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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BLOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## MODERN WORK.

### OUR FALLEN HEROES.

So greet thee well thy dead  
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And be thou comforted  
Because they died for thee.

What we owe to the men who have fought, and bled, and died on the battlefields of three continents and on all the seas in the past four and a half years, is a debt that can never adequately be repaid. All that we, who have remained at home, shielded by the courage of those who have borne the heat of the conflict, can do is as nothing to the sacrifices these men have made, yet, feeble as it is, we all like to pay our tribute to the heroes who have fought and fallen, for it is the least that we can offer. It was in this spirit of humility, yet with a sense of thankfulness, which found expression in the address of the Bishop of Sheffield, that ringers from nearly all the counties of England gathered at St. Clement Danes on Saturday for the great National Memorial Service to those members of the Exercise who have given their lives for King and Country.

Saturday's service in the Metropolis was a marked success, and, coupled with the simultaneous services held in cathedrals and churches throughout the land, and the muffled ringing in a still larger number of towers, was the finest example which the Exercise has yet shown of national effort. To the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, the Rector of St. Clement Danes, and Mr. E. A. Young, the hon. secretary of the scheme, are due the special thanks of ringers, for to their efforts is to be attributed the success of the occasion. The Rector, although during the preparations confined to his home by illness, spared no pains to make the service one befitting the occasion, and only those privileged to take part in it can realise how far he succeeded. The work of Mr. Young resulted in the gathering being absolutely representative, and either directly or indirectly, we believe, every Guild and Association in the country was represented. It was, indeed, a unique and memorable event.

It is, however, certain that ringers, whose grief at the loss of worthy colleagues, is much more deep than a passing emotion, will desire to perpetuate the memory of these departed heroes in some tangible form, and memorials of various kinds are already under consideration. Generations yet to come will want to know who these men were that saved their country from the oppressor, and for that reason, if no other, the preservation of the roll of honour is worth making in some durable form. The Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford suggests that for London and district a memorial tablet in brass should be placed in St. Clement Danes' Church, and doubtless this will receive due consideration. Other schemes will find favour in other districts, but we have no doubt that throughout the country the various associations will find a fitting way of commemorating the sacrifices of their fallen brethren.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... 6
CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 7
THOMAS BULLOCK ... .. 4	*GEORGE JACOB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. JONES.

\* First peal.

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

On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... Treble	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 3	*JOHN EATON ... .. 7
GUNNER E. BOYLIN ... 4	GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

\* First peal.

This peal was specially arranged for Gunner E. Boylin while he was home on leave from Cologne.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.  
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in E flat.

HARRY PAGE ... .. Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN ... .. 5
*FRED LASBURY ... .. 2	WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 6
*BERT DAVIES ... .. 3	TOM PAGE ... .. 7
GEORGE CROSS ... .. 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

\* First peal in the method.

This peal was arranged for W. Bolton, of St. John's, Cardiff, also as a birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Treble	EDWARD LLOYD ... .. 5
FRANK MILLARD ... .. 2	JOSEPH MADDOCK ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	EDGAR E. BURGESS ... 7
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 4	JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal in the method.

This peal was rung for Divine service, and was arranged for Pte. J. Thomas, R.A.F., of London, who was an inmate of the Taunton Red Cross Hospital.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.)

On Tuesday, February 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOIR ... Treble	*JOHN GARDINER ... .. 5
*JAMES MARSH ... .. 2	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 6
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 3	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

\* First peal in the Oxford variation and first of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells.

## WOLVERHAMPTON.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Ex-Pte. WILLIAM JONES ... Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5
JOHN BRADNEY ... 2	Ex-Cpl. DANIEL JONES ... 6
SAPPER H. M. HAWKESWOOD ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 7
ANDREW JONES ... 4	C.-S.-M., I.M., WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a welcome home to Private William Jones, Queen's West Surrey, on his return from Italy, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bradney, who attained his 69th anniversary on the 9th inst.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN ... Treble	THOMAS MILLER ... 5
*ALBERT J. SCRIVENS ... 2	JAMES GEORGE ... 6
WILLIAM STRINGER ... 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
OLIVER G. NORMAN ... 4	*ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

\* Elected members prior to starting. Rung with the bells muffled on the 28th anniversary of the death of the donor of the bells, Francis Genders.

