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### EFFICIENCY IN SERVICE RINGING.

In some recent articles the question has been discussed of raising the standard of peal ringing. Improvement in quality rather than increase in quantity is an object which all peal ringing bands should ever have in view, because in aiming at a higher standard both of method and execution of peals, a general increase in efficiency will be secured. There are, however, very many towers where the ringers as a company, do not aspire to peal ringing. As individuals, perhaps, they join other bands more or less frequently in peal ringing, but collectively they are content with practices and with more or less regular Sunday service ringing. Upon these, no less than upon the peal ringers, there rests the obligation of endeavouring to attain a higher standard both in methods and the ringing of them.

Happily in these days, while ringers strive after greater recognition as Church workers, there is a growing appreciation among them of the duties which this involves. Recognition carries with it responsibilities, and responsibility does not end merely in seeing that the church bells are rung for the Sunday services. Interest and enthusiasm in ringing lead men to seek greater proficiency in the art, but the duty which the ringer owes to the Church ought to be an equally great inspiration to advancement. Peal ringing, which, after all, is chiefly the satisfaction of personal ambition, spurs a man to self-improvement; the service which he is called upon to render to the Church ought to make an even greater appeal to a ringer to reach a higher level of accomplishment, although, it must be frankly admitted, that this is not always the case.

Much depends upon the individual, but more might be done than is done by the various ringing organisations to encourage a betterment of Sunday ringing. In a few cases such encouragement is given, notably in the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, but for the most part the Associations concern themselves with little but their periodical meetings and the peals which are rung. Indirectly, of course, both these have a bearing upon the standard of Sunday ringing, but there is scope for work of a valuable kind if Associations would make special efforts to get the bells in all affiliated towers rung regularly and efficiently for the Sunday services. We do not want to be misunderstood with regard to the peal ringing question. The best peal ringers are, as a rule, the most efficient service ringers, but there are others who are not peal ringers whose zeal and efficiency alike would probably profit by encouragement given from the right quarter and in the right spirit.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANCES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HAROLD BURTON ... .. 8
*FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3	HORACE BEECHER ... .. 9
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 4	GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 10
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 11
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. 6	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES

Tenor 12 cwt, 9 lbs. in F.

ARTHUR FARR ... ..Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
*ARCHIE STOKES ... .. 2	*HORACE DAY ... .. 7
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 3	GEORGE LADD ... .. 8
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 4	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 9
WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\* First peal of Royal. This is the first peal in the method by all the band, by the Association and in the County.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANCES;

HERBERT SHEPPARD ... ..Treble	SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 6
*JAMES TYLER ... .. 2	BERT HORTON ... .. 7
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 3	REUBEN HALL ... .. 8
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 9
EDWARD J. TYLER ... .. 5	WILLIAM GREEN ... ..Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. H. Phillips, M.A., in honour of his first anniversary as Vicar of Dudley.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... ..Treble	ALBERT BATES ... .. 5
RICHARD MORGAN ... .. 2	HARRY SIMMONS ... .. 6
*FRANK E. ELLIS ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	*EDWARD BROWN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal; also first on the bells since being recast and rehung by Mears & Stainbank. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wheadon. All the ringers are members of the local band.

## PEAL ATTEMPT AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

At Exeter Cathedral on December 5th, members of the Devon Guild attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters on the celebrated bells, the tenor of which is 72 cwt. Unfortunately a shift course occurred, which brought the attempt to an end after two and a half hours' ringing. The band was: W. Lethbridge 1, T. Lavern 2, A. W. Searle (conductor) 3, T. Bartlett 4, F. Murphy 5, F. Gardner 6, G. Betts 7, J. Sandover 8, F. J. Davey 9, C. Glas 10 and R. Hamilton 10.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS... .. 2	HENRY PRING ... .. 6
RICHARD CLARK... .. 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7
*ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Bristol. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

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

DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 3). Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY HILL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BATES... .. 5
GEORGE FREEBRY ... .. 2	† GEORGE TANDY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. WILEMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 7
*ALBERT HILL ... .. 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBRY.

\* First peal. † First peal with bob bell.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN... .. Treble	HERBERT W. CHAPMAN ... .. 5
HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 2	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... .. 6
*HARRY HARRINGTON... .. 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7
WILLIAM LATHER ... .. 4	WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. \* First peal in the method. W. Collison and F. White were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

SEELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN BASS ... .. Treble	JOHN WITHERS ... .. 5
*PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
*FRANK W. PERRINS ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 4	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

\* First peal of London.

HEADCORN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 5
HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. 2	*FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD... .. 6
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 7
†LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 4	PHILLIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by T. E. SONE.

