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Gentlemen,

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

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

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

EASTER MEETINGS.

The Easter meetings this year will be, in a few cases, shorn of some of the attractiveness which usually attaches to them, for proceedings are being curtailed. That, perhaps, was only to be expected in view of the existing state of things, although we observe from the notices that, in other instances, the arrangements are much on the lines of former years. Except in regard to the cessation of peals there has, all through this war, been great diversity of opinion as to what course should be followed in regard to ringing. Some towers have suspended practices, others have continued them, while others again stopped for a time and have now resumed. In some places everything apart from Sunday service ringing has been barred, in others the towers have been open as usual—except, as we have remarked, for peals—meetings having been held, and the bells rung for half the day.

Just as the proceedings at towers have differed, so has the practice of associations. Some have carried on as usual, others have gone into a state of suspended animation. Whatever action has been taken, we may be sure it has been the result of the best motives. Where associations are carrying on their business on the usual lines, they must be credited with feeling that present conditions do not warrant the indefinite putting aside of their business, and in this we are inclined to agree with them. On the other hand, where activities have ceased or been curtailed all will readily appreciate that the executives concerned feel that the course taken is the reasonable one in the circumstances.

At the same time we have been wondering why the Midland Counties' members are to do without their tea after their annual business meeting next Monday at Derby. It may be, of course, that there are difficulties of catering, but it looks as if the war is responsible, for we read that "the arrangements for the tea are cancelled and there will be no church bell ringing." Men must eat, even though the enemy were among us, but, seeing that the country is in no more parlous plight than it has been for many months, to cancel the arrangements, whereby visitors could assure themselves of a meal, seems to us a rather unnecessary step—even in war time. We say this, of course, only on the assumption that the change in the programme is due to the existence of the war. If the meeting is to be held at all, there seems to us no more harm in the members taking tea together than in having to separate into small parties and having to get a meal where and if they can. The cancelling of the ringing arrangements is another matter, and the difference here and in the case of some of the other associations, who are meeting to transact their annual business the same day, shows that the varied feeling that exists as to the use of the bells at this time is most marked.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

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

On Tuesday, March 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *FRANK COOK Treble | JAMES HEMMING 5 |
| *HERBERT JORDAN 2 | *HENRY J. PHIPPS 6 |
| †JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3 | †HARRY MIDDLETON 7 |
| *FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 4 | *JAMES ADDIS Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman, and first peal of Triples on tower bells. † First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells by a local band. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to those who have fallen in the present war.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, March 24th, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. E. GOFTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES E. GOFTON 1-2 | JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4 | *COLIN GRESTY 7-8 |

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal on handbells and first peal of Major.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, March 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At 130, CLONMORE STREET, SOUTHFIELDS, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *EDGAR G. MATTHEWS... .. 1-2 | CECIL J. MATTHEWS 5-6 |
| JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3-4 | MISS ELSIE MATTHEWS 7-8 |

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

Umpire: MR. HENRY DAINS.

* First peal by the ringer of 1-2, whose age is 13½ years. This is believed to be the first peal of Major rung in hand by a father and three children.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE R. PYE... .. 1-2 | WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5-6 |
| ERNEST PYE 3-4 | JAMES HUNT 7-8 |

ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Umpire: B. S. THOMPSON.

This was the conductor's 1000th peal; also W. Shepherd's 100th peal of Stedman. | 2880-8

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| Amount already acknowledged | 74 | 16 | 0 |
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Composition.

| | 5088 | | | |
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| | 23456 | M | B | H |
| 12345678 | 43526 | — | — | — |
| 21354768 | 54326 | — | — | — |
| 12537486 | 35426 | — | — | — |
| 21573846 | 45236 | — | — | — |
| 25137864 | 62534 | — | — | — |
| 52318746 | 52364 | — | — | — |
| 25138476 | 35264 | — | — | — |
| 52314867 | 23564 | — | — | — |
| 53241876 | | | | |
| 35428167 | | | | |
| 34521876 | | | | |
| 43258167 | | | | |
| 34528617 | | | | |
| 43256871 | | | | |
| 42365817 | | | | |
| 24638571 | | | | |
| 42365871 | | | | |
| 24638517 | | | | |
| 26483571 | | | | |
| 62845317 | | | | |
| 26485137 | | | | |
| 62841573 | | | | |
| 68245137 | | | | |
| 86421573 | | | | |
| 84612537 | | | | |
| 48165273 | | | | |
| 84615723 | | | | |
| 48167532 | | | | |
| 41876523 | | | | |
| 14867253 | | | | |
| 41682735 | | | | |
| 14628375 | | | | |

Twice repeated.

