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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.

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.

RINGERS' PATRIOTISM.

Most of the associations up and down the country are compiling their rolls of honour, so that they may place on record the list of their members who have given their services in the great conflict in which we are involved, but few of the ringing organisations can, we think, claim a finer record in this respect than the Salisbury Guild, from whose total ranks of 756 members no fewer than 172, or more than 23 per cent., are serving with the colours. This is a record upon which the Guild may be justly congratulated, and there was good reason for the expressions of pride voiced at the annual meeting last week. Probably no section of church workers has supplied such a large proportion of members to the service of the country as the ringing fraternity, among whom, when we remember that the Exercise contains a very considerable number of men over military age, the ratio of elegible men who have volunteered must be a really big one. Ringers everywhere have a right to be proud of the share their confreres are taking in the struggle, and, when it is over, not the least part of our pleasure will be the welcome we shall be able to give those men who return.

In the meantime the Exercise is gradually going back, as far as possible, to its normal course—except in regard to peal ringing for purely pleasurable purposes, which is rightly now in abeyance. Meetings, for the most part, are being well attended, and the clergy are by no means averse, now that the first shock of war has been shaken off and the nation has settled down in grim earnestness to wrestle with humanity's outlaw, to the ringing of bells for such special occasions as meetings, etc.

Even the public, where ringing has been altogether stopped, are beginning, it seems, to inquire what has become of the bells. A writer from Wicken in the "Newmarket Journal," the other day, says "Of week evenings of late we have missed the sound of the bells from Soham Church, as they were very often distinctly heard here; also the soft tones of St. Mary's at Burwell, which were frequently heard across the fenland, and those of St. Laurence at Wicken. We trust that, as the evenings are now getting longer, we may hear these familiar sounds again." Presumably the war did not occur to the writer as the probable cause of the silence of the belfry music in these and other towers, and that, may be, the ringers are taking their part in the stern struggle, but it is pleasing to know that the bells are missed. It will help the public later to realise that the ringers have made some sacrifice, and, when the bells ring out again for victory and peace, that they still fulfil their mission as the interpreters of national feeling.

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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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TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 8, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

NORMAN NORTH	...*Treble*	RICHARD BEVAN	6
JAMES TRAPPITT	2	WILLIAM T. POWELL ...	7
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN ...	3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN	8
EDWIN BARNETT...	4	FRANK SMITH	9
GEORGE B. LUCAS	5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Andrew Warner, a member of this Society, who gave his life for his country in the battle of Hill 60. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th are employes of the firm of Messrs. John Warner & Sons, of which deceased was a member.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 26, 1915, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS NEWMAN ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DYSON	5
EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ...	2	SAMUEL NEWMAN	6
JOHN AUSTIN	3	WALTER PUGH	7
JOSEPH DEVEREUX	4	ALBERT MARTIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. S. Meek, son of one of the local ringers, who was accidently drowned in the river Severn. Also to Corporal A. T. Brunsdon, who was accidentally killed whilst serving in the Royal Engineers out in France.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

YORKS ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 8, 1915, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ALBERT V. MOORE ...	...*Treble*	WALTER ALLWOOD	5
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2	FRED R. KETTLEBORO ...	6
EDWARD ROBBINS	3	THOMAS RILEY	7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	4	JOHN FLINT	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by J. FLINT.

Rung, half-muffled, to the memory of six noble soldiers of this parish, who have fallen in action for their country's cause.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Plain Bob, 24 of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grandsire.

JOSEPH HALL	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ...	4
*ERNEST HARTWELL	2	*GEORGE ASHLEY	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	3	*LEONARD HARRISON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. JOHNSON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Toddington (the Rev. W. A. Warner), and to Mr. L. Harrison, one of the band, to whom congratulations were offered. Quarterly peal of the Branch.

BURBAGE, BUXTON.

On Saturday, May 8, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 Merchant's Return, two each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, each called differently.

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

J. W. HAMPSON	...*Treble*	EGBERT STAMPER	4
SYDNEY KIRK	2	HENRY KIRK	5
WILLIAM LONGDEN	3	JAMES R. BACKHOUSE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

Rung muffled in memory of Rev. Matthew Marshall, late Vicar of this Parish, and Rev. H. S. Williams, who was in charge of Burbage when Mr. Marshall's health gave way, both of whom died on the 9th ult. Also in memory of Mrs. Lowthian, wife of the Vicar's Warden.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	78	10	6
"Anonymous"	0	1	0
York Minster Society, April contribution (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	4	0
	£78	15	6

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Appended is a further list of ringers who are serving their King and country :—

Lieut. G. Bernard Ward, of Foxearth, Essex, 9th Service Batt. North Staffs Regiment. Joined as private in A.S.C. at outbreak of war, rose to sergeant, and has now received a commission.

Pte H. Goodwin, of St. Lawrence's, Surfleet, 9th Batt. Lincs. Regiment. He is the tenth member of the company to join since the war began.

Pte W. Moore, of Daventry Parish Church, 4th Batt. Northampton Regiment.

Lce.-Corpl. J. W. Cupit, of Alfreton, 13th Lancashire Fusiliers, now at Whittington Heath. Enlisted April 6th, promoted April 22nd.

Sapper Percy Gridley, of Foxearth, Essex, Royal Engineers, now in Ireland.

From Elham Parish Church, Kent:—

Albert Whitnall, and
Henry Blanford, Kent Cyclists.
Herbert J. Wilcox, Naval Brigade, now at the Cystal Palace.

Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse, A.S.C., a vice-president of the Middlesex Association, left for the Front on Monday.

THE LATE MR. ANDREW WARNER.

A muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Shoreditch on Saturday, to the memory of Rifleman Andrew Warner, of the Queen Victoria Rifles, and a member of the firm of Messrs. Warner and Sons, who, as recorded last week, died of wounds received in the storming of Hill 60. Our photograph is taken from the only one of the deceased gentleman in the possession of the family. It is in postcard group taken just before Mr. Warner left for the front.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 18th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Cowell 1, J. Bowell 2, P. Almond 3, E. Eady 4. J. Souter 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. Also 360 Plain Bob: W. J. Nevard 2, A. Cole 6. After the service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing the same as in the Oxford. These bells had not been rung since last July. J. Souter hails from Mistley; E. Eady from Thorpe-le-Soken; J. Bowell from Great Bentley; the rest from Great Bentley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Brighton was again the venue of the annual meeting of the Sussex Association, held on Saturday last, when over 70 members, representing a goodly number of towers, attended. The business meeting followed tea at the Pavilion Creamery, the Master (Mr. F. B. Tomkins) presiding. Four new members were elected: Messrs. A. E. Baker, Henfield, W. Miles, Warnham, and W. G. Hibbert and H. W. Brown, Christ Church, St. Leonard's.

