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March, 1913.

MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1913.

Gentlemen,

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

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

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

MODERN WORK.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

The list, which we have for some months past been publishing week by week, of ringers who have joined the Forces of the Crown in the great national emergency, is steadily growing, demonstrating how well the young men, who in peace have found pleasure in pursuing our art and in discharging the duties of the belfry, have realised the sterner calls of the Motherland and have rallied to her aid. Already, unhappily, some are numbered among the slain, and soon many others will be facing the enemy's guns across the channel. That they will do their duty nobly as Britons is as certain as the display of patriotism which brought them to the colours. Whatever fate the chances of war may have in store for them, the recollection of their ready sacrifice in the cause of right, justice and honour will ever remain with and be cherished by their fellow members in the various towers and associations to which they belong.

It is extremely gratifying to see the various organisations throughout the country taking up the suggestion of officially placing on record the names of these volunteers. Quite a number of Associations are actively engaged in collecting the detailed information with a view to incorporating it in the next reports. The Hertford County Association, whose committee last week decided upon a similar line of action, is to take the further step of specially inscribing the names in the peal book, which seems to us a very happy thought. The peal book of an Association, frequently a handsomely illuminated volume, is, as it were, the record of achievements of prowess among the members and because of its value and importance will be carefully preserved. No place more suitably adapted for keeping the record of members who have joined the roll of honour could, therefore, it seems to us, be found.

Like some of the other Societies, the Herts Association also intends to keep paid up, during the period of the war, the subscriptions of those of its members who are serving. This is an action which we should like to see adopted everywhere. It is not because it will prevent the lapse of membership of many who, if the struggle is long drawn out, will be too fully occupied in other directions to trouble about annual contributions to a ringing organisation, but it will mark, in some small degree, the appreciation which we feel and, by the resolution which would be necessary, place it upon record. We owe much to these men and the little we can do in acknowledgment will, we are sure, be done. Ringers who are serving the country are from all classes and are working in many capacities. They are to be found in every branch of the service, from stokers on a warship to officers in the Army, from National Reservists to Chaplains of Forces, while one lady at least is a qualified Red Cross Nurse.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, January 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL TAYLOR	4
EDWARD SPICE	2	JAMES NYE	5
WILLIAM SPICE	3	WILLIAM NYE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 6, 1915, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 19¾ cwt., in E.

ARTHUR D. ALDHAM ...	...*Treble*	HENRY BRIGGS... ...	3
CHARLES H. BRIGGS	2	*JOHN BRUNT	4
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Eric Ellis, of Sapcote, who died on January 23rd from pneumonia after a brief illness at the early age of 16 years. He was a highly respected member of the Midland Counties Association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, February 2nd, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT... ...	1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	5—6
GEORGE R. PYE	3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7—8
ERNEST PYE	9—10		

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: CHARLES T. COLES.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1915, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. DAVISON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN R. BARTON	1—2	HARRY GIBSON	5—6
ALBERT COATES	3—4	FRANK DAVISON	7—8

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and
Conducted by J. R. BARTON.
Witnesses: MRS. DAVISON and MISS CHAMBERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Cole, tower keeper of St. Mary's Parish Church. This composition is now rung for the first time on handbells.

OMBERLEY RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Tuesday week the Omberley (Worcestershire) band met at their tower and rang 720 of Minor and several six-scores of Doubles. They then adjourned to the King's Arms, where they enjoyed a "leg of mutton" supper, provided by one of the ringers, to redeem the promise made if a certain 720 was rung before the close of 1914. The company included Messrs. A. Atkins, H. Davis, S. Duggan, A. Hobday, E. Kings, L. Longney, S. Miles, W. Pardoe, F. Styles and E. Wood.

The repast was served by Host Millard in his usual efficient manner. Afterwards a selection of tunes on the handbells, interspersed with songs, brought the inevitable "Time, Gentlemen," all too soon. The wish was freely expressed for a repetition of the gathering twelve months hence.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions to the National Relief Fund have been received:

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	67	0	6
Ringers of St. Mary's, Maldon, Essex (per Mr. A. Gozzett)	0	10	0
Ringers of Cheshunt Parish Church (Messrs. H. G. Rowe, G. Andrews, C. Dilley, F. Jelf, G. Maxim, R. Smith, W. G. Darlington and C. Start, 3/- each) ...	1	4	0
Total	£68	14	6

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving in H.M. Forces:—

Pte C. V. Ebberson, of Fakenham, 6th (Reserve) Batt. Norfolk Regt., now at Bridlington, Yorks.

Pte Wilfred Graham, of Holy Trinity, Burnley, 18th Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C., now serving in France.

Pte J. T. Taylor, of Christ Church, Dore, City Battalion Sheffield, York and Lancs Regt.

P. H. Chalker, of Hurst, Berks, R.F.A., now at Cosham.

Pte Arthur Faulkner, of St. Edward's, Shipston-on-Stour, King's Royal Rifles, now at Winchester.

