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March, 1913.

GENTLEMEN, GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th

Gentlemen,

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

I am 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. BECK,
Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

ENTERPRISE AMONG RINGERS.

One of the first established among our modern ringing organisations, and still one of the largest and "live" societies in the Exercise, the Yorkshire Association held its annual meeting last Saturday, and the gathering, like so many of its nearly forty predecessors, was most successful, particularly when allowance is made for the existing state of affairs which has upset the normal conditions in almost every walk of life throughout the world.

A perusal of the Association's annual report is always a matter of interest, and this year's issue, which covers the operations of the society up to the end of last September, is a most encouraging volume—for it is quite a volume, including, as it does, over 180 pages. It is not possible to touch here upon many of the points of general interest which are to be found between the covers. We are glad, however, to note that the committee, in their review of the year, take the opportunity of endeavouring to stir up among some of their members a greater spirit of aspiration. Dealing with the peals rung during the year they say: "The 24 peals of Kent Treble Bob seem to indicate, we think, that in some quarters there is a lack, not of ringers, but of enterprise. There are plenty of good Major methods waiting to be rung; enough to interest and occupy for a life-time, without monotony, the most eager aspirant."

There is sound advice in this, which may well be taken to heart not only in Yorkshire, but among ringers throughout the country. Elsewhere it may not be Treble Bob, which appears to be the limit of the ringers' aspirations, but the spirit which leads to contentment at the Treble Bob, or any other stage of progress, is to be deprecated. Treble Bob is not the top of the tree, and no band ought really to be content with anything less than the highest. There is always something left to strive for, and Treble Bob and other methods are only stepping-stones. There may be some men whose gifts would never enable them to grasp the intricacies of methods like London Surprise; but even for them, there are, as the Yorkshire report points out, plenty of good methods waiting to be rung which would lead step by step to the higher regions. If anyone were to ask us which are the two characteristics which go to the making of successful ringers, that is, men above the average, we should say perseverance and enterprise.

Nothing can be done without perseverance to master the task in hand, and enterprise is, above all things, needed to take a man from one stage to the next above. We hope that not only will the hint dropped by the Yorkshire Committee bear fruit in the county of broad acres, but that it will not be without result beyond the borders and awaken the flame of aspiration among those who are now content to jog along, satisfied with what they know.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lbs.

HENRY I. HOWELL	...*Treble*	ALFRED E. REEVES	5
PERCY WILLIAMS	2	ISAAC LONG	6
ALBERT STOWELL	3	FRED G. MAY	7
FREDERICK W. WADE	4	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells and is the second ever rung upon them. The only other peal—one of Grandsire Triples (muffled)—was rung on November 14th, 1836. The peal was rung to record the dedication of the recast tenor bell.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE LADIES' GUILD,
AND THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS MABEL C. N. JUKES	*Treble*	‡MISS DORIS COLES	5
†MISS BLANCHE L. MITCHELL	2	MISS EDITH M. HOLE	6
*MISS ADELAIDE STOKES	3	MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM	7
*MISS DOROTHY G. SAGE	4	MISS MARY E. N. JUKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS DORIS COLES.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal as conductor. The conductor is only 15 years of age. This is the first peal rung for the Ladies' Guild and the first peal by eight ladies who are all members of one tower. Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of a sister ringer, Miss Margery F. Sampson.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

(ERDINGTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

CHAS. COTTRELL	...*Treble*	WM. G. ANKER	5
JONATHAN PRESTON	2	GEO. F. SWANN	6
WM. J. MEERS	3	GEO. GARRISON	7
JOHN SANDERS	4	JOHN E. TIGWELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Miss Margery F. Sampson, of Edinburgh, a member of the above society, who died Jan. 14th, 1915.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 3, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES MINTON, Junr.	...*Treble*	EDWARD JORDAN	4
EMMANUEL BEDDOES	2	CHARLES MINTON, Senr.	5
WILLIAM ROBERTS	3	JAMES ADDIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES MINTON, Junr.

First peal by an entirely local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of and as a token of respect for the men who have given their lives in the war.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. R. BARTON, 71, CALEDONIA ST.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN R. BARTON	1—2	PTE. ALFRED RAYNER, 5th Yorks...	4
JOHN R. FRYIRS	3	HARRY GIBSON	5—6
FRANK DAVISON...	7—8		

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and
Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witnesses: MRS. BARTON and MRS. M. E. BARTON.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fryirs on the anniversary of their wedding day.]

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, January 26th, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8
ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	9—10		

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: B. S. THOMPSON.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 1, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. DAVISON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores.

*H. PRIEST ... ...*Treble*		J. R. BARTON...	3—4
J. R. FRYIRS 2		†F. DAVISON	5—6

Conducted by F. DAVISON.

Witnesses: MRS. DAVISON and MISS CHAMBERS.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal as conductor.

The peal at Willenhall, on January 23rd, was a peal of Stedman Triples and not Grandsire as published.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	65	17	0
Ringers of Isleworth Parish Church (per Mr. T. Beadle)	0	10	0
Mr. E. Barnett, sen., Crayford	0	8	6
Bushey Society, January collection (per Mr. B. Prewett)	0	5	0
Total	£67	0	6

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	2	4	0
"Wanderer" (January contribution)	0	2	0
"Mrs Wanderer" (January contribution) ...	0	2	0
Total ...	£2	8	0

The Christmas collection for the ringers of Penshurst, Kent, amounting to £10 18s. 6d., has been handed over by them to the Belgian Relief Fund through the local secretary.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Appended is a further list of ringers now serving with the Forces of the Crown:

William Alfred Pye, of Romford, 8th Reserve London Howitzer Brigade, R.F.A. (T.), now at Woolwich.

Fred G. Woodiss, of Woodmancote, Glos., and formerly of Hersham, Surrey, R.F.A.

H. Tomsett, of Lindfield, Sussex, National Reserve, now at Balcombe Viaduct.

Lance-Corpl. Alfred W. Hughes, of St. Mary's, Rye, Sussex, Lowther's Southdown Battalion (Lowther's Lambs), Royal Sussex Regiment, at Cooden, near Bexhill-on-Sea.

Ewart G. P. Johnson, late of Appledore, Kent (who emigrated to Australia), Royal Army Medical Corps from Australia, now in Egypt.

Lance-Corpl. Douglas Johnson, of SS. Peter and Paul's, Appledore, Kent, The Buffs (Kitchener's Army), Sandling, Kent.

Louis Hayesmore, St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Rolvenden, Kent, in Kitchener's Army.

F. Richards, St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Rolvenden, Kent, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Pte W. E. Chamberlain, of St. James', Clerkenwell, London Rifle Brigade, on active service.

Spr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland, Royal Engineers, at Buxton.

From St. Peter's, Thurleigh, Bedford:—

Spr. E. Arque, E.A.R.E. Signal Co., at Bury St. Edmund's.

Lce.-Corpl. G. Jefferies, East Surrey Regiment, at Devonport.

Pte H. Swepstone, 5th Beds Regiment, at Newmarket.

The following from St. George's, Clun, Salop:—

Spr. Ernest Griffiths, 74th Field Co., R.E., at Borden

Pte James Lurin, 25th Division Cyclists, at Bournemouth.

Pte John Lewis, 7th S.E.R. Batt, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, at Bournemouth.

Pte Eric Morris, Army Medical Corps, at Shrewsbury.

A LETTER FROM OVERSEAS.

RINGERS AND RINGING IN VANCOUVER.

Just a few lines to let you know that we are still doing a little out here, despite the weakening of our band. The New Year was ushered in to the merry sound of our peal at the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. We rang half-muffled for about 45 minutes before midnight. The muffles were then taken off, and the bells fired twelve times at "the witching hour." As, however, it is the custom in this town to make about as much noise as possible in the streets all night, much as they do in the cities of the States, very few people who were in the streets were able to hear bells at all. Only to those who live in the vicinity of the tower and at a considerable distance, are they at all audible, and the only mention made in our daily papers was a few verses. Those taking part in the ringing were: Messrs. A. C. Limpus, Gilbert Pearce, George Jones, Farrington Jones, B. Carrier, H. Hollis, W. H. Harvey and James J. Buckley.

On Sunday, January 3rd, the bells were again rung half-muffled, and special services were held in all churches in this city in accordance with the proclamation of His Majesty the King. I notice you have credited this tower with five ringers who are now serving their King and country. Their names are:

F. M. Bressey with 72nd Highlanders at Salisbury Plain.
Sergt.-Saddler W. Judd, Strathcona's Horse, at Salisbury Plain.
F. Taylor, Royal Canadian Engineers, Toronto.
Regimental-Sergt.-Major George Jones, No. 19 Co. Army Service Corps, Vancouver, B.C., and
MacDonald, at Bulford Camp.