## SPITALFIELDS, LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, February 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.	Tenor 33 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs. in C.
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	LIEUT. WM. C. DUFFIELD ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER,	FRANCIS E. DAWE ... 6
R.N., A.A.C. ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
JAMES SCHOLES ... 3	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... Tenor
GEORGE R. FARDON ... 4	

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER, R.N., A.A.C.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	HERBERT HOLDEN ... 6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of THE SAWOUR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
HARRY CHAPMAN ... 2	PETER CROOK ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Trippier on the birth of a daughter, and a birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Newton, late of Manchester.

## DEATH OF SERGT. A. P. WAKLEY.

## A WELL-KNOWN MIDLAND RINGER.

The Exercise has sustained a heavy blow by the death of Mr. Albert P. Wakley, of Burton, who died on the 18th February.

The late soldier and bell ringer was wounded at the battle of Loos, where he received severe injuries. He was then drafted to a Labour Group, in which he rendered valuable service in France. He reached home, after demobilisation, on the 9th February, but immediately took to his bed, and succumbed to influenza and nephritis-pneumonia nine days later.

As in every other walk of life that he entered, the deceased was distinguished in bell ringing. As a conductor he was unsurpassed and his versatility was marvellous, he being equally at home on any number of bells. He was a member of the famous St. Paul's Society Burton-on-Trent, which made its name in the eighties. His ability in tapping changes on the piano was not the least of his accomplishments, all Surprise Major Methods rolling from his fingers with equal facility. His peals, which numbered 98, of which he conducted 34, varied from Doubles to Cinques. When one attempted a peal with Mr. Wakley as conductor, one could always with safety write out the notice beforehand. The manner in which he seized upon a trip, and with clear, precise directions put it right, was, to say the least of it, exceptional. His ready humour and genial manner endeared him to all who knew him, and his untimely demise at the age of 29 years will leave a gap which will be felt for years to come.

His funeral took place on the 22nd, with full military honours. Muffled ringing took place before and after the obsequies, and again on the following day.

## OXFORD GUILD.

## READING BRANCH SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 8th, the Reading branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting. The proceedings commenced with the ringing of short touches in various methods on the bells of St. Giles' Church, followed by a short service, the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor officiating. The members then proceeded to the Royal Oak, where a capital meat tea was partaken of, followed by the usual business meeting, Mr. W. P. Routh being in the chair. He was again re-elected, Mr. A. W. Osborne having intimated his desire to relinquish the office of hon. secretary after 17 years' service, during which time he filled the post with great credit, his resignation was eventually accepted with many expressions of regret, and Mr. F. W. Hopgood elected to fill the vacant office. Among the 44 members present were Canon Coleridge, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, the Rev. F. W. Lane, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davies, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general sec. of the Guild), Mr. Menday, Mr. Frankham, Mr. Neville, Mr. Swain, Mr. A. J. Wright, and that grand old change ringer, Mr. W. Newell.

During the evening songs were contributed by Air-Mechanic Higgs the Rev. F. W. Lane, Mr. J. Goodenough, Miss Tubbs, Mr. Newell, and Miss Hopgood, the meeting being closed by singing the National Anthem.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Gainsborough on Saturday week, and proved to be a huge success. A large gathering of ringers was present from the following towers: Brigs, Scatter, Kilton Lindsey, Bigby, Market Rasen, Scunthorpe, Workson and Anston, in addition to the local company. The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and evening, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, the first touch being with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to all those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in the great war, especially Sergt. P. Ballance (5th Lincoln), a much respected member of the local company, and also to Mr. A. H. Wheeler, Gainsborough, and Mr. J. W. Watson, Lincoln, two former members of the Guild. The last named gentleman, for a number of years, acted as honorary secretary for the North Lincolnshire Association, previous to the formation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and was greatly loved and respected by all who knew him.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. C. A. Greensmith officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby).

Tea was provided at 6, Spital Terrace, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. T. Parry presided, and apologised for the absence of the President (Mr. F. P. Tinley). Mr. W. Pixley (Scotbar) and Mr. C. Fowler (Anston) were elected performing and non-resident life members respectively, and the whole of the officers were re-elected.—It was decided to hold meetings as in 1917, the dates and places to be left in the hands of the district secretary.