Plain 14263857

Bob 16423857

A BEGINNER'S DIFFICULTY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I, with four others, am trying to learn method ringing, but our great difficulty is, that the ringer of the 4th bell—although he has been ringing for five months—cannot yet hold his bell every time. I am anxious to know if this means he will never make a ringer, or if there are some people who can only manage light bells.

We could have rung the first ten changes of Plain Bob months ago if it had not been for this difficulty. Would it be as well to go on with the 40, on handbells, even though we cannot yet manage the 10 on the tower bells? We have been having two practices a week since October, and always ring for service on Sunday morning, but, of course, only cross changes. Is it usual to stop practising in Lent?—Yours, etc.,

"READER OF THE RINGING WORLD."

[We would advise the ringer in question to pull harder and keep a tight rope. A man ought to be able to manage a bell in five months, and if a little additional physical exertion will not do it let him try a lighter bell before he gives up altogether. There is no reason why the band should cease to go forward with handbell practices. Many companies stop practising in Lent, but it is by no means universally done.—Ed.]

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Kempston on Saturday last, when members were present from St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford; Sharnbrook, Turvey, Elstow, Husbome-Crawley, and the local band.—Some good ringing was done in the afternoon in various methods, from Doubles to London Surprise.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything ready.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Turvey, on Saturday, April 24th.

THE EXPERTS OF TO-DAY.

ARE THE PRESENT METHODS RIGHT?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Proctor, seems to be so anxious to decry the methods of certain present-day "experts" that he has quite forgotten to be sure that his opinions are correct before making them public. Does he think that all the peals rung by Mr. Pye and myself have been rung in and around this "favourable district"? If he will take the trouble to turn up the pages of the ringing papers, he will find that he is quite wrong. My friend, Mr. Pye, has travelled almost as much as any man in pursuit of his hobby, and has not confined it to ringing peals only.

How many ringers owe it to Mr. Pye and other "experts" in this district that they have rung peals in Surprise methods? It is not only in the districts mentioned by Mr. Proctor that "quiet work" is being done. For weeks past I have attended practice in a well-known London tower to help the ringers there in their attempts to master the intricacies of Grandsire, and have also travelled to a distant part of London to practice Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on handbells, which he cannot say is for my own benefit.

Does Mr. Proctor think that peal ringers here never ring on Sundays? If he does, he is greatly mistaken. When he has rung as much on Sundays as I have he can consider he has done a great deal.

As to his statement that a peal of 5043 Stedman Caters by Mr. C. Charge, ought to be known by the conductors change by change, which peal of that number does he refer to? If he thinks there is only one he is only exposing his ignorance on the matter, and should not have made such a foolish statement. I can recall at least three, and no doubt there are others. In conclusion, let me say that we ring for pleasure, whether helping at practices, or ringing on Sundays, or ringing peals, and Mr. Proctor will do well not to declaim men of whom he, by his own showing, knows nothing at all.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. GRIMES.

Sir,—Your leading article in your issue of the 19th inst. deserves every commendation; but it is beyond my comprehension why that article should be used as a means for an attack on Messrs. Pye and Grimes.

Before rushing into print, it is at least wise to make sure of facts, this Mr. Proctor has lamentably failed to do, and I would suggest that he reads your issue of December 22nd, 1911, page 666, thereby gaining some first hand information, which, I expect, would come as a surprise to him.

It is all nonsense for Mr. Proctor to write as he does, for the whole Exercise has to thank Mr. Pye for a lot, in raising the standard of ringing in advanced methods, and, incidentally, helping many "a lame dog over the stile" by practical advice, example and encouragement, and further for arranging peals for the said "lame dogs," who, thanks to him, have reached a fair degree of proficiency in the method their ambition was set on. This Mr. Pye has often done, to my certain knowledge at great personal inconvenience and loss to himself.

The remarks respecting compositions I will leave entirely alone, as by them Mr. Proctor reveals total ignorance of the subject he has taken up; but I will say this, that if it could be proved, it would be found that Mr. Pye and the other conductors in his band have called as great, if not a greater variety of compositions than any other conductors in the Exercise, taking everything into consideration.

As for "spade" work, Mr. Grimes is not a stranger to that by a long, long way.

In conclusion, it would not have made one iota of difference to the gentlemen concerned whether they lived in the Fens, Yorkshire Moors, or any other out-of-the-way spot; they would still have reached the pinnacle now occupied by them, owing to their ability allied to enthusiasm and perseverance. So far as their status as service ringers and churchmanship is concerned that can be vouched for by yours faithfully,

BEN. THOMPSON.

