H. Clarke, M.A., The Vicarage, Chiddingly, who will be pleased to acknowledge receipt with thanks.

The usual ringers' service was held in the church, the Vicar officiating, and giving a typical ringers' address. The singing, which was quite a feature of the service, had the assistance of Mrs. Clarke, who presided at the organ.

After service, the company adjourned to the Vicarage lawn, where they partook of the good things kindly provided by the Vicar and his charming wife, Mrs. Clarke also assisting in waiting upon those present.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and Mrs. Clarke (on the proposition of Mr. W. D. Smith) for their kindness to the members, and expressed the wish that other Vicars and Rectors would take up ringing as Mr. Clarke had done, and treat ringers in the same way as they had been treated that day.

Mr. Clarke, in replying, wished to include Mr. Ellis, of the local band, in the vote, as he had been busy all the morning in getting the bells and also the lawn ready for the meeting.

After routine business had been disposed of, the company returned to the tower.

## YOUNG RINGERS' PERFORMANCES.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'Belfry Gossip' this week there is a reference to young ringers and their first peal. At the time I rang my first peal I believe I was the youngest that had ever rung one. I was 13 on the 14th of April, and I rang the 3rd at Crayford to a peal of Grandsire Triples on the 20th of May. Several years afterwards I believe one of Mr. Washbrook's sons rang a peal at Arklow when he was 11 years old.

By the way, are there any ringers who have rung peals on every date in the year from January 1st to December 31st (including Feb. 29th). The only one that I have come across to do this was the late Bertram Prewett.—Yours truly, E. BARNETT, Junr.

[Among the youngest to ring a peal have been the son and daughters of Mr. F. Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham.—Ed.]

## THE PEAL AT SURFLEET.

## To the Editor.

Sir,—If Mr. Roberts will look at pages 222, 223 and 224 in the work he mentions, in addition to page 225, and also at chapter four in Snowden's 'Double Norwich,' he will see that the peal referred to was Double Norwich Royal; which at that time was commonly called Court Ten In. Double Court Royal was produced by Shipway, and has never previously been rung.—Yours,

H. LAW JAMES.

## THE PEAL AT LONG ASHTON.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The asterisks in the first column of the peal of Double Norwich at Long Ashton should have been as follows: The one against the 3rd should have been opposite the fourth, and there should be one against the ringer of the treble.—Yours truly, W. A. CAVE.

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DISTRICT.**

A very successful meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, 29th September, several members turning up from unexpected quarters. The bells were kept busy from about 4.15 p.m. until 5 p.m., touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge being brought round, after which a good number of ringers attended the short service. Following this the Vicar interested those who attended the service by giving a short history of this historic old church, which was very much appreciated.

The tower was again visited, numerous touches in the usual Standard Methods being rung, eight o'clock coming round all too soon.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, and in the absence of the Master who happened to be holiday-making, the chair was taken by Mr. A. A. Hughes. Three new members were elected, viz., Mr. J. Benstead, Burton-on-Trent; Mr. C. Raddon, Hendon; and Mr. O. L. Twist, Walthamstow.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. H. Kilby, for having everything in readiness. Touches on the handbells concluded a very pleasant meeting.

**A WINCHESTER RESTORATION.****ST. MAURICE'S ANCIENT BELLS.**

On Thursday, October 2nd, the bells of St. Maurice, Winchester, were dedicated, together with an oak tablet containing the names of those fallen in the war, by the Archdeacon of Winchester. The bells were old. The treble by I.H., 1632; 2nd a Wokingham bell, 1580; 3rd by John Wallis, 1603; 4th a Wokingham bell, 1420; 5th by R.B., 1610.

A new treble has been added in memory of Douglas Alexander, the eldest son of Mr. R. Alexander, who was killed in Egypt.

The old treble was found to be badly cast, and was too light for the peal, and has been recast, the old inscription being exactly reproduced. The other four bells have been tuned, and the whole six hung in steel frames, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The Rector, of St. Maurice, the Rev. W. E. Colchester, is gathering materials for publishing a book on the Bells of Hampshire. He will be glad of any information which may be helpful.

**BRAINTREE RINGERS' EXCURSION.**

The St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, had their first outing since the outbreak of war recently. Accompanied by their Vicar (the Rev. D. B. Barclay) they visited towers on the border of Essex and Herts. Travelling via Dunmow and Takely they arrived at their first stopping place at 9.30, viz., Hatfield Regis, where they rang two excellent touches of Grandsire and Bob Major upon the bells of this fine old priory church. After a short look round this interesting edifice, tracks were made for the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow, where hangs a very musical ring of eight by Taylor. The Vicar (the Rev. Elwell) gave the party a very hearty welcome. In the short space of time allotted, touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were brought round. Proceeding via Nazeing the party made Broxbourne their next halting place. Here, Mr. W. Radley, of the local company, met the visitors, and called a touch of Stedman Triples. Bob Major and Grandsire were also indulged in on this excellent peal.

A short ride then brought the company to Hoddesdon, where the good Vicar of Braintree had arranged for an excellent meal (which was much needed and enjoyed), at the residence of his father, Mr. R. Barclay, of High Lea, the tables being laid in the beautiful conservatory. A stroll around the picturesque and well-kept grounds was much appreciated, as were also games of billiards by the younger members. Leaving here at 4.30 p.m., the party next found themselves at Hunsdon. The Rector and his local band, including two ladies, were ready to receive them. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were brought round, the Rector and his local band taking part. The last tower on the list, Sawbridgeworth, was reached at 6.15 p.m. The melodious and heavy ring were soon proclaiming their message to the tune of Stedman, in which Mr. W. Turling took part. A short touch of Treble Bob completed the ringing for the day. Departing at 7.15, the excursionists arrived safely home at 8.30, thus concluding one of the most enjoyable outings in the annals of the society. The Guild wish to tender to the incumbents and local band of each tower visited their sincere thanks for the use of the bells, and the hearty receptions received.

**CUBITT TOWN.**—On Saturday, July 19th, at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, 630 Grandsire Triples: C. Clarke 1, R. Marshall (lowest length with a bob bell) 2, T. H. Hawkins 3, G. Harris 4, R. Riches 5, G. H. Daynes 6, H. Clarke 7, J. Menzies 8. Rung in connection with peace celebrations, with several other touches at St. Nicholas', Deptford.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Oct. 16th and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th, 12th (Sunday, 10 a.m.), and 20th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing from 3. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Pershore on Saturday, October 4th. Service in the Abbey Church at 5 p.m. prompt, at which all attending the meeting should be present. The Abbey bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. till service time, and St. Andrew's (6) after the business meeting.—James Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The October meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Eight bells open for ringing at 2.45. Service in Church 4 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—Visitors to Nottingham Goose Fair on Saturday, Oct. 4, are informed that St. Peter's peal of 10 will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Kirkby.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A combined practice will be held at Llangorse on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Beccles District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bungay, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Tower open at 2 p.m.—R. J. Goate, Hon. District Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Oct. 6th, at 7.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow at Headquarters, The 'Edinburgh,' adjacent.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. H. L. Langley, M.A. (Vicar). Tea (1/- each) at 6. Motor bus leaves Station Drive (L. & N.W.), Wolverhampton, at 2 and 3.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BERTRAM PREWETT AND ROBERT STAVERT.**—This fund will be closed definitely on Oct. 3rd, 1919. Notice of unveiling the tablet will appear in due course.—F. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

**HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Silsden (near Keighley) on Saturday, October 4th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at the King's Arms at 3.45 p.m. prompt.—Secretary, Willie Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—There will be ringing for Divine Service, 10 to 11 a.m., Sunday, October 5th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, and on the 1st and 3rd Sundays thereafter monthly.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1919. By kind permission of the authorities the following ring of bells will be open to the use of members (except during the time of Divine Service) throughout the day: St. Peter Mancroft (twelve bells), St. John de Sepulchre (eight bells), St. Michael at Coslany (eight bells), All Saints' (five bells), and St. Giles' (eight bells)—if ringable. Divine service will be conducted at 12.45 p.m. at St. Peter Mancroft church, when the address will be given by the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich (Rev. J. W. Willink, D.D.). It is earnestly hoped that all members will be present at the service. Dinner will be served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1.30 p.m., at 2/6 per head company members, and 3/6 per head hon. members. Those who intend to be present at the dinner must send notice to the Secretary before Tuesday, October 7th. The business meeting will be held immediately after dinner.—Arthur L. Coleman, Hon. Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at Gt. Tey on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service, with address by the Rev. G. A. Grace 4.30; tea will be provided at the 'Chequers Inn,' 6d. each (non-members 1/6) to all giving me notice not later than first post Oct. 8th.—B. Ridgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Epping 'Old' Church on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells from 3.30; tea kindly provided by the Vicar. A conveyance will meet train due Epping 3.10 for those proceeding by train who advise me not later than first post Tuesday, October 7th, for both tea and conveyance.—E. Butler, Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Oct. 11th. The bells at Mytton will be also available from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Meeting at Whalley 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at Whitworth. Gents 2/6, ladies 2/3; tickets may be had from Mr. J. Grindrod, 6, Rawston Street, Whitworth, or the Branch Sec., T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, October 11th. Bells at the Parish Church available for ringing during the afternoon. Service taken by the Vicar at 4.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting after. Half fares up to 2/- allowed to members. If enough names are received, tea will be provided at a reasonable cost; names of those desiring to have tea provided for them should be sent to reach me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will take place at Wrotham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available at 3.30; a short Service at 5; tea, provided by the Rector, at 5.45; business meeting after. The Secretary hopes all ringers intending to be present will let him know not later than Monday, Oct. 6th.—Stephen Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, near Maidstone.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A bye-quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bitton, on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Cafe at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Divine Service at 6 o'clock.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Tower open from 4 till 8 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar; will members requiring tea kindly let me know not later than October 14th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Melbourne. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock.—J. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

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

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—After October 9th, the address of Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn will be "Bemerton," Cedar Road, Sutton, Surrey.

**EASTBOURNE.**—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: Pye, Robinson, Gower, Stokes, Pye, Hobbs, Daynes (conductor), Dedman. Rung for evening service on Thanksgiving Sunday, on July 6th, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles: R. Harvey 1, H. Beavis 2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3, T. Finch 4, F. Nunn 5, A. Truelove 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles by all.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples: \*J. Harris 1, E. T. Green 2, A. W. H. \*Flowers 3, E. Waters 4, H. Harris (Guild-ford) 5, A. E. Macdonald 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. Gerrard 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

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Ringling is getting back into something approaching its former stride, after the disturbance of the war period, and it is obvious from the large number of meetings that are being held in all parts of the country that the Associations are determined to lose no time in endeavouring to recover the lost ground. There are many healthy signs of the revival, not the least of which is the very considerable number of new members that are being elected in many places. The gradually increasing number of peals is also an indication of returning activity, and in this connection it is indeed gratifying to see the reappearance of names that have been long absent through the war. Altogether there seems every reason to be satisfied with the recovery so far as it has gone. There is, of course, plenty of room yet for expansion and effort, for there is still much leeway to make up.

With the coming of the shorter days in the past there was a tendency for the number of meetings rapidly to fall off, but Associations with an eye on the future will do well not to abate their efforts, but to extend their activities as much as possible. There ought to be many centres where united practices could be arranged at frequent intervals, as a valuable means of improving the standard of the methods rung, as well as the standard of striking. A correspondent last week suggested 'exchange' of belfries, and interchange of visits is certainly a step which would serve a double purpose. It would not only be an incentive to additional practice, but lead to an even stronger feeling of good fellowship between ringers than exists at present.

Despite the drawbacks of the coming season, we believe that, with a little organisation, much might be done to develop the idea of united practices among neighbouring towers and the exchange of visits. Half-days are not always necessary for carrying out arrangements on these lines; often a couple of hours in an evening will suffice, and those who are in a position to organise on these lines should not be deterred because they imagine that without a whole afternoon at their disposal the effort would not be worth the while. For the purpose of the practices it does not matter how small is the circle of towers concerned. If there are only two or three in a group much useful work can be done, and, instead of one practice a week, there can be two or more opportunities, while it is quite certain that the uniting of forces will increase the scope of the practice. A further advantage accrues if the meetings are arranged for a specific purpose; and instead of gathering on the off-chance of doing something, to have a definite intention beforehand, so that those who are to take part may come prepared. Many ringers fail to realise the importance of this 'preparation.' The man who studies out of the belfry is the man who gets on best in it.

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## TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. Treble	HENRY RUMENS ... .. 6
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 2	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 7
GEORGE GRIMWADE ... .. 3	HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 9
*ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mrs. Pye, mother of the conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WITHEYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER ... .. Treble	ROBERT C. MANLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM G. ENGLAND ... .. 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 3	FREDERICK DIMOND ... .. 7
JOHN M. SKINNER ... .. 4	JAMES CHUDLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

Rung to celebrate the return of Peace. All are local men with the exception of the ringer of the 3rd who hails from Hersham, Surrey.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Saturday, September 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

HARRY BROWNJOHN ... .. Treble	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... .. 5
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7
JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 4	JOSEPH GOULD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. Treble	ERNEST GOWER ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 6
ARTHUR GOWER ... .. 3	*EDWARD W. BRAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE MARRINER ... .. Treble	C.S.M. A. LEE, R.A.S.C. ... .. 5
JOHN HOYLE ... .. 2	ALBERT DARNELL ... .. 6
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7
JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. George Cook, an Ashted ringer, who was married on the above date, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Dean.



## DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.)

On Thursday, September 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE ... .. Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 5
THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... .. 2	EDWIN J. PANNETT ... .. 6
THOMAS G. DEAL ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 7
JOSEPH LAW ... .. 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Alice Maud Jeffries, only child of the towerkeeper (Mr. W. J. Jeffries), and Sgt. J. Higginson, R.A.S.C.

## ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. PARKER ... .. Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN ... .. 5
†TOM TEBBOTT ... .. 2	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... .. 6
CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 7
WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

\* First peal of Major. † First Surprise peal.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW ... .. Treble	DAVID BREARLEY ... .. 5
*ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM HARRISON ... .. 6
SAMUEL HARRISON ... .. 3	*GEORGE HILL ... .. 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by the REV. J. IL. PILKINGTON.

Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

\* First peal of Bob Major. This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Archie Brearley, and Florence, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin, of Seighford, near Stafford.

## DEANE, BOLTON LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## CARTER'S NO. 10.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOFF ... .. Treble	RICHARD P. HOLD ... .. 5
FRED ABBOTT ... .. 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 6
TITUS BARLOW ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
HAROLD ODDY ... .. 4	*WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal.

UPPER CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,  
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ARTHUR MASON ... .. 6
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3	*CHARLES A. GRAY ... .. 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 4	ROBERT E. RELLATT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## GROVE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*GEORGE MASKELL ... .. Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. ... .. 2	OLDER WAGHORN ... .. 6
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... .. 7
JOHN BLAKE ... .. 4	FRANK CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\* First peal. The ringer of the second hails from East Ham and is approaching his 77th birthday.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RAMMOOR,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Changes per minute 25.7.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS (Cathedral) ... Treble	HAYDN THORPE (Cathedral) 5
J. OSGATHORPE (Rammoor) 2	FRANK WARD (Cathedral) 6
J. E. L. COCKEY (Rammoor) 3	WILLIAM BIGGON (Norton) 7
JOHN THORPE (Cathedral) 4	C. HAYNES (Rammoor) ... Tenor

Composed by FRANCIS HOPWOOD.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal by the ringer of the 6th. Rung with the bells half-muffled as an affectionate tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Arthur Ward, Private, 14th York and Lancaster Regiment, and sometime member of the Rammoor company, who gave his life for his country in action at Gavrelle, July 1st, 1917. The peal was rung by a few of his colleagues, prior to the unveiling by Mrs. Nicholls, wife of the Vicar of Rammoor, of a brass tablet placed in the ringing chamber in his memory, by members of the local company.

## RAMMOOR COMMON, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS NEWNHAM ... .. Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3
ALFRED H. DOBINSON ... .. 2	EDWARD HULL ... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 7
HENRY BOXALL ... .. 4	WILLIAM LYNCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

## DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLFIELD ... .. Treble	TOM SHORT ... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2	EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 6
ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 7
HARRY HOLFIELD ... .. 4	FRANK HANKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH SALTER ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	JOHN WOODBERRY ... .. 6
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 3	JOHN SMITH ... .. 7
JOSEPH DAVIES ... .. 4	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... Tenor
	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 1

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

Rung to commemorate Peace.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen and a half Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN JAY ... .. Treble	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 6
ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 3	JOHN GOLDING ... .. 7
ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. PITSTOW.  
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**GLDOWICK, OLDHAM.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)**

*On Monday, September 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.*

AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

JAMES KNIGHT ... .. Treble	WALTER WOLSENCROFT ... .. 5
EDWIN B. SHAW ... .. 2	SAMUEL STOTT ... .. 6
ALBERT CLEGG ... .. 3	JOHN HARRISON ... .. 7
ISAAC SCHOFIELD ... .. 4	GEORGE HILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED BANKS.  
Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

The ringer of the 6th hails from Oldham Parish Church, the ringers of 5 and 7 from Ashton-under-Lyne, and the tenor from Penistone, near Sheffield.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.**

**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 20, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE LINES ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 4
GEORGE BASHFORD ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
WALTER PERKINS ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Mr. Harry Chapman, for whom the peal was arranged, belongs to Manchester; and Messrs. Clarke and Inskip to Bedford.

**NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, September 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES ANDREWS ... .. Treble	*CHARLES DOEL ... .. 4
*SIDNEY PEPLER ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal of Minor. This tower is the 50th in which the Conductor has rung a peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Friday, September 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.*

IN THE 'HAUNTED ROOM' AT THE ABBOT'S HOSPITAL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 1—2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... .. 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... .. 3—4	ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... .. 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: PHILLIP PALMER (Master of Abbot's Hospital).

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)**

*On Friday, September 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
IN THE GYMNASIUM, AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 1—2	MADRICE SMITHER ... .. 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3—4	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in hand. Witnesses—Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Hazelden and Mrs. Pulling. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Pulling on the 15th anniversary of their wedding day.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

**A 'STRIKING' TIME AT ERDINGTON.**

The last quarterly meeting for the current year of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday week at the Parish Church of Erdington, and proved most enjoyable. The tower contains a beautiful ring of eight by Taylor, tenor 15 cwt. in F, put in in 1904. In that year the services of Mr. Thos. Russell were enlisted for the teaching of a band of beginners, and it must be 'grateful and comforting' to him to see the results of his efforts to-day. Not all of the original band have 'struck' it, it's true, but some have, and it is undoubtedly due to his efforts, and to his ability as a teacher, that the church has now a regular band of Sunday service ringers, who can—and do—ring peals of Stedman without outside help. Moreover, they are more than mere ringers, they are a part of the organisation of the church, and have good friends in their Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Swindell, M.A., and the churchwardens. And they are all enthusiastic members of the St. Martin's Guild, so that they are fortunately placed in many ways!

In this age of strikes—striking appears to be a popular form of relaxation at the moment—it may be interesting to recall an incident which happened at Erdington a few years ago, when a man who knew nothing whatever about ringing paid a great compliment, quite unwittingly, to the men who were then ringing a peal.

To be precise, it was on Saturday, February 4th, 1905, eight of us were ringing a peal of Treble Bob Major under the conductorship of Mr. Bernard Witchell, and as it was only the second or third peal on the bells the local residents had not become accustomed to the bells ringing for three hours without cessation. We were rather late finishing, and towards the end a gentleman approached the men who were outside listening, and in a state of great perturbation, inquired why the machinery had not been stopped. It was explained to him that the men who were ringing would be done presently, but he would not have it. He said he could tell when men were ringing any time, but this was mechanical. They had not been able to convince him by the time the peal was finished, but when he saw the men in the flesh he at last believed. So much for good 'striking'!

The Guild's form of service was held in the church at 4.30, when the Vicar gave a helpful address, taking as his text the words in the epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians, 'Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same he shall receive of the Lord whether he be bond or free.'

Tea was partaken of in the Church House, an institution that any parish might well be proud to possess, and the tables were very tastefully arranged by the wives and sisters of the local band, who also waited on forty-four hungry people. However, the Erdington men are experienced in the matter of feeding ringers—the Guild has been entertained by them before—and there was a most imposing array of good things, which did not really seem to be much reduced, even when the tea was over. The Vicar and his churchwardens, Mr. Councillor C. J. Houlston and Mr. Fowler, were present, and they also stayed to the business meeting which followed, at which the chair was taken by Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.

Routine matters over, the Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells, for taking the service, and for gracing their proceedings with his presence. It was the first time he had had an opportunity of hearing the bells or seeing the beautiful church, and he hoped for many reasons it would not be the last. He did not know whom they had to thank for the sumptuous meal they had just enjoyed, but he expected his City Council friend, Councillor Houlston, and his Masonic friend, Mr. Fowler, knew all about that. They thanked the organist for his services, the ladies who looked after their creature comfort, Mr. Jonathan Preston for so ably arranging matters with the authorities, and the local ringers for their generous welcome.—Mr. Wm. Rock Small (who did not let a detail like a railway strike interfere with his arrangements, and who had travelled about seven or eight miles on various trams to get there) seconded the proposition in his usual hearty style. He was de-

lighted to be in the company of those he saw around him, and he hoped to be spared his health and strength for long yet, so that he might meet them on many more such occasions.

Mr. Councillor Houlston, who was elected an honorary member, responded for the Vicar and wardens, and said how delighted they were to have the members of the Guild as their guests on that occasion, and how pleased they would be to welcome them again whenever they could come.—Mr. Preston replied on behalf of the local ringers of both sexes, and spoke a timely word about those ringers who turned up without advising him—a matter in which many men are sadly remiss. Ask any secretary.

During the afternoon and evening, the bells were kept going in many methods, the range being sufficiently varied to suit every taste, and the striking throughout was most praiseworthy. Touches or courses were rung of Stedman, Double Norwich, Bob Major and Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise.

How some men later on fell to arguing which was the best touch of the day, how others discussed the easiest way home in view of the railway strike, and how they thereby greatly delayed getting a move on, are they not written in the tablets of our memories? Certainly a most enjoyable meeting.

The annual meeting will be held at headquarters in January as usual.  
A. P. S.

#### WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Harborne. The service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Lloyd, who also gave an address, was well attended. Tea was provided in the Mission Room by the Vicar and Mrs. Lloyd, between 40 and 50 members being present.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was voted to the chair. He gave a hearty welcome to the Association, and said he recognised the useful work which they were doing, and the good comradeship which existed at those meetings. He hoped at a future date to have the pleasure of having the meeting there again.

The election of officers for the branch resulted in Mr. W. H. Webb, of Halasowen, being elected Master; Mr. J. Pigott, Smethwick, re-elected representative on the Central Committee; and Mr. E. J. Dowler secretary and treasurer, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded for their past services.—Stourbridge was selected for the next quarterly meeting in January, and Harborne for the quarterly peal. Six new performing members were elected, and the Vicar as an hon. member.

It was mentioned at the meeting that the fund for the memorial window to be placed in the Cathedral at Worcester was going on satisfactorily, that the treasurer (Mr. A. D. Parsons) would be pleased to receive subscriptions as early as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Lloyd for providing such an ample repast, and also to the ladies who had assisted.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included touches in the four standard methods, and Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

#### DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM MOTTS.

##### LOSS TO IPSWICH.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, has to mourn the loss of one of its best-known and most respected members, in the person of Mr. William Motts, who passed away, after a long illness, on Monday, September 29th, at the age of 57. Mr. Motts started his ringing career at his native village of Fressingfield, Suffolk, and rang his first peal—Bob Major—in 1878. In 1883 he migrated to Ipswich, and at once joining the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, rang his first peal with them the same year. From that time onward he took part in practically all the society's performances, including the famous 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham in 1892, the Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, 1898, and the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1908. He filled the office of Master on several occasions, and on the retirement of the late Mr. W. L. Catchpole became secretary, which office he retained until his death.

He was a remarkably safe ringer of any method, but loving above all things good striking and well-struck Treble Bob was more to him than indifferent London. It was not often he spoke whilst ringing, but those who had the pleasure of ringing with him so often, well remember his occasional 'strike them.'

A most modest man, he was never-failing and punctual in his attendance at all practices and Sunday ringing, whilst his unfailing courtesy will be remembered by the many who have visited and rung at St. Mary-le-Tower. He will be greatly missed by all his brother ringers, and he leaves a place which will not easily be filled.

His peals numbered close upon 400, and, as indicated above, included several of outstanding interest.

On Wednesday, October 1st, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, followed by half-muffled touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. A half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was arranged for Saturday last, but, unfortunately, at the last moment one of the band was taken ill, and the peal had to be abandoned.

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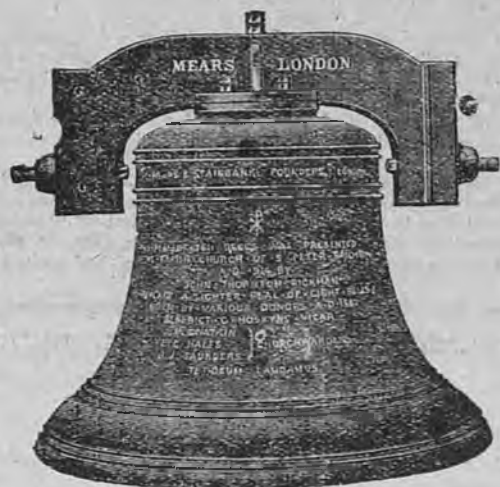


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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the railway strike it was impossible to reach St. Athan on Saturday, Sept. 27th, to hold the Llandaff Association quarterly meeting, consequently it had to be postponed until a date which will be announced later in the 'Ringing World.'

Mr. Joe Waghorn, senr., of East Ham, one of the oldest but still one of the most enthusiastic members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, has been visiting the neighbourhood of Tenterden. He scored a peal at Hawkhurst, and desires to express his thanks to the band for arranging the peal, the Salehurst ringers for meeting him at their tower, and to Mr. C. Triba for entertaining him at Tenterden.

There is little difficulty now in changing over the time, but the recent reversion from summer-time upset the ringing arrangements at Halesowen. One gentleman put his watch back on Saturday instead of Sunday, and his failure to appear with his accustomed regularity resulted, we are told, in the bells having to be chimed instead of rung.

## STRIKING IN PEALS AND TOUCHES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—There is nothing new in what Mr. York Bramble says in his letter in your issue of September 19th. The logical conclusion of his argument would be that practically all peals 'not' have been rung owing to 'trips,' are false as regards their performance, whatever their truth on paper. This fact was pointed out years ago at a meeting of the Central Council. Yet peal ringers have continued to ring peals, and probably will still do so. The claim of the early peals of the 18th century to absolute accuracy—'not one bell misplaced or out of course,' need not be accepted literally.

The fallacy in the whole argument lies in ringing being regarded as entirely the mechanical work only, instead of being looked upon as a musical production. The figures of a composition are, of course, only the means to an end, and not the end itself.

And here it should be noted that just what Mr. Bramble would hold permissible in peals—'bad striking' (classified in the letter as 'a'), would ruin the performance entirely in its musical aspect; whereas the occasional trips he calls 'bad ringing' (denoted by the latter 'b'), would in actual practice hardly be noticed in comparison.—Yours faithfully,  
G. P. BURTON.

Bracondale, Norwich.

## CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

Carlton-in-Cleveland was the rendezvous for some 70 members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association on Saturday, 20th September, when a meeting of the Association was held. Snow and Arctic conditions prevailed in the early morning, but in spite of this set-back, vehicles from Middlesbrough, Ripon, Northallerton and Middleham conveyed enthusiastic members to their destination, and early in the morning the eight bells of the Carlton Church were ringing in fine style. After dinner, the remainder of the members put in an appearance, and various touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent, Grandsire and Plain Bob were brought round.

A short and interesting service (at which the names of the members of the Association who had fallen in defence of their King and country were read) was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Pyle (president of the Association) in the afternoon.

The business meeting took place after tea, and several matters of supreme importance were discussed, and various resolutions passed.

A rousing vote of thanks was accorded to the president for his invitation to hold the meeting at Carlton, and his kindness in providing meals for the visitors. The latter was no small task, but was made light of by Mr. Kyle in his reply, delivered in his characteristic breezy manner.

The bells were kept going till a late hour, when the members dispersed, after having spent a most enjoyable time, and carrying with them keen regrets that railway difficulties preclude more frequent meetings being held. Members attended from Middlesbrough, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Stockton-on-Tees, Whitby, Ripon Cathedral, Northallerton, Middleham, Sharow, Leeds, Hartlepool (St. Oswald's and St. Aidan's), Hurworth, Skelton, and Carlton.

## LEICESTER ST. MARGARET'S GUILD OUTINGS

On Saturday, Sept. 27th, the members and friends of St. Margaret's Guild, Leicester, had their third outing of the season to Mountsorrel. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells were available, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Doubles, and Bob Minor were rung under the conductorship of Mr. Ernest Morris. Tea was arranged for, and some 25 were present. Afterwards, several tunes and a 'rise and fall' were rung on the handbells.

The party then had a ramble on the hills round about, and time proclaimed all too soon the termination of a most successful and enjoyable afternoon's outing. The previous outings were at Swithland and Newtown Linford, and all were admirably arranged by the secretary, Mr. Ernest Smith.

## THE ASSOCIATIONS AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May one who has been a member of the Council from the beginning, first as elected representative of a County Association, and for the last ten years as an honorary member 'elected and re-elected' (as Mr. W. Willson has said) without even the qualification of 'pea-piling,' offer one or two remarks upon the question so freely ventilated in your columns of late years, in view of the recent discussion by the Midland Counties Association?

It is obvious that we do not at present command the confidence of the general body of ringers. Are we then to be 'mended' or 'ended'? That lies, not with us, but with the Associations. If they all—as one speaker wished the M.C.A. to do—refuse to recognise the Council by electing representatives to it, they can effectually end it. But if they want to see it mended, it is they who must mend it. Reform seldom comes from within to any established body or institution; pressure from outside is needed. But no amount of ink-slinging in the Press, or of criticism by open enemy or 'candid friend' (such as Mr. Willson), will do the job unless the Associations take a more real interest in the Council and its doings than I regret to say they have taken in the past. 'Dry rot' has set in, says Mr. Willson. Very likely. No public body to which I have ever belonged has escaped that tendency. 'Members occupy their places too long, and become like a brick in a wall.' Of course they do, if no one cares enough about the Council and its constitution to see that plenty of new blood is introduced, and useless bricks removed. Let the Associations begin at home, with their own elected representatives, and they will be in a better position to complain of the honorary members: who after all, are only a small proportion of the whole body, and most of whom have some claim, on the ground of past service to the cause or loyal interest in its welfare, to a voice in its concerns.

I thank Mr. Willson for his admission that the Council 'has done good work in the past.' My own time for any work, good or bad, is nearly at an end; but I like to dream of a renovated Council, with the Exercise at its back, entering upon a new career of usefulness.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans, Oct. 8th.

T. L. PAPILLON.

## TRIBUTE TO A FALLEN RINGER.

## UNVEILING CEREMONY AT SHEFFIELD.

An interesting little ceremony was performed in the ringing chamber of St. John's, Rammoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, when Mrs. Nicholls, wife of the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Lee Nicholls, unveiled, in the presence of the Vicar and churchwarden (Mr. Tindall), and numerous ringers and friends, a handsome brass tablet in memory of the late Mr. Arthur Ward, of the Rammoor company, who gave his life for his country in the great war.

A well-struck half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung previous to the ceremony by some of his ringing colleagues, including his brother, Mr. Frank Ward. Another brother, Mr. Maurice Ward, was to have taken part, but was prevented from doing so by the railway strike.

The memorial, a handsome piece of brasswork executed by a relative of one of the band, was veiled by a Union Jack.

The proceedings were opened with appropriate prayers by the Vicar who then briefly referred to the object of the gathering, to the loss sustained by the company in the death of Mr. Ward, who was held in much esteem, and who gave great promise as a ringer. He then called on Mrs. Nicholls to unveil the tablet, which she did, reading the inscription as below:—

'To the Glory of God, and in affectionate memory of Arthur Ward, private, 14th York and Lancaster Regt., killed in action at Arras (Gavrelle), July 1st, 1917, aged 24 years. Erected by fellow-bell-ringers of St. John's, Rammoor.'

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Nicholls, who had performed the ceremony at the unanimous request of the local company, Mr. Cockey referred to the fortunate position in which the band were placed in having the interest and co-operation of the Vicar, and Mrs. Nicholls and the churchwardens, and at the pleasure it gave them to have Mr. Lee Nicholls among them as a practical ringer, and at the progress he was making in the art.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the ringing visitors for their assistance, and to all those present for their interest, the Vicar referred to the pleasure that it gave his wife and himself to co-operate with the ringers, to his keen interest in the art, to the high place which the Rammoor ringers had always held among the Exercise, to the great difficulties with which they had had to contend during the war, and to his belief in their ability to regain their old standard. He concluded by asking those present to stand in silent prayer in memory of two fallen in the war.

After the ceremony, the bells were again rung half-muffled, and some good touches of Double Norwich, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round, in which the Vicar and members of the Cathedral, Rammoor, Norton and St. Marie's (R.C.) towers took part.

Thanks are due to Messrs. O. Haynes and J. Osgathorpe for making all the arrangements in connection with the memorial.

## NEW GLAMORGANSHIRE BELLS.

## A NONCONFORMIST'S GIFT.

The Glamorganshire village of St. Athan now possesses a delightful light ring of six bells, and a new church clock, for which it is indebted to Alderman William Roberts, a native of the parish, and Lord Mayor of Cardiff, 1917-18. There are two new bells, and the old four have been recast. These and the clock have been given as a thankoffering for peace, and in memory of Ald. Roberts' year of office as Lord Mayor of Cardiff. The dedication took place on Sept. 26th, Bishop Crossley officiating. The service coincided with the harvest festival, and was attended by a crowded congregation. It opened with a processional hymn, 'Hail Thee, Festival Day,' which has special reference to the bells. During the singing of Psalm 84, the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens and Ald. Roberts proceeded to the tower for the office of Dedication, the bells being chimed when this was concluded, the procession returning to the chancel while the 150th Psalm was sung.

Bishop Crossley, in his address, said in Wales bells ought to find a natural home, because the Celtic people were all great lovers of them. The oldest ecclesiastical bells in the world were in Ireland. One of the most remarkable products of the war was the appearance in the columns of a periodical which was most widely read in England of a letter written by a gentleman, now in Parliament, from whom one would never have expected it. The writer advocated the universal ringing of the Angelus in all churches. But it was not taken up. Influential as the gentleman was, his suggestion was not acted upon.

The Bishop spoke of the generosity of the donor (Alderman William Roberts), who had, he said, elected to commemorate his mayoralty of Cardiff by enriching the place where he learnt his first lessons in work and in citizenship.

## A CRUEL ENACTMENT.

The old Church (the Bishop went on) had been cut and wounded to the quick by the tearing away from it of those spots most precious to its memory and its life—the churchyards. 'Had we been of the Mohammedan faith, or had we been even Eastern Christians, the British Government would never have dared to enter upon this cruel enactment.' General Allenby, whose return all England welcomed, was at marked pains to proclaim that all sacred places, with their endowments, should be preserved for ever inviolate for the Mohammedan and for the Christian. 'But, you see, we are not Mohammedans, with their millions behind them,' said Bishop Crossley. 'We are only the remnant of the earliest Christianity in Britain, and so this cruel legislation has been passed by a Parliament all in a hurry for its holiday. And now it is at such a moment that this healing, kindly, generous act is done to the stricken Church by a Nonconformist. Technically, he is not of our communion, but he is wholeheartedly with us. No son of John Wesley is ever far from the old Mother Church of the great evangelist, nor is that Church ever far from him in the great object named after him.'

Bishop Crossley also performed the ceremony of re-opening the ancient hagioscope (a west-end entrance to the church).

During the service a musical programme was rendered by Messrs. Dan Evans, D. Hopkins, T. Hibbert, and G. Griffiths, and later tea was provided in the Church Hall.

A brass tablet placed in the church reads:—

'This tablet, placed here by the parishioners, commemorates the casting of the four old bells. Also the gift of two new bells, the restoration of the tower, and the gift of a clock by Alderman William Roberts, J.P., Lord Mayor of Cardiff, 1917-1918, a native of this parish.'

The ringing was arranged by the hon. secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, and carried out by the following: S. Daws and W. Biss, of Llandaff Cathedral; N. Bolton and F. Viles, St. John's Cardiff; J. Bailey, Whitchurch; J. W. Jones, Newport. Doubles and Minor were rung, interspersed with 'firing.'

The bell work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, the tone and 'go' leaving nothing to be desired, and being pronounced by all present as excellent. The bells hang in one of the firm's latest type of iron frame, with fittings of the most modern pattern.

Mr. Robert Warner represented the founders at the ceremony.

## COUNTY RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You asked the question a few weeks ago who held the record for having rung in the greatest number of towers in one county. I think I can claim the honour for Northamptonshire. As far as I can find out there are 182 towers with peals of five and upwards in the county, viz., one peal of ten, 19 peals of eight, 57 peals of six, and 105 peals of five. I have rung on the peal of ten, all the peals of eight—47 peals of six—and 73 peals of five; total 140. The length of Northants, from south-west to north-east, is about 70 miles.—Yours faithfully,

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Michaelmas meeting of the S. and W. District of the above Association was held at Staines, on Saturday week, when the peals of eight bells at the Parish Church of St. Mary and the new riverside Church of St. Peter were most kindly offered to the members for the afternoon and evening. A number of elderly hands, and some of the district officers were unable to be present owing to the serious strike of railway men all over the country, the trains having ceased to run from the previous midnight. Now we have the 'Labour world' revolutionising the power of steam, just at a time when England proposes to honour the inventor of the steam engine, James Watt, which in its day revolutionised the industrial world, by celebrating the centenary of his death in 1819.

Thanks to the ever-ready 'push cycle' and one of those golden days of autumn which cheer one up in this time of anxiety, 28 members representing 12 towers, and friends attended, and the standard plain methods, with Double Norwich thrown in, were rung to various touches at both towers. Proceedings began at St. Mary's at three o'clock and ended with a 'fall in peal' at 5.

Tea was bountifully provided at St. Peter's Hall, Mr. Churchwarden Sparks and Miss Sparks having generously 'put it on,' in the absence of the Vicar, who was away on holiday, at very short notice, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths (caretakers), who had arranged the tables, and a happy gathering made a long evening over the teacups till nearly seven p.m.

For a Middlesex gathering it was rather strange not to see several well-known faces round the tables, the Master Mr. T. Beadle; the hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Oram, and Messrs. W. Lawrence, J. J. Pratt, C. Edwards, and others, but no doubt these gentlemen will make up for their unwilling omission at the next merry meeting. However, those present carried on manfully with the aid of mere woman in the unavoidable absence of clergy and officials, and tea and touches went smoothly along, like the proverbial Flying Dutchman. Mr. W. H. Fussell was invited to accept the temporary office of chairman, Master, and secretary, and a resume of the business that followed tea and the cigarettes shows that he was kept fairly busy. The minute book not being available, members were asked to raise objections to those minutes entered at the Association's last meeting, held at Twickenham in the spring, but golden silence gave consent, and they were accepted as read, and approved.

The place of the next meeting was proposed to be held at Harlington, Sunbury or Hillingdon, in the order named for preference, on Saturday, October 25th, subject, of course, to local circumstances, and this was carried by 19 votes to six.

'Any other business' brought out Mr. H. R. Stevens, of Chertsey, and his bonnie daughters, Nellie and Lilly, who were enrolled members, with acclamation. Also Messrs. A. J. Hiscox, C. F. Pannell, J. Rowe, E. V. Harrison and W. E. Butler, all of St. Peter's tower, were elected, the latter an 'old hand,' who had been allowed somehow to leave the 'fold' for a few years.

A vote of thanks to the respective clergy and their tower keepers, to Mr. Sparks and his daughters, was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and seconded by Miss Nora Williams, on behalf of the ladies, and endorsed by all present, who also made a suitable little present to the hall keeper for his willing assistance.

St. Peter's belfry was then visited, and method, as well as non-method, ringing indulged in till 9 o'clock. To repeat a remark of the chairman's, the ringers were visiting Staines for the special purpose of 'striking' their bells in spite of the railway strike.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

## MEETING AT BRISTOL.

A meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday week. Members were present from the following towers in the district: St. Matthew's, St. Michael's and St. Philip's, Bristol; Clapton-in-Gordano, Paulton, Portishead, and Tickenham, and also a lady visitor from Smethwick. Ringing on the ten bells commenced at 3 o'clock, and a short service, conducted by the Vicar, was held in the church at 4 o'clock, followed by tea at the Cadena Cafe, after which the ladies conducted a business meeting in the belfry.

The resignation of Miss Gillingham as secretary of the Western District was received with much regret, and Miss Smith was appointed to take her place. The following ladies were appointed as members of the 'committee of four': Mrs. Wilkins, Bristol; Mrs. Knight, Clapton; Miss Melhuish, Paulton; and Miss Gillingham, Portishead. Miss Smith and Mrs. Staley were also chosen to represent the district on the General Committee of the Guild.

It was suggested that the next quarterly meeting should take place on the first Saturday in December, the place to be announced later. The meeting closed after expressing thanks to the Vicar and steeple-keeper and ringers of St. Stephen's for the use of the bells. Ringing was then again enjoyed for a short time.

## NOTICES.

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**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Crowle to-morrow, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; tea at 5, business meeting following.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing to commence at 3; tea at 5, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Babington); ringing after tea from 6.30 till 8.30.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Owing to present conditions it has been found necessary to cancel the meeting at Faversham on Saturday, Oct. 11, announced in a previous issue.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec., Elstead Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Oct. 18. Bells available 4 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at Gt. Tey on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service, with address by the Rev. G. A. Grace 4.30; tea will be provided at the 'Chequers Inn,'—B. Ridgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Epping 'Old' Church on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells from 3.30; tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—E. Butler, Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Oct. 11th. The bells at Mytton will be also available from 3 o'clock till 5.30. Meeting at Whalley 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at Whitworth. Gents 2/6, ladies 2/3; tickets may be had from Mr. J. Grindrod, 6, Rawston Street, Whitworth, or the Branch Sec., T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will take place at Wrotham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available at 3.30; a short Service at 5; tea, provided by the Rector, at 5.45; business meeting after.—Stephen Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, near Maidstone.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A bye-quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bitton, on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Cafe at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Divine Service at 6 o'clock.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Oct. 16th and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 12th (Sunday, 10 a.m.) and 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2 o'clock. We hope for a better meeting than the last or the Guild might as well 'strike'.—H. Balcombe, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; tea (1/- per head) and meeting 5.30. Please notify me by Oct. 15th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3.30: tea at 'The Nag's Head' at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Will all requiring tea please advise me by Oct. 15th? After the meeting both St. Mary's and St. Saviour's bells will be available until 9 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; committee meeting 4.15; Service at 5. Tea can be arranged at a reasonable charge only for those who notify me not later than Oct. 14th. Business meeting after tea.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Tower open from 4 till 8 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar; will members requiring tea kindly let me know not later than October 14th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION & LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting at Liverpool will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service at St. Peter's Church 4 p.m.; tea 5 p.m., anyone requiring tea kindly write Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place,

Garston, Liverpool, by Oct. 15th. Meeting 6 p.m.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and J. H. Banks, 462, Helmsore Road, Helmsore, Hon. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Crayford, on Saturday, Oct. 25. Tower open at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Melbourne. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock.—J. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The tower of St. Mary, Islington, is open for practice on Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. till 9.15 p.m.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec.

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

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### WEDDING BELLS.

The peal at Deptford, on Sept. 18th, was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Alice Maud Jeffries, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jeffries, of Lee, Kent, to Sergeant John Higginson, of Knightley, Staffordshire. At the outbreak of the war the bridegroom was in the Royal Horse Artillery, and was very severely wounded at the retreat from Mons.

This peal was specially arranged, as the bride's father is the respected tower keeper of St. John's, Deptford, which position he has held for many years. His old friends, Messrs. Jos. Law and Thos. G. Deal, whose ages are 77 and 71 years respectively, were specially invited to stand in the peal, and despite their advancing years rang well.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Sept. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Cooke 1, A. Laurence 2, H. Good 3, G. H. Stonestreet 4, W. J. Wolfe 5, H. Harrington 6, W. Stead (conductor) 7, G. Edwards 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of Mrs. Baskerville, wife of Canon Baskerville, who was for nearly 20 years Vicar of the parish.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. Flabell 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. Atterbury 3, S. J. Lawrence 4, F. B. Stedman 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, W. Farey, senr., 8. Arranged for Mr. F. B. Stedman, who comes from Swansea, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Flavell.

**FEN DITTON.**—St. Mary's Society, on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, rang on handbells 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, the first in the method by all except the conductor: E. Cracknell 1, T. Ward 2, H. Wishbeach 3, A. Palmer 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5, H. Newman 6.

**SHIPLAKE, OXON.**—On Sept. 18th, at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., 14 rings of Henley and Shiplake towers: G. White 1, W. Appleby 2, R. Bushnell 3, O. W. Porter 4, H. Hatto 5, E. Nash 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, J. Hiscock 8.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Sept. 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, A. Woodrow 2, W. A. Woodrow 3, J. Loveridge 4, G. Miles (Kensington) 5, J. Hessey (Chertsey) 6, F. J. Shepherd (conductor) 7, H. Battey 8.

**SWANSCOMBE, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, Sept. 21st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 52 mins.: J. Avis 1, W. Harper 2, F. Hayes 3, Miss E. M. Goodship 4, G. Ambrose 5, W. Lane 6, G. Hayes 7, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 8.

**BENHILTON, SURREY.**—On Sunday evening, Sept. 21st, for evening song, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at All Saints' Church: E. Walker 1, L. Ferridge 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, F. Ford 4, R. Brough 5, R. Lathbury 6, G. Rayner 7, H. Hall 8.

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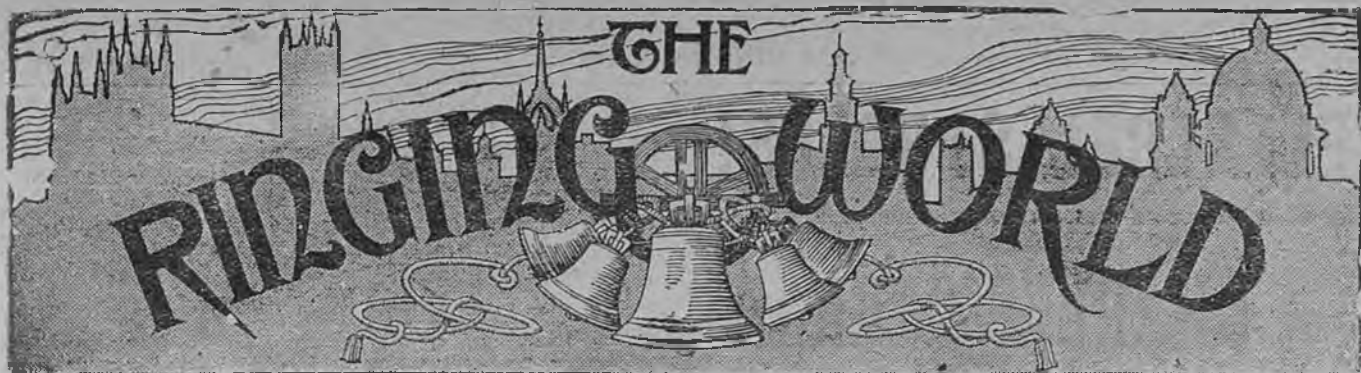
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### TOLERATION IN THE BELFRY.

A question not without interest and importance is raised by a correspondent, who appeals for more tolerance in the belfry among competent ringers when dealing with novices or strangers. He complains that some ringers have no patience with beginners or with others who, finding themselves in difficulties when handling a strange bell, do not perform as well as they were expected to. Most members of the Exercise have come across the type of intolerant person referred to at some time or other, and there can be no doubt that the attitude they take up is, to say the least, discouraging to those less accomplished than themselves.

Happily they are of a kind not very numerous among ringers, but their influence, as our correspondent points out, is the reverse of beneficial. It may be that their temperament is not suited to the exercise of patience, but more often their action, in refusing to take further part in ringing when things do not please them, is due to selfishness. They forget that they themselves had to learn, and that probably other ringers had to exercise for them the tolerance which they refuse other people. With all their good points, they are not such useful men to a company as the man who is at pains to instruct beginners, to encourage with a word of advice or cheer the ringer who finds it difficult to acquire the practical side of ringing, and who, when things go wrong, is the first to suggest another attempt. Nothing encourages a novice so much as success, and success can only be achieved by persistent effort. This effort must be made primarily, of course, by the beginner himself, but it must also be shared by those with whom he practises. It may be trying, sometimes, to the accomplished ringer to have to put up with the indifferent progress of a novice, but it should be borne in mind that there are some who do not learn as quickly as others, and that all have not the same capacity. Patience and forbearance in the belfry is, therefore, essential.

What we need to do is to stimulate, and not quench, early enthusiasm, and a man who shows no tolerance for those less competent than himself is doing the Exercise a great disservice. On the other hand, it is a kindness to a man sometimes to hint to him in a friendly manner that he is attempting something beyond his capabilities. At the same time, it is unfair to beginners, and it is extremely discourteous to strangers, not to bear with the difficulties they encounter. If a teacher in a school put on his hat and left the class because one of the pupils failed to come up to some standard which the teacher had set, what would become of education? Similarly, every man who is intolerant in the belfry is doing his best to wreck the fabric of the Exercise.

