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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,  
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

For the first time for an extremely long period the anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths has not been celebrated this year by a dinner. Feasting, like peal ringing, would have seemed out of place under present conditions, and the action of the Society in abandoning the festive gathering was the only course that could have commended itself to the members. In addition to having taken this step, the Society also has abandoned its weekly practices at the well-known city churches where for so long the members have been wont to gather to pursue their art. This has been done to minimise the risk of attracting, by the sound of the bells, the attention of hostile air-craft, if the enemy should endeavour to visit the metropolis. But while the College Youths are thus putting, as every Briton should, national considerations first, other business is proceeding as usual. Periodical meetings for the transaction of the business and for handbell ringing are being held, and the annual election of officers has just taken place.

It is perhaps not absolutely unique, but it must be a rare occurrence for both father and son to occupy the proud position of Master of this renowned society, and for that reason, among others, congratulations will be extended to Mr. Albert Hughes upon having been appointed to the office. His father, Mr. Arthur Hughes, occupied the position many years ago and still retains an official connection with the society as its esteemed Treasurer. There is a special fitness in the succession to the chair of one so intimately connected with the fortunes of the famous Whitechapel bell foundry, for we can but believe that in the long unbroken history of both the society and the firm there has probably been an almost equally unbroken connection. The firm and the society have come down the centuries together, and the association of the former with the latter seems obvious.

The College Youths has been in existence for 277 years. Long before the Great Fire, which destroyed so many of the ancient city churches, where doubtless the members used to practise their then crude art, this society had begun to band together those whose interest was centred in bells. Fabian Stedman was a College Youth and dedicated to them one of his first books on ringing, in the middle of the seventeenth century and in 1682 was Master of the Society. And since then what great names have been associated with this organisation! Many of the most famous ringers have in their day guided the destinies of the College Youths, and it is more than gratifying to realise that the ancient society is at this moment in the hey-day of its prosperity.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Treble | CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 7     |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2      | EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... .. 8 |
| ERNEST PYE ... .. 3            | HARRY FLANDERS ... .. 9       |
| WILLIAM PYE ... .. 4           | JAMES HUNT ... .. 10          |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 5        | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11      |
| *WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. 6      | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal on twelve bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Earl Roberts. This was the conductor's 100th peal on twelve bells, a feat never before accomplished by anyone.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVON GUILD.

(St. Andrew's Society, Plymouth.)

On Monday, November 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANCES;**

HOLT's TEN-PART.

Tenor 35 cwt., in C sharp.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FREDERICK LOVIS ... .. Treble | HAROLD BENNETT ... .. 5         |
| JOHN GLEVAS ... .. 2          | G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 6         |
| WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 3     | WILLIAM SHEARS ... .. 7         |
| WILLIAM HAMLYN ... .. 4       | GEORGE PARR, Senr. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

Rung to commemorate the amalgamation of the three towns of Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse into one "Greater Plymouth," and in honour of the election of Mr. Baker as the first mayor of the united boroughs. The Vicar (Rev. A. W. T. Perowne) kindly arranged the morning service so as to cause no obstacle to the peal.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(St. Chad's Society.)

On Thursday, November 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CHAD'S,

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

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lbs., in B.

|                                    |                                |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *GEORGE SCARRATT ... .. Treble     | WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... .. 5  |
| †WILLIAM C. BROOKS ... .. 2        | †GEORGE JONES ... .. 6         |
| MJR. E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... .. 3 | ALFRED E. FOLLIOT ... .. 7     |
| *THOMAS W. BELTON ... .. 4         | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and  
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First away from treble. † First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Roberts. First peal rung upon the new bells and the heaviest peal rung to Major in the Midlands testifying to the excellent work of the Loughborough Foundry. First peal of Bob Major rung in Shrewsbury.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. Treble | WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 5 |
| HERBERT DAY ... .. 2          | SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 6  |
| FRANK JACOBS ... .. 3         | ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 7 |
| FRANK STUBBS ... .. 4         | JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Field Marshal Earl Roberts, an honorary freeman of the borough of Chesterfield.

## BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ARTHUR R. ALDHAM ... .. Treble | CHARLES H. BELTON ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM WHITE ... .. 2         | *HARRY GARNER ... .. 6         |
| WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM ... .. 3    | GEORGE P. GARNER ... .. 7      |
| GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... .. 4  | †ARTHUR D. ALDHAM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

\* First peal. † First peal on tower bells and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Earl Roberts.

## EVERCREECH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *ALBERT SPEED ... .. Treble | †ERNEST CHIVERS ... .. 5   |
| †SAMUEL FREKE ... .. 2      | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6    |
| FRED SPEED ... .. 3         | †WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 7 |
| ISAAC B. HOLMYARD ... .. 4  | BARRY J. WEBB ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Roberts. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th belong to the Midsomer Norton band, those of the treble and 7th to the Shepton Mallet band, and that of the tenor to the Doulting band. A. Speed was re-elected a member of the Association.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## BUCKLAND, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ALBERT HILLS ... .. Treble | F. R. TULLETT, JUNR. ... .. 4  |
| JOHN AKEHORST ... .. 2     | HORACE EDWARDS ... .. 5        |
| ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 3     | FREDK. R. TULLETT, SENR. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK R. TULLETT, SENR.

