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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,

Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

DEAD HEROES HONoured.

The suggestion which was made that the bells should be muffled on All Saints' Day as a tribute to the memory of the dead who have given their lives in the present appalling war, led to a very large number of bells in all parts of the country ringing out their solemn messages on Sunday, and, in many cases also on Monday, which was All Souls' Day, and which numerous clergy favoured in preference to the Church Festival which occurred on the preceding day. Whatever may be the views of our readers upon the appropriateness of the occasion for ringing for such a purpose, there can be but one view as to the fitness of the bells to interpret national feeling on a matter of this kind. Where the suggestion was carried out there is every reason to believe the sentiment expressed by the muffled bells was fully appreciated by the parishioners, and, we may take it, the action of the ringers had, in each case, the full sanction of the incumbent. Indeed, not a few clergy took the opportunity, not only of informing the public of the object of the muffled ringing, but of utilising the occasion thus presented of themselves paying a tribute to our fallen heroes.

In addition to the large number of letters which we published in our last issue, further communications have since reached us. Some few had reference to the advisability of ringing on All Souls' Day in preference to All Saints' Day, but, as they were too late to insert last week and as the event is now past, and they can have no good effect in influencing opinion, we feel sure our correspondents will not take it as any slight that their letters are not given in this issue. Two writers, however, make further suggestions this week, by way of supporting some general action for periodically paying a tribute to the brave who have fallen. We doubt, however, whether the public would care too often to hear the muffled bells. The marking of our otherwise mute grief and respect for those who have laid down their lives by the setting apart of a special day, we feel, makes our action as ringers much more pointed, although one can quite appreciate the fact that, if we want to show further the feeling we have, it might be emphasised as something more than a passing expression of our recognition of the sacrifice that has been made if muffled ringing took place at stated intervals.

There is this much that may be said further. Unless something in the nature of periodical "tolling for the brave" were adopted, we could not well ring muffled for the departed until the complete close of the war unless we accept some special day as suitable for this form of recognition. If the struggle last for two or three years, as it not inconceivably may, then we should have been delaying for a long time our tribute to those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of right and liberty.

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MUFFLED PEALS.

The following muffled and half-muffled peals were rung as a tribute to the glorious memory of those who have laid down their lives by land and sea in the war which is now being waged for right and liberty:—

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH OGDEN Treble	HARRY HAMPSON 5
SAMUEL STOTT 2	FRANK CHAPMAN 6
*ASA WILD 3	HERBERT BARLOW 7
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 4	CHARLES E. PLATT... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK CHAPMAN.

* First peal. This composition with the 4th and 6th the extent in 5—6, is now rung for the first time.
Rung with the bells fully muffled.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

EDWIN CHAPMAN... .. Treble	HENRY NORMAN 5
WILLIAM CHAPMAN 2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS... 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	ISAAC CREED 7
ALBERT TOUT 4	ROBERT CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT V. MOORE Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	FRED R. KITTLEBORO ... 6
EDWARD ROBBINS 3	THOMAS RILEY... .. 7
*FRED W. BEMROSE 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PETER INCE'S VARIATION OF TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE Treble	PETER NUTTALL 5
GEORGE PINCOTT... .. 2	P.C. PETER CROOK... .. 6
JOSEPH PENNINGTON 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
JOHN DAVIS 4	*JOHN FISHWICK... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER INCE.

* First peal. Rung prior to morning service with the bells deeply muffled.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On All Saints' Day, Sunday, Nov. 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven 720's called differently, and with 6—8 covering.
Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DYE Treble	CECIL EBBERSON 5
ARTHUR BALDWIN 2	GEORGE BEVERLEY 6
*FRANK HARRISON 3	ROBERT W. COOKE 7
CHARLES WYBROW 4	CHARLES S. TOTHILL ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. COOKE.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES GOULDING Treble	JAMES BLAKEMAN 5
JAMES THOMAS 2	JOHN W. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM FISHER 3	ALBERT GOULDING 7
NOAH REES 4	FREDERICK SANDFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. DAVIS.

Rung with the bells muffled.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

SAMUEL PAGE Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
NATHAN PAYMORE 2	ERNEST A. OVERALL 5
EDWARD H. KING 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Rung with the bells muffled.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHARLWOOD BRANCH).

On Sunday, November 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent, two of Woodbine, three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

G. WICKENS, Senr. Treble	G. WICKENS, Junr. 4
*P. WICKENS 2	B. KING 5
A. KNAPP 3	A. ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by A. ELLIS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BERTRAM Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
EDWARD CHATTEN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

Reports of other muffled peals rung reached us too late for insertion this week.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5—6
MAURICE SMITHER 3—4	FRANK BLONDELL 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and J. T. LEE.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT 405, KINGSLAND ROAD, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY 1—2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5—6
HERBERT LANGDON 3—4	ALFRED B. PECK 7—8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: J. BARRY.