First peal as conductor; also first peal of Treble Bob, and rung at the first attempt. \* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major with a bob bell.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 30 cwt.

HENRY BLUNDELL ... .. Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN ... .. 5
HERBERT RAINBOW ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. 6
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... .. 3	WILLIAM FAREY ... .. 7
TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 4	HARRY PETTITT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FAREY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert Rainbow. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. F. Wood, of the local ringers, for having everything in readiness.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTEAD ... .. Treble	SPENCER MARSHALL ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
*RICHARD SMITH ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 7
JOHN LOWREY ... .. 4	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Garrard, aged 84 years, for many years the genial and obliging steeplekeeper at the above church.

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

On Wednesday, December 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 5
ALAN R. MACDONALD... .. 2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 3	GEORGE SPENCER... .. 7
CHARLES S. BIRD... .. 4	HENRY G. COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss L. Becker, of Heston, and Major Matthew Hay, which took place at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, the same day.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BEDS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BUTLER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK BENNETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 2	JOHN H. PRESTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 4	SAMUEL W. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

The ringers of the treble and tenor were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting the peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER ... .. Treble	ALBERT MARKS ... .. 5
OWEN H. GILES ... .. 2	CHARLES J. FRAY... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... .. 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. W. G. Beatty (late of Bassett in this parish), who took a great interest in the church bells and ringers and was a generous supporter to the fund when the ring was increased from 6 to 8 ten years ago.



## TURVEY, BEDS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. PARKER... ..Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN ... .. 5
*ALFRED J. MAWBY ... .. 2	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... .. 6
*THOMAS LAW ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... .. 7
*WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY ... .. 4	*TOM TEBBUTT ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

- \* First peal in the method.

## POPLAR,

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,  
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN...Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON... .. 5
THOMAS CRANFIELD ... .. 2	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7
GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... ..Tenor

Composed by the late H. DAINS.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

A. K. Harrison was elected a member previous to starting. H. W. Clark has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. E. Hartley).

## LONDON.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY.

## A PEAL OF STEPMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

C. T. COLES, ex-R.E. ...Treble	H. J. WALTON, ex-M.G.C. ... 5
A. K. HARRISON, ex-R.G.A. 2	A. R. MACDONALD, ex-R.E. 6
E. H. KING, ex-R.A.M.C. ... 3	A. D. BARKER, ex-R.A.M.C. 7
W. J. KEMP, ex-R.A.S.C., M.T. 4	A. W. COLES, ex-R.A.F. ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

The above peal was rung in commemoration of the fall of Jerusalem on the second anniversary of that event. It was rung by ex-service men who served during the war in the East, and who thus contributed in some way towards the downfall of the Turk and the delivery of the Holy City. The band wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. McLean, for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Riley for his great efforts to 'ease the way' for the ringing of this peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## GLEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire, and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HERBERT LOCK ... ..Treble	W. NEAL ATKINSON ... .. 4
FRED STANFORTH ... .. 2	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	JOE E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

- \* First peal. The ringers of 1, 3 and 5 belong to St. Margaret's, Leicester, 2 and 4 to Kibworth, tenor to Huddersfield.

## LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Boxing Day, December 26th 1919, twelve members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths (established 1686) will attempt a long peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick Parish Church, starting for peal at 9 a.m.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.  
(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE GARDNER ... ..Treble	CHARLES AYLRITT ... .. 4
HUBERT SUMMERS ... .. 2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 5
JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 3	*WILLIAM JAKEMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

- \* First peal. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

## MARSTON MAGNA.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

H. MILBORNE ... ..Treble	T. MERRIFIELD ... .. 4
T. G. VINCENT ... .. 2	E. F. CREED ... .. 5
R. LOOK... .. 3	*W. CRABB ... ..Tenor

Conducted by E. F. CREED.

- \* First peal.

## FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, December 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 2,520 changes each of Grandsire and Plain Bob

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..Treble	CHARLES A. MANNING ... .. 4
WILLIAM HECTOR ... .. 2	WALTER WALLINGTON ... .. 5
THOMAS B. SMITH ... .. 3	CHARLES J. WIMLETT... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the 17th birthday of Miss A. E. Smith. First attempt for a peal by Messrs. Manning and Wimlett.

## FIVE BELL PEALS.

## COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

*FRANK TOWNSEND ... ..Treble	JAMES W. HAYNES ... .. 3
J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... .. 2	R. A. HORNSBY, A.R.C.M. 4
HARRY FOLWELL ... ..	... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

- \* First peal and first attempt and elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Howes on attaining 80 years of age. He has been Rector of the above church 44 years.

## DINGLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 2,520 changes each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt

JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..Treble	ERNEST S. COTTON ... .. 3
WALTER WALLINGTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM HECTOR ... .. 4
THOMAS B. SMITH ... ..	... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Queen Alexandra. This was the first peal on the bells and the first peal on 5 bells by all except the conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—Before evensong, on the occasion of the harvest festival at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Wickens 1, H. R. Butcher (conductor) 2, H. Hammond 3, E. Bishop, junr., 4, H. M. Smith 5, E. Bishop, senr., 6, F. Hammond 7, W. Hammond 8. After service, 252 Stedman Triples.

### WAR MEMORIAL AT BELTON. IMPRESSIONS UNVEILING CEREMONY.

On Saturday, December 6th, at St. Peter's Church, Belton (Rutland), a roll of honour to the memory of members of the Belton Guild of Ringers who had served with the colours was unveiled. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. Pattison). During the hymn, 'Whene'er the sweet church bell,' the clergy and choir proceeded to the church tower, and at the conclusion the Vicar asked Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Jones, C.M.G., T.D. (Legion d'Honneur), of the 5th Leicesters, to unveil the memorial. Seven of the ten soldier ringers whose names are mentioned on the memorial and other visiting soldier-ringers stood 'to attention' round the belfry as Col. Jones addressed the congregation from the belfry arch.

Colonel Jones said they were gathered to unveil a memorial to the ringers of Belton Church, ten of whom had answered their country's call, while two had been called to make the supreme sacrifice. It was a glorious thought to remember how the young men of England had come forward so splendidly to the aid of their King and country. Belton had done its share, especially its bell ringers. The memorial would stand to show the coming generations how these had done their duty so loyally and bravely. The inscription would inspire them, should God so call them, to follow in the footsteps of these brave men, and to do their duty, even to the extent of giving up their lives, if need be.

Colonel Jones then pulled aside the Union Jack which covered the memorial, and the ringers rang a few rounds on the bells. The National Anthem was sung with the bells still pealing giving a most unique and harmonious effect, the setting being in G, the same key as the bells. This was followed by an impressive and touching address by the Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester (the Rev. F. R. C. Payne, M.A., M.B.E.), who took as his text Ruth ii. 20. 'Blessed is he that hath not left off his kindness to the living and the dead.' The hymn, 'For all the saints,' was sung and special prayers offered.

At the conclusion of the service, the Vicar announced that after a short interval during which members of the congregation could view the memorial, a special peal of 720 changes in the Kent Treble Bob method would be rung by a band representative of the Midland Counties Association, under the conductorship of Sergt. Ernest Morris, R.A.S.C., who was the designer and writer of the memorial.

This was rung by W. E. White (Cotgrave), treble; Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston) 2, Sergt. E. Morris (Leicester) 3, W. White (Cotgrave) 4, J. J. Jackson (Belton) 5, R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray) tenor.

The ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. J. J. Jackson, of Belton Old Hall, after which 720 Bob Minor was rung on the bells by a band of soldiers, viz., Pte. C. Jelley 1, Corpl. J. H. Churchill 2, Pte. A. Buzzard 3, Sergt. E. Bartram, M.M., 4, Pte. F. Bindley, M.M., 5, Sergt. E. Morris (conductor) 6. It is noteworthy that Corpl. Churchill, who was severely wounded and lost his right arm in the war, took part in two 720's during the afternoon, one of which he conducted. The following rang in the latter: W. Aldridge (Leicester) 1, H. J. Churchill (Belton) 2, E. Bartram (Melton) 3, F. Bindley (Belton) 4, J. Grocock (Belton) 5, J. Morris (Leicester) 6.

The tablet, which is tastefully designed in the Ionic principle, framed in dark oak, surmounted by a horse-shoe (the emblem of Rutland) bears the following inscription:— 'St. Peter's Guild of Ringers, Belton. Roll of Honour. To the Glory of God and in memory of the following members of St. Peter's Guild, who served with the colours in the great war, 1914-1919: Corporal A. Jarman, West Yorkshires, killed; Pte. C. H. Reeve, Coldstream Guards, killed; Pte. F. Bindley, M.M., Leicesters, wounded; Pte. A. Buzzard, K.O.R. Lanes; Corpl. J. H. Churchill, Leicesters, wounded; Pte. C. Jelley, Leicesters, wounded; Pte. H. Kendall, Suffolks, prisoner of war; Pte. A. Marlow, Leicesters, wounded; Pte. F. Marlow, Leicesters (M.G.C.); Pte. S. Tarr (K.O.R. Lanes). 'Into Thy Hands, O Lord.' 'Per Angusta—Ad Augusta.'