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STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.  
On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5129 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD ... ..	Treble	HARRY SMITH ... ..	6
WILLIAM HALE ... ..	2	ALFRED WAITE ... ..	7
WILLIAM IRELAND ... ..	3	ARTHUR WAITE ... ..	8
ALBERT WRIGHT ... ..	4	FRANK COLE ... ..	9
HUBERT SCRIVENS ... ..	5	JAMES SINGLETON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.  
Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DISS, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Monday, September 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... ..	Treble	HENRY STALHAM ... ..	5
JOHN A. GODFREY ... ..	2	CLEMENT J. MOORE ... ..	6
WILLIAM IRELAND ... ..	3	ERNEST F. POPPY ... ..	7
ARTHUR W. LEEDER ... ..	4	JOHN SOUTER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.  
Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

\* First peal in the method. Mr. Stalham was elected a member in the tower, previous to starting for the peal. The ringers of 1 and 2 are from Fakenham, 3, 4 and 8 belong to the local company, 5 to Shoreham, 6 to Palgrave, and 7 to Eye.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, September 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WELHAM ... ..	Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... ..	5
WILLIAM IRELAND ... ..	2	LEONARD E. LAST ... ..	6
WILLIAM E. BASON ... ..	3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... ..	7
WILLIAM SOUTER ... ..	4	JOHN SOUTER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.  
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Friday, September 19, 1919, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Peter,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN A. GODFREY ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM C. WISKINS ... ..	5
GEORGE ARCHER ... ..	2	HENRY STALHAM ... ..	6
CHARLES MILLS ... ..	3	WILLIAM E. BASON ... ..	7
JOHN SOUTER ... ..	4	CLEMENT J. MOORE ... ..	Tenor

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On Tuesday, September 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANCIS S. WILSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 5
CHARLES MILLS ... .. 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 6
THOMAS FORD ... .. 3	HARRY CATTERMOLE ... .. 7
CLEMENT J. MOORE ... .. 4	JOHN SOUTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung as a welcome to Mr. F. S. Wilson (late of Tewkesbury) into the County of Norfolk. This was his 38th peal, but the first in a Major method. He was previously elected a member of this Association.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 2	ROBERT MCCANN ... .. 6
ALFRED R. ELKINS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 4	RICHARD POWELL ... .. Tenor

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On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Treble	* DANIEL JONES ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 2	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 6
BERT HORTON ... .. 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the Harvest Festival, which took place on the 25th and 28th September.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5
RICHARD LANGFORD ... .. 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 4	* ALBERT ASTBURY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal by J. Brassington and J. H. Riding since they were demobilised.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GILBERT HARDING ... .. Treble	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK C. RICH ... .. 2	RICHARD J. COUSINS ... .. 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
* CHARLES ANDREWS ... .. 4	THOMAS F. KING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

\* First peal on eight bells and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. The quickest peal on the bells.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE ... .. Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 6
WALTER J. HORTON ... .. 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 7
THOMAS J. CHAPMAN ... .. 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. MATTERSLEY.

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

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FROME, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 36 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESSCOTT ... Treble	CHARLES J. DOEL ... .. 5
GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 2	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 6
WALTER BISHOP ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
THOMAS F. KING ... .. 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESSCOTT.

The ring of the 5th was elected a member of the Guild before starting. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19 cwt.

* MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. Treble	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 5
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	WILLIAM SABAN ... .. 6
EDWARD H. KING ... .. 3	GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 7
* FREDERICK SABAN ... .. 4	THOMAS MILES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE RADLEY.

\* First peal. First in method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Walker (Vicar), who is leaving the parish.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. HOWSON ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6
JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 7
CHARLES S. TUTHILL ... .. 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER.

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This peal was arranged and rung to oblige Francis W. Naunton and Norman R. Bailey, who hail from Wrentham and Leiston, Suffolk, respectively.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5
* ALFRED KERBLE ... .. 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SMITH ... .. Treble	JOHN BASS ... .. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
JOHN WITHERS ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR HAGUE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WARBURTON ... .. 5
MISS W. M. HAGUE ... .. 2	ALFRED T. BAKER ... .. 6
COLIN RYDER ... .. 3	FRED WATKINSON ... .. 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 4	EDGAR GARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of 30 soldiers from the village who have given their lives for their country in the Great War 1914-1918.

TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, October 5, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.	
ARTHUR PARSONS ... .. Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 2	H. CHARLES BOND ... .. 6
SIDNEY HICKS ... .. 3	FRANK COLE ... .. 7
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 4	ROBERT SHARP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

SIX BELL PEAL.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

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

\*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal 'in hand' by these ringers for 5 years. \* Ex-Service men.

DEANE, BOLTON.—On Saturday, Sept. 20th, in 21 mins., at the Church of St. Mary Deane, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Lucy Griffiths 1 G. Pownall 2, J. Orme 3, J. Leatherbarrow 4, Titus Barlow 5, Miss Bessie Thompson 6. First 720 for treble and tenor. Conducted by Joseph Leatherbarrow. All the band, except Titus Barlow, hail from Newchurch, near Warrington.

ST. MAURICE'S BELLS, WINCHESTER.

DEDICATION OF RESTORED PEAL AND WAR MEMORIAL.

On October 2nd, the Archdeacon of Winchester dedicated a new treble bell at St. Maurice's Church to the glory of God and in memory of Douglas Alexander, the eldest son of Mr. R. Alexander, churchwarden, who was killed in Egypt. During the service, an oak mural memorial to the men of the parish, who died during the war, was also dedicated. It consists of three panels suitably framed, with a carved canopied top, and is made of oak, taken out of the old bell frame, and carved by Messrs. Thomas, of Winchester.

For many years past the old peal of five had been in an unringable condition, while the old treble cast in 1639 was much too light. This has now been recast, and the old lettering has been most accurately reproduced. The four back bells have had the cannons removed, and all have been rehung in a steel frame, with new fittings. The other dates are: 3rd, 1380; 4th, 1605; 5th, 1420; tenor, 1610. The weights of the peal are:—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble ...	2	3	27
2	3	1	0
3	3	1	14
4	4	2	21
5	6	1	20
Tenor ...	7	3	0

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be warmly congratulated on the result of their admirable restoration, the 'go' and the splice are both excellent, and the Cathedral city is hereby enriched by this addition of a most handy and musical light ring of six.

The church was filled, members of the Corporation attending in their robes. The Rector, the Rev. W. E. Colchester, who is hon. treasurer of the Winchester Guild, conducted the service, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Diocesan Guild, read the proper lesson. At the conclusion of the service, various touches were rung, including the first 720 Plain Bob Minor on the bells, which was conducted by the Rector in 27½ minutes, from the 5th, the others standing as follows: E. Lampard 1, W. Lampard 2, Cyril Johnston (Croydon) 3, W. Andrews (captain of the Cathedral band) 4, C. Russell (captain of the tower) 6. This was the first 720 ever conducted by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, and we wonder whether he has thus created a record; i.e., an incumbent calling the first longest extent on six bells for the first time on the day of their dedication?

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT STAVELEY.

For the first time since the commencement of the war the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society met at Staveley on the 4th inst., and in spite of the railway trouble was entirely successful, the fine and typical autumn afternoon making the few miles' walk a pleasure, the return 'half' being equally agreeable, owing to 'Bright Phoeb's' silvery light. Although this meeting was arranged months ago it would be difficult to find a more suitable place at which to hold a meeting without the trains, Staveley being well placed in the centre of a number of towers where all the ringers are loyal members of the society. About fifty attended from Bawbastro, Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Eekington, Killamarsh, Mansfield, Norton, North Wingfield, Rawmarsh, Staveley, Sheffield Cathedral, Sheffield All Saints' and Worksop.

The bells, which are one of Taylor's modern rings, were rung for an hour before the members attended service, a shortened form of evensong being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Molyneux), who addressed the ringers from the words: 'I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord,' Ps. cxlii. 1. Tea was laid in the Rectory barn, where the ringers were augmented by a number of ladies. The sight of the tables was pleasant after the walking or cycling earlier on. What would have happened if rationing had not been imposed during the week can only be conjectured. The Staveley men had been afraid they would not get enough for their visitors to eat, and it was evident that 'Palmer had been on the prowl,' and had had some hefty assistants.

A short meeting followed in an adjoining room, Canon Molyneux presiding. In spite of his 75 years he is full of life, and he is well stored with anecdotes.

Three new members were elected, and a useful discussion upon a suggestion to add two new trebles, which would make the bells into a handy ring of ten, was held. More ringing followed, including Double Norwich, Superlative, Norfolk, London and Cambridge Surprise, as well as the more familiar methods, the whole time at the disposal of the ringers being usefully occupied, and making it a real live meeting.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SALOP.—On Tuesday, Sept. 30th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. P. Trevor and Miss Leach, 840 Plain Bob Doubles, in 35 mins.: A. White 1, W. Clay 2, W. Lycaut 3, A. Shotton 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, H. Edwards 6. This was the longest touch for all the band with the exception of the conductor. It was also the longest touch on the bells by a local band.

**ERDINGTON TOWERKEEPER'S DEATH.**

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Bicknell, towerkeeper, of Erdington Parish Church, Birmingham, and a member of St. Martin's Guild, whose death took place on Sunday, October 5th, at his home, 43, New Street, Erdington, after a long and patiently borne illness, at the early age of 31 years.

The funeral took place at Erdington Parish Church on October 8th the remains being interred in the family grave. The Rev. S. R. Gibson, curate, officiated, and as the procession entered the church the organist (Mr. H. E. Platt) played 'O Rest in the Lord,' and at the close of the first portion of the service played a funeral march. The portion of the service at the graveside was very impressive, when four of the deceased's oldest comrades, Messrs. G. F. Garrison, G. F. Swann, W. J. Meers and J. Preston, rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave. The ringers of Erdington and Boldmere Parish Churches acted as bearers, and the wreaths were numerous and beautiful from various relatives and friends, including a magnificent bell from the ringers with the following inscription: 'In loving memory of Thomas H. Bicknell, bell ringer and towerkeeper of this church, from the ringers of the Erdington Parish Church Society. Our last gift.' As the cortege left the church, the 'whole pull and stand' recording the age of the deceased, was rung, followed by 168 Grandsire Triples. After a short wait a full peal of Grandsire Triples, recorded elsewhere, was rung.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.**

The autumn meeting was held at Wombourne on Saturday week, and, being favoured with beautiful weather, a good number of members and friends attended. A short service was held in church. After giving his hearers a warm welcome, the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Langley, M.A.) delivered a helpful address. Tea was served in the Church Institute.

The next meeting, which will be held at Wood Green, is fixed to take place on January 10th. The monthly practices are at Willenhall, November 1st, and Wednesday, December 6th.

On account of the high cost of printing, it was agreed to wait until the next meeting to decide whether the annual report should be printed or not.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address, the use of the church, bells, etc., to the organist for his kindly help, and to the ladies who catered for the tea.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****MEETING AT PETWORTH.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Petworth on Saturday last. Although being a long way from most ringing towers a good number attended from Brighton, Shoreham, Lyminster, Heene, Pulborough, Slinfold, Chiddingfold and Billingshurst, members of the local band, and Mr. R. Whittington, of Croydon. Some very good touches (considering the state of the bells) were brought round, Kent and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples being rung. A company of 18 sat down to a tea catered for by Mr. Knight, a member of the local band.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Whittington was voted to the chair. Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. A. J. Bartlett, of Chiddingfold, as a life member, and Mr. Foest, Billingshurst.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting of the branch at Chichester, if convenient.

Mr. Whittington invited any member or members who cared to do so to visit Croydon, when Mr. Johnston would give them a hearty welcome and show them over the bell foundry. He was sure they would see much to interest them, and they would always find a good peal of bells at St. Peter's to ring on.

Mr. Doick, on behalf of the members, thanked Mr. Lanaway, captain of the local band, for getting the bells ready and for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting, and asked that gentleman to convey the thanks of the members to the Rector for granting the use of the bells.—Mr. Lanaway, in responding, said the Rector had been looking forward to the meeting, but he was sorry to say he had been taken ill at the last moment. On behalf of the Rector and the local band he welcomed the Association to Petworth.—The belfry was again visited in the evening, and after several more touches, the bells were lowered in peal.

**GOOD PERFORMANCE AT CHERTSEY.**

On Sunday evening last a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church in 48 mins.: Miss N. Stevens 1, A. Bush 2, J. Crocker 3, Miss L. Stevens 4, H. R. Stevens 5, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 6, A. E. Gray 7, A. Hutt 8. This was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of 1 and 8, the first attempt by Miss N. Stevens; also by Miss L. Stevens on an inside bell. All are members of the local band, and are Sunday service ringers.

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**THE LEADING BELLFOUNDERS**

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## ESTIMATES SUBMITTED

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### BELFRY GOSSIP.

The London County Association resumed its fortnightly Monday practice at St. Clement Danes on Monday, October 6th last, after a lapse of nearly eight years. The 'go' and tone of the bells were much appreciated by the large number of ringers who attended. The L.C.A., then the St. James' Society, first went to St. Clement's in 1839, having been established 15 years before at St. James', Clerkenwell.

After a lapse of several years, it is interesting to note that another 'family' peal has been rung by the famous brothers Bailey, of Leiston. Five of them have just accomplished a peal of Bob Royal 'in hand,' three of their number having recently been demobilised.

In the Cheshire tour, the 4th in the peal at Eccleston was rung by William J. Sevard, and the 5th by Arthur G. Mason, instead of the ringers mentioned in the report.

The four old bells at Seaton Church, Devon, have been taken down by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford. They are to have two trebles added, and to be rebung as a peal of six. One of the old bells was found to be cracked, and this is to be recast.

The College Youths annual dinner is to be revived this year, and will take place on November 22nd.

The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich, on Thursday, was extremely successful. The new Dean of Norwich was elected President of the Association, and the new title of the Association will be 'The Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association of Change Ringers.' A full report of the proceedings will be given in our next issue.

### A PLEA FOR TOLERATION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In some of your leading articles of recent dates you have been dealing very efficiently indeed with the question of propaganda, combined practices and exchange of belfries, etc., with a view to attracting and encouraging recruits, also to stimulate interest, and to encourage ringers to fraternise more freely, to their mutual advantage both for progress and for fellowship. I am sure every reader will agree that the suggestions put forward in those articles have been excellent, and if acted upon, could not fail to bring about very beneficial results, but I would like to point out and emphasise very strongly that there is a real danger of these results being lost through lack of patience and toleration on the part of older and experienced ringers towards novices, and sometimes towards strangers who, being on strange ropes, are perhaps not at their best. I am speaking after 24 years' ringing experience in several parts of the country, under four different Associations, and to my mind there is not a more sorry spectacle, or one more calculated to damp the keenness of a novice, or so completely spoil the whole atmosphere of a ringing chamber, than to see an experienced ringer so lose his patience as to set his bell, put on his coat and refuse to ring further, and in some cases walk out of the tower. It does incalculable mischief, and I have instances in mind where young and promising ringers have thrown it up, and even proficient ringers have given up because of the lack of harmony and good feeling which means so much, and which every ringer ought to set himself to cultivate.

You rightly say in the current issue that 'Ringing is getting back to something approaching its former stride,' and it will do so if your splendid suggestions are acted upon, and the danger I have pointed out be averted.—Yours faithfully,

Newton House, Gloucester.

A. ALLAN BENNETT.

### THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL. STRIKE CAUSES POSTPONEMENT.

On Saturday week the railway strike prevented the presentation at Birmingham of the testimonial to the Editor of the 'Ringing World.' The presentation was to have taken place at a smoking concert, but the strike prevented Mr. J. S. Goldsmith getting to the Midland way. It was too late, however, to postpone the gathering, and a party of about 75 spent a most enjoyable evening at St. Martin's Hotel, under the genial chairmanship of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. Mr. A. Padden Smith had arranged a very delightful programme, and except for the disappointment felt at the unavoidable absence of Mr. Goldsmith, the proceedings passed off most happily. Speeches were made by the chairman and Mr. James George (who has so ably organised the testimonial), and it was unanimously resolved to postpone the actual presentation to a later date.

The musical programme was contributed to by St. Martin's Quartette, whose glees and part-songs were rendered in perfect style; Mr. P. Barr, whose songs were warmly applauded, and Mr. Harry Withers, without whom and whose dulcimer, no Birmingham ringers' gathering would be complete. In addition to his inimitable selection, he tapped courses of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich. A perfect course of Stedman Cinques was rung in hand by Messrs. J. E. Groves, P. Laffin, A. Walker, T. Russam, G. F. Swann and J. George. The evening was a great success.

## ST. NEOTS' WAR MEMORIAL. DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have just completed the restoration of the peal of eight bells at St. Neots, Hunts, by recasting the whole ring with added metal and rehanging them in the latest type of fittings. The work has been carried out as a local war memorial, and the bells, with a new clock, and four memorial tablets were dedicated a few days ago by the Bishop of Ely. The service was a most impressive one, and the singing was led by the choir, augmented for the occasion by members of the Wesleyan and Congregational choirs. The formal dedication of the bells was followed by muffled ringing, for which the local company manned the ropes, and the Bishop preached a thoughtful sermon from Hebrews xi. 13: 'These all died in faith.'

A handsomely carved tablet records the fact that 'the bells of this church were recast and relung to the Glory of God and in grateful remembrance of the St. Neots' men who laid down their lives for God and country in the Great War, 1914-1918.' The names of 73 officers and men who made the great sacrifice follow. Another tablet records that one bell was restored in memory of Richard C. Meade, Priest, D.D., R.D., Vicar of St. Neots, 1875-1902; another is erected by the 1st Highland Brigade Royal Field Artillery, 225th Brigade, R.F.A., 51st (Highland) Division, in memory of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the regiment who fell in France and Flanders in the Great War, 1915-16-17-18, and who worshipped in the church from August, 1914, to April, 1915. The remaining tablet records that the clock was given by William Wheadon Seward, in memory of his wife, and of their only son, Norman William Seward, Royal Air Force, who laid down his life for his country at Salonika, 10th August, 1918.

The ring of eight bells was cast originally by Joseph Eayre, at St. Neots in 1753, at a foundry situated in the Priory. The bells were of poor quality, and much out of tune, and through course of time the fittings and frame had become much dilapidated. As stated above they have now been restored as a war memorial, the iron frame being supported on strong steel girders. Tuned upon the latest principles, the bells are now a magnificent ring, while in other respects they also worthily uphold the reputation of the Loughborough foundry. The weights and notes are as follow:—

	ft. in.	cwt. qr. lb.	
Treble ..	2 54	5 1 1	Du
2 ..	2 54	5 1 19	C
3 ..	2 97	7 0 18	Bb
4 ..	3 16	9 2 20	Ah
5 ..	3 54	13 1 12	Gb
6 ..	3 84	15 2 33	F
7 ..	4 1	21 0 5	Eb
Tenor ..	4 7	29 2 13	Db
Total weight ..		107 0 17	

Old peal tenor 4ft. 6in. diameter, weight 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.: total weight of old eight 102 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.

The inscriptions with the translations are as under:—

Treble. GRATA SIT ARGUTA RESONANS CAMPANULA VOCE.  
(Pleasing be the bell that sounds with treble note).

2nd. WAS WROTE ON THE OLD SECOND JOHANNES EST NOMEN MEUM.  
(Was wrote on the old second John is my name).

3rd. I.H.S. NAZARENUS REX JUDEARUM FILI DEI MISEREERE MEI.  
(Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, Son of God, having mercy upon me).

4th. OUM EGO VOCEN, MORTALES MENTEM ATTOLANT DEO.  
(When I my voice shall raise, let mortals lift their mind to God).

5th. UT NOS SIC HOMINES INTER SE CONUENIENT.  
(As we so may men be at harmony among themselves).

'Recast 1919, Taylor, Loughborough,' appears on each of the above.

6th. OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI.  
(Let all things be done to the glory of God).

Thomas Hodgson, Vicar and Archdeacon of Huntingdon. Alfred Jordan, Fred H. Fisher, Churchwardens. Bells No. 1 to No. 7 were cast by J. Eayre 1753, and recast by John and Denison Taylor 1919.

7th. STEPHEN SCARBROW, CHURCHWARDEN.  
In memory of Richard Corker Meade, D.D., Vicar of this Parish 1875-1902. Jesu, Mercy. Recast 1919.

Tenor. WILLIAM DAY and WILLIAM PEPPERCORN, CHURCHWARDENS.

WILLIAM DOBSON, FOUNDER, DOWNHAM, NORFOLK 1832.

Pacem mortuis lento,  
Laetius praesuriis pacem solus sono,  
Pacem universis omnes sonamus.  
In piam memoriam Emily Anne Day.

Haeo campana restaurata est A.S. MCMXIX, Sumptibus.  
Frank Day.

Recast by John and Denison Taylor, Loughborough, 1919.

(When I slowly toll, peace to the dead I say,

When more joyfully peace to those about to die,

And when with my companions peace to all the world.

In loving memory of Emily Anne Day this Bell was restored in the year of our Saviour 1919, at the expense of Frank Day).

It is interesting to note that Messrs. Taylor and Co. are the direct successors of Joseph Eayre, the original founder of the bells, for Edward Arnold succeeded him immediately and to this latter was apprenticed Robert Taylor, who appears to have taken over the St. Neots Bell Foundry into his own hands about 1784. Robert Taylor is the great-grandfather of Denison Taylor, the present head of the firm.

It is also interesting to add that extensions of the Brewery in the Priory, according to records, appear to have 'crowded out' the Bell Foundry from that quarter, and this was removed to Cambridge Street, but destroyed by fire in 1821, whereupon Robert Taylor left St. Neots, with his family to settle in Oxford and to pass the last years of his life there.

He was Constable of St. Neots April, 1790, and Headborough, March 1812.

When the bells were cast by Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots, in 1753, there seems to have been considerable opposition. To pay for them £200 was raised by voluntary subscription, and £33 by a churchwardens' rate. The metal of the old bells was used, with the addition of 26 cwt. of new bell metal. Eayre agreed 'that the said eight bells should be as tuneable and true, and as good in all respects as any bells in England of the same weight.' He was to keep them in order for one year without charge. Then trouble seems to have arisen afterwards because a Captain Montague did not pay his subscription. The great bell—the tenor—was recast by William Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, in 1832, at a cost of £39. A set of chimes existed here as early as 1688. In course of time they became very poor and so much out of order that a subscription was entered into by the inhabitants, and an order given to Mr. Robert Taylor for a new set. After, apparently, rather long delay, the chimes were completed and fixed; but by deaths, removals and other causes the amounts promised as subscriptions could not be raised, and after being used some time, Taylor took them down; upon this, the old chimes were replaced, and remained until 1847-8, when the church was restored; after this, the chime barrel was lying on the floor of the tower.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTHERN BRANCH OFFICERS.

A meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association took place at Pershore on Saturday week, and was well attended, ringers being present from Evesham, Bengeworth, Ecton, Tordington, Hampton, Fladbury, Eockington, Hinton, Bredon, etc. The fine peal of eight in the Abbey tower were available. The bells are rung from the 'ringing cage,' which is strung up in the nave of the Abbey between 70 and 80ft. high. Several intricate passages have to be traversed before reaching it, and more than one visitor at the meeting had to be piloted up to it. The bells were raised in peal, and everyone present, in turn, took a rope, including Miss E. M. Johnson, Miss A. Lampitt and Miss O. Lane. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, Miss Johnson taking part, and the striking was good.

Service was held in the Abbey, and the Vicar, the Rev. Stuart Robinson, gave an excellent address. Tea was provided by the churchwardens, and was partaken of in the Mission Room.

At the subsequent business meeting the Vicar presided. Several new members were elected and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Tordington subject to the approval of the Rev. W. A. Warner.

As this was the meeting for the election of officers, the Secretary, Mr. J. Hemming, intimated to the meeting that he wished to relinquish office as secretary and treasurer, and said in the discussion which followed that no one was indispensable. Eventually, after some pressure by the chairmen and members, he again consented to take the office.

Mr. F. J. Johnson was elected Ringing Master, Mr. H. Middleton wishing to retire, and Mr. Johnson was congratulated upon his election. Mr. G. Ashby was elected upon the Central Committee, in the place of Mr. G. Dolphin (retiring).

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens were carried with loud applause.—The Rev. Canon Stuart Robinson and Mr. Goddard (churchwarden) responded.

St. Andrew's bells were available after the meeting, and some good touches brought round, including Stedman, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.

## THE PEAL AT RANMOOR.

In the report of the peal at Ranmoor, published last week, the 'first peal' was by the ringer of the 5th and not the 6th. The name of the ringer of the 2nd is J. Osguthorpe, and of 7th William Biggin.

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****MEETING AT MILTON ABBEY.**

In glorious weather, the autumn meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Milton Abbey on Thursday, Oct. 2nd. Milton is always a favourite and charming place for these meetings. The Abbey is a structure of great architectural beauty, and worthily entitled to rank among the noblest ecclesiastical buildings in the country. Its isolated situation should not prevent ringing visitors to Dorset making a pilgrimage here. The original Minster was built by King Athelstan in the year 938, and was a noble building. In 1309 it was struck by lightning and was almost burnt down. Thirteen years later, however, the present Abbey was commenced on the same site, but on a much grander and larger scale, and building operations went on from time to time up to within a few years of the dissolution in 1539.

The village is a model, with a fine situation in a deep valley, with well wooded hills around, and sylvan scenery of a very beautiful type abounding.

The large party of Salisbury Guild members made up at Dorchester enjoyed the drive to the meeting, passing through Kingston Park, Yelham Wood (one of the finest in the county) and Puddletown, the Westerbury of Thomas Hardy's 'Far from the Madding Crowd.' Members attended from Beaminster, Dorchester, Fordington, Hilton, Swanage, West Lulworth, and Wyke Regis, and there was a full muster on the local band. Altogether there were 40 present, which was highly satisfactory (considering that the railway strike was at its height). The bells were available from 2 p.m., and were kept going till 4, when the Guild service was held in the Abbey, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Griswell), and an excellent address was given by the Rev. B. H. Mellings, who had lately learnt the rudiments of change ringing.

Tea was provided at the Hambro Arms, and the members were well looked after by three lady ringers from Dorchester. The business meeting followed, the Chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes) presiding, supported by the Rev. E. H. Mellings, Mr. C. Best (organist at the Abbey), Messrs. White and Bengier, and the hon. secretary. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Martin Stewart, the Revs. C. A. Phillips and W. G. Barclay and Mr. Northover for the Chaminster band.

The design for the memorial tablet was approved, and the secretary was instructed to give the order at once, the Chairman congratulating the secretary on accomplishing the task he set out to do, namely, to collect half the cost.

One honorary and two ringing members were elected, and Chaminster was the place chosen for the next meeting.—The Rev. E. H. Mellings, who holds the degree of music of F.R.C.O., volunteered to become the official organist of the branch, and to take the musical part of the service when the local organist could not attend, and the offer was received with applause.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for taking the service, the use of the Abbey and bells; also the Rev. E. H. Mellings for his excellent address, and to the organist and the local band.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triple, and Doubles were rung till 8.30, some of the members ringing their first 120 Doubles since 1914. Two of the party 'on bikes' reached home as the midnight chimes struck, tired but happy.

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Recently a report appeared in the 'Ringing World' to the effect that the Devonshire Guild have formed a branch in North Devon. I do not know if I am right or wrong in saying that change ringing is only practised in Plymouth and Exeter (and that only one method, viz., Grandsire is rung), but I was glad to see that our above Guild has started to do something to promote the art in places outside those already mentioned. To my mind, the Guild is very backward, and there is a great deal to be done in the diocese if the Guild would only set to work. As a change ringer (practically speaking, I am only a beginner, having within the last three years, learnt Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob), I feel I would like to be doing something towards promoting the art. I am, unfortunately, at present unemployed, and do not yet know where I shall be settling down again, but when I once more return to employment I shall be only too pleased to do anything as regards helping to form a branch in the diocese. Should this letter come under notice of the secretary of the Guild, I should be pleased if he would communicate with me. I may add that should I settle down in this town again, the Vicar has consented to help me all he can to form a Guild here.—

Yours truly,

AUBREY L. BENNETT.

9, Boswell Terrace,

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Oct. 18. Bells available 4 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; tea (1/- per head) and meeting 5.30. Please notify me by Oct. 15th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3.30; tea at 'The Nag's Head' at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. After the meeting both St. Mary's and St. Saviour's bells will be available until 9 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; committee meeting 4.15; Service at 5. Business meeting after tea.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Tower open from 4 till 8 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION & LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting at Liverpool will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service at St. Peter's Church 4 p.m.; tea 5 p.m., Meeting 6 p.m.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and J. H. Banks, 462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at St. Saviour's, Bacup. Bells ready at 3.30; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellingborough to-morrow (Sat.) Oct. 18th. Bells available from 2.45 to 6.30. Tea at 4, if possible. Business to follow.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Oct. 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open 2.30, short service 4.30. Tea at Tower House 5 o'clock (by kind invitation). Those intending to be present should reply not later than Saturday, Oct. 22nd, to A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's Radcliffe, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting in the Schoolroom after tea. A postcard to F. Emerson, 5, Lowton Street, Radcliffe, will much oblige.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Kettering District.—Orlinsbury bells will be re-opened on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service at 2 p.m.; tea at 4.30 in the schools. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 21st.—R. F. Turner, Hon. District Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tea 5 p.m.; business meeting and presentation to ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., immediately afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wootton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5; tea 5.30 at Swan Inn.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.15; tea at 6 (gd. to members, 1/6 to visitors). Please let me know how many will require tea.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5.15; business meeting to follow. Will members requiring tea kindly let me know not later than Oct. 21st?—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Crayford on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Canon Gustavus Jones (Rector) at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow at 'The Rodney' (Y.M.C.A.) Hut. Tea can only be provided for those who send their names to me by first post Wednesday, Oct. 22nd.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Norton St. Phillip on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Divine Service (special form) at 3.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon and evening.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.—Please note change of Branch Sec.—E. R. Martin, 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—A special meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, Oct. 25. Will all members of this District please attend? Business: Reconstruction of the Association generally. Bells (10) ready 2.30 p.m.—J. Lord, Local Sec.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A meeting of this Society will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the Cardigan Arms.—Wm. Gage, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824.)—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 6 p.m., free to members notifying me not later than Oct. 28th. Arrangements will be made (if possible) for brake to leave Hereford at 3 p.m., if sufficient seats are booked by the 28th.—C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Melbourne. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock.—J. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The tower of St. Mary, Islington, is open for practice on Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. till 9.15 p.m.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec.

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

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### THE PEAL AT SURFLEET.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The reading of page 223 caused me to call the Rev. H. Law James' attention to page 225. May I call his attention also to page 38 of the same book? He will there find a lead of Minor, which is reproduced on page 7 of the Collection of Legitimate Methods, and there called Double Court. Now, if he will compare this lead of Minor with the lead of Royal on page 222 I think he must admit that it is the same method; then, perhaps, he will tell us why what is Double Court on six bells attained another name on ten bells. I think he would be quite justified in claiming the first peal of Royal in Shipway's variation of Double Court.—Yours sincerely,

A. ROBERTS.

### AN OCTOGENARIAN'S CELEBRATION.

In honour of the 83rd birthday of Mr. T. Conley, the senior member of St. Peter's Society, St. Albans, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1368 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 3 mins., on Sunday, Sept. 14th. In spite of advancing years, Mr. Conley is seldom absent from his place in the belfry both morning and evening on Sunday, and he took part in the quarter-peal, the ringers being: T. Conley 1, A. Hull 2, T. J. Hull 3, E. P. Debenham (conductor) 4, F. G. Rice 5, J. Porter 6, W. H. Buckingham 7, E. D. Livermore 8, W. H. L. Buckingham 9, E. A. Underwood 10.

**SELBY.**—At Selby Abbey, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1259 changes) Grandsire Caters in 56 mins.: J. H. Hall 1, G. W. P. Fenlon 2, E. Storr 3, T. Morgan 4, H. Morley 5, W. A. Hall 6, F. Crier 7, W. Hinton 8, H. Fairlawn (conductor) 9, R. Moate 10. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by all except ringers of 3rd and 5th.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Sept. 20th, after the induction of the Rev. Charles Beresford Deane, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 52 minutes: \*Mrs. Whittington 1, W. Denyer 2, \*W. Gammon 3, W. Bulpitt 4, F. Larbey 5, D. Wright (conductor) 6, G. Burt 7, \*R. Whittington 8, C. Kitching 9, F. Hermon 10. \* First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Whittington.

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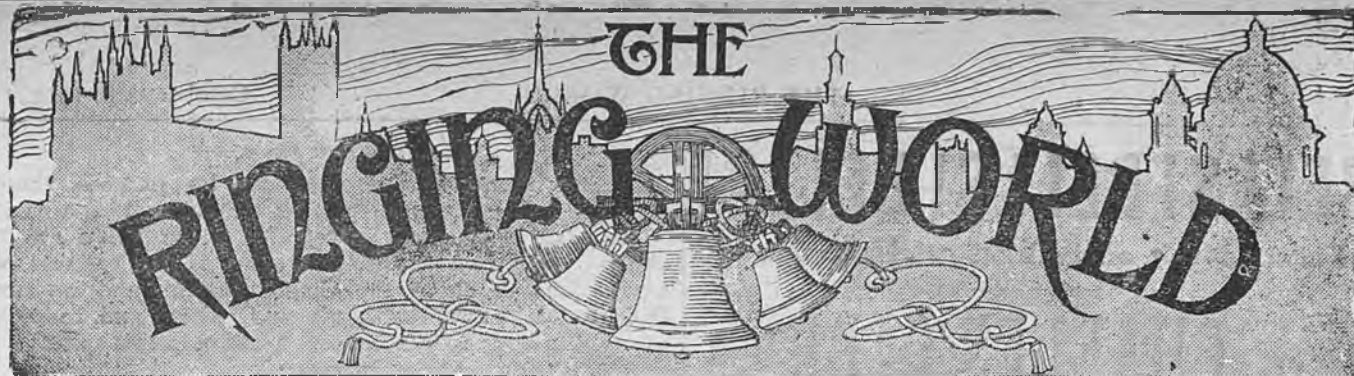
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### NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S REVIVAL.

The Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association, to give it its new title, is to be congratulated upon the successful start of its reorganised career. The annual meeting at Norwich, the first since 1914, was something more than a revival of pre-war activities, for there were decisions to be made which would have a vital effect upon the future of the Association. Chief among these was the important question of whether or not Norfolk and Suffolk towers should remain united in one organisation, in view of the severance of the Diocese. Ever since the Association was formed in 1887 the allegiance of the towers in the Suffolk Archdeaconry has been of the most valued kind, and few, we think, will question the statement that the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, has played a leading role in building up the prestige of the Association.

The desire on the part of Suffolk members to remain affiliated can, therefore, well be understood. Indeed, there seems to have been hardly any expressed desire for a separate Association for Suffolk, and, as we have already pointed out, the action of the Ely Diocesan Association in incorporating 'St. Edmundsbury' in their title and retaining the towers of the Sudbury Archdeaconry, put a considerable obstacle in the way of those who desired to see an organisation carved out of two existing societies to cover the new Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The decision to retain the territorial area of the Association will be welcomed by the members, and the new title, we think, has been very happily chosen. Equally happy is the choice of the Association in its new President. The post, from which Mr. J. Sanicroft Holmes retired, became vacant at the moment when a new Dean of Norwich was appointed; and in selecting the late Rector of Birmingham for the office, the Association have secured a man not merely sympathetic with the cause of ringing, but one who for years has put himself in close touch with the belfry, knowing a good deal of ringers' difficulties and of their aspirations. The Norwich Association are indeed fortunate in being able to have at their head such a ringers' cleric as Dean Willink.

There is one other point that may be briefly touched upon here—and that is the decision of the meeting in regard to the powers of the Central Council. The Association was not prepared to give the Council, as at present constituted, powers of enforcing its decisions, but it did not adopt a purely negative policy, and the Rev. H. Drake, who is a member of the Council, put forward a series of resolutions which are to be considered at another meeting. If all Associations would consider the question of the future of the Council with a similar desire to find a way of

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increasing its utility and extending its purpose, there would be great hopes of putting the Council on a basis which would make it more acceptable to the Exercise as a whole. We have always urged that it is the business of Associations to make the Council useful, and we are glad to think that the Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association have approached the question in this spirit.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANCES;**

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WILLIAM KENT ... ..	... Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK ... ..	6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... ..	2	EDWARD J. BOOT ... ..	7
JAMES E. GROVES ... ..	3	STANLEY BRAGG ... ..	8
GEORGE WALKER ... ..	4	JAMES GEORGE ... ..	9
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... ..	5	JOHN BRAGG ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Geoffrey Martineau on attaining the dignity of grandfather.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5001 CHANCES;**

Tenor 2½ cwt.

*MISS W. M. HAGUE ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE HOLLIS ... ..	6
JOHN HOLMAN ... ..	2	FRANK JACOBS ... ..	7
ARTHUR HAGUE ... ..	3	JOHN FLINT ... ..	8
SAM THOMAS ... ..	4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... ..	9
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... ..	5	WILLIAM BENNETT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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\* First peal of Stedman Caterers.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

BOB: Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HALL ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM GRIMES ... ..	5
LESLIE WIGHTMAN ... ..	2	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... ..	6
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GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. J. CRICKMER.

Rung with bells half-muffled for the late Wm. Motts. The composition was taken from Snowden's Treble Bob, page 27.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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WILLIAM LYDDIARD ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE F. JAMES ... ..	5
GEORGE DURLING ... ..	2	FREDERICK H. HERBERT ... ..	6
HARRY DURLING ... ..	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... ..	7
PERCY E. SPICE ... ..	4	HENRY J. TINNAMS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Herbert, both members of the Association.



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

(ERDINGTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)  
On Thursday, October 9, 1919, in Three Hours,  
At the Parish Church of St. Barnabas,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 15½ cwt.	
*FREDERICK S. SANDERS ... Treble	...	WILLIAM J. MEERS ...	5
JONATHAN PRESTON ... 2	...	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ...	6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3	...	GEORGE F. SWANN ...	7
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 4	...	JOHN E. PYWELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Bicknell, ringer and towerkeeper of the above church, who was interred on the same day; also to the memory of Driver William Bicknell, brother of the deceased, who died of wounds in France, October 7, 1917.

\* Elected a member previous to starting and his first peal.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1		2870 <sup>0</sup> 2	
*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... Treble	...	*WILLIAM IAIN ...	5
JOHN WITHERS ... 2	...	OLIVER G. NORMAN ...	6
SAMUEL GROVES ... 3	...	*ALBERT E. NORMAN ...	7
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 4	...	GEORGE PIGOTT ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

\* First peal of Double Norwich

SMITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.			
HERBERT HOLDEN ... Treble	...	ARTHUR J. MORTON ...	5
THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 2	...	ERNEST B. CROWDER ...	6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 3	...	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	7
EDWARD J. ILOT ... 4	...	FREDERICK C. LAM, JUN ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method on the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.			
JAMES M. NICKERSON ... Treble	...	LEONARD J. WYMAN ...	5
*ARTHUR B. BELLAMY ... 2	...	DANIEL REDHEAD ...	6
*CYRIL WILSON ... 3	...	LESLIE GROOM ...	7
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 4	...	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ...	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.  
Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

\* First peal and first attempt of eight bells. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. The ringer of the treble has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

EDMONTON,  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.			
ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Treble	...	HARRY R. PASMORE ...	5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	...	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ...	6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3	...	REUBEN SANDERS ...	7
*LOUIS ATTWATER ... 4	...	ALFRED B. PECK ...	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE

\* First peal in the method.

SOUTHLEIGH.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES' BRANCH.)  
On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. James the Great,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.	
RICHARD KEEN ... Treble	...	THOMAS BELL ...	5
FREDERICK WEBB ... 2	...	JOHN MONK ...	6
HERBERT HOLLIS ... 3	...	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN ...	7
WILLIAM JUDGE ... 4	...	GEORGE BROOKS ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

The above peal was rung in connection with the Branch Meeting held at Aynsham on the above date.

NORWICH.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John de Sepulchre,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.			
PERCY C. ARTES ... Treble	...	ALBERT ROUGHT ...	5
FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN. 2	...	GEORGE MAYERS ...	6
*ALFRED H. WATSON ... 3	...	WILLIAM G. MAYERS ...	7
CHARLES E. BORRETT ... 4	...	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Rev. G. N. Herbert for many years vicar of the above church, also to the late Mr. William Motts of Ipswich. \* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
JOHN HOLLOWES ... Treble	...	SAMUEL HOLT ...	5
*WILLIAM BERRY ... 2	...	*TOM OGDEN ...	6
JAMES JACQUES ... 3	...	DAN RENSCHAW ...	7
JAMES ARROWSMITH ... 4	...	TOM WELLINS ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

\* First peal in the method, also first peal in the method by a band composed of Middleton ringers. The band wish to offer their thanks to the Vicar for kindly allowing them the use of the bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

PATTSALL, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Cross,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 Six-scores with 10 different callings.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
ALBERT RATCLIFFE ... Treble	...	JAMES W. HAYNES ...	4
*THOMAS BUTLER ... 2	...	HAROLD FOLWELL ...	5
J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... 3	...	*FRED WESTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

\* First peal and first attempt. This peal was rung to celebrate Peace, also as a welcome home to ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th, who were recently demobilised. Messrs. Butler, Folwell and Weston were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Friday, September 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.			
W. H. J. HOOTON ... Treble	...	WALTER T. BLAXLEY ...	4
JOE SADDINGTON ... 2	...	THOMAS GARLEY ...	5
ANDREW BLAXLEY ... 3	...	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

### MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Three Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.

MISS EMMA TONGE ... .. Treble.	* MISS MARY A. SHUKER ... 4
FRANK STONELEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 5
JOSEPH HALL ... .. 3	* GEORGE H. SHUKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK STONELEY.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

### FIVE BELL PEAL.

COLLINGTREE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

* THOMAS SHAW ... .. Treble	J. DUNKLEY ... .. 3
GEORGE PARKER ... .. 2	W. ATTERBURY ... .. 4

HARRY CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY CLARKE.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were made into a peal of 5 by the late Mr. Sears, of Collingtree Grange, who gave a new tenor. The Rector, the Rev. J. S. Friend, kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

### HANDBELL PEAL

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in One Hour and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 10 Six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire.

CHARLES BRAGG ... .. 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 3-4
* JOHN MARTIN ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal. The above was rung while a peal of 'Stedman Caters' was being rung on the Parish Church bells. This is the first time two peals have been rung in one day in Solihull.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: J. M. BAILEY.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: C. SAMPSON & A. F. BAILEY.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.—Recently, a meeting was arranged to welcome home several of the 'old boys' who have been on active service since 1914. After comparing notes and extending hearty congratulations, the bells—a musical peal of six—were set going to touches of Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor, and a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by the following: W. Short 1, A. Feist 2, J. Burdfield 3, P. H. Doick 4, Sergt. W. Stanford 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

According to rule the last Saturday in September is set apart for the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, and on that day a number of members turned out to get to Liverpool, but found that the trains had stopped running. Nothing daunted, however, they tied the trams, with the result that they reached their destination after seven hours' struggle, and landed home at various times the next day.

Archdeacon Howson left another meeting to take the service, and presided at the tea, to which 20 sat down. As the bulk of the members present were local, they thought it was not fair to go on with the business. The Archdeacon then again came to the rescue by inviting the party up to his parish on the occasion of the branch meeting, and of this it was decided to take advantage. The meeting was therefore held at Woolton on Saturday last. The proceedings commenced with ringing on the grand peal of eight, and at 4 p.m. service was held, the Archdeacon acting as organist. The Rev. E. C. Collier, of Birkdale, was the preacher, and gave some useful and practical advice on the upkeep and conditions of bells and bellfries. He mentioned a bell dated 1286, at Clatton, near Preston, as one of the oldest dated bells in the country, and also a bell in Northamptonshire with the inscription on it:—

'Hark! do you hear, our clappers want beer.'

as showing to what uses bells were put to in former times.

Following tea in the Institute, the business meeting was held, with Canon Elsee, the President of the Association, in the chair, supported by the Archdeacon and the Rev. E. C. Collier.

The Secretary presented the committee's report, which stated that there were 1,247 members, 1,010 of whom lived in the county. The number of peals rung was 65. The report also recorded that the six bells at Prestwich had been recast and rehung, and referred to the loss to the Association by the death of Mr. John Eachus, the tower-keeper of Manchester Cathedral, and for some years a vice-president.

There were three nominations for the office of vice-president. The members would have liked to have them all, but as there was no room for more than one, Mr. J. Martin, of Liverpool, was chosen. A suggestion was made that some alteration might be effected in the election of vice-president, whereby the branch, which was entertaining the Association for the annual meeting, should pick the vice-president for the following term of two years.

A resolution was on the paper that the annual meeting should be altered to an earlier date, but after discussion it was decided to postpone the motion till next year, with the hope that it would be discussed in the branches, and brought up at the next annual meeting in a definite form.—It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Eccles.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to Archdeacon Howson for placing the church and bells at the disposal of the members, for entertaining them to tea; also for acting as organist, it being the first time an Archdeacon had filled that office for the Association. He also thanked the Rev. E. C. Collier for his address.—A vote of thanks was also given to Canon Elsee for presiding.

The meeting concluded, as it started, with ringing in various methods on the bells until train and bus-time broke up a happy party.

### ROCHDALE BRANCH PARTY.

In connection with the Rochdale Branch, the annual party was held on Saturday week at Whitworth Church School. The proceedings commenced with a splendid tea, to which about 120 members and friends did thorough justice. After tea, and prior to the evening's entertainment, the ringers adjourned to the tower and rang touches in different methods; this also was greatly enjoyed, as the bells are justly famed throughout the district. The only discordant note was that a band of ringers from another outside district had come to practice on the bells, and not only did they rather monopolise them, to the disadvantage of the Rochdale Branch, but on being invited to partake of tea, they further hurt the feelings and added to the disappointment of the local friends, by refusing on the plea that they had brought their own refreshments.

The usual monthly business meeting was held in the Schoolroom, and this was presided over by Mr. Isaac Schofield (of Gledwick). It was decided that the next monthly meeting should take place at Ilam, on Saturday, November 8th. A good attendance is earnestly desired at this meeting in order to encourage the local band of learners, all of whom give promise of becoming enthusiastic members of the Association.

It was further resolved that the next annual party be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church.

Mr. Harrison moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar of Whitworth for the use of the tower and bells; also to the local ringers and the ladies who had so excellently undertaken the catering arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Berry, and unanimously carried.

Nine local ringers were made members of the Lancashire Association, and the Vicar, who came in at this point and took the chair

extended a very hearty welcome to the visiting ringers. He remarked that they were a progressive set of men, as they had already asked him to become an hon. member of the Association; and this he proudly accepted.

A very enjoyable social followed the meeting, dancing being indulged in, and at intervals several songs were delightfully rendered by a number of friends. Mr. Mitton also gave his usual display of hand-bell ringing in a most finished and effective style.

The party broke up about 10 o'clock, everyone voting this year's party had exceeded all anticipations.

### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

#### EXETER BRANCH FORMED.

The scheme for establishing Branch Associations in connection with the Guild of Devonshire Ringers has been advanced a stage by the formation of an association for the Exeter district with Mr. E. Shepherd as chairman, Mr. F. J. Davey as hon. secretary, and Mr. W. J. Southwood as hon. treasurer. At a meeting at St. Sidwell's Institute, where the decision was made, there was a good attendance representing nine bands, and considerable interest was evinced in the proceedings.

The Alplington branch of ringers was admitted as an associate band and the Rev. B. C. Bennett (Rector) was elected an honorary member.

Tea was supplied by Mr. W. T. Hunt; assistance at the tables being rendered by Mrs. E. Shepherd.

#### To the Editor.

Sir,—Change ringing is certainly backward in Devon, and much spade work is needed. But as you are doubtless aware the position is not quite so bad as Mr. Bennett has been led to suppose. Moreover, owing to the reconstitution of bands, due to the war, new possibilities of the introduction of change ringing have been opened up. The chief obstacle to progress consists in the inaccessibility of towers and difficulty of getting instructors where they are needed.

Offers such as that of Mr. Bennett are most welcome, and I should be grateful if any other change ringers who may have settled in the county would communicate with me. One such, Mr. Withers (formerly of Southampton), is hard at work instructing a band at Dartmouth, and others will, I hope, soon be similarly employed.—Yours, etc...

E. S. POWELL,

Hon. Secretary, Guild of Devonshire Ringers.  
Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual district meeting of the North Eastern Division was held at Great Tey on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Braintree, Bocking, Stisted, Greensted Green, Earl's Colne, Rayne, Feering, Kelvedon, Maldon, Coggeshall, and the local company. The Rev. Grace conducted a short service, and welcomed the ringers.

Tea was served at the Chequers' Inn, followed by the business meeting, over which Mr. H. F. Cooper (District Master) presided. The district officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Grace for his excellent address; also to the choir and organist for their services.—Mr. C. H. Howard, in supporting, said he felt sure all were pleased to pay a visit to Great Tey, as it was no doubt one of the oldest churches in the division.—The Vicar (Rev. Grace), in replying, said he felt as if an earthquake had happened in Great Tey that day, as he felt sure that bell ringing broke the monotony of country life.

Ringing during the afternoon included lunches of Cambridge, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent.

Several new members were elected. This was the first meeting of the Association at Great Tey, which contains, in its Norman church tower, one of the finest specimens in the county, an ancient peal of eight bells, some dating back 300 years. The Great Tey ringers were among the comparatively few bands in the eighteenth century who possessed any skill in the art of change ringing. In the ringing chamber of the Parish Church there are records of two peals having been rung in the 18th and early 19th century, when very few parishes in Essex possessed a band of change ringers. The names of those who took part show that the art was handed down from father to son. Mr. Walter Ladham, who is a ringer to-day, is a descendant of James Ladham, who rang in 1828, and Benjamin Ladham, who took part in the peal by the Ancient Society of Gt. Tey Ringers in 1798. The notice boards in the belfry recording the past performances have verses added which seem to express the sentiments of those early ringers, and to convey their interpretation of the message of the bells. The following is a copy of one of them:—

Sweet village bells, Your tones most truly show,  
The mingled cup of human joy and woe;  
Your jocund sounds attend us when we're wed,  
And mournful knells bewail us when we're dead.  
By you we hail our Sovereign's Natal Day.  
But lest and best you summon us to pray:  
To hear and learn the way the Prophets tread,  
Which leads to Heaven, to happiness, and God.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

London ringers will be glad to learn that the tenor bell (36 cwt.) of St. Giles', Cripplegate, is to be re-hung in a new iron headstock and bearings. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

There is special interest in the peal of Double, rung at Miles Platting on October 11th, for the two 'first pealers' were the son and daughter of Mr. W. H. Shuter, one of the popular hon. secretaries of the Lancashire Association. The peal was a birthday compliment to the son, who was 19 three days before; Miss Shuter is 15, and their father had the pleasure of being in the peal with them.