Pte Samuel Whitehead, of Honington, Shipston-on-Stour, R.A.M.C., now at Torquay.

Pte Horace Heat, of Wolford, Shipston-on-Stour, Army Service Corps.

Pte F. G. Oakshot, of Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey, 2nd City of London Royal Fusiliers, now at Malta.

Tpr. Leonard V. Belsey, of St. Margaret's, Rainham, Kent, Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles, now at Herne Bay.

The following are serving in the 4th Battalion Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, now at Writtle, Essex:—

Pte V. Bennett, St. Giles', Oxford.

Pte. W. Goddard, St. Thomas', Oxford.

Pte. L. J. Coles, Oxford.

Corpl. F. Mitchell, St. Mary's, Charlbury.

Pte W. Ladbrook, St. Mary's Thame.

Pte. R. Edwards, Weston-on-the-Green.

From Castle Cary Tower, Somerset, the following members of the National Reserve are serving as guards on H.M. Prison Ship "Tunisian," off Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Pte George Goddard.

Pte Harry Wines.

Pte Harry Creed.

From St. Barnabas, Linslade, Bucks, the following are serving with the Bucks Territorials:—

J. Child, now at Chelmsford.

W. Bacchuss, now at Northampton.

C. Howe, now at Northampton.

TAMWORTH RINGER KILLED.

DEATH FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION.

It is with much regret that he have to record the death of another ringer, who has given his life in his country's cause—Pte Francis J. Keen, of the 2nd Grenadier Guards, who died on January 20th from wounds received in action. Deceased, who is buried in Bethune Town Cemetery, was among the first to be sent to France at the commencement of the war.

Before joining the army, some two years ago, he was attached to the St. Editha's Church company, Tamworth, and was also a member of the Warwickshire Guild and the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society. Although he had only rung in one peal (Grandsire Triples) in the tower, he was an ardent handbell ringer, and was one of the young band formed at Tamworth some time ago, and of which, sad to relate, the late Miss Sampson also was one. Needless to say their places will not be easily filled, and their deaths are much regretted by all.

Pte Keen had many ringing friends, and his pleasant and genial disposition won him the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. S. REEVES.

The following further contributions to the proposed memorial tablet to the late Mr. S. Reeves, of West Bromwich, are acknowledged with thanks: St. Paul's Company, Burton-on-Trent, 10s.; St. Peter's Company, Wolverhampton, 2s. 6d.; Messrs. A. Mills. W. Short, 2s. each; W. Painter, W. R. Hughes, A. Little, 1s. each. Total received to date, £6 14s. 6d. This list is now closed.—E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

DUPLICATE BOOKING OF PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with interest your report of the annual meeting of the above Association, but is it not a mistake to claim the peal of Oxford Treble Twelve, rung at Ashton, as the first in the North of England? Sheffield is very close to Ashton, and one was rung there many years ago.

Now that I am writing might I suggest to the executive of the Yorkshire Association, that it is about time they fell in with the almost universal custom, and refrained from publishing, in their report, peals upon which they have only a secondary claim? This peal of Oxford Twelve was published in the papers as being rung by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations. The Analysis Committee of the Central Council credits it to the former Association only, and yet our Yorkshire friends apparently claim it, too. The peals printed in the Yorkshire report never tally with the returns of the Analysis Committee, for the simple reason that some peals which should appear only in the Lancashire or the Midland Counties reports are also commandeered by Yorkshire, making for the latter an unreal and inflated list. A flagrant example is the record peal of Treble Twelve by the Ashton men, for both the Lancashire, to whom it rightly belongs, and Yorkshire Associations publish it in their reports. This is farcical, for the same record can hardly be held by two different societies.

If two can claim one performance, why should not a dozen societies? This would be quite easy round about London. Surely good sense points to the fact that the first Association named is the one, and the only one, the performance rightly belongs to. Duplicate booking of peals used to be common, but few Associations allow it now, and Yorkshire ought to fall into line.

I may add that I am not a member of either the Lancashire or Yorkshire Association, and, therefore, simply subscribe myself

LOOKER-ON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROLL OF HONOUR TO BE COMPILED.

A meeting of the committee of the Hertford County Association was held in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, on Saturday, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Papillon, there being also present Messrs. E. P. Debenham, B. Prewett, W. H. Laurence, H. Jarman, H. G. Rowe, A. Green, F. Edwards, F. A. Smith, J. Malyan, A. Hull, and the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel).

The annual meeting was fixed to be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and the new Dean of St. Albans has been invited to give the address. It was decided that a Roll of Honour be formed of all members on active service in His Majesty's Forces, and that the same be entered in the annual report and also specially in the peal book of the Association, and further that all active service members be kept in full membership during the progress of the war.

The Rev. Canon Papillon and the treasurer and secretary were instructed to prepare a form of service for use at meetings.