The change ringing instinct of the writer of the memorial, Sergt. Ernest Morris, asserted itself in his work. In filling in the shaded portions of the memorial he ingeniously inserted a diagram of the path of a bell through a course of Stedman on one side, and of Double Norwich on the other, but it requires minute scrutiny to discern them: still they are there clear and distinct so that future ringing visitors to Belton Church will be shown the memorial, and asked to solve the puzzle—find the diagrams!

### FAMOUS LONDON PEAL.

The five peal of eight at St. Andrew's, Holborn, are to be rehung. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cast the bells in 1731. The connection between the church and the Whitechapel Foundry goes back 150 years further than that, however, for Robert Mei cast the Sanctus bell in the year 1587.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, the 'Ringing World' will be published next week on Wednesday, instead of Friday, and the latest time for receiving notices, etc., for insertion in that issue will be the first post on Monday next.

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The restored and augmented peal of six at Penn are to be completed by Christmas, and also the peal of eight for Blyth, Northumberland. Both these contracts are being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The new peal of six (tenor 6 cwt.) from the same foundry for Hitcham are also to be dedicated this month.

There is much more than passing interest in the peal rung by members of the Hertfordshire Association at Hackney on December 9th. It was in celebration of the second anniversary of the capture of Jerusalem, and not only was it rung at what is probably the only available church with so appropriate a dedication—the Church of St. John of Jerusalem—but the band consisted of ex-Service men, all of whom had served in some part of the world against the Turk, either in Gallipoli or Asia Minor, or actually in Palestine or Egypt, and so had a hand, directly or indirectly, in the event which they commemorated.

On page 516 of our issue of November 28th, we gave a note of a new peal of eight from the Loughborough foundry. The name of the church was Overseale, not Ovenscote as printed.

There being two singles in the 'Original,' a correspondent, 'without appearing to be funny,' inquires who called these singles in the recent peal at Rammore Common, the record of which gave the name of the man who 'called ye bobbies.'

The time of the peal of Maximus at Shrewsbury was 3 hrs. 57 mins., and not 2.57 as published. 'O. R. L.' would have had to get some hustle on to have pushed that 39 cwt. tenor through a 5016 in 177 minutes.

## THE FIRST PEAL BY A MAYOR.

Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool writes:—

Mr. H. Haigh is evidently unaware that the claim to being the first Mayor to ring a peal during his tenure of office is held by Mr. Herbert Baker, of Hertford. This gentleman rang the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints', Hertford, on December 5th 1907, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. The record of that peal may be found in the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's work, "Amongst the bells," on page 597. This does not detract in the least from the admiration we may hold for Capt. Deuman and Mr. Bowen Cooke by having to occupy second and third's place respectively.

## BELFRY FOREMAN FOR 30 YEARS.

DEATH OF MR. W. J. BOWNES, OF LANE END.

We have to record with great regret the death of William J. Bownes, who was for many years one of the bell ringers, and a member of the choir of Holy Trinity Church, Lane End, Bucks. When this church was built in 1878, with a ring of six bells by Mears and Stainbank, Mr. Bownes was one of the original band of ringers, and continued a member to the end, a period of 41 years, during the last 30 of which he was foreman. In 1890, the band joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and change ringing was introduced by the present Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Nash). About this time Mr. Bownes became foreman, and the tower soon began to take a creditable place among six-bell towers. A great number of 720's were rung, and for many years the band were efficient performers in three methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob. Mr. Bownes had to his credit two peals of 5040 (seven 720's) on the bells, rung in September, 1910, and May 1912, the 2nd and 3rd peals on the bells, the first having been rung on May 20th, 1902.

Mr. Bownes had been ailing for some time, but stuck bravely to his work. He died, after an operation in Guy's Hospital on Monday, December 1st, much lamented by all.

## GREETINGS.

TO OUR RINGING FRIENDS.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cartmel send hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year.

Duffield, St. Albans, Herts.

The President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Ringers desires to send greetings to his many ringing friends at this season, many of whom have happily returned safely from the perils of arduous enterprise at the seat of war. Still there are, alas! many faces missing. To the relatives of such the President offers his respectful condolences. He wishes all relatives and friends alike, a keen appreciation of the Christmas message of the bells, and a brighter and happier outlook for the year that is to come.

The Summit, Stevenage, Herts.

**'VICTORY' BELLS AT NORTH CAVE.****NEW PEAL OF SIX DEDICATED.**

On Tuesday of last week, the bells at North Cave, near Hull—recast and increased from five to six by the addition of a new tenor—were dedicated by the Bishop of Hull. For some few years past the old ring, cast in 1772 by Dalton, of York, were unsafe to ring, but the conclusion of the war provided a fitting opportunity for the restoration, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work. The bells have been rehung in a new steel and iron frame, the tenor being 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. in G. On the 5th is the inscription: 'These five bells cast by Dalton, of York, 1772, recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Mark Rice, Vicar; James Smith, Tom Denton, churchwardens.' Thence is inscribed, "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory." This bell was given to North Cave Church as a thankoffering for victory in the Great War, 1914-1919 by William Henton Carver and Florence Rosaline Carver.