Romford.

RINGING AT BOSTON, U.S.A.

The Boston Guild of ringers paid a visit to Watertown on March 7th, and the following band succeeded in ringing a 720 of Plain Bob Minor at the Perkins' Institute: J. Goodhead 1, P. J. Allfrey 2, G. Mackman 3, C. C. Randall 4, Wm. Bashford (conductor) 5, R. Newton 6.

In the afternoon of the same day 240 of Minor was rung at the Church of the Advent by the following: J. Goodhead 1, G. Mackman 2, P. J. Allfrey 3, J. F. Laker 4, E. E. Randall 5, Wm. Bashford (conductor) 6, R. Newton tenor (cover).

CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

Mr. A. T. King, one of the members of the Analysis Committee, writes: "An Essex peal, rung at Homerton in seven Surprise methods on March 6th last, is stated to be comprised of seven Class IV methods. May I point out that in the classification of Minor methods, to be found on page 381 of Vol. vi of 'The Ringing World,' Lincoln, which is the name given to Surprise method No. 16 in the 'Collection,' has been relegated to Class III."

STEDMAN MAJOR.

In our issue of December 4th last we published an article by Mr. George T. Clayton, in which Stedman as applied to even numbers was dealt with. The method aroused a lot of interest, and in response to requests the full plain course of Major is here published. The hunting work is carried out by the bells in 3-4 and 5-6, and the pairs in front and behind dodge. The latter are, therefore, not given except at the "eight" heads and ends.

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| 12345678 | 35827146 | 87654321 | 64172853 |
| 13254768 | 38572416 | 86745231 | 61427583 |
| 5274 | 7542 | 4725 | 2457 |
| 5724 | 7452 | 4275 | 2547 |
| 7542 | 4725 | 2457 | 5274 |
| 7452 | 4275 | 2547 | 5724 |
| 4725 | 2457 | 5274 | 7542 |
| 4275 | 2547 | 5724 | 7452 |
| (1) 31245786 | (5) 83527461 | (9) 68754213 | (13) 16472538 |
| 32154876 | 85372641 | 67845123 | 14627358 |
| 1458 | 3276 | 8541 | 6723 |
| 4185 | 2367 | 5814 | 7632 |
| 4815 | 2637 | 5184 | 7362 |
| 8451 | 6273 | 1548 | 3726 |
| 8541 | 6723 | 1458 | 3276 |
| 5814 | 7632 | 4185 | 2367 |
| (2) 23518467 | (6) 58736214 | (10) 76481532 | (14) 41263785 |
| 25381647 | 57863124 | 74618352 | 42136875 |
| 2361 | 6813 | 1638 | 3186 |
| 8631 | 6183 | 1368 | 3816 |
| 6813 | 1638 | 3186 | 8361 |
| 6183 | 1368 | 3816 | 8631 |
| 1638 | 3186 | 8361 | 6813 |
| 1368 | 3816 | 8631 | 6183 |
| (3) 52318674 | (7) 75836142 | (11) 47681325 | (15) 24163857 |
| 53281764 | 78563412 | 46718235 | 21436587 |
| 2187 | 5364 | 7812 | 4635 |
| 1278 | 3546 | 8721 | 6453 |
| 1728 | 3456 | 8271 | 6543 |
| 7182 | 4365 | 2817 | 5634 |
| 7812 | 4635 | 2187 | 5364 |
| 8721 | 6453 | 1278 | 3546 |
| (4) 35827146 | (8) 87654321 | (12) 64172853 | (16) 12345678 |

| BOB | TABLE OF COURSE ENDS. | |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| (7) 75836142 | 12345 | 1 8 10 12 RUNS |
| 78563124 | 31245 | — Short course of 8 changes |
| 5361 | 24515 | — 3 times |
| 3516 | 23145 | — 3 times |
| 3156 | 13542 | — 3 times |
| 1365 | 43215 | — Twice |
| 1635 | 21543 | — Twice |
| 6153 | 23514 | — 5 times |
| (8) 87651342 | 42513 | — Twice |

NOTE.—Should bobs at "quicks" be preferred, the same course ends are brought up by bobs at 7, 9 and 11.

STEDMAN MAXIMUS.
Plain Course. 192 Changes.

1234 5678 90ET
1325 4769 8EOT
3152 7496 8ET0
1325 7946 8EOT
3152 9764 8ET0
1325 9674 8EOT
3152 6947 8ET0
1325 6497 8EOT
3152 4679 8ET0
3514 276E 9T80
5341 267E T908
3514 62E7 9T80
5341 6E27 T908
3514 E672 9T80
5341 E762 T908
3514 7E26 9T80
5341 72E6 T908
Repeat 11 times.