The last-named member was only with us for about six months, but we hope for his return after the war.

I am very glad to see things in the ringing way looking so encouraging in Boston, Mass., and hope they may soon score a peal there. It would be interesting to know if there is any ringing done for service there, especially at Christ Church, on that fine old ring.—Yours truly,

Vancouver, B.C. A. C. LIMPUS.

BELFRY RULES AND FINES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see your leading article on "Belfry Rules and Fines" in to-day's issue, particularly so, as only this week we have adopted a set of belfry rules for our new band of ringers at Clun, and, knowing from earlier experience the friction caused by the system of fines, we have altogether excluded them and have left it to the loyalty and keenness of our members to see that the rules are faithfully observed. I have no fear of the result.

It may be interesting to other members of the Exercise to mention also that we have unanimously resolved to pay and keep paid up, the Guild subscriptions of all our members who are away on active service, so that when they return, which we trust they will, they will find their membership in order. I should like to see this idea adopted by every band through the country.—Yours faithfully,

Clun, Salop, 29th January, 1915. W. MEAD.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild held their annual meeting at Appledore on Saturday, when ringers attended from Ashford, Fairfield, Hawkhurst, Iden, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and the local tower, but the number present was much smaller in comparison with the attendances at former annual festivals. Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon, and a service was held, the President, the Vicar (Rev. A. O. Scutt) intoning the prayers, including special prayers for the success of the Allied Army.—The Rev. Mr. Wright read the lesson, and Miss Avery, to whom the members are extremely grateful, presided at the organ, the hymns being: "Ye Servants of the Lord," and "We love the place, O God."

The members then adjourned to the Swan Hotel, and sat down to an excellent meat tea, the President (Rev. A. O. Scutt) presiding, and the Master (Mr. G. Billenness) being in the vice-chair.

A SATISFACTORY REPORT.

At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. G. J. Youngs) gave a brief resume of the year's work in ringing generally, and explained the position of the Guild, financially. He thanked the President for so kindly falling in with the proposal to hold the annual gathering again at Appledore; Mr. G. Johnson for assistance rendered in arranging the meeting, and the master for auditing the accounts, and making out the balance sheets. The membership, he said, stood at 51, and during 1914 they had elected thirteen new members. Several, independent of the number stated, had not paid their subscriptions, but he still counted on receiving their support, for in time they might reform. The balance in hand was £2 7s. 1d., compared with £2 2s. 5½d. for 1913. This, he thought, was very satisfactory. Their income for the year had increased, the receipts totalling £5 0s. 11½d., against £4 5s. 9d. for 1913. They, however, had an increased expenditure, £2 13s. 10½d. being paid out for 1914, and £2 2s. 3½d. in 1913. As regards meetings they had held nine during the year, which was very good indeed, considering the crisis the country was going through, which had thrown everything so much out of gear. Two meetings took place at Appledore, two at Stone-in-Oxney, and one each at Woodchurch, New Romney, Aldington, Benenden and Rolvenden. One of the meetings at Appledore was very interesting, the President kindly entertaining them shortly after his wedding, and they all remembered that gathering with great pleasure. In the matter of peals three had been rung, two being Grandsire Triples, and the third, Kent Treble Bob Minor at Stone-in-Oxney, the first Treble Bob peal by the Guild.

Mr. C. Tribe, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet, said as an old secretary, he was proud to find that the present secretary had brought the membership up to over fifty. That was what he (the speaker) wished to do, but did not ever quite manage it. He thought the Guild was in a very thriving condition. The sovereign that had been given to the Prince of Wales' fund showed they were willing to bear some of the burdens of the country. They had made a sacrifice in sending the contribution, for they had no annual outing, towards which the money would have been granted.

Mr. G. Johnson seconded, and the accounts were unanimously passed.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. A. O. Scutt was unanimously re-appointed president; Mr. G. Billenness was re-elected Master; and Mr. G. J. Youngs, hon. secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Youngs' services were warmly eulogised, and, in reply, he said the fact that they had got on so well was due to all of them pulling together. They had all helped and done what they could to assist him, and he would do his best to keep things going again for them.

The following were appointed on the committee: Messrs. C. Tribe, Tenterden; G. B. Anderson, New Romney; C. W. Player, Stone-in-Oxney; A. C. Kay, Ashford; G. Johnson, Appledore; G. Kenward, Iden; and A. Blackman, Rolvenden.

Messrs. W. Tickner (Tenterden), J. Bailey (Iden) and F. W. Fowle (Appledore) were admitted as new members.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at High Halden, on February 20th, in conjunction with the Ashford district of the Kent Association.

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by Mr. A. Johnson, it was unanimously resolved to keep all the members on the books who had joined the forces, so that they would have no arrears to pay on their return.

Mr. Tribe, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the President for presiding, for the use of the bells and the service, said he should like each tower if possible to try and get an honorary member, and he should be very much obliged to the President if he would kindly try to sow a little seed in that direction, by bringing the matter up before the clergy in other parishes.—Mr. A. Johnson seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

THE BELLS SPECIAL USE.

Responding, the President said it was a very great pleasure to preside at their meeting, and to lend the tower and hold the service. He would be only too glad to ask the clergy in the deanery to become honorary members. Things should go on at home in normal conditions, for by keeping things going in the usual way we were all helping our country, and our Army and Navy. At such a time as the present one could not help feeling a little depressed, but by the ringing of the bells they were cheered up. There was a special reason why bells should be rung to call people to church at the present time, and that was in order to bid the parishioners to pray for God's help and blessing on our Army and Navy, and those of our Allies. That we were going to win he had no doubt, but it was not always the just cause that succeeded at the commencement, but the right prevailed in the end. They believed England and her Allies were going to win, and he quite believed at the end of the year, or the beginning of next, our victorious armies would be marching through Berlin and London. As regards those who enlisted from their Guild, he heartily sympathised with the idea of keeping their names on the books. All honour to those who had offered their services, and even if they could only show their appreciation in a small way, they ought only be too glad to do it.

A vote of thanks to mine host of the Swan Hotel concluded the business.

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being rendered by Messrs. G. J. Youngs, C. Tribe and E. Curd, and recitations by Mr. Balcombe. Courses of Grandsire Triples (double-handed) were rung on handbells by Messrs. C. W. Player, G. Billenness, C. Tribe, G. Johnson and A. Daw.

A 1914 RECORD.

A CENTURY OF 720's.

During 1914 the following 720's were rung at the Church of St. Peter de Merton, Bedford: Surprise methods: London 8, Wells 5, Cambridge 5, York 5, Chester 4, Durham 3, Beverley 3; two each of Newcastle, Carlisle, Lancashire, Stamford, Lincoln, Annables' London, Ipswich, Norwich, Primrose; and one each of Worcester, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Chichester, Canterbury Bedford, Netherseale, Cunecastre, Munden, Surfleet, Alnwick, Morpeth, St. Peter's, Berwick, Hexham, Allendale, Whitley, Northumberland, Kelso, Coldstream, Bamborough, Westminster, Sandiacre, Bacup, Warkworth, Wooler, Bourne, Hull, Norfolk, Superlative; Treble Bob methods: Two each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford; and one each of College Exercise, London Scholars', College Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston, Violet, Huddersfield, College Bob IV, Wragby Delight; Fourth's Place Delights, No. 18, No. 19, No. 26, Southwark: Pain methods, Plain Bob 2; and one each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and College Single 1; total, 196. The ringers taking part were: C. W. Clarke 96, C. A. Robinson 86, W. Stapleton 86, Miss Dorothy Steel 70, Miss Evelyn Steel 68, H. Sharpe 65, W. Finedon 50, C. Stapleton 41, P. Cooke 38, V. Cooper 10, A. Martin (Higham Ferrers) 7, W. Perkins (Irthlingborough) 7, H. L. Harlow 6, and F. Blood, F. Smith, C. Chasty, W. C. Duffield (Tasburgh), A. Norman (Sharmbrook), T. Orpin and G. M. Etto (Wellingborough), one each. The conductors were: W. Stapleton 65, C. W. Clarke 40, and C. A. Robinson 1.

504's AT CURDRIDGE.