The ringing at the opening ceremony was entrusted to the Hemingbrough ringers, who, after the service, brought round three 720's of Minor, the first being 720 Plain Bob, conducted by W. A. Hudson; the next 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by M. T. Tunc, and the third, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by W. A. Hudson. A 360 of Plain Bob, conducted by A. Hatfield and a few touches of Grandsire, were also rung, the ringers being M. J. Tunc, E. D. Tunc, J. J. Tunc, A. Hatfield, G. C. Terry and W. A. Hudson.

The bells are a very capital ring of six, and their 'go' is excellent. After the ringing, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, the ringers sat down to a meat tea at the Albion Hotel and subsequently there was time and change ringing on handbells.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.****SOUTHERN BRANCH.**

The first quarterly meeting of this newly-formed district was held at Aldershot on Saturday last, and was voted a great success. Ringing on the light peal of six commenced punctually at three, and by service time the little belfry was filled with ringers from Aldershot, Binsted, Bagshot, Dorking, Chertsey, Guildford, Iwer Heath, Ash, Worplesdon, while one plucky little lady came from Fulmer. The service touch was rung by six ladies, and 'the bobs were called' by Miss H. Mills. The form of service was that used by the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

After the service a move was made to the Church Hall where a bountiful tea had been laid by lady ringers, and a company of between 30 and 40 sat down.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mrs. Alexander. Two hon. members (Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Mann, of Aldershot), and Miss Caed and Miss Mansfield, of Ash (ringing members) were elected.

A discussion followed as to the next place of meeting, and Dorking was finally decided on. It was also proposed to arrange a friendly practice at Ash, if possible, in January.

Mrs. Hazelden proposed that the meeting should congratulate the following members on some 'first' performances. Miss W. Deacon, Miss Whibley and Miss K. Avenall, 720 Bob Minor at Worplesdon; the Aldershot ladies, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; also Miss H. Mills, quarter Grandsire Triples, with a bob bell; Miss Nye, quarter Grandsire Triples at Bagshot; and the Misses N. and L. Stevens, quarter Grandsire Triples at Chertsey. Congratulations were also extended to the hon. secretary on ringing in a recent peal at Guildford.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Alexander for her presence in the chair, and to the ladies who arranged the tea. The remainder of the evening was taken up with ringing.

The thanks of the members are due to the local hand for having the bells in readiness and otherwise making the visit of the Guild a very enjoyable one.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.****NORTH-EAST BRANCH.**

The first quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Hampton, Holcombe Rogus, Tiverton and Washfield. As must be expected in the early days of this branch, Grandsire Doubles was the only method rung, but some good striking was heard. The local ringers are to be congratulated on the preparations which they had made for the meeting, having thoroughly renovated the belfry, and added several necessary fixtures. No less than seven new members were admitted from this tower.

At the committee meeting it was decided to hold four meetings in the year (including the annual one in September) the next to take place at Washfield (including Calverleigh tower), soon after Easter; to advertise all meetings in the 'Ringing World'; and to arrange combined practices for Stedman and Bob Minor.

A short service was held in church, and tea was provided in the Schoolroom.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman of the branch, the Rev. E. J. Barton, for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the preparations they had made for the meeting.

**DEATH OF MR. G. W. BEMROSE.****A LOSS TO BOLSOVER.**

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. G. W. Bemrose, which sad event occurred on November 25th. Deceased was taken seriously ill on his way home from business on Monday evening, and, although he rallied somewhat, he died at one o'clock the following afternoon, heart failure being the cause. Neuritis had had him in its grip since 1914, and, although he was able to attend to his business, he was for some time under treatment at the Edgar Allen Institute at Sheffield. Until the last few months he had not been able to take part in any ringing, but latterly he seemed so much better and was at a Midland Counties meeting at Chesterfield as late as November 1st, having a 'go' at any method attempted.