The first peal to be rung under the new title of the Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association appears to be a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major 'in hand' at Leiston, two days after the new name was adopted.

We are asked to state that Mrs. Ridyard is very thankful to all friends and helpers for the sum of £40, which was handed over to her, after all expenses had been met, out of the fund recently raised by members of the Lancashire Association.

The first peal in Slough by an entirely local band has been rung to mark the 'cessation of Naval, Military and Industrial Strife.' The company had made several previous attempts for a peal, and when they at last gained success they were met by the Rector (Canon P. H. Eliot), who congratulated them upon their achievement.

## GOOD AND BAD RINGING.

### THE LENGTH OF PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been waiting for some time, thinking I should see in print the opinions of some of our ringers whose words carry weight, but perhaps these men think the matter beneath them. For my part, I say that 5,000 changes in any method, well struck, is not too long for ringers or listeners. If peals were fewer in number and the ringing nearer perfection, I don't think there would be much grumbling from the general public, but where it is not difficult to get a tower, and a band are determined to score a peal unless a rope breaks, or the tower falls down, it becomes a nuisance to everybody within hearing distance.

I can foresee, too, the ringing of touches and calling them peals would be a fine thing for those who want to ring 5,000 peals, but it may be that it may be carried to a ridiculous extent. For instance, a band used to ringing on a peal like High Wycombe, or St. Martin's, Birmingham, for Stedman Cinques, may go to Bow, Cheapside, and decide that one hour's ringing there is well worth calling a peal, or our band here at Caversham may some day go to Sherborne Abbey and find that 576 of London Surprise is a bigger job than 5152 at home. If men could ring Shoreditch bells for 12,000 a century ago, or Ashton-under-Lyne for 14,000 in our own time, surely we can still ring a good 5,000, or leave it alone. I wonder we do not get a protest spiritually from Annable, Johnson or J. M. Hayes.

As regards good ringing, I think leaving out all technical points, that it is impossible to ring a good peal if you have only one poor striker in it. I know this may hurt the feelings of some, but still it is indisputable that, with eight, ten or twelve real ringers, you may have trips but still ring a very fine peal, but if you have one man who, although never making a mistake, never puts his bell in the right place, then I say ringing becomes a 'burden and a sorrow.'

I only wish there were more bob callers like the man who called a great many of our peals here a few years ago, who, on several occasions has cried 'Stand, we'll come up again next week,' and so, if we can't do better than this, and this without a sign of a smush up or a 'shift course.' It is very nice to have a smart man as conductor when learning new methods, but would it not be better if there were less conducting when peals are attempted and rung.

Caversham.

R. T. THIBERT.

## PRESENTATION AT ROTHERFIELD.

The marriage has taken place at St. Dony's Church, Rotherfield, Sussex, of Mr. Edwin Bishop, junr. (hon. secretary of the local Guild of Bellringers, and a sidesman of the church), and Miss Ethel Hudson, daughter of Mr. Charles Hudson, of Tophill Farm, Groombridge. After the ceremony the bells were rung in honour of the event, and Mr. Bishop has been presented with a beautiful silver-plated biscuit barrel, suitably engraved, to mark the Guild's appreciation of his services as hon. secretary, and their good wishes on the occasion of his marriage.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—At the Parish Church, on August 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: Robt. Christian 1. G. W. Carmel (St. Albans) 2. George Clayton 3. Albert Bought (Norwich) 4. Harry Wright 5. Denison Hayward (conductor) 6. William Rogers (Northampton) 7. \*Robert Boulter 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp. \* First quarter-peal.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****NEW TITLE AND NEW PRESIDENT.****THE POWERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held in Norwich on Oct. 9th, and close upon a hundred members attended. From the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. A special service was held at noon in St. Peter Mancroft Church, when the Dean gave the address. Luncheon took place at the Central Cafe, White-Lion Street, and afterwards a short toast list was gone through, and the annual business of the association transacted. Canon Meyrick presided, and was supported by the Dean of Norwich, the Very Reverend J. W. Willink, D.D. (late Rector of Birmingham), the Rev. E. C. Hopper (Starston), Rev. W. Drake (Ufford), Rev. W. C. Pearson (Henley), Mr. G. E. Borrett, Mr. A. L. Coleman, Captain J. E. Burton, Mr. G. P. Burton, and Mr. Cyril Johnston (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bellfounders, Croydon). Representatives were present from Ipswich, Beccles, Diss, Eye, Yarmouth, Pulham, etc.

The toast of 'The King' was proposed by the Rev. Canon Meyrick. In responding to the toast of 'The Clergy,' proposed by Capt. J. E. Burton, the Dean said it was gratifying to know that the status of the ringers, as Church workers had now come to be recognised throughout the length and breadth of the land. He was sure that gatherings like the present went a long way towards helping them to attain to that ideal which so many of them had set for themselves these many years past. It was a great joy to him that so early in his residence in Norwich he should be brought into welcome and hearty touch with that association, and he trusted that he might be regarded as a brother and real friend in every possible way. Anything he could do to further the interests of the association he would gladly do (applause).

Mr. C. E. Borrett proposed (with the members standing) a silent vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. William Motts, of Ipswich; and Canon Meyrick proposed a silent vote of sympathy with the relatives of all the members who have fallen in the Great War, 1914-18.

**THE DEAN ELECTED PRESIDENT.**

Coming to the business part of the proceedings, the Secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) read the annual report, in which it was stated that no fewer than 305 members of the association served with the forces during the war, of whom 44 made the supreme sacrifice. The total membership of the association at the present time was 1,059. They had a balance in hand of £45.—On the motion of the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. W. Ramsay, the report was adopted.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. J. Saneroff Holmes, regretfully resigning the office of president on health grounds.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Saneroff Holmes for his past services was heartily adopted.

The Secretary announced that it was the unanimous wish of the committee that the Dean should be asked to succeed Mr. Saneroff Holmes as president. He moved accordingly.

Mr. Borrett, in seconding, said the Association was started in 1887 and had as its first President a Dean of Norwich, in the person of Dr. Goulbourn, who, to a very large extent, shaped the destiny of the Association in its earlier years. Dean Goulbourn was president as long as he remained in Norwich, and since then the Cathedral capitular body had not been represented on the Committee of Management of the Association. He hoped the Dean would consent to serve as president. He (Mr. Borrett) had the great pleasure of attending a gathering of ringers at Birmingham recently, and he found that the Birmingham ringers were almost overcome at the thought that the Rector of Birmingham was leaving them. He was sure they might search the whole diocese of Norwich and not get a man who would help them so much in their work as the Dean (applause).

The Chairman, in supporting the motion, said the Dean had so involved himself that he could not decline the Presidentship. He had promised them that he was prepared to do all he possibly could for them, and now they simply look him at his word (laughter).—The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Dean said he was profoundly surprised. The secret had been absolutely well kept. He had in a way committed himself by what he ventured to say earlier. He could only thank them most heartily. He felt intense gratification at the honour conferred upon him. It would be a happiness to him to do the very best he possibly could in the office to which they had elected him (applause).

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the name of Mr. Saneroff Holmes.

Mr. A. L. Coleman was again appointed secretary and treasurer, and the committee were re-elected.—Mr. G. P. Burton was re-elected hon. auditor.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. J. E. Burton, the following resolution was passed: 'That our Suffolk members, having repeatedly expressed their disapproval of any suggested severance from the Norwich Diocesan Association, on account of the division of the

diocese, that there be one association as hitherto for the Norfolk and Suffolk members, and the association be re-organised on the lines as set forth in the "recommendation" of June 11th, 1914.'

It was further agreed, on the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Borrett, that the title of the association in future be 'The Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association of Ringers.'

Mr. G. P. Burton moved, Mr. H. J. Day (Eye) seconded, and it was agreed that the illuminated peal books be deposited in safe custody in St. Peter Mancroft belfry, Norwich, so as to be accessible for inspection by members of the association.

The following were elected members of the Association: Miss H. M. Durrant, Miss A. M. Durrant, Miss F. L. Bill, Miss H. W. Bill, Messrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), H. Statham (Shoreham), non-resident lay members; the Rev. Anthony Geake and Mr. F. S. Wilson (hon. members), and Messrs. N. H. Barber and H. Todd (performing members).

The Secretary proposed that the notices of the quarterly meetings in 'The Ringing World' be deemed sufficient, and that printed notices be discontinued. In support of his resolution, he said that if the members did their duty and supported 'The Ringing World' there would be no need for such unnecessary expense. He regretted that this, the only ringers' paper, was not supported by the members as it should be, and he hoped that at least every company would in future have a weekly copy of 'The Ringing World'.—The Dean of Norwich seconded the resolution, in the interests of 'The Ringing World,' and the motion was carried.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

The powers of the Central Council were discussed, and the Secretary proposed, and Mr. G. P. Burton seconded, 'That this Association does not recommend that the Central Council should have power to enforce its decisions by the proposed method of a vote taken at the option of a general meeting, as it would be an unsatisfactory way of dealing with such an important matter.'

That in the opinion of this Association, for the Central Council to have full powers to enforce its decisions, it should be re-constituted, and become the governing body for National Association of Church Ringers for the United Kingdom, bringing into unity all its affiliated associations, and its decisions would then be deemed, ipso facto, the authority of all that pertains to the art of change ringing.'

The Rev. H. Drake handed in a set of resolutions dealing with details of the Central Council: it was moved that these resolutions be referred to the next quarterly meeting.

Quarterly meetings are to be as follows: Stowmarket, Easter Monday; Gt. Yarmouth, Whit-Monday; Aylsham, August Bank Holiday; the annual meeting, at Ipswich, October, 1920.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Meyrick for presiding, and this terminated the business.

Ringing was enjoyed during the day at St. Peter Mancroft, and other towers.

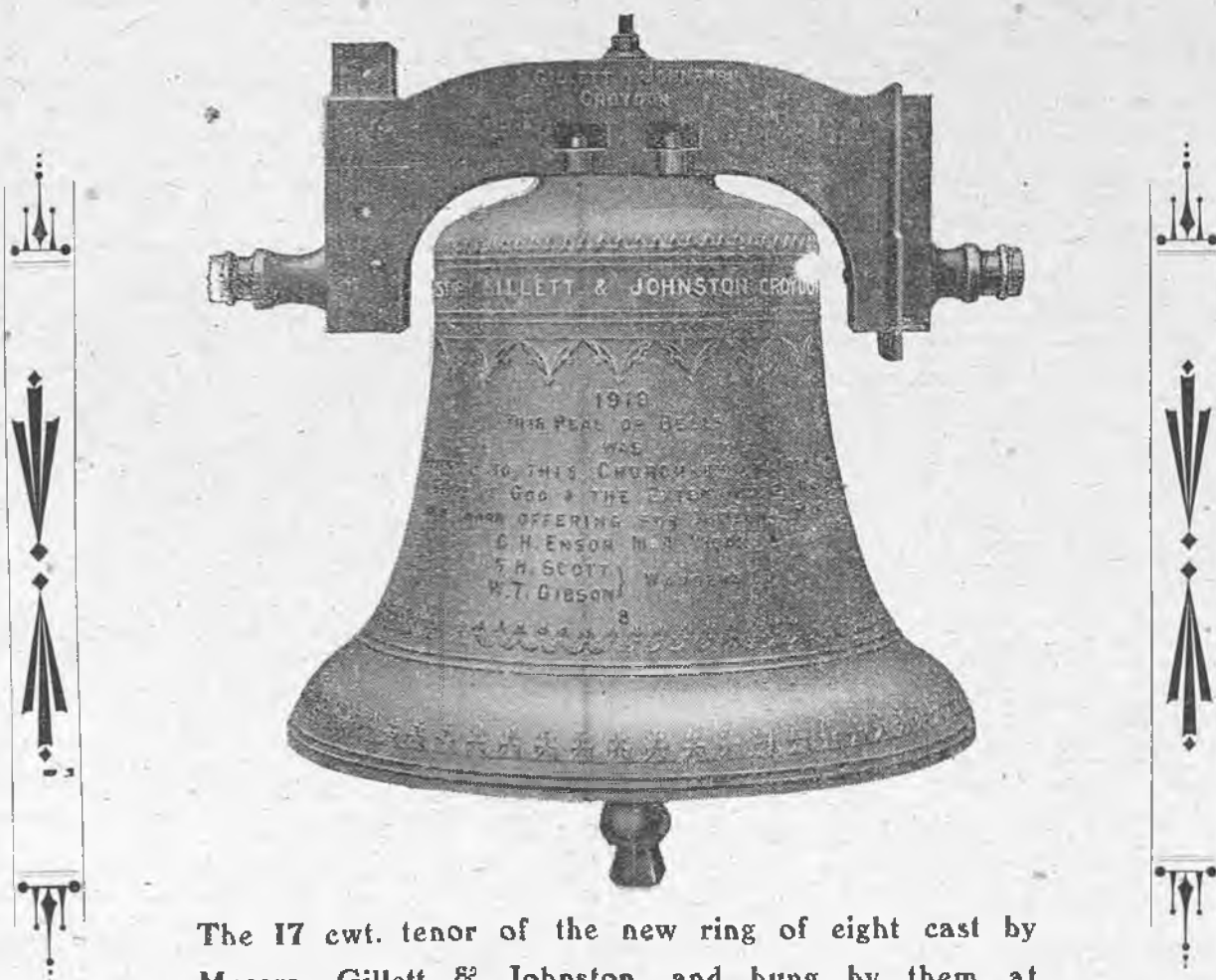
**DEATH OF MR. DAVID CRASHLEY.****PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING AT CHATTERIS.**

The death of Mr. David Crashley, on Friday, Oct. 10th, at the age of 74 years, removes from Chatteris (Isle of Ely), one of the oldest and most highly respected ringers in the district. Deceased commenced his ringing career when 18 years of age, and rang almost consistently on the Chatteris bells for just over 50 years. He was a ringing member of the Ely Diocesan Guild; also of the Peterborough and District Association, and few are the towers he has not visited in the county. It was not until about 1900 that he could induce the local band to take up change ringing, but thanks to his untiring energy they were able to ring their first 5040 of Minor on Boxing Day, 1910. Since then great strides have been made, the greatest opportunity of his life coming when the old church was restored. He it was who was largely responsible for moving the parishioners to have a new tenor put in, making a very musical peal of six. His peal book is one of the most interesting, the first entry being on 4th January, 1903, viz., the first 120 Plain Bob Doubles on handbells, and the last for June 8th, 1919; for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, his own record being six 5,040's and 232 720's.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, October 15th, the coffin being borne to the grave by four of his brother ringers. After the interment, a short touch on the handbells was rung over the grave, those present including Miss Violet Abrams, Messrs. F. Rowlinson, Peterborough; A. Abrams, P. Smith, A. Mattock, A. E. Edwin, A. Barker and J. Granger. In the evening the tower bells were half-muffled, and a beautifully struck 720 Bob Minor was brought home in 28 minutes as a last token of respect to one who will be sadly missed. His motto was: 'Be patient and do your best.'

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On August 31st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. B. Lucas 1, W. Mead 2, W. Pether 3, O. Twist 4, H. F. Morris 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, W. Sear 8. Arranged for G. B. Lucas and O. Twist, from Walthamstow, and was also rung in honour of the wedding of Gunner J. Marks, R.F.A., which took place at St. George, Battersea, London, on the same date; Gunner Marks being one of the Bletchley band.

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The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

## CROYDON, SURREY.



## STRIKING IN PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Every bullet has its billet,' runs an old saying, and it is most gratifying to observe that the 'seed sown' in your issue of 26th September, has taken root—even if 'among thorns!' At the same time it is regrettable that there exists in the Exercise to-day (and that it does exist is evidenced by the letter of your worthy correspondent, Mr. G. P. Burton)—a certain faction who are ready to excuse almost any fault in peal ringing, providing there is not just too much clashing of bells; who are prepared, indeed, to gloss over the fact that owing to inferior ringing of a 'true' composition, a 'false' performance is the result; and not only so, but to go further and openly proclaim that even if the actual performance is not true to the composition, yet because the bells are able to be kept going—and without too much noise, perhaps!—the whole effort is to be given a place among the permanent records of true peals! (i.e. peals as true in performance as the original composition appeared upon paper; and there is a very large number of such clean and true performances on record).

Your correspondent maintaining that there was nothing new in my letter. Precisely! We have no pretensions to originality in what was outlined. It was merely the consciousness of the fact that a certain section of the Exercise rests content to approve of these pernicious conditions, which has led us to re-echo what was voiced in high places in times gone by; but which had been allowed to lie in the dust of oblivion, until the letter from the hon. secretary to the Gloucester and Bristol Association once more brought the subject into the daylight.

If, as Mr. Burton says, we are not to take it literally that in ringing a peal 'no bell should be misplaced or out of course'; then, in the name of common sense, why strive continuously for upwards of three hours just to keep the bells going, regardless of trips? (but without too much noise, so that the more musical of the changes may be heard!)

To those of us who are the more closely associated with music (and to whom the musical aspect of ringing appeals more than any other) it is common knowledge that in orchestral symphony work (which is comparable with the ringing of peals in the realm of campanology) it is essential that the strictest time (the striking!) should be observed by each individual player; and one single 'occasional trip' has been sufficient reason for the exclusion of a member from the orchestra.

The production, therefore, of good music in change ringing depends equally upon accuracy in striking as upon guarding against trips; and thus preventing the bells from departing from their proper coursing order, even for half a lead; and so including every one of the more musical changes in the composition.

And this brings us to the last paragraph of your correspondent's letter, which calls for nothing less than a flat contradiction. He says: 'And here it should be noted that just what Mr. Bramble would hold permissible in peals had striking (classified in the letter as 'a'), etc. Now, to anyone who has taken the trouble to read the leading article in your issue of the 26th September, or my original letter, or that of Mr. Edgar Guise, it is patent that our remarks are directed entirely against the countenancing of inaccurate striking at any time—and particularly during the ringing of a peal. And again, he says that 'occasional trips would, in actual practice, hardly be noticed in comparison.' What conductor (or what capable ringer, pray) would not feel considerably aggrieved if, on the conclusion of a peal in which a certain ringer has been responsible for 'occasional trips,' that ringer turned round and coolly remarked that his careless trips had, in the words of your correspondent 'hardly been noticed in comparison.'

No, sir, the new spirit in the Exercise is one which aims at being able to record peals which are as clean and true in performance as they are in composition. Very little credit, if any, attaches to the false performance of a composition; for that sort of thing may be done any day, with almost any scratch band which can be got together. Our efforts should be directed rather against the element of inferiority and cheapness which is tending to creep into peal-ringing, and towards raising the standard; so that the performance is indeed worthy of permanent record. Continued practice for the acquisition of perfect striking is the first and most direct means of attaining this object.—Yours very truly,

YORK BRAMBLE.

## BRAINTREE CHURCH'S 720 YEARS.

The 720th anniversary of the foundation of the Parish Church of Braintree fell on Sept. 29th, and in honour of the event 720 of Bob Major was rung on the bells at 6 a.m. Those who took part were: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1. G. Lindridge 2. H. E. Hammond 3. G. Melbourne 4. W. H. Dyson 5. F. Ely 6. W. H. Hammond 7. E. F. Slade 8.

On the previous day, for Maunds, at the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples: C. H. Howard 1. W. T. Sadler 2. E. F. Slade 3. G. Melbourne 4. W. H. Dyson 5. F. Ely 6. G. Lindridge (conductor) 7. W. H. Hammond 8. For evensong, 1280 Kent Trouble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1. G. Lindridge 2. H. E. Hammond 3. G. Melbourne 4. W. H. Dyson 5. F. Ely 6. W. H. Hammond 7. E. F. Slade 8.

## NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open 2.30, short service 4.30. Tea at Tower House 5 o'clock (by kind invitation).—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Radcliffe, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting in the Schoolroom after tea. A postcard to F. Emerson, 5, Lowton Street, Radcliffe, will much oblige.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—Orlinsbury bells will be re-opened on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service at 2 p.m., tea at 4.30 in the schools.—R. F. Turner, Hon. District Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tea 5 p.m.; business meeting and presentation to ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., immediately afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wootton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5; tea 5.30 at Swan Inn.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5.15; business meeting to follow.—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Crayford on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Canon Gustavus Jones (Rector) at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow at 'The Rodney' (Y.M.C.A.) Hnt.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Norton St. Phillip on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Divine Service (special form) at 3.30 p.m. tea and business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon and evening.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A special meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, Oct. 25. Will all members of this District please attend? Business: Reconstruction of the Association generally. Bells (10) ready 2.30 p.m.—J. Lord, Local Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.—Please note change of Branch Sec.—E. R. Martin, 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Barton-on-Trent District.—An important business meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch to-morrow, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available at 2 p.m.; plain tea at Radford's, Bath Street, at 4.30 p.m.; meeting follows. All members are requested to attend.—Joseph Griffin, Local Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open at 4 p.m.; Service in Church at 5; tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after the service, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend are requested to notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, Oct. 28th.—W. L. Ther, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A special meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m.—A. Knights, 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The postponed quarterly meeting (owing to the railway strike) will be held at St. Athan (Gileston Station) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price and J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Luton. Bells available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Hon. Sec. Luton District.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.; meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824.)—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 6 p.m., free to members notifying me not later than Oct. 28th. Arrangements will be made (if possible) for brake to leave Hereford at 3 p.m., if sufficient seats are booked by the 28th.—C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Gt. Bampton, Madley, Hereford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.50 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing after meeting at Heston. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1919-20 are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The November meeting will be held in Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 to 6 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m., and the bells of St. Marie's from 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Wostenholme Hall at 6 p.m.,

at a charge of 1/- per head, for all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Further particulars later.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon; Charles H. Reading, Assist. Hon. Sec., Lower Green, Mitcham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, on Nov. 22nd, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 7/6 each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fern, Garrard, Horrex, Horton, A. A. Hughes, L. A. Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, McDonald, Newton, Noakes, W. H. Pasmore, Prime, Sanders, Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The tower of St. Mary, Islington, is open for practice on Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. till 9.15 p.m.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec.

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

**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.

#### A SUSSEX CHURCH RESTORATION.

##### NEW PEAL OF EIGHT FOR HEATHFIELD.

Cracks having developed in the tower of Heathfield Parish Church, Sussex, repairs are to be carried out at a cost of £118. Examination of the bells and frame has shown that while the latter is sound and in good condition the beams which supported it have decayed. There are six bells of which only one is true in tone. The other five need to be recast, and it was thought that the addition of two more bells in order to make a full peal of eight would be a great improvement. Mr. J. Groves, the new owner of Heathfield Park, has generously intimated his desire to bear the cost, estimated at £550, of providing new beams or girders, recasting the five bells, adding two more, and effecting sundry minor repairs and adjustments. Owing to this liberality there is a prospect of providing Heathfield Church with a peal of bells adequate to its fine position. Nor do the improvements end here, for Mr. A. C. Langdale, of Heathfield House, is erecting a clock in the church tower in memory of his son who was killed in action.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. Beekensale 1, H. Chandler 2, J. Beadle 3, J. W. Hummsett 4, C. Bird 5, A. Harding 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.

**CARDIFF.**—Llandaff Association.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 53 mins.: S. Williams 1, H. Day 2, E. Colos 3, C. Hobbs 4, Wm. Bolton 5, Wm. Coombs 6, F. Viles 7, Sid Dawe 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**MACCLESFIELD.**—At St. Michael's Church on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evening service, at the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 8-9 covering: W. Matthews 1, E. Atkin 2, G. Bottomley 3, J. Hankinson 4, A. Burgess 5, T. Mottershead 6, S. Caydell (conductor) 7, C. E. Gaileymore 8, S. Dean 9.

**BUSHEY.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for the harvest festival, at the Church of St. James', 504 Stedman Triples: R. Darlow 1, J. Allen 2, M. Hibbert 3, F. A. Smith 4, W. I. Oakley 5, W. G. Whitehead 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Seeley 8. Also 200 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. A. Smith.

**MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for afternoon service harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Arrowsmith, senr. 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, W. Hardman 3, T. K. Driver 4, J. Arrowsmith, junr. 5, J. Jacques 6, S. Hall 7, T. Wellens 8.

**ABERAVON, GLAM.**—On Peace day, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1919 changes), in 68 mins., by: F. Stone 1, E. Stith 2, W. Williams 3, W. Greenslade 4, W. Nurton 5, H. Perry 6, A. J. Pitman (composer and conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8. This is believed to be the first date touch of Grandsire Triples rung this year. The touch was composed for the occasion, and contains the 24 6-7's at back stroke; also several 4-6's and 7-4's at hand and back stroke. First part: First change made at back stroke 1325467. Bobs at 2, 1, 5, 4, produce 524387; then 2, S2, 4, 1 S2. 4. 1. 5. 4. Repeated 4 times, with single for Bobs at 3rd and 6th part ends.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 47 mins.: \*W. Steed, G. B. Lucas, senr., \*G. Cooper, \*B. W. Pettitt, J. H. Wilkins, E. D. Lillywhite, \*O. Twist, R. Maynard, junr. (conductor), H. T. Scarlett, R. Maynard, senr. Arranged for H. W. Pettitt, of Sible Hedingham, Essex; also rung as a birthday compliment to W. Steed. \* First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

**HIGHER SUTTON.**—Chester Guild, Macclesfield Branch.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, August 10th, for morning service, 72. Bob Minor, as a welcome home to J. W. L. Slack, after three years' service with the R.A.S.C. in France: W. Wood 1, W. Matthews 2, T. Taylor (conductor) 3, J. M. Davenport 4, J. W. L. Slack 5, J. Manifold 6.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evening service, at the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: E. Grimshaw 1, J. M. Davenport 2, T. Taylor (conductor) 3, W. Wood 4, J. W. L. Slack 5, J. Manifold 6.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, July 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss N. Shorter 1, P. Tyler 2, R. Sippotts 3, A. Mitchell 4, A. D. Mills 5, J. Rice (conductor) 6, O. Sippotts 7, A. Thornton 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble who hail from Oatlands Park, Surrey.

**NEWPORT PAGNELL.**—On July 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples:—Southwood 1, F. Tompkins (conductor) 2, W. Brown 3, E. Lathan 4, G. Boon 5, H. Warren 6, W. Smith 7, W. Ellis 8. Rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Ward, whose gift of Tickford Abbey was dedicated to the P.S.A. Brotherhood on this day. The ringer of the treble hails from Exeter, and made the journey specially for the ceremony.

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### THE STANDARD OF STRIKING.

Several correspondents have entered the field recently on the subject of striking in peals, showing that the question is, as it should be, one of wide interest. Indeed, good striking—whether in peals or at any other time—is the very essence of our art, and for that reason should stand first in the actual practise of ringing. Good striking in peals is not possible with a band that cannot strike well in touches, and good striking cannot be achieved in the higher methods if it is not obtainable in the simpler. Yet, although these things are well recognised truisms, there are scores of peals attempted by bands who can have no hope of putting up even a passable performance. The indifferent striker is quite sufficient to mar a peal, and there are some men who never would become good strikers. Thus it is that effective ringing becomes largely a question of the individual ability of the units comprising a band.

Many a man at the beginning of his ringing career suffers through lack of a tutor sufficiently capable of properly instructing him in striking. The importance of a beginner being thoroughly drilled into putting his bell into its exact place in rounds, and of gauging the compass, as well as in adopting a good style, cannot be exaggerated, for it is the foundation upon which the future must be built up. If every band would realise that it is as important to be able to strike their bells as it is to be able to ring a method without trips, before thinking themselves sufficiently proficient to attempt peals, the average of peal performances would reach a higher standard. Unfortunately, indifference to good striking in the early stages seems to breed a contempt for it as the company advances in its peal ringing ambitions, and it is very true, as one correspondent points out this week, that with some ringers it is only the scoring of the peal that counts—the rest does not matter.

Ringling in the last half-century has spread apace, and the natural tendency has been, perhaps, to lower the standard in the matter of striking, although there has been a higher level reached in the complexity of the methods rung. But the method is not everything, and if we would achieve perfection as nearly as we can reach it, no band ought to attempt a peal until their striking in smaller performances reaches a high level of excellence. This would be no check to a band's ambition, rather would it act as a spur, for one peal rung well is worth far more than two rung badly, and, as has often been remarked, a good peal of Grandsire is better than a bad peal of London. It is true, as we mentioned above, that good striking in a peal is largely dependent upon the individual ability of the ringers, but even eight good ringers do not always get good ringing. Oftentimes this is the result of the men

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being misplaced, and a conductor, who is also a good general, can, if he chooses, reshuffle the band with beneficial results. But no amount of shuffling will make a bad striker into a good one, and it is only by his own perseverance, patience and the sympathetic coaching of those among whom he rings, that this defect can be overcome; and this is the line that must be followed if the standard of striking, as well as of method ringing is to reach a higher level.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 38½ cwt.

*GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 1	... Treble	ARTHUR MASON ... .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2		CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3		WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4		EDWARD P. DEFFIELD ... .. 10
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5		WILLIAM PYE ... .. 11
WILLIAM SHETPARD ... .. 6		WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal on 12 bells. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

REIGATE, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM POOLEY ... .. 1	... Treble	FREDERICK RICE ... .. 5
CHARLES DEAN ... .. 2		GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 7
ARTHUR HOLMAN ... .. 3		WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 8
WILLIAM BEESTON ... .. 4		FRANCIS T. HOAD ... .. 9
HENRY F. EWINS ... .. 5		ROBERT BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.  
(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 1	... Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2		JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 3		CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 4		LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Keeble, it being his first peal in the method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 1	... Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... .. 2		EDWIN J. HARDING ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3		WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... .. 7
REV. E. BANKES-JAMES ... .. 4		OWEN H. GILES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of W. G. Rowe, a member of the local band.



WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.  
(St. Chad's Society.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE SCARRETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... .. 5
*JOHN TUDOR ... .. 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 6
ERNEST WEATHERBY ... .. 3	ALFRED E. TULLICK ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. TAYLOR ... .. 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Major upon the bells. The ringers of 3 and 6 belong to Drayton, the rest to St. Chad's, Salop. Rung as a Peace Peal for the town of Wellington. The band desire to convey their best thanks to Messrs. Waller and Moss for kindly arranging the peal and the Wardens for the excellent tea after the peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

GEORGE MARRINER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... .. 5
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 6
JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. WEBB ... .. 5
*EDWARD BRETTE ... .. 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM COLEY ... .. 3	ALFRED DAVIS ... .. 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 4	GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday peal to W. H. Webb, also rung in honour of his being elected Ringing Master of the above branch.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. Treble	GEORGE ABLITT ... .. 5
FRED J. SMITH ... .. 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... .. 6
ERNEST E. LANHAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by W. T. LAST.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

ALFRED F. LEADER ... .. Treble	GEORGE T. LEADER ... .. 5
THOMAS S. SMITH ... .. 2	EDWIN T. HOOPER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	PERCY E. JONES ... .. 7
*WALTER G. BEDFORD ... .. 4	ALFRED J. PERRYMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER.

Conducted by EDWIN T. HOOPER.

A peal of thanksgiving on 'Elliman Day' to mark the cessation of Naval, Military and industrial strife. \* First peal. First peal in the method upon the bells, which were re-cast in 1913, and the first in the town of Slough by an entirely local band.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

T. STRINGER ... .. Treble	*G. LUCAS ... .. 5
E. DAVEY ... .. 2	T. GASSON ... .. 6
F. R. HOUNSELL ... .. 3	A. ABSALOM ... .. 7
H. J. GRAVETT ... .. 4	†A. E. BERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. GASSON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

NEWPORT, SALOP.  
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT EVANS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 5
WILLIAM DONALD WASE ... .. 2	GEORGE L. HEWITT ... .. 6
JOHN HERBERT RIXON ... .. 3	WALTER LAGO ... .. 7
JOSEPH HANLEY ... .. 4	JACK GARBETT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. SAUNDERS.

This is the only peal rung on the above bells since the year 1812. All the band hail from Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale. It is the first time a complete band from Coalbrookdale have rung a peal away from their own Church.

OLDHAM.  
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
OLDHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. LAWTON ... .. Treble	S. STOTT ... .. 5
A. CLEGG ... .. 2	J. LEES ... .. 6
E. B. SHAW ... .. 3	H. BARLOW ... .. 7
F. TAYLOR ... .. 4	C. PLATT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by C. PLATT.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Hampson, who died from the effects of wounds received in the war.

PUTNEY.  
THE PUTNEY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH HERBERT ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. WORSLEY ... .. 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2	JOHN P. KENT ... .. 6
ARTHUR JONES ... .. 3	EDWARD CASSEL ... .. 7
HORACE ADAMS ... .. 4	*THOMAS BOLTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This peal was rung to replace a Peace Peal attempt which came to grief after two hours ringing, also as a compliment to the conductor, it being the 38th anniversary of his first peal of Stedman Triples.

\* First peal in the method.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 23, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRED OVERTON ... .. Treble	CHARLES TAYLOR ... .. 5
J. B. BUDD ... .. 2	RALPH S. LONG ... .. 6
J. W. SEAMER ... .. 3	*FRED METCALFE ... .. 7
†STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... .. 4	JAMES LAMB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

\* First peal. † First of Grandsire. Great credit is due to the tenor man for his ringing, he being in his 78th year.

LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION  
(ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 23 cwt.	
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble		K. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 5	
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ... .. 2		HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 6	
GEORGE CLEAL ... .. 3		ALFRED MARTIN ... .. 7	
WILLIAM WEBB ... .. 4		THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

HORSMONDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

CHARD HOPE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	JAMES WAGHORN ... .. 5
GEORGE FULLER ... .. 3	ALBERT RELFE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Edwin Lambert of the East Surrey Regiment, who died whilst a prisoner of war in Germany, October 22nd, 1918.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 Six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*LEONARD G. BOOTH ... Treble	THOMAS HODD ... .. 4
TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 5
*JOHN H. EDWARDS ... .. 3	*CHARLES CREASEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. The treble ringer is only 14 years of age. All the ringers belong to Salehurst. The peal was rung to welcome home from H.M. Forces the ringers of 3rd and tenor.

**FIVE BELL PEAL.**

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On St. Luke's Day, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 Six-scores with ten different callings.

THOMAS BUTLER ... Treble	J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... .. 3
JAMES W. HAYNES ... .. 2	HAROLD FOLWILL ... .. 4
WALTER C. STARMER ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LEEDS, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 30th, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

JAMES R. KEMP ... .. 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by GEORGE CROSS, of Norwich.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON. Attested by GEORGE A. JOWETT.

PETERBOROUGH.—On August 10th, after evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. J. Jutson 1, Kathleen A. Jutson 2, G. Parker 3, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 4, W. Ayre 5, R. Richardson 6.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.  
A NEW MASTER.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Bedworth on Saturday week, and was attended by members from Allesley, Berkswell, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Coventry, Lutterton, Rugby and Stony Stanton. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and the Guild form of service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Evans). Tea was partaken of in the hall of the almshouses, upwards of 40 members and friends sitting down. The business meeting followed, Canon Back (president of the Guild) being in the chair, the Rev. Canon Evans, Rev. Canon Fortescue and the Rev. J. T. Owen being also present. Several new members were elected, including the Rev. Canon Fortescue as a vice-president.

The President stated that Mr. James George wished to relinquish his office as Master of the Guild. Mr. A. Roberts was elected to fill the vacancy, and was congratulated upon his election.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rugby in January next.—Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to Mr. Randle for kindly arranging the tea, and to the president for presiding were carried with applause.—The Rev. Canon Evans and Canon Back responded.

The tower was afterwards again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were rung.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
A WELCOME TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

Quite a re-union took place on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, when over 50 ringers attended a meeting of the North and East District of the above Association. Many members present had not long returned from service abroad, besides whom, many others, well known to the Exercise, were amongst those who took part in the ringing, including Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, W. Doran, C. Dean, J. Thomas, G. B. Lucas, I. G. Shade, T. Groombridge, J. Waghorn, J. W. Jones (Llandaff Association), W. E. White (Midland Counties Association), etc., whilst the ladies were represented by Mrs. J. Thomas, Miss Williams (Hillingdon), and Mrs. J. W. Jones, the two former joining in some of the touches rung.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the president, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., who was supported by the District Master, Mr. J. Armstrong, and the hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles.—The President, on behalf of the Association, extended to Mr. Coles a hearty welcome after his 2½ years' service in Salonica and Constantinople, and congratulated him on his safe return home.—Mr. Coles briefly replied, thanking the members for the welcome they had given him, expressing great satisfaction at the way in which the work of the society had been carried on; and saying how very pleased he was at being back with them once more.

Two new members were elected, and the place of the next meeting was decided upon.

The President read an extract from the Association's annual report for 1905, which, he said, was interesting, in view of the present discussion in the pages of 'The Ringing World' on toleration in the belfry. The writer, after having said a few words on the subject of 'unity amongst ringers,' went on as follows: 'Another hindrance to the cause of brotherhood rests not infrequently in the want on the part of a conductor of a tender regard for the faults and failings of beginners. The worst of it is that many thus act of set purpose, imagining that it does a beginner good to learn his work through much tribulation. There is an appearance of plausibility in this; but, in reality, it is a fatal mistake. A sensitive man, mistaking the emphatic utterances of a conductor, will lose heart in precisely the same proportion as a conductor loses his patience, and a speedy end is made of that feeling of brotherhood, which might, and ought to have been fostered. A really gifted conductor will have patience with his pupils, and in the long run will assuredly reap his reward; for patience will inspire perseverance, and gentleness an affectionate regard. Other instances might be given where ringers are in the habit of showing a great want of consideration for others; but we have said enough to show that the welfare of an association depends not so much upon mere numbers, as upon the spirit of Christian unity which pervades its members. May we be able to apply this touchstone to ourselves, and in the result, may we all be more intent upon making our association a brotherhood—for assuredly we ought to feel that life is too short for it to be otherwise.'

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. H. D. Lampen, and to Mr. J. H. Wilkins, concluded the meeting.

Afterwards another visit was paid to the tower, and the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Plain and Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday morning, October 19th, for service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Johnson 1, W. Bryan 2, G. Pigott (conductor) 3, V. G. Hemus 4, H. Withers 5, J. Eaton 6.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****S.E. DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.**

The annual meeting of the S.E. district was held at Writtle on Saturday week, members attending from Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Bentley, Fryerning, Earl's Colne, and the local company, also Mr. Richardson, of Brookley. The ringing included Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman. At the tea and business meeting which followed, the District Master, Mr. W. Lincoln, presided.

Mr. A. Edwards proposed that Mr. W. Lincoln be thanked for his past services, and re-elected District Master.—This was seconded by Mr. F. Radley and carried unanimously.—Mr. Lincoln, in thanking the members for re-electing him, stated that he hoped to see a larger attendance at the monthly practice at Chelmsford, which was held on the last Saturday in the month, so that progress could be made.

Mr. T. Lincoln proposed, and Mr. Radley seconded, that Mr. F. Edwards be re-elected hon. secretary.—Mr. Edwards stated that he wished to be relieved of the duties this year, but if no one else would accept he was prepared to serve another year.—On the motion of Mr. H. Kirton, seconded by Mr. J. Wood, Mr. P. Timson was thereupon elected hon. secretary.—Mr. Timson thanked the members for electing him, and said he would do his best to give satisfaction; if not they would know what to do at the next annual meeting.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Edwards, seconded by Mr. H. Kirton a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. F. Edwards for his services as secretary during the last five years.

The election of Mr. E. P. Buckingham as a member of the Association was confirmed. Broomfield was selected as the place for the meeting upon a date to be decided later, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. S. Grover for allowing the Association the use of the bells.

**AN APPEAL.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I appeal through your columns for sympathy and assistance on behalf of Mr. Charles Gordon, of Beddington, Surrey, who is suffering from bronchial catarrh, and has been unable to work since last June. He was one of the founders of the Surrey Association, and has been a regular Sunday ringer at Beddington for over 50 years. I think there are many ringers who know who would be glad to help him in his distress, especially among the older mem-

bers of the College Youths. Any subscription, however small, will be gratefully received by Yours sincerely, Alfred J. Trappitt, 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington, Surrey.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Lindfield on Saturday last, forty being present. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when a short service was held in church. An excellent tea was afterward served at the Tiger Hotel, and was followed by a liberal distribution of cigarettes and tobacco, which had been kindly provided by a local lady. At the business meeting, sixteen new members were elected.—Mr. Groves (hon. sec. of the Western Division), in proposing six members of the Angmering branch, wished it to be notified that the Vicar and churchwardens extended an invitation to the association to Angmering on Saturday, November 15th. Those intending to be present should notify Mr. C. Hills, May Cottage, Angmering, not later than Wednesday, November 12th.

Votes of thanks to the preacher for his excellent address, and to the lady who kindly provided tea and tobacco for the members; also to the ladies who assisted her, concluded the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until about 3 o'clock. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. The following towers were represented: Aldington, Balcombe, Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Cuckfield, Eastbourne, Heane, Hurstpierpoint, Seaford and Shoreham.

**SHARNBROOK BANDS' PROGRESS.**

On Sunday last, for evensong, at Sharnbrook, Beds, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor was rung by: E. C. Allen 1, W. A. Norman 2, G. C. Bell 3, R. C. Allen 4, A. J. Barcock 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6.

On various recent dates the same band have rung 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford Bob Minor. Each of these 720's is the first in the method by the local band whose enthusiasm and success speaks well for their future progress.

BUCKNALL.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 16th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Preston 1, Alice Wheeldon 2, W. Wheeldon, junr. 3, C. Preston 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor), 6. First 720 with a bob bell for Miss Alice Wheeldon.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many and various are the events which we ringers celebrate by peals or touches. On October 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Deptford for the harvest festival, and it is noted that it was also the 17th anniversary of the partial destruction of the tower by a heavy gale.

Mr. William Pye, whose peal total is now within measurable distance of a record, celebrated the 30th anniversary of his first peal, with a peal of Stedman Cinques at Waltham Abbey on Saturday.

Birstall bells, which have been recast at the Croydon Foundry, will be opened on November 8th.

## NEW BELLS FOR PONTEFRAC.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 23rd, the first parish solree at Pontefract since the beginning of the war, was held. In the course of his address, the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Capron, M.A.) announced that he had that day received a promise of the gift of two new bells (to make a ring of ten) from the Misses Robson, of Bournemouth, and Mrs. E. Crossley Atkinson, of Micklegate House, Pontefract, daughters of the late Mr. G. S. and Mrs. Robson, formerly of Northumberland House, Pontefract, and to whose memory the bells are to be installed.

## ST. NEOT'S BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Presumably by a printer's error, a mistake appears in the translation of the inscription on one of the new bells at St. Neot's (page 447 of the 'Ringing World' for Oct. 17th). In the second column, 5th line, the last word should be 'dine,' not 'die.' The reason for the 'more joyful' ringing thus becomes apparent.—Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL E. THOROLD.

## PEAL SCORING AND STRIKING.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Two correspondents in last week's issue emphasise the importance of good striking in peals, although their letters are written with rather differing aims.

But surely the real cause of most of the bad striking that occurs in peals can be attributed to the absurd estimation in which so many ringers hold peal-scoring, and to the kind of hero worship paid to those who have rung so many hundred peals.

Of course, peal ringing should not be abolished altogether, but it should be kept within proper limits and for proper occasions (the birthday of the youngest sister of the ringer of the fifth, and similar domestic events should not be—and probably were not actually—occasions for peals). If the general public knew instinctively why ringing was taking place protests would not be heard so often.

In the country very many towers still remain, where for no obvious reason the bells are not always rung for service. Let the Exercise realise that it is, to those who do this regularly that the highest praise is due—even though the method be plain and the mistakes many.—Yours, etc.,  
R. O. STREET.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday last, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, between 40 and 50 ringers being present, including several lady ringers. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m. on the fine new ring of eight from the Croydon Foundry, which were kept going up to 7.45 p.m. in various standard methods. Tea was provided by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Ensor), to whose untiring efforts the provision of the bells was due.

The business meeting was held after the ringing in a large hall at the Vicarage, Mr. H. Burton (Master) presiding. Four new members were elected, including the Vicar, Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. W. G. Whitehead (Bushey), and Mr. F. Bell (Putney).

St. Luke's, Chelsea, and St. Giles', Camberwell (two ten bell towers) were proposed for the next meetings in December and January respectively.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness to the Association and hearty welcome. Some good touches on the handbells concluded the evening.

**EASTBOURNE.**—Sussex County Association.—On Sept. 14th, for morning service, at Christ Church 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: 1. Hobbs 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Gower 3, W. D. Smith 4, E. Gower 5, G. W. Stokes 6, W. J. Robinson 7, A. D. Barker 8. For evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Hobbs 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. D. Smith 3, A. Gower 4, E. Gower 5, G. W. Stokes 6, W. J. Robinson 7, A. D. Barker (conductor) 8.—On Sept. 23rd, at Christ Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. D. Smith 1, A. Gower 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, T. H. Taffender 4, G. W. Stokes 5, E. Mallard 6, W. J. Robinson 7, W. Bridge 8.—On Sept. 23rd, at All Saints' Church, for evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. D. Smith 1, E. Gower 2, J. Sharp 3, W. J. Robinson 4, G. Woodiss 5, G. W. Stokes 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, T. H. Deadman 8.

## PARTING THE TENORS.

(CONTRIBUTED.)

So much has been said about parting the tenors and the effect when they are together being so agreeable, that the writer determined to see if it were possible to keep them, and in Royal and Maximus, the fixed bells, together continually. On considering the matter he saw that it could be done, and getting to work with paper and ink, the extremely simple method herein put forward was evolved.

In Plain Bob, the tenors are kept together better than in any other method, and because of this, together with the moderate length of the courses, and the facility with which the 2nd can be kept from dodging behind with the tenor, it is accounted the finest even-bell method by many Surprise ringers. In Bob Major, the tenors are together until they are parted by the 7th making seconds in the third lead; and as they are brought together again by the 8th, making seconds in the following lead, they are only parted for the shortest possible space. Now, substituting fixed bells for tenors if the fixed bells are to be kept together continually, it is obvious that the leads in which they make seconds must be cut out. This can be done very elegantly, and also very unconventionally by causing the treble to make sixth's in the third lead, thereby compelling the 6th to make seconds before it otherwise would, and bringing up the unobjectionable penultimate lead. This is invariably true, figures being very accommodating when treated in the right way; and in all numbers the fixed bells course one another uninterruptedly, saving only that the 8th must necessarily course a working bell; and, in Major, to avoid a very disagreeable effect, care must be taken that the 2nd be not allowed to precede it. To state the case as briefly as possible, the fixed bells are never required to make either called or uncalled bells, and, therefore, the number of leads must agree with the number of working bells. The method has the Plain Bob lead ends—with the objectionable leads eliminated—it has the Plain Bob order of succession, and it is perfectly symmetrical, the axis of symmetry being between the two blows of the treble in sixth's. But notwithstanding these virtues it fails to comply with the rules of the Methods Committee, who, so long as the bells, no difference being recognised between heavy and light bells, are in the Plain Bob coursing order at the lead ends, allow them to be parted without further let or hindrance; so that Oxford, Cambridge, London and Superlative comply with the rules equally with Kent and Bristol. In short, the Methods Committee set up a highly elastic and imperfect standard of coursing order, and disallow the perfect standard.

It is difficult to make the features of a method clear without an exhibit, and the reader is invited to look at the undernoted plain courses. The selected Plain Bob leads are denoted by their last rows in the usual way, and the short leads are set out in full. A Peal of Major is appended in which the 2nd never dodges behind with the tenor, and the 6th is eighteen times right and wrong.

Major.	Royal.	Maximus.	5016 Major.
76 Changes.	92 Changes.	108 Changes.	W M H 23456
12345678	1234567890	1234567890ct	— — — — —
13527486	1352749608	13527496c810	— — — — —
15738264	1573920486	157392c41608	— — — — —
51372846	5137294068	513729c4c810	— — — — —
53127486	5312749608	53127496c810	— — — — —
35214768	3521476980	352147698c0ct	— — — — —
32541678	3254167890	3254167890ct	— — — — —
23456187	2345618709	2345618709ct	— — — — —
24365178	2436517890	2436517890ct	— — — — —
42631587	4263158709	4263158709ct	— — — — —
46213857	4621385079	4621385079ct	— — — — —
64128375	6412830597	641283057c9	— — — — —
61482735	6148203957	614820315c79	— — — — —
16847253	1684029375	16840213c597	— — — — —
16482735	1648203957	164820315c79	— — — — —
14263857	1426385079	1426385079ct	— — — — —
12345678	1234567890	1234567890ct	— — — — —

Repeat twice, substituting a single for the last bob at M in the third part, and repeat the whole.

## HONOUR FOR BECCLES RINGER.

MR. A. E. MICKLEBURGH ELECTED MAYOR.

At a special meeting of Beccles Town Council it was resolved that Mr. Councillor A. E. Mickleburgh be Mayor for the coming year.

Councillor Mickleburgh has been a member of the Town Council for about 20 years, with one or two short breaks, and is vice-chairman of the Wangford Union, and a member of the National Insurance Committee for East Suffolk. For many years he was on the Board of Management of one of the largest Friendly Societies, and established and is Editor of the Society's Journal.

The Mayor-elect is a ringer of many years' standing, and a member of the Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association.