By placing the hunting bells centrally, in addition to the advantages enumerated in "The Ringing World" for December 4th, peals are obtainable without moving the 6th and without consecutive bobs.

STEDMAN ROYAL.
5280 by George T. Clayton.
123456 10 12
43521 — —
53124 — —
13425 — —
14235 — —
32541 — —

52143 — —
41325 — —
23514 — —
53412 — —
54132 — —
31245 — —
Repeat twice
Eighth-place bobs.

STEDMAN MAXIMUS.
5184 by George T. Clayton
123456 12 14
24315 — —
51423 — —
31524 — —
42135 — —

53241 — —
14352 — —
45312 — —
21543 — —
31245 — —
Repeat twice.
Tenth-place bobs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
MEETING AT MALDON.

A quarterly district meeting of the Essex Association was held on Saturday week at Maldon, when there was a good attendance of members. During the afternoon and evening the bells of All Saints' and St. Mary's Churches were utilised, and touches of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung, the conducting being shared by Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave, R.E., Messrs. F. Chalk (Langford) and A. Gozzett.

Tea was provided at the Warwick Arms Hotel, and at the subsequent business meeting Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) presided, the hon. secretary (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre) being also present. Three new members from Maldon and two from Sible Hedingham were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sible Hedingham in June.—A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. W. Chalk, of Langford, who was one of the founders of the Association.

RINGING MEETING AT COGGESHALL.

A most enjoyable ringing meeting, arranged by Mr. D. Elliott, was held at Coggeshall on Thursday evening of last week. The purpose of the gathering was to meet Quartermaster-Sergeant Cave and Sapper E. Ridler, R.E., serving in his Majesty's forces, and now stationed at Baintree. The pressure of evening duties leaves little time for recreation, for the Quartermaster-Sergeant, nevertheless, leaving the orderly room at Baintree, a distance of some six to seven miles from Coggeshall tower, at 7.45, and returning to duties again at 9.45, gave time for some ringing of a very high order. Every attempt was successfully brought round, the methods rung being Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, concluding with a 447 of Stedman Triples: Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave (conductor) 1, W. Sadler 2, F. Claydon 3, C. H. Howard 4, A. Shuffebotham 5, Sapper E. Ridler 6, D. Elliott 7, P. Langston 8. Messrs. J. Sadler and W. Howell were also present, and took part in Surprise ringing.

LADY RINGER'S VISIT TO HAWKHURST.

The Bishop of Croydon (Dr. Peravia) conducted a Confirmation at St. Lawrence's Church, Hawkhurst, Kent, on Friday in last week. Ringing took place before and after the service, and capital striking prevailed. Mrs. Gatehouse, the wife of the Vicar of Headcorn, paid a visit to the tower before the service, and took part in the ringing. Although not yet a change ringer, Mrs. Gatehouse handles a rope with gracefulness and ease, exercises excellent control over a bell, and is an adept striker. She has now rung in about thirty towers, thus showing she is exceedingly keen. In time, no doubt, she will become a successful aspirant in change ringing circles. Mr. P. Hodgkin, of Headcorn, has taught her to ring, and is to be congratulated on the progress of his pupil.

Two of the local ringers (Messrs. O. Waghorn and A. H. Wellard) being unable to attend, Messrs C. Tribe, of Tentenden, and A. Marshall, of Lamberhurst, kindly gave their services for the half-day's ringing. Altogether the total number of changes rung was 2,454, which included Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Triples, a quarter-peal of the latter being rung by: G. Maskell 1, T. Ashenden (first quarter inside) 2, G. J. Kemp 3, J. Blake 4, A. Marshall 5, C. Tribe 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. Another member of the local band (Mr. J. H. Durrant) also took part in most of the other touches, which included a 504 and a 210 of Grandsire Triples.

A FAMILY PEAL.

Ringers will join in congratulating Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and his children upon scoring a family peal. Father, daughter, and two sons, the youngest 13½ years, last Saturday rang a peal of Bob Major "in hand," and thus achieved a notable performance. For some time past they have been most assiduously practising, and once or twice recently they have managed more than half the peal. Their success is the reward of perseverance, and to the able tuition which the enthusiastic parent has bestowed upon his equally keen off-spring. We believe the only other family of father and children to score a handbell peal on eight bells is the Shepherds, of Hershams, in which case it was father and three sons.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—The Bushey Society.—On Thursday, March 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. Darlow 1, J. J. Allen 2, F. A. Smith 3, W. G. Whitehead 4, W. I. Oakley 5, M. F. R. Hibbert 6, W. Seeley (conductor) 7, G. A. Hughes 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Seeley.