## EAST HURLING, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FREDERICK C. BURROWS ... Treble | WILLIAM EAGLING ... .. 4   |
| ALFRED NEWSON ... .. 2          | OLIVER BULLMAN ... .. 5    |
| SIDNEY GASKIN ... .. 3          | WILLIAM MEARS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Roberts.

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

## RINGERS' OPPORTUNITY NEXT TUESDAY.

Sir,—On Tuesday, 1st December, the gracious lady, who for some half century past has shared the fortunes of our Royal House and entered with such close sympathy into the joys and sorrows of our nation, will attain her 70th birthday. Let all ringers throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom unite on that day to pay their tribute of honour to Queen Alexandra.—Yours truly,

F. L. EDWARDS.

Hon. Sec. Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

Richard Holder, of Hayward's Heath, Sussex, 6th Reserve Batt. 4th Royal Sussex Regiment (4439).

Pte F. Seutcher, of Beckenham, 9th Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment (T), now at Chatham.

Percy Gladstone, of All Saints' Society, Sheffield, Royal Field Artillery, now at Borden, Hants.

Pte George Measlin, of St. George's Church Stockport, 6th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, now at Northampton.

S. L. Hills, of Holy Trinity, Guildford, 5th "Queen's" Royal West Surrey Regiment (T).

J. Corrigan, of Aston Parish Church, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

B. G. Lock, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, has joined the new army.

W. Cornish, of Uxbridge Parish Church, 8th (Reserve) Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

From the Suffolk St. Lawrence company, the following are now serving with the colours:—

Pte Norman King, Kitchener's Army.

Pte Murray Tomlinson, Lines Territorials.

Pte Frank Taylor, Lines Territorials.

The following members of the Binfield, Berks, band, have joined the new Army:—

Edward King, 5th Batt. Royal Berks Regt.

Sydney Goaring, 5th Batt. Royal Berks Regiment.

Harold J. Hale, Scottish Rifles.

The following from St. Mary's, Sawston, are serving:—

Lieut.-Col. B. Stubbings.

Pte Whetton.

Pte S. Borcham.

Pte H. Reed, and

Pte E. Rowlinson, with 1st Cambs Battalion.

Pte H. Teversham, Kitchener's Army, and

M. J. Lyles, Cambs 13th V.A.D.

## MILITARY APPOINTMENTS FOR RINGING CLERGY.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield, and Master of the Winchester Guild, who for some years has been a Chaplain of the Territorial Forces, and, at the commencement of the present mobilisation, was connected with the 4th Hants Brigade, has been appointed Brigade Chaplain to the 2nd Thames and Medway Infantry Reserve Brigade, in the Isle of Sheppey, Kent. The appointment dates from October 27th last. The Rev. C. E. Matthews began duty at Sheppey on October 12th.

The Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., until recently Rector of Caerphilly, now Vicar of Bedwas, Monmouthshire, and one of the joint hon. secs. of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, has been appointed second-class chaplain to the Territorial Forces, ranking as lieutenant-colonel. He has had 20 years' experience as a chaplain in his Majesty's forces, and during this time he has been able to gain a knowledge of the men who serve in them, which has enabled him to fulfil his duties in a very considerate and praiseworthy manner. It is doubtful if any officer in the division has a more genuine popularity amongst the men than the Rev. Connop Price, for it has been gained by studying their welfare, and speaking out in straight, manly fashion, when it was needed. The Rev. Connop Price was made a fourth-class chaplain, ranking as captain, in 1894, and in 1908 he was promoted to his recent office of third-class chaplain, ranking as major. He served with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd V.B., Welsh Regiments, and since the Territorial Force came into being he has been chaplain to the 2nd Welsh Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C. (Cardiff). When the troops were mobilised, on August 5th, he went to Conway with the R.A.M.C., and was appointed senior chaplain to the Welsh Division Territorial Forces by the chaplain-general on September 9th, 1914.

## RINGERS' DANGEROUS WORK.

Two ringers, as far as we know, are engaged in the dangerous duties of mine sweeping in the North Sea. Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild, who, it will be remembered was on board H.M.S. "Speedy," when she was blown up by a mine, is back once more doing duty in connection with this work at Lowestoft, and Mr. J. W. Noblett, of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, is also engaged in the work.

## THE ACCIDENT TO MR. ASHENDEN.

We are pleased to announce and we are sure the numerous ringing friends of Mr. Thomas Ashenden, of Hawkhurst, will be equally as pleased to know that, after some weeks under the doctor's care, he has entirely recovered from the injuries he sustained in the cycle accident recorded in our columns. Mr. Ashenden has started work again, and gets through his daily labours without any difficulty, which indicates that his brain is clear, and in no way affected through the accident. He has also recommenced ringing, and taken his place again in the choir.



## ELY ASSOCIATION'S SECRETARY AT THE FRONT.

LETTER FROM SAPPER DENNIS.

The Hon. Secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association (Mr. T. R. Dennis), who in civil life was a postal clerk at Cambridge, is now serving in the signal section of the Royal Engineers at the General Headquarters of the British Expeditionary Force. Sapper Dennis joined the army some few weeks ago, and after a short stay at Aldershot was drafted to France on October 17th.