The Bishop of Chichester was re-elected President, and all the vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Scott, of Christ Church, Eastbourne. Mr. F. B. Tompkins was re-elected Master, Mr. G. Watson hon. general secretary, and Mr. R. C. Ford hon. treasurer. Mr. G. Howse was re-appointed hon. secretary of the Eastern Division, and Mr. A. D. Stone of the Central. On the score of advancing years Mr. H. Evans retired from the secretaryship of the Western Division, and Mr. A. W. Groves was elected to fill the vacancy. Messrs. C. J. E. Harffey and W. White were re-elected hon. auditors, and Mr. A. Gravett hon. peals secretary. The following were appointed delegates to the Central Council: Messrs. G. Howse (Eastern Division), R. Stredwick (Central), E. H. Lindup (Western), and G. Watson (Association).

The annual report stated that one effect of the war had been to curtail ringing efforts, and almost entirely to prohibit peal ringing, whilst another had been to decrease the number of subscriptions to a small extent. Notwithstanding this, however, the financial position continued to remain in a highly satisfactory condition—a profit of rather more than ten pounds having been made on the year's working. The Benevolent Fund—though still in its infancy—was proving its utility, grants of two guineas each having been made in the early part of the year to three members greatly needing help. As several of the members were now serving with the colours, and some of these might lose life or limb in defence of their country, larger calls might be made upon this fund in the immediate future, and, if so, they would be met with the most sympathetic treatment by those called upon to administer it. To those ringers who had temporarily discarded the rope for the rifle, the hearty congratulations of the committee were gladly accorded. Seven district meetings had been held, and fifty-four peals rung, during the year. The challenge bell had been won by the Heene band with 250.775 points, St. Peter's, Brighton, band—the first on the list last year, and on many previous occasions—occupying this time the second place. Mr. Gravett had again kindly acted as peals' secretary, and had most ably carried out the duties connected with his office. But little in the way of bell repairs had been done this year, the only notable work being that the Goring bells (6) have been rehung in a new iron frame—one of the six having been recast—by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £42 3s. 11d., as against £29 12s. 5d. at the beginning of the year, while the reserve fund, out of which a grant of £1 5s. 1d. was made to the Benevolent Fund, stands at £50. The balance in the Benevolent Fund, after making three grants of £2 2s each, is £26 5s. 9d.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, general satisfaction being expressed at the continued improvement shown in the financial position of the Association.

Mr. Evans received the challenge bell on behalf of the Heene band, and Mr. Lindup stated that they would not again compete for the bell.

On the proposition of the General Secretary, seconded by the Hon. Treasurer, the following addition was made to Rule 2 relating to the administration of the Benevolent Fund: "Applications may be made by, or on behalf of, widows of such members."

Brighton was chosen for the next annual meeting, the date to be left to the discretion of the committee.

After deciding that the challenge bell should not be competed for this year, votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Evans for his services during many years as hon. secretary for the Western Division, and to the Vicar of St. Nicholas' for allowing the service to be held in his church, for consenting to preach the sermon on the occasion, and for kindly allowing the offertory to be given to the Benevolent Fund.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Any members of the Central Council who may be in London on Whit-Monday, and would like a pull at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, should communicate with Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberlands, 130, Clonmore Street, Southfields, S.W., at once, stating the time most convenient to them. The hour will be fixed to suit the majority, and will be announced in "The Ringing World" next Friday.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Permit a member of the Central Council to supplement Sir Arthur Heywood's admirable letter by pointing out that, following Empire Day, Tuesday in Whitsun week is one of the "Feasts to be observed in the Church of England throughout the year" (see Prayer Book), while Wednesday, 26th, is the Queen's birthday. It is thus a fortunate coincidence for ringers attending the Council, that, in spite of the self-denying ordinance rightly observed during this time of war, the exercise of their art will be fully justified, at least during the daylight hours, on precisely the three days in question.—Yours truly,

CAMPANARIUS.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1914

AND PUBLISHED IN ONE OR OTHER OF THE RINGING PAPERS. COMPILED BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

	Total Peals.	Maximus.	Royal.			Caters.			Major.											Triples		Minor.				Doubles.	Total Value in Points.	Average Value in Points per Peal.
		Treble Bob and Plain.	Cinques. Stedman.	Cinques. Grandsire.	Cambridge Surprise and Forward. Treble Bob, etc.	Cambridge Surprise and Forward. Treble Bob, etc. Plain.	Stedman.	Double Norwich and Surfleet Treble Bob.	Grandsire and Plain.	London and Guildford Surprise.	Bristol "	Cambridge "	Superlative "	Norfolk & Yorkshire "	Forward "	Double Norwich Court.	Various.	Treble Bob.	Little Bob and Little Albion.	Plain.	Stedman and Erin.	Grandsire and Plain.	Peals arranged according to Point Value. Over 5	6-10	11-20	20			
Points per Peal.....		18 (15)	32	13	40 (30) 16	12	28	18 (14)	10	50	48	30	30	30	21	16	16	12	12	8	24	7							
ASSOCIATION.																													
1. Norwich Diocesan	156	4	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	1	1a	6	3	2	—	—	13	1c	26g	2	25	9	5	21	17	11	3	—	2157	13.826
2. Middlesex County	83	—	15	—	2	—	1	6	—	—	4	4	4	10	2	—	7	—	3	—	4	7	11	3	—	—	—	—	2052	24.722
3. Midland Counties	107	—	1	—	1a	1	1	5	—	8	1	2	—	6	2	—	9	—	4	1	11	16	22b	9	1	3	—	3	1620	15.140
4. Winchester Diocesan	78	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	2	1	1	3	—	—	4	—	2	—	6	20	17b	1	6	7	—	1	1336	17.128
5. Lancashire	79	5	—	—	—	3b	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	19	1	9	9	16	1	1	2	2	—	1215	15.379
6. Kent County	85	1a	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	7	1d	8	—	6	13	20	2	11	15	—	—	1035	12.176
7. Central Northants	76	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	—	—	7	—	2	1	6	5	4	—	7	20	—	12	1019	13.407
8. Sussex County	54	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	9	—	—	3	—	5	—	1	13	8	2	—	2	—	5	946	17.518
9. Yorkshire	63	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	19	—	8	7	7	—	1	2	4	—	934	14.825
10. Oxford Diocesan	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	1	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	4	9	13	5	3	2	1	4	802	14.581
11. Archdeaconary of Stafford	41	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	1e	2	—	2	12a	7	1	—	—	—	3	640	15.829
12. Essex County	27	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	3	4b	—	1	2	2	—	531	19.666
13. Worcester	48	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3c	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	4	—	4	6	7	3	7	3	—	6	525	10.937
14. College Youths	13	—	2	—	—	—	—	5a	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	504	26.526
15. London County	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	5	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	5	3	—	—	1	—	—	468	23.400
16. Gloucester and Bristol	41	—	—	2	—	—	—	5	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	3	10	6	1	—	—	6	462	11.268
17. Lincoln Diocesan	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1b	2	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	5	3b	3	15	—	—	—	459	12.078
18. Ely Diocesan	37	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	7	—	1	—	2	3	8	6	—	4	433	11.702
19. Warwickshire	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	3	—	—	1	2	4	—	3	—	2	2	—	384	18.285
20. Surrey	35	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	—	2	3	11	2	5	3	—	—	375	10.714
21. Durham and Newcastle	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	1	1	—	365	23.666
22. St. Martin's, Birmingham	10	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	276	27.600
23. Chester Diocesan	21	—	—	—	—	1c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1f	2	1h	2	—	7	—	2	3	2	—	259	12.333
24. Hereford Diocesan	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	4	—	4	—	20	225	6.617
25. Bath and Wells	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	13	1	—	—	—	6	224	8.960
Bedfordshire	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	2	—	4	3	—	224	17.230
27. Cleveland and Yorks	20	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	2	2	7	1	—	—	—	—	220	11.000
28. Cumberland Youths	8	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	170	21.250
29. Llandaff Diocesan	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	1	11	1	—	—	—	—	168	8.842
30. Cambridge University	9	1	—	—	—	2d	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	113	12.555
31. Hertfordshire County	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	4	—	—	2	—	—	98	10.888
32. Devonshire	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	1	79	8.777
33. Salisbury Diocesan	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	2	—	—	—	4	65	5.416
34. Dudley and Districts	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	63	12.600
35. Salop Archidiaconal	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	2	1	—	—	2	53	5.888
36. Peterborough and District	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	1	43	6.142
37. Towcester and Districts	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	20	4.000
38. Liverpool Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	7	7.000
39. North Wales	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	3.000
— Independent Societies	20	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1b	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	3	4	2	—	—	2	240	12.000
TOTALS	1,415	11	28	5	3	18	14	48	3	35	13	15	25	54	7	2	81	4	137	9	110	181	237	85	90	96	20	86	20,811	14.707