Other items were discussed, after which votes of thanks were passed to Canon Standen for the use of the bells, the Rev. H. T. Parry for presiding, Mr. and Mrs. T. Whelpie for the excellent spread they had placed on the table; also Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker, Mrs. F. Noble, and the Gainsborough ringers for their assistance towards making the gathering such a success.

Most of the ringers afterwards returned to the tower, where further ringing took place until 8.15 p.m., thus bringing a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.



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## RINGERS' NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE.

### GREAT GATHERING AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

The solemn service at St. Clement Danes Church, London, the chief of the memorial services held throughout the country on Saturday last for those ringers who have given their lives for King and Country in the great war, was at once impressive and unique, and will long remain in the recollection of those who were privileged to attend it. A congregation of well over a thousand people, principally members of the Exercise, was present, and almost every part of the country was represented, from Lancashire to Kent, from Devon to Northumberland. A committee of the London ringing societies, with Mr. E. Alex. Young as hon. secretary, assisted the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford) in making the arrangements, and the service was full worthy of the occasion. Long before the hour of service ringers began to assemble, and from 3.30 p.m. there was an organ recital by Mr. E. Stanley Roper, Mus.Bac., assistant organist at Westminster Abbey. He played 'Carillon,' by F. de la Tombelle; 'Holdsworthy Church Bells,' by Wesley; 'Carillon,' by Elgar, in which Lieut. C. F. Johnston (Grenadier Guards), assisted with his bells; 'The trumpet shall sound' (Handel), and 'Marche Funebre' (Tschaiikowsky).

When the choir and clergy had taken their places, the service opened with the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' followed by the National Anthem. Appropriate opening sentences had been selected, and the special Psalms were the 26th, 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' and the 121st, 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.' In the absence of Canon G. F. Coleridge, the first lesson, taken from Longfellow's immortal lines in the 'Golden Legend,' upon the signification of the bells, and beginning—

'For the bells themselves are the best of preachers.

Their brazen lips are learned teachers.'

was read by Mr. Albert Hughes (Master of the College Youths).

The hymn 'Gospel Bells' was then sung, Lieut. Johnston accompanying the singing with music on his handbell carillon. The Rev. H. Mayne Young, of St. George's, Southwark (six of whose ringers have fallen), read the second lesson, from the Book of Wisdom (iii). After special prayers, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies read a roll of honour of some 80 ringers from London and district who have fallen in the war, and then offered the following beautiful prayer:—

O God Eternal, all Loving Saviour and Friend, we desire this day to offer to Thy Honour and Glory this Service of Memorial for our Church Bell Ringers and those who render Thee service in the Church Towers of our Land, and who have given their lives for their King and Country, especially those, O Lord, in this great City and Districts. We commit them to Thy Almighty and All-loving care as into the Hands of a loving Father, and commend to Thee, in sure and certain Hope of a blessed Re-union, the Souls of these brave men, who have willingly made the Supreme Sacrifice—for Right Grant them Everlasting Rest and Peace, in Thy Eternal and Blessed Kingdom, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

An impressive interval followed, in which the 'whole pul and stand' was rung seven times, while the congregation remained kneeling. The half-muffled bells, with the alternate tolling of the tenor, with all its significance to ringers, was intensely solemn, and brought home to everyone present, as probably nothing else could do, the thought that never again in the belfry would they meet those brave men whose names they had just heard read, and many of whom they had claimed as intimate friends and companions. It was, as it were, the moment of farewell to many a true and trusted comrade.

Other prayers were then offered, and afterwards came the hymn, 'Jesu, lover of my soul,' and the address by the Bishop of Sheffield, whose moving words, based upon no text, but truly interpreting the feelings of his congregation, must have impressed every hearer.