Writing to us on Nov. 17th, he says: "We are getting on very nicely out here, and have plenty of work to do in the telegraphing line. There are over 90 of us quartered here, including messengers, and we work in reliefs of 30 each, six hours on and twelve off. We are billeted at a public school, which was attacked in September by German aeroplanes, but fortunately little damage was done, beyond blowing a big hole in one of the yards. This place is about 30 miles from the firing line, and we occasionally hear the heavy guns letting forth. I haven't had a pull at the French bells yet, and don't feel much inclined to, as they only just swing them, and make a jangling noise, though some of them are excellent toned bells, and would make excellent tenors to some of our peals. To-day has been an eventful day here, owing to the death of Lord Roberts. He was given a salute of 19 guns. I happened to be on duty when the cortege passed, so did not see much of it. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales afterwards paid a visit to our office and was shown the mysteries of telegraphy. He evinced great interest in all that was going on. Hoping to see you at the end of the war, and then some peals!"

The following incident, illustrating the difficulties of getting into communication with men in military centres may not be uninteresting. Some ten days or so before Sapper Dennis left Aldershot, which is 12 miles from Woking, we sent him by express post a letter fully and carefully addressed. That letter was delivered to him in France more than five weeks afterwards.

Nothing is so welcome to a soldier at the front as a letter from home, and for the benefit of his many friends we may say that Sapper Dennis's address is: No. 29371 Royal Engineers Signal Section, 1st Relief, General Headquarters, British Expeditionary Force.

## AUGMENTATION OF A SURREY PEAL.

The dedication took place on Wednesday of last week of the augmented peal at St. Ann's Church, Bagshot, Surrey. Formerly there was a peal of six, and these bells have been taken out, retuned and rehung with the addition of two trebles to complete the octave, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Despite unpropitious weather, there was a numerous gathering of ringers for the dedication, which took place in the presence of a large congregation, and was performed by the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Ford). It opened with the singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," and afterwards, during the hymn, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand," the clergy, choir and churchwardens proceeded outside the church and entered the belfry. The act of dedication was here performed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the ceremony concluding with the choir singing the hymn, "Angel Voices, ever singing," and a short touch rung on the bells. Upon the return of the procession into the church, the hymn, "We love the place, O God," was sung.

An address followed by the Master of the Oxford Guild, whose appropriate and telling discourse was based on the text, "And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver" (Numbers, chap. x.). The preacher remarked that he did not know of anything belonging to a church or parish which appealed more to the people than their bells. There was both a religious and a civil side in regard to church bells, for they were used in religious worship, and were also instruments used to mark our civil progress.

The offertory at the service was on behalf of the bells fund.

The bells were rung prior to the service, and afterwards touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were brought round upon them.

## NEIGHBOURING BELLS HARMONISED.

The original two very small bells at St. Dunstan's Church, Frodsham, were replaced some years ago by a larger but very unmusical ship's bell. Recently the congregation decided that they could endure its noise no longer. So it was sent to Loughborough, together with one of the original bells, and recast into a larger bell, which weighs 136lbs. As the church is little more than half a mile away from the Parish Church, and well within sound of the peal of eight, the new bell has been tuned exactly to them. The note of the Parish Church tenor is F sharp, and that of St. Dunstan's bell is B, an octave above the 5th bell of the eight. On Oct. 15th, the new bell, set mouth up in the chancel, was dedicated by the Vicar, who afterwards, in his sermon, pointed out that the tuning of the bells of the two churches together was intended to symbolise Christian unity. This idea is emphasised by the inscription, which reads:—

CONSONA . DUM . CLANGO . TEMPLORUM . FOEDERA . PANGO  
RECAST 1914.

The next Sunday the bell was rung for service, and both the tone and tune were much admired.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

### NEW OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held on November 10th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Master: Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Treasurer: Mr. A. Hughes.

Trustees: Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. W. Prime.

Senior Steward: Mr. J. C. Adams.

Junior Steward: Mr. H. J. Walton.

Hon. Secretary: W. T. Cockerill.

Mr. A. A. Hughes was elected in his absence. He has been very seriously ill with peritonitis, and at one time grave doubts were entertained as to his recovery. Happily, however, he is now improving, and is able to get out a little each day. His many friends will wish him a speedy return to full health.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Kewstoke on Saturday week, about 20 members being present, representing the following towers: Badgworth, Burnham, Congresbury, Midsomer Norton, Kewstoke, Winscombe, Worle, Weston-super-Mare, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church, and a splendid address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar), who, in the course of his remarks referred to the serious time through which the country was passing, but said he did not think that bell ringing should be put aside, for the bells were dedicated to the Glory of God, and he urged the members to go on with their ringing.

Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the chair, in the absence of the President, was taken by the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar, who gave the Association a very hearty welcome to Kewstoke, and hoped, when another meeting was arranged there, they would come early in the morning, and get their ringing over, so that he could have the pleasure of taking them about and explaining the many points of interest in their ancient village. The suggestion was received with applause.

Seven new members were elected, and Weston-super-Mare was chosen for the annual meeting in January, the intermediate meeting being left to the secretary to arrange.

A long list of names was read of those who have joined the roll of honour, showing that this branch had nobly responded to the call of King and country.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding at the meeting, the Chairman suitably responding.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the organist for his services.—During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and of Minor were rung.

## PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

On Sunday last, during morning service, a peal board was dedicated in the belfry of St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, by the Rev. W. E. Thomas, and unveiled by Mr. F. Hartill. After the dedication, Mr. C. Wallater, captain of the ringers, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hartill, and presented to him a framed photo of the peal board as a memento of the occasion. The board bears the following record:—

Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Rung in this tower on Tuesday evening, August 12th, 1913, peal of Grandsire Triples (5640 changes), in 3 hrs. 1 min., composed by J. J. Parker, conducted by C. Wallater. First peal for W. E. Watham. First peal with a bob bell for H. Ward. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. J. H. Sandford, wife of the late curate of this parish. The ringers are all members of the local band. The band: W. E. Watham 1, H. Ward 2, F. Ward 3, D. Appleby 4, E. Horton 5, C. Wallater 6, F. W. Perrons 7, A. E. Read 8. Weight of tenor 124 cwt. Vicar, Rev. A. M. Pratt. Wardens, G. Wolverson and W. M. Pinson.

## MR. JAMES GEORGE'S FEAT.

Ringling records are not the only feats which may be placed to the credit of Mr. James George, of Rugby. Most of our readers will know that it was he who rang the tenor to the record peal of Maximus (12,240 changes), in 8 hrs. 39 mins., at Ashton-under-Lyne. He has accomplished his latest feat on his feet, and it was no mean performance either. On the morning of Nov. 17th he left Rugby at 6 a.m., and reached Fenny Stratford at 6 p.m. Having rested two hours on the journey, he thus completed the distance of 40 miles in ten hours' actual walking. If it were not for age limitations, Mr. George would have made an excellent recruit for the Army. He would be in his element in a forced march.

Mr. George reaches his 61st birthday to-day, and the Exercise will join in wishing him "Many happy returns."

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Of Mr. William Pye's prowess as a ringer it is not necessary here to speak, but it is not uninteresting to re-



MR. WILLIAM PYE.

call some of the other records which Mr. Pye holds or has taken part in. In regard to twelve-bell ringing he was the first to call a peal of Stedman-Cinques from every bell and was one of the band that rang the record length of 11,111 Stedman Cinques, at St. Martin's, Birmingham. He also conducted the record length in the same method on handbells. His greatest performance of all, however, was the famous long peal at Loughborough, when the record length of Stedman Caters was rung—18,027 changes in 12 hours 18 minutes. In this peal Mr. Pye rang the tenor and was the conductor. He has taken part in many other long lengths, including the Surprise record of 15,264 of Bristol at Horncchurch, which he also conducted, and the 14,112 of London Surprise at King's Norton.

His tower bell peals have been rung in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and he took part in the first peals of Superlative, Cambridge, New Cambridge, London and Bristol out of England, while he is the only man who has rung Exeter Cathedral tenor (72½ cwt.) to a peal single-handed. His handbell performances have been no less wonderful in their way than his achievements on tower bells, for he has taken part in "double-handed" peals of Superlative, the first peal of New Cambridge, and the only peals of London and Bristol ever rung.

There are few records now left for Mr. Pye to make, but as he is still in the prime of life—he was 44 in August last—we shall yet, we hope, see him add further laurels to his crown.

### "ARMLEY" DELIGHT.

At St. Ann's, Denton, near Manchester, for evening service, on Sunday week, 720 of Legitimate Method, No. 24, page 19 of the C.C. Collection, was rung by: H. Bardsley 1, W. Wright 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. Pollitt 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heekingbottom (conductor) 6. As this is supposed to be the first 720 rung in the method—a fourth's-place Delight—it has been named "Armley," where the conductor gained most of his ringing experience.

### THE BROMLEY YOUTHS.

It will be of interest to those who have rung peals on the bells of the old Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, to know that all the peals are now recorded in the ancient peal book of the local society. Mr. A. E. Newick, one of the youngest members of the society, kindly undertook the rather large job of writing up nearly 50 peals, and he has completed it in a very neat and workmanlike manner. In connection with this, an interesting little event took place in the belfry of SS. Peter and Paul on a recent practice night, when, in recognition of his work, Mr. Newick was presented with a silver inkstand, suitably inscribed. — Mr. G. Durling, the genial leader, made the presentation in a few well-chosen words, and Mr. Newick briefly responded, thanking his fellow ringers, and assuring them that his task had been a labour of love to him, and expressing his willingness to keep the book written up to date in the future. The whole of the peals, as far as is known, which have been rung by the society and their friends on their own bells and in various other towers (with the exception of one, the first peal on SS. Peter and Paul's bells, conducted by James Barham) are now recorded in the book, the total number being 173.

### THE PEAL AT SHREWSBURY.

The peal of Bob Major rung, muffled, on the back eight of the peal of twelve of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, for the death of Earl Roberts, has some features of special interest. In addition to being the heaviest ring in the Midlands that has been turned in to a peal of Major, it is the first time the tenor has been turned in for over a hundred years. The last occasion was December 27th, 1813, when it was rung to Oxford Treble Bob Maximus by the renowned Samuel Lawrence. The peal on Thursday week was rung by Sunday service ringers of St. Chad's, and it is more than a century since a local company rang a peal there. Last week's performance was the first peal of Bob Major scored in Shrewsbury, and the success which attended the effort speaks well for the work of rehanging, which was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

### EARL ROBERTS' DEATH.

The following muffled touches were rung to the memory of Field-Marshal Earl Roberts:—

**ROYSTON, HERTS.** On Sunday evening, Nov. 15th, with the bells fully muffled, to the memory of Earl Roberts, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Wilkerson 1, H. Barnett 2, W. L. Darlow 3, R. Wilkerson 4, W. B. Manning 5, E. G. King (conductor) 6.