Mr. Mickleburgh was for many years with Messrs. Wm. Clowes and Sons, Ltd., printers, but for the past 22 years has been in business on his own behalf.

## TOLERATION IN THE BELFRY.

MR. JOHN AUSTIN 'OWNS UP.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As your correspondent's remarks on toleration applies to myself, I feel I ought to explain that for some weeks past I have been trying to get the ringing back to its old form at St. Michael's, Gloucester, and for several weeks we have been practising Stedman Caters. On this particular occasion we had tried three times to get a touch, each time coming to grief through someone getting lost in the slow. After the third attempt I put on my clothes and said: 'would not ring it again until they had learnt the slow work properly,' but I was persuaded to have another start. We rang three courses successfully.

Now, Sir, your correspondent says he has had 24 years' experience in four different associations; all I can say he has not made good use of his experience, or he would be able to ring Stedman Caters or anything else in that time, but there are certain classes of ringers who will never make good ringers if they had 50 years' experience; that is their misfortune.

In your article on the front page, you refer to the case of a teacher putting on his hat and leaving the class if a pupil failed to come up to his standard. I think instead of the teacher leaving the pupil would be told to stand down till he made himself efficient, and to my mind that would be the best way to serve ringers who come in the tower and attempt to ring methods they have not previously worked out at home.

At the present time young ringers have splendid opportunity for improvement, and it rests entirely with themselves. I can remember the time when it was a favour to sit and look on while the ringing was in progress, then ring the five minutes bell Sunday after Sunday; the only time you got a chance was when they were one short. Happily, all that is changed, and no young ringer need be disappointed; if he is determined to get on he will always find someone willing to assist him, but his first thoughts must be learn to strike properly; than whatever method he wants to practice get pencil and paper at work at home and make himself thoroughly acquainted with it before going to the tower. In conclusion, I should just like to say it is the first time I have been accused of not having patience or tolerance for young ringers, and I leave it to the Exercise and those who have visited St. Michael's, Gloucester, whether they have not been made welcome, or whether I have not any tolerance.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN AUSTIN.

## ANOTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE.

Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. Bennett that toleration is very necessary; but there's the rub, is it not necessary on both sides? My short ringing experience has been like the first verse of Gray's Elegy. I have seen the ploughman (ringing) homeward wend his weary way; because he had been trying to leave behind him on this earth the small store of wisdom handed down to him, and the ground he was trying to leave that seed in looked on him—as a crank, an old fool who didn't recognise that they were better men than he was, and that they knew all about ringing, and the best ways to learn a new method before their first year was out, and if he suggested that they might bring their ears to practice with them and the striking would be improved, then they of course wouldn't suggest that he didn't know anything about striking, and that they were conferring a favour on him, and doing the tower an honour to allow him to kneel, and beg and pray of them to come to practise, and come early. And then if he grumbles because they haven't looked at that Plain Bob at home they think he should be glad they came at all; useless as they are when they can't supply their tooth in the wheel, and don't trouble that they have spoilt one more week. Yes, of course toleration is necessary. I know it well, but I can assure Mr. Bennett that in my short roam round the ringing isle that I have never seen the older and experienced ringer he mentions, who throws cold water on the aspirations of the novice, but I have seen the eyes of the said older and experienced one light up with joy when he found one bit of promising material whereby he could advance the art, and at the same time spend infinite time and trouble all for nothing, just to be able to say 'that is one of my lads'; none of the old ones answer that, but they know on whose side the toleration has been required.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

## THE DEVON GUILD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. A. L. Bennett is wrong. Plymouth and Exeter are not the only two places in Devon where change ringing is practised, and Grandsire is not the only method, as the peal boards on the walls of the Plymouth belfries will prove. He is also wrong when he states that the Devonshire Guild is very backward. When he gains more experience he will wonder how change ringing ever came to be established in 'Stoney' Devon at all. 'Tis always better to be sure of facts before rushing into print.

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E. W. MARSH.

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



**THOMAS HUGHES OF HANWELL.****DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE 'OLD SCHOOL.'**

There passed away recently yet another of the 'old school' of ringers, in the person of Thomas Hughes, of Hanwell, Berks. Though not looking the part, 'Tom' was for very many years the village blacksmith at Hanwell, with the exception of a few years that he worked in Portsmouth Dockyard, and a very clever and skilled smith he was. He took to change ringing 'like a duck takes to water,' when after the rehanging of the grand old six in 1887, Alfred Thomas, landlord of the White Hart, and some time secretary of the St. Martin's Youtas, Birmingham, trained a band of change ringers in the picturesque village of Hanwell, famous for its glorious cherry orchards. Of that band, A. Thomas, I. Hitchman, A. Hitchman, and now 'Tom' are no more. They learnt to ring, and what is far more important, to strike the rough-going musical ring of six, with its 19 cwt. tenor and 60 lb. draught of rope, through such methods as Grandsire, Plain Bob, College Single, Yorkshire Court, Treble Bob, Double Stedman Slow Course, etc. But for business and domestic worries, Tom Hughes would no doubt have become a fine ringer, as he never experienced any difficulty in 'picking up' a new method, and when the writer 'dragged him out' to ring in a peal of Grandsire Triples, a few years ago he rang his bell most beautifully throughout, although he had had no previous practice. That peal was conducted by a Hanwell ringer, the band including no less than six Hanwell men.—R.I.P.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting of the Bolton branch was held at St. Paul's Walkden, on Saturday last, and close upon forty members attended, including visitors from Worsley and Pendlebury. Some good striking was achieved in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. This speaks well for the progress in the branch, as several of the members had their 'first touch' in the method.

The President of the Association (Canon Elsee) was present, and gave some very interesting facts of the doings of the Central Council. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Holy Trinity, Bolton, where the bells are now being renovated.

At the close of a very successful meeting, Mr. Wm. Dickenson, of Deane, generously entertained the ringers to refreshments.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**LEWES.**—At Southover Church, on Sunday, August 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service, in 43 mins.: G. Richardson 1, F. Sturt 2, G. Sturt 3, J. T. Rickman 4, G. Piper 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. I. Dawe (conductor) 7, C. Errey 8.

**FULBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Wood 1, S. Stone 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, P. H. Doick 4, J. Burdfield 5, R. Whittington 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, A. Piest 8. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, who were spending a short holiday in the district.

**DOULTING, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of St. Aldhelm, in 53 mins., on Sunday evening, August 24th, 1919, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): Cyril S. Webb 1, Herbert E. Webb 2, Joseph W. Pemberton 3, Ernest H. H. Lane 4, Herbert Wilcox 5, Edward Jenkins 6. \* First quarter.

**HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On August 31st, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the anniversary of the wedding of S. Featherstone, a date touch of 1919 changes of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, in 1 hour and 12 minutes: W. Sterry (Dedham) 1, G. Green (Langham) 2, A. Smith (Langham) 3, H. Lilley (Langham) 4, S. Featherstone (Stratford St. Mary) 5, A. Catterwell (St. Morkesley), conductor 6.

**EAST MOLESEY (SURREY).**—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: J. N. Frossell, J. Howes, W. A. Woodrow, F. G. Goddard, A. Woodrow, C. H. Dobbie, W. Shepherd (conductor), A. H. Winch.

**ROCK FERRY, BIRKENHEAD.**—Chester Diocesan Guild. — On Sept. 17th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: \*F. Bantan 1, E. J. Brookes 2, \*J. Cooke 3, S. F. Barnes 4, R. Birchall 5, H. Martin (conductor) 6. \* First 720. First 720 as conductor. The ringers of 4 and 5 belong to Oxton, 2nd to Kidderminster, the rest to the local band. This is the first 720 on the bells since the signing of peace. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor: F. Bantan 1, E. Williams (first in the method) 2, J. Cooke 3, R. Birchall 4, H. Martin (conductor) 5, S. F. Barnes 6.

**WALTON-ON-THAMES.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Miss N. Shorter 1, F. Shepherd 2, R. Stevens 3, J. Iressa 4, Miss P. Shorter 5, H. Chaffey 6, R. Lathbury (conductor) 7, W. Shorter 8.

**LANGHAM.**—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sept. 31st, 720 Plain Bob: A. Canham 1, G. Green 2, A. Smith 3, H. Lilley 4, A. Catterwell (conductor) 5, A. Bacon 6.—On Sept. 28th, for harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Catterwell (conductor) 1, G. Green 2, A. Smith 3, A. Bacon 4, H. Smith 5, H. Lilley 6.

**NOTICES.**

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open at 4 p.m.; Service in Church at 5; tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after the service, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend are requested to notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, Oct. 28th.—W. Lather, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A special meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m.—A. Knights, 32, Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The postponed quarterly meeting (owing to the railway strike) will be held at St. Athan (Gileston Station) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price and J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Luton. Bells available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Hon. Sec. Luton District.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.; meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 6 p.m.—C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on November 4th; Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; \*St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside (nominations of officers) on the 18th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Marsham on Saturday, November 8th. Bells available for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea by the Vicar, Rev. G. Brocklehurst. Members intending being present at this meeting please notify the Secretary at once.—H. Balcombe, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6

o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1919-20 are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The General Meeting will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 8th.—Rev. E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec., Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The November meeting will be held in Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 to 6 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m., and the bells of St. Marie's from 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Wostenholm Hall at 6 p.m., at a charge of 1/- per head, for all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells will be available for ringing at the Parish Church. The service will be taken by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Half-fares will be allowed to members up to 2s. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. a head if the names of those wishing for it be sent to Mr. T. H. Harman, 33, Rom Road, Faversham, so as to reach him not later than Wednesday, Nov. 5th.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing after meeting at Heston. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**BELL OPENING.**—Official opening of Birstall bells, which have been recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, will take place on Nov. 8th. All ringers are invited. Tea provided, free of charge, to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—Herbert Peel, 2, Cross Street, Birstall.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—A quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Moulton, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Kindly inform me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th, all those requiring tea.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Further particulars later.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon; Charles H. Reading, Assist. Hon. Sec., Lower Green, Mitcham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Short service 5.30; tea at 6; business meeting 8.15.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec., 157, High St., Camden Town, N.W.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea and meeting to follow in the Church Room. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 11th. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Brecon District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llangattock on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Short service in Church 5.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting afterwards. Tea free to those who advise the Rev. Cole-Hamilton by Nov. 12th. All ringers welcome.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: "That the whole question of the memorial tablet be reopened."—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 15th. The Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5.15. The business meeting will be held immediately after the tea.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, on Nov. 22nd, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 7/6 each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Garrard, Horrex, Horton, A. A. Hughes, L. A. Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, McDonald, Newton, Noakes, W. H. Pasmore, Prime, Sanders, Winney, or W. T. Cockeill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Area.—A special meeting will be held at Cheltenham, St. Mary's Parish Church, on Thursday evening, Nov. 27th, 1919. Meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m. Tower open at 7 o'clock. Will all ringers who are in this area send their names for election if unable to attend? All ringers are invited. The Master (Rev. M. E. Thorold) will preside.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The tower of St. Mary, Islington, is open for practice on Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. till 9.15 p.m.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec.

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

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**ANDREWS.**—In loving memory of Arthur Andrews, late of Billingsboro', Lincs., who died at Daventry on Oct. 30th, 1918. Called to a Higher Service.

**ST. MALLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**—On Wednesday, Oct. 30th, in 42 mins., on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): G. W. Monk, junr., 1, G. Monk 2, W. Stamway 3, E. Millward 4, J. Marshall (conductor) 5, W. Wilts 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

### 720's AT LEYTONSTONE.

At St. John's Church, Leytonstone, on October 6th, 720 London Surprise: W. Doran 1, W. Theobald 2, A. Prior 3, E. Smith (first in the method) 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6.

On October 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Riches 1, G. L. Joyce 2, A. Prior 3, W. J. Rundle 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, G. Dawson 6.

On Oct. 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Riches 1, W. J. Rundle 2, W. Theobald 3, P. H. Avery 4, E. Smith 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6. W. J. Rundle hails from Plymouth, and was on a visit to the neighbourhood.

On October 13th, 720 Carlisle Surprise: W. Doran 1, G. L. Joyce 2, A. Prior 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6. First in method by G. L. Joyce.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Aug. 10th, for evening service, 720 York Surprise: H. Rogers 1, M. Rogers 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, T. Bettison (conductor) 4, J. Radford 5, C. Rogers 6.

GLANBROOK, KENT.—Kent Association.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 28th, in 45 mins., a quarter-deal of Grandsire Triples: L. Honess 1, J. Waghorn, senr., 2, W. H. Lambert 3, J. Blake 4, C. Tribe 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, O. Hodges 8.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 11th, 720 Bob Major: W. Miller, jun., 1, H. W. Crickmer 2, E. Jenkins 3, S. Rogers 4, W. Crickmer (conductor) 5, H. Hall 6, J. Hall 7, D. Collins 8. Ringing on the birthday of H. Hall. D. Collins belongs to Worlingworth, the rest to Earl Soham.

EXETER.—The Devonshire Guild. — At St. David's Church, on Oct. 12th, in connection with the harvest festival, a quarter-deal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. H. Webber 1, R. Hamilton 2, F. J. Davey 3, A. W. Searle (conductor) 4, J. Locke 5, W. Lethbridge 6, J. R. Sandover 7, W. Brewer (first quarter) 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Friday, October 17th, on handbells, a quarter-deal of Bob Major (1280 changes): R. Brough 1-2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3-4, R. Lathbury 5-6, A. Clarke 7-8. Ring in and out of the Tittums.

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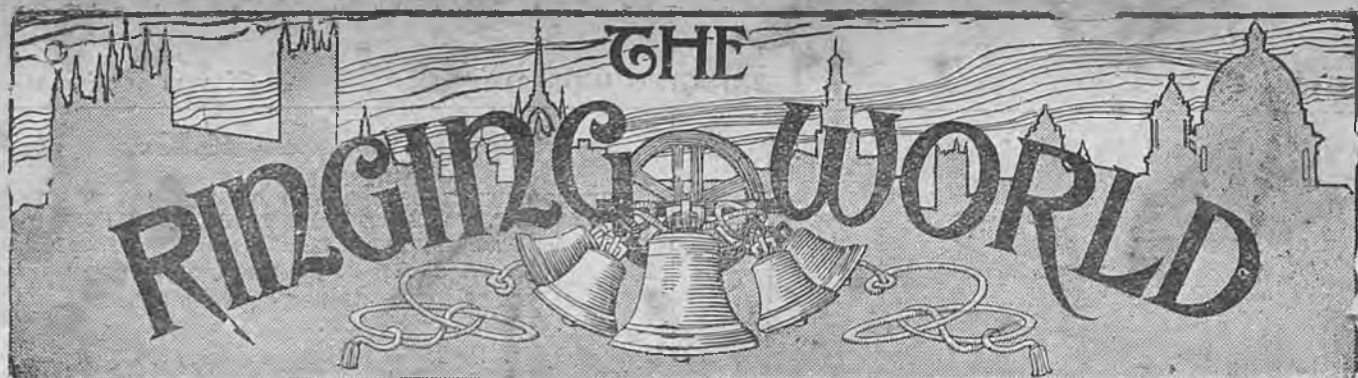
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### NORWICH ASSOCIATION AFFAIRS.

The importance of decentralisation in the management of large associations, in order to bring the organisation into closer touch with the individual ringers, has been a point which we have frequently urged in this column. Without decentralised machinery, a society covering a large geographical area cannot hope to maintain the active interests of its members in anything like the same degree as an association which brings its activities into almost every tower by means of a district system. Hitherto the Norwich Association, which has been nominally split into about twenty-four districts, has never really made this machinery effective, and has been content with four general meetings a year for the two large counties.

Under the new scheme there is scope for making the existing district arrangement into something very much more live than it has proved to be in the past, and the suggestions made by the Rev. H. Drake in another column bearing upon this matter will doubtless receive the consideration they deserve. No one will say that in the past the Norwich Association has been anything but successful, but one can imagine that its success would have been still more marked if it had developed more freely on the lines of decentralised control. It is true that District Secretaries already have power to arrange for periodic meetings within their districts; but apart from giving this permission, the association wipes its hands of the business, and specifically declines to contribute towards any of the expenses. That is hardly the policy to make a district scheme successful, and we believe we may look to see this altered in the near future.

Another important point raised by Mr. Drake is the question of providing instructors. Most societies make this, as they should do, a cardinal point in their operations, and while many individuals in the Norwich Diocese have done a great deal to help their neighbours, the association, as an organisation, has, we believe, done little. At any rate, its present rules, while setting out among the objects of the association "the promotion of scientific change ringing," say nothing as to the way in which it is prepared to further this important object. The members are now concerned in remodelling their organisation, and Mr. Drake does them a service in calling attention to these questions. It is, we are sure, the intention of the committee to proceed on progressive lines, and the members, when they have finally to decide upon the future management of the association, will doubtless find a ready acceptance of any proposal which will make the organisation of greater use to those who support it and more attractive to those who are at present outside.

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On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS ... .. Treble	*JAMES ROSE... .. 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... .. 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 8
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CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 4	*WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 10
EDGAR PEMBERTON ... .. 5	FREDERICK TILLET ... .. 11
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... .. 6	EDWARD EVANS ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
GEORGE TURNER ... .. 2	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
THOMAS WORSLEY ... .. 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... .. 8
RICHARD DEAL ... .. 4	WALTER C. HUNT ... .. 9
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 5	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;**

GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Treble	GEORGE GARRISON ... .. 6
EDGAR MARLOW ... .. 2	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 8
CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE SOCIETY.)

On All Saints' Day, Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY OVERTON ... .. Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 6
RICHARD LANGFORD ... .. 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. 3	C. J. BOWEN COOKE, C.B.E. 8
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 9
JAMES H. RIDING... .. 5	*WILLIAM BARNARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING.

\* First peal. This is supposed to be the first peal of Caters rung by a Mayor (C. J. Bowen Cooke, C.B.E., J.P.) and also the first peal by a Master of the above Guild.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, Aug. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): K. Salter 1, J. Davies 2, W. Short (conductor) 3, T. J. Salter 4, E. J. Brooks 5, J. Woodberry 6, J. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry 8. The first time the ringers of 5, 7 and 8 have met for 3½ years, each having served in France.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY J. WAY ... ..	Treble	HARRY F. BROWNJOHN ...	5
EDGAR GUISE ... ..	2	EDWIN J. RIDLER ... ..	6
CHARLES J. WALTON ...	3	ARTHUR T. WALLACE ...	7
ARTHUR W. SEVIOUR ...	4	GEORGE CONDECK, SEN. ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

APPLEDORP, KENT.

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

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ALFRED DAW ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ...	5
CHARLES TRIBE ... ..	2	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHRY ...	6
EDWARD S. LUCK ... ..	3	HENRY C. CASTLE ... ..	7
*ARCHIBALD C. KAY ...	4	GEORGE BILLENNESS ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

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Tenor 19 cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS ...	Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES ... ..	5
ANNIE BROWN ... ..	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... ..	6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ...	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... ..	7
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS	4	FREDERICK DAY ... ..	Tenor

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This is the first time this composition has been rung by the Association.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN FITTON ... ..	Treble	EDWARD SCHOFIELD ...	5
GEORGE BROWN ... ..	2	STANLEY PICKUP ... ..	6
*GEORGE STAFF ... ..	3	*JOHN H. MASSEY ... ..	7
WILLIAM CRABTREE ...	4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Grime, a Churchwarden for 20 years, and the late Mrs. Holt, both of St. Saviour's, Bacup. The ringers of treble, 3rd, 5th and 7th hail from Milnrow, 4th and tenor from Todmorden, 2nd and 6th are of the local band. \* First peal in the method.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ...	Treble	*GEORGE W. FLEICHER ...	5
JOHN THOMAS ... ..	2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... ..	6
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ...	3	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... ..	7
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ...	4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

\* First Surprise peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Joe Sykes, also to his friend, Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, whose birthday was on the day following.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

C. DEARLOVE ... ..	Treble	T. W. RADFORD ... ..	5
E. A. ETHERIDGE ... ..	2	G. TOMSETT ... ..	6
G. J. NICHOLS ... ..	3	S. RADFORD ... ..	7
E. RADDON ... ..	4	G. GIBBS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by S. RADFORD.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 27 cwt.

*J. FRANK PROCTOR ...	Treble	*JOHN W. KIRTON ... ..	5
*REV. C. J. STORTON ...	2	ARTHUR MACKEARS ...	6
*WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	3	JOHN W. WOOD ... ..	7
*SIDNEY PROCTOR ... ..	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

VICARS'.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL ... ..	Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH ... ..	5
FREDERICK MORGAN ...	2	THOMAS HOAD ... ..	6
*JOHN H. EDWARDS ... ..	3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	7
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... ..	4	EDWARD MILLS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells with a bob bell. First peal on these bells (which were hung in 1771) by an entirely local band.

DORCHESTER.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES GOODENOUGH ...	Treble	HERVEY BEAMS ... ..	5
FRANK UPHILL ... ..	2	FREDERICK TOWNSEND ...	6
CHARLES JENNINGS ... ..	3	MARTIN STEWART ... ..	7
CHARLES FORFITT ... ..	4	JOHN BENDER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GOODENOUGH.

This peal, rung with half-muffled clappers, was a memorial peal to those men of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild who gave their lives in the late war. Messrs. Goodenough and Forfit belong to Bournemouth, Uphill to Fordington, Jennings to Wyke Regis, Beams to Bradpole, Townsend to Poole, Stewart to Wimborne and Bender to Dorchester.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

*THOMAS GRIFFIN ... ..	Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ...	5
*STANLEY CARTER ... ..	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	6
JESSE FRANCIS ... ..	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... ..	7
PERCY W. CAVE ... ..	4	SYDNEY FRANCIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* Elected members previous to starting for the peal.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM OSTLER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 5
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... 2	JOHN HALL ... .. 6
*CHARLES LOVATT ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAWKINS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.  
No. 22 C.C. Collection. \* First peal.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

MISS DOROTHY E. JONES ... Treble	*WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 5
MISS WINIFRED C. JONES ... 2	†CHARLES PICKEN ... .. 6
JOHN BRADNEY ... .. 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 7
ANDREW JONES ... .. 4	HARRY MEDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal in Shropshire in which ladies have taken part. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, and 4 hail from Blakenhall, 5, 6 and 8 from Shifnal, 7 from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. This was a 'Peace Peal' for Shifnal and the first peal by the three Shifnal men since being demobilised. The ladies were proposed members of the Guild before starting for the peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF S. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST S. COTTON ... .. Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 5
*WALTER WALLINGTON ... 2	THOMAS B. SMITH ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	FRED STANFORTH ... .. 7
DICK ILIFFE ... .. 4	WILLIAM HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED STANFORTH.

\* First peal 'inside' Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cotton, Mr. Cotton being caretaker of and for many years a ringer at this church.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Canterbury, Beverley, York, London, Wells and Cambridge.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM ... Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 4
EDWIN YATES ... .. 2	THOMAS C. THOMPSONS ... 5
*ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. A. VALENTINE.

\* First peal of Surprise in seven methods also the first on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the Rev. H. Last, Vicar of the above Church for 17½ years, and Mrs. Last, who were presented the previous evening with a silver teapot and cream jug from the parishioners.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Woodbine and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*FRANK L. FISHER ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 4
HENRY BURCH ... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	GEORGE R. FINCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

\* First peal and first attempt.

CITY OF OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

FRANK BECKETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	CHARLES COLES ... .. 5
WILLIAM HARRIS ... .. 3	FREDERICK T. CLINKARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

First peal of Minor by all except the conductor. First peal of its kind in the city of Oxford.

BRADPOLE, BRIDPORT.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 Six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

*E. J. BRAKE ... .. Treble	*W. A. STIBY ... .. 4
*C. H. LATHEY ... .. 2	P. H. BEAMS ... .. 5
T. H. BEAMS ... .. 3	*B. M. ELSWORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. H. BEAMS.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to W. A. Stiby who sailed for Canada on November 3rd.

GLENTON, NORTHANTS.  
PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On All Saints' Day, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Mins.,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720s in ten Methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double and Single Bob, (4) Double and Single Court, (5) Double and Single Oxford Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK ROWLINSON ... Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 5
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Rung to the glory and honour of all the Saints. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Rector (Rev. Francis Almond).

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHALLIS F. WINNEY, No. 13,  
HARLESDOWN ROAD, FULHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WALTER S. WISE ... .. 1-2	HERBERT LANGDEN ... .. 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3-4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: GEORGE R. FARDON.

This was a birthday peal for Mr. Edwin Gibbs and Joseph Edwin Sykes.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: W. R. MELVILLE.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and MRS. YVONNE ELOIE-LELOUIE.  
Rung as a farewell to Mlle. Y. Eloie-Lelouie, who is shortly leaving for France. This is the largest size hand bells upon which a lady has yet rung 7-8 to a peal.

**STRIKING IN PEALS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Will Mr. Bramble please read again my letter in your issue of the 10th October; will your readers, also, very kindly do the same, and then look at Mr. Bramble's first letter. It will be seen that what your correspondent now says is not quite what he was saying; and that he makes deductions which my letter in nowise warrants.

The standard of 'tripless' peal ringing, he advocates, would, if rigidly applied, seem to lead to the results set down below: (1) Peal ringing, as it has been, would be abolished, and a new, perfectly perfect style of ringing would have to take its place; (2) the greater part of the peals recorded, since the start in 1715, would be branded as false, since they doubtless contained some trips; (3) all peal-books, annual peal records of Associations, and other lists of peals, would become worthless, as the truth of these records would be suspect; (4) in this 'new world' peal ringing, the skilful conductor would no longer have any function; a mere bob-caller would take his place; no trips being allowed, so none to put right; (5) evidence would have to be taken at once on commission as to the truth, or otherwise, of important long lengths and other record performances, while survivors remain: Fresh work for the Central Council.

And here are two examples of the application of this 'tripless' test to present-day peal ringing:—

*What Mr. Bramble calls 'bad striking' (a).*

Case (a).—Jerky striking, and bad leads throughout, an agony for any good ringer taking part, but every change struck true—and not one trip.

*What Mr. Bramble calls 'bad ringing' (b).*

Case (b).—Perfect striking, almost clock-work precision for hour after hour, excellent music for listeners outside, and pleasure to all in the belfry; one single trip occurs—a place or dodge momentarily missed, and corrected at once.

Mr. Bramble would have the former a true peal; the latter with one faulty change—it might be at the go-off, or the very last change before rounds come up—he would hold false, although in comparison with the other a perfect performance.—Yours very truly,

Bracondale, Norwich.

G. P. BURTON.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****GRIMSBY DISTRICT.**

A very successful meeting of the Grimsby district was held at Bigby on Saturday week, when members were present from Barton, Barrow, Scunthorpe and Grimsby, together with the local men and visitors from Gainsborough, Brigg and Scotton, numbering 37 altogether. The bells, a very musical six by Warner, with tenor six and a quarter cwt., were set going to various methods, the first touch being Kent Treble Bob, in which two of the ladies from Barton took part, it being their 'first' in the method. Prior to tea, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung, this being the first on the bells, and two of the local ringers took part, one ringing his first 720 in the method. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector and his wife, and served in the Schoolroom by the ringers' wives. Great regret was felt at the inability of the Rector to attend, he himself being an enthusiastic ringer, but he was confined to the house by an attack of influenza. He has been dubbed by the ringers 'the travelling chairman,' as he very seldom misses a meeting.

After the routine business was over, Mr. Seamer, hon. secretary of the Guild, expressed the regret of the Guild and the Gainsborough district in particular, in losing such a valuable comrade as Mr. J. C. Tinker, who, on account of the health of his wife, was migrating to New Zealand shortly, and that perhaps, would be the last meeting he would have an opportunity of attending. Mr. Tinker, with a few other gentlemen, was one of the founders of the old North Lincolnshire Association in the year 1884. This had since merged into the Lincoln Guild, and Mr. Tinker had been a constant member since, rarely missing a meeting.—Mr. Tinker, who was much touched by the expressions, said how greatly he should feel the parting after so many years. He thanked those present for their kind wishes for him in his new life. He hoped always to keep in touch by correspondence with the friends he should leave behind, and he hoped that the Association would still continue to do good, and progress as far as possible.

Votes of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Parry) and Mrs. Parry for so kindly entertaining the ringers to tea, to the ladies who had been at so much trouble to prepare and serve it to Mr. C. Taylor for presiding, and to Mr. W. H. Hayhoe, the local secretary, brought the meeting to a close. The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening thus bringing to an end one of the most enjoyable meetings one could wish for.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. O. J. Bowen Cooke, C.B.E., Mayor of Crewe, President of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and chief mechanical engineer of the London and North-Western Railway, took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters on Saturday at his Parish Church. He is believed to be the first Mayor to ring a peal while holding office, and created another record for the Guild, inasmuch as no President of the Guild had previously taken part in a peal performance.

The Charles Henry Hattersley Memorial Library in Sheffield Cathedral now comprises 134 volumes, as well as Mr. Hattersley's voluminous MSS. A catalogue has been issued, and may be obtained from Mr. Sam Thomas, the librarian; price 6d. post free. The catalogue contains the rules under which the books are loaned to responsible borrowers.

The peal at Warminster last Saturday, rung by the Salisbury Guild was the second on the bells, the first having been rung in 1881 by a band of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Beginning practice in a variety of Minor methods in July, the Oxford Society have just scored the first peal in seven Minor methods in the city of Oxford. It was rung at the first attempt, and great credit is due to the band for the admirable striking that was maintained, as well as for the excellent progress they have made.

His many friends will be glad to know that Capt. J. R. Mackman, A.S.C., is home from Russia, and will shortly be demobilised.

The eight bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., at Alverstoke, Hants will be formally opened next Tuesday at 3 p.m.

We are asked to state that the peal of Grandsire Caters at Crewe on May 14th last, was a muffled peal.

Congratulations from the whole Exercise will be extended to Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, who next Wednesday will reach his 80th birthday.

## RINGING IN DEVON.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was in Devon for two months in 1918, and in the part of the county I was in I found change ringing was unknown. There is a peal of five at Corydon, near Lowdon, and also at Brontor, while at St. Mary's, Stow, there are six bells. There was a band of ringers at each of these churches, and some of the older men had been ringing a bell for 20 years or more. They, however, had no idea what change ringing is. The first time I went up to the tower I was asked if I could ring the treble and lead, as the man that rang it had not turned up. I started to call some changes, and found that the other men did not know how to lead. If, as the Rev. E. S. Powell says, the position is not quite so bad as Mr. Bennett has been led to suppose, I can only say it is not very forward. These men had never heard of an association, or of such a thing as 'The Ringing World.'—Yours,  
EDWARD BUCKINGHAM.

Southwoods, Writtle, Essex.

Sir,—I should like to supplement Mr. Marsh's remarks. Some years ago I attempted a peal of Grandsire, in company with Mr. A. W. Brighton, at Ilfracombe, and we got into the last 700 of Holt's Original, but, as one of the Ilfracombe ringers was absolutely deaf, and failed to see Mr. Brighton's sign to make a bob, putting him right was out of the question. At about the same time, in company with Mr. Hughes, we rang Stedman Triples for Divine service; and also Grandsire Doubles in a village, named Westdown, a few miles from Ilfracombe.

Portsmouth.

E. J. HARDING.

## BELL RESTORATIONS.

ACTIVITY AT THE IPSWICH FOUNDRY.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has recently rehung the ring of six in new steel frames for eight at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, and has just cast two new trebles to complete the octave. The bells, it is hoped, will be ready for ringing by Christmas.

The same firm has just recast the ring of five at Litlington, Cambridgeshire, and the order for a new treble to make six has been placed. New frames and fittings have been installed.

The ring of six at St. Clement's Church, Ipswich, have been dismantled, and will shortly be rehung in new steel frames for eight. If funds allow, two new trebles will be added to make eight.

Mr. Bowell has several contracts in hand in Kent. The ring of five at Halling are now in the foundry at Ipswich, to be recast and a new treble added, and the peal is to be hung in steel frames for eight. The ring of five, at Snodland, Kent, are to be hung in steel frames and a treble added, and at Northfleet, Mr. Bowell is to rehang the present six with steel headstocks and add two new trebles to make the complete octave. At Metfield the ring of three are to be rehung in a new frame for four. The grand ring of eight at St. Mary's, Chatham, are to be rehung with steel headstocks and new bearings.

Several rings in Essex are also receiving Mr. Bowell's attention. Fryerning Church, Essex, will shortly possess a ring of six, the new treble having already been cast and hung by Mr. Bowell. At Stratford St. Mary the tenor is being rehung on a new steel headstock by the same firm, who are also erecting a new ring of six in steel frames at Wormingford.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

## A SUFFOLK VIEW.

Sir,—The affairs of this Association are just at this time of more than domestic interest. After the great alterations in our work, which the war has caused, it is for all of us ringers to consider whether it is not time to change some arrangements which have grown up in the course of years. Here we have a diocese which for many years was known to be so overgrown that it could not be efficiently worked. It was divided just before the war broke out. Now, if the diocese was too large to be worked, does it not follow that the area will also be too large for a ringing association to properly cover the ground? It depends, of course, what we consider the work of such an Association to be. In the past this has seemed to be to form a link with the towers where ringing is most practised, to record their peals, and to have four meetings a year in different parts of the diocese, which the ringers who are near the places of meeting can attend for a meal in common, and for a short and more or less formal meeting. We have had in the past most excellent officers (and those newly elected seem likely to carry on the tradition) who have known what was expected of them, and who have done it well: so that there has been little or no business to transact, but merely to endorse their arrangements or suggestions.

The Association has never, as far as I know, done anything to help in teaching or forming new bands, and would rather seem by the way it covers the ground, to be a hindrance to such work. When I first came into the diocese, twelve years ago, I started bands in three towers where there had never been change ringing before: in one tower the number of bells was increased, and pioneer work was being done in other belfries also. In all this I could get no help from the Association, nor any co-operation. I do not mean that other towers were not sympathetic or did nothing to help; but it appeared as though beginners were of no interest to the Association as an Association. After 18 months I had two serious illnesses, and for over a year I could not go near a belfry; and since my recovery I have been able to do little ringing away from home. One would have thought that an Association would have considered it its duty to take over such work as this, but nothing was done, and my work was entirely wasted.

There is a strong feeling that there should be a more local organisation which could foster such work among the towers where there are no change ringing bands yet in existence. All the Suffolk ringers that I have met are of this opinion, and were hoping at first that the old Association would reorganise itself on these lines; but as time has gone on, and nothing has been done, it is felt that a new society will alone do what is required. Is it not time that most of our societies decentralised themselves, more, or divided themselves, so as to cover less ground, but to work that ground more effectively?

With regard to the title, the change is one of those things which the chairman at the meeting said would require notice, as they involve changes of the rules. This means that it cannot come into force until next Whitsuntide. The vote at the meeting was on a recommendation to the committee, who are to work out a new scheme. The objection to it is that it would exclude all Suffolk except Ipswich. The titles of our societies are not always all that they should be, and it would be well if a standard system of nomenclature could be adopted.

There are two other points. One is that, either an organisation should be definitely a diocesan one, or it should be merely a geographical entity. We seem now to be unable to make up our minds which we are. The rules constantly refer to 'the diocese,' and I raised the point at the meeting that we who are outside the present Diocese of Norwich could not (until the rules were altered) be members. And at two meetings I have proposed resolutions in order to keep us as members, but as these resolutions were rejected one can only conclude that we are excluded.

My last point is that owing to the area covered, members are unable to attend the meeting at which those matters which interest them most are decided. When the Association has met in Suffolk, the Suffolk members have raised the question of the division of the diocese, only to be each time put off. Now the matter is at last discussed at two meetings within a fortnight, both held at a place which involves those here in a journey of 118 miles. We shall be expected to attend a number of committee meetings at that distance when our proposals are definitely settled; they will have notice given of them at the next meeting (in Suffolk), but will have to be discussed and decided at Aylsham—a journey of 154 miles. Is this a practicable state of affairs?

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

H. DRAKE.

## CORRECTION.

The peal at St. Mark's, Leicester, on Saturday, October 25th, was 'Thurstan's' four-part of Stedman Triples, and not Grandsire as published in our last issue.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT DISCUSSES IMPORTANT PROPOSALS.

A very successful meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Daybrook on Saturday week, a good company being present from Bulwell, Beeston, Cotgrave, Eastwood, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Mansfield, Nottingham, and Radcliffe-on-Trent, as well as the local band. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major were successfully brought round.

At the business meeting, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Mansfield, took the chair, supported by the Vicar of Daybrook and Mr. H. R. Cobbin. At the outset, the Vicar welcomed the members to Daybrook, and, referring to the local band which comprises an enthusiastic lot of young fellows, said he hoped they would not be long before they were qualified to become members.

Afterwards the following points were discussed, and it was proposed: (1) That a report be printed covering the whole war period 1915-19. The cost, it was suggested, might be met as follows: To charge members who rang peals 3d. per head per peal as a booking fee, the conductor to be responsible for collecting and forwarding same to local secretary, and to charge members 1s. per copy for the report.

(2) After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to leave the matter of districts, managing their own affairs and controlling their own finances for a fuller explanation, but it was proposed that the subscription be raised to 2s. per member.

(3) It was proposed that the future president of the association should be a qualified ringer, and able to act as Ringing Master, and further that each local chairman should also have the same qualifications.

(4) It was proposed that the necessary alteration to rules be made when these matters were finally settled.

(5) Mr. W. E. White was chosen to act as delegate to represent the district, and it was thought Derby would be a most suitable place, and Saturday afternoon the best time to hold the special meeting to decide these important matters.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Parish Room for the meeting, and to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for the able way in which he conducted the proceedings.

It was proposed that the next monthly meeting be held at Mansfield on November 22nd.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

## KETTERING DISTRICT MEETING.

A most enjoyable meeting was held at Orlingbury on Oct. 25th, where the ring of five have recently been thoroughly overhauled and relunged by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Crofton. All the latest principles of hanging have been adopted, and the 'go' is all that can be desired. The bells were dedicated by the Rural Dean, the Rector (the Rev. A. Keeley), the vice-president (the Rev. E. J. Atkins, of Isham), and the Rev. Richardson, of Burton Latimer, being present, in addition to Mr. C. F. Johnson, and ringers from Burton, Barton, Cransley, Desborough, Finedon, Northampton, Geddington, Isham, Wellingborough, Wilby, Kettering, Pritchley, and the local ringers, to the number of 50.

Tea was provided in the schools, and at the meeting which followed the vice-president was in the chair. The proposed memorial to the fallen ringers was discussed at some length, and the best means of raising the required sum of £50.—The District Secretary pointed out that 20 members had made the supreme sacrifice. Out of that number eight were from the Kettering district.

A vote of thanks to the ladies and to the Rector and local ringers was accorded, and the Rector, in reply, said how pleased he was to see the members there that afternoon.

Mr. F. Wilford paid a tribute to the bell hangers for the work they had done.—Mr. C. Johnson suitably replied, and a move was again made to the belfry where the fine ring of six was kept going to Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire and St. Simon's Doubles.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A ringing meeting was held at Winslow and Great Horwood on Saturday last by the North Bucks Branch, and a cordial welcome was given the ringers. Owing, however, to the unsettled state of the weather, the attendance was not so good as expected, but nevertheless a sufficient number was present to make the ringing good, and practice took place at both towers in various methods, the object of the meeting being to try and get the towers into union with this branch. Although it was a somewhat difficult task to persuade the local ringers to depart from the old 'stony' ringing, a favourable impression was made, and a promise of joining the branch was obtained. Various methods were rung, ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor, the ringers being well satisfied with the meeting. Thanks to both Vicars and local men were accorded.

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## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

## PRESENTATION TO EX-SERGT. WM. H. JOHNSON, V.C.

One of the best meetings ever held at Harthill by the North Notts Association took place on Saturday, October 25th, when there were present members from Anston, Barlborough, Blyth, Harthill, Shire-oaks, Norton Cuckney and Worksop. — Short touches in various methods, from London Surprise to Plain Bob Minor, were rung during the afternoon and evening, no length exceeding 240 changes, in consequence of the bad 'go' of the tenor. At 5 p.m., the ringers adjourned to the Beehive Hotel, where Hostess Epworth (by the arrangement of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Darley) had provided an excellent meat tea, to which 36 members sat down. One half of the cost of the meal was most generously defrayed by the Rector.

The business meeting which followed was also presided over by the Rector, who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) and ex-Sergt W. H. Johnson, V.C. The following new members were elected: Wright Peat and Cecil Stinson, of Harthill; Wm. Ilce, of Norton Cuckney; and Philip E. Hibbard, of Barlboro'. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Worksop early in Jan., 1920. Chief interest in the gathering centred in the next item, which was the most important ceremony in the annals of the Association, viz., the society's presentation to ex-Sergt. Wm. H. Johnson, V.C., the only bell ringer who achieved the distinction of winning the Victoria Cross.

The Hon. Secretary said there were several reasons why the North Notts ringers were meeting at Harthill that day. The first was that four years ago the Rector invited them to come there on a day, not when the stormy winds blew, but when the flowers in the gardens were in full bloom. It was not the ringers' fault they were not at Harthill in July, instead of at Cuckney; secondly, it was Harthill's turn, and a visit to the place and a glimpse of the old familiar faces brought back many pleasant reminiscences of 20 or 25 years ago. Thirdly, it was only right they should come to Harthill on that occasion, seeing that the Harthill ringers were the first to move in the matter of a presentation to ex-Sergt. Johnson, and that Canon Darley, who was their oldest vice-president, and had served the society for 17 years as hon. secretary, should have the honour of making the presentation. The Secretary then went on to refer to the high character borne by Sergt. Johnson as a soldier and churchman, and to say how proud the ringers of the Priory Church were of him. He (the speaker) was more proud than the rest, because Sergt. Johnson had won the Victoria Cross on his (Mr. Haigh's) wife's birthday. He had the greatest pleasure in asking Canon Darley to make the presentation of an umbrella and illuminated address.

Canon Darley said that years before the European war broke out many people said there would never be a war between Germany and England, but he never doubted for one moment that it would come sooner or later, from the history he had read of Germany and their secret preparations. We were always told Germany was anxious to fraternise and shake us by the hand. We were also told that our present race would not be able to go through the turmoil and hardships that our forefathers went through. It was, however, the courage and devotion to duty of men like Sergt. Johnson, and many others, that had helped us to achieve such a splendid victory, and on behalf of the Association, to which he was proud to belong as a vice-president, he offered him the most hearty congratulations on winning the Victoria Cross.—Ex-Sergt. Johnson briefly replied, thanking the ringers for their most handsome gifts, which he would ever cherish. It was gratifying to be held in remembrance. He would like to say there was no doubt many others on the battlefield did as much as he did, but it happened to be that his work was observed, and he was fortunate, but others were equally deserving.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for presiding at tea and meeting, use of bells, and making the presentation, concluded the meeting.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The postponed quarterly meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Chippenham on Saturday, Oct. 25th, and was well attended by members of various towers in the district. The two nice rings of eight at St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Churches were available, and some useful practice was obtained in various methods. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Walsley at St. Paul's Church, and tea was partaken of at the Waverly Restaurant, the Vicars of the two churches being present.

The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the Branch President, Mr. Thomas Robinson presided. Two new members were elected, and a short discussion followed with reference to the Diocesan War Memorial to fallen ringers, the proposed form of which will not, it appears, meet with any great support from this district.

A vote of thanks was accorded the respective Vicars for use of bells and the service. Ringing was afterwards again indulged in until 7.30 p.m., and concluded a successful meeting.

## NOTICES.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1919-20 are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The General Meeting will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 8th.—Rev. E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec., Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The November meeting will be held in Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 to 6 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m., and the bells of St. Marie's from 7 to 9 p.m. Tea in the Wostenholm Hall at 6 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells will be available for ringing at the Parish Church. The service will be taken by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Half-fares will be allowed to members up to 2/—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing after meeting at Heston. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

BELL OPENING.—Official opening of Birstall bells, which have been recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, will take place on Nov. 8th. All ringers are invited.—Herbert Peel, 2, Cross Street, Birstall.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Moulton, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Nov. 11th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th & 27th; \*St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside (nominations of officers) on the 18th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Alverstoke bells will be officially opened on Tuesday, Nov. 11th. Dedication service at 3 p.m. Ringing at 4. All ringers welcome. The eight bells are by Messrs. J. Taylor & Son.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 15th.—Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Restaurant at 6 o'clock.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Nov. 15th, when the bells of the Parish Church will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 5.30, 1/- each. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign and Leominster Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 11th?—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday next, Nov. 15th. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. There will be a service in the church at 5 o'clock, and tea will take place at 5.30 in the large room adjoining the Vicarage, by kind permission of the Rev. G. A. Ensor.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon; Charles H. Reading, Assistant Hon. Sec., Lower Green, Mitcham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; service at 4.30.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting (Monmouth Archdeaconry) will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Short service 5.30; tea at 6; business meeting 8.15.—The tower of St. James the Less, Prebend Square (6 bells), will also be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec., 157, High St., Camden Town, N.W.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea and meeting to follow in the Church Room. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 11th. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bacon District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llangattock on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Short service in Church 5.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting afterwards. Tea free to those who advise the Rev. Cole-Hamilton by Nov. 12th. All ringers welcome.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: "That the whole question of the memorial tablet be reopened."—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 15th. The Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5.15. The business meeting will be held immediately after the tea.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service, 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Chequers Hotel, 6d. per head to all members who notify me not later than Thursday, Nov. 20th.—Business immediately after tea.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, on Nov. 22nd, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 7/6 each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. P. Bayley, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Garrard, Horrex, Horton, A. A. Hughes, L. A. Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, McDonald, Newton, Noakes, W. H. Pasmore, Prime, Sanders, Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4. The towers of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, will be open for ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m. As the dining hall will accommodate 130 only, early application for tickets is advisable.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Area.—A special meeting will be held at Cheltenham, St. Mary's Parish Church, on Thursday evening, Nov. 27th, 1919. Meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m. Tower open at 7 o'clock. Will all ringers who are in this area send their names for election if unable to attend? All ringers are invited. The Master (Rev. M. E. Thorold) will preside.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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

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

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### UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL.

The unveiling of tablet recording peal rung in memory of Bertram Prewett and Robert Stavert will take place at St. James' Church, Bushey, Herts, on Saturday, Nov. 15th at 4 p.m. I shall be pleased if all subscribers and ringing friends will attend. Tea will be provided free in the Institute.—Frederick Edwards, hon. sec.

**NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.**—On August 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Sear (conductor) 1, P. Tompkins 2, W. Brown 3, E. C. Lambert 4, E. Lathall 5, R. Warren 6, W. Smith 7, G. Boon 8.

**GRANTHAM.**—For evening service, at St. Wulfram's Church, on August 17th, in 48 mins., 1259 Grandsire Caters: Corpl. H. Proctor 1, F. Proctor 2, S. Proctor (conductor) 3, E. Nedd 4, H. Thorpe 5, W. Thorpe 6, J. Whetstone 7, A. Parker 8, F. Turner 9, R. Peck 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Edward, Bishop of Lincoln.—On August 20th, 1278 Grandsire Caters: Miss Kathleen Jutson 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, E. Nedd 3, A. Mackeays 4, F. Proctor 5, S. Proctor (conductor) 6, H. Thorpe 7, W. Thorpe 8, F. Turner 9, Corpl. H. Proctor 10. Arranged for Miss K. Jutson, of Peterborough.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****THE WAR MEMORIAL.**

A meeting of the Guildford district was held at Dorking, on Saturday week, and was well attended by ringers from Leatherhead, Guildford, Croydon, London, Ramore, etc., in addition to a strong contingent of the local company. Service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Parish Church, the lesson being read by the Rector of West Clanton (Rev. Sir John Herschel, Bart.), and an address given by the Vicar (Canon Chichester).

Tea at French's Restaurant was followed by a business meeting. It was decided to hold a committee meeting at Guildford on November 15th, to decide on the procedure of the annual meeting, which is to be at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on November 22nd.—Mr. Whittington said, as he was now permanently settled at Croydon, he would be unable to act as a district representative at Winchester in future.—It was resolved that captains of towers should collect as much as possible for the war memorial to fallen ringers, and present it to the offertory at the annual service.

The Ringing Master's report was received and adopted.

The eight fine bells were kept going in various methods, a picked company ringing a touch of Stedman Triples for service.

**PRESENTATION AT WEST BROMWICH.**

On Sunday evening, October 26th, the ringers of Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffs, presented the Rev. C. H. Barker, curate of Christ Church, with a silver bell inkstand upon the occasion of his marriage. The gift, which was suitably engraved, was supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking.—Mr. Barker, in acknowledging the present, thanked his fellow ringers for their kind thought of him. He was more than delighted, he said, with the gift, and it was one of the things he should always treasure.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 48 mins. as a 'welcome home' to the bride and bridegroom, by: Fred H. Troth 1, Edward Reeves 2, Herbert Howl 3, Rev. C. H. Barker 4, Joseph W. Walker 5, Jesse Screen (conductor) 6, John Jagger 7, Reuben Hall 8.

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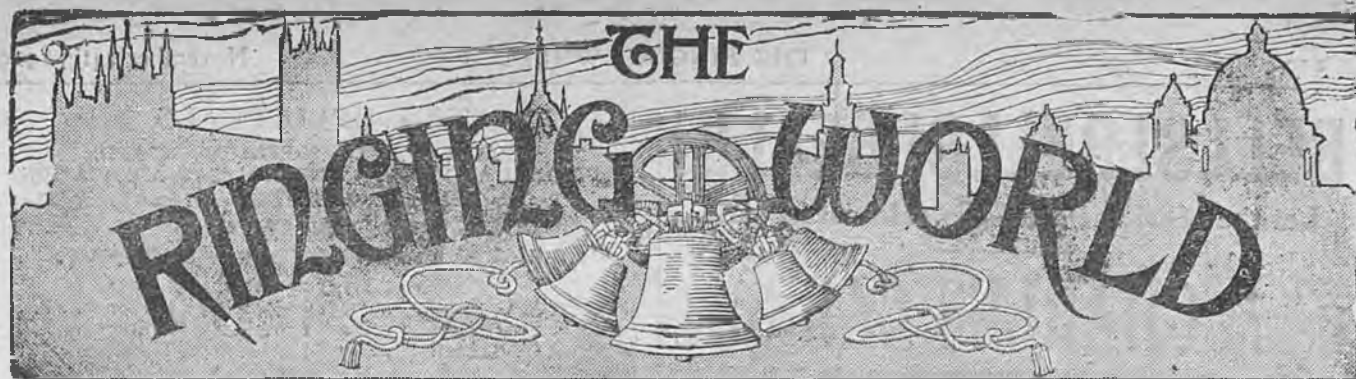
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### A WAR MEMORIAL.