Mr. W. Alps also heard the last half of the peal.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions to the National Relief Fund and the Belgian Refugees' Fund have been received since the publication of our last list:

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	39	12	6
Romney Marsh and District Guild (per Mr. G. J. Youngs, hon. secretary)	1	0	0
Mr. C. Slingsby, Aldington	0	2	0
Ringers of Hadleigh, Suffolk, Parish Church (per Mr. T. Reed)	0	4	6
Bushey Society, October collection (per Mr. B. Prewett)	0	5	0
Spitalfields Foundry Guild (per Mr. J. Hunt)	3	0	0
Ringers of St. Peter's, Portishead (per Mr. W. Gillingham)	0	5	0
Ringers of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton (Messrs. T. O'Connor, H. Farlow, H. Hawkswood, F. Darroll, E. Mitchell, W. G. Hall, B. Clark, A. Little, I. Purser, T. Smith, J. Williams, J. F. Simpson and H. Knight) (per Mr. H. Knight)	0	10	0
Ringers of Ickleton, Cambs. (per Mr. P. J. Webb)	0	5	0
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Collection at the Annual Service at Newcastle Cathedral (per Mr. R. Stephenson, hon. secretary)	1	4	6
St. Mary's Society, Brecon (Messrs. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, A. Matthews, R. Kinsey, W. Hargest, G. Hardwick, W. Fletcher, C. Beech, C. Powell, W. Griffiths and W. Evans) (per Mr. W. Evans)	0	10	0
Total	£46	18	6

BELGIAN REFUGEES' FUND.

	£	s.	d.
St. Wulfram's Society, Grantham	1	0	0
"Wanderer"	0	2	0
"Mrs. Wanderer"	0	2	0
Total	£1	4	0

MUFFLED TOUCHES.

The following, among other touches, were rung with bells muffled to the memory of those who have died in the service of their King and country:—

TIPTON, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, on the Eve of All Saints' Day, two six-scores of Stedman Doubles, and five courses of Grandsire Triples, conducted by William R. Small. On All Saints' Day, for morning service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), composed by the late William Micklewright, of Dudley, and conducted by Alfred Rowley. For evening service, 209 of Grandsire Triples, followed by the whole pull and stand. The following ringers (all members of the local band) took part: W. R. Small, J. Smith, A. Rowley, J. Small, H. S. Smith, G. Williams, J. Whereton, D. Jinks, S. Corbett and T. W. Cattel.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.—On Saturday, October 31st, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): G. Wilburn 1, D. England 2, E. Purdy 3, H. Marshall 4, C. W. King 5, M. Tate 6, H. Ludkii (conductor) 7, J. Drake 8.

PORTSHEAD, SOMERSET.—At St. Peter's Church, on All Saints' Eve, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Watts 1, E. Goldstone 2, Miss A. M. Hole 3, Miss N. Gillingham 4, Miss R. M. Hole 5, Miss N. Gillingham 6, Wm. Gillingham 7, Miss M. E. N. Jukes 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on All Saints' Day, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Doubles: G. Camp 1, F. Camp 2, P. Minnett (Ingatstone) 3, A. Bradley 4, W. Green (conductor) 5.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, November 1st, at Christ Church, Southgate, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Pickworth 1, A. R. Glascock 2, G. Bester 3, J. E. Miller 4, E. G. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, F. G. Tegg 8. Also short touches for evening service, N. A. Tomlinson taking part. Rung with bells half-muffled, with the approval of the Vicar.

BELBROUGHTON.—At the Parish Church the bells were muffled on Sunday. For morning service several six-scores of Doubles were rung, and for evening service 720 Plain Bob: G. Hubbard 1, H. Martin, junr., 2, J. Parton 3, W. Short 4, G. Poplin 5, H. Martin, senr. (conductor) 6.

SWANMORE.—Winchester Guild.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, with the bells muffled, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: Roy Linter 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishley 3, E. Jacobs 4, A. Millard 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6. For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: Roy Linter 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishley 3, F. Linter 4, Walter Linter (conductor) 5, W. Linter 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: Roy Linter 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishley 3, F. Linter 4, A. Millard 5, W. Linter (cond.) 6.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, with the bells muffled, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: for children's service in the afternoon, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: P. Webb (conductor) 1, A. Starr 2, E. Webb 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, A. G. Lilley 6. For evening service, touches of Woodbine Treble Bob and Grandsire, with Pte H. Carder taking part.

WHITBOURNE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 1st (All Saints' Day), for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. Warman 1, S. Lewis 2, G. Soley (conductor) 3, G. Jones 4, W. Ranford 5, W. Morris 6. After service an attempt was made for 720 of Plain Bob Minor, but was lost at the last call, owing to a change course: H. Warman 1, S. Lewis 2, G. Jones 3, W. Ranford 4, R. J. Caswell 5, G. Soley (conductor) 6.

BEDFORD.—Bedfordshire Association.—At St. Peter de Merton's, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, with the bells muffled, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor, and 540 Oxford Treble Bob. For evening service, 720 Norfolk Surprise Minor, and a course of Kent Treble Bob: A. Robinson 1, Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Miss E. Steel 4, W. Finedon 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On All Saints' Day, Nov. 1st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob, with the bells deeply muffled: J. Pardoe 1, B. S. Hill 2, J. Woodyatt 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, G. Hinton, junr., 5, W. Edgington 8.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—At St. Martin's Church, on All Saints' Day, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 360 Grandsire Doubles.

AMERSHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, with the bells muffled, for morning and evening service, touches of Doubles.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for service, with the bell muffled, 630 Grandsire Triples: E. Hookham 1, H. Gillett 2, F. E. Davis 3, R. Hookham 4, E. Hill 5, E. Pardon 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday morning, Nov. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., with the bells deeply muffled: C. Longstroth 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, A. R. Jones (conductor) 3, W. Bradley 4, J. Longstroth 5, G. C. Wane (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.—For evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 46 mins.: C. Starley 1, W. Wheeler 2, T. Gasson 3, E. Davey 4, A. Absalom 5, G. Lewis 6, W. Vincent (conductor) 7, W. Walder 8.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Thomas's Church, with

bells half-muffled, after evening service, on All Saints' Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Samuel Spittle 1, Harry Faulks 2, John W. Mills 3, John Goodman, junr. (conductor) 4, John Goodman, senr., 5, Herbert Sheppard 6, William Goodman 7, William Meeks 8. The touch, which contains the 24, 6-7's, was composed by the late Mr. Harvey Reeves.

CROYDON.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. States 1, A. Clark 2, W. S. Wise (conductor) 3, L. P. Taylor 4, J. Talbot 5, A. Jones 6, W. Groves 7, E. Pope 8.

READING, BERKS. Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Monday evening, Nov. 2nd, at St. Giles's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Neighbour 1, L. Osborne 2, A. H. Burgess 3, Miss Ethel Goodship 4, A. Bailey 5, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 6, F. Griffin 7, H. Osborne 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Dewick 1, H. J. Tucker 2, H. C. Edwards 3, C. A. Valentine 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6. Also 360 of Oxford Treble Bob: A. Clarke 1, H. J. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, H. C. Edwards 4, T. C. Tompkins (conductor) 5, C. A. Valentine 6.

SKIPTON.—At the Parish Church (Holy Trinity), on Sunday morning, with the bells deeply muffled, 360 of Violet Treble Bob Minor. For evening service, 600 of Superlative Surprise Major was struck, with the bells half-muffled, following which a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with the bells open.

REDDISIL.—At St. Elizabeth's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Sumner 1, Edith R. Barnes 2, A. Barnes (conductor) 3, F. Needham 4, W. Eckersley 5, J. A. Teale 6, J. Barnes, tenor, covering. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Sumner 1, A. Barnes (conductor) 2, Edith R. Barnes 3, H. Smithson 4, W. Eckersley 5, F. Needham 6, J. E. Barnes 7, J. Barnes tenor. First 720 Kent. J. A. Teale hails from Leeds, Yorkshire.

BUILT WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.—The bells were rung half-muffled for three services on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles being rung in the evening: P. S. Sparkes 1, R. E. Sparkes 2, W. H. Bicknell 3, P. R. Sparkes 4, T. J. Dixon (conductor) 5. It was only possible to ring five bells, as three of the band have gone on foreign service with the Territorials.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, at St. Leonard's Church, Shore-ditch, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 59 mins.: C. H. Horton 1, R. W. Green 2, C. H. Hughes 3, H. J. Walton (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. A. Alps 6, W. Hewitt 7, A. A. Hughes 8, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 9, J. Hunt 10.

FLINDSBURY, KENT. On Monday, Nov. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, two 720's of Bob Doubles.

Among other towers where muffled ringing took place were:—

Rollaston-on-Dove Parish Church, near Burton-on-Trent.
Milnrow Parish Church, Lancs.
Barthomley Parish Church, Cheshire.
Rumney (St. Augustine's), near Cardiff.
Bradfield Parish Church, Berks.
Chiddingstone Parish Church, Kent.
Heptonstall (St. Thomas's), Lancs.
Billingshurst Parish Church, Sussex.
Pendleton Parish Church, Lancs.
Mayfield Parish Church, Sussex.
Hawkshead Parish Church.
Congresbury Parish Church, Somerset.
Soldhill Parish Church, Birmingham.
Weston Pavell Parish Church, Northants.
Pontypridd (St. Catharine's), South Wales.
Farnham Parish Church, Surrey.
Bridgwater (St. Mary's), Somerset.
Huntspill (St. Peter's), Somerset.
Chedzoy (Parish Church), Somerset.
Enmore (Parish Church), Somerset.
Wembden (Parish Church), Somerset.
Pawlett (St. John the Baptist's), Somerset.
Spaxton (Parish Church), Somerset.
Devizes (St. James the Great, Southbroom).
Devizes (St. John the Baptist's).
Truro Cathedral, Cornwall.
Uckfield (Parish Church), Sussex.
East Peckham (St. Michael's), Kent.
Middlezey (Parish Church), Somerset, on Monday evening.
Reports of muffled ringing in a large number of other towers reached us too late for insertion this week.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER.—During a meeting of the Lincoln Guild (Grimsby District, a quarter-peal of Minor (180 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob), in 47 mins.: T. H. Parkin 1, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, C. H. Bird 3, A. Long 4, J. Cooper 5, J. W. Seamer 6.

SEAFOORD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original: G. Clark 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, C. Morling 3, H. Macey 4, H. Clark 5, G. Piper 6, R. J. Dawo 7, G. Banks 8.

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ALL SAINTS', POPLAR.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The steeple contains a peal of ten bells, tenor 52 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. diameter, weight about 25 cwt. The bells are in two tiers, the four lighter bells being above the rest. The inscriptions are as follows, the nine front bells being all alike:

Treble to Ninth (inclusive).

T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1822.

Tenor.

ALL SAINTS POPLAR 1822. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, POPLAR.