NOTES—MAXIMUS. (a) Plain Bob.

ROYAL. (a) Forward. (b) Includes 14,000 Kent. (c) Little Albion. (d) Includes 1 Little Bob.

CATERS. (a) Includes 7777. (b) Surfleet Treble Bob. (c) Includes 1 Plain Bob.

MAJOR. (a) Guildford Surprise. (b) Yorkshire Surprise. (c) St. Clement's. (d) Double Bob. (e) Double Oxford. (f) Reddish Court. (g) Includes 7008 on Handbells. (h) Little Albion.

TRIPLES. (a) Includes 1 Erin. (b) Includes 1 Plain Method.

The 20 peals rung by Independent Societies were thus distributed: Derbyshire, 2; Essex, 1; Glamorganshire, 1; Gloucestershire, 5; Lancashire, 2; Leicestershire, 1; Middlesex, 1; Notts, 1; Rutland, 1; Staffordshire, 2; Ireland, 3.

The 161 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows:—In the Kent variation: Maximus, 9; Royal, 12; Major, 113. In the Oxford variation: Maximus, 1; Royal, 2; Major, 24. There were also rung one peal of Surfleet Treble Bob Caters, one peal of Little Albion Treble Bob Royal, and one peal of Little Albion Treble Bob Major.

The 233 peals of Grandsire Triples may be sub-divided as follows:—Holt's Original, 42; Holt's 10-part and variations, 49; Holt's 6-part, 2; Parker's 1-part, 1; Parker's 4-part, 1; Parker's 5-part, 1; Parker's 6-part, 10; Parker's 12-part, 59; other peals by Mr J. J. Parker, 2; Carter's 12-part and variations, 7; Taylor's peals, 21; Hollis' 5-part, 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals, 7; Whittle's peals, 4; Thurston's peals, 4; Day's peals, 3; Vicar's peals, 3; Aspinwall's peals, 2; Rev. E. B. James' peals, 2; and other peals (including 3 unnamed), 7.

The 130 peals in Plain methods comprise: Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Royal, 14; Bob Caters, 1; Bob Major, 109; College Single Major, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 4.

The 180 peals of Stedman Triples comprised: Thurstans' 1-part, 2; Thurstans' 4-part and variations, 158; Washbrook's peals, 7; Sir A. P. Heywood's peals, 3; Lindoff's peals, 3; Carter's peals, 2; other peals (including 2 unnamed), 5.

The 86 peals of Doubles are shown in the following statement:—

Association	Number of Methods. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Bath and Wells	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	6
Central Northants	6	3	—	2	1	—	—	12
Devonshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ely Diocesan	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	4
Gloucester and Bristol	3	2	—	—	1	—	—	6
Hereford Diocesan	14	1	5	—	—	—	—	20
Midland Counties	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
North Wales	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Oxford Diocesan	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	4
Peterborough and Districts	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Salisbury Diocesan	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Salop Archidiaconal	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Archdeaconry of Stafford	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	3
Sussex County	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Towcester and Districts	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	5
Winchester Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Worcestershire and Districts	3	1	—	—	1	1	—	6
Independent Societies	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
	56	11	10	4	3	1	1	86

The greatest number of changes in one peal, viz.: 14,000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung by members of the Lancashire Association at Ashton-under-Lyne on April 13th, 1914, constitutes a record, by beating, after an interval of 130 years, the previous record of 12,000 changes in this method, accomplished by the Society of Royal

Cumberland Youths on March 27th, 1784, at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch. Other long peals rung in 1914 were: 7777 Stedman Caters by the Ancient Society of College Youths, 7008 (on handbells) of Kent Treble Bob Major by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, 6356, 6048, and 6000. There were 1409 peals of under 6000 changes.

The number of peals rung on church bells was 1253, on handbells, 162; making a total of 1415.

Among the noteworthy performances of the year, we must not omit to mention the four Surprise peals of Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative, rung on April 13th, by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

Owing to the war, there has been a considerable fall in the number of peals rung during 1914; the total being 1415, as compared with 2359 rung in 1913: but if the comparison were confined to the first six months of the year, it would be found that there was a steay increase, the figures for 1913 being 1077, and for 1914, 1129. In order to facilitate comparison, the peals rung month by month in the two years are given side by side:—

	1913	1914		1913	1914
January	171	211	July	124	121
February ...	150	216	August	188	63
March	197	143	September ...	191	26
April	183	183	October	208	21
May	245	189	November ...	261	37
June	131	187	December ...	310	18
	1077	1129		1282	286

Total for the year 1913, 2359; for 1914, 1415, being a decrease of 944.

THE CONDUCTORS.