As regards the Roll of Honour, will secretaries of bands throughout the county send in their names to the following:—Eastern Division: Mr. W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Ware; Northern Division: Mr. F. C. Bacon, The Laurels, West Hill, Hitchin; Western Division: Mr. B. Prewett, Alderbury, Oxhey Avenue, Watford, or to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, St. Albans. Unattached and non-resident members please communicate direct to the secretary at St. Albans. It is important that the christian name should be writen in full.

As so many of the regular supporters of the Association at the annual meetings have joined His Majesty's Forces, it is hoped that members will make a special effort this year of rallying to the annual gathering at St. Albans, to show that "business as usual" is intended, in spite of many drawbacks. Belated subscriptions should also be paid to respective district secretaries without delay.

LINCOLN GUILD.

On Saturday week the annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at St. Wulfram's Church, but, owing to many ringers at present serving with the colours, and also many having temporarily left the district for various armament workshops, the attendance was not so large as usual, about 30 members being present. The bells were kept going afternoon and evening in methods from Doubles to Caters. The Vicar of Grantham (Rev. W. J. Carr Smith) conducted a service in the church in the afternoon, and gave an eloquent address on the objects of the Guild.

Tea and the business meeting were held at the Dairy Company's Cafe, and were presided over by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (president of the branch), supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston) and members from Grantham, Burkeston, Hough-on-the-Hill, Bottesford, Skillington and Colsterworth.

The retiring officers were elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. W. G. Thorpe as assistant secretary, he being instructed to carry out the duties during the temporary absence from home of the branch secretary. Colsterworth was the place chosen for the July meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. W. J. Carr Smith for the use of the bells and to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter for presiding concluded the business.

STEDMAN ON EVEN NUMBERS.

A REPLY TO CRITICISMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the article under this heading, which you were good enough to publish in "The Ringing World" on December 4th, a number of criticisms have reached me privately from ringers of repute, and as I am unable to reply to them privately, I shall feel obliged if you will allow me the use of your columns.

"That the method is not Stedman." This criticism is unreasonable, inasmuch as no one has attempted to point to a single feature of the Stedman system that is not faithfully portrayed.

"That the tenors are parted too frequently and too widely." This seems to be the general verdict, and, in order to see exactly what there is in it, I have made an analysis of courses amounting to 2688 rows (the least common multiple of 48, 112, 128 and 224), in twelve different Major methods. The analysis is appended, and I leave it to speak for itself.

	Double Stedman.	Plain Bob.	Double Norwich.	Bristol Surprise.	Duffield.	Kent Treble Bob.	London Surprise.	Superlative Surprise.	Cambridge Surprise.	Stedman.	Oxford Treble Bob.	Shipway's Principle.
7th and 8th together, times	1120	672	864	1056	1120	624	756	864	828	756	624	525
1 bell between ,, ...	896	1728	1320	1020	672	1440	1092	840	804	672	1056	735
2 bells ,, ,, ...	448	96	312	372	224	288	264	408	432	504	384	441
3 ,, ,, ,, ...	224	192	192	192	448	96	312	288	336	504	96	441
4 ,, ,, ,, ...					224	96	72	72	165	252	240	294
5 ,, ,, ,, ...				48		96	144	216	96		192	168
6 ,, ,, ,, ...						48	48		36		96	84
	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688	2688
Mean number of bells between the 7th and 8th ...	0·92	0·93	0·94	0·96	1·02	1·29	1·43	1·45	1·49	1·56	1·71	2·03

"That it is a copy of Duffield." My critic speaks without knowledge. It is not the case that I copied Sir Arthur Heywood, nor is it the case (it will be understood that I am referring to this particular matter only) that I imitated him—imitating or following a master and copying him are very different things—but I discovered the method in imitation of Stedman himself by considering what he would have done had he lived to be confronted with the problem of making his system of permutations applicable to even numbers.

"That it is inferior to Duffield." In respect to keeping the tenors together it undoubtedly is, but this, like many other laudable objects, may be made too much of, and in other respects, Stedman has the advantage. I say this, not as taking any credit to myself, for I am entitled to none. It must be borne in mind that Duffield in an original method devised to attain four well-defined objects which were beyond the reach of any method then known, whereas the method with which it is compared makes no claim to originality, nor is it in point of fact original. It was evolved simply by following Stedman without any thought being taken for the consequences, and had anyone else followed Stedman he would have arrived at exactly the same result, for the reason that no other result is possible.

"That the coursing order is continually changing." This objections applies to every form of Stedman. In Stedman only part of the bells hunt, and consequently there cannot be any coursing or hunting order, in the ordinary sense of the term. Whether it be a merit or a demerit, or neither one nor the other, Stedman cannot produce the Plain Bob lead ends.

"That the tenors come up wrong." This is a slip, due, I suppose, to my not giving the plain courses in full. The tenors come up right.