EWINGSTON, SURREY.—On March 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Whittington (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, F. Francis 2, A. Charman 3, W. Tidy 4, J. Luff 5, R. Whittington (conductor) 6.

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skill and judgment have carried him through many a big task. Among the interesting performances in which he has taken part in addition to the long lengths, have been the first peals of Cambridge, New Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise Major out of England, the first peal of Treble Ten in Ireland and the first peals of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich in Scotland. The fact that the peals he has conducted are comparatively so few is due to the fact that he is always ready to leave the calling to others, but there are few men who can be compared to him as a real conductor. In any method on any number of bells he seems to be equally master of the business.

His 1,000 peals are made up as follows:

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| Grandsire Caters | ... | ... | 3 | | | |
| Grandsire Cinques | ... | ... | 1 | | | |
| Stedman Triples | ... | ... | 124 | 5 | 35* | 3 |
| Stedman Caters | ... | ... | 117 | | 43 | 1 |
| Stedman Cinques | ... | ... | 56a | | 29 | |
| Bob Major | ... | ... | 5 | | | |
| Double Norwich Major | ... | ... | 62b | | 5 | |
| Double Oxford Major | ... | ... | 1 | | | |
| Duffield Major | ... | ... | 1 | | | |
| Kent Treble Bob Major | ... | ... | 13c | 1 | 7 | |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major | ... | ... | 2 | | | |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | ... | ... | 28 | | 5 | |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal | ... | ... | 2 | | | |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus | ... | ... | 8 | | 1 | |
| Superlative Surprise Major | ... | ... | 150 | 5 | 7* | 1 |
| New Cumberland Surprise Major | ... | ... | 1 | | | |
| Cambridge Surprise Major | ... | ... | 32 | 1 | | |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major | ... | ... | 21 | | 3 | |
| London Surprise Major | ... | ... | 114d | 2 | 5 | |
| Bristol Surprise Major | ... | ... | 83e | 1 | 3 | |
| New Cambridge Surprise Royal | ... | ... | 3 | | | |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal | ... | ... | 14 | | | |
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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On March 1st, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Misses M. G. Hudleston (first quarter-peal) 1, B. Mitchell 2, A. Stokes 3, D. Sage 4, M. E. N. Jukes 5, N. Gillingham (conductor) 6, William Gillingham 7, Ernest Goldstone 8.

GUILDFORD.—On Wednesday, March 3rd, at the residence of Mr. C. Hazelden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: C. Hazelden 1—2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3—4, M. Smither 5—6, Mrs. C. Hazelden 7—8. This was rung as a birthday compliment to Pte C. H. Dobbie, A.S.C., who is with the troops in France, his Guildford friends wishing him a safe and speedy return.

COSELEY.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Thursday, March 4th, with the bells half-muffled, for the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright, an attempt was made to ring Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing nearly two hours it came to grief through a change course: James George 1, John Jagger 2, William Rock Small 3, Albert Little 4, Daniel Jones 5, Abraham Greenfield 6, William Fisher (conductor) 7, Benjamin Fullwood 8.—On Sunday, March 7th, for Matins, touches of Grandsire Triples and Oxford Bob Triples: W. A. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, E. J. Bowyer (Penn) 3, S. Pearce 4, W. Fisher (conductor) 5, W. Greensill 6, B. Gough 7, A. E. Law 8. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: W. A. Jeavons 1, S. Pearce 2, W. Grinsell 3, Sam Baker 4, B. Gough 5, W. Fisher (conductor) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Saturday, March 6th, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan), in 45 mins.: W. T. Tucker 1, G. Williams 2, C. J. Fray 3, Pte H. Norman (S.L.I.) 4, A. Stubbington 5, Pte A. J. Andrews (S.L.I.) 6, W. H. George (conductor) 7, E. Dumper 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The ringers of 4 and 6 hail from Milverton, Somerset.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, March 7th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 738 Grandsire Triples: S. Brook (longest length) 1, J. E. Pickard 2, J. Carter 3, J. H. Lenton 4, W. Pearson 5, A. Walker (conductor) 6, H. Walters 7, J. Jackson 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, March 7th, 518 Grandsire Triples: Pte D. Morgan (8th Battrn. South Wales Borderers) 1, T. Ashenden (longest length on an inside bell) 2, J. H. Durrant 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, F. Chapman 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday evening, March 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: S. Coley 1, W. Stratford 2, J. T. Perry (conductor) 3, A. T. Scrivens 4, G. A. Taylor 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett 7, S. Price 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On March 7th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Mead 1, W. Sear 2, W. Pether 3, F. Stenton 4, L. Meager 5, T. Best 6, F. Hedges 7, H. Sear (conductor) 8. First touch in the method by all except H. Sear.