At Curdridge, Hants, during 1914, no fewer than 86 504's of Grandsire Triples were rung, the following members of the local band taking part. Messrs. W. J. Ryves, G. Jupe, J. Ryves, F. Newland, R. Elcock, A. Pook, G. Bull, E. Wellstead, C. Johnson, Andrew Mears and Alfred Mears. Messrs. W. Linter and F. Linter, of Swanmore, also took part in some of the touches. The conducting was shared by Alfred Mears (30), Andrew Mears (29), and W. J. Ryres (27).

WHAT WAS DONE AT LEYTONSTONE.

The following 97 720's were rung by the Leytonstone company and ringing friends during 1914: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 2; and the following Surprise methods: London 16, Cambridge 16, Lincoln 10, York 9, Durham 6, Wells 6, Newcastle 5, Beverley 3, Chelsea 3, Carlisle 3, Chester 3, Norwich 3, Ipswich 2, Canterbury 2, Ely 1, Leytonstone 1, Worcester 1, Chichester 1, and Coventry 1. The ringers who took part were: W. Miller 94, W. Theobald 86, H. Torble 81, A. Fiddes 61, A. Prior 54, J. Moule 52, G. Dawson 36, W. Doran 27, G. Hayden 19, H. Saffell 15, G. A. Black 9, S. Hayes 8, R. Sanders 7, W. Pye 4, B. Marks 4, F. G. Newman 3, H. J. Tucker 2, G. T. Clayton 2, A. A. Hughes 2, B. Thompson 2, A. H. Winch 2, W. Keeble 1, C. T. Coles 1, W. Riches 1, E. Plummer 1, A. C. Ottway 1, H. Fowler 1, T. Cranfield 1, C. Petty 1, and A. E. Lebbon 1. The conducting was done by: W. Miller (59), J. Moule (21), H. Torble (7), G. Dawson (6), W. Theobald (2), and W. Keeble 1. One 720 of London was rung non-conducted.

CONDUCTOR AT 85.

Another instance of the great age at which a man may pursue a career in the belfry is provided by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Sunday week for evening service at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, and conducted by Mr. Samuel Greenwood, the "father" of the Surrey Association. Mr. Greenwood is in his 86th year, and he rang and conducted the touch without a miss-blow or error. We doubt if there is any other form of exercise requiring such powers of mental acumen and physical endurance in which a man of this age could take such an active part. The ringers were: S. Greenwood 1, G. Barrington 2, J. Lee 3, H. Pates 4, F. J. Attwater 5, L. Attwater 6, H. Langdon 7, H. S. Smith 8.

LADIES' GUILD'S FIRST PEAL.

RUNG BY A LOCAL BAND.

On January 3rd of this year the first quarter-peal to be rung by a band of local ladies was accomplished at Portishead, and in publishing the record we ventured to say that ere long a peal might be looked for. We have not had long to wait, for last Saturday the same band successfully scored 5040 Grandsire Triples.

It is not a little remarkable that the first peal rung by ladies all attached to the same tower should be accomplished in a little provincial town, rather than in some much larger centre, but the fact remains, and it reflects all the greater credit upon those who took part. The achievement, indeed, is in all respects a noteworthy one, and the only matter of regret is the occasion which called forth the attempt, namely, the death of one of the members of the Guild—Miss Margery Sampson. Nevertheless it was fitting that the Guild should have been able to pay this tribute to the popular and able young ringer, whose career was thus early cut off.

For some time past Portishead has been recognised as having the strongest contingent of ladies in the Exercise, and ringers will be glad to see that to them has gone the honour of the first "local" peal. The performance included three "firsts," a "first with a bob bell," and a "first as conductor." Indeed the last point is not the least interesting, for the conductor, Miss Doris Coles, is only 15 years of age. We feel sure that the heartiest congratulations of the whole Exercise will go out to the company, and especially to the conductor upon the performance, the details of which will be found in our peal columns.

PORTISHEAD'S LADY RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Portishead ringers was held in the belfry on Wednesday of last week, the chair being taken by the President (the Rev. H. W. Jukes), who was asked to unveil two peal tablets. One of these recorded a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by the local band on Feb. 24th, 1914, conducted by Mr. E. Goldstone, and in which five ladies took part. The other recorded the ladies' peal rung at Cubitt Town, and was erected by the Portishead ringers, because two of their band took part in it. The tablets, which were made by Mr. C. Davis, of Portishead, were of oak, and beautifully executed.

The captain (Mr. W. Gillingham) next gave the report for the past year. He said that the bells had been rung regularly for every Sunday service. The chief events of the year were as follows: On Whit-Monday, the Ladies' Guild held its annual meeting at Portishead; on July 4th, six of the band attended the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Bath; in August, the annual outing took place, to Cheddar and Wells; on December 19th, the quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Portishead, and the other event was the quarter-peal rung by the lady members of the band. He hoped that soon they would succeed in ringing a peal. The year began with 15 ringers, three had left, one of these, Mr. R. G. Williams, having joined the colours. There were now nine lady ringers in the band. He thanked all the members for the support they had given him, and for the interest they had taken in the art.

The Treasurer (Mr. E. Goldstone) then presented his accounts, which showed a small balance on the right side. The officers were all re-elected.

Five new members were elected, and the Bath and Wells certificates of membership, framed in oak, were presented by the President, on behalf of the band, to the following, viz.: Misses M. G. Hudleston, M. C. N. Jukes, A. Stokes, D. G. Sage, Rev. H. S. Briggs and Mr. A. Derrick.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. W. Jukes for presiding.

PRESENTATION AT HEREFORD.

The Hereford Cathedral ringers spent a very enjoyable evening on the occasion of their annual dinner, held at the Spread Eagle Hotel. Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild) presided, and Mr. W. Davies was in the vice-chair. The company numbered 14: Messrs. J. J. Jones, R. Chamberlain, R. Powell, H. Taylor, W. H. Williams, A. J. Williams, H. Williams, H. Symonds, C. Jones, C. Sparks, A. Taylor, C. Davis, W. Yeadon and E. J. Williams. A splendid repast was served by Host and Hostess Morgan. Afterwards the loyal toast was honoured, and the Chairman then proposed the toast of "The Hereford Cathedral Society." He coupled with it the name of Mr. J. J. Jones, the hon. secretary, to whom, on behalf of the ringers, he made a presentation, in recognition of Mr. Jones' services to the society as hon. secretary and foreman for many years. The gift consisted of an illuminated address and a gold pendant suitably inscribed. Mr. Jones, who was quite taken by surprise, fittingly responded, and then proposed "The Health of the Chairman," which was drunk with musical honours. Other toasts included "The Vice-Chairman," "The Visitors," to which Mr. W. Yeadon responded, "The Conductor" (Mr. W. H. Williams), and "The Host and Hostess." Afterwards several touches were rung on handbells, and songs were rendered by Messrs. W. Davies, Taylor and E. Williams, Mr. A. J. Williams presiding at the piano.

BRISTOL'S RESTORED BELLS.

DEDICATION AT ST. PHILIP AND JACOB'S CHURCH.

As we briefly recorded last week, the bells of St. Philip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, for many years practically unringable, have at last been rehung in a new iron frame, and the tenor has been recast. The work was entrusted to the local firm of Messrs. Llewellins and James, who have quite satisfactorily carried out the work entrusted to them. The contract came to about £350. The recast tenor bell is a great improvement on the old one, the tone being of good quality and quite one of the best bells ever turned out by the firm. Its mellowness was freely commented upon, with the remark that the bell was a splendid finish to a good peal of bells, which are Bilbies, and are dated 1739. The 6th was recast by Messrs. Llewellins and James in 1884.

The dedication service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. M. E. Thorold), and a large congregation came to listen to the Bishop of the Diocese, who set his impress upon the completed work by dedicating the new bell, and making reference to the use of bells in connection with worship. For his address the Bishop based his discourse on Psalm cxxi, 1, "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the House of the Lord." In the course of his address, he called attention to the value of church attendance, and asked the parishioners to come at the sound of the bells. Let the bells of the church, he said, speak to them as a call from God to gather in His House, to get some fresh inspiration for the common task. Let the bells speak to them as the voice of One who said, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The Bishop pronounced the Blessing at the close of the service.

As the congregation were leaving the church the bells were rung to a touch of Stedman Triples by a band of ringers, under the leadership of Mr. F. G. May, and were afterwards kept going in various methods until a late hour. On the following Saturday a peal of Stedman Triples was successfully rung, and appears in its proper place.

The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired, and taking the work as a whole it is well and truly completed to the satisfaction of critical ears and eyes. The ringers themselves are well satisfied with the result of the work entrusted to Messrs. Llewellins and James, and which reflects every credit upon the workmen employed by them.