He was laid to rest in Bolsover Churchyard, close by the tower, where he has been an active member for over 15 years, on Saturday, November 29th. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Bolsover, the Rev. Ackrill Jones, assisted by his curate, the congregation, in addition to the family mourners, including the local ringers, who acted as bearers, Messrs. A. Knights and G. Hollis, of Chesterfield; A. Craven, Staveley; R. Tarlton, North Wingfield; F. Butler, Gainsborough; Battison, Mansfield; Wesley, Nottingham; J. Holman and S. Thomas, Sheffield; the secretary and engineer to the Bolsover Council, the staff from the waterworks where deceased was manager, and numerous personal friends. After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave, and muffled touches on the tower bells during the evening. The Royal tributes included one from the Bolsover ringers and one from the Sheffield District Society. In addition to the widow, there are three sons and two daughters left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Bemrose was born at Horncastle, in Lincolnshire, in February, 1873, and first learnt to ring at Peterborough (St. Mary's). He rang his first peal at Gainsborough towards the close of 1895 (taking part in some 15 peals in the Lincoln district with the North Lincolnshire Association, and he was for a short time a member of the St. Peter-at-Arches Society. In the year 1901 he went to Chesterfield to the gasworks, being by trade a plumber. His first peal at Chesterfield was also young Ben Knight's first peal (his capable young man being then 16 years old). Mr. Bemrose was soon busy scoring peals in rapid succession while a member of Chesterfield company.

In May, 1904, he removed to Bolsover to take over the management of the waterworks there, and joining the very progressive society at Bolsover, at once entered on a course of progress in method ringing, which embraced no fewer than half a dozen Surprise methods. His activity in this direction is shown in his next book as out of a total of 153 peals no fewer than 116 were scored after going to Bolsover, up to his much-to-be-regretted breakdown in 1914, a period of rather less than ten years.

Of a commanding presence and kindly disposition (he was always amongst the first to subscribe if a collection was being made for a distressed ringer), George Bemrose will be missed by a large circle of ringers more particularly by the members of the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Society, of which body he has been hon. auditor for a number of years, and a strong advocate in its favour at all times. Mr. Bemrose was a member of the North Lincolnshire, Central Northamptonshire, Ely Diocesan, Lincoln Diocesan, Chester Diocesan, Midland Counties, Sheffield District, and Yorkshire Associations.

The following is a list of his peals: Bob Minor 3, seven Treble Bob Minor Methods 1, Grandsire Triples 2, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Triples 4, Stedman Caters 7, Bob Major 7, Bob Royal 1, Double Court Bob Major (including one on handbells) 26, Double Norwich Caters 2, Double Norwich Royal 3, Kent Treble Bob Major (including four on handbells) 29, Kent Treble Bob Royal 12, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Forward Major 1, Bristol Surprise Major 1, Yorkshire Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Cambridge Surprised Royal 1, London Surprise Major 9, Norfolk Surprise Major 8, Superlative Surprise Major 22; total 153.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held at Stone on Saturday week. Thirty members attended, and received a most hearty welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas Veal). Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon. At the service, at which the Association's form was used, the Rev. Lough, Vicar of Faldfield, gave a most appropriate address, which was very much appreciated. Then by kind invitation of the Vicar, was partaken of in the School Room, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. Lough, and Mr. Taylor, churchwarden. The business meeting followed. Mr. Taylor was elected an honorary member, one performing member was proposed and Wotton-under-Edge was selected as the place for the annual meeting on January 3rd, 1920.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. Lough, and Mr. Taylor, with more ringing on the tower bells, concluded a most successful meeting.



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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## GATHERING AT BEACONSFIELD.

About 60 members, including some half-dozen ladies of the East Bucks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, faced the elements on Saturday, December 6th, to attend the social meeting at Beaconsfield, organised by the Hon. secretary in compliance with a hearty invitation to tea at the Old Rectory from Mr. C. A. Bennett, who is a practical ringer, and formerly resided at St. Albans. The fine old ring of eight bells, with its Whitechapel tenor of 21 cwt. in E flat, was kept going by various teams at intervals throughout the afternoon and evening to touches in most of the ordinary methods, a Bucks and Oxon eight giving a good course of 'London', which was later repeated by a Berks and Bucks team. Ringing was over at 5.15, and the tenor tolled five minutes for the evensong, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. S. Commeline, Rector of Beaconsfield, assisted by the Rev. J. Fraser Amies, of Chalfont St. Peter. Miss D. Jackman presided at the organ, and hymns 242 and 274 were used. The Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (S.C.F.) gave a short address of special interest to a gathering of Churchmen and change ringers, and immediately beforehand the roll of honour was read from the pulpit, the sad list containing the following 20 names:—Reginald Fortnum Amersham; Walter Bailey, Beaconsfield; Leonard Rolfe, Beaconsfield; Edmund F. Saunders, Bray; Victor E. Dark, Bray; John E. Alder, Burnham; Charles White, Cookham; Charles Norcote, Farnham Royal; Harold Skuse, Farnham Royal; Kenneth Hawkins, Fulmer; Edgar Howard, Wooburn; William Truss, Marlow; Ernest Lovejoy, Warfield; Albert Lovejoy, Warfield; Sidney White, Warfield; Thomas Simmonds, Winkfield; Maurice E. Mealing, High Wycombe; Chas. Butler, West Wycombe; H. H. Moores, West Wycombe; R. E. Rippington, West Wycombe.