The first peal on the bells was rung at the Consecration of the Church, and is recorded in the following terms:

"SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—At the Consecration of this Church, July 3rd, 1823, the above Society rang a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 5094 changes, in 3 hours 27 minutes. This is the first peal ever rung on these bells."

Then follow the names of the ringers, which include G. Gross and T. Gross, J. Nash and other well-known Cumberlands of that period.

There are also tablets in the belfry recording the following peals, all rung by the Society of Cumberland Youths:

May 30th, 1830, 5292 Stedman Caters, in 3 hours 31 minutes.

May 4th, 1833, 5003 Grandsire Caters, in 3 hours 20 minutes.

January 11th, 1842, 5440 Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hours 42 minutes.

Another tablet runs as follows:

"SOCIETY OF CUMBERLANDS.—On Friday, March 17th,

1846, was rung in this steeple a true and complete Peal of CATERS on STEDMAN'S principle, consisting of 7025 changes, in 4 hours and 42 minutes.

H. W. HALEYTreble

W. H. BURWASHSecond

CHAS. GOOZEEThird

WILLM. LOBBFourth

JAS. STICKBURYFifth

CHAS. WILSONSixth

WILLM. KELLIOTTSeventh

THOS. MICHAELEighth

WILLM. GOLDINGNinth

WILLM. BRETTTenor

The above Peal contains 65 courses, with 2 singles, one in the second course, and one in the 62nd, there being 60 courses out of course, with treble in 2nd's place, and the 7th, 8th and 9th undisturbed, and is the first time the extent of 60 courses has ever been rung; Composed and called by H. W. Haley."

The following peals have also been rung here by the Cumberland Society: 5280 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, Dec. 5th, 1825; 5040 Grandsire Triples, March 27th, 1826; 5219 Grandsire Caters, Dec. 4th, 1826; 5040 Grandsire Triples, Nov. 17th, 1828. Also by the Junior Cumberland Society, 5183 Grandsire Caters, Dec. 15th, 1823; and 5040 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, June 25th, 1827.

THE SERVICE PEAL.

RINGERS SCATTERED BUT BOARD UNVEILED.

At a time when the sister services are fighting in a life and death struggle for liberty and right, for home and motherland, there is a peculiar interest in the little ceremony which has just taken place in Gillingham Church. Last January, it may be remembered, eight members of the Army and Navy rang a peal of Bob Major at St. Mary's Church, Gillingham, and a board recording the performance has just been erected, and unveiled. At the time when the peal was rung, the intention was to have the band photographed, and arrangements were made accordingly. This, however, did not come off, for, at the last moment, one of the band was put on the sick list, and showed up late, with the result that there was just time for the peal. "Oh, well," they commented, "we will have a board and all meet again for the opening and the photograph." But "the best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft agley." The band is now distributed as follows: The ringer of the treble, H.M.S. 'Blenheim'; 2nd, H.M.S. 'Implacable'; 3rd, H.M.S. 'Endeavour'; 4th, at the front; 5th, at the front; 6th, at Chatham; 7th, at the front; tenor, H.M.S. 'Duncan.'

But the unveiling has taken place, nevertheless, and the conductor, favoured with a brief respite ashore after three strenuous months afloat, in the course of which, however, his ship was not called upon to fire an angry shot, was able to attend. The hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, under whose auspices the peal was rung, was also present. The board was unveiled by Mrs. Robins, who was accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Robins, D.D.), and the lady was accorded a vote of thanks for her services. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples followed, but from the band that rang the peal which the board commemorates, many, of course, were absent. We hope, and in this hope every member of the Exercise will join, that the eight men who rang that peal of Bob Major last January will, when they have helped to add lustre to the British arms and, after victory, peace has been restored, gather once more in the tower and celebrate the unveiling as they originally intended.

The peal board is inscribed as follows:—

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8th, 1914, in 2 hours and 57 minutes. There was rung in this tower a peal of Bob Major (5056 changes) by the following members of the above Association, all of whom belong to His Majesty's service:—

William A. Cooke, Warrant Officer, Royal NavyTreble

Frederick A. Holden, Lance-Sergeant, Royal Marines ..2nd

Alfred A. Playle, stoker, Royal Navy3rd

Frederick J. Souter, private, Essex Regiment4th

George Gilbert, corporal, Royal Engineers5th

Victor A. Jarrett, musician, Royal Engineers6th

Percy Gibbs, private, King's Own Regiment7th

James Bennett, lance-sergeant, Royal MarinesTenor

Composed and conducted by F. A. Holden.

This is the first peal ever rung by an Army and Navy band of ringers, and was rung at the first attempt.

Rev Canon Robins, D.D., Vicar: M. H. Atkins and G. Lewis, churchwardens; William Haigh, steeplekeeper.

There has been a long connection between ringers of the Services at St. Mary's, Gillingham. As far back as 30 years ago, Ned Andrews, musician, R.E., was the recognised authority on change ringing in the district, and in the early 90's came Corporal Lindoff, R.E., who left an everlasting name. Since then the number of service ringers has increased, and so, too, have their facilities in that district which is such an important military centre. Less than 20 years ago Gillingham possessed the only peal in the neighbourhood, now there are no fewer than five peals of eight within reach.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Appended is a further list of ringers serving with H.M. Forces:—

Charles Mason, of SS. Mary and Laurence Church, Bolsover, farrier at the front.

Pte R. Barker, of Skipton, Yorks, 2nd Reserve Battalion, 6th Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), now at Skipton.