On a recent Monday evening, the ringers who took part in the ringing of the bells at St. Philip and Jacob's Church prior to the dedication, with other ringing friends to the number of 21, met at the Priory Restaurant, St. Augustine's, for a dinner, and spent an enjoyable evening together. The handbells, songs, etc., from some of the ringers, and a fine entertainment given by a minstrel troupe, invited for the occasion, gave great pleasure. The thanks of the company were extended to the donors of the feast—Messrs. Llewellins and James and Mr. F. G. May.—The latter, in replying to a vote of thanks, said the company was increased to the number present from the small number who had taken part in the ringing at St. Philip and Jacob's Church to enable the men who frequently met for ringing to have a good time together. He was glad everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves, which was gratifying, because it clearly showed the unanimity existing among them.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Gosport on a recent Saturday. The ringers attended service at Holy Trinity Church, the Vicar officiating.

Tea was served at the Institute, where 24 sat down, including the Vicar and churchwardens.

The financial statement for the past twelve months, presented at the business meeting which followed, showed only a slight balance in hand to be remitted to the general fund of the Guild.—All the officers were elected, viz.: Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master; Mr. J. W. Whiting, district secretary; Mr. E. J. Harding, assistant secretary; and Mr. W. Linter, representative on the Guild Committee.—Much sympathy was expressed with the district secretary (Mr. Whiting), who was unable to attend the meeting owing to illness.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Shedfield on Easter Monday, and then, if conditions were more favourable than at present, to decide at that meeting where the quarterly meetings should take place for the year.

Many thanks are due to the Gosport band for the trouble they took in so tastefully decorating the room and making arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

The Vicar and churchwardens expressed their pleasure at being invited to the tea and meeting, and during the evening courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells, and members of the choir contributed songs.—Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., President of the Middlesex Association, was present, and spoke a few words of encouragement to the ringers.—Mr. George Williams, general secretary of the Guild also attended, and said he hoped that the Gosport band would do their best to hold together until their bells were put in ringing order.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for their presence, and to the organist and choir for the music which helped the members to spend such a pleasant evening.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT HALIFAX.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Halifax on Saturday last, and, being favoured with a fine but cold winter's day, upwards of 100 members, representing some 25 towers, were present. The Parish Church of St. John possesses a peal of 13 bells, tenor 25½ cwt., in D, and a middle eight is obtained in G by having a flat sixth. These and the fine toned new ring of eight at Northowram, with a tenor of 16 cwt., the latter by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were made good use of, the reason for the ringing having been publicly announced beforehand. During the afternoon the district secretaries were busily engaged in receiving subscriptions and handing out reports, thus relieving for other duties, the president, general secretary and treasurer, who, before the divisional scheme came into force, found their work on the day of the annual meeting almost too arduous.

THE SERVICE.

A shortened form of evening service was held in the Parish Church at four o'clock, when the Vicar of Halifax, the Rev. Prebendary Burn, D.D., after expressing his pleasure at welcoming the members to the historic church, preached from the text, Isiah 56, 7. "I will make them joyful in my house of prayer." He pointed out that the summons to the temple of Solomon was by silver trumpets, and only in two places were bells mentioned in the Bible, but there was no analogy between the bells on the robes of the High Priest and on the horses, with the large and deep-toned bells in our towers. The text was chosen with reference to the worship for which it was their privilege to ring and invite other Christians. It was a message of the dignity of their office as ringers and the responsibilities attached to it. It was God's message which went forth, but did they speak to God as they looked up at the rope? Turning again to the words of the text, the preacher said that only once a year did the High Priest enter into the Holy of Holies. In the Middle Ages merchants met in the nave of St. Paul's, and used it as a public market place, but now as they doffed their hats to enter church they must come to God with reverences and godly fear. In their ringing they rejoiced in its wonderful science, and would pray for blessing on their association, and that all ringers might have the true spirit of Christ. In the war, all that was dear to them was at stake. They are fighting for truth and liberty, and they would pray for their Forces and Allies, and those in command. They prayed that God's providence might give them the victory, and then the glad office would be theirs of ringing the bells for peace.

After the service, a substantial meat tea was partaken of in the Dispensary Walk Schools, and the business meeting followed with the president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, in the chair, supported by the general secretary, hon. treasurer, and most of the district officers on the general committee, two of the absentees, Messrs. F. Barker and F. Laverick, being with the Forces. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Hattersley, Fearnley and Williams.

A hearty vote of thanks for the service, sermon, and use of the bells was accorded to the Vicar of Halifax, who had had to leave immediately after tea to attend another important engagement, not, however, without finding time to express his hearty welcome to the members, and regrets at not being able to stay longer.—Thanks were also expressed to the Rev. G. Watkinson, M.A., Vicar of Northowram, for his willingness in placing the bells there at the disposal of the members.

THE REPORT.

The annual report of the committee stated that the last year had seen the accomplishment of that step which they had long looked forward to, viz., the division of the county into districts, and they desired to congratulate the Association on the successful inauguration of that new scheme, and to express the hope that after the first necessary dislocation of old and well-tried ways, this new step would prove to be one for the much greater advance and stability of the Association. The district secretaries had reported that progress had naturally been somewhat hindered by the war, and the full number of meetings had not yet been held in some cases. Given the blessings of peace, everything lost in this as in other matters, would in due time be regained, and they, in common with all kindred associations, must for the present "carry on" as best they could, and hope for the good times to come. During the year, which concluded on Sept. 30th, 1914, 87 tower-bell peals and 15 on handbells had been rung, making a total of 102, but bearing in mind that during August and September peal ringing—on tower bells at any rate—was practically suspended on account of the war (and remained so) there was no doubt that under happier conditions the previous year's total of 107 would have been easily exceeded. As it was the high standard upon which they then congratulated themselves had again been striven for, a peal of Cinques only being required to make a good list almost excellent. The 24 peals of Kent Treble Bob seem to indicate that in some quarters there is a lack, not of ringers, but of enterprise. There are plenty of good Major methods waiting to be rung; enough to interest and occupy for a life-time, without monotony, the most eager aspirant.

A YEAR'S PEALS.

Congratulations were extended to the aspiring bands who have added new headings to the Association records by accomplishing the first Association peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Chesterfield, and St. Clement's Triples, at Eastwood, Rotherham. Commendation must also be given to the Ashton-under-Lyne members, who, though non-resident, had placed on the Association's list and that of their own, the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus in the North of England, and had also established a new record for Royal by ringing 14,000 of Kent Treble Bob. After commenting on the officers' peal of Stedman Caters, the four Surprise Minor peals by the Killamarsh band, the first peal of Stedman Caters "in hand," the report goes on to congratulate Mr. J. Flint, of Bolsover, in securing a century of peals for the Association, and to compliment Miss Hague, of Rotherham, on her continued progress on both tower and handbells. The summary of peals rung during the year was as follows. On tower bells: Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 3; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Little Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 3; Grandsire Caters, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 24; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 6; College Single Major, 1; Bob Major, 6; Stedman Triples, 8; St. Clement's Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Seven Surprise Minor Methods, 4; Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 2; Four Minor Methods, 1; Kent Treble Bob Minor, 1; total, 87.

On handbells: Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 2; Grandsire Caters, 2; Bob Major, 4; Stedman Triples, 4; Grandsire Triples, 2; total, 15.

The report went on to state that the present membership includes seven patrons, 39 honorary and 1,478 ringing members, making a total of 1,524 names on the books, being an increase of 17, which could be accounted a satisfactory but not large addition. A perusal of the balance sheet would show that the finances during the year had not improved. This, however, was fully expected, as the work of the Association could not be carried on at the same expense with four districts (each with its four meetings) as formerly with one committee and only three meetings per year. It was hoped, however, that they would have increased benefits from their extra expenditure, and thereby consider they were in reality only carrying out to a fuller degree the work and objects for which the Association was formed.

COST OF THE REPORT.

In presenting the report, the President, alluding to the terrible war, said that the almost absolute absence of peal ringing since its commencement was very striking. It was the committee's intention to include in a future report a roll of honour, which, he hoped, would be worthy of the patriotism of the great Association. This year, just as the districts had been formed and set going, war broke out and made progress, just when things looked so promising, a work of double and treble difficulty. They must realise this, and look forward to the time when peace was declared, when there would doubtless be a very marked advance in the work and influence of the association under its new conditions. A new feature this year would be found in the particulars of bells and practice nights given under the name of each local branch. These would be inserted each year, and were a valuable addition. With regard to the step which had been taken in increasing the price of reports to life members to 1s., he asked these members to believe that this was done solely for the good of the Association, and if, as the committee hoped, the life members would loyally take up the issue of reports, the association would be on a sound financial basis for many years.