"That it is merely an adaptation of Shipway's principle." So far from following Shipway, I regarded him as a warning example. Shipway's principle complies perfectly with clauses 1 to 4 in the article, it has the three crowning qualities of Stedman, and it is Stedman in substance, and in fact. But it does not comply with clause 5, and it is Stedman spoiled. In Stedman, the divisions and sub-divisions are joined together, not clumsily by uncalled bobs as in ordinary methods, but artistically by hunting bells changing places with dodging bells. Now, Shipway, for reasons best known to himself, but assuredly not in ignorance, elected to use both of these devices, and he produced a method which, when the calls are made on the front five bells, is false in all numbers, and which parts the tenors to a much greater extent than any other method that I have examined. Shipway knew well how to transform an odd into an even-bell method—no one understood the nature of Stedman better than he, and I am of opinion that in the first place he arrived at precisely what I have ventured to place before the Exercise. But being out for something new and disdaining to follow Stedman, though willing enough to copy him, he affixed his name to a system of permutations, which ringers, perhaps instinctively but certainly rightly, have always declined to practise. The difference between the two men is this: Stedman did not count himself worthy to have a method called by his name, but the Exercise did; Shipway did count himself worthy, and the Exercise did not. But perhaps Shipway had never read that "whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." For the benefit of those who do not possess a copy of "Shipway," I give the plain course of Major showing the peculiar go off outside the method which Shipway found it necessary to adopt.

SHIPWAY'S PRINCIPLE PLAIN COURSE (128 Changes).

12345678
21436587
2413
4231
4321
3412
31425678
13452768
1435
4153
4513
5431
5341
3514
31547286
13574826
3175
3715
7351
7531
5713
5173
15378462
Repeat 7 times.

GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

LADY RINGER INJURED IN AIR RAID.

Miss Adcock, a member of the Ladies' Guild and of the Norwich Association, who resides at King's Lynn, had a narrow escape during the recent air raid. She was just retiring to bed, when one of the German bombs fell in the recreation ground about 60 yards distant. All the windows of the house were smashed, and Miss Adcock was severely cut by flying glass. We are glad to be able to say that she has made good progress, although for the first week she suffered severely from shock.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

The conclusion of the article upon St. Margaret's (Leicester) Church Bells is unavoidably held over.

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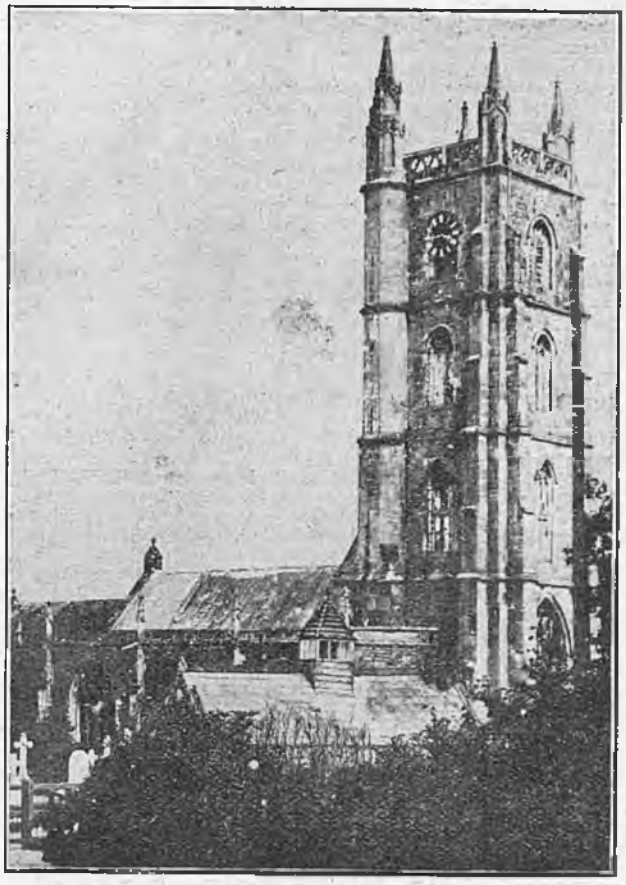
Front Row: Miss Adelaide Stokes (3), Miss Dorothy G. Sage (4).

The above interesting group is that of the eight Portishead ladies, who, as reported in our last issue, rang the first peal for the Ladies' Guild.