**GUILDFORD.**—Holy Trinity Society.—On Nov. 19th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 51 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Earl Roberts: H. Burdick 1, C. Burdick 2, H. Hutton 3, C. Hazeldon 4, H. Harris 5, J. T. Lee 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, M. Smith 8.

**DEVIZES.**—On Nov. 19th, at St. James' Church, Southbroom, and at St. John's Church, Devizes, the bells were rung, muffled, and flags flown at half-mast, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Earl Roberts.

**WEST RETFORD.**—North Notts Association.—At St. Michael's Church, on Nov. 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 44 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Earl Roberts: F. A. Blagg 1, W. Gibson 2, J. Segar, junr. (East Retford) 3, G. Turner 4, R. Potter 5, J. L. Blagg (conductor) 6.

**MATHON.**—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Nov. 19th, 1440 of Minor (720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob), in 49 mins.: C. A. Layton 1, C. Layton 2, C. Powell 3, C. Bowers (conductor) 4, A. Layton 5, G. Jordan 6. Rung with bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Roberts.

**NUNEATON.**—Warwickshire Guild.—On Nov. 19th, at the Parish Church, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich, which came to grief after two hours' ringing. The bells were half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Roberts. Memorial services were held on Sunday last, and the following touches were rung during the day with the bells muffled: Three courses of Superlative, two courses of Double Norwich, and a touch each of Stedman and Grand sire Triples, the following members of the Parish Church Society taking part: H. Argyle, H. Argyle, J. Ballard, T. W. Chapman, J. Clarke, J. F. Clarke, J. Gressley, W. Horton, W. Martin, E. Stone, R. Pollard,



## MUFFLED TOUCHES.

The following touches were rung with muffled bells to the memory of those who have fallen in battle:—

**EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.**—On Saturday evening, Oct. 31st, before service, with the bells fully muffled, 720 and 160 of Bob Major, conducted by J. French. After service, 1344, the same method, conducted by F. Claydon, with the bells half-muffled. On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major; for evening service, 448 Bob Major; after service, 416 Double Norwich Court, all conducted by J. French. Those taking part in the ringing were: H. Fairhead, R. Fleuty, J. Fleuty, G. Fleuty, J. Turner, F. Claydon, W. Burst, J. French and W. Scillitoe. The object of the muffled ringing was announced to the congregation by the Vicar the preceding Sunday. The bells remained half-muffled for the Sunday ringing, with the exception of the last touch (416 Double Norwich), which was rung open.

**LENTON, NOTTS.**—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, 546 Stedman Triples: P. Woolley 1, W. Clifford, senr., 2, W. Clifford, junr., 3, A. Coppock (conductor) 4, F. S. Price 5, J. C. Dicken 6, S. Wesley 7, P. Price 8.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On Saturday evening, Oct. 31st, at St. Bartholomew's Church, with the bells muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble: J. Stephens 1, T. Mack 2, J. Madgwick 3, W. Eldridge 4, G. Goodchild 5, R. Hayes (conductor) 6, F. White, tenor, covering. Also 720 of Woodbine: J. Stephens 1, R. Hayes 2, J. Madgwick 3, W. Eldridge 4, G. Goodchild 5, T. Mack (conductor) 6, H. White tenor. On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Stephens 1, T. Mack 2, J. Madgwick 3, W. Eldridge 4, G. Goodchild 5, R. Hayes (conductor) 6, F. White, tenor covering.

**CORHAM, KENT.** On Saturday Oct. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Mr. E. Walker, brother of one of the local band, who was drowned in the ill-fated "Hawke," 720 Grandsire Minor: Geo. Mungam 1, G. Ambrose 2, C. Waterman 3, G. Morrad, senr., 4, Wood 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

**DOLTON, BRADFORD.**—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Nichols 1, S. B. Norfolk 2, A. Ainge 3, F. Hopwood 4, R. E. Howe 5, A. Gill (conductor) 6, J. Palfreman 7, S. Palfreman 8. The bells were also rung, muffled, for the services on the Sunday.

**NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.**—Chester Guild, At St. Mary's Church, with bells half-muffled, for evening service, on All Saints' Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Banks 1, C. Sutton 2, W. Jackson 3, J. Wood 4, W. Sutton (conductor) 5, A. Stubbs 6, F. Banks was elected a member before starting.

**BRAMLEY, LEEDS.**—At St. Peter's Church, the bells were rung, muffled, on All Saints' Day, for both morning and evening service, and the ringing was announced in the following paragraph in the local newspaper: "The bell ringers of Bramley Church have made a suggestion in regard to Sunday, November 1st, which has been cordially accepted by the authorities of the church. It is that on Sunday next, which is All Saints' Day, both morning and evening, muffled peals shall be rung in memory of those who have fallen in the war. Both the idea itself and the occasion selected for its expression do great credit to the patriotic feelings of the ringers."

**TEWKESBURY.**—On All Saints' Day, muffled touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung, conducted in the morning by J. Wathen, and in the evening by J. Austin. Notice of the ringing was given from the pulpit on the preceding Sunday.

**POYNTON.**—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. George's Church, with the bells half-muffled, for evening service, on All Saints' Day, 720 of Plain Bob Minor.

**SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—At St. Helen's Church, on All Saints' Day, the bells were muffled the whole day. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung before the morning and evening services. The flag on the tower was half-mast, and an appropriate sermon by the Rector (the Rev. E. Douglas Staley) was preached on the text, "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous; nevertheless, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit if Righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."—Heb. xii, 2.