There must be among the majority of the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association a sense of regret at the announcement, emanating last week from the Swindon Branch, that the Association's proposed form of memorial to fallen ringers of the diocese will not meet with any great support from that district. The scheme is much on the lines of memorials in other societies, viz., the augmentation of one of the principal rings of bells and the provision of a memorial tablet, and it is unfortunate, in view of the impression that might be created, that the report of the meeting, at which the Swindon Branch arrived at their decision, did not state the ground for the anticipated lack of support. Whatever may be the reason for the attitude taken up, the fact that an important branch is likely to withhold its assistance in a project where unity of purpose and effort is required, is one which gives the Association's executive cause for real regret.

When the scheme was launched it was thought that the proposal would have the wholehearted support of every member, and while it is impossible to meet objections which remain unstated, there are many reasons which can be advanced why all should help in such a project, even if the particular form of it was not the one which everybody would have preferred. If there is more than one scheme submitted, everyone cannot have that which is his individual choice, but, a selection having been made, the majority, in a matter of this kind, have, we think, a right to look for the help of the minority. Here is a proposal which is not a scheme for a benefit of this or that part of the diocese, or this or that section of the association, but a movement to perpetuate the memory of comrades from the belfry who have proffered and given all for the sake of those who are left, and of generations yet to come. Division of opinion upon the form of the memorial there may well be when the scheme is under consideration, but, when finally a decision has been arrived at, division of support robs the project of much of its sentimental value as well as jeopardising its chances of success.

It is difficult to believe that the Swindon Branch of the Association desires to do either of these things. The provision of additional bells, with a suitable permanent record, at some leading church or cathedral, is an eminently suitable form for a ringers' memorial to take, and is being adopted by many associations. We hope that it is only a misapprehension which leads the Swindon Branch to adopt the attitude reported last week, and that other counsels will prevail. In the meantime, the North Forest Branch has expressed a very warm determination to help, and, perhaps after further explanations, the Swindon Branch will enter as cordially into the scheme.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, October 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

*RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. Treble	*JOHN McKEAG ... .. 6
*JAMES A. SCOTT ... .. 2	*WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 3	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 8
*HENRY FERGUSON ... .. 4	†BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... .. 9
ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 5	*JOHN STUART ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First in the method on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Stuart.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 6
J. T. RICKMAN ... .. 2	JOHN JAY ... .. 7
CAPT. J. R. MACKMAN... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 8
ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 9
WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 5	JOHN GOLDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BOOTH.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... .. 6
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 7
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 8
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 4	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 5	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Stedman by the ringer of the 9th who hails from Newent, Glos.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT ALLRED ... .. Treble	HARRY ALLRED ... .. 5
HENRY SMITH ... .. 2	JOHN STUBBS... .. 6
HERBERT ALLRED ... .. 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 7
FRED RIGBY ... .. 4	GEORGE PINCOIT... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT ALLRED.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major. The ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 5th belong to Tyldesley, 2nd to Leigh, 4th to Chorley, 6th to Horwich, 7th and tenor to Bolton. The band thanks the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells and the conductor for having the bells in readiness.

## PEAL CORRECTIONS.

The peal rang at Hasketon, on Oct. 25th, occupied two hours and 46 minutes, and not two hours and 56 minutes as published.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Cranford, on Sept. 18th, was Walter T. Wilson.

In the report of the peal rung at Horanonden, Kent, on October 22nd, 720 Colloge Single should have been included in the methods rung.



## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON Treble	GEORGE ARLITT ... .. 5
ALBERT FLEMING... .. 2	GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	THOMAS W. LAST... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.  
Conducted by GEORGE FLEMING.

## BRIDLINGTON.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

At the Priory Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

GEORGE T. MILLER ... .. Treble	HARRY RODMELL... .. 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS... .. 2	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 6
CHARLES P. BRADLEY... .. 3	ARTHUR E. WEST ... .. 7
TOM S. MORTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.  
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. West, who kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

## PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BARTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 5
*THOMAS M. KITCHEN ... .. 2	†JAMES R. KEMP... .. 6
JOHN AMBLER ... .. 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 7
SAMUEL WARD ... .. 4	PRATT CORDINGLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD.  
Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

WALTER S. WISE... .. Treble	SYDNEY ROPER ... .. 5
MISS E. K. PARKER ... .. 2	DAVID WRIGHT ... .. 6
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 3	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... .. 7
CHARLES DEAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART.  
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

The ringers are all employed at the Croydon Foundry, Mr. Johnston being the principal, and the bells were first cast by the firm on the Five-tone Simpson principle. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th and tenor were elected members of the Association previous to starting. The band desire to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Steady for kindly making the necessary arrangements.

## NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE TAYLOR ... .. Treble	*HERBERT KERSHAW ... .. 5
MALLINSON TAYLOR ... .. 2	ERNEST LAWSON ... .. 6
*WALTER BOTTOMLEY ... .. 3	JOE GREENWOOD ... .. 7
EDWARD KERSHAW ... .. 4	ALBERT JAGGER ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTONSTALL.  
Conducted by A. JAGGER.

Rung on the 6th anniversary of opening of the bells. The treble and 3rd ringers were made members of the Association previous to starting. \* First peal.

## TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.
WILLIAM PARKER ... .. Treble	GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 5
*MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 2	JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 6
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 3	TOM TEBBITT ... .. 7
†WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. 4	†ALFRED CLARKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBITT.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.  
† First peal. First peal in the method on the bells and rung on the 6th anniversary of the rehanging of the peal.

## SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 25 cwt.
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 5
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... .. 6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... .. 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG... .. 7
*CECIL RAEDON ... .. 4	ALFRED G. CRANE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate All Saints' Day and as a compliment to Mr. A. G. Crane on his retirement from the Metropolitan Police Force, after 28 years' service.

## STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

†JOHN E. EATON ... .. Treble	†JOHN SMITH ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 6
*THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.  
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

\* First peal of Bristol. † First peal in any Surprise method.

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STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, November 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT S. STOW ... .. Treble	JOHN R. BROOKS... .. 5
† LEWIS G. PALMER ... .. 2	FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... .. 6
† ALFRED E. PARSONS ... .. 3	† WILLIAM T. PALMER... .. 7
* HARRY DAFFIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM JACQUES ... .. Tenor

Composed by LEWIS HEAD.

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method by a local band. Rung to commemorate the 77th birthday of the Rector (Canon Molineux) also his 32nd anniversary at Staveley. H. Daffin and W. Jacques were elected members of the Association previous to starting the peal. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor are demobilised soldiers.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

**A PEAL OF BYEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... .. 5
GEORGE TURNER ... .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barnes on the occasion of their silver wedding.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ROSS DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN BEVAN ... .. Treble	FRANK VOYCE ... .. 4
EDWARD SUMMERS ... .. 2	JOHN CLARK ... .. 5
ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES W. HAYNES ... .. Treble	ALBERT RATCLIFFE ... .. 4
R. A. HORNSBY, A.R.C.M. ... .. 2	J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... .. 5
THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 3	FRED WESTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

Rung for the festival of All Saints, and also as a welcome home to R. A. Hornsby, organist of the church, after serving five years with H.M. Forces. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. and Mrs. Hoskins for their kind hospitality after the peal.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Seven 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

G. SINGLETON ... .. Treble	H. HARPER ... .. 4
P. ALBRIGHTON ... .. 2	W. J. TIGWELL ... .. 5
E. TIGWELL, JUN. ... .. 3	E. TIGWELL, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. TIGWELL, SEN.

The above ringers hail from Grendon, and wish to thank the Vicar or the use of the bells.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.  
(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* FRED GARDNER ... .. Treble	† HUBERT SUMMERS ... .. 4
† HARRY O. WHITE ... .. 2	CHARLES AYLETT ... .. 5
JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the dedication festival of the church.

TANKERTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob each called differently.

HARRISON SMITH ... .. Treble	JABEZ WALTER ... .. 4
FRANK JONES ... .. 2	ERNEST SLINGSBY ... .. 5
* CLARENCE HADLOW ... .. 3	STANLEY G. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. G. WHITE.

\* First peal on six bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Hopkins for having everything in readiness. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION,  
On Tuesday, November 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 10 cwt.

* ALBERT SYMONDS ... .. Treble	LEONARD LAST ... .. 4
WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5
ALPHAEUS BERRY ... .. 3	GEORGE CATTERMORE... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMORE.

\* First peal. All the band (with the exception of the ringer of the tenor) have recently been demobilised from the Army.

CALVEYTON, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES H. TOMKINS ... .. Treble	HOWARD TOMKINS ... .. 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... .. 2	REDBEN UNDERWOOD ... .. 5
HERBERT TOMKINS ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLARKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. C. EDWARDS.

All are members of the local band.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****LEWISHAM DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Crayford on Saturday, October 25th. Members attended in good numbers, and the bells were kept going to various methods. Nearly 50 ringers were present at the service, at which the Association Form was used. A good muster of the choir helped to brighten the service considerably.

The curate read the prayers, Mr. E. Barnett, Junr., the lesson, and a very nice address was delivered by the Rev. Canon Gustavus Jones (Rector), who took for his text 4th Zechariah, 20-21 verses.

The members then adjourned to the Rodney (Y.M.C.A.) Hut for tea, 51 sitting down, including the Rector.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.—Five new members were elected. Chislehurst, Woolwich and Greenwich, were proposed as the place of the next quarterly meeting, the last named being selected by a good majority, for Saturday, 31st January, 1920.

The District Secretary then read his annual report, and, no questions arising, it was adopted and ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

Mr. F. W. Richardson then proposed that Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., be asked to reconsider his decision, and to again accept the post of hon. district secretary, as he thought that the necessary help could be obtained for him to carry on the duties.—This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Thornton, in a very complimentary way.—Mr. T. Groombridge stated his reasons for wishing to retire, but if the help could be obtained he was willing to carry on.—He was then re-elected unanimously.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries was re-elected to represent the district on the Central Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, his address, and presiding, and to the organist and choir for their services.—The Rector said it had been a great pleasure to welcome them to Crayford, and he would convey their thanks to those concerned. The rest of the evening was spent with touches on the tower bells and handbells.

**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

The autumn meeting of this district was held at Shipbourne, by invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Schreiber) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, and in spite of the wet weather was attended by 26 members from East Peckham, Panshurst, Seal, Chart, Horsman-

den, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local company. The usual special service, arranged and conducted by the Vicar, was held. Miss Saunders presided at the organ, and the service was very hearty throughout.—The Vicar, in his address, extended a cordial welcome to the members, remarking that it was just nine years ago that the district held its last meeting at Shipbourne. The reverend gentleman also made a feeling reference to the members who had gone forth to fight in the great war, of whom nearly 60 (including Mr. E. May, captain of the Shipbourne band) had given their lives.

After service, the members were entertained to tea in the club room of the New Inn by the Rev. and Miss Schreiber.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Several members having expressed a desire to hold the annual district meeting at Tunbridge Wells in January instead of Edenbridge, as was arranged at the last annual meeting, so as to provide an opportunity of trying the new peal of bells there, the district secretary was asked to write to Edenbridge and several other bands who were not represented that day, asking if they had any objection to the change.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and Miss Schreiber and to Miss Saunders, for arranging and assisting at the service, for entertaining the members, and for the use of the bells, to which the Vicar replied.

The members adjourned to the tower, and ringing by mixed bands in various methods on the handy ring of six bells was indulged in.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****THE COUNTY'S LIGHTEST RING.**

A most successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Clapham on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Members were present from Bedford, Willington, Elstow, Biddenham, Roston, and the local company. Tea was served in the Reading Room, and the Vicar, who presided, welcomed the ringers to Clapham, and hoped it would not be long before they went there again. He said he asked the churchwarden to come to the meeting, but he had sent a note instead, in which he said he would bear half the expense of the tea. The Vicar added that he would like to become an honorary member, and he was duly elected, with applause. One new lady member was elected. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Elstow.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells, was passed, and the tower again visited, when the methods rung ranged from Doubles to London Surprise, several of the local band ringing their first 120. The bells are the lightest peal of six in the county, the tenor being only 5½ cwt.

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## A PRAYER UNION FOR RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — Tennyson has wisely said, 'That more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of,' so I want to suggest the practicability of starting a Prayer Union for the change ringers of Great Britain and overseas men. During a somewhat lengthy career as a ringer I have intimately known many God-fearing men, whose presence in the belfry has been, and still is, conducive of much good. I delight in the happy link of brotherhood that is associated with ringers wherever they go, and would rejoice to see that link forged still stronger by a brotherhood of prayer, knowing that it would ultimately benefit the whole ringing community. In the ringing of bells for Sunday services we receive the recognition of church workers, and it is up to all of us to show by our life and conduct that we are worthy of our calling. There is room for improvement in all of us, and that is the reason which prompts my suggestion. The beginning may be small, but I am firmly convinced that if we could get even one ringer in a tower to feel the obligation to pray at least every Saturday or Sunday for his own associates, or ringers in general, the result would benefit the cause. The union could be run by the district secretaries of the Associations, who would simply keep a list of enrolments, and meetings could be fixed, to discuss plans and receive suggestions, at any annual or district gatherings. There need be no initial expense in starting, but if the Prayer Union grew it might be necessary to issue a membership card and general prayer.

If the above commends itself to any of your readers, I trust they will not fail to express their views through 'The Ringing World,' which exists for our mutual benefit.—Yours faithfully,

Duffield, St. Albans.

G. W. CARTMEL.

## RINGING IN DEVON.

## OVERTAKING THE HANDICAP OF CENTURIES.

Sir,—When 'Stedman's Tintinnalogia' was published, change ringing had been in existence about 50 years, and the longest length so far recorded was 1,680. No doubt at that time you could have entered belfries within ten miles of Cambridge, where change ringing was quite unknown. The first six-score ever rung in Devon was at Kelly (within half a dozen miles of Breamore), little more than 50 years ago. In that interval peals on eight and ten bells in the four standard methods have been rung by resident bands in Exeter, Plymouth, Hantsam, Ottery St. Mary, Tiverton, Ilfracombe, Withercombe, Halseigh, etc., to say nothing of various peals on six bells, including Minor in seven methods.

Of course, we are backward in Devon, but it is, perhaps, hardly gracious on the part of ringers coming from districts with 250 or 300 years' tradition of change ringing behind them to belittle the whole-hearted efforts of many of the younger school (to which I can personally testify). Not only has Devon conservatism to be broken down—a large undertaking in itself—but difficulties of communication approximate to those in the home counties 200 years ago.

The week after Mr. Bennett's letter appeared, he had the opportunity of sharing in a peal attempt at Plympton. Unfortunately, after 1 hour and 20 minutes' ringing, in which the striking would not have disgraced any band in England, his wheel cast the rope.

Had Mr. Buckingham mentioned "Grandsire" at Breamore instead of inquiring about half-pull or change ringing, he would certainly have had a different answer. Had he visited Kelly he would have found a strong half-pull band ready to ring with him. Moreover, half-pull bands have visited both Breamore and Buckfastleigh within the last few years.

A Guild meeting is to be held at Peter Tovy (almost adjoining Breamore) to-morrow, and without question there will be heard some excellent Grandsire, Stedman and Minor rung by country ringers, as well as by the Plymouth men.

Within a few weeks there will appear in the 'Ringing World' (with your permission) a list of the local branches being formed throughout the country. If ringers generally will make a note of the addresses of the local secretaries and write to them when about to visit their district, they will learn what opportunities they will get of joining in half-pull, and at the same time will do much to encourage the local efforts being made to overtake the handicap of centuries.—Yours, etc., Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

E. S. POWELL.

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Buckingham for his remarks. No doubt much can be done in Devon to promote change ringing. But if Mr. Marsh says I am wrong, as I have been informed since publishing my letter, then I need say no more. I have been told by Mr. Marsh and the Rev. E. S. Powell what ringing has been practised in Devon, and I am glad to see that the Devonshire Guild are so far advanced. I was also told what work was being done to form branches, and I wish the Guild every success in its efforts. I may say I am now settled down to business in the Midlands, so, unfortunately, I shall not be able to have the pleasure of doing what I otherwise could have done for the Guild.—Yours truly,

Dudley, Worcester.

AUBREY L. BENNETT.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

## THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The 42nd annual festival was held at West Hartlepool, on Saturday, the 25th October. Members were present from Newcastle, Whitley Bay, Cramlington, Saldon, Darlington, Gateshead, Houghton-le-Spring, and West Hartlepool. A meeting of the committee was held in the Vestry of Christ Church, when the treasurer's accounts were presented, showing a balance in hand of £5 12s. 7d.

The annual service was held at Christ Church, when a most interesting address, not based on any particular text, was given by the Rev. Canon J. R. McDonald, Rural Dean. He made reference particularly to the Collects in the service arranged for the association's annual meetings, and also to the notice on the circular convening the annual meeting. On receiving the circular which mentioned 'by kind permission of the Vicars, the bells would be available,' he said he wondered where the churchwardens came in, and looked up the law on the matter. He read out the decision of Mr. Justice Phillimore, which sets forth that the Vicars alone had power to grant the use of the bells, and, therefore, the circular was quite in order. He also mentioned that the service was specially meant to be on that occasion a memorial service to the late Rev. Harry Robinson, Vicar of St. Oswald's, who passed away after a short illness in the early part of the year, and made special reference to his goodness and to the work he had done to help the ringers in every possible way.

The offertory, amounting to £2 2s., was given to the fund which is being raised to provide a memorial to perpetuate his memory.

The general meeting afterwards was held at the Grand Hotel, the president, Mr. C. L. Routledge, being in the chair. The Rev. W. H. Knowlton, Vicar of St. Aidan's, Stranton, and the Rev. A. W. Chute (the late Rev. H. Robinson's successor at St. Oswald's) were present. —A vote of thanks to the Vicars of the various churches for the use of the bells, and the Rev. Canon McDonald, was passed with acclamation, and the Rev. A. W. Chute replied. The officers were appointed as follows:—President, Mr. C. L. Routledge; auditor, Mr. W. Story; vice-presidents, for the Northern District, the Rev. Professor M. C. Potter; Western District, Mr. J. G. Green. The vice-presidents for the other districts remain in office according to rule for another twelve months.

The district secretaries were elected as follows: Northern District, Mr. Whitfield, Whitley Bay; Eastern District, Mr. J. W. Parker, Sunderland; Southern District, Mr. G. W. Park, Darlington; Western District, Mr. Summers, Hexham.—The sub-committee and peal referees were re-elected.

## HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary, in his annual report, stated that during the four years that the war lasted the operations of the Association were practically at a standstill, but it was with great hope that they could look forward to the future, and no doubt the Association would regain its former prestige. During the year 21 peals had been rung on tower bells, and in addition there were two peals rung on handbells. The list was as follows: Stedman Cinques, 4; Caters, 3; Triples, 7. Double Norwich Major, 5; Superlative Surprise, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1. Included in this list there were four peals rung by members of the Newcastle Cathedral band in the Midlands in August. It was with deep regret that he had to report the death of the Rev. H. Robinson, Vicar of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, who died after a short illness. Mr. Robinson was a great friend of the Association, and always took a keen interest in the visiting ringers and those who had the privilege to have the pleasure of his acquaintance would remember his kindness and hospitality. They had also suffered a grievous loss in their old friend and life member, Mr. John W. Taylor, of Loughborough. On April 12th, a memorial service to their fallen members was held at St. John's Church, Newcastle. This was largely attended, and those present would not soon forget it. In connection with this it should be mentioned that 37 of their members made the great sacrifice.

Meetings during the year had been fairly successful, and new members had been elected at each.

## SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

In the 8, 10 and 12 tower sections, seven reports were received, and the points scored were: Cathedral, Newcastle, 810.7; St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, 604.0; St. John's, Newcastle, 276.7; St. Ignatius, Sunderland, 255.7; Christ Church, North Shields, 203.0; St. George's, Newcastle, 165.9; St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, 105.1. In the six-bell tower three returns had come in, viz.: St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, 214.3; Holy Trinity, Darlington, 90.7; Wylam, nil.

The belfry reports were on the whole, much more satisfactory, and the local secretaries expect that by another year they will have got into full swing again. The report concluded with an appeal to the members to pull together in joy and cheerfulness, so that they might soon forget their trials and troubles, and look forward to better days.

It was agreed that the subscriptions be increased as regards ordinary members from 1s. to 2s., and honorary and active members from a minimum of 5s. to a minimum of 7s. 6d.

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



The question of erecting memorial tablets to those members of the Association who have lost their lives in the war was left in the hands of the president and hon. secretary, to endeavour to make arrangements with the authorities. Suggestions were made that there might be two memorial brasses, one erected in Durham Cathedral and the other in Newcastle Cathedral, giving the names of the members from each diocese.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. T. Potter) tendered his resignation, but agreed to hold office until the annual reports (which would embody the years 1914-1919) were printed and distributed to the members, after which a new appointment will be made.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday last, and proved very successful. A large number of ringers were present from Gainsborough, Stow, Corringham, Brigg, Scotter, Bigby, Barton-on-Humber (including five lady members), and Barrow-on-Humber.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman. Tea was provided in the Vicarage 'long room,' to which between 30 and 40 sat down.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. H. R. Garvey, Vicar of Kirton Lindsey, presided, supported by the Rev. J. Barber (Rector of Stow). Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. G. Atkinson, F. Day and F. Garbutt (Kirton Lindsey), and W. Ellerker Stow.—The Vicar gave a very hearty welcome to the Guild, and the usual votes of thanks concluded the business, after which the tower was again visited, and further ringing brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch was held on November 1st at Shipton-under-Wychwood, when the following towers were represented: Shipton, Ascott, Churchill, Chasleton, Todenham, Charlbury, Eynstone and Chipping Norton. Several ladies took part in the ringing, and service was conducted by the Rev. J. Palmer, Eynstone. The Rev. E. J. Johnson, Sarsden, gave a very interesting address. Tea was partaken of in the Town Hall, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The Rev. J. Palmer (chairman) presided at the business meeting. An apology was read from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), whose unavoidable absence was much regretted, as it is always such a pleasure to see him at these gatherings.

The officers were all re-elected, and votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and secretary for their services in the past year, and also to the Rector of Sarsden for his address.

Churchill was chosen for the spring meeting.

### THE PEAL AT NEWPORT, SALOP.

To the Editor.

After submitting the figures of the 'Peal rung at Newport, Salop, to Mr. John Carter, I find that all peals composed on the lines of the Newport peal are his. I much regret the error. I would like to mention that the whole of the band who rang in the peal will be very pleased to know that Mr. Carter's name will be associated with it. I should also like to add that Mr. Carter did not ask for the figures. They were sent to him, knowing he was the only man that could decide. Will all ringers and friends who take in 'The Ringing World' kindly strike out my name as the composer and put that of Mr. Carter?

Coalbrookdale.

W. SAUNDERS.

### 'STONY' SUPERSEDED.

At St. Margaret's Church, Lee, Kent, for practice, on October 23rd 1919, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 43 mins., by: G. Simmonds 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Crowder 3, \*W. Pinniger 4, T. A. Easterby 5, \*N. H. Williams 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, \*C. Payne 8. \* First quarter-peal and members of St. Margaret's tower. The other ringers are members of St. John's Society, Dentsford, Lee tower for many years had a 'stony' band, but rapid strides are now being made, with the assistance of the St. John's band.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—On July 23rd, in the belfry, on handbells, in 39 mins., 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Fenton 1—2, J. A. Fenton 3—4, A. J. Hessian 5—6, W. Malins (conductor) 7—8.—On Sept. 1st, on tower bells, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. Grant 1, J. B. Fenton 2, E. Hunt 3, W. Malins (conductor) 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, W. Taylor 6, A. Bramall 7, F. Bramall 8. Longest length by the ringers of treble and tenor.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Nov. 27th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (nominations of officers) on the 18th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 15th.—Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Restaurant at 6 o'clock.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Nov. 15th, when the bells of the Parish Church will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 5.30, 1/- each. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday next, Nov. 15th. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. There will be a service in the church at 5 o'clock, and tea will take place at 5.30 in the large room adjoining the Vicarage, by kind permission of the Rev. G. A. Ensor.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon; Charles H. Reading, Assistant Hon. Sec., Lower Green, Mitcham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; service at 4.30.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting (Monmouth Archdeaconry) will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Short service 5.30; tea at 6; business meeting 8.15.—The tower of St. James the Less, Prebend Square (6 bells), will also be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec., 157, High St., Camden Town, N.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea and meeting to follow in the Church Room. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Brecon District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llangattock on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Short service in Church 5.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: "That the whole question of the memorial tablet be reopened."—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 15th. The Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall at 5.15. The business meeting will be held immediately after the tea.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service, 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Chequers Hotel, 6d. per head to all members who notify me not later than Thursday, Nov. 20th.—Business immediately after tea.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

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

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Guildford District will take place at Guildford, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Service at S. Nicolas Church at 4.30 p.m.; Preacher, Sir John Herschel, Bart. (General Secretary). The Offertory will be for the War Memorial of the Guild. Tea at S. Nicolas Hall at 5 p.m., followed by a Business Meeting and Social. The bells of Holy Trinity (8) and S. Nicolas (10) will be available from 3 to 4.15.—J. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

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

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Area.—A special meeting will be held at Cheltenham, St. Mary's Parish Church, on Thursday evening, Nov. 27th, 1919. Meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m. Tower open at 7 o'clock. Will all ringers who are in this area send their names for election if unable to attend? All ringers are invited. The Master (Rev. M. E. Thorold) will preside.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, November 29th, instead of Nov. 22nd, as previously advertised. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 in the Church Institute, 1/3 each. All members wishing tea please notify Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Church House, Mansfield. Mansfield Woodhouse (6, tenor 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ ) will also be available.—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

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

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

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Old Hill (Staffs), on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 2.30, service in church at 4 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. Canon Brewer, M.A. (Vicar), who will also give an address. The Ringing Master (Harry Mason, Esq.), 'Stourdeil,' Old Hill, wishes to entertain the members and visitors to tea. Will all those able to be present kindly advise the Master by Wednesday, Nov. 26th, latest? Business meeting after tea.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

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

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings for United Practice: Heston, first Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 6th. Isleworth, third Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 20th. All ringers welcome.

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#### UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL.

The unveiling of tablet recording peal rung in memory of Bertram Prewett and Robert Stavert will take place at St. James' Church, Bushey, Herts, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 4 p.m. I shall be pleased if all subscribers and ringing friends will attend. Tea will be provided free in the Institute.—Frederick Edwards, hon. sec.

**FULHAM.**—On Sunday, Aug. 31st, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 51 mins.: J. W. Driver 1, A. W. Darlington 2, W. H. Howitt 3, E. R. Mackrill (first quarter) 4, C. Charge 5, A. W. Coles (conductor) 6, G. C. Iles 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington 9, G. S. Edwards 10.

**TOLERATION IN THE BELFRY.**

Dear Sir,—Kindly grant me a small space in your next issue in which to make a further comment on the above subject. Before doing so, I would like to state that my previous remarks (which were written with a general and not a personal application) had no reference to any special incident, and that the question of lack of welcome to strangers most certainly had no reference to the particular belfry mentioned in your issue of October 31st. As, however, the subject has been made personal by the remark that my 24 years' experience in change ringing had not been made good use of, or I should be able to ring Stedman Caters, I would like to say in passing that for the greater part I was attached to six-bell towers, and later to an eight-bell tower, where Stedman was not rung, and that only during the war had I occasional opportunities of practising it. Previous to my coming here, I had not made more than four or five attempts to ring Stedman Caters, so that my recent performances of seven well-struck courses is to me a very encouraging sign of progress, and not a sign of having failed to make good use of past experience.

But to get right away from personal matters, which cannot possibly be of any interest to your readers, the very important question of home study has been touched upon, and I am sure all will agree that it would be impossible to emphasise too strongly the importance of thoroughly acquainting oneself with the method before attempting to ring it, but how many beginners, even after they have committed the whole of the plain course to memory, can straightway go and ring it? They invariably find that whereas at home they were able to concentrate the whole mind on committing certain phrases to memory, a good part of their attention has now to be centred on picking out their places and working in conjunction with other bells. This is what is known as 'ropesight,' and I maintain that no matter how hard a beginner may study at home, or how expert he may become in theory, it is the practice and plenty of it that makes the ringer. So in maintaining my plea for toleration, never mind occasional trips, start again, and still again, if necessary. I know it is very annoying sometimes to the experienced ringer, but never mind patience and plenty of good humour will win through until proficiency is attained.—Yours faithfully,

Gloucester.

A. ALLAN BENNETT.

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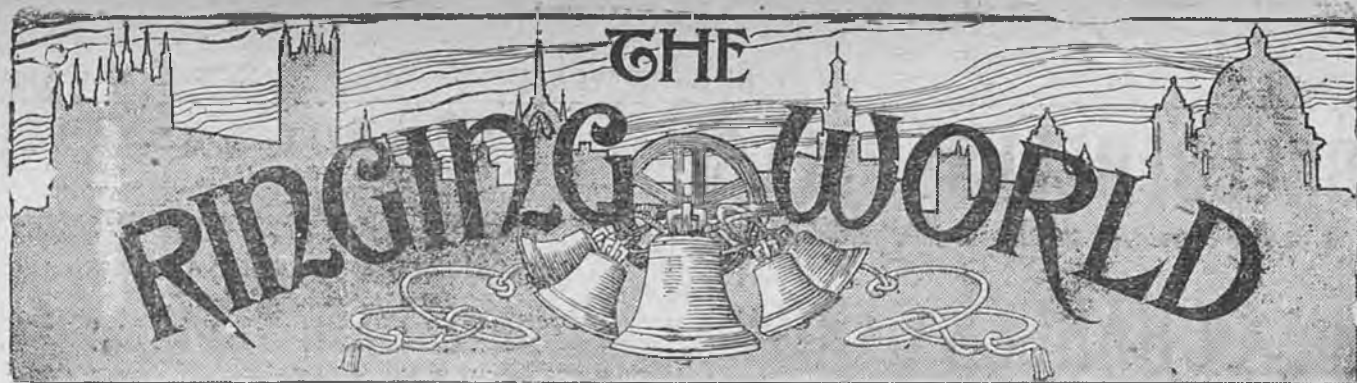
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### CENTRAL COUNCIL PROPOSALS.

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

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

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

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

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S FIVE-PART, No. 2.

ALBERT TOUT ... .. Treble	EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 5
JOSEPH MADDOCK ... .. 2	ARCHIBALD ANDREWS ... .. 6
HENRY NORMAN ... .. 3	HENRY BOSLEY ... .. 7
ALBERT WYATT ... .. 4	WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN HOWES.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

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

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE STOKE AROLDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*CECIL COXON ... .. Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5
ERNEST LANDON ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
CHARLES MORLEY ... .. 4	*HAROLD VAUGHAN ... .. Tenor
	*WILFRED HEATH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

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

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

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEO. ED. ROLLERSON ... .. Treble	GEO. HY. HARGREAVES ... .. 5
THOS. COLLINGE ... .. 2	THOS. ROLLERSON ... .. 6
ERNEST TAYLOR ... .. 3	JAMES ROLLERSON ... .. 7
HERBERT H. SHAW ... .. 4	ALEX. RIDEOUGH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES ROLLERSON.

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

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD ... .. Treble	JAMES BURFIELD ... .. 5
PERCY H. DOICK ... .. 2	ALBERT FEIST ... .. 6
WESLEY PETTIFER ... .. 3	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 4	HARRY J. DOICK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.



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

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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

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

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ 200th peal.  
Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Pemberton on the occasion of his marriage, which took place earlier in the day.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

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

J. Harris' 50th peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES**

Tenor about 21 cwt.

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

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

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

HUNSDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENSTAN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

\* First peal with an inside bell

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

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

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Chapman.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

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

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION.

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

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

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

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

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

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

## WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Helen,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

Conducted by W. PAGE.

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

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

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

## SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by FREDERICK W. WATLING.

## HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

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

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

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

## MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

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

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

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

## WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

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

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(HUSBORNE CRAWLEY COMPANY.)

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

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in D.

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

Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.

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

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION,

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

In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: C. SAMPSON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

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

In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by W. SUTTONSTALL.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: C. SAMPSON.

\* First peal of Oxford 'in hand.'

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

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

At the Residence of Mr. J. Scott,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

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

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

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

**BELLS FOR LOWESTOFT.**

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

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

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

**METHOD TAPPING.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.**

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

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### RESOLUTIONS WHICH THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION WILL DISCUSS.

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

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

That this Association would welcome new arrangements, whereby:—

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MISFORTUNE TO A LANCASHIRE TOWER.

### SERIOUS FIRE ON ARMISTICE DAY.

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

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

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

**DEDICATION OF ALVERSTOKE BELLS.**

NEW 'VICTORY' PEAL FOR HANTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

ANOTHER BRANCH FORMED.

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

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

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

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

Six new members were unanimously elected.

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

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

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL WAR MEMORIAL**

To the Editor.

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

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

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

F. R. HOWELL,

Thornbury, Nov. 15th, 1919.

Hon. Treas. of the Association.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

NEW DIVISION FORMED.

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

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

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

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

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ST. ATHAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MEMORIAL PEAL AT DORCHESTER.**

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

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

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

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

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

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### SUGGESTED MONTHLY MEETINGS.

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

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

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

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

### PRESENTATION AT DEPTFORD.

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

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

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### GOOD PROGRESS IN HEREFORD DISTRICT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### HAMPTON RINGER'S DEATH.

#### VICTIM OF MALARIA AFTER SERVICE ABROAD.

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

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

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

The coffin bore the inscription: '30916 Pte. R. Cook, 9th Worcesters, died Nov. 3rd, aged 35 years.'

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

## NOTICES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY LIBRARY, SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.—Catalogues are now ready, and may be obtained from the Librarian, price 6d. post free.—Sam Thomas, Librarian, 164, Grey-stones Road, Sheffield.

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#### HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

Ringing was resumed until train time, and methods ranging from Plain Bob to Double Norwich were rung.

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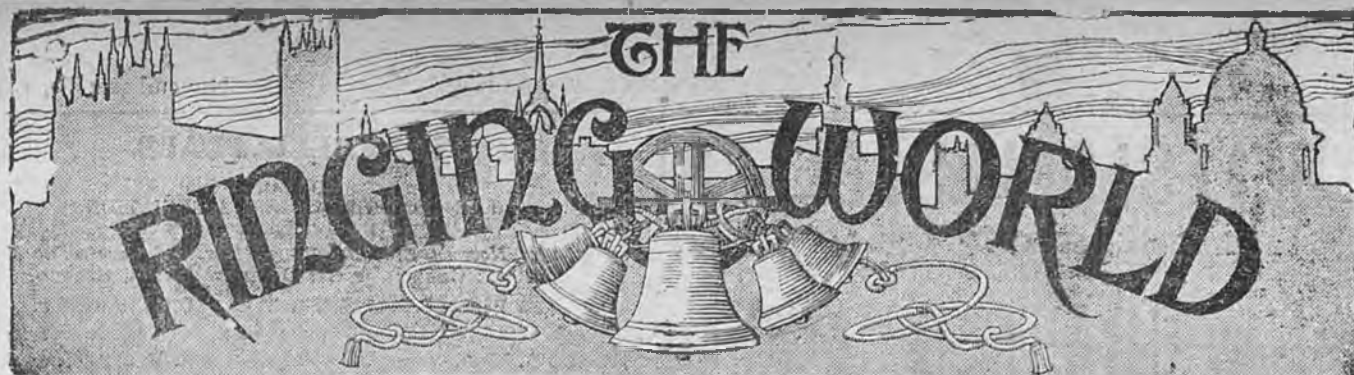
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### THE EDITOR'S THANKS.

Our readers will, we feel sure, accord us their indulgence if an article of a personal nature occupies this column for this week. On Saturday last the presentation of the testimonial to the Editor of the 'Ringing World' took place at the College Youths' dinner, and he is compelled to take the opportunity here afforded to thank all those whose kindness resulted in the gift of the handsome sum which has been handed to him. There are occasions when words fail to express one's emotions or one's gratitude, and for the Editor such an occasion is the present. After the trials, the difficulties and the losses of past years, such a gift would evoke in any man a feeling of the warmest thankfulness and gratitude, but greater than all else is the knowledge of the friendship, the kindness and the sympathy which lie behind the effort.

The fund which was raised is a record amount in any similar object connected with the Exercise, and in that fact alone there is reason, without any egotism, for pride, and the significance of the number who have joined in the gift cannot be lost upon one. It shows that through dark and trying days the sympathy of a circle of friends, wider than anything one could have dreamed of, was with the Editor, and that sympathy is not only a recompense for the ills of the past, but an encouragement and an inspiration for the future. It is not an idle boast that had the force of circumstances, as it might well have done, caused the closing down of the 'Ringing World' when it was the only ringers' journal remaining, the Exercise would have received a blow from which it would have recovered with the greatest difficulty. A paper such as this is the link which binds the ringers of the land together, and its severance at a time when nothing could have been done to replace it would have been a serious matter. It was this, even when personal ends would have been better served by allowing the journal to go under, that induced the Editor to endeavour to 'carry on.' The appreciation of this effort has shown itself to an unexpected degree, and has lightened the troubles of the past as well as brightened the prospects of the future.

The inception of the scheme was as kindly in its spirit as the response has been generous, and the Editor desires publicly to thank Mr. James George for his part in the scheme. He it was who planned it, he it was who carried it through to its highly successful issue. Energy, enthusiasm and time he gave without stint in what we know was to him a labour of love. Others there have been who have played a specially active part in helping Mr. George, and to them as well as to him, and to the hundreds of friends both known and unknown, the Editor returns his most grateful thanks.

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(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST A. REEVE ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. 3	HENRY MANCE ... .. 8
HORACE BELCHER ... .. 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 9
HAROLD P. BURTON ... .. 5	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.C.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... .. Treble	HORACE BELCHER ... .. 5
EDWARD WALLAGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 6
JAMES SCHOLES ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Composed by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWIN F. HOOPER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK BENNETT ... .. 5
*PERCY E. JONES ... .. 2	JOHN PRESTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung on the anniversary of Armistice Day. The ringer of the 5th was made a life member of the above Guild previous to starting.  
\* First peal in the method away from the treble. This was the conductor's 100th peal.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHARLES CLARK ... .. Treble	*RICHARD RICHES ... .. 5
*ROBERT MARSHALL ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
THOMAS EASTERBY ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ... .. 7
*GEORGE HARRIS ... .. 4	DALBY HODGSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

\* First peal. Rung on the first anniversary of the Armistice, also on the 25th birthday of Sydney E. Daynes, son of the conductor, who was prevented from taking part in the peal by business.

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AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR MASON ... .. Treble	EDWARD SEAL ... .. 5
RICHARD JENNER ... .. 2	ERNEST LEIGH ... .. 6
* HERBERT LEIGH ... .. 3	JOHN W. STEDDY ... .. 7
JAMES HEASMAN ... .. 4	EDWARD LEIGH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. STEDDY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung for anniversary of Armistice.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Mins.,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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

* FREDERICK W. RADFORD ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5
MRS. CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 7
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 4	HARRY HARRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the first anniversary of Armistice Day, also as a compliment to the Rector, Rev. E. C. Kirwan, on being raised to the dignity of Canon.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... Treble	FRANK W. HOPGOOD ... .. 5
FREDERICK DENTRY ... .. 2	WILLIAM PAICE ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 7
RICHARD RUNHAM ... .. 4	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the enthronement of Right Rev. Herbert Burge as Bishop of Oxford.

UPPER CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES A. GRAY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 6
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

EPPIING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,  
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... .. 6
THOMAS RODEN ... .. 3	DANIEL JONES ... .. 7
ANDREW JONES ... .. 4	* JEREMIAH BLOORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL JONES.

Rung as a welcome home to T. Roden, who has returned from Mesopotamia, and as a birthday compliment to William Rock Small who attained the age of 80 on the 12th inst. \* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

MISS EMMA TONGE ... .. Treble	GEORGE STAFF ... .. 5
JOSEPH HALL ... .. 2	FRANK STONELEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SHUCKER ... .. 3	EDMUND SCHOFIELD ... .. 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. 4	JOHN EDGE ... .. Tenor

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Conducted by FRANK STONELEY.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Pendleton, 4th from Middleton, 5th and 7th from Milnrow, tenor from Pendlebury, the rest belong to the local band.

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

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 16 cwt

GEORGE ALLEN ... .. Treble	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... .. 5
Cecil C. MAYNE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6
JESSE ELDRIDGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A Peace peal for the town and rung on the first anniversary of Armistice week.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.  
(OSWESTRY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

R. EDWARDS ... .. Treble	E. JONES ... .. 5
R. MARTIN ... .. 2	* G. WILLIAMS ... .. 6
* J. HUGHES ... .. 3	C. R. LILLEY ... .. 7
* R. EVANS ... .. 4	† G. BEATON ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. The above was rung as a Peace peal for the town of Oswestry as the band was unable to meet at an earlier date. C. R. Lilley hails from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, the rest belong to Oswestry.

HULL.—On Sept. 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, a plain course each of Treble Ten and Treble Bob Major, 287 Grandsire Caters and 400 Stedman Triples, in which the following took part: C. Bradley, Middleton, A. E. West, L. Rodmell, H. Rodmell, W. Ayre, T. S. Morton, G. Miller, A. Howell, G. E. Williams.—On Sunday, Aug. 31st, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church, 395 Grandsire Caters: W. Howell 1, J. Chamberlain 2, G. F. Williams 3, J. Clark 4, F. Dale 5, J. Highfield 6, A. Miles 7, G. Miller 8, T. S. Morton (conductor) 9, B. Cook 10.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION,  
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR. 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. Treble	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 5
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.  
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung on the anniversary of Armistice Day.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent,  
Oxford, Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

CHARLES A. ROBINSON ... .. Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4
CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... .. 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 5
WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 3	HERBERT SHARPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARK.

Rung on anniversary of the Armistice.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(BRECON DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

10 different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD ... .. Treble	CHARLES POWELL ... .. 4
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 3	*GEORGE P. WEALE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. S. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal. This was the quarterly peal for the district and was rung as a 'Peace peal' for the parish on the first anniversary of Armistice Day. The ringers were heartily congratulated by the Vicar at the close of the peal.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR. 5040 CHANCES;**

Comprising seven different compositions.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES W. HAYNES ... .. Treble	†HAROLD FOLWELL ... .. 4
WILFRED SHARP ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY ... .. 5
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal on a bob bell.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HERMESHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES SPARKES ... .. Treble	*ROBERT MCCANN ... .. 4
CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 2	ALFRED R. ELKINS ... .. 5
JOHN BEAVAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

MIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Bob Minor, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4
*MISS NORA COOPER ... .. 2	EDWARD WHITE ... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 4
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... .. 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First 7 method peal on the bells. First 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and Canterbury by C. Woodberry, who was kind enough to fill a gap at the last minute.

**FIVE BELL PEAL.**

ALDWINCLE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 Six-scores.

REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... .. Treble	†DANIEL REDHEAD ... .. 3
*LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 2	RICHARD DUNKLEY ... .. 4
*JAMES M. NICKERSON ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal ever known to have been rung in this parish, and the ringers were afterwards kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (Canon Hodgson).

Other Peals are unavoidably held over.

**NEW BELLS AS WAR MEMORIAL.**

MR. W. W. WORTHINGTON'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The eight bells which have been placed in the Church at Ovenscote near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 13th, by the Bishop of Peterborough. The service will be at 4.15, and tea at 1s. 6d. a head will be provided in the school at 5.30. All ringers will be welcome. Three of the bells were given by Mr. W. W. Worthington, and the fund for the remaining five and the whole work of hanging and installing the ring have been raised in the parish as a memorial to those who fell in the war, and as a thankoffering for peace.

The bells form a light ring, with tenor of about 10 cwt. They swing on ball bearings, and the work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

**MR. W. R. SMALL'S 80th BIRTHDAY.**

The Tipton veteran, Mr. William Rock Small, reached his 80th birthday recently, and the event was celebrated by the ringing of two peals, one at Wednesbury, and one at Tipton, in both of which Mr. Small took part. He has received the hearty congratulations of a wide circle of friends, and to-morrow is to receive an address from ringers all over the country at a meeting of the Dudley and District Guild. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

**HOLT'S PEALS.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will Mr. Joseph Maddock kindly give some further description of the composition of the peal which he conducted at Taunton on the 1st inst., as reported in your issue of to-day? I have always thought that I was fairly conversant with Holt's peals, but I must plead ignorance as to any peal of his styled his 'Five-Part, No. 2.'  
Deane Rectory, Orerton, Hants. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

**A RECORD GIFT.****PRESENTATION TO THE EDITOR OF THE 'RINGING WORLD.'**

At the anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on Saturday, opportunity was taken to present to the Editor of the 'Ringing World' the balance of the sum subscribed to the testimonial by the ringers of the British Isles. As is well known, the scheme, for which Mr. James George, of Birmingham, was responsible, was set on foot as an expression of practical sympathy with Mr. Goldsmith in his long illness, and in recognition of his efforts to keep the Exercise provided with a Journal during the long and dark days of the war. A portion of the amount subscribed was presented to Mr. Goldsmith at the Henry Johnson Commemoration dinner at Birmingham last March, and the scheme having since been brought to a magnificently successful conclusion, the balance, as stated above, was handed to him on Saturday, the company present being representative of many of the leading societies of the country.

The presentation was made by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham, who, in a felicitous speech, said he hardly knew how to express to Mr. Goldsmith the gratitude of the Exercise for the courageous manner in which he had kept the 'Ringing World' going throughout the war under the greatest possible difficulties (hear, hear). Even old-established papers had found a great deal of difficulty in carrying on. In the case of the 'Ringing World' there was the special difficulty that most of its readers were young men who were called away in the country's service, so that the circulation fell very considerably: there were also the troubles which were universally felt by newspapers in regard to paper, which was difficult to obtain, and the cost of labour, and to crown it all, in the midst of the worst time, Mr. Goldsmith was himself stricken down with illness. But he struggled on manfully, and the paper never failed to make its appearance week by week. The subscribers to the testimonial, proceeded Alderman Pritchett, had contributed from all over England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and even from America, which showed how widely spread the friends of Mr. Goldsmith were. Bacon it was who said that friendship doubled one's joys and halved one's sorrows, and he felt sure that this handsome testimonial would not only halve Mr. Goldsmith's sorrows, but practically do away with them, and that it would immensely increase his joys. He was bound to give credit where credit was due. The immediate inception of the idea came from Mr. George, who had done the hard work of it, and had literally

worked day and night in collecting the money. The precise number of contributors it was impossible to ascertain, because most of the money came from the different ringing associations, but certainly the numbers could be counted by hundreds, and probably even amounted to over a thousand. The total amount that had been received was £277 15s. 6d. (loud applause). That was the largest sum that had ever been collected in any one effort from the ringing Exercise, and Mr. George had, therefore, achieved a record (applause). He would like to mention this, that among the associations the Winchester Diocesan Guild headed the list with a sum of £18 6s. 3d. (applause). Part of the amount received had previously been given to Mr. Goldsmith, and he now had great pleasure in handing him a cheque for the balance, £110 (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith, who was very warmly received, said he found it very difficult indeed adequately to express his thanks to those whose kindness had resulted in that extremely handsome testimonial. He appreciated and valued the gift more than he could say, but even more did he prize the wonderful spirit of goodwill and sympathy which it bestowed. The 'Ringing World' had passed through dark days, and there were times when it seemed that the paper would have to go under. But those days were past, and he turned with hope to the future, stimulated by the appreciation which had been revealed by that testimonial. It would, as Alderman Pritchett had said, reduce his sorrows to a minimum, and it would certainly double his joys. The future, said Mr. Goldsmith, rested largely with the ringers themselves. The present was not without its difficulties, and any reckless adventure might yet wreck the ship. It was still necessary, therefore, to advance with caution, but if the ringers themselves gave that increased support to the paper which he hoped they would, they would reap the advantage in the better journal which they would receive. Mr. Goldsmith thanked Mr. George for his great kindness in connection with the testimonial, for the spirit which prompted its inception, and for the labour and enthusiasm which he had put into the scheme. In once more thanking those who had subscribed to the fund he wished to associate his wife's name with his own, and, he added, the Exercise owed more to her than they knew for all she did for the 'Ringing World' during his illness (applause).

The total amount contributed to the testimonial fund was £277 15s. 6d. The hon. secretary's and other expenses amounted to £12 15s. 6d.: and the sum of £265 has, in all, been handed to Mr. Goldsmith. Individual donations amounted to £66 12s. 6d., and £211 4s. was contributed by Associations.

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## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

### REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT REVIVED CELEBRATION.

After a lapse of six years, caused by the war, the Ancient Society of College Youths revived their annual dinner on Saturday last, when they celebrated their 282nd anniversary. In the afternoon there was ringing on the twelve bells at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the ten at St. Magnus, and visitors from many parts of the country took part in the ringing.