PORTISHEAD PARISH CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As you remark in the current issue of "The Ringing World," the heartiest congratulations of the whole Exercise will go out to the company, and especially to the conductor, upon the performance at Portishead. There is, also, at least one other person in Portishead who I am sure will read the peal columns this week with feelings of pride and satisfaction, a feeling of "something attempted, something done"; somewhat, I should think, akin to the feelings of a schoolmaster reading a highly satisfactory inspector's report of the result of his year's work in his school. I refer to Mr. W. Gillingham. Last July, while on a cycling tour, my wife and I had the pleasure of visiting Portishead, and on the Sunday morning and evening we had the further pleasure of taking part in the ringing for the services. The touches were called by that very youthful conductor, Miss Coles, and I must say that I was more than surprised at the very efficient manner in which one and all of that youthful band of girls handled their bells, and it will not be necessary for me to point out to ringers what that has meant on the part of the man who taught them. All of us who have had to do with the teaching of beginners in our Art have no doubt experienced a kind of snug satisfaction when we see the names in the peal columns of those whose first movements in the Art we guided, but however devoted one may be in that direction it will certainly be a rare occurrence for that devotion to be rewarded in the way Mr. Gillingham's has been, viz., to see eight of his immediate pupils ringing a peal together and on their own. Mr. Gillingham has undoubtedly found some very apt pupils. Undoubtedly, also, he has taken a lot of trouble and pains, and I think that he also deserves the congratulations of the whole Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

Cranleigh, Surrey, February 8th. R. WHITTINGTON.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT CHAGFORD.

The new ring of eight bells at St. Michael's Church, Chagford, Devon, were dedicated on Wednesday of last week by the Rev. Dr. T. Tralawney Ross.

The old bells, a very ancient ring, needed restoration, being harsh and out of tune. The church records state that there was a peal of five at Chagford as long ago as the year 1553.

The tone of the new bells is very melodious and sweet, and they are in perfect harmony, having been tuned on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle. The well-known firm of Messrs J. Taylor and Co., bellfounders of Loughborough, were entrusted with the recasting of the bells, the work reflecting great credit upon them. The bells have been rehung in a massive frame ("Dreadnought" type), consisting of oak, iron and steel, constructed free from the walls and thus putting less strain on the fabric. Patent adjustable bearings have been fitted and the bells rehung on the most modern principles by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford.

The patent adjustable bearings referred to have made Messrs. Aggett and Sons famous throughout the West of England.

WELL-KNOWN LANCASHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

An old Lancashire ringer, in the person of Mr. William Schofield, of Middleton, passed over to the great majority on Wednesday, January 27th, in his 61st year. Mr. Schofield had, perhaps, a longer connection with Middleton Parish Church tower than any other ringer in the town, and was connected with prize ringing contests as early as 1872. He was consequently well known to most lovers of the art in the surrounding towns, and was always regarded as a good striker.

At the funeral, on Saturday week, at Middleton, the Lancashire Association was represented by Mr. W. H. Shuker (secretary), and Mr. H. Chapman, and ringers were also present from the neighbouring towers of Oldham, Glodwick, Heywood and Pendleton. The service was conducted by the Revs. W. Stanton Jones (Rector) and S. F. Cornell (curate). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. H. Chapman, S. Stott, J. Harrison and E. B. Shaw. Subsequently the ringers rang touches on the tower bells, which were deeply muffled.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties' Association was held at Loughborough on Saturday week. The bells at the Parish Church were not available, owing to the illness of the Rector's wife, but Messrs. John Taylor and Co., with their usual kindness and generosity, had placed their peal of tower bells at the foundry and a set of handbells at the disposal of the ringers. They also provided an excellent tea in their works, and thus did much towards making the meeting a great success. Ringing began on the tower bells soon after 2 p.m., and was kept up by relays of men until about half-past six, excepting during the interval for tea, at which 85 members and friends sat down. Among those present were Mrs. J. W. Taylor, the Misses L. and H. Willson, and several other ladies, Mr. J. W. Taylor (vice-president of the Association), Mr. E. D. Taylor, Rev. R. P. Farrow, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. J. P. Farlton, Mr. W. Wallace, Mr. W. Willson, Mr. W. E. White (hon. secretary), and representatives from Broughton, Astley, Bulwell, Burton-on-Trent, Colgrave, Derby, Duffield, Hinckley, Hugglescote, Ilkeston, Leicester, Mountsorrel, North Wingfield, Oakham, Stanhope-on-Soar, South Wigston and Whitwick, in addition to the local ringers and members of Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s staff.

Immediately following the tea the business meeting was held. The Vice-President occupied the chair, and announced that letters regretting their inability to be present had been received from the president (Sir A. P. Heywood) and honorary treasurer (Mr. W. C. Wakley), the latter having joined the 6th (Reserve) North Staffs Regiment, now at Harpenden.

The retiring auditors, Messrs. C. Draper and E. D. Taylor, were unanimously re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. J. H. Twinfield, seconded by Mr. H. W. Abbott. One honorary, three life, and thirteen ordinary members were admitted.

The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, said that he supposed it was well known that the Association's second quarterly meeting of the year, which had been arranged to be held at Chesterfield, was abandoned, owing to the outbreak of war, and for this same reason there had been a considerable falling off in the ringing done throughout the country. In their own case only 25 peals had been rung since their June meeting, which brought our total for 1914 up to 106 as far as had been ascertained, viz., 102 on tower bells and four on handbells, as against a total of 138 in 1913.