In reverent remembrance of past comrades a solemn silence was observed for two minutes by everyone standing motionless, and was followed by a prayer for those who fell in the war.

Tea was set out in the old dining room of the ancient Rectory, which adjoins the churchyard, a commodious and comfortable place of assembly, and here Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, with a number of willing ladies and helpers, had made cheerful and ample provision for hungry lads and lassies on a boisterous December day, their kindness being thoroughly appreciated. The Rector occupied the head table, supported by the Master, Mr. Churchwarden Bagley, Messrs. R. T. Hibbert, Caversham; J. Truss, Marlow; J. Evans, Hughenden; C. Dean and Joyner, Croydon; W. Hewett, Camberwell; W. Lawrence, Kaling; Twichen, High Wycombe; Barnes Great Misson; Elburn, Amersham; Reader, Slough; Buckland, Beaconsfield; Blackmore Penn; West, Wooburn; Guttridge, Iwer; E. Harding, Fulmer; W. Henley, Stoke Poges; G. Alder, Burnham; and the branch secretary, W. H. Fussell. Permission having been given for smoking, 'rings' of another brand were soon circling the ceiling, some of the old oak already being black with age and one of the familiar sights to be seen in this diocese could then have been witnessed here—the ox browsing with the buck, with one or two little Berkshires for company, after the accords.

Cosy surroundings and the absence of formal business enabled several matters of interest to be carried out with due importance before adjourning to the belfry again.

The Secretary gave a few particulars of the year's work in this energetic branch, which showed all round increase of members and friends, with 42 ladies, 36 clergymen, 82 non-resident life members, in a total of over 600. He emphasised the importance of foremen or secretaries of towers telling their men quickly and fully what was going on in their district: the value of honorary subscribers, whose patronage was the mainstay of present-day ringing, and the possibility of the branch being divided into two sections in the near future.

Mrs. R. Buckland was presented by the chairman with a framed and illuminated address, with the names of 40 friends of her husband who had thought it advisable to remember their 'marriage day,' and the gift was suitably acknowledged.

Mr. E. Markham, representing the High Wycombe Society, was handed an envelope, with a cheque for £2 2s., and the congratulations of the members, as their grant to the worthy task carried out at All Saints in recasting the 6th bell.

Mr. J. H. Barnes, Missenden, and Mr. Randall, Penn, were handed cards of affiliation with the Guild, to be hung in their belfries.

The Rev. J. F. Amies and Miss Nora Williams were responsible for a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett for the exceedingly kind reception recorded the company. This met with applause, and was duly acknowledged by Mr. Bennett, who expressed a wish on behalf of Mrs. Bennett and himself to have them again in 1920.

A course of Triples on handbells was rung by Messrs. Truss, Welling, Hewett and Lawrence, the last named not yet being fit enough for the rope after his serious illness.

Mr. Wilkins proffered the thanks of the members to the Master for his address and regretted the absence of the Rev. E. J. Teesdale owing to recent family bereavement.

The thanks of the Guild were also conveyed to the Rector, organist and churchwardens of Beaconsfield, on the proposition of Messrs. Lawrence and Dean. The Rector said how pleased they were to have the bells well rung, as so little had been done of late years, the whole of his band having gone away on other service since 1914. The bells ceased in peal at 9 o'clock, and a clear moonlight night favoured the visitors for their return journey.

## NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Fenny Stratford, on Saturday, December 6th, but owing to the very unsettled state of the weather the attendance was much lower than expected, though sufficient in number to ensure good practice on the nice little ring of six. After tea, it was agreed to visit the Bletchley tower, when a good eight-bell practice was obtained. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, at Fenny Stratford; and Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, at Bletchley.—A vote of thanks was passed to the clergy of both towers for the use of the bells.

## AN APPEAL.

## To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me, through the pages of your valuable journal, to appeal to my brother ringers and friends, on behalf of the dependents of the late Mr. Frederick Davis, of Peckham and Kingston, who died after a very brief and painful illness, early this year, in a London hospital. Unfortunately poor Fred was not blessed with an abundance of the world's good things, and the small amount he was able to leave for them is now exhausted. His eldest son, now 18 years of age, has been the only bread-winner since his father's decease, and the widow, two daughters, and another son (these three children being under 14) have been dependent on him.

Fred Davis, although he never aspired to so high a fame in the ringing world, as, perhaps other members of his family, was a good, reliable ringer of the standard methods, and rang a number of peals. He was a member of the principal London societies, and other Associations. He was a kind and genial fellow, and no distance was too far for him to go to lend a hand, when wanted.