### THE GREAT EXAMPLE.

The Bishop said: 'We are taking part in a service not only beautiful and deeply moving, but, as far as I know, a service that is unique. All over the country, in many cathedrals, in a great many town and village churches there are services being held at this time of a similar kind, and at the same time as the bells in this church peal forth there will be the ringing of muffled bells throughout the country. And it is right, because there is something specially close in the bond that holds us together. The bond between those in the tower, regular, constant ringers, ringing out the gospel news to bid the people welcome to the House of God, is a very close bond indeed, and it is not broken in death. It is especially appropriate to have a memorial service of this kind, that we may commemorate those who have gone forth and died for their country. Therefore, I think, those who thought of this service, and whose first idea it was, have done well. Though we all recognise how utterly feeble and inadequate is the human voice to express our feelings—there is hardly one of us who, like myself, have not lost friends, sons, and dear ones in the war—yet there are two or three thoughts that must come to everyone, and which we would all like to connect with those whom we love, and who have given up their lives for us. The first thought must be one of keenest gratitude

and thankfulness for what they gave and what they suffered. I do not think anyone can realise what has not been out and seen the devastation, the awful havoc—I do not think anybody can realise what these men have saved us from, and what they have deserved of us. The cause was worthy of the men, and the men were worthy of the cause. We welcome home those men who have fought and bled for us, we welcome home those whom God has spared, and we cannot but give them a good place in the life of this country in the days to come, but our first feeling is to those who will return no more. And if that is our first thought, then I am sure you, as church bell ringers, will agree with me, that our second thought is thankfulness for the grandeur, the consolation, and the strength of our Christian faith. We believe, in a very real sense, that these, our brothers, are still alive. We who are Christians believe in the Saviour of the world, in the redemption of the human soul, and the sure and glorious hope of the resurrection and eternal life. Then the thought comes to our minds as we think of the men who have left us, of the example which we must follow. They speak to us in no uncertain voice, these brothers of ours. Not perfect, many of them, young and impetuous, they speak to us at least of duty, faith—faith that means risking something, risking everything for the unseen—and that self-sacrifice that is the true meaning of love in the New Testament—an example to follow indeed! Let us follow the noble example they have set us in the days to come—we shall want it and want it badly—let us put duty, faith and sacrifice first, and then, when it comes to our turn, we shall have nothing to fear.

'For all the Saints' was sung after the sermon, and before the Blessing a hymn for ringers, written specially for the occasion by Mrs. Pennington-Bickford, and set to music by the Rector, was sung kneeling. This was particularly appropriate, and we quote two of the verses:—

To Thy Holy keeping	Safe in Thy dear keeping
We commit, O Lord,	They shall calmly rest;
Ringers, nobly fallen	With Thy Holy Angels
For their King—their God.	Keep their vigil blest.

The Dead March in 'Saul' and the 'Hallelujah Chorus,' upon the organ, concluded the service, and the voluntary consisted of a course of Stedman Triples rung on handbells. As the congregation left the church, the 'whole pull and stand' was again rung, and in the evening there was half-muffled ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

#### THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is the list of those comprised in the London and District Roll of Honour read at the service:—

Ernest Atwater, C. J. Alderton, L. E. Alford, Joseph Abbott, W. Audsley, G. Briggs, A. V. Burdock, A. G. Boxall, J. A. Boote, Reginald Blake, Jesse Beames, A. Bashford, Arthur Cassani, W. H. Cowley, A. Cain, W. J. Cooper, C. Dell, J. Dewey, H. Dewes, Douglas Drewett, A. Dennis, H. Deney, G. Edser, R. A. Ell's, Eric G. Filtness, P. Fowler, G. Fisher, Alf. Gates, L. G. Hicks, K. G. Hawkins, P. R. Hislop, G. Honeyball, Arthur Hines, C. A. Hughes, Frederick Hardy, W. S. Inwood, W. D. James, Alfred James, G. Kerr, Charles Knight, W. Lawes, W. C. Lee, W. H. Lewis, T. E. Loosemore, A. Licence, W. Maynard, W. Markey, J. H. Mitcham, Archie Mansfield, J. T. Martin, F. Morley, A. Milne, R. W. Melville, B. A. Morris, W. J. New, G. H. Orford, H. Phipps, Bertram Frewett, James H. Payne, Frank Pickering, Sydney Redick, F. Roper, A. J. Roker, A. P. Saffan, W. F. Smith, S. Smith, H. J. Suddell, R. E. Staver, Alfred Savage, A. Stoner, A. Streeter, H. C. Stubbs, W. Taffender, George Tamman, C. Varo, Herbert W. Williams, Sydney Weatherstone, Andrew Warner, Merrick Warnett, Walter Webster and George Wild.