**BEESTON, NOTTS.**—On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: L. Price 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, F. S. Price 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, with the bells muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Agent 1, F. Hayes 2, G. Jones 3, F. Mitchell 4, G. Morrad 5, H. Holden (first attempt at calling Treble Bob), conductor, 6.

**STICKNEY, Lincs.**—On All Saints' Day, at St. Luke's Church, for evening service, two 360's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, with the bells fully muffled: J. Garfoot 1, A. Sharpe 2, H. Lancaster 3, J. Carke 4, W. Medall 5.

**CRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**—The bells were rung half-muffled for a short time after evensong on All Saints' Day, and on the Monday evening following, according to the Vicar's instructions.

**ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, after evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cottrell 1, \*R. Allen 2, \*W. Lambert 3, \*C. Pocock 4, J. Abery (conductor) 5, J. Hurst 6. \* First 720.

**BROXBORNE, HERTS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 45 minutes, with the bells half-muffled: C. Gouldsmith 1, A. Hextsey 2, G. Radley (conductor) 3, F. Shepherd 4, J. Puplett 5, F. Saban 6, W. Saban 7, H. Brenton 8.

**CHICHESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, with bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: A. Atfield 1, G. Martin 2, G. T. Farley 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, W. Falconer 5, F. T. Marshall 6, D. H. Falconer (conductor) 7, F. W. Arlthur and W. Ticehurst 8.

**BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled, by request of the Rector (the Rev. G. L. Morrell): J. Passey (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Lambert 2, A. Tomkins (conductor) 3, W. Watkins 4, R. Bethel 5, W. Mantle (first quarter-peal) 6.

**STOURBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for evening service, at St. Thomas' Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes): P. Thomas 1, W. Hand 2, W. A. Pugh 3, A. W. Dodd 4, J. W. Newman 5, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 6, G. H. Pagett 7, C. W. Cooper 8.

**MERTHAM, SURREY Association.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled: H. Morby 1, F. Snook 2, E. Atkins (conductor) 3, G. Morby 4, A. Wood 5, W. Francis 6.

**BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, with the bells fully muffled, on Nov. 1st, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gasson 1, W. Mitchell 2, F. Stender 3, J. Gasson 4, A. Gasson, junr., 5, A. Gasson, senr. (conductor) 6. Also two 240's in the same method. For evening service, 300 of Bob Minor. In addition to the ringers mentioned above, E. Holman, C. Gasson, P. Hall and C. Holman took part.

**TENBY, SOUTH WALES.**—On All Saints' Day, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service, 532 Grandsire Triples: T. John 1, T. Griffiths 2, Albert Richards 3, W. Jenkins 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Rees 6, R. H. Jenkins (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8. For the evening service, 502 from Holt's Original, by the same ringers, T. Griffiths conducting.

**LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, at All Saints' Church, with the bells muffled for morning service, several six-scores of Doubles, and for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: R. Welfare 1, H. Tomsett 2, G. Tomsett 3, R. Holder 4, A. Tomsett (conductor) 5, F. Willie 6, G. Belton 7, T. Patching 8. Also 112 Grandsire Triples.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 1278 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: J. F. Maxfield 1, A. T. Winter 2, J. T. Bartram 3, G. W. Metcalfe 4, J. Sagar, junr., 5, E. Collingburn 6, C. E. Houchin 7, H. Warburton (conductor) 8, G. R. Winter 9, R. Miles 10.

**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**—On Nov. 2nd, at the Church of St. George, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: R. Young 1, W. Rushton 2, W. Mort 3, Rev. H. J. Elsey 4, P. C. Peter Crook 5, G. Pincoff 6, W. Pennington (conductor) 7, J. Fishwick 8.

**BENHILTON, SURREY.**—At All Saints' Church, on Monday, Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: B. Cuff 1, J. A. Lambart (conductor) 2, G. Rayner 3, F. Ford 4, A. Calver 5, J. Webb 6, A. Clayton 7, W. Sherman 8.

**STAFFORD.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of St. Dunstan's Doubles (1320 changes) was rung in 55 mins., with the bells half-muffled: G. Booth 1, J. Warrilow (conductor) 2, F. Haggis 3, W. H. Jones 4, F. Ryell 5, J. Spencer 6.

**CHRIST CHURCH, HANTS.**—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1295 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins., with the bells half-muffled: R. Vincent 1, V. Street 2, C. Saffery 3, E. Hinton 4, G. Stone 5, A. Best 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Baggett 10.

**HEAVYTREE, DEVON.**—On All Saints' Day, at the Parish Church, with bells half-muffled, 1008 Stedman Triples: R. Hamilton 1, W. S. Lethbridge 2, Sergt.-Major A. Pye 3, J. R. Sandover 4, C. G. Glass 5, J. Ferris 6, T. Laver (conductor) 7, J. Scager 8.

**ORDSALL.**—At All Hallows' Church, with the bells half-muffled, on All Souls' Day, being 720 of Canterbury and 540 of Plain Bob, in 43 mins.: \*J. Wood 1, \*F. Blagg 2, H. Haigh (Workshop) 3, D. Blagg 4, \*L. Blagg 5, J. Sagar, junr. (conductor) 6. \* First quarter in two methods.