Here the writer may be pardoned for saying that it is a source of pride with the past and present officials that Yorkshire resident ringers are members for life when their annual subscriptions amount to 12s. 6d. No charge is made for the ten reports they receive during their paying period, and afterwards they have nothing whatever to pay unless they desire to purchase a report for 1s.

The report was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Messrs. P. Cordingley, seconded by Mr. S. Thomas.

Sympathetic reference was made to the death of Mr. Wm. Abbishaw, of Rothwell, the committee having already sent to his family a letter of condolence and appreciation of his many years' good work as an officer and trustee.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The treasurer's balance sheet was adopted, on the motion of the auditors, Messrs. J. S. Ambler and W. Smith.

The retiring president was re-elected by acclamation, no fresh nomination having been received, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall replied in terms of appreciative of the members' continued confidence.

The President, and Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, G. Bolland and C. Glenn were re-elected as representatives on the Central Council.

There are about 250 churches in the county possessing rings of bells, and the draft of a circular, which it is proposed to send to each incumbent, was read. It is hoped that by setting forth the aims of the Association and the work it is doing, to draw the clergy of the county into closer contact with, and co-operation in, the ringer's office. We hope, however, to refer to this subject again at a later date.

After thanks had been accorded to the local members for the arrangements they had made to ensure the meeting being a success, also to the secretary for his work during the year, and to the chairman for ably presiding, the meeting closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

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THE BELLS OF ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

By Ernest Morris.

The peal of ten bells at St. Margaret's, Leicester, said by John Brand in "Popular Antiquities" to be "the finest peal of ten bells in England, whether tune or tone be considered," and which Nichols, the historian, of Leicestershire, says are "superior to any in the county," have a very interesting history. Unfortunately there are no parochial records to tell anything about the early history of the ring. The earliest mention of bells I can trace is from an "Obit and agreement thereon," dated May 3rd, 1478,

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

of Ric. Elkesley, chaplain, stating that "for the ringing of the fourth bell of the church of St. Margaret aforesaid, at the time of the exequies and Mass 4d." Thus in 1478 there were at least four bells. In an "Obit and Dirige," dated March 21st in the 29th year Henry VIII (1538) of Margery Thomson, widow and executrix of Henry Thomson, to be paid on the "Sondey next before the ffeast of the Exaltacn of the Holly Crosse, called Holly Roode day (Sep. 14) the Belman for goyng about the Towne 2d.; also to the seid church of Seint Margaret for all the 5 bells to be reng on 2s.; and to the rengers of them 16d." From this we see there were five bells here in 1538.

Nichols says that Thomas Newcombe "who cast the six bells of St. Margaret's," was buried 20th May, 1594. This is not so, however, for the Register of All Saints, Leicester, gives the date as 7th February, 1580. His will was proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Leicester in the following year (1581). None of Thomas Newcombe's sons appear to have been afterwards connected with the foundry. The same Thomas Newcombe bought the brass eagle then belonging to St. Margaret's, as the following extract from the churchwardens' accounts show:—"1570 Recd. of Mr. Newzmann for the egle 5L : os : od."

Presuming Nichols to be correct in his statement as to the casting of the bells of St. Margaret's by Thomas Newcombe, they were cast some time prior to 1579, and were at that time six in number. These bells could not have been very satisfactory, for within sixty years, *i.e.*, in 1633, the whole six were recast by Hugh Watts, as is recorded on the 6th bell of the present ring.

An anecdote relating to the casting of the tenor bell is well worth quoting, and runs as follows:—

"When the metal and moulds of the bell were preparing and almost finished for casting, the son would have the father go up to London to hear the finest toned bells he could, before the final hand. The father accordingly went up at his son's request, who as soon as he had gone, set to work without loss of time, and cast the great bell. However, it did not completely please him, so he recast it. Then finding it had every quality he had worked for, he wrote to his father in London, to come back on a certain day, nay, even a certain hour. The father could not make out why his son was so particular, but, however, obeyed him. The son, upon casting the second tenor, which fully answered all his wishes and expectations, set to work to hang it, which he did successfully. At the critical moment his father reached the town of Leicester on his return, this inimitable bell was ringing to the no small joy of the father, who cried also, for he perceived and knew what the younger Watts had been at and contrived, as there could be such bell in existence at the time he left the foundry."

This son, whose skill was so highly appreciated by his father, was probably Francis Watts, a younger son (for there is no mention of his eldest son, Hugh, in connection with the foundry), who was shortly afterwards admitted to the Chapman's Guild, or made free of the town:—

"1635-6
ffranc Watts apprentice of Mr. Hugh Watts Bellfounder Made free the 11th of Maye 1636 his fine . . . . . xs."

Hugh Watts was elected one of the Chamberlains of the Borough in 1620-1, and in 1633-4 he was chosen Mayor. It was during the Mayoralty of Hugh Watts that King Charles I paid his first visit (as King) to Leicester. He was received with all due pomp and ceremony, and on Sunday, August 10th, attended Divine service at St. Martin's Church. The churchwardens' accounts of that date show:—

"Pd the ringers being viij for the tyme that his Majestie stayed in Leic . . . . . xvs."

In 1711 two trebles were added to the ring of six then in St. Margaret's from the foundry of Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, towards the cost of which the Corporation subscribed £20, as is recorded in the Chamberlains accounts. They were inscribed:—

(1) "A.R. 1711."
(2) "Prosperity to all our benefactors 1711."

In 1738 the ring was made up to ten by a gift of two more trebles, by Wm. Fortrey, Esq., of Norton-by-Galby. Eayre (the founder) at the same time recast the then 1st and 2nd bells recently added, and the whole ring was rehung, Mr. Fortrey bearing the greater part of the expense. This Mr. Fortrey was an enthusiastic admirer of church bells, and did much towards encouraging improvements in the different peals of Leicestershire. Nichols say of him "William Fortrey, Esq., of Norton-by-Galby, made it his business all his life to enquire into these matters" (*i.e.*, bells and ringing). When John Holt published his "broadsheet" of peals in 1753 Mr. Fortrey is there shown

as a subscriber of four copies [see Snowdon's Grandsire, p. 130].

In 1739 the sixth bell was recast by Thomas Eayre, who placed upon it his testimony to the great reputation attained by its previous founder (Hugh Watts).

In 1883 Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. partly rehung and renovated the old frame of the bells, at the same time recasting the 5th bell. At the present time the bells are in a poor condition, the frame being out of order, and it is impossible to ring a long touch, much less a peal on the bells. In 1911-12 the tower underwent a thorough restoration and renovation, but the bells, unfortunately, were left in their old condition.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows :—

Treble and Second.

"T. Eayre Ex Dons Guil Fortrey de Norton in agro Leicesterenci Armig. 1738."

Third.

"T. Eayre, Kett : Rich : Denshire : and Rob : Page : C : W : 1738. Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei" (Do all to the Glory of God).

Fourth.

"T. Eayre, Kett : Rich : Denshire : and Rob : Page : Churchwardens Anno. Dom. 1738."

Fifth.

"Crede Resipede Mori Memento 1633" (Believe, repent, remember Death).

Round the Waist: "Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough 1883."

Sixth.

"Hugh Watts, of Leicester, the foremost in his Art cast the 6 largest bells 1633. T. Eayre, Kett : Recast this 1739. Morte Beata Nihil Beatius" (Nothing happier than a happy death).

Seventh.

"Statutumest Omnibus Semel Mori 1633" (it is appointed unto all men once to die). On the crown of the bell are the letters "M.V. + B.W."

Eighth.

"I. H. S. Nasareus Rex Jude-orum Fili Dei Miserere Mei 1633" (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, O Son of God, have Mercy on Me).

Ninth.

"Feare God Obaie The King. George Palmer P.D.E. 1633. I.M."

Tenor.

"Cum sono si non vis venire nunquam ad preces cupies. Ire 1633."

(If you're unwilling to come, when I call
To prayers, you'll not wish to come at all).

The tenor is 54 inches in diameter, and weighs 30 cwts. in D.

(To be continued.)

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH HATTO.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Joseph Hatto, of Beenham, Berks, who passed away, after a short illness, on Wednesday, January 20th, at the age of 74 years.