The conductors of five peals and upwards are shown in the following table. A figure in brackets added to a name denotes the number of handbell peals conducted:—

41 Peals: A. H. Pulling (32).
37 Peals: W. Pye (13).
24 Peals: C. F. Bailey (15).
21 Peals: C. Glenn (9).
18 Peals: F. Bennett.
17 Peals: E. M. Atkins (10), F. W. Naunton (1).
15 Peals: E. Barnett, senr., K. Hart.
14 Peals: A. C. Wright.
13 Peals: J. T. Dyke (3), W. Steele.
12 Peals: B. Prewett, S. H. Symonds (5), T. H. Taffender.
11 Peals: D. J. Nichols (5).
10 Peals: C. R. Lilley, F. G. May, W. Short (1), B. Thorp, G. Williams, S. Wood.
9 Peals: G. H. Cross (6), C. Edwards, R. Matthews (1), Joseph Ridyard, C. F. Winney (6).
8 Peals: C. W. Clarke, F. Hopper, A. Knights (2), S. Proctor, E. H. Stoneley.
7 Peals: J. E. Davis, J. E. Groves, R. T. Hibbert, J. Motts, G. R. Newton.
6 Peals: J. Austin, F. Dench, T. Groombridge, senr., A. Harman, Rev. H. L. James (1), J. D. Johnson (4), W. Perkins, W. Poston, G. F. Swann, Edwin Whiting.
5 Peals: Rev. A. T. Beeston, F. C. Burrows, W. A. Cave (4), E. C. Gobey, A. W. Grimes, G. H. Harding, G. Hughes, F. C. Lambert, J. R. Mackman (3), J. W. Parker, J. Pigott, J. Potter, G. R. Pye (1), O. Sippetts, G. E. Symonds, A. P. Wakley (1).

In addition to the above, 40 persons conducted four peals; 52, three peals; 100, two peals; and 286, one peal. There was a peal of Doubles, in which two conductors took part. Two ladies appear as conductors of peals in the year 1914, viz.: Miss Parker, who conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques for the Royal Cumberland Youths, and a peal of Stedman Caters and another of Stedman Triples for the Middlesex County Association; and Miss E. M. Johnson, who conducted a peal of Doubles in five methods on handbells for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

The 162 peals on handbells were rung as follows: Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinques, 11; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 3; Little Bob Royal, 1; Bob Royal, 9; Stedman Caters, 14; Grandsire Caters, 6; Double Norwich Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 9; Little Bob Major, 3; Bob Major, 30; Stedman Triples, 25; Grandsire Triples, 26; in seven Minor methods, 1; in five Minor methods, 1; in four Minor methods, 2; in three Minor methods, 3; in one Minor method, 7; one peal of Doubles was rung in six methods; one in 5 and 6 in one method, for the following Associations:—

Ancient Society of College Youths	10
Bath and Wells Association	2
Bedfordshire Association	1
Cambridge University Guild	8
Central Northants Association	10
Chester Diocesan Guild	2
Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association	2
Ely Diocesan Guild	7
Gloucester and Bristol Association	6
Kent County Association	1
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	4
Middlesex County Association	19
Midland Counties Association	4
Norwich Diocesan Association	24
Peterborough and Districts Association	3
Royal Cumberland Youths	1
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	1
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	1
Surrey Association	1
Winchester Diocesan Guild	35
Worcestershire and Districts Association	7
Yorkshire Association	10
Independent Societies	3
Total	162

The total number of peals, whether on tower bells or on handbells, rung year by year since 1881, is as follows:—

1881...156	1888...759	1895...766	1902...1313	1909...1628
1882...244	1889...797	1896...791	1903...1469	1910...1725
1883...330	1890...699	1897... 905	1904...1512	1911...1739
1884...419	1891...878	1898...1002	1905...1519	1912...2329
1885...500	1892...802	1899... 912	1906...1313	1913...2359
1886...556	1893...705	1900... 924	1907...1339	1914...1415
1887...646	1894...859	1901...1194	1908...1474	

Grand Total, 35,978.

The following tables give the first twenty Societies and their positions since 1903:—

	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'13	'14
Norwich Diocesan	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	1
Middlesex County	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	2	2
Midland Counties	10	5	5	5	4	1	1	3	4	4	3
Winchester Diocesan	23	18	15	10	9	9	12	8	1	7	4
Lancashire	19	22	9	8	6	8	8	11	9	6	5
Kent County	6	9	3	3	3	4	5	4	5	5	6
Central Northants	14	14	16	22	20	16	20	16	12	17	7
Sussex County	3	7	7	11	10	7	7	6	7	3	8
Yorkshire	9	3	4	4	7	5	4	5	6	8	9
Oxford Diocesan	4	8	8	6	5	6	6	7	10	9	10
Stafford Archdeaconry	18	25	21	21	13	18	18	19	19	13	11
Essex County	8	6	6	7	11	11	10	9	11	10	12
Worcestershire	20	23	17	14	8	14	9	14	8	14	13
College Youths	5	4	10	11	16	21	22	22	16	16	14
London County	28	21	19	20	18	17	24	21	18	26	15
Gloucester and Bristol	7	11	14	13	22	12	11	10	23	12	16
Lincoln Diocesan	26	26	26	25	29	25	17	18	17	25	17
Ely Diocesan	15	16	24	24	31	28	33	34	33	19	18
Warwickshire	—	—	—	—	—	35	34	31	26	20	19
Surrey	16	13	18	23	14	22	23	20	25	11	20

Note: In the Analysis for 1912 the Societies were placed in alphabetical order, owing to changes in the classification of peals.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The official notice of the meeting on Whitsun Tuesday, at the Church House, Westminster, has been issued. The Standing Committee will meet at 9.45, and the Council at 11 a.m. In addition to the formal business, which this year being the first of a new session, will include the election of president and hon. secretary and treasurer, notice of the following motion has been given:—

"That the Central Council approve and issue a National Badge for Ringers."

"That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the Legitimacy of Methods, as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions,' 1904."

"That this Council recognises with emphatic approval the good judgment and consideration shown by ringers throughout the United Kingdom in their spontaneous abstinence from peal ringing since the outbreak of war: but that at the same time (the Council) regards it as the privilege and sacred duty of ringers, wherever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other Feasts of the Church, as also on Royal and National Anniversaries, to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to this Empire and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies."

"That the Council desires to draw the attention of the Exercise to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal, as a result of which a large proportion of ringers do not acquire the necessary skill to enable them to take part in this ancient and musical practice."

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The war has made the work of the Analysis Committee easier than it would have otherwise have been. There was every appearance that the figures of 1913, huge as they were, would be left behind, and a new record set up. The first seven months showed an increase of 49 peals on the figures of 1913. Then came the war, and after the August Bank Holiday, peals on tower bells practically ceased, except for muffled peals and a few special occasions. The figures which appear under the last five months of the year, omitting the early August peals, are made up of 51 muffled peals, 12 peals on special occasions and 61 handbell peals. Only five peals were rung for which no reasons were given.

The committee have been able to reduce the size of the analysis table by the use of footnotes. Fourteen methods were represented by one peal only, and by including Plain methods with Grandsire Triples they have been able to cut out no less than fifteen columns.

The scale of points for peals of Minor appears to have met with the

approval of the Exercise. The committee have not received or heard of any objections.

Reports of peals seem, on the whole, to be sent to the papers fairly soon after performance; one peal, however, which was rung on May 23rd was not published until September 18th. But this example of dilatoriness was eclipsed by the case of two peals published on January 15th, 1915, which were rung on January 19th and February 13th, 1914. A peal rung in the latter half of the year, and not published for twelve months, would not be included in the Analysis, and the committee would be glad of some instruction from the Council as to whether there should be a limit of time between the ringing of a peal and the publication of a report. Formerly complaints were sometimes made that peals sent for publication were not printed, but we are sure that there is no foundation for a similar complaint at the present time.