The dinner was served at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, and the size of the company was only limited by the accommodation at their disposal. About 130 sat down to dinner, and the representative nature of the gathering was evidence of the pleasure with which the revival has been received in the ranks of the Youths throughout the country. The chair was taken by Mr. Albert A. Hughes, the Master, who was supported by Miss Macalpine Leay, Canon Haldane (Southwark Cathedral), the Rev. A. H. R. Robinson (St. Martin-in-the-Fields), Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Canon G. E. Coleridge (Crowthorne), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. B. Bennett (St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), etc. Mr. T. Faulkner (Past Master) was in the vice-chair, and among the company were the officers of the society, and London members, including 'Youths' like Edwin Horrex, Walter Prime, Chelli, Winnay, Bob Newton, William Gaurard, John Oxborough, W. D. Smith, and others, who were pillars of the society a quarter of a century ago. Among those who came from the provinces to take part in the proceedings were Messrs. J. George, J. Carter and A. E. Walker (Birmingham), R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary of the Oxford Guild), and members of the Caversham band, W. E. White (Midland Counties), W. A. Cave and R. J. Wilkins (Bristol), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), Walter Poking and W. Houghton (Irbthlingborough), A. Crawley and Riding (Crawe), C. F. Johnston (of the Croydon Foundry), C. Dean (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), and members of St. Peter's Croydon band, W. H. Judd (Southend), W. J. Nevad (Great Bentley), J. Evans (Hughenden), J. C. Truss (Marlow), J. Wyatt (Ashtend), G. F. Hoad (Reigate), G. N. Price, H. Hodgkiss (Oxhey), F. A. Smith (Bushey), T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), W. Shepherd (Hersham), and others.

After the company had assembled in their places, the following list of members killed in the war was read by the Hon. Secretary, and Canon Coleridge offered a suitable prayer, which was followed by a minute's silent remembrance: Capt. Sudell, Lieut. W. D. James, Cpl. P. T. Martin, Chris. Hughes, Sydney Wright, Jas. H. Payne, William Truss, Frederick J. Hardy, Bertram Prewett and Sedley J. Collins.

After an excellent repast, the loyal toast was enthusiastically honoured.

### THE CHURCH.

The Master, in submitting the toast of 'The Church,' said the Church was of the first importance in our lives, individually and nationally. The Church was our oldest institution, an institution going back far beyond the days of Parliament, and it was a real fundamental of our lives. Without the Church the world would be chaos, there would be no law and order, no mutual respect, and if we failed to give that support in deeds and words that the Church required then we should lose our place amongst the nations of the world. We were proud of being British, proud of our traditions and all that our name stood for, but what deep down was really responsible for our just pride was the Church, which had always fostered the spirit of true Englishmen. Any nation which attempted to drop the Church was absolutely committing suicide. The Church to-day, continued the Chairman, had even greater difficulties than it had before the war and they were serious enough then. Now that they had settled down to a peace of a kind they had more trouble amongst themselves than they wanted, and amidst all the turmoil and the distractions the Church needed all the support they could give it, not only in words but also in deeds (hear, hear). They, as church bell ringers, were a body of Church workers, and they realised that the bells were put in the tower in the first place for the service of the Church, and they remembered also that they were Churchmen first and ringers afterwards. It was very gratifying to see so many clergy taking a keen and practical interest in change ringing, and he looked forward to the day when every incumbent would be able to take a rope in his own tower (hear, hear). A grievance sometimes cropped up that ringers were not always present at Divine service. In many cases he was certain that if the clergy would take a keener interest in the belfry they would get a readier support themselves. The war had been a great leveller of men, and they, as ringers, did not want to be patronised, but all ringers would like to feel that in their parson they had got a 'pal' (applause).

The toast was cordially honoured, and Canon Haldane was very heartily received on rising to respond. He said that although he had not taken an active part in bell ringing, it was not because he didn't

want to, it was because, with many of the clergy, he never had the chance, and he never had the sense to run about and push for a tower to get into. With reference to the suggestion made by the Master that all incumbents should be able to take a rope in their own towers, he suggested that the ringing societies should get at the Bishops, who were much more easily got at than many might think, and he was sure they would be quite ready to advise the younger clergy to take up bell ringing. With that in view, he suggested they should go to his Bishop, who was so splendidly young and full of 'go,' and ask him to start right away to tell the younger clergy that they had got to ring bells. If there was any difficulty about it, he was perfectly willing to place the tower of Southwark Cathedral at their disposal for teaching the younger clergy (laughter and applause). One of their members asked: 'What would the neighbours say?' Well, of course, they would say wonderful things at first (laughter), but he wanted to tell them what the neighbours said when the College Youths came. They said: 'Why don't we always have it like that?' (applause). Speaking quite seriously, he was always glad when they came, for it gave them real pleasure. Their ringing was a revelation, it showed that ringing was not a mere performance, it was a real art. It had all the expression they expected to see in an art, it had all the desire that there must be in true art; one felt that there was all the splendid mastery and technique. He was not just flattering them, for they really did ring awfully well. There were other people who rang in their tower (a significant pause by the speaker led to an outburst of laughter). The fact that they laughed, continued the Canon, made it unnecessary for him to explain further, and they need not be in the least bit shy of teaching the younger clergy, for they were like the younger laymen, they would make some hideous noises to start with (laughter).

Proceeding, Canon Haldane said those of the clergy who knew anything about bell ringers appreciated very much indeed what they did. It was the calling of the faithful to come and worship, calling them with all the beauty of music. He did not quite know what it was in them that was stirred up when they heard the bells, but it was rather like the feeling they had when they heard a good hand. The clergy looked upon the ringers as allies, for they did a work amongst one another which they of the clergy all appreciated as of the highest value. They disciplined one another, and taught one another patience and perseverance. Sometimes the person who rang worst did most in that way when he was teaching the others to keep their temper (laughter and applause). He sometimes consulted his steepelkeeper who was a member of their society, and a great friend of his, who had been in the line for over so many years, and whose father and grandfather before him had been steepelkeepers, and who had got a nice little boy coming along, who he (the Canon) hoped would one day become the steepelkeeper in his turn. He (the speaker) sometimes asked his steepelkeeper questions, and once, when the ringers rang for three hours, he asked him: 'What did they say to the poor fellow that broke down?' The steepelkeeper shook his head, he wouldn't say it (loud laughter). Continuing, the speaker said one of the best things about the Society was their name. It was splendid to go on calling themselves 'Youths' now that they were going on for 300 years old. There was something in the title that expressed the freshness, the courage and the hope which was claimed for the youthful. So far as he was concerned, he was afraid he was too old to take up ringing now, and he feared that if he was to try he should bang his head against the ceiling which, he understood, was what happened to those who did not know how to handle a rope (laughter). However, to make up for that, he was glad to say that one of his staff had taken up bell ringing most furiously, and should they be passing the Cathedral and hear anything strange they would know what it was (laughter). But one of the things he was going to do when he got home was to tell that assistant curate that he had got to join the College Youths, if they would have him (hear, hear). He would push him into it, and once he had joined he would be glad of it every day, and he (Canon Haldane) would get the pleasure of being asked to come again and see them (applause).

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY.

Alderman Pritchett proposed the toast of 'Prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths.' He referred to the fact that he joined the College Youths 45 years ago, but that it was not until he had been a member for 25 years that he was present at one of their annual dinners. He well remembered the kindly reception they gave him on that occasion; he remembered that Miss Leny was there, and he was very glad indeed to have the pleasure of meeting her once again (applause). Col. Mackinnon was also with them, and one who had passed away from them, Archdeacon Sinclair. There were also many whom he had greeted that night, and he was happy indeed to see them still with them. Their society was an ancient and honourable one. Honourable it must be, because by natural tendency it made those honourable who devoted themselves assiduously to the art of change ringing (applause). Ancient it could not be denied. It was not quite so ancient, perhaps, as some of the London Companies, but he was quite sure it was a great deal more respectable (laughter). Its

antiquity was no idle boast; it could bring ample evidence. Tabian Stedman's book published, he believed in 1841, was dedicated to the Society of College Youths—not ancient then, for it was founded in 1637. It also had evidence of its continuity of existence and importance in the two beautiful silver tankards displayed on the table. The first one commemorated a contest in 1783 with the Oxford Society, in which the College Youths won one of those cups as a prize. He believed Canon Coleridge, who represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild, disputed the right of the College Youths to the possession of that tankard, for he had heard him say that the Umpire was squared (laughter). He (the speaker) thought they should try and arrange a return match and see how they would come out with the Oxford Guild now. The tankard which they proudly held was considerably more than a hundred years old, and on the 100th anniversary of their winning it they were presented with the other tankard. They in Birmingham, the St. Martin's Guild, once possessed a silver cup, and the fact that they did possess it was duly recorded in their peal book at the time, but what had become of it was not quite known. He had heard it said on one occasion after a festive gathering it was left with the innkeeper as security for the score (laughter), and had never yet been redeemed (laughter). He thought Mr. John Carter knew something about it, as he believed he had a good deal to do with the running up of the score (loud laughter). Continuing, the Alderman said the College Youths had had an honourable succession of officers in the society who had carefully preserved their valuable property, for valuable it undoubtedly was, and he trusted it would always be preserved as evidence of the proud achievements of the College Youths in the past (applause). They were now, he said, settled down into the old stride in the way of change ringing. He had heard with regret of the losses they had sustained in the war, but he felt a feeling of relief that the list was not longer, although long enough it was, indeed. It was pleasant that most of them were gathered there again prepared to resume ringing under peace conditions. The columns of 'The Ringing World' were becoming more extensive every week with the peals that were rung, and in that progress the College Youths were undoubtedly taking a leading part. They in the provinces very much looked up to the College Youths, and in Birmingham most of their members were members also of that society. One member whose name he would like to mention was a member of their society, and that was his old friend William Rock Small, whose 80th birthday they commemorated during the week by a peal of 5,000 Stedman Caters at Wednesbury, in which Mr. Small took part (applause). He was sure he could take to him from that meeting the hearty congratulations of his brother ringers of the Ancient Society of College Youths (applause). In conclusion, Alderman Pritchett wished the Society long and continued prosperity. Their prosperity in recent years, he said, had been linked with the name and exertions of their secretary, Mr. Cockerill (applause). He was indeed a stalwart ringer in every sense of the word. Look at him and deny it if they could! (laughter and applause). His achievements in peal ringing and from several points of view constituted a record. They all respected and admired and esteemed Mr. Cockerill, and it was with the utmost pleasure that he coupled his name with the toast.

'Prosperity to the Society' and 'Health to Mr. Cockerill' were heartily drunk, musical honours being accorded the hon. secretary.

A course of Stedman Caters was then rung on handbells, by: W. Wise (Croydon) 1-2, J. Carter (Birmingham) 3-4, A. Walker (Birmingham) 5-6, H. Langdon (London) 7-8, W. A. Cnye (Bristol) 9-10.

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When we described the work which the foundry had done during the war, in an article which appeared in these columns about twelve months ago, we referred to the fact that Mr. Cyril Johnston, the head of the establishment, was already gathering round him a staff whose skill and experience would place the firm in an exceptional position to carry out the transformation that he had planned, and with little loss of time the factory returned to the production of bells and clocks on a scale never previously known at Croydon.

Our readers have read from time to time of the bell work that is now being done at this foundry, where there would apparently be no difficulty in turning out a peal of bells complete every few days. Last Wednesday week, a large party of Hertfordshire ringers and friends from other parts of the country had the privilege of seeing for themselves what was being done. They went ostensibly to see Watford's new peal of eight, which were erected for test purposes in the foundry. They admired the shapely forms and clean finish of the bells, and the beauty of their even tones produced on the Simpson principle. They saw the perfection of their hanging upon ball bearings, and inspected with interest a new kind of 'slider,' which is not a slider at all, but a hard wood ball running in a curved iron trough, with stops at the ends, into which the stay comes at each turn of the bell. This ring of eight, with a tenor of 24 cwt., will be one of the glories of Hertfordshire when they hang in the tower of Watford Parish Church, thanks to the enthusiasm of the popular Vicar, himself a ringer, the Rev. C. F. Ayerst. He was among those who visited the foundry, and those who were also there included the Rev. G. Edwards, of St. Albans; Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary of the Herts County Association, and ringers from St. Albans, Baldock, Aldenham, Watford, North Mimms, Hertford, Rickmansworth, Luton, Barkway, etc. There were also ringers from London, Kent and Surrey, and the party found the afternoon pass very rapidly in an inspection of the works, the casting of four bells out of a chime of eight for Strabane, Co. Tyrone, being not the least interesting of the experiences, and an entirely novel one for many of the visitors.

No less interesting was the tour through the shops in which the clocks are manufactured. There were large turret clocks, under construction, but the direction in which the horological industry has expanded most at Croydon is in the making of grandfather clocks. In this the firm are developing a great home and export trade, and one had only to see the care with which every part is produced and to view the finished article, to realise that here was an industry that was an asset, not merely to the factory, but to the nation. It will re-establish the prestige of this country in the production of an article which in years gone by was an essentially English type. Two hundred years ago an old English craftsman, Daniel Quare, working without thought of time and intent only upon perfection, made a masterpiece. So far as outward appearance is concerned the clocks made at Croydon are in facsimile. The choice of wood, the excellence of the cabinet work, the cut of the hands, the engraving of the dial, the perfect proportion of the figures, the exquisite chasing and gilding of the 'Cupid' corner-pieces reproduce the style introduced so long ago, but coupled with it is a mechanism which is the perfected production of a modern factory, equipped with modern machines and laid out and organised to produce, in large quantities, types of the highest class of English house clocks. Clocks of other styles are to follow, but for the moment 'grandfathers' are the great feature of the small clock department. In all the stages of their construction, as explained by Mr. Johnston, and his able lieutenant, Mr. Housman, the visitors were keenly interested, and after tea, in the spacious new canteen, the Vicar of Watford thanked Mr. Johnston, in the name of the company, for the most instructive time they had spent and the hospitality shown to them.

In the evening there was ringing on the fine peal of ten at St. Peter's Church, in which many of the visitors took part.

## NOTICES.

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

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

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available from 3 to 9. A short service will be held at 5, conducted by the Rev. A. B. Parry-Evans, followed by tea and business meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

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

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Old Hill (Staffs), on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 2.30, service in church at 4 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. Canon Brewer, M.A. (Vicar), who will also give an address. Business meeting after tea.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

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

**BELL OPENING.**—Official opening of St. Paul's Church, Denholme, the bells of which have been rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, London, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 29th. All ringers invited. Bells ready at 2 o'clock.—G. Denny, Longhouse Lane, Denholme, near Bradford.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 2nd and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th; \*St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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

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

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

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

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

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The bells of St. Michael's (on the hill) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, followed by tea in the Institute at 5 o'clock. The bells of St. Philip's (Old Market) may be used from 6 to 7.30. All ringers will be very welcome. Will those who can come to tea kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd?—Edith Smith, Sec., 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Fenny Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.; Bletchley bells (8) from 5.30 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, Dec. 6th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Lambert). The bells will be available for ringing from 3 till 5 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will take place at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign and Leominster Districts.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 4 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m., free to members who notify by Dec. 2nd.—A. Talbot, Staunton-on-Arrow.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Maidstone District will take place at East Farleigh on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea at 5.45, provided by the Vicar; business meeting after. The Secretary will be glad if those intending to be present would let him know not later than Dec. 2nd.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (1/- each) will be provided in the Gatty Memorial Hall to those who notify Mr. T. Kitson, 39, High Street, Ecclesfield, not later than Dec. 9th. Ecclesfield is easy of access, trains by Midland and G.C. railways, and motor bus from Firth Park tram terminus every two minutes.—A. Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.; meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30.—J. Watson, 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Old Parish Church, Aldershot, on Dec. 13th. Ringing at 3 p.m.; Guild service at 4.30. Tea will be arranged *only* for those who notify before Tuesday, Dec. 9th. The help of gentlemen to coach learners will be greatly appreciated.—Mrs. L. Hazelden, St. Michaels, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; tea at 'Nag's Head,' 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the Tuesday prior to the meeting?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield, near Bracknell, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. Clifford Toogood) and remembrance of fallen comrades. Tea at the Brownlow Hall at 6 o'clock, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn presiding. Members, friends and neighbours will please advise the Hon. Secs. of their intention to be present as soon as possible.—Joseph White, The Forge, Hurst, and W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

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

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As has been shown by recent reports in the "Ringing World," the Guild of Devonshire ringers has embarked on the policy of decentralisation. The scheme that has been adopted consists of dividing the county into six districts, each branch thus formed being governed by a committee with its own chairman and secretary. A proportion of the subscriptions of members is retained for local uses, the remainder being devoted to the general purposes of the Guild. It is hoped that by these means local interest in the Guild's activities will be fostered, and means found for the gradual spreading of a knowledge of change ringing over this very large and in some respects, unwieldy county.

The scheme has been embraced with enthusiasm by the members of the Guild, and successful meetings have been held recently at Peter Tavy, Ottery St. Mary, and Newton Abbot, by means of which the circle of local branches has been completed in accordance with the present scheme. As the number of bands adopting change ringing increases it is proposed that these branches should be divided up into smaller groups.

For the immediate future the local branches and their secretaries will be as follows:—

Exeter Branch: Mr. F. J. Davey, 52, Queen Street, Exeter.  
North-East Devon: Secretary, Rev. E. V. Cox, Hampton Vicarage.  
East Devon: Secretary, Mr. John Godfrey, Ottery St. Mary.  
North Devon: Secretary,  
Mid-Devon: Secretary, Mr. W. C. Wakley, Bella Vista, Teignmouth.  
South-West Devon: Secretary, Mr. E. W. Marsh, 2, Edith Avenue, Plymouth.

It is hoped that change ringers about to visit the county will previously communicate with one of them, or with the general secretary of the Guild, the Rev. E. S. Powell, Melbeton Vicarage, Plymouth, when every possible opportunity will be given them to take part in change ringing, and to use their services in the spread of the art.

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.**—On August 31st, at the parish Church, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pitts 1, J. Banning 2, \*J. Keyte 3, H. Gillett 4, H. Packer 5, J. Collett 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Butler 8. \* First quarter-deal of Triples by J. Keyte, for whom it was arranged.

**PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.**—At Christ Church, on Sept. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-deal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): H. Watts 1, A. Wallwork 2, D. Hindley 3, T. Lingard 4, H. Allred 5, R. Allred 6, J. Howard 7, J. Edge 8. This was arranged for the ringers of the 1st, 5th and 6th, who hail from Tyldesley.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Sept. 14th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-deal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 55 mins.: A. Millward 1, W. Sharp 2, Sydney F. Millward 3, A. Mawby 4, H. Key 5, W. Sibly 6, J. Mackay 7, H. Rogers (conductor) 8, H. Blundell 9, J. Hensman 10. Rung also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble: also to Mr. G. Flavel, one of the members of the belfry.

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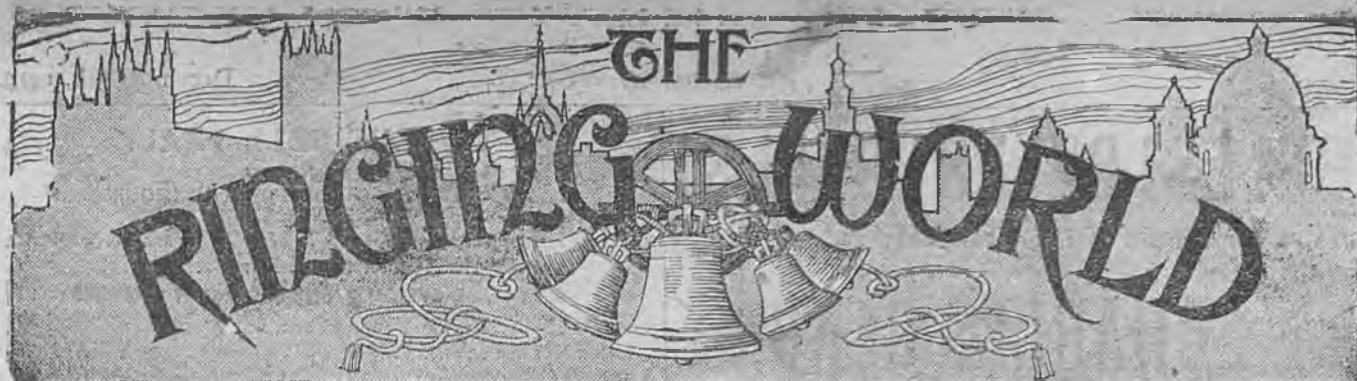
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There are few gatherings in the year which rank in importance in the Exercise with the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the revival of this event after an interval of six years is one more evidence that the ringing world is returning to its accustomed pre-war activity. The interest in this year's gathering lost nothing by the interval which the war had enforced since the last dinner; indeed, the keenness with which it was anticipated was manifested by the fact that all the tickets had been sold out nearly a fortnight before the event, while the company had never, we should imagine, been more representative of the Youths scattered throughout the country. As a social gathering the dinner has always ranked in the forefront of ringing events, and this year's reunion was specially pleasant, for many friends met for the first time since the war, and it was particularly good, despite the absence of many whom death has claimed in the interval, to see so many familiar faces.

It was indeed a happy thought which inspired the few moments of remembrance of those fallen in the war, which marked the opening of the proceedings. The number of those who made the supreme sacrifice was given as ten, but there is no ringing society whose members are more widely scattered than the College Youths, and it is, therefore, more than likely that there are others who fell in the service of the country. The permanent record of the roll of honour is to be inscribed in the Society's peal book, and the Hon. Secretary's appeal for information in order that no name may be omitted is commended to those who may be able to supplement the list which is in the Society's hands.

The speeches that followed the dinner were entertaining, and the suggestions made by Mr. Faulkner as to the resuscitation of some of the old customs which marked the anniversary celebration of the Society in years now long gone by may, perhaps, be seriously considered. The proposal to hold a service in one of the famous City churches found ready approval among the company, although the idea of a procession through the streets may not prove quite so acceptable to some of the members. There is, however, a great deal to be said in favour of the revival of ancient customs in such an ancient society, which in many respects lives up to the traditions of its past; and just as the old City companies still cling to ceremonies which have been handed down through the centuries, so there would be ground for re-introducing into the proceedings of the College Youths the customs which former generations used to observe. Whether the members would care to go quite the length which Mr. Faulkner suggested, and march from the City to Westminster, is another matter; but, doubtless, the subject having been publicly proposed, will in due course be discussed by the members.

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JAMES W. DRIVER ... .. Treble	*GEORGE C. ILES ... .. 6
WILLIAM WOOD ... .. 2	*HARRY COOK ... .. 7
*ALFRED W. DARLINGTON ... .. 3	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 4	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 9
*FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 5	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**HEAVILEY, STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.**  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6055 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 5
HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 2	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ... .. 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... .. 8
WILLIAM JACKSON ... .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 9
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 5	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM R. SMALL ... .. Treble	JOHN JAGGER ... .. 6
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 2	GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 3	ALBERT E. PARSONS ... .. 8
JOHN CARTER ... .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 9
JOHN S. PRITCHETT ... .. 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was specially composed and rung as a compliment to Mr. Small on attaining his 80th birthday. The ringers stood in order of age, the oldest ringing the treble and the youngest the tenor, each one having rung peals with Mr. Small for upwards of 25 years.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.** — On Sunday morning, Sept. 21st, 720 Plain Bob: C. Jennings 1, H. Harvery 2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3, H. Beavis 4, E. Burman 5, T. Finch 6. First 720 by an entirely local band.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, November 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN CARTER ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. PARSONS ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. SMALL ... .. 2	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 6
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 3	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 7
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Small.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

F. GRUNDY ... .. Treble	W. OAKES ... .. 5
J. H. RIDYARD ... .. 2	R. ALDRED ... .. 6
W. JONES ... .. 3	P. H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 7
H. ALDRED ... .. 4	W. GRUNDY ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BANKS.

Conducted by R. ALDRED.

The ringers of the 4th and 6th had from Tyldesley, the rest belong to the local company. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. E. Noden who died the same morning, he having been a sidesman for 11 years and 26 years a Churchwarden, a position which he held up to his death.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. Treble	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 5
JOHN RICE ... .. 2	ALFRED D. MILLS ... .. 6
ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES PARKER.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... .. 2	THOMAS HOAD ... .. 6
JOHN H. EDWARDS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... .. 4	TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Mr. Burden belongs to Rolvenden and was elected a life member of the Association previous to starting. Mr. Lambert hails from Benenden, the rest belong to Salehurst, Sussex. Mr. Lambert's goth peal.

STREET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

ARTHUR CHAFFEY ... .. Treble	SAMUEL HAWKINS ... .. 5
HARRY PARRISH ... .. 2	*ARNOLD WEBB ... .. 6
*WILLIAM MARSH ... .. 3	ARTHUR WEBB ... .. 7
*WALTER PARRISH ... .. 4	*PATRICK ORCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARRISH.

\* First peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

HENRY WOODFINE ... .. Treble	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 5
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... .. 7
HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 4	JAMES MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MARTIN.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first attempt to ring a peal in this method by the ringers of treble, 4th and 7th. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS LAW ... .. Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN ... .. 5
FRED HOPPER ... .. 2	FRED WILFORD ... .. 6
† J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM R. PARKER ... .. 4	*ALFRED MONK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and tenor.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER ... .. Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 5
CHARLES J. TRICKER ... .. 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	JOHN B. HESSE ... .. 7
HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. Treble	GEORGE FIGOTT ... .. 5
JOHN WITHERS ... .. 2	*JOSEPH FAULKNER ... .. 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
*JOHN EATON ... .. 4	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. FIGOTT.

Conducted by S. GROVE.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. This was the quarterly peal for the above branch.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 5
JOHN COOK ... .. 2	ALBERT FEIST ... .. 6
*JOHN WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 4	ALBERT CHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CECIL KAZER ... .. Treble	JOSEPH J. ALLEN ... .. 5
*CECIL E. R. EVANS ... .. 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
JOHN A. CHILDS ... .. 3	WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM HODGETTS ... .. 4	*REGINALD J. GODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

\* First peal.

## OLD WINDSOR BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... Treble	*GEORGE T. LEADER ... .. 5
PERCY JONES ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
*EDWIN T. HOOPER ... .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CUTTERIDGE ... 4	*JOHN BURT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. STENNING ... Treble	GEORGE LUCAS ... .. 5
ERNEST BISH ... .. 2	KEITH HART ... .. 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. 3	ARTHUR GRAVITT ... .. 7
JOHN FEIST ... .. 4	WILLIAM HART ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR GRAVITT.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 1-2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: J. G. RUNSEY.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, November 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At Trinity College,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

J. BUTLER (Fitzwilliam Hall) 1-2	J. B. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) ... 5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 3-4	*B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: E. H. S. TRUSCOTT.

\* First peal.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, November 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At Trinity College,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHREY (Trin.) 3-4	B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) ... 7-8

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpires: J. B. WILLIAMSON and A. E. WILKINS.

The above two peals were rung on a new set of cup-bells.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

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

\*CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 9-10

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: F. W. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal in hand.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At King Edward VI. Grammar School,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: G. W. STEERE. Witness: MRS. PULLING.

\* First peal on an inside pair.

## MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, November 21, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the North Farm,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANCES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 3-4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 7-8

R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church.

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

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

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: F. W. BAILEY.

## MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT BUSHEY.

On Saturday, November 15th, the alabaster tablet erected in the belfry of Bushey Church to record the peal rung to perpetuate the memory of Bertram Prewett and Robert Stavert was unveiled and dedicated. The Rector (the Rev. G. Montague Hall) conducted the service, the Archdeacon and the Dean of St. Albans being unable to be present. After evensong, the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' was sung. During the singing the Rector, preceded by the cross-bearers and churchwardens, and followed by the relatives, ringers and congregation, went to the belfry, where Mr. F. Edwards requested the Rector to dedicate the tablet.

The Rector then removed the Union Jack from the memorial which he dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of the two Bushey ringers.

During a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells the procession returned.

The Rector took for his address: 'To what purpose is this waste?' He pointed out that there was no waste in self-sacrifice, and these two ringers had given up home, wives, children, and relations, to do their duty for their country. Before they answered the call to the colours they were always willing to help in the cause of bell ringing, which, he was sure, they had at heart. No more would they ring the bells they loved, but the tablet would be a memorial to them for all time.

After another hymn and a verse of the National Anthem, the service concluded with the Blessing. Among those present were Mrs. B. Prewett (widow of the late Mr. Bertram Prewett), Mr. J. Prewett (father), Miss Prewett (sister), and friends, Mrs. A. Stavert (mother of late Mr. R. Stavert), Messrs. C. E. Gabain, J. Field, C. E. Head, A. Tehumne (churchwardens), Mr. G. W. Crimel (St. Albans), Mr. J. Waghorn (East Ham), and ringers from Aldenham, Oxhey, Watford, Tring, Stanmore, Uxbridge, and Bushey.

The bells were rung half-anhuffled before and after the service, and tea was provided in the Institute by Miss M. Harford.

The tablet was the work of Mr. Bennett, of Aldenham.

Mrs. Bertram Prewett desires to thank all those who subscribed to the memorial for the kindness and sympathy thus displayed.

The committee of the memorial fund also wish to thank ringers and friends for their response to the appeal, which has enabled them to erect the handsome tablet.

**SUGGESTED RINGERS' WREATH FOR CENOTAPH.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am making a suggestion, which I hope brother ringers will fall in with, that ringers as a body should contribute a small sum each so as to be in a position to procure and place a 'bell' wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall. We read daily of various unions and societies doing this in memory of their fallen comrades. We have all of us in the Ringing Exercise lost some friend, whose death is a loss to one or other tower, and this is one method by which we can keep their memory green. It may not be possible to make the adoption of this proposal universal, but ringers in London and suburbs could do a lot. I should like to see the placing of the wreath take place on an appropriate day, such as Christmas or on New Year's Day, when loving thoughts are particularly prominent for the missing ones.—Yours very faithfully,

Lewisham.

EDWIN J. PANNETT.

**A HELPING HAND.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—On behalf of Mr. Chas. Gordon, of Beddington, I wish to thank those who so promptly responded to the appeal I made in the 'Ringing World' of October 31st. I have been able to hand him the sum of £8 7s. 6d., which was most welcome. While thanking those who have given, I should have liked to have seen a better response, as most of it came from purely local towers, and Mr. Gordon was well known all over Surrey and in London. I am sorry to say he is no better, and any further help would be greatly appreciated.—Yours truly,

A. J. TRAPPITT.

47, Beddington Grove, Wallington, Surrey.

**RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.**

The members of St. James', Bolton, Bradford, company of ringers had a rabbit-pie supper on November 17th at the Bolton Hotel, when ringing friends from Shipley, Bradford and Low Moor, to the number of 24, attended. The occasion was the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ainge; also the celebration of the 60th birthday of Mr. Joseph Broadley. Full justice was done to the supper, after which a social evening was spent, when touches were rung on handbells, and songs were rendered by Messrs W. Kneeshaw, A. Gill and H. Hobson. A duet was also sung by Messrs. Kneeshaw and Hobson, the latter being the accompanist for the evening.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Gower Rees), who had been invited to attend on behalf of the company and friends, presented a tobacco pouch and pipes to Mr. Ainge, an umbrella to Mrs. Ainge, and a silver-mounted walking-stick to Mr. Broadley. The gifts were suitably acknowledged by the recipients, who thanked the many friends for their good wishes.—A very enjoyable evening was spent.

**AN OLD NORWICH SCHOLAR.**

The death occurred on November 25th of Mr. Arthur Wellesley Hubbard, an old Norwich Scholar. Born in 1844, Mr. Wellesley Hubbard knew Mr. Truman and other expert ringers of Norwich of that day. The funeral took place on Nov. 29th, at East Sheen. Messrs. Cockerill, Winney, W. D. Smith and J. Thimblethorpe (Thimblethorpe), rang three whole pulls in rounds, followed by a pause (three times), and afterwards a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside. The widow and W. Hubbard (brother) thanked the ringers, and both were much touched.

Mr. Hubbard did a good bit of ringing at Tottenham, and took part in the seven-bell Deal rung there, conducted by Mr. H. Barnett, a peal of Bob Triples without the 2nd bell, the band meeting short. This peal the St. James' Society decided not to enter in the Deal book, and Mr. Hubbard penned some of his famous letters on the subject to the 'Bell News,' and signed himself 'Bob Reper.' Mr. Hubbard attended regularly at Hammersmith and at Fulham for some years, and spent much time in splicing ropes and making the belfry as it should be, as anyone can see by visiting Tottenham, where he went to considerable expense for the love of ringing. Mr. Hubbard latterly went into double-handed Stedman, and got on fairly well till last Christmas, when he fell ill, and finally developed cancer, which was the cause of death, after much patient suffering. Mr. Hubbard was kindness itself. He, with Mr. Walter Matthews, gave the London County Association a handsome peal book. He used to go to Waltham Abbey in Mr. Britten's and Mr. Powell's time, when 'Young Alps' was there.

Mr. Hubbard passed through various offices in Freemasonry.

The funeral service was reverently taken by a Mission Priest, who offered a prayer for his soul, which we echo. May he rest in peace.

**EASTON-IN-GORDANO RINGER'S DEATH.**

The death has occurred of Mr. J. Caple, a ringer at Easton-in-Gordano, and a member of the Bath and Wells Association, at the age of 44 years. He had rung about 25 peals of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Stedman Triples. The funeral took place on November 19th, when six of the deceased brother ringers acted as bearers, and after the service, the chaplain and 39 brothers of the R.A.O.B. formed a 'link' round the grave. Wreaths were sent by the ringers of Easton-in-Gordano and Abbot's Leigh. With the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor was rung by: U. Greenlade 1. A. T. Atherton 2. G. Bennett 3. L. H. Moore, junr. 4. L. H. Moore, senr. 5. G. H. Gale (conductor) 6. In the evening the band was augmented by H. Sealy and C. Davis, of Portbury, and six brother Buffaloes of the Grand Lodge of England rang muffled touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. SUGGESTIONS FOR ITS PROCEDURE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir, May I offer a few remarks on the resolutions to be submitted to the Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association, so far as I understand them? The vaguely worded preamble about 'the question of "force"' means, I take it, that the Council has not and cannot, as things are, have power to enforce its decisions, unless they are acceptable to, and accepted by, the Exercise in general—a truism which hardly needs special assertion. Of the six detailed suggestions which follow, the most useful and practical (as you, Sir, suggest) seems to be (6) that the Council should endeavour to co-ordinate the efforts of the Associations to increase, improve and organise ringers and ringing. This may be done without treading upon any sensitive Association toes; but it will, as you say, need more funds than the Council can at present command. I agree with (5) that the office of president should be terminable; but three years (the lifetime of one Council) is too short. I should like to say 'No one shall be eligible as president for more than two Councils in succession.' The question of date (4) depends upon the greatest convenience of the greatest number. I would suggest that the Norwich Association, or any other which accepts this resolution, should say what date is more convenient, and why. On (3) I would ask, Who shall decide beforehand what subjects require more than cursory discussion? Many that come before us do not; and valuable time might be saved if the closure could sometimes be moved. From the same point of view there is much to be said for a rigid time-limit to speeches fixed by the Council itself, in order to strengthen the hands of the president in dealing with prolixity. I should be inclined to suggest ten or fifteen minutes for the opener of a subject, and five minutes for subsequent speakers. Suggestions (1) and (2) may be useful and practicable. If so, they are worth trying; but I confess that I do not quite understand the bearing upon the ordinary Council procedure.

After all, Sir, no formal regulations will free the ringers' Parliament from liability to defects that are found even at Westminster—waste of time, prolixity of speakers, lack of proportion in the relative importance attached to subjects discussed, or the ringing of private 'fads'; but common sense, forbearance and a determination to uphold the dignity and usefulness of the body will go far to remedy its faults.—Yours faithfully,  
St. Albans, Nov. 22nd.

T. L. PAPILLON.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. NEW BRANCH FORMED AT CHELTENHAM.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association in its early days were well supported by the ringers of the Cheltenham area of the Association. In the first 100 peals recorded by the Association there is 12,000 of Grandsire Caters and 15,000 of Stelman Caters rung at St. Mary's Church, Cheltenham, and both peals were conducted by Mr. W. T. Pates. For some years past this portion of the Association has been inactive, and only independent Guild peals have been rung. The officers of the Association felt that something should be done to revive interest in this area, and a special meeting was held on Thursday, November 27th to decide what could be done. About 40 ringers attended, and 28 new members were elected. One hon. member was also elected.

It was decided to decentralise the Gloucester branch, and form a separate branch at Cheltenham. Mr. Townsend, of Leckhampton, was elected hon. secretary; Mr. G. H. Philloft, chairman of the branch; and Mr. Ballinger, representative on the committee of management. Mr. Walter Yeend was elected vice-chairman. It was decided to hold the first meeting at Charlton Kings, possibly on December 23rd, 1919.

A vote of thanks was heartily given to Mr. W. T. Pates, and the officers of the Association are very much indebted to him for his kindness, and they feel quite confident that although he is unable (through business) to take any active part as an officer, his experience will be given to the new branch as a member, and that is worth a great deal.

## FIRST PEAL RECORD.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest of the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Woodchester, Gloucester, in which Mr. Mark Owen rang the treble at the ripe age of fourscore years, and your comment in Belfry Gossip asking if this is a record. While congratulating Mr. Owen, may I say on October 5th, 1903, a peal of Minor was rung at Boreham, Essex, in five methods, in which James Young rang the 2nd on his 81st birthday, he having been born October 5th, 1822. The peal was arranged and rung for him, it being his only attempt for a peal.—Yours sincerely,  
Boreham.

ARTHUR EDWARDS.

HARWICH. — On Oct. 29th, on handbells in the belfry of St. Nicholas' Church, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major; A. Morris (Harwich 1—2, G. Thompson (Harwich) 3—4, P. Ramplin (Harwich) 5—6, P. Watling (Saxmundham) conductor, 7—8.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

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### SIX YEARS' RECORD.

Mr. Cockerill, in replying to the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths,' referred to the indefatigable work which had been done by the Master, the stewards and other officers of the society, and said that since they last met at dinner in 1913 the work of the society had progressed, although they had had very great trial through the war. Having mentioned that apologies had been received from the Archdeacon of London, Canon Masterman, the Rector of St. Michael's, and Prebendary Isaacs, of Cripplegate, Mr. Cockerill said since the last dinner they had made 79 members, which, considering the years they had passed through, he thought was very good. The names of those they had lost in the war he had already read out, and it had been decided that a special page in the peal book should be devoted to the entry of their names so that future generations of College Youths might know the names of those who had laid down their lives (hear, hear). There was a difficulty in a matter of this kind with a society such as theirs, for their members were scattered all over England. They wanted to be sure, before they entered the names, that they had not a complete list, and he, therefore, hoped that members who know of any other names would send him the particulars. The ten names he had read out were men who had frequently met them at their practices in London. In addition to these, he had a list of 29 names of members who had died since their last dinner, and many of them were leading lights of the Exercise. They were:-

1914: Samuel Hayes, Samuel Reeves, William Weatherstone.

1915: John P. Bradley, Richard French, Edward A. Davies, Charles H. Hattersley.

1916: William Foreman, Sir Arthur Heywood, Arthur Hayward, Frederick Rumens, Arthur Hughes, Rev. H. A. Cockey.

1917: Alfred W. Grimes, William Banister, C. E. D. Boufflower, John Wright, Henry J. Rowe, Arthur Aldham, William A. Garrard, Henry Springall.

1918: George Breed, Jas. Barratt, Robt. Hayward (Marlesford), William L. Catchpole, Charles Lee, Samuel Greenwood.

1919: John W. Taylor, William Motts.

The list of peals rung since the 1913 dinner was as follows: 1915, on tower bells 4, on handbells 3; 1914, tower bells 10, handbells 8; 1915, handbells 1; 1916, handbells 8; 1917, tower bells 1 (a muffled peal for William Banister at St. Mary's, Woolwich, where he and his brothers made such wonderful records in the year 1849 and thereabouts), handbells 9; 1918, tower bells 5, handbells 8; 1919, tower bells 20, handbells 2, making a total of 40 on tower bells and 37 on handbells. Out of that total, the most important, perhaps, was the non-conducted peal, Mr. Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples, rung on handbells (applause). The practices held during these years had averaged over 50, the total being 320. During the war they had to meet at their headquarters, the Coffee Pot, and they passed through very strange times. He sometimes went out and got as far, perhaps, as the Elephant, and had to return, as the guns were firing. On one or two occasions they were at the Coffee Pot and had to be taken into the cellar, at other times they had to take shelter in the Tubes and get home as best they could. During this year they had met 63 times, and their veteran, that great Youth, Mr. Edwin Horrex, made 30 meetings (applause). He was still going strong. He still rang peals of Stedman Cinques, and didn't make mistakes. No doubt if any of them went to St. Paul's the next morning they would find him, as usual, ringing next to the tenor (laughter and applause).

Mr. W. D. Smith, in felicitous terms, proposed 'The Visitors,' to which the Rev. A. H. R. Robinson, curate of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, responded.

### SUGGESTED REVIVAL OF OLD CUSTOMS.

The Vice-Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' said they had all gone through trying times in the last five years, and he trusted successfully. He could not recall any society that had become defunct in that time, and that was a matter for congratulation. Mr. White, of the Midland Counties Association, was with them that night, and he hoped he would take back to that association a message of regret that they should have lost two presidents since last the College Youths had held a similar gathering. Having expressed appreciation of the work which other societies were carrying out all over the country, Mr. Faulkner made an appeal for the greater development of the social side of ringing, and suggested that it might be possible to establish a centre in London such as a Club or Institute, where it would be possible for ringers to assemble, and where their country brethren visiting London could find accommodation. He thought if they could develop and extend the social life of ringers they would be doing far better work than ringing so many peals (applause). He knew it would cost a bit of money, but he believed it could be accomplished if the matter were tackled in the right way, and if they approached the right people. Con-

tinuing, Mr. Faulkner referred to some of the ancient practices of the society, and said he had read in their history that on their feast day the members used to visit Bow Church, escorted by the Bandle carrying the badge of the society, and attend a service before sitting down to dinner. He pleaded for a revival of that custom (hear, hear). He thought it would be a glorious thing if, instead of a lot of indifferent ringing on their festival afternoon, they were to go to Bow Church for a service, or even if they were to pass in procession past some of their famous London Churches to the great shrine of Englishmen, Westminster Abbey itself, and hear a sermon preached by some dignitary of the Church. He had read in their records that they used to pay a guinea for the preaching of the sermon. He did not know whether the pay for preaching a sermon had, like everything else, gone up (laughter), but whether it had or not it was usual for those who paid the piper to be allowed to call the tune; and, if such a thing came about that this old custom was revived, he hoped they would make it a stipulation that the preacher should not, for once in a while, tell them what horrible character, the ringers were in bygone days (laughter).

Mr. G. R. Fardon (ex-Master of the London County Association), who first replied to the toast, referred to the activities of the College Youths, the Cumberland and the London County Association, and expressed pleasure that the first named had been able to arrange for regular practices at St. Dunstan's on alternate Thursdays, and that the Cumberlands had now three twelve-bell towers going, compared with only one a few years ago. St. Clement Dunes, which had been closed for seven years, was open again, a splendid job having been made of the rehanging of the bells, and there were now practices there on Monday nights.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, replied for the Provincial Societies, remarking that while London was looked upon as the hub of the universe, ringers looked upon the College Youths as the hub of change ringing societies.

Following upon this, the presentation to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' reported elsewhere, was made, and an enjoyable musical programme was carried out. Capt. J. H. R. Freoborn gave a splendid rendering of some fine old songs, including 'Come into the garden, Maud,' 'Songs of Araby,' and 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes,' and was rapturously encored. Lieut. P. C. Judd was loudly applauded for his contributions, including 'Stonecracker John' and 'Twankey-dillo,' Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston's humorous contributions greatly pleased the company, and encores had to be accorded, but of all the songs which were given the contribution of Mr. W. H. Judd, of Southend, 'Ringing Reminiscences,' with its topical allusions, fairly brought down the house, and a double encore was necessary. The programme concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne,' and everyone felt that the revival of the College Youths' anniversary dinner had been a great success, and worthily re-established the traditions of the festival.

### BIRSTALL BELLS.

The fine peal of eight bells, recently re-opened at Birstall, near Leeds, were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the new frame being of iron and steel, and the fittings entirely new. The old treble was a bell by William Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, and was placed in the tower just a hundred years ago. The tenor of the new peal is 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs. in E flat, the total weight of the ring being 79 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs. Each bell bears the inscription: 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1919,' and in addition there is the following wording upon the bells:-

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| Treble | William Dobson Downham, Norfolk. Fecit 1819.   |
| 2.     | 'Ring in the Christ that is to be.'  |
| 3.     | 'The Lord to praise, my voice I'll raise.'   |
| 4.     | 'Ring out the darkness of the land.'   |
| 5.     | 'O sing praises unto the Lord, for He is Gracious.'  |
| 6.     | 'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hill and valley echo round.'  |
| 7.     | 'Ring out the thousand wars of old<br>Ring in the thousand years of Peace.'  |
| Tenor. | This peal of eight bells was recast A.D. 1919.<br>In Memoriam.<br>Edward Brooke Longbottom.<br>Lieutenant 7th West Yorkshire Regiment.<br>'We ring in the Love of Truth and Right.'<br>H. T. Robinson, Vicar.<br>William Blakeley, Churchwarden. |

### UNITED PRACTICE.

Beginning to-morrow, united practices are to be held at Heston, Middlesex, on the first Saturday in each month, and at Islworth on the third Saturday, commencing on December 20th. Meeting-time is 7 p.m., and all ringers are welcome.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Minor: C. Nunn 1, E. Youngs 2, G. Cattermole 3, G. Kemp 4, L. Last 5, W. Rose (conductor) 6.

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

## CROYDON, SURREY.



**WINCHESTER GUILD.****GUILDFORD DISTRICT DECIDE ON QUARTERLY PEAL.**

The annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday week, about 80 members attending from Farnham, Clondoun, Godalming, Woking, Witley, Dorking, Haslemere, Cranleigh, Worpleston, Leatherhead, Aldershot, and their Trinity and St. Nicolas', Guildford. A service was held at St. Nicolas' Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler) and the Rev. T. Vintag Evans. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Sir John Herschel, Bart., Rector of West Clondoun, who was recently elected general secretary of the Guild.

After the service, a substantial tea was partaken of at St. Nicolas' Hall, the members being waited upon by some of the lady ringers.

The Rev. Sir John Herschel presided at the business meeting which followed. He apologised for the absence of Lady Herschel, who was indisposed, and letters of regret at inability to attend were received from Canon Coleridge and Mr. W. R. Melville (chairman of committees). The Chairman made sympathetic reference to the absence of Mr. Melville, owing to the serious illness of his little daughter (who died a few hours after the meeting).

On the proposition of Mr. A. Pulling, it was decided that a peal be attempted each quarter, the band to be selected by the Ringing Master, and Mr. Melville was appointed conductor. It was also decided that an official half-muffled peal be rung at an early date—by ex-Service men if possible—at Godalming or Guildford in memory of fallen ringers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman of committee, Mr. W. R. Melville; ringing master, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones; auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnell; representatives on General Committee, Mr. J. H. White and Mr. J. Mann.

Twelve new members were elected, and votes of thanks were recorded the chairman, the clergy, organist of St. Nicolas', and the lady ringers.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to a musical social, Mr. Pamment acting as M.C., and Miss Banks as accompanist.

**DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 15th. The Abbey bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Treble Bob were brought round.

Tea was provided in the Temperance Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Robertson) presiding. There were also present the Rev. W. E. Colchester (treasurer), Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild), Messrs. Wilfred Andrews and W. Tucker, and members from North Stoneham, Winchester, Dibden, Southampton, Abresford and Bishopstoke. Apologies were received from Canon Braithwaite (chairman), and the Rev. C. E. Matthews (vice-president). The balance sheet was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. H. George, and seconded by Mr. Tucker. The receipts for the past year were £10 3s., and the expenditure £7 14s. 3d., the balance of £2 8s. 9d. having been paid to the treasurer. Canon Braithwaite was re-elected chairman of the district.

Mr. Elkins said he was compelled to tender his resignation as secretary, as his duties at the Cathedral did not allow him time to attend the meetings, etc.—On the motion of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Andrews, the resignation was accepted with regret, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mr. Elkins for his services as secretary for the past 16 years.—It was proposed by Mr. O. Giles, and seconded by Mr. C. Fray, that Mr. W. H. George (of the Newtown Road, Eastleigh), be elected secretary, and this was carried.

Messrs. Tucker and Andrews were re-elected on the Central Committee, and it was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Southampton on November 6th, 1920. The quarterly meetings were arranged as follows, Winchester, second Saturday in February; Eling and Dibden, May; Cheriton and Titchborne, last Saturday in August.

The Vicar was elected an hon. member, and the curate (the Rev. M. Beardshaw) a performing member.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Mr. Drewett, the Master, occupied the chair, and there were present some forty members and friends. The following new members were elected: Miss N. G. Williams, of Hillington; Messrs. G. R. Pye, William Pye, Albert Coles, R. Lathbury, George Shade, Albert Darnell, John Armstrong, William Poplett, H. Dyas and Thomas Beadle.

Bonhillton, Sutton, was chosen as the next place of meeting, and votes of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address at the service, and for making arrangements for the tea, and to the ladies for assisting at the latter; to Mr. Johnston for bearing the expense of the tea, and to the steepkeeper, were passed.

In the ringing during the afternoon and evening the Vicar himself took part in one or two touches.

**NOTICES.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings for United Practice: Heston, first Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 6th. Isleworth, third Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 20th. All ringers welcome.