As there seemed to be some doubt as to the society's rule for the nomination of representatives to the Central Council, the Secretary read the rule which was passed at the last annual meeting as follows: "Delegates to the Central Council to be nominated by two members of the Association, and nominations to be sent to the honorary secretary one calendar month before the meeting at which they are to be proposed."

Messrs. Taylor and Co. were heartily thanked for their kindness and generosity, on the proposition of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, seconded by Mr. W. Wallace.

WENDOVER BELLS RESTORED.

The completion of the restoration of the church tower and bells at Wendover, Bucks, was marked by a service of dedication on Sunday week. The morning service included special psalms, lessons and hymns suitable to the occasion, and was attended by a large congregation, amongst whom were many of the nation's sons and members of the new army. The dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Buckingham. At the conclusion, and while the procession returned to the chancel, the bells were rung in rounds, and as the people left the church two 120's of Stedman Doubles were brought round. Afterwards the first 720 of Bob Minor was accomplished. At the conclusion of the afternoon service, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 360 Bob Minor, and a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. For evening service 720 Bob Minor was brought round in 26 minutes, the falling of the bells in peal concluding the ringing: the arrangement of which had been entrusted to Mr. J. H. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, and which gave general satisfaction.

The bells (originally five in number, some dating back to he 16th century) have been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble and the recasting of one old bell, and make a capital peal, tenor 14 cwt. They are hung in a new iron frame, with the latest fittings by the well-known Whitechapel firm, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have made a complete success of the work. The only drawback is the close proximity of the ringing chamber to the bells, which makes them a little noisy. However, they run very smoothly, and are of excellent tone. The visitors were Messrs. J. W. Wilkins, George Twitcher and Fred Hayes (High Wycombe), William Goodchild and William Coles (West Wycombe), and Philbert W. Wilkins (Bledlow). These rang the rounds and the 720 for evening service, while Messrs. J. Thomas and W. J. Hazell (of the Whitechapel foundry) assisted in the 720 after morning service. Both extents were conducted by J. W Wilkins, the 360 by Fred Hayes, and the 120 Grandsire by G. Twitchen. Churchwarden Adams and Sidesman Sharp entertained the ringers to dinner and tea, for which thanks were expressed. The visitors also tender their thanks to the Rev. C. C. Sharpe (the Vicar) for his kind welcome.

This interesting renovation of tower and bells is to commemorate the valuable ministration of the late Vicar, whose labours in the parish will thus ever be kept fresh in the minds of the inhabitants

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Wraxall on Saturday last, and was well attended, 40 members being present from Barrow Gurney, Clapton, Easton-in-Gordans, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portishead, Wraxall, Yatton, Midsomer Norton and Congresbury. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and a service was held in the Parish Church. The members were very kindly entertained to tea at the Battle Axes refreshment rooms by Preb. Vaughan (Rector of Wraxall). The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. H. W. Humphreys. Mr. T. Wyatt was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Messrs. G. G. Court and G. H. Gale vice-chairmen, while Mr. George Yeo was re-appointed honorary secretary and treasurer. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Portishead, and a meeting for practice at Clevedon. Hearty votes of thanks was passed to Preb. Vaughan for providing tea and allowing the use of the bells, to the organist and choir, and to the Rev. H. W. Humphreys for presiding. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch was held at Chilcompton on Saturday week. The weather was favourable, and the attendance very good. Proceedings commenced with the Association's special form of service, the officiating clergy being the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, and Branch President), and the Rev. W. H. W. Williams (Vicar of Midsomer Norton), who gave a most helpful and appropriate address to the members. The service was followed by tea in the Church of England Schoolroom, and the usual business meeting, the Branch President being in the chair. Some new members, all probationers, were admitted to the Association, after which the Chairman made an urgent appeal to all those affiliated towers which were in arrears with their subscriptions or lacking in enthusiasm in their work.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the churchwardens, the organist and choir, the chairman, and the hon. secretary (Mr. I. B. Holmyard) for their respective valued efforts towards making the meeting such a success.

Having got through their business, the ringers repaired to the tower, where the rest of the evening was spent in Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. A pleasing feature in the day's proceedings was the presence of two lady ringers from Midsomer Norton tower. The towers represented were: Midsomer Norton, Chilcompton, Litton, Chewton Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Paulton, Leigh-on-Mendip, and Ston Easton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Bromley, on Saturday week. Ringing took place at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, where a service was also held, an interesting address being given by the Rev. Canon D. Tait (Vicar) from the words of Isaiah, "Be ye clean that be at the vessels of the Lord."

After the service, the members adjourned to the Parish Room, where about forty sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.

The Vicar gave the members a hearty welcome to Bromley, and said he was sorry he was unable to stay to the meeting, as he had another gathering to attend.—A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, amid applause, for his kindness that day.

The business meeting followed, Mr. D. G. Simpson (Vicar's warden, and an hon. member) presiding.—Two new members were elected.

The District Representative read his report, which was adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded him.—Eltham and St. John's, Deptford, were proposed as the place of next meeting on the last Saturday in April, Eltham being eventually decided upon by the chairman's casting vote.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Simpson for presiding.