WHAT PEAL FOOTNOTES REVEAL.

The footnotes to the peals give, as usual, a good deal of interesting information; but, unfortunately, the figures we are able to give are only approximate, as the footnotes are often vague, and cannot always be depended on. As an example, one who appeared in the list of clerical peal ringers in 1913 is stated to have rung his first peal in 1914. Possibly "in the method" was intended to be added in this and in other cases. It would make the results more interesting if greater care were exercised by those who send in reports. That care is often taken we are glad to see; e.g., on more than one occasion we find the note "This is BELIEVED TO BE the first peal on the bells." The following may be taken as approximate figures: Peals rung for Church Festivals, 32; welcome to Bishops and Incumbents, 11; King's Accession, Royal birthdays and visits, 18; Empire Day, 11; Dorchester Missionary College, C.E.M.S., George Peal (on St. George's Day), Thomas peal, Navy and Army, Three Towns Amalgamation, Market Gardeners, and four Quarterly Association peals; Welcome and Farewell, 31; Muffled peals, 105 (including five on Good Friday and 28 for those fallen in the war, and for Field-Marshal Earl Roberts. Other muffled peals for the war were rung in January, 1915.

First peals were said to have been rung by 438; first away from the tenor, 16; first with a bob bell, 49; first by local band, 11; first as conductor, 58; first on the bells, 54; first after augmentation, 13; after restoration, 16; and first on handbells, 35.

We find a number of ringers of 14, 15 and 16. One peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Saxlingham Nethergate, of which the ringers were from 14 to 20 years of age, giving an average of only 18½. On the other hand, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Deptford by ringers of the age of 76 downwards, with a total of 480, or an average of 60, and a peal of Grandsire Caters at Aston, the total ages of the ringers being 653, or an average of over 65! One gentleman rang his first peal at the age of 68, and another conducted a peal at the age of 69. Other ringers of 70 and 76 appear, but the most remarkable achievement is that of Mr. Joseph Bates, who rang the 7th in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Wednesbury, which was his first peal for nearly 50 years, on his 83rd birthday!

The 58 peals which are reported as having new conductors were as follows: Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Bob Major, 9 (2 on handbells); Stedman Triples, 3; Grandsire Triples, 13; Seven Minor Methods, 3; Five Minor Methods, 1; Four Methods, 1; Three Methods, 2; Two Methods, 2; One Method, 7 (1 on handbells); Doubles in five Methods, 1; in three Methods, 3; in one Method, 11. In 1913 there were 104 new conductors, and if ringing had not been stopped by the war, this total would probably have been surpassed. Only two of these peals were rung after the declaration of war, one being a muffled peal for a former ringer, and the other a handbell peal.

CLERICAL AND LADY PEAL RINGERS.

One clerical peal was rung in 1914, Stedman Triples at Lydney, and 30 clergy appear as ringing in 94 peals, six of whom were conductors. The Methods rung were Maximus, Kent Treble Bob, 1 on handbells; Cinques, Stedman 3 (H.B. 2); Royal, Kent Treble Bob 2 (H.B. 1), Little Albion 1; Caters, Stedman, Surfleet and Grandsire 7 (H.B. 2); Major, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Reddish Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Little Albion, Little Bob and Plain Bob 30 (H.B. 7); Triples, Stedman and Grandsire 32 (H.B. 3); Minor 16, and Doubles 2; total 94, of which 78 were rung on tower bells and 16 on handbells. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn rang in 16 peals, of which he conducted 4; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 14 (conducted 5); Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 10 (H.B. 9); Revs. E. B. James (H.B. 7, cond. 2), H. L. James (H.B. 3, cond. 6), and W.C. Pearson, 9; Rev. R. P. Farrow, 7; Revs. H. S. T. Richardson (H.B. 4, cond. 2), and C. J. Sturton, 5; Revs. G. F. Coleridge, E. V. Cox, V. A. Creswell, F. J. O. Helmore, B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (H.B. 2) and H. B. Wolley, 3; Revs. H. A. Cockey, C. C. Cox (cond. 1), C. D. P. Davies, R. L. B. Oliver, E. S. Powell and E. J. Teesdale, 2; Revs. W. W. C. Baker, R. Bond, C. A. Clements, H. J. Elsee, C. B. D. Farrow, F. G. Hume, A. Rust, W. S. Willett and W. F. Wright, 1 peal.

We find the names of 25 ladies in the records of 61 successful peals in the past year, compared with 30 ladies and 114 peals in the year before. We miss, alas! the name of Miss Margery Sampson, who, in 1913, earned the distinction of ringing her first peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells. She has been cut off in the flower of her youth; but she has left behind, as a ringer, a glorious record of which the Ladies' Guild may well be proud. Miss Edith Parker has continued her distinguished career as a ringer by conducting three peals, Stedman Cinques, Caters and Triples, and by ringing in a peal of Superlative Surprise. Miss Elsie Bennett has rung seven peals on handbells, three of Stedman Caters, two of Bob Major, and one each of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Miss Kate Holifield has rung seven peals on tower bells, one of Grandsire Caters, four of Grandsire Triples, and two of Stedman Triples. Miss Winifred Hague has rung eight peals, five on handbells and three on tower bells, comprising one peal of Stedman Caters, two of Grandsire Caters, one of Bob Major, three of Stedman Triples, and one of Grandsire Triples. Miss Evelyn Steel has rung twelve peals in all, a very fine record, comprising four peals of Minor, two of Surprise Minor, two of Stedman Triples, two of Superlative Surprise, one of Double Norwich, and one of Yorkshire Surprise. Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Whittington, the Misses W. Carden, D. Coles, E. Goodship, E. M. Hole, M. E. M. Jukes, R. Johnson, S. Martin, B. L. Mitchell, H. Willson and L. Willson rang one peal; the Misses M. Chillingworth, N. Gillingham, E. A. Jones, O. Lumley, E. Matthews (on handbells), rang two peals; Miss D. D. Steel, three peals; the Misses E. K. Parker, and S. Piggott, four peals; Miss E. M. Johnson, five peals; the Misses E. Bennett and K. Holifield, seven peals; Miss W. Hague, eight peals; and Miss E. Steel, twelve peals. The methods rung were: Cinques, 1; Caters, 9; Major, 16; Triples, 24; Minor, 9; and Doubles, 2. It is interesting to note that no fewer than five ladies took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples rung for the Bath and Wells Association.

E. W. CARPENTER, Boothby Pagnell Rectory, Grantham.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN, 77, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent.
ARTHUR T. KING, 7, Cavendish Road, Southsea.
GEO. WILLIAMS, West End, Southampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

With something like one-fourth of its members serving at present with the colours, the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Dorchester on Monday in last week, was nevertheless of a very successful character, nearly 100 members putting in an appearance during the day from all parts of the Diocese. In the morning ringing was indulged in at St. Peter's Church, and at Fordington St. George, and the Guild service was held at the former church, conducted by the Rev. H. C. Coote (Rector), assisted by the hon. secretary of the Guild (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), the singing being led by the surpliced choir, and heartily joined in by the large congregation of ringers.