Bugler H. J. Ross, of St. Mary's, Horsey, 7th Middlesex Regiment (T.), now at Barnet.

H. Burton, and

G. J. Yardley, of St. Michael's Church, Rushall, Grenadier Guards, now at Caterham, Surrey.

Driver C. H. Brown, of Alfreton, Royal Field Artillery, now at Ipswich.

Lieut. Corpl. C. Green, of All Saints', Marlow, National Reserve, Gunner Walter Aldridge, R.N., of Merthyr Tydvil, H.M.S. "Illustrious."

Pte Reginald G. Williams, of St. Peter's, Portishead, Somerset Light Infantry, now on his way to India.

Alfred Booty, of Fryerning, Essex, R.H.A.

Edward Sitch, of Fryerning, 9th Essex Regiment.

Three members of the Gooles Parish Church have joined:—

Pte D. Carmichael, 3rd Hull Battalion.

Pte J. Spence, 2nd Hull (Commercial) Battalion.

Trooper W. Gilder, Imperial Yeomanry (Yorkshire Dragoons).

The vice-president of the band (the Rev. H. C. Forster) is chaplain to the 2nd Brigade, R.N.R.

Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, has now sent three members from the company of nine, viz.:—

John Burles, R.G.A., at present at Gravesend.

Sidney Bannister, R.E., at present at Gillingham.

Sidney Simmonds, A.S.C., at present at Gravesend.

Walter Poston, of Whitburne, Worcestershire, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, now at Aldershot.

Corpl. J. Hinkman, of Bosbury, Herefordshire, 1st Herefordshire Regiment, now at Ipswich.

Gunner W. Shuck, of Bosbury, R.G.A., now at Gosport.

Corpl. G. R. Goodship, of St. Giles's, Reading, A Squadron, Berks Yeomanry.

Pte Henry Watkins, St. Catharine's, Pontypridd, 5th Welsh Territorials, now at Neyland.

D. Morgan, of Rumney, Cardiff, South Wales Borderers.

The following members of the Ickleton company are serving with the Territorials:—

A. E. Carder,

H. Carder,

G. Clements, and

W. Godfrey.

From St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, the following are serving:—

Corpl. W. H. Lawley, 4th South Staffs Regiment, at present in Jersey.

Tpr. H. Gibson, Staffordshire Yeomanry, at present in Suffolk.

Tpr. R. Thompson, Staffordshire Yeomanry, in Suffolk.

H. Jones, Embarkation Staff, A.S.C., at Avonmouth.

In addition to those mentioned previously, the following members of the Wyke Regis band are serving:

Corpl. F. Hutchinson, and

Gnr. C. Stubbington, Hants Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (T.).

OFF TO INDIA.

The Portishod ringers recently did honour to one of their members, Reginald G. Williams, who joined the colours in the early part of September, and came home for a few hours to bid his friends goodbye prior to sailing for India. Miss Jukes, on behalf of the band, asked him to accept a dressing case, which was suitably inscribed, and remarked that the ringers were proud to think that one of their members should be among the first recruits to set foot in India.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham district was held on Saturday week at St. Margaret's, Lee. The bells were raised at 4 p.m., and various touches were brought round until the service, at which an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector). After the service an adjournment was made to the King's Hall, where a splendid tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was waiting, to which a company of 33 sat down. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. Lewisham was selected as the place of the next quarterly meeting, on the last Saturday in January, 1915.—The District Secretary then read his annual report, which was adopted. The district secretary and representative (Messrs. T. Groombridge, senr., and W. J. Jeffries) were both re-elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and his address, for providing the tea, and presiding over the meeting.—The Rector, responding, said it gave him very great pleasure to meet such a body of men (he was considered too severe for ladies), and to do what he had done, and if at any time they were hard up for a place of meeting, they could come to St. Margaret's, Lee, and he should be pleased to meet them again in the same way (applause).—This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited.

RINGERS AS WITNESSES.

On Wednesday evening in last week, the Fakenham bell ringers met at "Mansfield," Nelson Road, Fakenham, the residence of Mr. F. Harrison, an esteemed member of the band, for the purpose of binding as an apprentice George A. Cooke, a junior member of the company, to the trade of general stonemason to Mr. Frank Harrison, stone and marble mason. After the legal document had been read over, it was signed by Messrs. G. A. Cooke, F. Harrison, R. Cooke and Chas. S. Tutthill, all members and bell ringers of Fakenham. Afterwards they were joined by Messrs. Dye, Baldwin, Ebberson, Beverley and Wy. Brow, and a handbell peal of Bob Major was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing over an hour. Refreshments and a few short speeches brought the interesting evening to a close.

PRESENTATION AT LEWES, SUSSEX.