Beenham possess six bells, and in the early '80's, soon after the Oxford Diocesan Guild was formed, Mr. Hatto and his brother ringers decided to learn the art of change ringing, and he was a very proud man when in 1888 he rang in the first peal of Minor at the Parish Church which he loved so well, and in which he laboured for so many years, both as a ringer and chorister. The deceased was laid to rest in the churchyard of Beenham on Monday of last week, being borne to the grave by his brother ringers. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and the Rev. G. D. S. Bushnell (Vicar of Beenham). Among others in church were Mr. A. E. Reeves, general secretary of the Oxford Guild; Miss M. Chillingworth and Mr. Cyril Woodridge, of Brad[illegible]. After the funeral the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled.

THE DEATH OF MISS M. F. SAMPSON.

In addition to the muffled peals rung by the Ladies' Guild at Portishead and Erdington, and recorded elsewhere, an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples (Lates') was made at Tamworth on Wednesday of last week, as a tribute of respect to the late Miss Sampson, of Edinburgh. Unfortunately, however, a change-course brought the attempt to an end, after an hour and a quarter's ringing. The loss of the peal was keenly felt by the ringers, as it was the only attempt they were able to arrange in memory of Miss Sampson, who, until recently, was a greatly respected member of the tower. The ringers were: J. W. Timms 1, G. Chaplin 2, W. Chapman 3, C. Chapman 4, A. Chaplin 5, J. Pratt (conductor) 6, F. J. Cope 7, J. H. Gallimore 8. An attempt for a peal was also made at Handsworth Parish Church on January 23rd.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Shoreditch, on Saturday week. Some fine touches of Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus, etc., was rung on this splendid going twelve, among the visitors taking part being Sergt. W. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent. A good number of members assembled in the Parish Room, and enjoyed a substantial tea, the Vicar and Rural Dean of Shoreditch (the Rev. F. E. Birch, M.A.) presiding.

The Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) took the chair at the business meeting, which followed, and referred to the large number of Cumberlands who had taken the field, and were serving with His Majesty's Forces in the awful war in which we were engaged. The actual number could not be given, but from Shoreditch alone it would run into double figures. Mr. Andrew Warner and Mr. Duncan Christy were in the firing line. He (the Master) hoped that the next meeting would be held under more cheerful circumstances, and that the society would soon be ringing in honour of peace.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. J. Bradley) presented the balance sheet, which showed a satisfactory balance, although the expenses had been high.

Mr. J. D. Matthews was again elected Master of the Society; Mr. H. J. Bradley, hon. secretary; Mr. H. Dains, treasurer; Mr. Arthur Hardy (who is still in Buenos Aires, but is expected to sail for home shortly), senior steward; and Mr. F. I. Hairs, junior steward.

Mr. J. D. Matthews, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. H. Dains and Mr. F. Smith were elected to represent the society upon the Central Council.

Mr. Andrew Warner, Mr. Cecil J. Matthews (son and heir of the Master) and Mr. Norman North were elected new members.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Highgate.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Hall, and the members then once more trod the time-worn stairs of the tower, and further ringing was indulged in up to nine o'clock.

THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society took place on Thursday of last week in the Parish Hall. The Rector presided, and was supported by Messrs. Head and Field, vice-presidents. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. G. M. Hall; vice-presidents, Rev. H. H. C. Richardson, Messrs. Gabain, Head, Brooke, Field, Huntley, and J. Prewett; Master, Mr. B. Prewett; Deputy Master, Mr. F. A. Smith; secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Prewett; committee, the Master, Deputy Master and Mr. F. Edwards.—It was resolved to have the annual outing as usual, provided satisfactory arrangements could be made, the places selected being King's Langley, Berkhamsted, Chesham and Chenies.—Mr. Willis was elected as hon. member, and Messrs. A. Andrews and P. Parslow, members—A vote of thanks to the President and to Messrs. Head and Field concluded the the meeting.

The committee, in its annual report, states: The society can look back on a year of steady progress. The bells have been rung for 105 services, and with few exceptions it has been found possible to man the full octave. In deference to public opinion, peal ringing has been stopped during the war, and only three peals have been rung in 1914, viz., one each of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and one of Bristol Surprise Major, the latter rung with half-muffled clappers after the funeral of Sir Hubert Herkomer. The practices have been maintained, and good work is being done in teaching the younger hands new methods. The annual outing was held on June 27th, and a very pleasant day was spent, ringing being indulged in at Redbourn, Dunstable, Luton and Harpenden. As usual the New Year's Eve supper was a great success, and our best thanks are due to the President and to Mrs. Hall for a very enjoyable evening. One of the band has enlisted, and is now serving his country at Malta, and we all hope that he will soon return to England, safe and sound, to help us ring at the conclusion of peace.

In our biographical sketch last week of Mr. G. T. Potter, the hon. secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, we spoke of him as visiting, in the early days, St. Michael's tower, Newcastle. This was, of course, an error. The belfry which he used to take so much delight in visiting was St. Nicholas' Cathedral.

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SOUTHGATE.

There was a splendid attendance at the annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which was held on Saturday last at Southgate, nearly 70 members being present. A short service was held at 5.30, at which the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peploe) preached a very fine sermon on the lessons of the war, his remarks being much appreciated by those privileged to listen to them. Mr. J. A. Dart, of the Tottenham band, presided at the organ. The large number at tea proved a strain upon the resources of the host at the Cherry Tree Hotel, who, however, eventually satisfied everybody.

At the meeting following the chair was taken by Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., President of the Association, who, on rising to welcome the members, was given a great ovation.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that during the year the work done by the Association had had very satisfactory results, in spite of the almost complete cessation of ringing in August, consequent upon the outbreak of war. During the twelve months elapsing since the last annual meeting of the district there had been elected one honorary, two life and 32 ringing members (to which later in the evening were added 11 ringing members, making a total of 46). An entirely new band had been formed at Harrow-on-the-Hill, and but for intercessory services interfering with the practices, an instructor would now be attending. It was hoped, however, that as soon as the practices resumed their normal course, Mr. Martin would take up his duties. It was pleasant to see a number of the Harrow band present at the meeting. It was very satisfactory to note that the Willesden band had, during the year, become affiliated to the Association, and the Hon. Secretary stated that he was sure they would be a credit to the society. Mr. Coles went on to say that they hoped to compile a roll of honour of the members of the Association who had answered the call of their country for insertion in the annual report, and he was glad to be able to state that the response of their members had been very good indeed.

The balance sheet showed that the subscriptions received were not up to the usual standard, mainly owing to the fewer number of new members elected, through the general stoppage of ringing, but in spite of this there was a credit balance of £75 18s. 4d., an increase of £3 8s. 7d. on the year's working, and it was suggested that a sum of not more than £3, over and above the usual percentage already provided for, should be transferred to the Central Fund to meet a prospective deficiency in that account.

The President, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet, spoke of the excellent progress made by the society, and said how pleased he was at the affiliation of the Harrow and Willesden bands. He approved of the proposal to transfer a sum to the Central Fund, and hoped the members would agree to that course being adopted, to overcome a difficulty which he trusted would only be a temporary one.—Mr. B. Prewett seconded, and the members unanimously agreed.

On the motion of Mr. James Parker, seconded by Mr. W. Soer, all the retiring officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. Armstrong; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Kemp; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth; central committee, Messrs. G. B. Lucas, S. Wade and J. Waghorn, senr.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Southgate for his inspiring sermon, and for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. J. E. Miller, and the local ringers for their welcome. He also included Mr. J. A. Dart, who had added to the harmony of the proceedings.—The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.—The Hon. Secretary moved that the thanks of the members be given to Mr. King for presiding, stating how pleased they all were to have him with them again. They trusted that he would soon be completely restored to health.—The motion was carried with great enthusiasm, and after the President had suitably responded the meeting terminated.

Subsequently two plain courses of Stedman Cinques were rung upon handbells, kindly provided by Mr. J. Rayner, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, the following ringers taking part: Miss E. K. Parker, Messrs. B. Prewett, G. R. Pye, W. Pye, A. W. Grimes, J. Hunt and J. Herbert. Both before and after the meeting the beautiful peal of bells at the Parish Church were kept going, most of the standard methods from Grandsire to London and Bristol Surprise being rung.

EARLSHEATON RINGERS AT CONISBORO'.