Having read out a list of 172 members belonging to the Guild, who were serving in one part or the other of the Empire in His Majesty's Forces, and commended them to those present in their prayers, the Rev. H. C. Coote gave an earnest address on the text, "Love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King" (I. Peter ii., 17). He said that the words, "Love the brotherhood," seemed to him to sum up the whole object of the Guild. That day they met under circumstances that were exceptional and unique to them, for 172 members of their brotherhood were on active service, and were unable to be with them. That was a very remarkable membership. Many of the absent ones were no doubt aware of the Guild gathering that was taking place that day and thinking about it, and it was a support of them, especially those in the firing line, to know that those at home were not forgetting them, and that the brotherhood of the Guild was a real bond of union one with another. He believed that a brotherhood of this kind was a very real power for God's service in the diocese to which they belonged, and also in the neighbourhood in which they lived. He looked upon it as a duty and a privilege to be a bell ringer in the house of God, and as brothers let them love the brotherhood and do all in their power to forward its aims and its service. But there could be no real foundation for their work unless they had the fear of God, and as workers together for God he was sure that they realised the second of St. Peter's instructions in the text and put the fear of God in the forefront of their work. Then as to the third instruction, "Honour the King," he was sure that no body of Church workers in the diocese could have furnished a higher percentage of its members to serve their King and country than the Guild, with 172 members either gone to the front or in some way serving the King. Every single member of the Guild was doing his part either for good or evil, and each one had to remember that he was a subject of the King of that great world-wide Empire which God had committed to their charge to carry on and hand on intact to their descendants.

A collection having been taken for the Guild funds, the service ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE MEETING.

After the service, an excellent luncheon was provided at St. Peter's Institute, through the generosity of the Dorchester branch. Capt. J. E. Acland (President of the Guild) presided over a company numbering between 80 and 90, and was supported by the Revs. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary and treasurer), W. G. Barclay (Vicar of Charminster), C. F. Langford (Vicar of Bradpole), and C. C. Cox (Symondsbury), Messrs. T. H. Beams (assistant hon. sec., Bradpole), A. F. Martin Stewart (Wimborne), and A. Hughes (of the firm of Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel). The Rev. C. A. Phillips (Curate of St. Peter's), Messrs. J. Hannah and R. N. Dawes (churchwardens), F. G. Longman and J. T. Godwin (sidesmen) were assiduous in waiting on and securing the comfort of the company.

After lunch had been enjoyed the toast of "The King" was loyally drunk.

The Chairman thanked the members for electing him as President of the Guild last year, and said he was sorry he was not present at the time of his election to return thanks. It would be recollected that at a meeting held a few years ago at Dorchester he was elected Ringing Master of the Guild, and change ringers would understand that he considered this to be a greater honour than to be elected president, be-

cause a Ringing Master would have to be a change ringer, but a President need not be. Therefore, it was a great sorrow to give up being Master, as it meant his giving up change ringing, in which he had been interested all his life. Still it was an honour to become their President, and he believed he was right in saying that Lord Nelson was the President of the Guild from its foundation up to the time of his death. Therefore, to succeed a man like Lord Nelson was a very great honour. It was a question whether the annual meeting of the Guild should be held this year, but after consideration it was rightly settled by the committee that it should take place; and they met that day not in the spirit of conviviality, but as church officers. No war, however serious, should stop the work of the Church from going on, and he hoped that they all felt, down to the youngest ringer, that they were helping in the work of the Church (hear, hear). The remarkable figures that were given to them in church showed that 172 members were specially serving King and country, but let it be remembered, to the comfort of those who were not wearing khaki, that those people who stayed at home were able to work for their country in many ways. In that way they ought to particularly congratulate themselves on the excellent attendance at that meeting. He proceeded to thank the gentlemen who had kindly provided the luncheon (applause). The idea, he believed, originated with the Rector of St. Peter's, who had been well backed up by his churchwardens and others in the district, and on behalf of the Guild he thanked them all very heartily. The President then read the following letter that he had received from the Rev. H. Tilney Bassett, of Beechingstoke, Ringing Master of the Guild:—

"Dear Captain Acland,—As you will be presiding at the annual meeting on Monday will you kindly express on my behalf the deep regret I feel at being absent. It is entirely on account of the altered date and the inconvenient railway service. I shall be with you in spirit and thought, and hope that the business will be carried through smoothly. I appreciate the patriotism of all those our members who are serving their King and country. In Wilts we have done so well that in many villages, when peace is proclaimed—may God hasten it on a just and lasting basis—there will be hardly any ringers to ring. Please convey my hearty greetings to my brother ringers."

A SUGGESTION.

Captain Acland continued by throwing out a hint on the practical part of bell ringing. Last year, he said, he wrote a letter as to the great importance of bringing on beginners, and the suggestion that he now wanted to make was that they should do as they used to do in his old Devonshire home, namely, ring a little bit after the service (hear, hear). He had always had a little objection to proper ringing before church, but he had recommended chiming before service and, if possible, a peal afterwards. He was very fond of music and liked to hear the organist play the people out of church, but where they had bells let the ringers play them home, and let them hear the notes on the bells, if only for 20 minutes or half-an-hour. He did not think that this would answer in a town like Dorchester, where they had three churches grouped together within 100 yards of each other, so that they could not be quite sure that all the churches had finished their services; but in the country it would be different. This was just an idea of his own, and if any of them liked to carry it out he hoped that when he met them next year they would be able to tell him whether the ringing after service was appreciated or not.

THE LATE REV. W. P. SCHUSTER.

The Hon. Secretary announced the receipt of apologies for non-attendance from Canon W. Gildea (Upwey) and Mr. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis, hon. secretary of the Dorchester branch), who is now serving with the naval forces. In the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting reference was made to the illness of the Rev. W. P. Schuster, of West Lulworth, and the Hon. Secretary said that unfortunately the reverend gentleman did not recover from that illness. The committee met in March and forwarded a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Schuster expressing deep regret with her in her bereavement and at the loss of one who had been the devoted secretary of the Guild for five years. A presentation that was to have been made to Mr. Schuster at the last annual meeting of an inkstand in the shape of a bell and also the badge of the Guild in gold was sent to Mrs. Schuster, who replied that she hoped to wear the badge in memory of her husband, and she also thanked the Guild for their letter of sympathy.

The President said he was instrumental in getting Mr. Schuster, rather against his will, to take the secretaryship. He made an excellent official, and they would hold him in grateful memory for his work (hear, hear).

On the proposition of Mr. Martin Stewart, seconded by Mr. J. Benger, the following officers were re-elected with unanimity: President, Capt. J. E. Acland; Master, Rev. H. Tilney Bassett; hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. T. Hervey Beams; hon. auditor, Mr. W. R. Hussey.

The following were elected representatives on the Central Council: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. A. F. M. Stewart, Walter D'Aeth, and T. H. Beams.

SERVING MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS REMITTED.