The tower was again visited, the touches rung during the day including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at the ancient Church of St. Mary's, Potterne, on Saturday week. After ringing during the afternoon tea was served in the Parish Room, 14 members being present. Afterwards a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington), supported by the Rev. W. H. Kewley (Vicar of Potterne), and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (honorary secretary of the branch), together with ringers from the towers of Holt, Devizes, Trowbridge, Potterne, Southbroom, Market Lavington and Bishop's Cannings.—It was proposed by Mr. Hector, seconded by Mr. Geo. W. England, and unanimously carried, that the Potterne tower should be affiliated to the Guild, and after some friendly conversation round the table the meeting closed, with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Potterne of the use of the church bells, and also the Parish Room. The ringers then returned to the tower, where some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought round.

The bells at Potterne are a fine ring of six, with tenor about 17 cwt., hung in a massive oak frame, the third and tenor being dated 1624, whereas the second is evidently of a date prior to 1500, and bears a most curious inscription.

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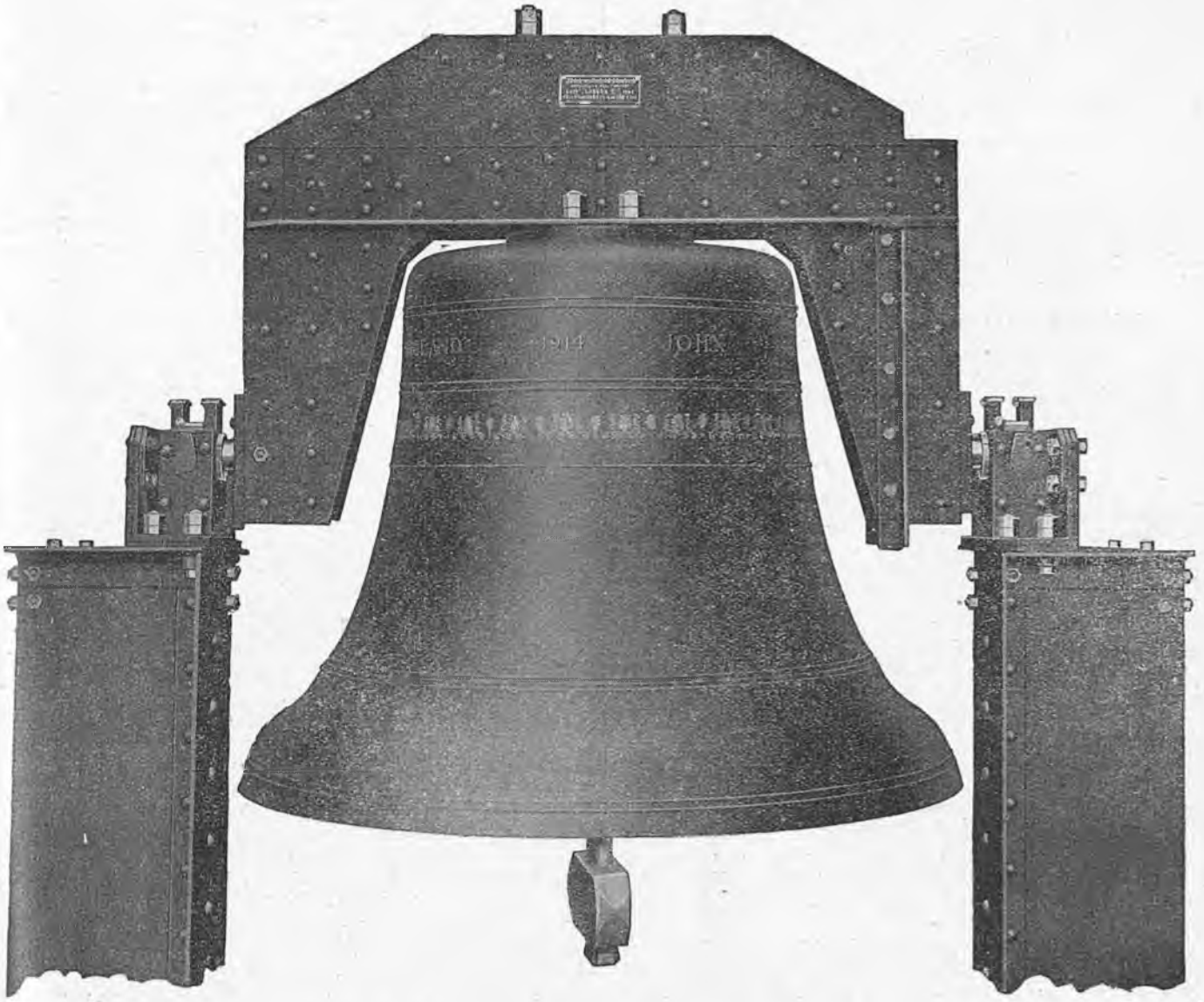

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YOUNG WISBECH RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place on January 22nd, after a long illness, of Mr. Horace Banham, of Wisbech. The funeral took place at Elm, the service being conducted by the Rev. Arthur Parham (curate-in-charge) and Canon Stokes, Vicar of Elm. The Wisbech ringers (whose Ringing Master Mr. Banham was up to the time of his illness) acted as bearers, and, after the interment, Messrs. Duffield, Andrews, Nasborough, Haines, Wenlock and Story rung on handbells a plain course of Bob Minor at the graveside. Amongst the many beautiful wreaths was one in the shape of a huge floral bell. The bells at Wisbech were rung muffled after the service.