The Earlsheaton society of ringers paid a visit to Conisboro' recently, and rang a date touch in 1 hr. 12 mins. on the beautiful ring of eight from the Loughborough foundry. The party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Strawbridge), who conducted them round the ancient castle, which proved an object of much interest. A course of Grandsire Major was rung on the top of the castle keep, which the Vicar declared was a novelty.—Mr. W. Idle entertained the party to tea at the Crowcroft Cafe, and the meal was much enjoyed. The Earlsheaton ringers were highly pleased with the "go" and tone of the bells. The ringers who took part in the date touch were: Messrs. A. Goodall, W. Idle, J. W. Dews, Hemingway Dransfield, J. Garforth, G. H. Hardy, Herbert Dransfield and G. Taylor. The visit was a most enjoyable one.

INTERCESSION TOUCHES.

The following were among the muffled touches rung on Intercession Sunday, January 3rd, in memory of those who have fallen in the war:

COALBROOKDALE.—At Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (composed by John Carter), in 49 mins.: Wm. Boden 1, J. Hanley 2, Pte T. Garbett 3, A. Garbett 4, J. York 5, W. Lago 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, J. Aston 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, half-muffled, ever rung on the bells. It was also W. Boden's first quarter-peal, Pte Garbett's first quarter with bob bell, and J. Aston's first quarter-peal in the method. Pte Garbett was at home on a few days' leave from Netley Hospital, where he is serving with the R.A.M.C.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, 598 Grandsire Triples: C. Greenfield 1, P. Knight 2, T. A. Doick 3, S. Stone 4, A. B. Corden 5, P. H. Doick 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

BRAINTREE.—Essex Association.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. J. Collins 3, E. F. Slade 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Pte F. Ely (8th Essex Cyclos) 6, G. Lindridge 7, H. Coote 8.

KING'S CLIFFE, NORTHANTS.—The bells were rung fully muffled, except the tenor, which was open at back stroke.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Stedman Triples: C. O. Hobbs 1, J. Harris 2, Allen Rowley 3, S. Dawe 4, T. Cox 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, J. Aldridge 8.

ABERAVON, SOUTH WALES.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: E. Joachim 1, D. Franckom 2, W. Nurton 3, J. Howells 4, C. Franckom 5, H. Perry 6, A. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8.

OLDHAM. — Lancashire Association. — At the Parish Church, a muffled date touch of Grandsire Caters (1915 changes, composed by C. Jackson, of Hull), in 1 hr. 15 mins.: H. Wright 1, S. Ellson 2, H. Hampson 3, A. Waites 4, M. Newton 5, S. Stott (conductor) 6, C. H. Mainland 7, H. E. Fielding 8, S. M. Butterworth 9, J. Garlick 10.

LONG EATON.—For morning service, 312 Stedman Triples: R. Senceshall 1, J. Harrison 2, J. Bailey 3, A. R. Hickton 4, T. Hutchinson 5, H. Green 6, W. R. Drage (conductor) 7, H. Makin 8. For evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples: R. Senceshall 1, A. R. Hickton 2, J. Harrison 3, N. H. Widdowson 4, T. Hutchinson 5, H. Green 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, W. R. Drage 8.

FRODSHAM.—At the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, before ringing for evensong, 434 Grandsire Triples: T. Lightfoot 1, J. Bibby 2, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 3, A. Unsworth 4, W. Bibby 5, F. Gleave 6, T. H. Lightfoot 7, A. Jones 8.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, with the 6 and 8 covering: V. Bebberby 1, S. Roberts 2, W. Bullough 3, R. Bent 4, H. Eckersall 5, W. Foster 6, W. Ford 7, S. Clark 8. Conducted by Trooper W. Ford, of the Cheshire Yeomanry.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with half-muffled clappers: T. Crook 1, N. Crook (first quarter-peal) 2, J. Watkinson 3, A. Robinson 4, H. France 5, E. Watkinson 6, B. A. Knights (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.—Great Mundon Society.—For morning service, with the bells fully muffled, 720 Double Oxford: H. Wallace 1, B. J. Miller 2, E. Saggers 3, N. Wallace 4, N. Patmore 5, B. Patmore (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Delight: Rev. A. G. Langdon 1, B. J. Miller 2, E. Saggers 3, H. Wallace 4, N. Patmore 5, B. Patmore (conductor) 6.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, with the bells half-muffled, three touches each of 720 changes of Bob Major were rung before military service. Matins and evensong: Messrs. A. Dye, Geo. Beverley, F. Harrison, C. V. Ebbenson, A. W. Baldwin, C. Wybrow, R. Cooke (conductor) and C. S. Tuthill (of local company), and Sergt. Dormer and Trooper R. Bishop, of the Berkshire Yeomanry, and belonging to Reading branch of Oxford Guild.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—In the afternoon, at All Saints' Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: George Wood 1, W. Hyde Inglesant 2, Charles Brown 3, Harry Wright 4, John Garratt 5, Henry Briggs (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 in the same method, in 27 mins.: Mr. W. Hyde Inglesant 1, George Wood 2, the rest as above.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.—The new peal of eight at St. George's, the Parish Church, were rung half-muffled in some slow and well-struck rounds for the intercession services.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The bells were rung deeply muffled in the evening.

PROCTER.—At St. Peter's Church, with the bells muffled, three six-scores of Canterbury and two of Plain Bob Doubles.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—The bells were rung half-muffled.

GARSTON.—On January 4th, with the bells half-muffled, a half-muffled 360 Grandsire Triples, and in the evening 672 Grandsire Triples.

GARSTON.—On January 4th, with the bells half-muffled, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hooley 1, G. Woodall 2, E. Caunce 3, J. Allen 4, Capt. T. Murray (11th Cheshires) 5, Geo. R. Newton 6, W. Hughes (conductor) 7, R. Kelly 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

KIRBY MULOX, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Bartholomew's, on All Saints' Day, with the bells muffled, a six-score of Grandsire Doubles in whole pulls for morning service, and 720 Grandsire Doubles in ordinary changes, for evening service: A. Davey (age 16) 1, H. Hover (age 16) 2, N. T. C. Lambert 3, H. Hollis (conductor) 4, F. J. Bowley 5. This ringing was doubly appropriate, as one of the villagers was killed in action on October 26th.

TENTERDEN.—On All Saints' Day, the bells were rung, muffled. For morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, W. Tickner 2, N. Tickner 3, C. Tribe 4, W. Savage 5, A. Snelling 6, G. Neve 7, A. Field 8. For evening service, 588 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, W. Tickner 2, J. J. Manktelow 3, A. Snelling 4, W. Savage 5, C. Tribe 6, G. Neve 7, F. Gilbert 8.

HEADCORN, KENT. — On November 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, for those who have fallen in the war, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 76.8 covering: W. Bottle 1, P. Hodgkin 2, W. Waghorn 3, A. Slingsby 4, G. Penfold 5, Mrs. M. M. Gatehouse 6, A. Crouch 7, C. Murrell 8. Also several other 120's and touches in which the following took part: J. Murrell, W. Martin, C. Crouch, E. Blackman and Miss Doris Foreman; and L. Honess, Biddenden and J. Wells, Ulcombe, conducted by P. Hodgkin.

MIDDLEHAM. — Cleveland and North Yorks Association. — On November 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, for those who have fallen in the war, 240 Plain Bob Minor, and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and a 336 Grandsire Triples. The following ringers took part: Miss J. Parrish, Miss O. Lumley, Mr. C. Clarkson, Wm. Sykes, Hy. Parish, Dr. H. C. Pauli, Wm. Swann, Percy Beswick.

HAWKHURST.—Kent County Association.—On Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Billenness (conductor) 1, A. Stevenson (first quarter inside) 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, J. H. Durrant 6, O. Waghorn 7, G. Maskell 8.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Thursday, Nov. 5th, at All Saints' (within the octave of All Saints'), a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes): W. Buck 1, A. J. Perkins (longest length in method) 2, A. Boxall 3, F. Holder 4, A. Bundle 5, W. States (conductor) 6, A. Clayton 7, F. Boulter 8.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE — On Saturday, Nov. 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Garrison 1, G. F. Swann (conductor) 2, C. Dickens 3, J. H. Shepherd 4, M. J. Morris 5, W. J. Anker 6, J. L. Wells 7, S. J. Jessop 8. Rung, after meeting too late for peal, with bells muffled.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, Nov. 8th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Hogarth 1, P. Burgess 2, W. Denyer (Ewhurst, Surrey) 3, S. Shellock 4, Sergt. J. Bennett 5, C. Morriss 6, F. Belsey (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8. Arranged for James Bennett, who returned to barracks on Saturday, after having been promoted to sergeant in the R.M.L.I. He naturally received the congratulations of his brother ringers.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 46 mins.: H. Whantlam 1, E. Cassell 2, W. H. Worsley 3, T. Bolton 4, C. Collis, junr., 5, J. Kent 6, J. Herbert 7, Arthur Jones (conductor) 8.

ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbots Guild.—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, 1263 Stedman Caters: W. A. Garrard 1, A. Cutmore 2, W. H. Worsley 3, W. G. Matthews 4, A. V. Selby 5, A. W. Darlington 6, M. F. R. Hibbert 7, C. Charge (conductor) 8, W. E. Garrard 9, C. H. Collins 10.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, at St. Saviour's Church, for evensong, and on the occasion of a visit of the Rev. H. T. Maitland, late Vicar of the parish, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: G. B. Lucas 1, W. J. Cooper 2, W. J. E. Jones 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. Rumens 6, H. F. Hull 7, G. W. Cooper 8.

HULL.—At Holy Trinity Parish Church, on Nov. 9th, in honour of the re-election of Councillor J. H. Hargreaves, and Mr. E. O. Ohlson, as the Lord Mayor and Sheriff respectively, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: G. Dowling 1, T. Stockdale 2, M. Hedges 3, C. Jackson 4, G. F. Williams (conductor) 5, J. Highfield 6, G. T. Miller 7, T. Morton 8, D. W. Brown 9, J. Hodds 10. Also 1025 Grandsire Caters: F. Dale 1, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, M. Hedges 3, T. Stockdale 4, T. Morton 5, G. Dowling 6, J. Hodds 7, G. T. Miller 8, D. W. Brown 9, J. Chamberlain 10.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Monday, Nov. 9th, for the re-election of Mr. E. Howard as Mayor, 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, W. Tickner 2, J. J. Mantitelow 3, A. Snelling 4, W. Savage 5, C. Tribe 6, G. Neve 7, F. Gilbert 8.

THANET.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Nov. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: *E. Gibbens 1, S. G. Twyman conductor) 2, *J. Thornton 3, W. G. Birch 4, A. E. Jarman 5, W. J. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8. * First quarter.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 15th, on the occasion of the birthday of the King of Belgium, 720 Bob Minor: F. G. Griffin 1, W. L. Darlow 2, H. Wilkerson 3, R. Wilkerson 4, W. B. Manning 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Chivers 1, E. Chivers 2, J. Hambleton 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, F. Speed 5, R. Jones 6, W. Keevill (conductor) 7, T. Dyke 8. All members of the local band. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, and first for all the ringers except the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and tenor. Rung also as a congratulatory touch to the conductor on the birth of a son and heir.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—On Sunday, Nov. 15th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: *F. Wines 1, H. Page 2, *F. Lasbury 3, G. Wines 4, T. Page (conductor) 5, J. Cross 6, W. Page 7, *H. Gillard 8. * First quarter-peal.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for a memorial service for the late Earl Roberts, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 53 mins.: T. Page 1, H. Page (conductor) 2, B. Davies (first quarter with a bob bell) 3, G. Wines 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Cross 6, W. Page 7, J. Cross 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-HILL, GLOS.—On Nov. 16th, 720 Bob Minor: P. Bird 1, F. Bird 2, F. E. Davis 3, E. Pardon 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob and several 120's Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. This is the first time Minor has been rung on the bells.

HAWKHURST. Kent County Association. — On Tuesday, Nov. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, O. Waghorn 5, J. Thomas (London) 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, F. Chapman 8.

LEEDS.—Yorkshire Association.—At 51, Wordsworth Place, Leeds, on handbells, on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, in 41 mins., Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: James R. Kemp 1—2, Percy J. Johnson (conductor) 3—4, J. Frank Smallwood 5—6, Arthur W. Trigg 7—8. First quarter-peal in hand in the method by all except the conductor. First quarter-peal in any method by the ringer of 7—8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX. At the Parish Church, on Wednesday, Nov. 19th, in honour of the wedding of Major F. W. Schofield, 4th Batt. Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, and Miss W. Maud Usbourne, of The House, Writtle, 504 Stedman Triples: R. Wood 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, G. R. Crush 4, H. Head 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln 7, F. Edwards 8. As the bride and bridegroom left the village another 504 Stedman was rung with G. W. Sorrell 2, W. Emery 8, and 224 Grandsire, J. Poole ringing the treble. The bride walked to the church from the house, the roadway being lined by the battalion of the 4th Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry which are stationed in Writtle, and as the pair left the church an arch was formed by the officers' swords.

BOLTON, BRADFORD. — On Nov. 21st, on the occasion of the Leeds and District Society's meeting, 720 Bob Minor: J. Nichols 1, S. B. Norfolk 2, F. Hopwood 3, J. Palframan 4, A. Gill 5, B. E. Howe (conductor) 6, S. S. Palframan 8. This was rung for the wedding of Mr. H. Hobson and Miss Beardsworth.

COLWELL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—For evening service, on Nov. 22nd, 720 Major: C. Evans 1, J. Thomas 2, H. W. Allen 3, C. Thomas 4, T. Hodges 5, W. Harford 6, C. Webley 7, C. Layton (conductor) 8.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association and Acton (St. Mary's) Guild.—For morning service, at St. Mary's Church, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Holloway 1, W. Phillips 2, R. H. Boddington 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, V. Holloway 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, J. J. Gray 8.

WILLESDEN.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 29th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: E. Lankester (first 720) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, F. Barrett 3, G. Chalkley 4, R. Kilby 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.—On December 8th, 720 London Surprise Minor: B. Foskett 1, F. Barrett 2, G. Chalkley 3, F. Grisdale 4, G. M. Kilby 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association took place on Saturday week, and was well attended, considering that two other meetings were in progress in London the same day.

At the business meeting, which was preceded by ringing at St. Boltolph's, Bishopsgate, the balance sheet was read and adopted, and showed a balance on the right side.

The election of officers resulted in the following being re-elected: Mr. A. D. Barker as Master, Mr. T. Walker as hon. treasurer, and Mr. L. B. Porter as hon. secretary, while the worthy and respected past Master (Mr. W. G. Matthews) was appointed as steward for the ensuing year.

The report showed good progress during the past year, especially as regards the young bans at St. Mary's, Islington, and St. Boltolph's, Bishopsgate, who are being instructed by officers of the Association.

At the conclusion of the meeting a few minutes were spent in touches and tunes on the handbells, before the familiar call was heard, "Time, gentlemen, please."

NOTICES.

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

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

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Hon. District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 1915, at St. James', Waterfoot. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 prompt. Subscriptions are now due. Annual reports 6d. each to life members.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbotton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bray on Saturday, February 6th. Service 4.45. Tea and business to follow. Bells will be rung before and after service.—Rev. P. Gordon Levy, 49, All Saints' Avenue, Maidenhead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) at Isleworth, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, tea in the Hartlands Road Mission Hall at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mrs. Gill. Members and friends heartily welcome. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid by the date of meeting. — H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Lent Meeting, 1915.—The Pre-Lent Meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday next, February 10th. By kind permission of the Rector, the bells (8, tenor 17 cwts.) will be available for ringing between the hours of 3 and 9 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the Church Institute (close to the church) at 5 o'clock. Tea in the same place at 5.30, tickets for which are 9d. to members; 1s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending being present must please notify the hon. secretary by the 6th February at latest, in order that adequate arrangements may be made. — Geo. T. Potter, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Harthill on Saturday, February 13th. Tea at 5.15 p.m., provided at 1s. per head to all those who advise the Rev. B. Darley, Harthill Rectory, Sheffield, not later than Tuesday, February 9th. Important meeting, and a good attendance desired. — H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting for practice will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea provided.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Warner, for those who notify me of their intention to be present not later than the previous Wednesday. The bells (6) will be available. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, February 13th, 1915. Service at 4 o'clock, tea at 5 and business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available at 2.30 if required, also after the meeting. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hyde on Saturday, February 13th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—F. Wilford, Honorary Secretary, 140, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 5.30.—Walter Hughes.

WINCHESTER GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Visitors heartily welcomed. — G. B. Edser, 113, Angell Road, Brixton, S.W., Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's Church on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Pudsey on February 13th, 1915. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.; business meeting at the White Cross Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chesterfield Parish Church on Saturday, February 13th, business being for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. — W. H. Peabody, District Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on February 2nd and 16th; for handbell practice on February 11th and 25th. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles mem-

bers to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th February.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting and contest (6 bells) will be held at Thornhill on Saturday, February 20th, 1915. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Saville Arms. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all sending in their names not later than Monday, February 15th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at High Halden (6 bells) on Saturday, February 20th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Arrangements for tea will be notified later. A new treble has recently been added and the rest rehung.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

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