The Hon. Secretary, on behalf of the committee, brought forward the proposition that the 172 members who were bringing honour to the Guild by serving with the forces should have their subscriptions remitted for this year.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips: Will the subscriptions be paid out of the central fund, or will the branches also suffer?

The Hon Secretary: The idea is that the subscriptions should be remitted altogether.

Mr. Beams, in seconding the proposition, said he did so because he wanted the ringers on active service to come back as members.

The Rev. C. F. Langford said that, as the central body would really be poorer by the proposed remission of the subscriptions, he moved as an amendment that arrangements be made whereby the different branches could pay the subscriptions of their members who had gone on active service.

Mr. F. Bugler (Beaminster) said that some of the smaller branches had a difficulty in making both ends meet, and as the Guild had a nice little balance in hand the central fund was better able to bear the payment of subscriptions than individual branches.

Mr. Wiffen suggested that a collection should be made in the room towards the payment of the subscriptions, and that any deficiency should be made up from the central fund.

On a show of hands the amendment was defeated, and the proposition was carried with the addition that the subscriptions should be paid out of the central fund for one year, it being understood that if members are on active service when the next annual meeting is held the question of continuing the payment of their subscriptions will be further considered.

The Hon. Secretary said that it was intended to publish with the report this year a roll of honour containing the names of those members who were serving with the forces. This would entail extra expense, and as the central fund was going to suffer by the loss of subscriptions, the committee recommended that the branch funds be asked to make a contribution to the cost of printing in proportion to the number of members on the roll of honour.

On the initiative of Mr. Bugler it was decided that each branch should be asked to contribute in proportion to its membership, and the committee's recommendation was amended in this form and agreed to.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards presented the statement of accounts for the past year. They commenced the year with a balance in hand of £29 6s. 3d., and after all expenses had been met there remained an increased balance of £29 8s. 5½d., so that they had gained about 2s. (laughter and hear, hear).

The Hon. Secretary moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of St. Peter's for offering the Guild the use of the church for the service, to the organist and choir for their beautiful rendering of the music, and to the Rector for his thoughtful and earnest sermon.—The vote was carried with acclamation, and the Rev. H. C. Coote suitably returned thanks.

The Hon. Secretary spoke of the dearth of ringers in the diocese, patriotism having risen so high in some parishes that all the ringers had gone on service, and he emphasised the importance of youngsters being taught to ring. As to the President's suggestion that the bells should be rung after service, he hoped that it would become general. The next Thursday would be the anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the Throne, and he hoped this year, above all others, to see the ringers showing their loyalty by ringing a good peal or touch on that day—preferably at five o'clock in the morning (laughter and hear, hear).

Mr. A. Hughes, in proposing "Prosperity to the Salisbury Guild of Ringers," said he happened to hold the office of treasurer to the Ancient Society of College Youths, and two well-known gentlemen who had been great friends to that society were Capt. Acland and his brother (applause). He thought that the very best test of the prosperity of the Guild was to be seen that day in such a large attendance, when they had over 170 serving with the colours (hear, hear). Mr. Hughes also mentioned with pride that at Bradpole the previous afternoon eight youngsters, whose average age was 14, rang some call changes on the bells very well.

The President, responding, said that some of his best hours were spent in ringing with his friends of the Ancient Society of College Youths in London, although he must confess that he preferred Dorset (hear, hear). He hoped that the Guild would ring lots of good touches that afternoon, and he only wished that he could ring with them.

The company then dispersed, and visits were paid to the local towers and others in the adjacent country districts.

The excellent arrangements for the day's proceedings were made by the Hon. Secretary, who received invaluable assistance from the band at St. Peter's, Dorchester.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bromham on Saturday afternoon, and the day being fine, was very well attended, some of the ringers cycling from Wootton Bassett and Swindon. By the kindness of the Vicar of Rowde, who placed his bells at the disposal of the Guild, ringing commenced at Rowde Church at three o'clock, the ringers afterwards moving on to Bromham, where Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob were indulged in until an adjournment was made to the Hope Coffee Tavern for tea, to which 23 sat down.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Branch Chairman, the Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington), supported by the Rev. J. L. Thovold (Rector of Bromham), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke), Master of the Guild, Mr. H. Brownlee West (of Devizes), honorary branch secretary, and ringing members from Devizes, Bromham, Trowbridge, Holt, Southbroom, Melksham, Swindon, Market Lavington, Beechingstoke, Bishops Cannings and Wootton Bassett. — Six new ringing members from St. Leonard's Church, Keevil, were duly elected.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Bromham, and the Vicar of Rowde for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and after further ringing in the Bromham tower, the company dispersed, after enjoying a very pleasant and successful meeting.

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BICENTENARY OF FIRST PEAL.

HISTORIC EVENT AT NORWICH.

Last Sunday week, May 2nd, was the two hundredth anniversary of the first recorded peal ever rung, and it is to be regretted that present circumstances made it impossible for the event to be fittingly celebrated.

This peal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 2nd, 1715, and is duly recorded on a highly decorative board still in the belfry, and we have to thank Mr. G. P. Burton, of the St. Peter Mancroft Society, for the facilities to publish a picture of this highly interesting and historic record.

THE PEAL BOARD AT ST. PETER MANCROFT.

The peal attracted attention as long ago as 1816, when Shipway, in his "Art of Ringing," then published, writing of the early peals, says as to "the three peals, viz., Bob Triples, in 1715; Grandsire Triples, in 1718; and Stedman Triples, in 1731; said to have been rung at St. Peter Mancroft not one can be found to ascertain the truth."

He wrote in ignorance of the fact that the figures of at least one of the peals was in existence, and he would have discredited all three performances on the sole grounds of the absence of the manuscript. In his day, and earlier, composers seem to have held the mistaken idea that the surest way to safeguard their right to a composition was to withhold it from publication, and the figures were often, as we know, guarded with the greatest jealousy. It is not surprising, therefore, that the actual composition cannot now be found. Thanks, however, to the interesting discovery by Snowdon, the truth of the earliest peal of Grandsire Triples—Garthon's, which followed in 1718—has been established (see the account in Snowdon's "Grandsire"). As Garthon was successful in getting the first true peal of Grandsire, there would seem no reason to doubt his ability to compose the length of Bob Triples. Of this latter peal Snowdon says:—

"In the book of rules of the Ancient Society of College Youths a short history of that society is given wherein it is stated that the first account of a peal of Grandsire Triples being rung is one performed on January 17th, 1689 or 1690, at St. Sepulchre-without-Newgate, in 3¾ hours, by members of the Society. From what source this information is obtained I am unable to state, and although, from the known performauces in change ringing which were accomplished not very many years later, it seems not improbable that such a performance may have taken place at this date, I believe that tradition is the only source to which this statement can now be traced. I may here remark that the tablet of a peal of Bob Triples rung at St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich, in 1715, is the oldest known record in the form of a tablet that exists, and that the first peal, rung in 1718, entered in the peal book of the Society of the Union Scholars, now in the British Museum Library, is the first known record that exists in writing, and so far as I am aware there is no existing record of a true peal of 5000 changes having been accomplished previous to the peal at Norwich in 1715."