The deceased, who was only 32 years of age, commenced ringing in 1909, and learnt his change ringing with a band of beginners, under Mr. Chas. Goakes, in 1911. He had rung four peals of 5000. The Wisbech company have indeed lost a true and admirable friend, but his memory and splendid character will always remain. Ever willing and eager to help and instruct beginners, he had a kind and encouraging word for everyone, and was held in the very highest esteem by all who knew him, both in ringing circles and his place of business. He was a member of the Ely Diocesan and Peterborough and District Associations, and a member of the C.E.M.S., while he was also a Sunday School teacher from the time he ceased to be a scholar. Much sympathy has been extended to his mother and brother in the loss they have sustained.

RINGING PROGRESS AT HAWKHURST.

The annual meeting of the Hawkhurst branch of the Kent Association was held on a recent Tuesday in the Church Room, the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Walbrand-Evans) presiding. The collectors (Messrs. J. Blake, G. Maskell and A. H. Wellard) reported on their visitation to the parishioners, and the money kindly subscribed was distributed by the chairman, a hearty vote of thanks being passed to the subscribers.—Mr. Chapman mentioned that the editor of the "Ringing World" was receiving donations from ringers on behalf of the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund and moved that 10s. be sent in the name of the Hawkhurst branch.—This was unanimously agreed to.

The question of accumulated fines came up for consideration, and Mr. Chapman moved that each member's fines be waived, for every one of them made a great effort to attend the ringing.—Mr. G. Billenness, in seconding, said he felt that none of them were absent unless they had a very reasonable excuse.—The motion was unanimously agreed to.—The Hon. Secretary produced the touch book, which showed, that although the band had been reduced in number by two (Mr. F. Chapman, junr., having enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, and Mr. A. Stevenson had been called for home defence with the National Reserve), yet the year had been very productive. On December 31st, 1913, the band rang their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and now they had scored altogether eight quarters, and three touches of 1,050 changes each, while the best performance of all was the local peal of Grandsire in February last year. An attempt is now being made to raise a Stedman party. The band are ringing Stedman Doubles nicely, and hope to start on Triples shortly. The striking has greatly improved, and visitors to Hawkhurst can be assured that a hearty welcome will be extended to them in the belfry, and every effort will be made to accommodate them with a piece of good "tapping."

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. Ashenden) moved that the band tender their thanks to Mr. G. Billenness for his assistance in establishing their band of change ringers. Mr. G. Maskell seconded, and after the resolution had received unanimous support, Mr. Billenness made a brief acknowledgment.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mr. F. Chapman (captain), Mr. T. Ashenden (hon. secretary), and Mr. G. Billenness (conductor).

The members decided to keep the tower in union with the Kent Association, and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association and Acton (St. Mary's) Guild.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, J. W. Fruin 2, W. Phillips 3, R. H. Boddington 4, V. Holloway 5, Robt. 5, C. A. Gray 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, R. E. Pellatt 8.

CLAPTON.—On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: A. Dymint (first quarter-peal) 1, S. N. R. Cooper 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, W. J. Kemp 4, A. Coles 5, C. A. Gray 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, R. E. Pellatt 8.

WHITCHURCH.—Llandaff Diocesan Association. — On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Minor: L. Wright 1, Wm. Biss (conductor) 2, F. J. Bailey 3, T. Wood 4, F. Edwards 5, S. Dawe tenor. First in the method by all except the conductor. Also several 120's, Canterbury and Plain Bob, Bert Weaver standing in.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, for 11 o'clock service, 360 Bob Minor on the back six: Miss C. Wilson 1, Miss E. Reed 2, Rev. R. L. Gardner 3, E. Willis 4, T. Reed (conductor) 5, C. Willis 6. The bells were going to Bob Minor from 6.15 to 6.50 a.m., Mr. W. Gleed taking the place of the Rev. R. L. Gardner.

NOTICES.

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.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Harthill on Saturday, February 13th. Tea at 5.15 p.m. 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. 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. R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

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 16th; for handbell practice, on 25th. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members 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. Tea at 5.30, in the Schoolroom, kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. B. W. Gilpin. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, February 16th. 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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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal" Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon G. M. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date. Other members and friends, tickets 2/6 each, may be obtained from A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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