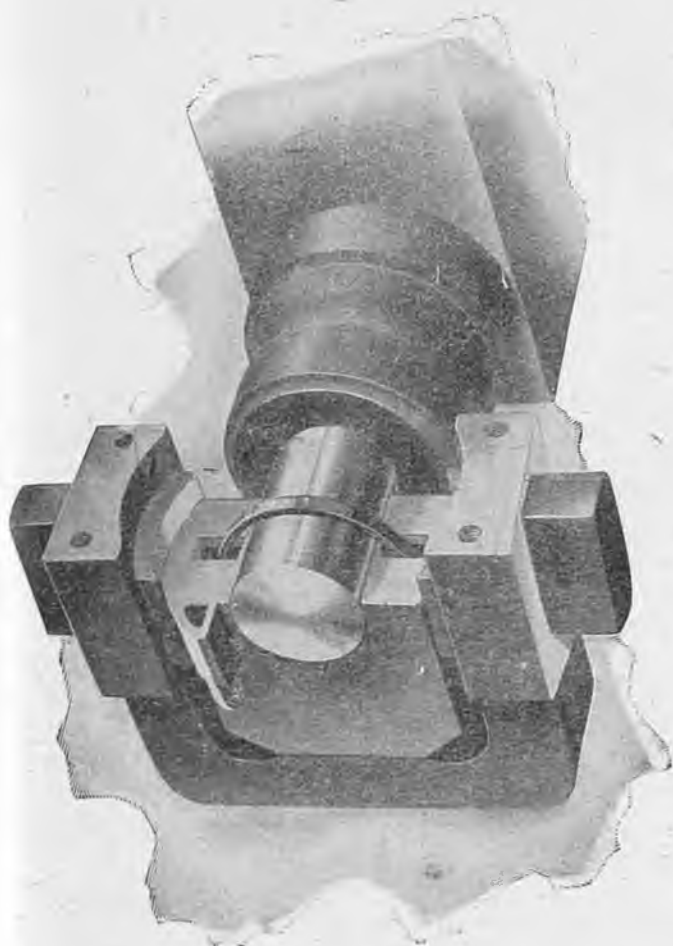
**WOLSTANTON.**—Stoke-on-Trent Archdiocesan Association.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: P. Johnson (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Bowers (first quarter on an inside bell) 2, T. Johnson 3, C. Bishen 4, W. Allman 5, J. Morley 6, W. Fitchard, senr. (conductor) 7, H. Roberts 8.

The bells were also muffled at the following towers connected with the North Notts Association:—

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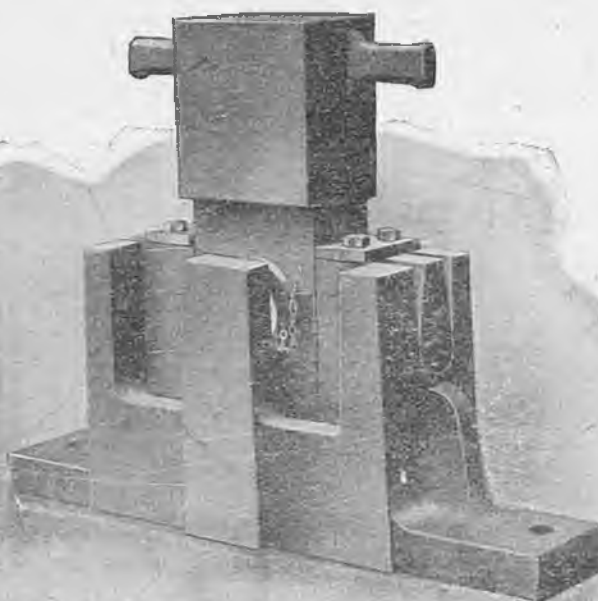
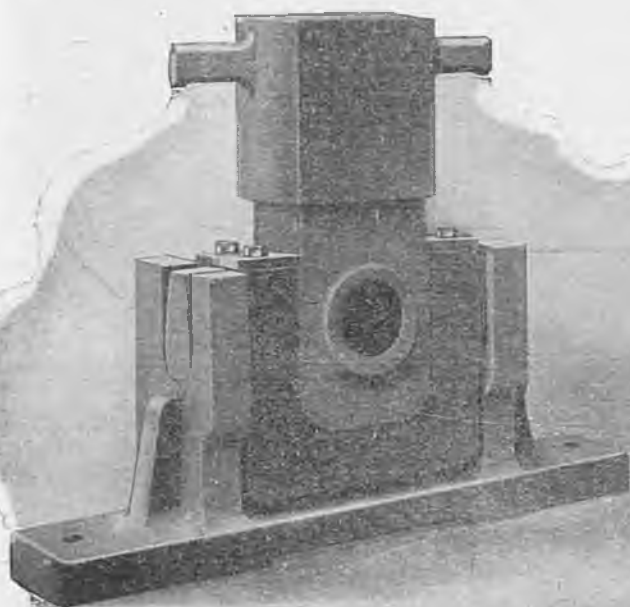
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**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third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