I feel certain that his many friends will do what they can now to help me to brighten the home he has left at this time of year, when most of us are thinking what can we do in the noble cause of charity. Any donation, however small, will be most gratefully received and acknowledged in this journal, and faithfully applied to this deserving cause.—Yours very truly,

HAROLD N. DAVIS.

551, Old Kent Road, S.E.1.

Past Master, Waterloo Society, etc.

## WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the West Wales Association was held on Saturday, December 6th, at Aberavon, there being a good attendance of members from Swansea, Gorseinon, Sketty, Neath and Bagly, as well as the local band. Ringing took place during the afternoon on the bells of St. Mary's Church, where a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. D. W. Davies (Vicar), who gave a very practical address. Service over, the Vicar invited all present to tea at the Church Hall near by. The tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Davies, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, churchwarden of St. Mary's, and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donors for their kindness.

A short meeting was held, at which Mr. Stith proposed that meetings be advertised in the 'Ringing World,' and this was unanimously carried.—The next meeting (a standing rule) will be held at Swansea on the first Saturday in March next.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar brought the proceedings to a finish. A return to the tower was then made, and some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire brought a splendid meeting to a close.

## THE YULE BELLS.

The Yule-bells ring, for Christ comes back

To us once more,

A stately King above the wrack

And deadly gore.

The Yule-bells ring, oh! this is God

In His own plan;

Out-distancing the soulless clod

Defined in man.

The Yule-bells ring this message clear

In roundelay:—

Ding dong, ding song, goodwill and cheer

Are yours to-day.

H. J. W., 1919.

This poem is a sequel to the one under the same title which was printed in our Christmas issue of 1917.

## NOTICES

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Bullwell on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3 to 8 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, meeting afterwards.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—Established 1637.—A meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 30th; at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—Notice of motion for the meeting on Dec. 30th has been given concerning Rules i and iv.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—Notice of practices: St. Anne's, Highgate, Dec. 16th and alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Willesden, every Thursday, 8 p.m. St. Mary's, Islington, every Friday, 7.30 p.m.—F. G. Symonds, District Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W.W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Ringing to commence at 3.30; short service at 5, with tea to follow at 5.30. Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood St., E.17.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—A meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom at 4.30. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery Avenue, Taunton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the committee of the branch will be held in the vestry of All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 4 o'clock, when the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Mahony) hopes to be present. Business: Approve the accounts for year 1919. Fix place and date of Annual Meeting, 1920. Consider the division of the branch. Any other diocesan or branch business. A representative of every Tower should be in attendance. Burnham bellry will be open for touches at 6 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Meetings for United Practice: Heston, first Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., Isleworth, third Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 20th. All ringers welcome.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.; business meeting from 6 to 6.30.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Uckfield on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th). Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock (by kind invita-

tion). Half railway fare. Those who intend to be present to tea should kindly notify the undersigned not later than Saturday, Dec. 20th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th. Service at 3.30. Bells available before and after the service. St. Woolos' bells will also be available during the day until 3 o'clock and again after the meeting. Business meeting to follow the service.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones, Hon. Secs.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION**.—A District meeting will be held at East Retford on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. East Retford (10 bells), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be available during the day, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Dec. 27th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at 5 at Mr. Smith's, East Street. All those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Dec. 23rd.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9, Sugden Rd., Worthing.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, December 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. S. Cox, Burghley Offices.—John J. Tutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**THE SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY**.—The first meeting in the New Year will be held at Eckington on Saturday, January 3rd, 1920. Eight bells available from 3 o'clock. Will members note that any alteration to rules must be made in writing before January 1st to Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield?

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, 1920, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30; tea at 5.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1920. Further particulars later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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

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The annual meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford and was very successful. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. About 30 members showed their revival of interest by attending from Bishops Stortford, Saffron Walden, Harlow Harlow Common, Cambridge, Broxbourne, Leytonstone, Deptford, Brockley and Leatherhead. A short service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane), who gave a very appropriate address. Tea at the Chequers Hotel was followed by the business meeting. Mr. F. Pitstow was re-elected Master, and Mr. F. Dench hon. secretary. In thanking the members they expressed a hope that all would pull together and make a special effort to attend the quarterly meetings as much as possible, and so create a good impression. Four new members were elected, including Mr. J. Brazier, proprietor of the Chequers Hotel, as an honorary member. Mr. Foot Mitchell, Quendon Hall, prospective Conservative candidate of the Saffron Walden Division, has also become an honorary member.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Sawbridgeworth. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to Miss Pritchett for presiding at the organ.

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