The services of a former secretary of the Southover (Lewes) Guild were fittingly recognised on Sunday week, by a presentation which took place in the belfry. During a short break in the touches for evening service, Mr. J. T. Glandfield, in the course of a few interesting remarks, referred to the valued services Mr. E. J. Pannett had rendered to the Guild during the 12 years he had been connected with it, and for the latter part of which time he had acted as hon. secretary. Mr. Glandfield said when Mr. Pannett resigned in March last it was felt some recognition of his services should be made. The speaker then read the list of subscribers, and called upon the Rector to make the presentation.—The Rev. T. H. Windle said he fully appreciated what had been done, and agreed with what had been said. He (the Rector) then handed Mr. Pannett a gold bell watch pendant, suitably inscribed, and a brooch for Mrs. Pannett, and wished the recipients God's blessing in their new home.—Mr. Pannett, who now resides at Lewisham, in reply, referred to the happy times he had spent with the members of the Guild, and said they were often in his thoughts. He had no doubt, with the present Rector at their head and an efficient staff of officers, they would continue to prosper.—Among those present, in addition to the Rev. T. H. Windle and the Rev. A. S. Denny, were Mr. J. T. Glandfield, Mr. F. A. Walton and Mr. H. E. White (vice-presidents), Mr. F. S. Sturt (captain), Mr. C. Errey (hon. secretary), Miss Pannett, and a full muster of ringing members.

BEQUEST FOR BELL RINGERS.

It is seldom in these days that we hear of bequests to bell ringers, although there are a few instances where present-day ringers enjoy the benefactions of those who, in bygone days, left tangible expression of their appreciation of the bells, such, for instance, as at Saffron Walden. In a will that has just been proved, however, the ringers of a Herefordshire village have been remembered by a testator. Mr. William Henry Barneby, of Longworth, Hereford, who died on July 6th, aged 71, leaving £68,000, left five guineas each to the bell ringers of Bredenbury Parish Church. His directions for a simple funeral included the desire to be carried to his grave, and not taken in a hearse, and, if that were inconvenient, to be borne on a farm waggon or spring trolley.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting took place at Newcastle on Saturday, when the following officers were elected: President, Mr. C. L. Routledge; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Ferry, J. Pallister, Rev. A. W. Lister and Mr. R. Stephenson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. T. Potter (vice Mr. R. Stephenson, resigned); auditor, Dr. M. C. Potter. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

THE BELLS OF LUNDY ISLAND.

To the Editor.

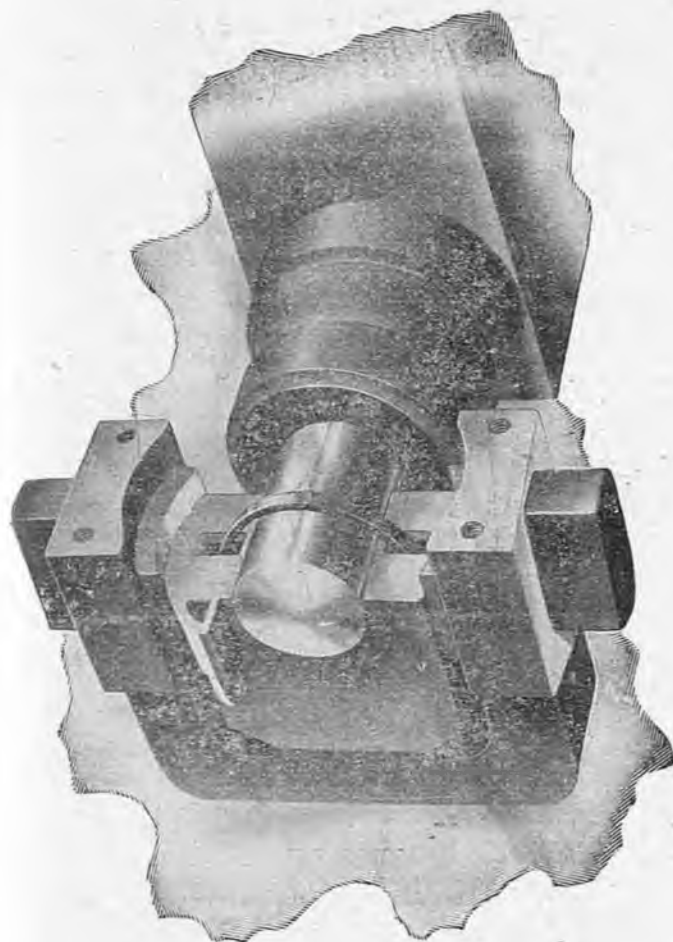
Dear Sir,—It is with regret that we note from your valued paper of the apparent impossibility of anyone getting over to this Island for the purpose of making heard this beautiful peal of bells. For your information we may say that this peal was turned out of our foundry, and was made entirely to the design of Mr. Evans himself. We have received ample testimony of their beautiful and melodious tone from people who have heard them out at sea. To our minds it does seem a shame that something cannot be done to have these bells rung more frequently. Perhaps the airing of the matter in your valuable paper may lead to some tangible suggestion being put forward for the elucidation of this problem.—Yours faithfully,

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BAGSHOT BELLS.

The bells of Bagshot Parish Church have undergone a thorough restoration. The old six have been rebung in iron frames, and two new trebles added, making a peal of eight, with tenor of 17 cwt. 19 lbs., in E flat. The work having been done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The dedication of bells will take place on Wednesday, 18th November, at 7.30 p.m., and all ringers are invited.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 8th, 1914, and 168 Grandsire Triples: G. Turner 1. R. Lathbury 2. H. Sharp 3. T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 4. P. Pinder 5. P. Fordham 6. W. Stannard 7. A. Turner 8. Ring with the bells half-muffled, after a memorial service for Lieut. H. C. Davis, of Wamel Hall, who was killed in action on Sept. 28th.