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

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

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9. Tea at 5 (1/3 each) in the Parish Room (adjoining church). Business meeting immediately after tea.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The bells of St. Michael's (on the hill) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, followed by tea in the Institute at 5 o'clock. The bells of St. Philip's (Old Market) may be used from 6 to 7.30. All ringers will be very welcome.—Edith Smith, Sec., 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Fenny Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.; Bletchley bells (8) from 5.30 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, Dec. 6th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Lambert). The bells will be available for ringing from 3 till 5 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Fintenden.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will take place at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign and Leominster Districts.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 4 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m.—A. Talbot, Staunton-on-Arrow.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Maidstone District will take place at East Farleigh on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea at 5.45, provided by the Vicar; business meeting after.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.; committee meeting at 4; short service at 4.45, followed by tea (1/- each). Will those requiring tea kindly advise me by Tuesday, Dec. 9th? Burlescombe Station 2 miles.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—Next meeting of the above at Great Chart, near Ashford, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at the Priory, Christchurch, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, District Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION and LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5; tea and meeting 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to the Sec.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; service 4.30; tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (1/- each) will be provided in the Gatty Memorial Hall to those who notify Mr. T. Kitson, 39, High Street, Ecclesfield, not later than Dec. 9th. Ecclesfield is easy of access, trains by Midland and G.C. railways, and motor bus from Firth Park tram terminus every two minutes.—A. Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.; meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30.—J. Watson, 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Old Parish Church, Aldershot, on Dec. 13th. Ringing at 3 p.m.; Guild service at 4.30. Tea will be arranged *only* for those who notify before Tuesday, Dec.

9th. The help of gentlemen to coach learners will be greatly appreciated.—Mrs. L. Hazelden, St. Michaels, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; tea at 'Nag's Head,' 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the Tuesday prior to the meeting?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield, near Bracknell, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. Clifford Toogood) and remembrance of fallen comrades. Tea at the Brownlow Hall at 6 o'clock, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn presiding. Members, friends and neighbours will please advise the Hon. Secs. of their intention to be present as soon as possible.—Joseph White, The Forge, Hurst, and W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Ringing to commence at 3.30; short service at 5, with tea to follow at 5.30, at 1/- per head to all those who advise me by the 17th of their intention to be present. Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.; business meeting from 6 to 6.30.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

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

**THE CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY LIBRARY, SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.**—Catalogues are now ready, and may be obtained from the Librarian, price 6d. post free.—Sam Thomas, Librarian, 164, Grey-stones Road, Sheffield.

**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.

#### HANDBELLS FOR SALE.

A splendid set of 25 handbells in perfect condition, together with leather bag; will take £22 10s. the lot.—Chas. Mason, 29, Elworth Street, Sandbach, Cheshire.

#### SITUATION WANTED.

Wanted by ex-Officer, Secretarial Organising work, or any position of trust. Change ringer and late Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.—A. E. Reeves, 16, Mansfield Road, Reading.

**DEVON BELLS.**

The bells of the Parish Church of Poughill (Devon) are to be restored by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford; also if funds are sufficient an additional bell is to be put in. Messrs. Aggett are now preparing at their works the massive iron frames, steel joists and fittings for Seaton; also the work for the magnificent peal of 14 bells for St. Mary's Abbey (Buckfast, Devon), and new fittings for Landulph (Cornwall), Cornworthy (Devon), and many others towers in the West of England.

**THE YOUNGEST SALOP RINGER.**

Mr. John Bradney writes, with reference to the peal at Market Drayton on November 8th: I wish to point out that the ringer of the treble in the above peal is not the 'youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Salop Guild,' for on April 13th, 1903, Arthur Downes (aged 14 years) rang a bob bell through a peal of Triples on the bells at the Parish Church, Shifnal; also on November 1st, 1919, Miss Dorothy E. Jones rang the treble through a peal of Triples on the same bells, she being 15 years of age.

**THE PEAL AT STOCKPORT.**

The peal of Stedman Caters on the grand ring at Heaviley, Stockport, on Nov. 24th, was in honour of the first visit to Stockport of the new Bishop of Chester (Bishop Paget), which took place on that day. It was the hundredth peal by the conductor, Richard F. Deal, and first peal of Stedman Caters by Harold and William Jackson.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The Canterbury Branch of the Kent County Association held its autumn meeting at Faversham, members being present from Canterbury, Dover, Whitstable, Birdlington, Elmstead, Ospringe and Rochester, among them being the Rev. F. J. O. Helmores (general sec.) and the Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe (district secretary). During the afternoon touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung on the bells of the Parish Church. The Association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Reeve), who also gave a very practical address. Mr. C. H. Drake, a member of the Ospringe band of ringers, presided at the organ. At the close of the service, the company, numbering 29, adjourned to St. Andrew's Mission Room for tea, after which a short business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar. The members then returned to the church, and continued ringing until about 9 o'clock.

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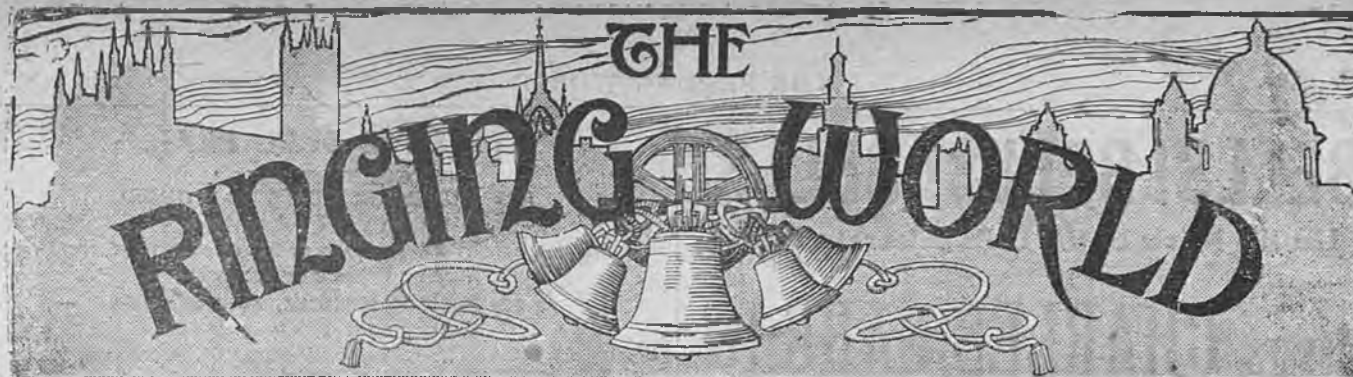
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## THE DISTRICT SYSTEM.

The work of decentralisation among ringing associations who, until recently, had not adopted this method of administration is going on with very satisfactory results. The Hereford Diocesan Guild and the Devon Guild are two of the large organisations which have just undertaken reconstruction upon the principle of decentralisation, and in both cases there is ample evidence of increasing interest and growing membership resulting from the change. In Gloucestershire and Essex, where there has long been a division into districts, an extension of decentralisation has been effected. The county of Essex has been divided into five areas, instead of four, with some further adjustment of towers among the original districts. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has established a new branch with headquarters at Cheltenham, which has already had the happy effect of bringing this one-time famous centre of ringing into affiliation with the diocesan organisation.

All these are evidences of the determination of the Exercise to set to work without delay not only to re-establish ringing where it was before the war brought about a cessation of operations, but to place it in a position to expand more rapidly. There are but few associations now covering any large territorial area which are not worked upon the district system, and it is probable that the Norwich Association, which nominally is divided into districts, will be effectively organised on this plan. Then, too, what Devon has done, Cornwall, through the Truro Diocesan Guild, and others can do.

The advantages of organising an association, with wide-spread borders, into districts of easy workable proportions have frequently been put forth in this column, and hardly need to be repeated. The only way to awaken interest in an association is to bring the association into touch with ringers. Societies that wait for the ringers to get into touch with the organisation always have uphill work. One of the first things which an association that sets up the district system is able to do, is to show those who have remained unaffiliated, that ringing organisations have a real purpose in view. The district system enables more ringers to attend more meetings, thus creating interest and enthusiasm and greater aspiration to advance in the art. It reveals more of the social side of ringing, which in any event must make for the greater brotherhood of the Exercise. It has proved beyond demonstration of advantage both to the ringer and to the association, for the increased interest of the one is reflected in the increased success of the other. The day will come, we feel sure, when not only will all associations be worked upon the district system, but when many of the present districts will be broken up into other smaller and more compact areas.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.  
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.  
(St. Chad's Society.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES:**

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

GEORGE SCARRATT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... 7
JOHN TUDOR ... .. 2	GEORGE JONES ... .. 8
ERNEST WEATHERBY ... .. 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 9
GEORGE L. HEWITT ... .. 4	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 10
FREDERICK W. TAYLOR ... .. 5	ALFRED E. FULLICK ... .. 11
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 6	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES RICHARD LILLEY.

First peal on the twelve bells since they were recast, and first peal of Bob Maximus by all the band. First peal on twelve bells by all except the conductor Mr. C. R. Lilley's first peal as conductor on twelve. First peal of Maximus by the Guild. The above was rung as a Peace peal for Shrewsbury and in celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. The band were congratulated by the Vicar and Churchwardens upon an excellent peal. The ringers of 3 and 10 belong to Market Drayton, 4 and 9 to Coalbrookdale, 6 to Crewe, the rest to St. Chad's. E. V. Rodenhurst was present in the tower throughout the peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION  
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES:**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM ALDRIDGE ... .. Treble	T. HENRY HARDY ... .. 6
JOSEPH LORD ... .. 2	H. EDWARD NORMAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 3	JAMES HARRIS ... .. 8
ERNEST LESLIE ... .. 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 9
JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 5	RALPH HUBBARD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal has the 6th her extents behind the 9th in the tittums, and behind the 8th in the inverted home position. J. Lord bails from Derby, the ringers of 3, 4 and 5 belong to Loughborough, the remainder to St. John-the-Divine Society, Leicester.

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On Thursday, December 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES:**

Tenor 24 cwt.

W. Bro. REV. CANON. G. F. COLERIDGE (Crowthorne), P.M. Heather Lodge No. 3131, P.P.G.C. Berks ... .. Treble	
Bro. W. H. HOLLIER (London), M.M. Vitruvian Lodge No. 87	2
Bro. G. R. FARDON (London), M.M. Warrant Officers' Lodge No. 2346 ... ..	3
W. Bro. REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Caversham), Windrush Lodge No. 1703, P.P.G.C. Oxon. ... ..	4
W. Bro. H. ARGLYE (Nuneaton), Abbey Lodge No. 432, P.M. ...	5
Bro. A. A. HUGHES (London), Doric Lodge No. 933, M.M. ...	6
W. Bro. E. BISHOP (Swindon), Royal Sussex Lodge No. 355, P.Z.P.P.C., Supt. of Works, Wilts ... ..	7
W. Bro. J. H. SHEPHERD (Swindon), Royal Sussex Lodge No. 355, P.Z.P.P.C., Supt. of Works, Wilts ... ..	8
Bro. J. H. B. HESSE (Major) (Haslemere) M.M. Carma Lodge No. 2105 ... ..	9
W. Bro. W. H. JUND (Southend), Trinity Lodge No. 1734, P.M., P.P.G.C. Std. B., Essex, P.Z. ... .. Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by Bro. G. R. FARDON, M.M.

This is the first peal ever rung by a band of Freemasons. It was rung as a Peace peal to celebrate the conclusion of the Great War.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

TURVEY, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FREEMAN ... .. 5
HENRY W. GARTON ... .. 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. DAVISON ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4	*WILLIAM COCKING, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARK.

\* First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ... .. Treble	HENRY STALHAM ... .. 5
*JOHN FEIST ... .. 2	*JAMES HART ... .. 6
*GEORGE PIPER ... .. 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 7
HERBERT RANN ... .. 4	*ARTHUR BANKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5
CHARLES PALMER ... .. 2	JOHN JAY ... .. 6
RICHARD HOLDER ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 4	EDMUND PATCHING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LONG ASHTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 31 cwt.

*ARTHUR SEVIOUR ... .. Treble	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... .. 5
EDGAR GRISE ... .. 2	JOSEPH GOULD ... .. 6
*CHARLES WALTON ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... .. 7
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 4	JOHN BURFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. Treble	FRANK BRASSINGTON ... .. 5
H. J. BALCOMBE ... .. 2	EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... .. 6
JOSEPH H. WHITE ... .. 3	FRANK PERVIN ... .. 7
*HUBERT SUMMERS ... .. 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PERVIN.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the men of Stoke parish who lost their lives in the war, particularly Frank Andrews, a member of the local band, who was killed in action on November 22nd, 1917.

RYDE.—On Sept. 23rd, at All Saints' Church, 1400 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Stainer 1, Miss H. F. Mills (1st quarter) 2, G. H. Coombes 3, P. Long 4, E. Hatcher 5, B. J. Snow 6, A. R. Ward (conductor) 7, W. Kemp 8. Arranged for Miss H. Mills, on a visit from Aldershot.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALLEN R. MICKTON ... .. Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... .. 2	NEVIL H. WIDDOWSON ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 3	JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 4	PERCY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. HAYES ... .. Treble	CHARLES WINNER ... .. 5
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 2	WALTER SMITH ... .. 6
FREDERICK HAYES ... .. 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 7
GUY R. AMBROSE ... .. 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

For calling see C.C. Appendix, 1895, page 99.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (TRANSPOSED).

FRANK OAKSHOTT ... .. Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD ... .. 5
CHARLES E. READ ... .. 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB ... .. 6
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 3	EDWARD T. GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. GROVE ... .. 4	W. SHORTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,  
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8058 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. NUDES ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT TOUT ... .. Treble	ISAAC CREED ... .. 5
HENRY NORMAN ... .. 2	ARCHIBALD ANDREWS ... .. 6
ROBERT SCOTT ... .. 3	WILLIAM WHITE ... .. 7
EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 4	*WILLIAM SEALEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Fitch on his induction to the living of Bishop's Lydeard.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48½ mins.: Miss G. Bateman 1, T. S. Smith 2, E. T. Hooper 3, R. Runkham 4, G. T. Leader (tower warden) 5, P. E. Jones 6, Wm. Renlay (conductor) 7, W. G. Bedford 8. A wedding touch for the daughter of the steeplekeeper who was married at this church on that date. On Sunday, Oct. 5th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47½ mins.: W. Henley, P. E. Jones, Leader, Fussell, G. T. Leader, Hancock (conductor), Hooper and Perryman.

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

On Tuesday, November 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
THOS. ROLLERSON ... ..	Treble	A. NEWMAN ... ..	5
THOS. COLLINGE ... ..	2	W. GRAHAM ... ..	6
*SMITH W. RILEY ... ..	3	†A. RIDEOUGH ... ..	7
GEO. H. HARGREAVES ... ..	4	*ED. TIMBERS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOS. COLLINGE.

\* First peal in any method. † First peal of Triples on inside bell  
First peal by T. Collinge as conductor.

BEDFORD.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;**

Tenor 29 cwt.	
WILLIAM DAVISON ... ..	Treble
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... ..	2
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... ..	3
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... ..	4
HORACE H. SMITH ... ..	5
HERBERT SHARP ... ..	6
WILLIAM STAPLETON ... ..	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. HUGHES.

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

First peal of Major as conductor.

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

On Thursday, November 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

CARTER'S No. 35.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
THOMAS H. REEVES ... ..	Treble	HARRY WITHERS ... ..	5
FRANK J. SMALLWOOD ... ..	2	JAMES GEORGE ... ..	6
JOHN WITHERS ... ..	3	SAMUEL GROVE ... ..	7
JOHN E. EATON ... ..	4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 66th birthday of Mr. James George, and also as a welcome home to Mr. Frank J. Smallwood, recently demobilised.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.	
ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..	Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... ..	5
ALFRED A. DOBINSON ... ..	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... ..	6
*CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... ..	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... ..	7
JOHN T. SCOTT ... ..	4	†GEORGE W. STEERE ... ..	Tenor

The bobs were called by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Grandsire on a bob bell. † First peal on tower bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dobinson, wife of the local ringer.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.	
ALFRED KEEBLE ... ..	Treble
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... ..	2
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... ..	3
JAMES M. BAILEY ... ..	4
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... ..	5
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... ..	6
*CHARLES SAMPSON ... ..	7
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by S. THOMAS. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. H. Bailey.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CHURCH EATON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD  
On Sunday, November 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMITHA,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 Six-scores with 10 different callings.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
WM. WILSON ... ..	Treble	FREDR. V. HAGGIS ... ..	4
*FRED BIRKS ... ..	2	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... ..	5
*WM. H. JONES ... ..	3	JOHN WARRILLOW ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the Armistice. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Newcastle, Chester, Canterbury, Beverley, London, Wells and Cambridge.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WALTER W. BONHAM ... ..	Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... ..	4
EDWIN YATES ... ..	2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... ..	5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... ..	3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Yates and C. Valentine.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of Canterbury, two of Grandsire and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED RACKHAM ... ..	Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS ... ..	4
*SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... ..	2	JOHN BEVAN ... ..	5
*JOHN H. RACKHAM ... ..	3	ALFRED R. ELKINS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by treble ringer (age 13). \* First peal of Minor in three methods.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

42 Six-scores with ten different callings.		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
F. J. ROWE ... ..	Treble	†F. A. GILBY ... ..	4
†J. W. SEAREY ... ..	2	C. W. SMITH ... ..	5
*J. F. BROOKS ... ..	3	†G. T. UNDERWOOD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. SMITH.

Mr. Gilby was elected a member of the above Guild before starting.  
\* First peal. † First peal on six bells. † First of Doubles.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF L. WISEMAN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

LEWIS WISEMAN ... ..	1-2	OLIVE BROYD ... ..	5
SIDNEY HALE ... ..	3-4	HORACE COOPER ... ..	8

Composed by P. O. BIXBY. Conducted by HORACE COOPER.

First peal of Major 'in hand' by all.

**HOLLIS' No. 2, NOT HOLT'S.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' inquiry as to the peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James', Taunton, either the sender or the printer was in error. The composition was Hollis' Five-Part No. 2, and not Holt's.—Yours faithfully,  
J. MADDOCK.

### WELCOME TO RETURNED MEMBERS. A SELLY OAK GATHERING.

A very interesting and enjoyable evening was spent at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Selly Oak, on November 20th, in connection with the St. Mary's Guild. Mr. E. J. Dowler (Ringing Master of the Guild, and secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association), presided. The function was to accord a welcome home to the members of the Guild who had been serving with H.M. Forces with credit to themselves and honour to the Guild. Among those present were Messrs. Sam Grove, Harry Withers, J. Withers, W. Mumford, W. Ikin, W. Dowler, E. Boylin, H. Parkes, A. Dowler, B. Dowler, W. Cartwright, E. Mumford, C. Williams, E. Smith, F. Novett, J. Eaton, P. Laffin, C. Webb, G. Pigott, Albert Walker, James George (Birmingham), W. Ball, H. F. Street, E. T. Allaway. A very enjoyable supper was served by Host and Hostess Mr. and Mrs. Draper. Afterwards the company stood silently to the memory of Victor Cartwright, who made the supreme sacrifice.—The Chairman, in proposing our 'Returned Members,' said it was with much pleasure he extended a hearty welcome to their comrades who took part in the great war. They had all during the last five years experienced a very strenuous time, but none more so than the gallant lads who had been fighting for them. It is owing to the splendid courage that they and their comrades had shown, tenacity of purpose, British pluck, and, above all, Right versus Might, that they were once more able to sit round that festive board, and he was voicing the sentiments of all present when he said how delighted they were to welcome them back again. Out of a company of 15, nine members of the St. Mary's Guild answered the call, and one most promising young ringer made the supreme sacrifice—Victor Cartwright, who was killed in action a little over two years ago. The Chairman added that they were pleased to have with them on that occasion many of their ringing friends who had been serving with H.M. Forces and he hoped they would have the pleasure of their company for many years to come.

Messrs. H. F. Street and W. Ikin responded on behalf of the returned members.

The toast to the continued success of the Guild was ably proposed by Mr. E. Smith.

Selection on the handbells, which were very much appreciated, were given by Messrs. Grove, Withers, P. Laffin and A. Walker, and a splendid touch of Stedman Triples was rung by Messrs. H. Withers, P. Laffin, A. Walker and Jas. George (conductor), followed by a course of Double Norwich on the piano by Mr. H. Withers. Songs were rendered by Messrs. C. Wright, P. Wright, F. Grey, E. J. Dowler, and

Miss M. Dowler. Votes of thanks to the Chairman and the Host and Hostess brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

### CLUN'S FLOURISHING SOCIETY.

An interesting report was presented by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Mead) to the St. George's Society, Clun, at their annual meeting. Their balance sheet continued to show an increased balance in hand, and during the year they had welcomed home from the war two probationers who had since qualified as change ringers. The Armistice peal and the successful ringing week at Clun had raised greater interest in ringing among the parishioners. They had to mourn the death of the Rev. V. A. Creswell, one of the donors of the new treble bell, and one of their hon. members.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Vicar appointed the Rev. H. J. Scott chaplain. Mr. W. Mead was again elected hon. secretary and head ringer, and in accepting office asked for better attendance at practices and service ringing. Two probationers were elected full members and three fresh probationers were elected. Mr. Rd. Morris was elected district representative.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the memorial peal board funds had now reached the sum of £20 7s. towards its cost of £23. After a discussion it was thought the balance would be forthcoming, and it was decided to put the work in hand, and to let all subscribers know as soon as it was completed.

### THE MAYOR'S PEAL.

*To the Editor*

Sir.—Congratulations to the Mayor of Crewe (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, C.B.E., J.P.), on ringing a 5,000 during his year of office. Twenty-two years ago, on the second Sunday in July, 1897, I had the pleasure of being introduced to him in the Rugby tower by Mr. James George, and ringing touches for morning and evening service, and it is very gratifying to know that such a busy gentleman, who holds so many official positions, still retains his interest in the noble art of ringing.

To the best of my belief he is the second Mayor to score a peal during his tenure of office. The first peal by a Mayor was rung by Capt. Thomas Bevy Deaman, Mayor of East Retford, one hour after his election to office, on November 9th, 1910. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by J. B. Joyes, at St. Swithun's Church, East Retford.—Yours faithfully,

103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

H. HAIGH.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. William Pye has just recently set up another record, although the event passed without any mention at the time. He has now rung more peals than any man living or dead. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson rang 1250 peals, which was the greatest individual record up to now.

Congratulations to the band that scored the first Freemasons' peal at St. Clement Danes. No doubt the enthusiastic Vicar (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford), himself a Freemason, will see to it that a permanent record of this unique performance is provided in the tower and probably other ringers who are Freemasons will like to contribute to the tablet.

Two new troubles are to be added to the existing peal of eight at Trowbridge, Wilts. When completed, the ring will be the only peal of ten in the county. The bells are to be put in, together with a stained glass window in the church, in memory of those from the parish who have fallen. The ringers themselves are giving ten guineas towards the cost. When completed the peal should prove a great boon to those ringers in the county who are very keen to make headway. It is hoped the work, which has been entrusted to Messrs. Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, will be completed by Easter.

The successful performance by the 'Salop Guild', at Shrewsbury, in ringing a peal of Bob Maxinus recall, the fact that, as far as can be ascertained, no peal of Maxinus has been rung in the county since Dec. 27th 1815, when the Union Society rang a peal of Oxford Treble Twelve, Samuel Lawrence ringing the tenor. The last peal of Bob Maxinus on the bells was in 1799. No fewer than eleven of the band that rang the peal on Nov. 22nd were residents in the county.

The order has been given to Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, to add two troubles to the present six at Linton, Kent, to complete the octave. The present tenor is 15 cwt., so that it is hoped to have a handy peal of eight early in the New Year.

It was suggested by a correspondent the other day that we should revert to the old practice of stating, in connection with peal performances, that 'So-and-so' 'call'd ye bobbies.' In a peal at Rammore Common, Surrey, we are informed that 'The bobs were called by Alfred H. Pulling.' It was certainly not because he could not 'conduct' a peal of Grandsire Triples, and we can only assume that the peal was rung without trips.

By a singular coincidence, Mr. Tom Groombridge called the first peal on the new bells at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on the same evening that his son conducted the first peal on the new eight at Dartford. Some years ago Mr. Groombridge helped to raise the new peal at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, at 5.30 one evening, and then cycled 18 miles to Edenbridge and helped to raise another new eight for the first time.

The quaint ceremony of electing a Mayor in a belfry was carried out last week in the tower of Brightlingsea Parish Church. The choice fell on Captain Screamore, who navigated the 'Shamrock' in the race for the America Cup. Six assistants to the Mayor, who is styled Deputy of the Cinque Ports, were also elected, each having to pay a fee of eleven pennies and to swear to be profitable to Brightlingsea.

## FREEMASONS' PEAL.

### HISTORIC FIRST PERFORMANCE.

An historic and interesting peal was rung at St. Clement Danes, on Thursday afternoon, 4th December, when, in celebration of peace, the first Masonic peal was rung. Not only was the band composed entirely of Freemasons, but each one was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the oldest ringing society in the world. The method was Grandsire Caters, and was completed in 3 hrs. 32 mins. It was composed and conducted by Mr. G. R. Fardon, M.M. Warrant Officer's Lodge No. 2346, a name familiar to all London ringers.

A peal by Freemasons was attempted some years ago, but unfortunately failed after two hours' ringing. The wish was then expressed that the next attempt should be made at St. Clement Danes, but owing to the weakness in the wooden frame, this was impossible at that time. The bells have since been put into perfect ringing order by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

It is very fitting and most appropriate that this peal should have been arranged to take place in St. Clement Danes, since in October, 1917, a special memorial service for Freemasons who had fallen in the war was held there, when a large number of prominent and distinguished Freemasons attended, and the Rector (who has shown so much interest in ringing) is himself a Freemason.

## PRESENTATION.

Tring Parish Church ringers presented one of their members, Mr. F. Waterton, who was leaving the district, with a leather note case, as a memento of his association with them. The presentation was made by Mr. F. Reeve (the leader), who said how sorry they were to lose Mr. Waterton, and that they would miss him very much at Sunday ringing. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Waterton, and afterwards 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss F. Harding 1, F. Reeve (conductor) 2, F. Waterton 3, F. Reeve, Junr., 4, J. Bull 5, T. W. Wright 6, H. Heloy 7, A. Redman 8.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. W. R. SMALL.

## MIDLAND VETERAN HONOURED.

Ringers of the West Midlands have done honour to the Tipton veteran, Mr. William Rock Small, who recently attained the age of 80 years, and celebrated the event by taking part in two birthday peals. The occasion was, however, one which his many friends felt ought not to be allowed to pass without some further mark of the esteem in which Mr. Small is held, and at a gathering of the Dudley and District Guild at Old Hill on Saturday week he was presented with a congratulatory address. Ringing took place at Holy Trinity Church during the afternoon, and the visitors also attended service. Canon Brewer, Vicar, preached an appropriate sermon from the words: "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. In the name of the Lord shall they rejoice all the day; and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted."

After the service ringers and friends were entertained to tea at Trinity Hall by Mr. Harry Mason, Master of the Guild, the company numbering 110.

Subsequently the quarterly meeting of the Guild was held, Canon Brewer presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. N. Bache, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.Sc., Messrs. W. Rock Small, H. Martin (Birkenhead), Jas. George, W. Geddon, Benjamin Gough, Councillor A. H. Bassano, J.P., J. Carter, J. E. Shaw, etc. The gathering, which was of a representative character, included ringers of both sexes, the following towers being represented: Blakenhall, Bilston, Cosely, S. Peter's (Wolverhampton), Old Hill, Brierley Hill, Dudley, Wednesbury, Nalesowen, Sedgley, Handsworth, Gt. Stourbridge, Oldswinford, Smethwick, Solihull, Oldbury, Netherton, Bradley, Birmingham, Tipton, Willenhall, and other parishes.

## THE ADDRESS.

After the transaction of the usual business, Alderman Pritchett said he had never had a greater honour than that of making a presentation on their behalf to their old friend, Mr. William Rock Small. He was glad to see such a large and representative body of ringers present in spite of the inclemency of the weather. Their one aim was to show Mr. Small honour (applause). He was one of nature's gentlemen with whom they were proud to associate. He had known him for many years, and his esteem for him became intensified (hear, hear). He had been, and was at the present time, a great ringer. He had rung in all the towers in that district, and his name would find a place on tablets in many towers, and he hoped he would live many years yet (hear, hear). He had attained his 80th year, an age which few men comparatively reached. His name was mentioned in London the week previous, and his reputation was known all over England. He had great pleasure in presenting to him a beautifully-illuminated address, which read:—

This congratulatory address is presented to Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, Staffs., member of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, by comrades in the undermentioned Ringing Societies with which he has been actively connected for very many years, and also by comrades in the ringing exercise throughout the world on the occasion of his completing the 80th year of his life, November 12th, 1919, to mark the esteem and admiration in which he has long been held by ringers all over the world, for his splendid qualities as a man, and his conspicuous ability as a master of the art of change ringing. We congratulate him most sincerely upon his attaining the venerable age of fourscore years, and hope that it may be long before the Great Conductor of the Universe by bringing his career to a stand, shall deprive us of a beloved friend, and one of its brightest ornaments. (Signed)

S. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, J. S. Pritchett, James E. Groves, and John Carter; Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, William Fisher; Worcester and Districts Association, A. E. Parsons; Dudley and District Guild, Harry Mason; Warwickshire Guild, James George; (Sec.), Benjamin Gough.

The address was a real work of art. There were eight churches shown upon it—S. Martin's, Tipton; S. Peter's, Wolverhampton; S. Martin's, Birmingham; Lichfield Cathedral; Parish Church, Wednesbury; Christ Church, West Bromwich; Worcester Cathedral, and the Parish Church of Dudley.

## FIVE HUNDRED SUBSCRIBERS.

Alderman Pritchett did not think he was incorrect in saying that Mr. Rock Small's name adorned the walls of the ringing chambers in each of these churches (applause). On behalf of the Societies present, and many hundreds of ringers throughout the country who wished him well, he had the honour of presenting him with the address, together with a cheque, and a beautifully gold-lettered book containing the names of upwards of 500 subscribers.

Councillor A. H. Bassano, in paying a tribute, remarked that Mr. Small, who was one of the most friendly ringers, was conspicuous for rendering assistance to learners and begrudged no time and trouble to bring them forward. He had rung many peals with him, and if a ringer faltered he was the first to set him going. He congratulated the veteran upon the attainment of his 80th birthday, and with the activity of an almost renewed youth, he continued to ring, and hoped he would still do so (applause).

Mr. A. E. Parsons (Master of the Worcestershire Association) said he could recall many hours spent with Mr. Small. It had been his privilege to ring in the last three birthday peals for him. He was a man who always called a spade a spade, and when one was wrong he tried to put him right with brotherly feeling. He had great pleasure in supporting what had been said, and extended to him his heartiest congratulations (hear, hear, and applause).

Mr. J. Smith, the towerkeeper of S. Martin's, Tipton, as an old friend, wished him every success, health, and every blessing that God could bestow upon him (applause).

Mr. Harry Mason (Master of the Dudley Guild) considered it an honour to endorse all that had been said on behalf of the Guild, and there were many present who were Mr. Small's old associates. They would have to go a long way before they found a truer Black Country typical churchman and ringer, and they were indebted to him for re-modelling and uplifting the standard of bell ringing (applause).

Mr. Small, who had a hearty reception, said he was taken by surprise. His friends had been working behind his back, and he did not know anything about their clandestine arrangements until that day. He thanked them for their kind and complimentary utterances. He did not know whether he had been worthy of them, but what he had done for bell ringing and the Church, as far as his power lay, had been genuine (applause). He had tried all his life to be straight, and, of course, he had not pleased everybody and never intended to try, because if he found a man doing wrong he had sufficient confidence to try and put him right. He had been a bellringer for 60 years, and his ringing career, in his opinion, had been a blessing to him. The exercise was beneficial to men or women's health. He thanked all who had subscribed, and for presenting him with something that could be looked upon by him in the future (applause).

Mr. J. George (Warwickshire Guild) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Harry Mason for his hospitality in providing them with tea.—Mr. J. E. Groves (Ringing Master, S. Martin's Guild, for the diocese of Birmingham) seconded the motion, which was carried.—A similar compliment was paid to the Vicar for the use of the hall, and to the ladies and the organist.

## THE LADIES GUILD.

## MIDLAND DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland District of the above Guild was held at St. Luke's Church, Blakenhall, on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Coalbrookdale, Handsworth, Smethwick, and the local company. The bells, a light easy-going ring of eight, were available, and a short service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. — Viggers), who extended a hearty welcome to the Guild. The service was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, as, in addition to an interesting and eloquent address by the Rector, the presence of the choir and organist were very much appreciated. After service, an excellent tea, provided by the local company, was served in the Mission Hall, between 30 and 40 members and friends sitting down, presided over by the Rector. Before the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the service and for presiding at tea, to Mr. D. Jones for making such excellent arrangements, to the local company for entertaining the Guild to tea, and to brother ringers for the help and support they extend to the Guild from time to time.—In responding, the Rector expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, and looked forward to the time when he would renew the welcome. The gentlemen then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, while the ladies proceeded with their business meeting.—Five new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Handsworth during March. Congratulations were extended to two of the local ladies, who recently rang their first peal.

## WESTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Western District was held on Saturday week, at St. Michael's, Bristol. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and a short service was held, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. G. Arrowsmith. The Rev. T. R. H. Elliott kindly presided at the organ. Tea was provided in the Church Institute (where Mr. and Mrs. Reed had spared no pains to arrange everything comfortably). The Rector and Mrs. Arrowsmith, the Rev. T. R. H. Elliott, the Rev. C. C. Stimson, the churchwardens, and the Rev. M. E. Thorold, of St. Philip's, were present, together with about 40 ringers from various towers. Immediately after tea a touch of Grand sire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Burford, G. Condie, F. Leaker, T. Ridler, and R. J. Wilkins, and was much enjoyed by all present.

The Rector then thanked the ringers for coming to St. Michael's, and said how much pleasure it gave him to meet them.—The Rev. M. E. Thorold proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for arranging the service, and for his much-appreciated address.

A short business meeting was then held by the ladies, with Miss Gillingham in the chair. Four ladies—one from Exeter, and three from Dorchester—were duly elected as new members of the Guild. It was decided that the next meeting should take place on the first or second Saturday in March, if possible at Midsomer Norton, and a very successful meeting was brought to a close by about an hour's ringing at St. Philip's Church.

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

## CROYDON, SURREY.



**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A most successful quarterly meeting was held at Trevelhin, Pontypool, the other day, when members attended from Newport, Caerleon, Bedwellty, Llanbradach, Blaenavon, Llanfrechfa, etc. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and tea, very kindly provided by the churchwarden, was partaken of in the Church Room.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar.—The Hon. Secretary reported that Mr. Henry Pye, of Pontre, had kindly undertaken to teach change ringing at Pontypridd, and with Mr. Bolton teaching at St. Athan two more towers were brought into half-pull ringing. Ten new members were elected from St. Athan, two from Blaenavon, and one from Trevelhin.

An appeal by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), in connection with the Gloucester and Bristol Association's proposal for memorial bells to those fallen in the war, resulted in 23s. being collected.

The item on the agenda 'proposed augmentations and restorations,' was referred to by the Hon. Secretary, who suggested to the Vicar and Churchwarden of Trevelhin that the time had arrived for overhauling the bells.—The Vicar said that a representative of the firm that put the bells in (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) had recently visited there, and suggested rehanging in a new iron frame, the cost of which, the Vicar said, at present could not be entertained.—The Churchwarden supported the Vicar's remarks, and added that if it was only a question of overhauling he thought they could have that done.

A vote of thanks to the church authorities for their kindness and hospitality closed the meeting.

The next meeting is the annual gathering to be held at All Saints', Newport, on December 26th.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.****RINGERS TO JOIN A TOWER BEFORE ELECTION.**

A successful quarterly meeting of the Dunster Deanery was held at Dulverton.—The Vicar (the Rev. W. Drew), who preached at the service, suggested that more young men should be encouraged to join the association, and be trained as ringers, so as to fill the gaps and keep the bells fully manned for ringing for the church services.

The business meeting, which followed tea, was presided over by the Rev. G. L. Fitzmaurice (chairman of the branch).

Three new members, and the Rev. W. Drew as hon. member, were elected.

A discussion arose as to whether six names handed in should be elected as unattached members, but the meeting decided that, as the object of the association was to encourage ringing for Divine service, it would be better for them to join some tower band before being elected members of the association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wootton Courtenay, if possible.

Mr. Cox remarked that he was not running the 'Ringing World,' but as that was the only paper dealing exclusively with ringing he should like to see it better supported. He wished that every member would take a copy weekly, and that notices of the branch meetings be inserted at least once, and that a report of that meeting be sent.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address and use of the bells, and to Mr. Gifford for his services at the organ, concluded the meeting.

The members then went again to the belfry, and several good touches were brought round, including Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Mary's, Islington, and there was a very good attendance of ringers, although several northern members were conspicuous by their absence. Some excellent touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung. A short service was held, the Vicar's interesting address being much appreciated. He emphasised once more the purpose for which the bells were placed in the tower, and what important messages, both joyous and solemn, the ringers sent forth to the people within hearing, and hoped that they (the ringers) would not fail to attend Divine worship to which they had summoned others. Following the service, about 20 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, to which full justice was done.

At the business meeting held in the Parish Hall, two new members were elected, viz.: Mr. S. C. Froke and Mr. Cecil H. Deadman.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the room for the tea and business meeting, also to the steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Bullock, for making the necessary arrangements.—Touches on the handbells brought to conclusion another very pleasant meeting.

**WORPLESDON, SURREY.**—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest thanksgiving service, on Sunday, September 28th, 720 Bob Minor: \*C. Heather 1. G. Chandler 2. \*J. W. Deacon 3. \*Miss K. Avenell 4. S. Petter 5. H. Blackman (conductor) 6. For evening service, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, 720 Bob Minor: \*Miss M. Whibley 1. \*C. Slyfield 2. Miss K. Avenell 3. G. Chandler (conductor) 4. S. Petter 5. H. Blackman 6. \*First 720 Minor.

**NOTICES.**

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**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.; committee meeting at 4; short service at 4.45, followed by tea (1/- each). Burlescombe Station 2 miles.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at the Priory, Christchurch, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, District Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5; tea and meeting 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to the Sec.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; service 4.30; tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (1/- each) will be provided in the Gatty Memorial Hall. Ecclesfield is easy of access, trains by Midland and G.C. railways, and motor bus from Firth Park tram terminus every two minutes.—A. Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.; meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30.—J. Watson, 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Old Parish Church, Aidershot, on Dec. 13th. Ringing at 3 p.m.; Guild service at 4.30. The help gentlemen to coach learners will be greatly appreciated.—Mrs. L. Hazelden, St. Michaels, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; tea at 'Nag's Head,' 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow.—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at \*St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—Notice of motion for the meeting on Dec. 30th has been given concerning Rules i and iv.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Notice of practices: St. Anne's, Highgate, Dec. 16th and alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Willesden, every Thursday, 8 p.m. St. Mary's, Islington, every Friday, 7.30 p.m.—F. G. Symonds, District Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W.W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Ringing to commence at 3.30; short service at 5, with tea to follow at 5.30, at 1/- per head to all those who advise me by the 17th of their intention to be present. Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom at 4.30. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery Avenue, Taunton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the committee of the branch will be held in the vestry of All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 4 o'clock, when the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Mahony) hopes to be present. Business: Approve the accounts for year 1919. Fix place and date of Annual Meeting, 1920. Consider the division of the branch. Any other diocesan or branch business. A representative of every Tower should be in attendance. Burnham belfry will be open for touches at 6 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings for United Practice: Heston, first Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., Isleworth, third Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 20th. All ringers welcome.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.; business meeting from 6 to 6.30.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Uckfield, on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th). Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock (by kind invitation). Half railway fare. Those who intend to be present to tea should kindly notify the undersigned not later than Saturday, Dec. 20th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th. Service at 3.30. Bells available before and after the service. St. Woolos' bells will also be available during the day until 3 o'clock and again after the meeting. Business meeting to follow the service.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones, Hon. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, December 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. S. Cox, Burghley Offices.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1920. Further particulars later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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

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#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

##### ACTIVITY OF BOLTON BRANCH.

Bolton branch meetings are becoming the centre of great activity in ringing. Judging from the crowded, although spacious ringing chamber of St. George's Church on Saturday last. The weather was bad but members from Bolton Parish Church, All Souls', Deane, Walkden, Tyldesley and Leigh, along with some of the local band and visitors from Birmingham, Pendlebury and Eccles, were present. There was a marked increase in the attendance of the younger aspirants of the art.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major were brought round with good striking. The president (Canon Elsee) was in the chair at the business meeting, when it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch at the Bolton Parish Church in January, where efforts will be made to augment that ring of eight to ten.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****BELL RESTORATIONS IN ROCHESTER DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, November 29th, and was largely attended, nearly every tower in union in the district being represented. Ringing in various methods was indulged in, and a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. A. B. Parry-Evans, Vicar of Sittingbourne, and an hon. member of the Association. Tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. W. Haigh, who remarked on the fine attendance of the members, more especially as the meeting was held almost at the extreme end of the district. He also mentioned that a considerable amount of bell restoration was going on in the district. Hailing bells were being rehung and augmented to six, and possibly to eight; Northfleet were to be rehung and two new trebles added. The five at Frindsbury were to be added to, and the parties concerned were hoping for eight, while the Chatham eight were to be rehung. He also hoped in the near future that the district would have a ten-bell tower by the addition of two trebles at Rochester Cathedral.

Five new members were elected, and the district representative gave a resume of the business at the annual committee meeting.

A by-meeting was fixed to be held at Cobham on the first Saturday in January, and the half-yearly meeting at Swancombe on the first Saturday in March.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and ringing was carried on until nine o'clock.

**CELEBRATIONS AT READING.**

On Mayor's Day, at Reading, the bells of the three Parish Churches were rung to welcome the new Mayor (Dr. Abram), and on the following day a band of ringers (old friends of Mr. W. Newell) attempted a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters at St. Lawrence's tower as a birthday compliment to the captain (Mr. W. Newell), who attained the age of 81 on November 8th. A slight mistake in the coming home course, however, put an end to the attempt. The conductor was Mr. T. Hibbert, of Caversham. The ringing also commemorated the first anniversary of Armistice Day. The band who rang for the Mayor were quite a young team taught by Mr. Newell (although only ringing 'stone'), and they struck their bells like clockwork.

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### EFFICIENCY IN SERVICE RINGING.

In some recent articles the question has been discussed of raising the standard of peal ringing. Improvement in quality rather than increase in quantity is an object which all peal ringing bands should ever have in view, because in aiming at a higher standard both of method and execution of peals, a general increase in efficiency will be secured. There are, however, very many towers where the ringers as a company, do not aspire to peal ringing. As individuals, perhaps, they join other bands more or less frequently in peal ringing, but collectively they are content with practices and with more or less regular Sunday service ringing. Upon these, no less than upon the peal ringers, there rests the obligation of endeavouring to attain a higher standard both in methods and the ringing of them.

Happily in these days, while ringers strive after greater recognition as Church workers, there is a growing appreciation among them of the duties which this involves. Recognition carries with it responsibilities, and responsibility does not end merely in seeing that the church bells are rung for the Sunday services. Interest and enthusiasm in ringing lead men to seek greater proficiency in the art, but the duty which the ringer owes to the Church ought to be an equally great inspiration to advancement. Peal ringing, which, after all, is chiefly the satisfaction of personal ambition, spurs a man to self-improvement; the service which he is called upon to render to the Church ought to make an even greater appeal to a ringer to reach a higher level of accomplishment, although, it must be frankly admitted, that this is not always the case.

Much depends upon the individual, but more might be done than is done by the various ringing organisations to encourage a betterment of Sunday ringing. In a few cases such encouragement is given, notably in the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, but for the most part the Associations concern themselves with little but their periodical meetings and the peals which are rung. Indirectly, of course, both these have a bearing upon the standard of Sunday ringing, but there is scope for work of a valuable kind if Associations would make special efforts to get the bells in all affiliated towers rung regularly and efficiently for the Sunday services. We do not want to be misunderstood with regard to the peal ringing question. The best peal ringers are, as a rule, the most efficient service ringers, but there are others who are not peal ringers whose zeal and efficiency alike would probably profit by encouragement given from the right quarter and in the right spirit.

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AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANCES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HAROLD BURTON ... .. 8
*FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3	HORACE BEECHER ... .. 9
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 4	GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 10
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 11
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. 6	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES

Tenor 12 cwt, 9 lbs. in F.

ARTHUR FARR ... ..Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
*ARCHIE STOKES ... .. 2	*HORACE DAY ... .. 7
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 3	GEORGE LADD ... .. 8
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 4	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 9
WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\* First peal of Royal. This is the first peal in the method by all the band, by the Association and in the County.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANCES;

HERBERT SHEPPARD ... ..Treble	SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 6
*JAMES TYLER ... .. 2	BERT HORTON ... .. 7
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 3	REUBEN HALL ... .. 8
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 9
EDWARD J. TYLER ... .. 5	WILLIAM GREEN ... ..Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. H. Phillips, M.A., in honour of his first anniversary as Vicar of Dudley.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... ..Treble	ALBERT BATES ... .. 5
RICHARD MORGAN ... .. 2	HARRY SIMMONS ... .. 6
*FRANK E. ELLIS ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	*EDWARD BROWN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal; also first on the bells since being recast and rehung by Mears & Stainbank. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wheadon. All the ringers are members of the local band.

## PEAL ATTEMPT AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

At Exeter Cathedral on December 5th, members of the Devon Guild attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters on the celebrated bells, the tenor of which is 72 cwt. Unfortunately a shift course occurred, which brought the attempt to an end after two and a half hours' ringing. The band was: W. Lethbridge 1, T. Lavers 2, A. W. Searle (conductor) 3, T. Bartlett 4, F. Murphy 5, F. Gardner 6, G. Betts 7, J. Sandover 8, F. J. Davey 9, C. Glas 10 and R. Hamilton 10.



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

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS... .. 2	HENRY PRING ... .. 6
RICHARD CLARK... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7
*ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Bristol. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 3). Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY HILL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BATES... .. 5
GEORGE FREEBRY ... .. 2	† GEORGE TANDY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. WILEMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 7
*ALBERT HILL ... .. 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBRY.

\* First peal. † First peal with bob bell.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN... .. Treble	HERBERT W. CHAPMAN ... .. 5
HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 2	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... .. 6
*HARRY HARRINGTON... .. 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7
WILLIAM LATHER ... .. 4	WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. \* First peal in the method. W. Collison and F. White were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN BASS ... .. Treble	JOHN WITHERS ... .. 5
*PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
*FRANK W. PERRINS ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 4	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

\* First peal of London.

HEADCORN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 5
HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. 2	*FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD... .. 6
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 7
†LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 4	PHILLIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

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WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 30 cwt.

HENRY BLUNDELL ... .. Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN ... .. 5
HERBERT RAINBOW ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. 6
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... .. 3	WILLIAM FAREY ... .. 7
TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 4	HARRY PETTITT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FAREY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert Rainbow. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. F. Wood, of the local ringers, for having everything in readiness.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTEAD ... .. Treble	SPENCER MARSHALL ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
*RICHARD SMITH ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 7
JOHN LOWREY ... .. 4	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Garrard, aged 84 years, for many years the genial and obliging steeplekeeper at the above church.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 5
ALAN R. MACDONALD... .. 2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 3	GEORGE SPENCER... .. 7
CHARLES S. BIRD... .. 4	HENRY G. COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss L. Becker, of Heston, and Major Matthew Hay, which took place at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, the same day.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BEDS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BUTLER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK BENNETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 2	JOHN H. PRESTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 4	SAMUEL W. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

The ringers of the treble and tenor were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting the peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER ... .. Treble	ALBERT MARKS ... .. 5
OWEN H. GILES ... .. 2	CHARLES J. FRAY... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... .. 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. W. G. Beatty (late of Bassett in this parish), who took a great interest in the church bells and ringers and was a generous supporter to the fund when the ring was increased from 6 to 8 ten years ago.

## TURVEY, BEDS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. PARKER... ..Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN ... .. 5
*ALFRED J. MAWBY ... .. 2	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... .. 6
*THOMAS LAW ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. 7
*WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY ... .. 4	*TOM TEBBUTT ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

- \* First peal in the method.

## POPLAR,

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,  
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN...Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON... .. 5
THOMAS CRANFIELD ... .. 2	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7
GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... ..Tenor

Composed by the late H. DAINS.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

A. K. Harrison was elected a member previous to starting. H. W. Clark has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. E. Hartley).

## LONDON.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

## A PEAL OF STEPMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

C. T. COLES, ex-R.E. ...Treble	H. J. WALTON, ex-M.G.C. ... 5
A. K. HARRISON, ex-R.G.A. 2	A. R. MACDONALD, ex-R.E. 6
E. H. KING, ex-R.A.M.C. ... 3	A. D. BARKER, ex-R.A.M.C. 7
W. J. KEMP, ex R.A.S.C., M.T. 4	A. W. COLES, ex-R.A.F. ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

The above peal was rung in commemoration of the fall of Jerusalem on the second anniversary of that event. It was rung by ex-service men who served during the war in the East, and who thus contributed in some way towards the downfall of the Turk and the delivery of the Holy City. The band wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. McLean, for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Riley for his great efforts to 'ease the way' for the ringing of this peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## GLEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire, and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HERBERT LOCK ... ..Treble	W. NEAL ATKINSON ... .. 4
FRED STANFORTH ... .. 2	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	JOE E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

- \* First peal. The ringers of 1, 3 and 5 belong to St. Margaret's, Leicester, 2 and 4 to Kibworth, tenor to Huddersfield.

## LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Boxing Day, December 26th 1919, twelve members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths (established 1686) will attempt a long peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick Parish Church, starting for peal at 9 a.m.

## ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE GARDNER ... ..Treble	CHARLES AYLRITT ... .. 4
HUBERT SUMMERS ... .. 2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 5
JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 3	*WILLIAM JAKEMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

- \* First peal. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

## MARSTON MAGNA.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

H. MILBORNE ... ..Treble	T. MERRIFIELD ... .. 4
T. G. VINCENT ... .. 2	E. F. CREED ... .. 5
R. LOOK... .. 3	*W. CRABB ... ..Tenor

Conducted by E. F. CREED.

- \* First peal.

## FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, December 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 2,520 changes each of Grandsire and Plain Bob

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..Treble	CHARLES A. MANNING ... .. 4
WILLIAM HECTOR ... .. 2	WALTER WALLINGTON ... .. 5
THOMAS B. SMITH ... .. 3	CHARLES J. WIMLETT... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the 17th birthday of Miss A. E. Smith. First attempt for a peal by Messrs. Manning and Wimlett.

## FIVE BELL PEALS.

## COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

*FRANK TOWNSEND ... ..Treble	JAMES W. HAYNES ... .. 3
J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... .. 2	R. A. HORNSBY, A.R.C.M. 4
HARRY FOLWELL ... ..	... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

- \* First peal and first attempt and elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Howes on attaining 80 years of age. He has been Rector of the above church 44 years.

## DINGLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 2,520 changes each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt

JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..Treble	ERNEST S. COTTON ... .. 3
WALTER WALLINGTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM HECTOR ... .. 4
THOMAS B. SMITH ... ..	... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Queen Alexandra. This was the first peal on the bells and the first peal on 5 bells by all except the conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—Before evensong, on the occasion of the harvest festival at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Wickens 1, H. R. Butcher (conductor) 2, H. Hammond 3, E. Bishop, junr., 4, H. M. Smith 5, E. Bishop, senr., 6, F. Hammond 7, W. Hammond 8. After service, 252 Stedman Triples.

### WAR MEMORIAL AT BELTON. IMPRESSIONS UNVEILING CEREMONY.

On Saturday, December 6th, at St. Peter's Church, Belton (Rutland), a roll of honour to the memory of members of the Belton Guild of Ringers who had served with the colours was unveiled. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. Pattison). During the hymn, 'Whene'er the sweet church bell,' the clergy and choir proceeded to the church tower, and at the conclusion the Vicar asked Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Jones, C.M.G., T.D. (Legion d'Honneur), of the 5th Leicesters, to unveil the memorial. Seven of the ten soldier ringers whose names are mentioned on the memorial and other visiting soldier-ringers stood 'to attention' round the belfry as Col. Jones addressed the congregation from the belfry arch.

Colonel Jones said they were gathered to unveil a memorial to the ringers of Belton Church, ten of whom had answered their country's call, while two had been called to make the supreme sacrifice. It was a glorious thought to remember how the young men of England had come forward so splendidly to the aid of their King and country. Belton had done its share, especially its bell ringers. The memorial would stand to show the coming generations how these had done their duty so loyally and bravely. The inscription would inspire them, should God so call them, to follow in the footsteps of these brave men, and to do their duty, even to the extent of giving up their lives, if need be.

Colonel Jones then pulled aside the Union Jack which covered the memorial, and the ringers rang a few rounds on the bells. The National Anthem was sung with the bells still pealing giving a most unique and harmonious effect, the setting being in G, the same key as the bells. This was followed by an impressive and touching address by the Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester (the Rev. F. R. C. Payne, M.A., M.B.E.), who took as his text Ruth ii. 20. 'Blessed is he that hath not left off his kindness to the living and the dead.' The hymn, 'For all the saints,' was sung and special prayers offered.

At the conclusion of the service, the Vicar announced that after a short interval during which members of the congregation could view the memorial, a special peal of 720 changes in the Kent Treble Bob method would be rung by a band representative of the Midland Counties Association, under the conductorship of Sergt. Ernest Morris, R.A.S.C., who was the designer and writer of the memorial.

This was rung by W. E. White (Cotgrave), treble; Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston) 2, Sergt. E. Morris (Leicester) 3, W. White (Cotgrave) 4, J. J. Jackson (Belton) 5, R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray) tenor.

The ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. J. J. Jackson, of Belton Old Hall, after which 720 Bob Minor was rung on the bells by a band of soldiers, viz., Pte. C. Jelley 1, Corpl. J. H. Churchill 2, Pte. A. Buzzard 3, Sergt. E. Bartram, M.M., 4, Pte. F. Bindley, M.M., 5, Sergt. E. Morris (conductor) 6. It is noteworthy that Corpl. Churchill, who was severely wounded and lost his right arm in the war, took part in two 720's during the afternoon, one of which he conducted. The following rang in the latter: W. Aldridge (Leicester) 1, H. J. Churchill (Belton) 2, E. Bartram (Melton) 3, F. Bindley (Belton) 4, J. Grocock (Belton) 5, J. Morris (Leicester) 6.

The tablet, which is tastefully designed in the Ionic principle, framed in dark oak, surmounted by a horse-shoe (the emblem of Rutland) bears the following inscription:— 'St. Peter's Guild of Ringers, Belton. Roll of Honour. To the Glory of God and in memory of the following members of St. Peter's Guild, who served with the colours in the great war, 1914-1919: Corporal A. Jarman, West Yorkshires, killed; Pte. C. H. Reeve, Coldstream Guards, killed; Pte. F. Bindley, M.M., Leicesters, wounded; Pte. A. Buzzard, K.O.R. Lanes; Corpl. J. H. Churchill, Leicesters, wounded; Pte. C. Jelley, Leicesters, wounded; Pte. H. Kendall, Suffolks, prisoner of war; Pte. A. Marlow, Leicesters, wounded; Pte. F. Marlow, Leicesters (M.G.C.); Pte. S. Tarr (K.O.R. Lanes). 'Into Thy Hands, O Lord.' 'Per Angusta—Ad Augusta.'

The change ringing instinct of the writer of the memorial, Sergt. Ernest Morris, asserted itself in his work. In filling in the shaded portions of the memorial he ingeniously inserted a diagram of the path of a bell through a course of Stedman on one side, and of Double Norwich on the other, but it requires minute scrutiny to discern them: still they are there clear and distinct so that future ringing visitors to Belton Church will be shown the memorial, and asked to solve the puzzle—find the diagrams!

### FAMOUS LONDON PEAL.

The five peal of eight at St. Andrew's, Holborn, are to be rehung. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cast the bells in 1731. The connection between the church and the Whitechapel Foundry goes back 150 years further than that, however, for Robert Mei cast the Sanctus bell in the year 1587.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, the 'Ringing World' will be published next week on Wednesday, instead of Friday, and the latest time for receiving notices, etc., for insertion in that issue will be the *first post on Monday next*.

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The restored and augmented peal of six at Penn are to be completed by Christmas, and also the peal of eight for Blyth, Northumberland. Both these contracts are being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The new peal of six (tenor 6 cwt.) from the same foundry for Hitcham are also to be dedicated this month.

There is much more than passing interest in the peal rung by members of the Hertfordshire Association at Hackney on December 9th. It was in celebration of the second anniversary of the capture of Jerusalem, and not only was it rung at what is probably the only available church with so appropriate a dedication—the Church of St. John of Jerusalem—but the band consisted of ex-Service men, all of whom had served in some part of the world against the Turk, either in Gallipoli or Asia Minor, or actually in Palestine or Egypt, and so had a hand, directly or indirectly, in the event which they commemorated.

On page 516 of our issue of November 28th, we gave a note of a new peal of eight from the Loughborough foundry. The name of the church was Overseale, not Ovenscote as printed.

There being two singles in the 'Original,' a correspondent, 'without appearing to be funny,' inquires who called these singles in the recent peal at Rammore Common, the record of which gave the name of the man who 'called ye bobbies.'

The time of the peal of Maximus at Shrewsbury was 3 hrs. 57 mins., and not 2.57 as published. 'C. R. L.' would have had to get some hustle on to have pushed that 39 cwt. tenor through a 5016 in 177 minutes.

## THE FIRST PEAL BY A MAYOR.

Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool writes:—

Mr. H. Haigh is evidently unaware that the claim to being the first Mayor to ring a peal during his tenure of office is held by Mr. Herbert Baker, of Hertford. This gentleman rang the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints', Hertford, on December 5th 1907, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. The record of that peal may be found in the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's work, "Amongst the bells," on page 597. This does not detract in the least from the admiration we may hold for Capt. Deuman and Mr. Bowen Cooke by having to occupy second and third's place respectively.

## BELFRY FOREMAN FOR 30 YEARS.

DEATH OF MR. W. J. BOWNES, OF LANE END.

We have to record with great regret the death of William J. Bownes, who was for many years one of the bell ringers, and a member of the choir of Holy Trinity Church, Lane End, Bucks. When this church was built in 1878, with a ring of six bells by Mears and Stainbank, Mr. Bownes was one of the original band of ringers, and continued a member to the end, a period of 41 years, during the last 30 of which he was foreman. In 1890, the band joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and change ringing was introduced by the present Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Nash). About this time Mr. Bownes became foreman, and the tower soon began to take a creditable place among six-bell towers. A great number of 720's were rung, and for many years the band were efficient performers in three methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob. Mr. Bownes had to his credit two peals of 5040 (seven 720's) on the bells, rung in September, 1910, and May 1912, the 2nd and 3rd peals on the bells, the first having been rung on May 20th, 1902.

Mr. Bownes had been ailing for some time, but stuck bravely to his work. He died, after an operation in Guy's Hospital on Monday, December 1st, much lamented by all.

## GREETINGS.

TO OUR RINGING FRIENDS.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cartmel send hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year.

Duffield, St. Albans, Herts.

The President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Ringers desires to send greetings to his many ringing friends at this season, many of whom have happily returned safely from the perils of arduous enterprise at the seat of war. Still there are, alas! many faces missing. To the relatives of such the President offers his respectful condolences. He wishes all relatives and friends alike, a keen appreciation of the Christmas message of the bells, and a brighter and happier outlook for the year that is to come.

The Summit, Stevenage, Herts.

**'VICTORY' BELLS AT NORTH CAVE.****NEW PEAL OF SIX DEDICATED.**

On Tuesday of last week, the bells at North Cave, near Hull—recast and increased from five to six by the addition of a new tenor—were dedicated by the Bishop of Hull. For some few years past the old ring, cast in 1772 by Dalton, of York, were unsafe to ring, but the conclusion of the war provided a fitting opportunity for the restoration, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work. The bells have been rehung in a new steel and iron frame, the tenor being 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. in G. On the 5th is the inscription: 'These five bells cast by Dalton, of York, 1772, recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Mark Rice, Vicar; James Smith, Tom Denton, churchwardens.' Thence is inscribed, "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory." This bell was given to North Cave Church as a thankoffering for victory in the Great War, 1914-1919 by William Henton Carver and Florence Rosaline Carver."

The ringing at the opening ceremony was entrusted to the Hemingbrough ringers, who, after the service, brought round three 720's of Minor, the first being 720 Plain Bob, conducted by W. A. Hudson; the next 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by M. T. Tunc, and the third, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by W. A. Hudson. A 360 of Plain Bob, conducted by A. Hatfield and a few touches of Grandsire, were also rung, the ringers being M. J. Tunc, E. D. Tunc, J. J. Tunc, A. Hatfield, G. C. Terry and W. A. Hudson.

The bells are a very capital ring of six, and their 'go' is excellent. After the ringing, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, the ringers sat down to a meat tea at the Albion Hotel and subsequently there was time and change ringing on handbells.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.****SOUTHERN BRANCH.**

The first quarterly meeting of this newly-formed district was held at Aldershot on Saturday last, and was voted a great success. Ringing on the light peal of six commenced punctually at three, and by service time the little belfry was filled with ringers from Aldershot, Binsted, Bagshot, Dorking, Chertsey, Guildford, Iwer Heath, Ash, Worplesdon, while one plucky little lady came from Fulmer. The service touch was rung by six ladies, and 'the bobs were called' by Miss H. Mills. The form of service was that used by the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

After the service a move was made to the Church Hall where a bountiful tea had been laid by lady ringers, and a company of between 30 and 40 sat down.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mrs. Alexander. Two hon. members (Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Mann, of Aldershot), and Miss Caed and Miss Mansfield, of Ash (ringing members) were elected.

A discussion followed as to the next place of meeting, and Dorking was finally decided on. It was also proposed to arrange a friendly practice at Ash, if possible, in January.

Mrs. Hazelden proposed that the meeting should congratulate the following members on some 'first' performances. Miss W. Deacon, Miss Whibley and Miss K. Avenall, 720 Bob Minor at Worplesdon; the Aldershot ladies, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; also Miss H. Mills, quarter Grandsire Triples, with a bob bell; Miss Nye, quarter Grandsire Triples at Bagshot; and the Misses N. and L. Stevens, quarter Grandsire Triples at Chertsey. Congratulations were also extended to the hon. secretary on ringing in a recent peal at Guildford.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Alexander for her presence in the chair, and to the ladies who arranged the tea. The remainder of the evening was taken up with ringing.

The thanks of the members are due to the local hand for having the bells in readiness and otherwise making the visit of the Guild a very enjoyable one.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.****NORTH-EAST BRANCH.**

The first quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Hampton, Holcombe Rogus, Tiverton and Washfield. As must be expected in the early days of this branch, Grandsire Doubles was the only method rung, but some good striking was heard. The local ringers are to be congratulated on the preparations which they had made for the meeting, having thoroughly renovated the belfry, and added several necessary fixtures. No less than seven new members were admitted from this tower.

At the committee meeting it was decided to hold four meetings in the year (including the annual one in September) the next to take place at Washfield (including Calverleigh tower), soon after Easter; to advertise all meetings in the 'Ringing World'; and to arrange combined practices for Stedman and Bob Minor.

A short service was held in church, and tea was provided in the Schoolroom.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman of the branch, the Rev. E. J. Barton, for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the preparations they had made for the meeting.

**DEATH OF MR. G. W. BEMROSE.****A LOSS TO BOLSOVER.**

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. G. W. Bemrose, which sad event occurred on November 25th. Deceased was taken seriously ill on his way home from business on Monday evening, and, although he rallied somewhat, he died at one o'clock the following afternoon, heart failure being the cause. Neuritis had had him in its grip since 1914, and, although he was able to attend to his business, he was for some time under treatment at the Edgar Allen Institute at Sheffield. Until the last few months he had not been able to take part in any ringing, but latterly he seemed so much better and was at a Midland Counties meeting at Chesterfield as late as November 1st, having a 'go' at any method attempted.

He was laid to rest in Bolsover Churchyard, close by the tower, where he has been an active member for over 15 years, on Saturday, November 29th. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Bolsover, the Rev. Ackrill Jones, assisted by his curate, the congregation, in addition to the family mourners, including the local ringers, who acted as bearers, Messrs. A. Knights and G. Hollis, of Chesterfield; A. Craven, Staveley; R. Tarlton, North Wingfield; F. Butler, Gainsborough; Battison, Mansfield; Wesley, Nottingham; J. Holman and S. Thomas, Sheffield; the secretary and engineer to the Bolsover Council, the staff from the waterworks where deceased was manager, and numerous personal friends. After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave, and muffled touches on the tower bells during the evening. The Royal tributes included one from the Bolsover ringers and one from the Sheffield District Society. In addition to the widow, there are three sons and two daughters left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Bemrose was born at Horncastle, in Lincolnshire, in February, 1873, and first learnt to ring at Peterborough (St. Mary's). He rang his first peal at Gainsborough towards the close of 1895 (taking part in some 15 peals in the Lincoln district with the North Lincolnshire Association, and he was for a short time a member of the St. Peter-at-Arches Society. In the year 1901 he went to Chesterfield to the gasworks, being by trade a plumber. His first peal at Chesterfield was also young Ben Knight's first peal (his capable young man being then 16 years old). Mr. Bemrose was soon busy scoring peals in rapid succession while a member of Chesterfield company.

In May, 1904, he removed to Bolsover to take over the management of the waterworks there, and joining the very progressive society at Bolsover, at once entered on a course of progress in method ringing, which embraced no fewer than half a dozen Surprise methods. His activity in this direction is shown in his next book as out of a total of 153 peals no fewer than 116 were scored after going to Bolsover, up to his much-to-be-regretted breakdown in 1914, a period of rather less than ten years.

Of a commanding presence and kindly disposition (he was always amongst the first to subscribe if a collection was being made for a distressed ringer), George Bemrose will be missed by a large circle of ringers more particularly by the members of the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Society, of which body he has been hon. auditor for a number of years, and a strong advocate in its favour at all times. Mr. Bemrose was a member of the North Lincolnshire, Central Northamptonshire, Ely Diocesan, Lincoln Diocesan, Chester Diocesan, Midland Counties, Sheffield District, and Yorkshire Associations.

The following is a list of his peals: Bob Minor 3, seven Treble Bob Minor Methods 1, Grandsire Triples 2, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Triples 4, Stedman Caters 7, Bob Major 7, Bob Royal 1, Double Court Bob Major (including one on handbells) 26, Double Norwich Caters 2, Double Norwich Royal 3, Kent Treble Bob Major (including four on handbells) 29, Kent Treble Bob Royal 12, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Forward Major 1, Bristol Surprise Major 1, Yorkshire Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Cambridge Surprised Royal 1, London Surprise Major 9, Norfolk Surprise Major 8, Superlative Surprise Major 22; total 153.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held at Stone on Saturday week. Thirty members attended, and received a most hearty welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas Veal). Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon. At the service, at which the Association's form was used, the Rev. Lough, Vicar of Faldfield, gave a most appropriate address, which was very much appreciated. Then by kind invitation of the Vicar, was partaken of in the School Room, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. Lough, and Mr. Taylor, churchwarden. The business meeting followed. Mr. Taylor was elected an honorary member, one performing member was proposed and Wotton-under-Edge was selected as the place for the annual meeting on January 3rd, 1920.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. Lough and Mr. Taylor, with more ringing on the tower bells, concluded a most successful meeting.

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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## GATHERING AT BEACONSFIELD.

About 60 members, including some half-dozen ladies of the East Bucks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, faced the elements on Saturday, December 6th, to attend the social meeting at Beaconsfield, organised by the Hon. secretary in compliance with a hearty invitation to tea at the Old Rectory from Mr. C. A. Bennett, who is a practical ringer, and formerly resided at St. Albans. The fine old ring of eight bells, with its Whitechapel tenor of 21 cwt. in E flat, was kept going by various teams at intervals throughout the afternoon and evening to touches in most of the ordinary methods, a Bucks and Oxon eight giving a good course of 'London', which was later repeated by a Berks and Bucks team. Ringing was over at 5.15, and the tenor tolled five minutes for the evensong, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. S. Commeline, Rector of Beaconsfield, assisted by the Rev. J. Fraser Amies, of Chalfont St. Peter. Miss D. Jackman presided at the organ, and hymns 242 and 274 were used. The Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (S.C.F.) gave a short address of special interest to a gathering of Churchmen and change ringers, and immediately beforehand the roll of honour was read from the pulpit, the sad list containing the following 20 names:—Reginald Fortnum Amersham; Walter Bailey, Beaconsfield; Leonard Rolfe, Beaconsfield; Edmund F. Saunders, Bray; Victor E. Dark, Bray; John E. Alder, Burnham; Charles White, Cookham; Charles Norcote, Farnham Royal; Harold Skuse, Farnham Royal; Kenneth Hawkins, Fulmer; Edgar Howard, Wooburn; William Truss, Marlow; Ernest Lovejoy, Warfield; Albert Lovejoy, Warfield; Sidney White, Warfield; Thomas Simmonds, Winkfield; Maurice E. Mealing, High Wycombe; Chas. Butler, West Wycombe; H. H. Moores, West Wycombe; R. E. Rippington, West Wycombe.

In reverent remembrance of past comrades a solemn silence was observed for two minutes by everyone standing motionless, and was followed by a prayer for those who fell in the war.

Tea was set out in the old dining room of the ancient Rectory, which adjoins the churchyard, a commodious and comfortable place of assembly, and here Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, with a number of willing ladies and helpers, had made cheerful and ample provision for hungry lads and lassies on a boisterous December day, their kindness being thoroughly appreciated. The Rector occupied the head table, supported by the Master, Mr. Churchwarden Bagley, Messrs. R. T. Hibbert, Caversham; J. Truss, Marlow; J. Evans, Hughenden; C. Dean and Joyner, Croydon; W. Hewett, Camberwell; W. Lawrence, Kaling; Twichen, High Wycombe; Barnes Great Misson; Elburn, Amersham; Reader, Slough; Buckland, Beaconsfield; Blackmore Penn; West, Wooburn; Guttridge, Iwer; E. Harding, Fulmer; W. Henley, Stoke Poges; G. Alder, Burnham; and the branch secretary, W. H. Fussell. Permission having been given for smoking, 'rings' of another brand were soon circling the ceiling, some of the old oak already being black with age and one of the familiar sights to be seen in this diocese could then have been witnessed here—the ox browsing with the buck, with one or two little Berkshires for company, after the accords.

Cosy surroundings and the absence of formal business enabled several matters of interest to be carried out with due importance before adjourning to the belfry again.

The Secretary gave a few particulars of the year's work in this energetic branch, which showed all round increase of members and friends, with 42 ladies, 36 clergymen, 82 non-resident life members, in a total of over 600. He emphasised the importance of foremen or secretaries of towers telling their men quickly and fully what was going on in their district: the value of honorary subscribers, whose patronage was the mainstay of present-day ringing, and the possibility of the branch being divided into two sections in the near future.

Mrs. R. Buckland was presented by the chairman with a framed and illuminated address, with the names of 40 friends of her husband who had thought it advisable to remember their 'marriage day,' and the gift was suitably acknowledged.

Mr. E. Markham, representing the High Wycombe Society, was handed an envelope, with a cheque for £2 2s., and the congratulations of the members, as their grant to the worthy task carried out at All Saints in recasting the 6th bell.

Mr. J. H. Barnes, Missenden, and Mr. Randall, Penn, were handed cards of affiliation with the Guild, to be hung in their belfries.

The Rev. J. F. Amies and Miss Nora Williams were responsible for a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett for the exceedingly kind reception recorded the company. This met with applause, and was duly acknowledged by Mr. Bennett, who expressed a wish on behalf of Mrs. Bennett and himself to have them again in 1920.

A course of Triples on handbells was rung by Messrs. Truss, Welling, Hewett and Lawrence, the last named not yet being fit enough for the rope after his serious illness.

Mr. Wilkins proffered the thanks of the members to the Master for his address and regretted the absence of the Rev. E. J. Teesdale owing to recent family bereavement.

The thanks of the Guild were also conveyed to the Rector, organist and churchwardens of Beaconsfield, on the proposition of Messrs. Lawrence and Dean. The Rector said how pleased they were to have the bells well rung, as so little had been done of late years, the whole of his band having gone away on other service since 1914. The bells ceased in peal at 9 o'clock, and a clear moonlight night favoured the visitors for their return journey.

## NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Fenny Stratford, on Saturday, December 6th, but owing to the very unsettled state of the weather the attendance was much lower than expected, though sufficient in number to ensure good practice on the nice little ring of six. After tea, it was agreed to visit the Bletchley tower, when a good eight-bell practice was obtained. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, at Fenny Stratford; and Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, at Bletchley.—A vote of thanks was passed to the clergy of both towers for the use of the bells.

## AN APPEAL.

## To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me, through the pages of your valuable journal, to appeal to my brother ringers and friends, on behalf of the dependents of the late Mr. Frederick Davis, of Peckham and Kingston, who died after a very brief and painful illness, early this year, in a London hospital. Unfortunately poor Fred was not blessed with an abundance of the world's good things, and the small amount he was able to leave for them is now exhausted. His eldest son, now 18 years of age, has been the only bread-winner since his father's decease, and the widow, two daughters, and another son (these three children being under 14) have been dependent on him.

Fred Davis, although he never aspired to so high a fame in the ringing world, as, perhaps other members of his family, was a good, reliable ringer of the standard methods, and rang a number of peals. He was a member of the principal London societies, and other Associations. He was a kind and genial fellow, and no distance was too far for him to go to lend a hand, when wanted.

I feel certain that his many friends will do what they can now to help me to brighten the home he has left at this time of year, when most of us are thinking what can we do in the noble cause of charity. Any donation, however small, will be most gratefully received and acknowledged in this journal, and faithfully applied to this deserving cause.—Yours very truly,

HAROLD N. DAVIS.

551, Old Kent Road, S.E.1.

Past Master, Waterloo Society, etc.

## WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the West Wales Association was held on Saturday, December 6th, at Aberavon, there being a good attendance of members from Swansea Gorseinon, Sketty, Neath and Bagly, as well as the local band. Ringing took place during the afternoon on the bells of St. Mary's Church, where a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. D. W. Davies (Vicar), who gave a very practical address. Service over, the Vicar invited all present to tea at the Church Hall near by. The tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Davies, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, churchwarden of St. Mary's, and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donors for their kindness.

A short meeting was held, at which Mr. Stinch proposed that meetings be advertised in the 'Ringing World,' and this was unanimously carried.—The next meeting (a standing rule) will be held at Swansea on the first Saturday in March next.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar brought the proceedings to a finish. A return to the tower was then made, and some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire brought a splendid meeting to a close.

## THE YULE BELLS.

The Yule-bells ring, for Christ comes back

To us once more,

A stately King above the wrack

And deadly gore.

The Yule-bells ring, oh! this is God

In His own plan;

Out-distancing the soulless clod

Defined in man.

The Yule-bells ring this message clear

In roundelay:—

Ding dong, ding song, goodwill and cheer

Are yours to-day.

H. J. W., 1919.

This poem is a sequel to the one under the same title which was printed in our Christmas issue of 1917.

## NOTICES

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Bullwell on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3 to 8 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, meeting afterwards.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—Established 1637.—A meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 30th; at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—Notice of motion for the meeting on Dec. 30th has been given concerning Rules i and iv.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—Notice of practices: St. Anne's, Highgate, Dec. 16th and alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Willesden, every Thursday, 8 p.m. St. Mary's, Islington, every Friday, 7.30 p.m.—F. G. Symonds, District Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W.W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Ringing to commence at 3.30; short service at 5, with tea to follow at 5.30. Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood St., E.17.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—A meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom at 4.30. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery Avenue, Taunton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the committee of the branch will be held in the vestry of All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 4 o'clock, when the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Mahony) hopes to be present. Business: Approve the accounts for year 1919. Fix place and date of Annual Meeting, 1920. Consider the division of the branch. Any other diocesan or branch business. A representative of every Tower should be in attendance. Burnham bellry will be open for touches at 6 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Meetings for United Practice: Heston, first Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., Isleworth, third Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 20th. All ringers welcome.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.; business meeting from 6 to 6.30.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Uckfield on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th). Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock (by kind invita-

tion). Half railway fare. Those who intend to be present to tea should kindly notify the undersigned not later than Saturday, Dec. 20th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th. Service at 3.30. Bells available before and after the service. St. Woolos' bells will also be available during the day until 3 o'clock and again after the meeting. Business meeting to follow the service.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones, Hon. Secs.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION**.—A District meeting will be held at East Retford on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. East Retford (10 bells), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be available during the day, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Dec. 27th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at 5 at Mr. Smith's, East Street. All those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Dec. 23rd.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9, Sugden Rd., Worthing.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, December 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. S. Cox, Burghley Offices.—John J. Tutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**THE SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY**.—The first meeting in the New Year will be held at Eckington on Saturday, January 3rd, 1920. Eight bells available from 3 o'clock. Will members note that any alteration to rules must be made in writing before January 1st to Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield?

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, 1920, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30; tea at 5.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1920. Further particulars later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford and was very successful. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. About 30 members showed their revival of interest by attending from Bishops Stortford, Saffron Walden, Harlow Harlow Common, Cambridge, Broxbourne, Leytonstone, Deptford, Brockley and Leatherhead. A short service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane), who gave a very appropriate address. Tea at the Chequers Hotel was followed by the business meeting. Mr. F. Pitstow was re-elected Master, and Mr. F. Dench hon. secretary. In thanking the members they expressed a hope that all would pull together and make a special effort to attend the quarterly meetings as much as possible, and so create a good impression. Four new members were elected, including Mr. J. Brazier, proprietor of the Chequers Hotel, as an honorary member. Mr. Foot Mitchell, Quendon Hall, prospective Conservative candidate of the Saffron Walden Division, has also become an honorary member.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Sawbridgeworth. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to Miss Pritchett for presiding at the organ.

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## BRISTOL SURPRISE ?

The announcement which Mr. John Carter makes in this issue that what has always been known as Bristol Surprise is not a Surprise method at all, will come as something of a bombshell to the growing camp of ringers who practise this very interesting and ingenious method. The ground upon which Mr. Carter bases his assertion is that no place is made when the treble passes from 7-8 up to 7-8 down; and conversely, of course, when it passes from 1-2 down to 1-2 up. Bristol is a method on the lengthening lead plan of Treble Bob and, as such, the whole pull which is required when the treble leads or lies, is at the opposite end of the row, viz., in eighth's or first's respectively. The Central Council's definition of a Surprise method is that there must be a place made at every cross-section, that is to say, whenever the treble passes from one dodging place to another, and it is the failure of Bristol to comply with this requirement that puts it outside the rank of a Surprise method.

How did the method first become included in the Surprise category? That is easily answered. The product of the fertile brain of the Rev. E. Banks James, it was first published in 1897 without a name, and its title was given to it by St. Peter's Society, Brighton, who were the first to score a peal of it. At that time the Central Council had not, we believe, laid down their definition of a Surprise method, but the word 'Surprise' was added to the titles of all the most complex of the Treble Bob series; indeed the 'Glossary' definition published in 1901 describes 'Surprise' as 'a name attached to certain Treble Bob methods in which the "course" is highly elaborate and more or less difficult of execution.' At the time it was named, Bristol certainly conformed to this description and the name has been retained. Whether any of the experts had examined it in the light of the more recent ruling of the Council before Mr. Carter cannot be stated. If they have, and took the same view that Mr. Carter now puts forward, they have not, as far as we know, made their investigation public.

It will be interesting to hear what the Council have to say upon this matter. We should not be surprised to hear it argued that the whole pull on the front, when the treble lies behind, is sufficient to bring the method within the Surprise category, although, as at present generally accepted, the view of experts is that the whole pull in front or behind cannot be construed into a 'place.' If that argument, which seems to be the really logical one, holds good, then Bristol must be relegated to another class and become, we suppose, a 'Delight.' That, however, will not affect the popularity of the method, nor its complexity and interest, for Bristol is the one Major method produced in recent years that has really caught on.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES. 5005 CHANCES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	JAMES GEORGE ... 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... 10
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 5	WILLIAM PYE ... 11
ARTHUR MASON ... 6	EDWARD I. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;**

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOSEPH PIGOTT ... Treble	BERT HORTON ... 7
JOHN BASS ... 2	GEORGE PIGOTT ... 8
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 9
JOHN CARTER ... 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 10
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 11
WILLIAM FISHER ... 6	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER and  
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Cinques as conductor. This is supposed to be the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung by a band of ringers born in the County of Stafford.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,  
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... 3	WILLIAM PYE ... 8
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 5	WILLIAM HONOR ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.  
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;**

ARTHUR HARRY WHITE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD ... 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 2	FREDK. STEDMAN WHITE ... 7
EDMUND HOLIFIELD ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 8
HARRY HOLIFIELD ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... 5	FRED WHITE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung to celebrate the cessation of hostilities, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. It will also be noticed that the band consists of two families.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS. — For evening service, at St. Andrew's Church, on November 1st, 504 Kent Treble Bob Minor. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: \*J. Martin 1, \*T. Ward 2, \*H. Wisbeach 3, \*H. Newman 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5, L. G. Mallion 6. \* First 720 in the method on tower bells. The above hail from Fen Ditton, and are members of St. Mary's Society.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On Nov. 1st, on All Saints' Eve, for special service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Webb 1, T. Beadle 2, W. Etherington 3, A. Beckinsale 4, C. S. Bird 5, W. Lidbetter 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, W. J. Dickens 8.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WOBURN, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.	
HORACE SMITH ... .. Treble	JOHN CHANCE ... .. 5
ERNEST HERBERT ... .. 2	EDMUND HOBBS ... .. 6
DOUGLAS HARRIS ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 7
CYRIL HERBERT ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.  
Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARK.

First peal in the method by all except Messrs. Clark and Duffield who hail from Bedford and Sharnbrook respectively. First peal of Superlative on the bells.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.	
ANTLEY JOHNSON ... .. Treble	JAMES F. POTTER ... .. 5
SAMUEL COLLIER ... .. 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 6
JOHN IDLE ... .. 3	JAMES H. COLLIER ... .. 7
ROBERT DAVIES ... .. 4	WRIGHT JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. COLLIER.

Rung as a Peace peal, also on the occasion of the Dedication of the New Porch given by Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Stott to the Parish Church as a memorial to the men of the parish who have fallen in the Great War.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
MAJOR C. F. JERRAM, D.S.O. Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 5
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... .. 2	JOHN CROCKER ... .. 6
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... .. 3	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 7
JOHN B. HESSEY ... .. 4	GEORGE MILES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Major Jerram, who was shortly leaving the district.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.	
JOHN THORPE (Cathedral) Treble	MAURICE WARD (Ranmoor) 5
J. OSGATHORPE (Ranmoor) 2	W. CHOWN (Pitsmoor) ... 6
J. E. L. COCKEY (Ranmoor) 3	FRANCIS WARD (Cathedral) 7
HAYDN THORPE (Cathedral) 4	CHAS. HAYNES (Ranmoor) Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal as conductor of Holt's Original.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.	
GEORGE GRAY ... .. Treble	JOSEPH LADLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 2	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 6
REGINALD DORE ... .. 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 7
DANIEL DYE ... .. 4	HERBERT FENTIMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON

\* First peal.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.	
W. CRANDON ... .. Treble	F. ILEY ... .. 5
J. BLACKMORE ... .. 2	G. CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 6
W. TANNER ... .. 3	L. PARKER ... .. 7
A. EVANS ... .. 4	J. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. PARKER.

\* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of 4, 5 and 6 belong to Burnham; the others are local men. The band wish to thank the Rector (Prebendary Norton Thompson) for the use of the bells.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.	
JOHN HAIGH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 5
EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 2	CHARLES WINSER ... .. 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7
WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 4	F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

\* First peal. † First in the method. Rung as a wedding peal for Mus. Victor Jarrett, R.E., who was married to Miss Violet Packer, both of Upchurch, the same afternoon.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
MRS. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Treble	MISS SARAH HOLT ... .. 5
MISS DORIS HOGDEN ... .. 2	JOHN HARRISON ... .. 6
MISS Cissy THORP ... .. 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
MISS ADA WOLSTENCROFT 4	FRANK FIDDLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MISS C. THORP.

\* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. ‡ First peal as conductress. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft and John Harrison.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
JOHN MILLETT ... .. Treble	* FRANCIS ROBERTSHAW ... 5
GEORGE STAFF ... .. 2	EDMUND SCHOFIELD ... .. 6
JOHN FITTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 7
JAMES JACQUES ... .. 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and  
Conducted by G. STAFF.

Rung as a compliment to J. Fitton on his 65th birthday. \* First peal in the method, and elected a member of the Lancashire Association previous to starting for peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HIGHGATE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
EDWARD CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 5
BENJAMIN FORKEIT ... .. 2	JOHN CORNFORD ... .. 6
CHARLES PRYOR ... .. 3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
RICHARD BEVAN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HARWIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. † First peal. Rung after meeting one short for Double Norwich.

HURST, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, WOKINGHAM.)  
On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S ONE-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.	
*EDWARD C. CLARK ... ..	Treble	NORMAN LAWRENCE ... ..	5
FRANK LUSH ... ..	2	*HARRY LOVELOCK ... ..	6
*WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... ..	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... ..	7
SAMUEL PAICE ... ..	4	*EDWARD BRANT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

\* First peal. Rung on St. Nicholas Day, and in honour of the recent enthronement of Dr. Burge as Bishop of the Diocese. With the exception of the conductor, the above are Sunday service ringers at All Saints', Wokingham.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
ALBERT ELLIS ... ..	Treble	GEORGE ELLIS ... ..	5
*WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... ..	2	JOHN RICE ... ..	6
*JAMES BURDFIELD ... ..	3	GEORGE ILLMAN ... ..	7
FRANCIS T. HOAD ... ..	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON.  
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal of Major.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.			
JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... ..	Treble	*MISS E. SHUTTLEWORTH ... ..	5
FRANK SHAW ... ..	2	WILLIAM RILEY ... ..	6
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... ..	3	JAMES SHAW ... ..	7
JACK BARNES ... ..	4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. A. Tomlinson hails from Blackburn.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... ..	Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... ..	5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... ..	2	*GEORGE W. STEERE ... ..	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... ..	3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..	7
*JOHN T. SCOTT ... ..	4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged to celebrate the induction of the Rector (the Rev. Canon E. C. Kirwan, M.A.) in his stall as an Hon. Canon of Winchester, which took place on December 11th, 1919. Also to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Holy Trinity Society's first peal, rung on December 12th, 1899.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.	
*THOMAS S. SMITH ... ..	Treble	EDWIN T. HOOPER ... ..	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... ..	2	LEONARD STILWELL ... ..	6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... ..	3	WILLIAM WELLING ... ..	7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..	4	*CHARLES FARR ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Mr. Smith celebrated the 28th, and the Conductor the 3rd anniversary of their wedding days, and the peal was arranged as a compliment to them.

We have been asked to publish the following peal which has not previously been put on record.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.			
HAROLD M. TAYLOR ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... ..	5
GEORGE PERRY ... ..	2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... ..	6
JAMES W. LEE ... ..	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... ..	7
GEORGE THURLOW ... ..	4	WILLIAM SAWYER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. C.C. Collection, Section 1, No. 61.  
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled for those fallen in the Great War. First peal by the ringer of the treble, and first peal on eight bells by the ringer of the third bell.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.			
*ARTHUR BAXTER ... ..	Treble	DANIEL REDHEAD ... ..	4
LEONARD J. WYMAN ... ..	2	FRANCIS BALL ... ..	5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... ..	3	†LESLIE GROOM ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods as conductor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.			
*REGINALD LAMBERT ... ..	Treble	JAMES WAGHORN ... ..	4
GEORGE FULLER ... ..	2	ALBERT RELFE ... ..	5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... ..	3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.			
*MISS SOPHIA SMITH ... ..	Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... ..	4
†HORACE COOPER ... ..	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... ..	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... ..	3	EDWARD WHITE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's called differently.

JOSEPH HALL ... ..	Treble	JAMES HEMMING ... ..	4
WILLIAM NEED ... ..	2	GEORGE ASHLEY ... ..	5
HUBERT SALISBURY ... ..	3	FREDERICK JOHNSON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. JOHNSON.

After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. H. Salisbury.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE & TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of London Scholars, College Exercise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt.

PEARL INSKIP ... .. Treble	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 5
EDMUND G. HOBBS ... .. 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,  
(NORTH-BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Violet, New London Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent.

PTK. H. LOVELL, M.G.C. Treble	E. G. MYNARD ... .. 4
F. J. MYNARD ... .. 2	W. FREEMAN ... .. 5
J. LOVELL ... .. 3	E. S. MYNARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

\* First peal.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 7, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES WALSH ... .. Treble	CHARLES D. POTTER ... .. 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM WOODCOCK ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PANTHER.

\* First peal of Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANCES;**

ALLEN H. BAILEY ... .. 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. 7-8
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 9-10	

Composed by D. PRENTICE, Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: C. SAMPSON.

\* First peal of Treble Ten 'in hand.'

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On Sunday, December 7, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT 128, HERTFORD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3-4	MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal in hand. Rung at the first meeting. First peal ever rung by two married couples.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in E.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. MELVILLE and MISSES M. & J. MELVILLE.

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## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

For the first time in its history the meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ecclesfield on Saturday week. About 60 members were present, representing the following towers: Anston, Barnsley, Darfield, Norton, Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Sheffield (Cathedral, All Saints', Ranmoor and St. Marie's), Staveley, Wath and Wortley. Ringing commenced before the advertised time, the local company kindly obliging six-bell visitors. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Violet and Duke of York were afterwards rung, and the service touch of Treble Bob, by the local ringers, gave the listeners an example of excellent striking.

A shortened form of evening service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Pawson), Mr. David Smith (churchwarden) reading the lesson, the organist and choir also giving their services. The Vicar preached an appropriate sermon from the text, "What mean ye by this service?" (Exod. xii. 26).

After service an excellent tea was served in the Scott Gully Memorial Hall, over 60 ringers and friends sitting down. At the business meeting following five new members were elected, and an invitation to hold the annual meeting in March, 1920, at Ranmoor met with unanimous approval. The thanks of the company to all who had made the meeting an enjoyable success were voiced by Mr. Willey (vice-president), ably seconded by Mr. C. D. Potter, and, in replying, the Vicar expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the association to Ecclesfield, and hoped the time was not far distant when they would come again. Mr. Smith also replied, and Messrs. T. Kitson and G. Lewis, who made all the necessary arrangements, replied on behalf of the local company.

During the evening tunes were rung on the handbells by Mr. T. Kitson and the Misses G. and E. Kitson. Various members of the association rang courses of Grandsire Cinques and Caters and touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Major.

## LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

The marriage of Mr. C. B. Powell and Miss Lizzie Notley took place at All Saints' Church, Llanbradach, on the morning of Dec. 9th, the bride being one of the local ringers. Needless to say, the bells rang out a merry peal as the newly-married pair left the church. An attempt was made for a quarter-peal, but it came to grief owing to a mishap to a stay. The ringers who took part in ringing were: Miss Doris Phillips 2, Miss Mabel Griffin 3, Stanley Voyzey 4, Frank Stevens 5, H. Cassel 6, W. Burgess 7, J. Williams 8.

The band of ringers at Llanbradach is the poorer by the departure of Miss Notley. She was very keenly interested in ringing, and while extending to Mr. and Mrs. Powell hearty good wishes for a long life and happiness, the ringers deeply regret the loss of such a true and enthusiastic ringer.

It was partly due to her influence that lady ringers found themselves installed in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Llanbradach, in 1917.

## METHOD TAPPING.

During the month of November, 1919, the following touches were tapped on handbells by Mr. A. T. Morris at his residence, 5, King's Head Street, Harwich. A quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 45 minutes. Witnessed by Mr. C. Taylor and Mrs. A. T. Morris; also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 minutes, 1008 Grandsire Triples 720 Kent, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. G. Taylor, and witnessed by Mrs. A. T. Morris.

## MANY BIRTHDAYS.

At Chislehurst, Kent, on Monday, December 1st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 40 minutes, by: T. Phillips 1, J. Emery (conductor) 2, F. Gorrington (longest length) 3, J. Ford 4, G. Durling 5, T. Groombridge, senr., 6, R. Brett-Smith 7, H. Durling 8. This was rung to celebrate the birthdays of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, the Rev. F. J. O. Holmore, hon. secretary of the Association, and Messrs. T. Phillips, R. Brett-Smith and J. Ford, of the local band.

## HOUGHTON BELLS REHUNG.

At Houghton, Durham, the bells have just been rehung and quarter-turned, and are running well. On November 30th, for evening service, the first 720 Plain Bob Minor by a local band was rung. Mr. R. Parkinson, who hails from Chorley, Lancashire, being conductor: J. Spearman 1, T. Masters 2, S. Robinson 3, R. Parkinson 4, J. Masters 5, A. Spearman 6.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at St. James' Haslingden, on Saturday Nov. 29th, members being present from Rawton-stall, Helmshore, Newchurch, and Ramsbottom, in addition to the local branch. Touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung during the evening, and thanks were accorded to the Vicar and wardens for the use of bells, and to the local ringers. The next branch meeting will be at Waterfoot (six-bells), on January 9th.

## THE ART UNDER 'INTENSIVE CULTURE.'

### WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AT PICKERING.

What can be done by keenness and practice in making rapid strides in ringing under a course of 'intensive' instruction is detailed in the following article contributed by a member of the new band at Pickering, Yorkshire:—

On April 1st, 1910, our new peal of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank was dedicated by the Archbishop of York, and we are proud to think they were the first peace peal to be hung. At the time of the opening we had to import a band of ringers to ring the first peal, because, having had only three bells before, we had only three ringers.

Having got the bells, our next difficulty was to form a new band of ringers. Luckily for all concerned, Mr. John Thomas who represented the firm of Mears and Stainbank, was present at the opening, and he it was who suggested to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Drage) that we should have someone to train us for a month. By the kind permission of Mr. A. A. Hughes we were able to secure the services of Mr. Thomas, who came to us on May 5th.

The first week was very uphill work, as most of us had never even handled a bell before, but before the week was over eight boys and 12 ladies were able to ring, and at both services on the Sunday some very good rounds were rung on eight bells.

The second week was spent in learning the rudiments of change ringing on handbells, and some of us had a very busy time puzzling over such terms as 'making thirds,' 'dodging up and down,' etc. The work, however, proved very fascinating, and we made up our minds not to be beaten, with the result that by the end of the second week at least ten of us were able to ring Bobs and Singles on the six bells without the help of Mr. Thomas.

Now began our third week, when we had to apply on the ropes what we had learnt on the handbells, and needless to say we one and all found this a very difficult though interesting task. During this week we experienced some exciting times, but owing to the patience and untiring energy of our instructor, and the keenness and perseverance of the ringers, we were able on the Sunday to ring some very good plain courses of Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 7 and 8 covering.

In the last week of our tuition, accompanied by Mr. Thomas, we paid a visit to St. Leonard's Church, Malton, and, by the kind permission of the Vicar, we were able to ring the bells. This being our first visit to a strange tower, we naturally felt a little nervous, but we very soon got over the fright. The local ringers were surprised at the way we handled our bells, and many were the congratulations we got from the general public of Malton when they heard the bells had been rung by ladies from Pickering, who had only been learning three weeks. Our Vicar and Instructor, I am sure, must have felt very proud of us. Before Mr. Thomas left several of us rang our first six-score on the tower bells, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the handbells by the following ladies: Miss Simpson 1, Miss Blench 2, Miss Henderson 3, Mr. J. Thomas 4, Miss Horner 5 and 6, the ten different six-scores being called by Mr. Thomas.

Our month of instruction passed only too quickly, and on the last Sunday afternoon we had the opportunity of expressing our gratitude to our instructor, when the Vicar, on behalf of himself and the ringers, presented Mr. Thomas with a silver inkstand as a memento of his month spent at Pickering.

We shall ever feel grateful to Mr. Thomas for establishing in our town of Pickering the ancient art of change ringing.

We have now two bands of ringers in Pickering, one of men and one of women, the latter being made members of the Women's Guild at their recent meeting at Edmonton.

Since Mr. Thomas left we have had a visit from Mr. Hughes, who gave up several useful hints, congratulated us on our progress, and found us still as keen as ever. Several experienced ringers have also visited the town during the summer, and they were all pleased with the tone of the bells, which they say are quite up to the standard of the founders.

On November 19th, to our great delight, Mr. Thomas paid us a second visit. Although he was only able to stay two nights, he helped us considerably, and now we are able to ring the plain course of Grandsire Triples. Mr. Thomas is arranging to spend a fortnight with us in the spring, and we are all eagerly looking forward to his visit.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The second quarterly meeting of the Clum District took place at Bishop's Castle on Saturday week, and, in spite of the dismal weather, ten members put in an appearance, and ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock. The district Ringing Master (Rev. H. J. Scott) presided at the meeting, and one new ringing member and ten probationers were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Knighton in February.

A capital tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, provided by Mrs. C. Minton. Afterwards the members attended evensong, and then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, being joined by more of the local men who had been unable to attend earlier in the afternoon.

## NOTICES.

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THE CHARGE FOR NOTICES of Meetings inserted under this heading will in future be at the rate of 3d. per line (average 8 words) per insertion, with a minimum charge of 1/6.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Uckfield on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th). Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock (by kind invitation). Half railway fare.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th. Service at 3.30. Bells available before and after the service. St. Woolos' bells will also be available during the day until 3 o'clock and again after the meeting. Business meeting to follow the service.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones, Hon. Secs.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A District meeting will be held at East Retford on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. East Retford (10 bells), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be available during the day, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Dec. 27th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at 5 at Mr. Smith's, East Street.—A. W. Grove, Div. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, December 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. S. Cox, Burghley Offices.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 30th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—Notice of motion for the meeting on Dec. 30th has been given concerning Rules i and iv.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

THE SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The first meeting in the New Year will be held at Eckington on Saturday, January 3rd, 1920. Eight bells available from 3 o'clock. Will members note that any alteration to rules must be made in writing before January 1st to Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield?

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, 1920, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30; tea at 5.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Archdeaconry of Ely. — A district meeting will be held at Fen Ditton (5 bells), near Cambridge, on Saturday, January 3rd, 1920. Ringing from 2.30 onwards. Tea provided by the Rector. Will those who intend to be present let me know by December 31st?—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 1920 (in place of Burley). Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A big meeting will be held at Cobham (6) on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 1920. Bells available from 3—9. Subscriptions will be due for 1920, and the Secretary hopes to be in attendance. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, January 10th. Bells available at 3. Short service in church with an address at 5.15. Tea, 1s., at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, Jan. 6th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells of Holy Trinity (10), All Saints' (8), Sutton-on-Hull (6), will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in church at 5; tea 5.30; meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. T. S. Morton, 83, Blenheim St., Hull, not later than Jan. 6th. Tea 1/- per head.—W. Hinton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Volta Avenue, Selby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday afternoon, 17th January. Ringing from 2 o'clock; committee meeting, 4 o'clock; tea, 5 o'clock, at 1/3 per head for those who notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, not later than the 13th January. General meeting after tea. Notice of any proposed alteration to Rules should reach me before this meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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

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**GREETINGS.**

Bart Mitchell, late of 148, Leacroft Road, Derby, has removed to Woodbine Villa, Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, and in wishing all friends a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous New Year, hopes to hear from his ringing associates, as he is now away from a change-ringing band.

A Real Happy Xmas and the Best of Luck to all Ringing Friends is the wish of J. Hunt, Taunton.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND. — On Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (42 singles): P. E. Clarke 1, H. Argent 2, G. A. Jones 3, F. Hayes 4, G. Ambrose 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. First 720 and first attempt by P. E. Clarke, late sergt-instructor of gunnery, R.M.L.I., who was on a visit to Milton from Ealing, Middlesex.

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