The 'whole pull and stand' in the course of the service was rung by A. A. Hughes (Master), F. Horrex and W. E. Garrard, of the College Youths; F. Smith, B. Foskett and W. Berry, of the Royal Cumberland Youths; T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney and A. E. Reeve, of the London County Association, and H. Mance.

The offertory taken during the service, and to be devoted, after paying expenses, to an approved charitable object devoted to ringers, amounted to £18 18s.

There was a re-union of ringers during the tea interval, when a large number of those present gathered at a restaurant opposite the church, the Bishop and the Rector being also present.

Many of the County and Diocesan Associations were represented at the service. Among the societies, outside those touching London and its fringe, who sent representatives were: The Central Council (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), Central Northants (Mr. F. Wilford), Salisbury Diocesan (Messrs. W. Hughes D'Aeth, A. F. Martin Stewart and J. H. Shepherd), Midland Counties (Messrs. J. Taylor, E. Denison Taylor and W. E. White), Winchester Diocesan (Messrs. J. J. Jones and G. Miles), Lancashire (Mr. H. Chapman), St. Martin's Guild Birmingham (Mr. A. Padlon Smith and H. Withers), Bedfordshire (Mr. E. P. Duffield), Devon Guild (Mr. W. Shepherd), Durham and Newcastle (Mr. G. W. Murray and Mr. W. J. Hazell), Cambridge University (Mr. J. B. Williamson), Oxford Diocesan (Messrs. R. T. Hibbert and F. Hopgood), Llandaff Diocesan (Mr. J. W. Jones), Yorkshire (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan.

There were, of course, many hundreds of other ringers present, including members of the College Youths, Royal Cumberland Youths, London County Association, Middlesex, Kent, Essex, and Surrey Associations, which shows how widely supported the national service was by the ringers of England. A number of ringers who have served overseas also attended.

The band of the Royal Artillery, who should have taken part in the service, failed to put in an appearance, and the explanation has since been forthcoming that they were ordered overseas at a day's notice.

#### OTHER SERVICES.

The simultaneous memorial service at Cambridge was held at Great St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., and included a portion of the form used in London. The address was given by the President of the Central Council (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey). There was a good attendance of ringers from Cambridgeshire and Essex, and both before and after the service there was muffled ringing.

The service at Sheffield Cathedral was very largely attended, and in every respect a great success. Although simple in form, it was magnificent and impressive and the Archdeacon's address was most inspiring.

At Winchester Cathedral the members of the Diocesan Guild shared in the act of homage to the fallen.

A memorial service with special reference to the members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, who have fallen in the war, was incorporated into evensong at Chester Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. last Saturday.

The Bristol service at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church was also largely attended.

We hope to give some further particulars of these and other services next week.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me, through the medium of your pages, to express on behalf of the Rector and the members of the London Committee, our grateful acknowledgment and thanks for the help and kindness we have received on all sides?

To the above I would desire to state, that for such shortcomings as there were, I trust that all will extend to me, as honorary secretary, their kind indulgence. I will only add that I deeply appreciate the many kind words and letters which I have received.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

#### A PERMANENT MEMORIAL.

The Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford writes: 'I think it would be most appropriate to have a brass memorial tablet to the memory of the fallen ringers in St. Clement Danes Church. I will gladly give a guinea towards this. Of course, this would only refer to ringers of the London District. I feel sure other Cathedrals and Churches will have their own.'

#### PEALS.

A number of muffled peals have been rung, the details of which will appear in due course.

#### TESTIMONIAL TO MR. EDWIN HORREX.

In appreciation of his long and valuable services to the art of change ringing, and as a token of the esteem in which he is held by College Youths and friends, a testimonial will be presented to Mr. Edwin Horrex at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., to-morrow (Saturday), at 8 p.m., after an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Bow Church, Cheapside, in honour of his 81st birthday. The committee (Messrs. A. A. Hughes, H. R. Newton, C. F. Winney, C. S. Burden, A. S. Pettett, M. A. Young and W. T. Cockerill) heartily thank all who have responded to their invitation to join in this 81st birthday surprise scheme to their old friend, who is still 'going strong.'