UPPER CLAPTON.—On Sunday, March 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. E. Pellatt 1, S. H. R. Cooper 2, Norman North (first quarter-peal of Triples) 3, S. S. Dunwell 4, W. Powell 5, A. Coles 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, Miss Grace Adams 8.

ST. WEONARD'S, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On March 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled, in 52 mins.: H. Brewer 1, Arthur Brewer 2, Rev. V. A. Creswell (conductor) 3, T. W. Rowley 4, S. F. Williams 5, F. A. Oakley 6. This quarter-peal was rung as a tribute of respect for an aged and life-long parishioner, Mrs. Elliott, who was buried that same day. The ringer of the treble is a boy of fourteen years. This is his first long length since he learnt to handle a bell about three months ago.

EWGHURST, SURREY.—On March 12th, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: James Rose (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Francis 2, Mrs. R. Whittington (first quarter-peal away from the treble) 3, William Tidy 4, John Luff 5, Robert Whittington (conductor) 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Saturday, March 13th, on the occasion of the marriage of Sergt. L. Rolfe, of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, and an esteemed member of the local band, to Miss T. Wallace, 408 Stedman Triples: L. Batting 1, H. Wingrove 2, J. Batting 3, H. Balaam 4, J. Blackmore 5, R. H. Young 6, R. Buckland 7, A. S. Bagley 8.—On March 17th, 210 Grandsire Triples and 254 Stedman Triples; also 400 Double Norwich: H. Wingrove 1, L. Batting 2, W. Horro 3, H. Cox 4, J. Batting 5, H. Balaam 6, J. W. Wilkins 7, R. Buckland 8; also 224 in the same method.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 14th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: C. W. Cooper 1, W. A. Pugh 2, Geo. H. Pagett 3, A. Whatmore 4, Jos. Smith 5, A. W. Dodd 6, R. Matthews (conductor) 7, William Hand 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Edser, senr., 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, A. Woodrow 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, A. F. Shepherd 5, F. J. Shepherd 6, Lieut. A. D. Sowell 7, J. Emery 8. Lieut. Sowell hails from St. Kea, Cornwall, and is now in training with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry at Witley. It is his first quarter of Major.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas's Parish Church, on Sunday, March 14th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples, also 504 in the same method: J. Simmonds 1, T. Scarnell 2, W. Chambers 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, Corpl. C. Blake (Royal Warwick Regiment) 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On March 14th, at St. Clement's Church, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. A. G. Wady, formerly Vicar of Horsley, 1160 Grandsire Doubles (each 120 called differently). Rung by the local members of the East Derbyshire Association.

DOVER, KENT.—On March 16th, at St. James' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: Lance-Corpl. T. Stroud, 10th Royal Sussex Regiment (conductor) 1, R. Stevens 2, C. R. Millway 3, C. Turner 4, W. H. Hollier 5, Sergt. J. R. Mackman, 10th East Surrey Regiment, 6.—On Sunday, March 21st, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks'), in 47 mins.: H. C. Saywell 1, R. Stevens 2, C. R. Millway 3, A. B. Bennett 4, Pte F. Smith (5th Royal Fusiliers) 5, Lance-Corpl. T. Stroud (10th Sussex Regiment) 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. J. Saunders 8. Arranged in honour of the visit to Dover of Mr. A. B. Bennett, of St. Mary Abbott's, South Kensington (late general secretary of the Sussex Association).

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On March 17th, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. —, Soden 1, H. Martin 2, J. Parton 3, G. Popnell 4, W. Boughton 5, W. Short (conductor) 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On March 18th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Dennis 1, W. Streeter 2, Pte C. A. Hughes 3, A. Gear 4, H. Edwards 5, T. Streeter 6, E. Harman (conductor) 7, W. Claydon 8. Pte C. A. Hughes, of the 17th Battalion County of London Regiment, has been billeted at Reigate for the last three months, and he has thus been able to frequently attend St. John's Church for practice, and to show their appreciation of his help the members arranged the quarter-peal as a farewell, his battalion being on the point of leaving the borough.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: G. R. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, G. King 4, W. W. Fox 5, H. Warnett, junr., 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and his daughter (Miss Nellie Warnett). Also to Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Simmonds, the wives of the ringers of the 5th and treble respectively.