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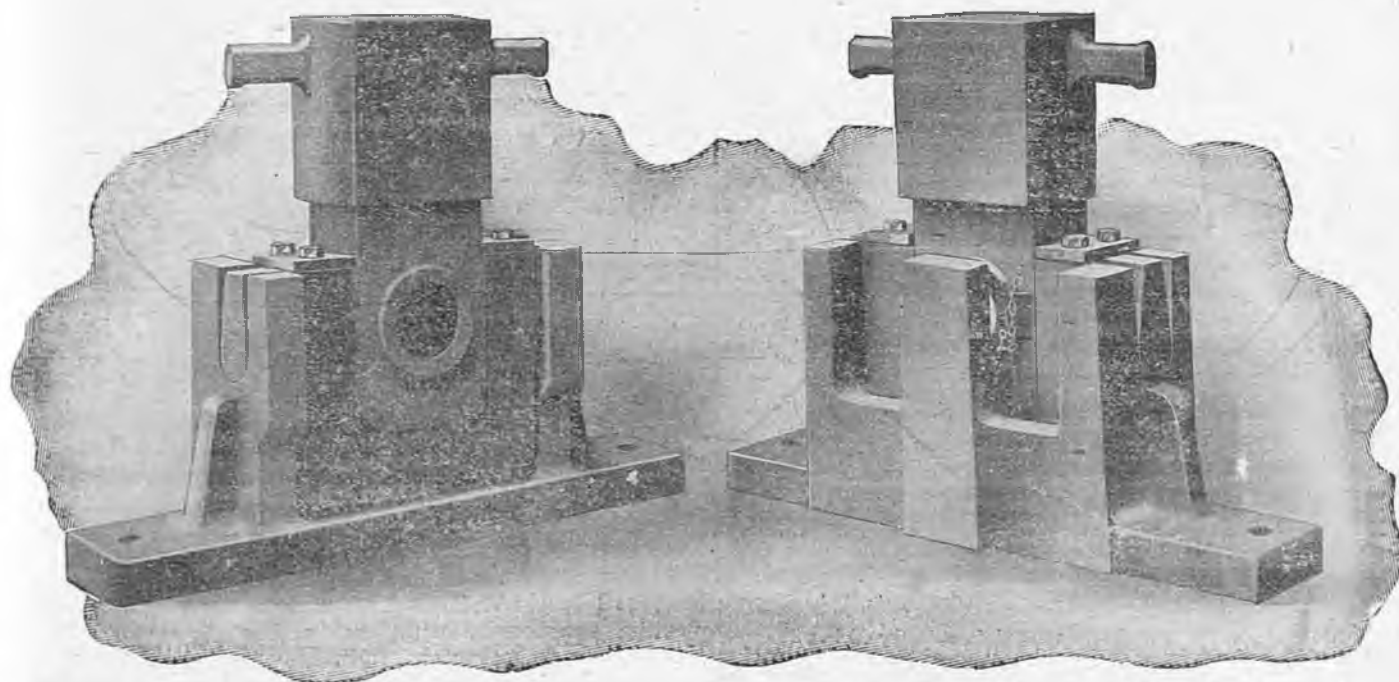
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MUFFLED RINGING ON ALL SAINTS' DAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The correspondence you published last week proves the truth of the old adage, "Many men, many minds"; and I freely admit there may very reasonably be diversity of opinion on the matter; but surely the note of sorrow struck by a half-muffled touch is not so totally out of harmony with the thoughts and feelings which, year by year, All Saints' Day brings to mind, as some of your correspondents seem to allege?

In our increasing years, while we know full well that the circle on the other side is ever widening, and we see and feel that our own circle of the Saints on this side of "the River" is growing smaller, is it either unnatural, or a negation of the Christian Faith, that the tears start to our eyes even while we bless God's Holy Name for all His servants departed this life in His faith and fear?

This is one of the aspects of All Saints' Day, and I cannot think the muffled bell so very much out of keeping with it.

But there is a matter of far greater import arising. The references both in your article and in the correspondence of the 30th ult. would lead one to imagine that All Souls' Day were a day ordered to be observed by the Church, of which the majority of your readers are members. An invention, so late as the 10th century, for the purpose of intercessory prayer for the souls of the departed (a very different thing from the commemorative nature of All Saints' Day as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer), our Church not only discarded the observation of the day in the 16th century, but absolutely deleted the day from the Calendar. This being so, is it quite loyal to our Church, is it honest, is it quite worthy of us who as Christ's soldiers profess to speak and act the truth, to speak of the day, or to act, even by ringing of bells, just as if the day had not been so discarded and deleted?

Does it not rather savour of an attempt by insidious means to bring back the observation of All Souls' Day step by step, just as much as people will unsuspectingly swallow at one time, with its old associations, practices and teaching, unknown to many ringers, which culminate in the denial of our Lord's once offered, full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world, and derogate from His present mediatorial work for us?

I do not imagine that "The Ringing World" is published for the purpose of theological argument, but when a line of action is openly advocated which tends to suppression of the order of the Church, of which we are officers, I think it is a matter of fair comment.—Yours faithfully,
C. W. READING.
Mitcham.