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church Hall. There will be a small charge for tea.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, November 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, December 5th. Special service, with short address, at the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea at the Vestry Hall, New Street, 6d. each to members, at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Bells available at 3.45 and after the meeting. Widford, 8 bells, will be open after 6 p.m. Election of officers for the ensuing year takes place at this meeting, and it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by first post on Wednesday, December 2nd. There will be no monthly practice on Saturday, November 28th, at Chelmsford.—W. Lincoln, District Master, Church Lane, Writtle, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 5th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow. Reports (to life members 6d. each), are now ready. Members subscriptions are now due.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. F. Denton Jones), at 5. Tea, for which 6d. will be charged, and meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern Division will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 1914, at Conisborough, near Rotherham. The new peal of eight bells (tenor 13½ cwts.) by Messrs. Taylor, will be available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 7 pm. Teas may be had at moderate charges at Crowcroft's tea rooms, near the church. All ringers welcomed.—Arthur Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Netherton, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the vice-president, the Rev. S. J. Marriott (Vicar). Business meeting in the Church House. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, December 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next (annual) meeting will be held at Cheadle, Saturday, December 5th. Attention is drawn to the change in the place of meeting.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 6. Tea (free) at 6.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc. Will all members intending to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday next, December 1st.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Will members please note that the meeting arranged to be held at Staveley on the 5th December is abandoned. I shall be pleased if those members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1914 will kindly forward them on to me before the close of the year. Any notice of alteration to rules must be forwarded not later than January 1st, 1915.—Sam Thomas, Sec., *pro tem*, 19, Stanhope Road, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for business will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesdays, December 8th and 22nd; for Handbell practice, on Thursdays, December 3rd, 17th and 31st; all at 8 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due and should be paid before February 28th next.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 4, service at 5, tea 5.30. Reports ready. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Owing to the present crisis the December quarterly meeting of the above is cancelled. Meetings for practice will be held at Pudsey, Saturday, December 5th, and Shipley, Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Bells available from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Francis Ward has now removed to 142, Lancing 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.

**HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.**

**VISITORS TO BRISTOL** will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

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H. H. Harding, Frankfield, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, seeks engagement as VERGER and SEXTON at country Parish Church. Highest references. Member of the K.C.A.C.R.

**SOME ANNIVERSARIES.**

Monday of last week (Nov. 16th) was the 29th anniversary of the death of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon "a gentleman, who held a position in the ringers' community absolutely unapproached." Canon Wigram, in the official year book of the Church of England in 1886 wrote: "There are other ringers, other conductors, other composers, and also other authors of instruction for beginners, but there has never been any other true historian of the science. In this department he stands alone, and it is impossible to say which is the most remarkable whether the amount of information which he collected, the patience with which he arranged it, or the critical skill with which he assigned to each composer the degree of merit which belonged to him. If any loss can be irreparable, it is that which we have sustained by the death of the President of the Yorkshire Change Ringers." What was true in 1886 is true to-day.

One hundred and eighty-two years ago last Monday—on Thursday, Nov. 23rd, 1732—"a compleat peal of six thousand and twelve Cators" was rung at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, London, by the Society of City Scholars. It took three men to ring the tenor. The peal is recorded on a board surmounted by the City arms, still to be found in Cripplegate belfry, and the men whose names have thus come down in history are: Jno. Arnold 1, Jona. Keate 2, Robt. Mobbs 3, Thos. Nash 4, G. Elton Hill 5, Jos. Griffiths 6, Sal. Thompson 7, Wm. Hilliar 8, Jno. Box 9, Ed. Nodes, Hy. Macfarland and Darn. Newbolt 10.

To-day is the anniversary of a peal of 5,400 "Oxford Treble Bob, ten in, in 3 hrs. and 46 mins., being the greatest performance ever completed in this method on ten bells," which was rung by the Cumberlands at All Saints', West Ham, on Monday, Nov. 27th, 1758. Two of the ringers were Francis Wood and Samuel Wood, the grandfather and great-uncle respectively of the late Mr. Sam Wood, so long connected with the College Youths and Bethnal Green Church.

**OVERHAULING CRANBROOK BELLS.**

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have thoroughly overhauled the peal of eight at Cranbrook, Kent. For some considerable time the "go" has been far from what might be desired, especially of the back bells, and the cause seems to be, in the opinion of many ringers, for the want of being looked after properly. The gudgeons were worn, and this would seem to indicate that the oil can and grease pot have been left on the shelf, instead of having their contents applied in the grease boxes. Now that everything has been put in perfect order, it is hoped that those responsible for the care of this, one of the finest peals in the Weald of Kent, will carefully tend the bells and prevent any further dilapidations.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

When the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association met at Bisley for their quarterly meeting some 28 members attended, despite inclement weather. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor and Major were rung, and the members attended service, at which an excellent address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Clay), who afterwards entertained the visitors to tea, and presided over the business meeting. Woodchester was selected for the annual meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded and carried with acclamation to the Rev. W. J. and Mrs. Clay for their kindness and hospitality, the ladies and local ringers for their kind assistance, and the Vicar, churchwardens and friends for having the Bisley bells rehanged. Before rehanging, the bell could only be rung with the greatest difficulty, but now they could be rung with perfect ease, the "go" being excellent.

Mr. Clay responded, and said they were entirely indebted to the kind benefactors to Bisley Church for the amount paid for rehanging the bells. On account of the bad "go" of the bells there was a real danger of damaging the fabric of the tower and spire. He was glad they all appreciated that the bells could now be rung with perfect safety, both to the ringers and the fabric.—Three courses of Grandsire Triples were then rung on the handbells, and the tower bells were again utilised in touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. This proved one of the most enjoyable meetings ever held by the branch.

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