AMERSHAM.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, March 21st, previous to evening service, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Trooper H. W. Tyrwhit-Drake, who died from pneumonia in France, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins.: F. Star 1, H. Edwards 2, W. Edwards 3, W. Horne (conductor) 4, A. Elburn 5, W. Vickery 6. First quarter-peal and longest length by all except the conductor. Mr. Drake joined the 19th Hussars at the commencement of war.

BRAINTREE.—For Matins, on Sunday, March 21st, at the Parish Church, 713 Grandsire Triples: H. Coots 1, H. E. Hammond 2, F. Webb 3, C. H. Howard 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Quartermaster-Sergt. W. A. Cave, R.E. (conductor) 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8. For evensong, 896 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Webb 1, H. E. Hammond 2, W. H. Hammond 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Quartermaster-Sergt. W. A. Cave 6, G. Lindridge 7, H. J. Collins 8.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On March 24th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Hubble 1, H. Martin, junr., 2, J. Parton 3, Wm. Short 4, G. Popnell 5, H. Martin (conductor) 6.

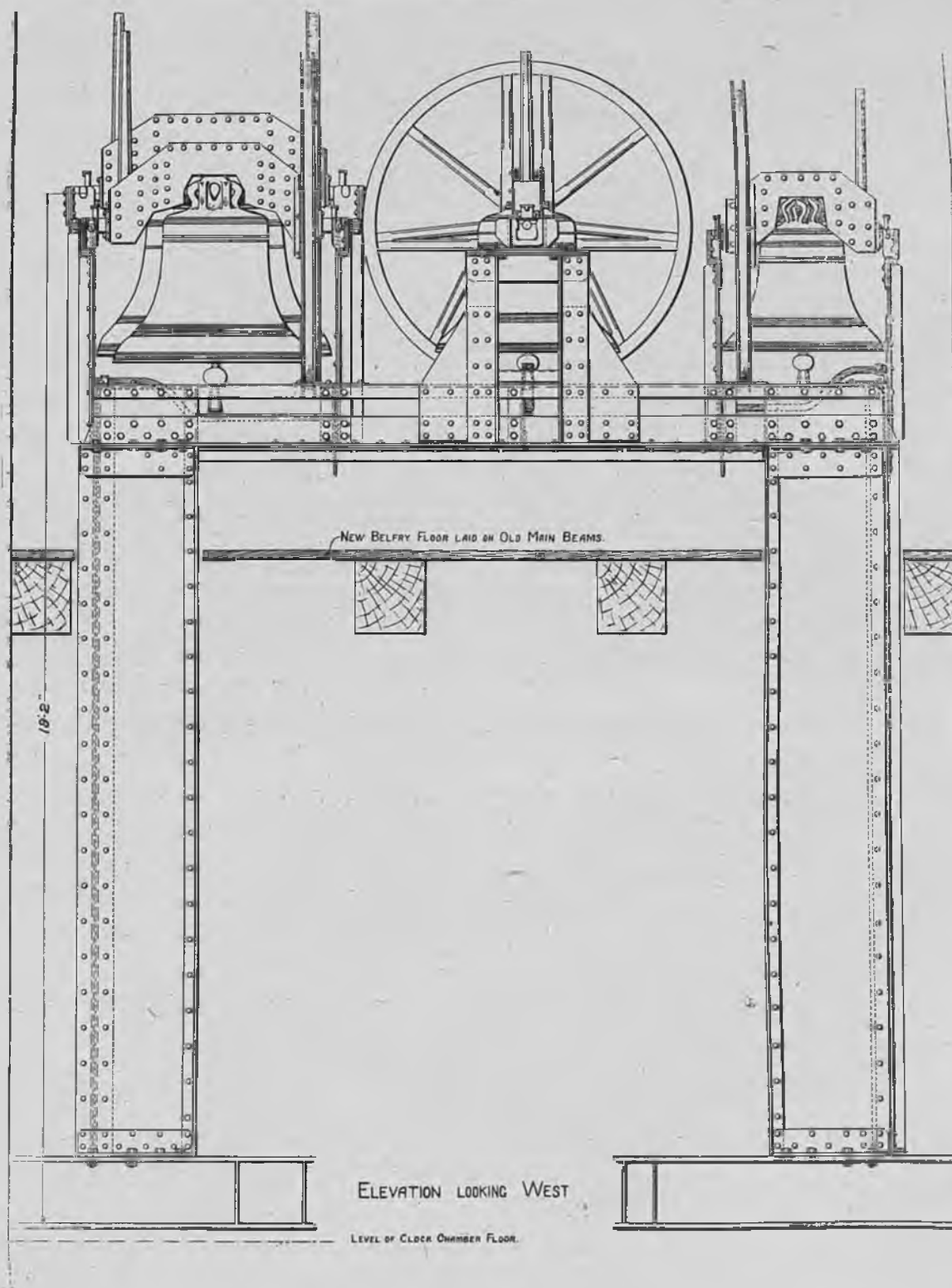
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NOTICES.