Dear Sir,—Adverting to the correspondence which has appeared in your columns on the subject of muffled ringing, I should like to add to the suggestion of Mr. F. K. Howell for general action, that the bells should be only half-muffled and rung preceding the services, for usual time, and let the muffles remain on until the conclusion of the war. Then, when it is over, set a day apart—not any Church Festival—for fully muffled peals to be rung, and recorded where possible, and make it universal by gaining the acquiescence of the Church authorities in this arrangement. By so doing we should not be individually expressing our deepest sentiments, but should be calling the public to express their feelings in silence with sounds of the bells. I think this would be more generally appreciated by them than by ringing isolated peals from time to time. Moreover, let us make known our intentions by affixing a notice on every church notice board, and, where possible, through the medium of our newspapers.

We are all deeply indebted to our fighting men, and especially to our fallen heroes, who gave their best services for the benefit of this and other communities. We should set some magnificent example by calling for one day for all of us to give our expression of gratitude, not only to those who have fallen, but to those who have sacrificed their nearest and best and, sometimes, one and only, just in the same manner as we should set apart a peace day after the war is over, to express our sense of relief and joy. I think a day of mourning should be fixed, and should precede such a day of rejoicing, for we should not be justified in acclaiming the living before we pay tribute to those who have made the supremest sacrifice.

Nottingham.

H.

Dear Sir,

And when the Warrior dieth, his comrades in the war,
With arms reversed and muffled drums, follow his funeral car.
They show the banners taken, they tell his battles won,
And after him lead his masterless steed whilst peals the minute gun.

Your remarks in the current issue of "The Ringing World," and the various opinions expressed regarding the advisability of ringing muffled, in memory of our departed heroes, raises a very wide and open question, and, as usual, it will probably be found that the most consistent course lies in a mean between the extremes advocated on either side. As you say, what is wanted is a lead which will commend itself to all parties—the clergy in charge of the bells, the public who hear them, and the ringers who are interested in the proper use of them. The clergyman will probably be influenced by what he considers the general wishes and feeling of his parishioners, and may

be trusted to use his discretion in the direction of the greatest good to the greatest number. The public will be biased according to how the matter is put before them. Indiscriminate ringing during war time does not appeal to them as an unmitigated blessing, especially if they have friends or relatives engaged in the strife—and who in these days has not?

On the other hand, does the fact that we are engaged in war which has been forced upon us, and in which we are fighting for our very existence, call for an attitude of despondency, or as if we were engaged in something to be ashamed of? No doubt the correct attitude is covered by the motto, "Business as usual," "Keep the flag flying." But then again, what about the thousands of lives sacrificed in keeping the flag flying that business may go on as usual? "Is it nothing unto you all ye that pass by." Shall no token of respect and honour to departed merit and courage be expressed for those heroes who have given their all, that we may remain in safety?

Further, what about the hundreds of our fellow ringers, standing at the post of danger, in defence of our Church and State, and daily losing their lives in the national cause? In all times a ringer is always entitled to his muffled peal, when he obeys the last great call, "stand," and shall he lose his privilege because the call comes, when standing in defence of his King and country?

Now, the question arises, how can these diverse positions be best met and satisfied? I would suggest that the views I have here placed before you be presented to the various incumbents interested, and their consent be obtained, if possible, to arrange that the Sunday ringing and practices be carried on as usual—keep the flag flying. No peals to be rung. That, further on, the last seven days of each month, including Sunday, the practice and service ringing be half-muffled, in honour and memory of our heroes who have fallen in the fight, and it be suggested that, as far as possible, at the service on the last Sunday the position be explained to the congregation, so that it may be seen that neither our dead heroes nor their bereaved relatives may seem to be forgotten.

This systematic regulation of the ringing, and the proper explanation to the public, will be far more acceptable to the public than any spasmodic muffling of the ringing on some one day in the year, which will be much more likely to be misunderstood than appreciated. Of course, a modification may be necessary at Christmas, when probably the last day of the year may be considered the most appropriate occasion. There are other points which might be urged, but this touch is now long enough. Verb Sap.—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT STRINGFELLOW.

PULPIT REFERENCES.

In connection with the muffled ringing for the services on Sunday at Barthomley, Cheshire, special reference was made to the purpose of the ringing in the sermons preached, in the morning by the Rev. Graham Cox, and in the evening by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Skelton), who was in great sympathy with the movement.

The evening service on Sunday at Bolney was in the nature of a memorial service. The bells had previously been muffled, and the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell) paid a feeling tribute to two parishioners—the late Mr. James Hole (formerly churchwarden) and William Wheeler, who had passed away within the last few days—and to the sailors and soldiers who have laid down their lives in the cause of duty during the war. The Vicar's text was: "But the souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die; and their departure is taken for misery and their going from us to be utter destruction; but they are in peace." At the close of the service "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was sung as a vesper hymn.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
—Established 1637.—In order that the ringing of church bells after dusk may not be a possible assistance to the enemy's aircraft in locating our cathedrals and churches, it has been decided that the usual practices be suspended. Meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m., and each fortnight until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, November 7th. Church of St. Mary; 8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.; available 4.30-7.30 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Secretary pro. tem.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, November 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 7th. Bells available from 4. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th. Tea at 5.15 in the Deanery School Rooms, and business meeting immediately after. Only handbells available. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by November 11th.—Jas. W. Elkins, Honorary District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6 o'clock. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmshore, on Saturday, November 14th, 1914. Bells ready at 3.30; meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kewstoke on Saturday, November 14th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea 6d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James's Society), Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, November 21st, at St. Mary's, Battersea. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

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

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