#### 'THE BELLS OF VICTORY.'

The 'Evening Standard' of Feb. 21st contained the following:—

'The suggestion that scientifically toned public clocks and church bells are desirable forms of war memorials is finding favour both with the general public and the musical world. The superb bells of Bruges, Malines, Ypres and Ghent are quoted as examples which might well be followed in this country. It has already been decided that the permanent tribute to one Territorial Regiment shall be a noble peal of bells, a glorious ever-present record in bronze of the gallant deeds of the men of the country. Such an inspiring tribute seems better than some useless statue or similar memorial. Let us have throughout the land on each high-day and holiday the far-flung harmony of the bells to stir us all to greater deeds for the land of our birth.'

#### 'QUERY.'

To the Editor

Sir,—Will some reader of your interesting and valuable journal (Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, or any other expert on the subject) kindly point out the false lead or leads of Superlative Surprise Minor which I am told will not run true for a 720, but London or Cambridge will do so? I have been up to the present time unable to find where falseness occurs in Superlative. I should be pleased if any one will oblige by answering this query.—Yours truly,

Quorn.

W. H. INGLESANT.

## NOTICES.

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

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 31st Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 8th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. All tickets have now been allotted. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.; tea at Messrs. Brown's Café at 4 p.m.; Divine service at 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, March 1st. Eight bells (tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3 o'clock. All ringers invited.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston (Whittlesford Station) on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting to follow. Members are earnestly requested to pay their subscriptions as soon as possible.—A. E. Austin, Acting General Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A district meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting to follow in the Cricket Pavilion.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m.; business meeting 5.30 p.m. The tower of St. Mary Magdalene will also be open.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, March 1st. Bells of Parish Church (8, tenor 21 cwt.) open from 2 p.m.; tea at Bridge End Hotel 5 p.m.; Committee meets before tea, 4.15 p.m., same place.—G. T. Potter, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bulwell Parish Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, District Secretary.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Silverdale, on Saturday, March 1st, 1919. Please notify Mr. T. Birch, Chapel Street, Silverdale, of how many intend to be present not later than February 26th.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 51, Dunrobin Street, Longton.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on March 1st, when the bells will be open from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Green Dragon at 5.15, rs. 3d. members, non-members rs. 6d.; business meeting after, at which the Vicar will preside. Short service in Church at 6.45. All members and friends will be made welcome. Will all who possibly can, notify me of their intention to be present?—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hon. District Sec.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.; business meeting to follow.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingboro' District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock; service at 4.30; tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 4th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 8th, 1919. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m., or any hour after 10 a.m. if pre-arranged with the Secretary of the Association. The Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Morgan, M.A., has very kindly consented to hold a short Service in the Church specially for ringers and friends. The usual business meeting will be held in the schoolroom, and the election of three committee-men. Messrs. Cockey, Dronfield and Panther are retiring, but are eligible for re-election. All members who are entitled to the new emblems may have the same on notifying the Secretary, and producing their entrance fee certificates.—Frank Willey, Sec. pro tem., 11, Petre Street, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Widford, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 3.30. Particulars re tea next week. Please notify me before the 5th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.

**HILLINGDON: ST. JOHN'S** (10 bells).—A special practice on Saturday, March 8th, at 6 o'clock.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4 o'clock, which will be conducted by the Vicar,



the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, March 11th. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped that all outstanding arrears will be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, 15th March. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m. in Schools to those who notify Mr. G. H. Hardy, 279, Middle Road, Earlsheaton, not later than Tuesday, March 11th. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice at St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**ACTON, LONDON, W.**—Practice at this Church has been altered from Wednesday to Thursday, 7.30 till 9 p.m.

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**HACKNEY.**—For Divine service, at St. John's, Old Hackney, on Sunday morning, September 8th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: W. A. Alps (composer and conductor) 1, R. Maynard, Junr., 2, Arthur Coles 3, J. Walker 4, H. O. Alford 5, G. J. Smith 6, Albert Coles 7, S. Pettett 8. Rung on the occasion of Mr. Arthur Coles being home on leave from the front.

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