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

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Albans, Easter Monday, April 5th, when the four towers of the City will be open for ringing at 2 o'clock. Choral Evensong in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address to ringers by the new Dean of St. Albans. 5.50 p.m., tea at the Abbey Institute, Romeland Hill entrance, followed by annual business meeting. In order to arrange satisfactorily for tea, I should be grateful for a postcard by Easter Monday's post notifying attendance. — G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Barmouth, N.W., at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tea will be provided in Church Hall at 4 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. Mocke, Maindee House, Barmouth, a week previous. Bells available all day.—H. Moore, 16, Poplar Road, Wrexham, Honorary Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The Easter meeting of the Central District will be held on Monday in Easter week, April 5th, at the Parish Church, Banstead. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea (members 3d., visitors 9d.), and short business meeting 5.45 at the Church Institute. Members of the Southern District and visitors will be welcome; please notify intention to be present before Thursday, April 1st to Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Guild will now be held at Emscote on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells available, Leamington (8) 11.30 till 1, and 3 till 4, Emscote (8) from 11 a.m., and St. Mary's (10) from 6 p.m. Dinner can be arranged at 1/6 per head at 1 o'clock at the Globe Hotel, if members will let me know by April 1st. Tea will be provided free at Emscote Vicarage at 4 o'clock for all who have let me know by March 30th. Committee Meeting at 3, at Emscote; General Meeting after tea. The Service has been cancelled.—H. Kettle, Hon. Secretary.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Scarborough on Easter Monday next, April 5th, 1915. The bells of the Parish Church (St. Mary's), tenor 21cwt., available for ringing. Dinner will be provided at Bailey's Central Cafe, 8, Newborough Street; Members 1/-, Non-Members 2/-. Ringers from any other Associations visiting Scarborough on the above day will receive a hearty welcome.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Easter Monday. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—H. Evans, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1915. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, at 2 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Claughton. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10) 11 to 12; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, expenses received, and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1. Peal Book on view.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at schoolroom at 5. Short service at 7 o'clock.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, 9, Colenso Road, Fareham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Dinner at St. Mary's Schoolroom at 1, meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's and St. Peter's will be available.—A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—ALTERATION OF ARRANGEMENTS for the annual meeting at Derby on Easter Monday, April 5th. The Committee will meet in St. Andrew's Church Schools at 3.45, general meeting at 4.30, at the same schools, for the election of officers, representatives to the Central Council and other business. The arrangements for the tea are cancelled, and there will be no church bell ringing.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—All being well on Saturday evening, April 10th, from 5 to 6 o'clock, Mr. Harry Withers, of Bournbrook, Birmingham, will give a selection of tunes, etc., on Coalbrookdale bells, also on Sunday morning, 10 to 11; afternoon, 2.30 to 3; evening, 5.45 to 6.30. There will be a short musical service in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Withers will probably give selections upon his dulcimer. Mr. Wallace Wall will also give a short organ recital.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The General Meeting of the Society will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m., at which the election of officers will take place.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery Branch will be held at Huntspill on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the School Room.—A. E. Moulton, Branch Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing meeting at Kettering on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Worksop on Saturday, April 11th, at the Priory Church of St. Cuthbert; 8 bells, available from 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 and from 7 to 8.30 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Secretary pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, April 10th, 1915. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 6d. each. Intending visitors please advise early.—H. Brownlee West, Honorary Branch Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on April 8th and 22nd, and for business on the 13th and 27th; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerell, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 17th annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (by kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Birch), on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. G. Langdon, M.A., Rector of Great Munden, Herts. Tea at 6 p.m., 7d. each to those who inform either of the honorary secretaries by April 7th of their intention of being present. Business meeting to follow, for election of officers, Central Council representatives, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Leonard's from 3 to 5, and after the meeting; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 7.30 to 9. — C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, April 17th, 1915. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock at George Inn. Business to follow. Association ringers are invited.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church at 5.15. Tea (9d.) in the Institute at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 13th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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