The actual inscription on the tablet is as follows:—

May the 2d. 1715. Here was Rung by the Ringers call'd Norwich Scholars, that most Incomparable Peal call'd Grandsire Bob Triples, it being the 3d. whole peal that they have rung, but the first whole Peal that ever was Rung to the truth by any Ringers whatsoever. It has been studied by the most Acute Ringers in England (but to no effect) ever since Triple changes were first Rung; but now at last it's found out to the truth By JOHN GARTHON one of the said Society, and Rung by him and the rest of the Society in 3 hours 18 minutes, which is about 1550 Changes in an hour, the whole Peal being 5040 Changes and not one Bell misplac'd or out of Course. The Names of which Ringers are underwritten against their Respective Bells as they Rung:—

John Garthon	1st	*David. Sanncvill*	5th
Isaac Pearce	2nd	*Tho. Gardiner*	6th
John Briggs	3rd	*William Dixon*	7th
James Brooke	4th	*Robert Woodcock*	8th

On the bicentenary of the peal, for evening service, to mark the event, a touch of 840 Bob Triples was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, on the Gabriel eight, in 32 mins., by E. W. Rix 1, C. E. Borrett 2, G. P. Burton 3, H. J. Borrett 4, G. Mayers 5, J. Freeman 6, J. E. Burton (conductor) 7, D. O. Holme 8. Also for the morning service, 434 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Rix 1, A. W. Downing 2, C. Thompson 3, H. J. Borrett 4, G. Mayers 5, J. Freeman 6, G. P. Burton (conductor) 7, D. O. Holme 8 (19 cwt.).

At the present time the opportunities for ringing at St. Peter Mancroft are restricted to the occasions of the church services; otherwise a quarter-peal, or a longer length, would have been attempted.

A VANCOUVER CELEBRATION.

On Sunday, April 4th, there mustered in the tower of the Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, a full band of ringers, when some excellent rounds, queens, tittums, etc., were rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Buckley. Those taking part on this happy occasion were: A. C. Limpus (Windsor), Gilbert Pearce (Bristol), G. W. Foster (Borden), W. H. Harvey (Lustleigh, Devon), Farrington Jones (Wolverhampton), H. Hollis (Milnrow, Lancs), J. T. Buckley (Milnrow, Lancs), W. D. Bond (Cheltenham, Glos.). Mrs. Buckley also graced the tower with her presence.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Horwich on Saturday last, when 25 members were present from Bolton, Manchester, Newchurch and Walkden, with some of the local company. Some very good touches of Superlative, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung. It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Hindley, a new tower added to Bolton branch.—A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for use of the bells, and also to the ringers for having all in readiness.

"DOUBLE-HANDED" RINGING.

There are not many ringers capable of ringing two church bells at one time—at any rate with any success—but Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, happens to be one of them, and it is rather a useful accomplishment where bands are depleted through the call to arms. On Sunday evening, for service, he rang 1—2, and conducted 720 of Oxford Bob, the band being: W. H. Lawrence 1—2, S. Game 3, A. Phillips 4, E. A. Overall 5, A. Woolston 6. On the preceding Sunday the same band rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob, which A. Woolston conducted.

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The foregoing is the first lead of the plain course of a method of which the succession of its changes are triple and quadruple, alternately throughout, constructed by means of Bob Major lead-ends and back-changes. It contains 24, 7—5's and 5—7's, 6—8's and 8—6's, and 8—7's and 7—8's. When in the front the tenor never works with 2nd and 3rd, while, when behind, it works only with the treble, 7th and the 6th's place bell throughout a 5000 composition.

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This peal has three pairs of bells reversed in 5—6 at course-ends, with 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in the latter position.

All peals of Superlative with tenors together will go true to this method, except those in which bells are reversed in 5—6 at the course-ends.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Guiselby on Saturday, when there was a good attendance of members, the following towers being represented: Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Dewsbury, Pudsey, Holbeck, Ilkley, and the local band. The bells (a light peal of eight, tenor 10½ cwt.) were rung in the evening to Treble Bob, and the business meeting was afterwards held at the Red Lion Hotel,-with the President (Mr. Peacock) in the chair, the usual routine of business was quickly gone through.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of Guiseley for the use of the bells, and to the local band for their kind arrangement was proposed by Mr. Helliwell, seconded by Mr. Mann, and unanimously carried, and acknowledged by Mr. Smith. Touches were then rung on the handbells by some of the ringers, while others again visited the tower and rang various touches in different methods.

SELBY, YORKS.—On April 11th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Fenton 1, J. Morley 2, H. S Morley 3, T. Morgan 4, F. Cryer 5, W. A. Hall 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, T. Strudwick 8. Rung for Mr. James Jackson on his restoration to health, after a serious illness. Also on January 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: G. Fenton 2, H. Fairlam 3, J. Morley 4, T. Morgan 5, W. A. Hall 6, H. S. Morley (conductor) 7, F. Cryer 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RINGING DURING THE WAR.

A very successful meeting of the North-Western Division of this Association was held at Newport. Ringing was opened with a well-struck 720 Kent Treble Bob, by: J. F. Penning 1, F. Pitstow (conductor) 2, Pte W. Duffield (Beds Yeomanry) 3, W. E. Carr 4, A. E. Austin 5, W. Watts 6.

The business meeting was held at the Church Room, kindly lent by the Vicar, and was followed by tea at the Hercules Inn.

Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master) presided, supported by the district secretary (Mr. W. Watts). The following members, elected in the tower, were brought up for conformation: Mr. R. Law and Master H. G. Watts, Stansted; Mr. J. Mansfield, Nazing; Mr. J. Challis, Roydon.—The next meeting was fixed for Roydon and Hunsdon.

Referring to the subject of ringing during the war and the attitude taken by different societies, Mr. J. F. Penning remarked that, whilst fully appreciating the sentiments of those who considered that the bells should be silent, he thought that even sentiment might in some cases exceed discretion. There were many points to be taken into account. Why should the bells be silent? Was it to show that the church bells were the primary medium of denoting to the country occasions of sorrow or rejoicing? Much might be advanced on this point, but it must be borne in mind that if Association meetings, practices, etc., were discontinued during the war, which might last for many months or even years, the whole system would be disorganised, the bells be unfit for ringing when occasion required; and many of the country companies entirely disbanded. If it were urged that the bells should be silent to show respect to those members who had left, he thought that the very opposite should be the case, as he was convinced the absent ones were only too pleased to know that their old comrades were meeting together, as far as possible, and that the vacant places were the means of their being remembered with fervent hopes for their speedy return There was no doubt that sentiment might be carried too far, and, without proper balance, might be even dangerous. They were all hoping for a speedy end of this terrible war and the return of their comrades, and there was little doubt that England, from end to end, will never have heard such joyous bell ringing as when that happy day was reached, but it was necessary in the meantime to see that their associations, their local societies and their bells were kept in a state of efficiency.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the church room.

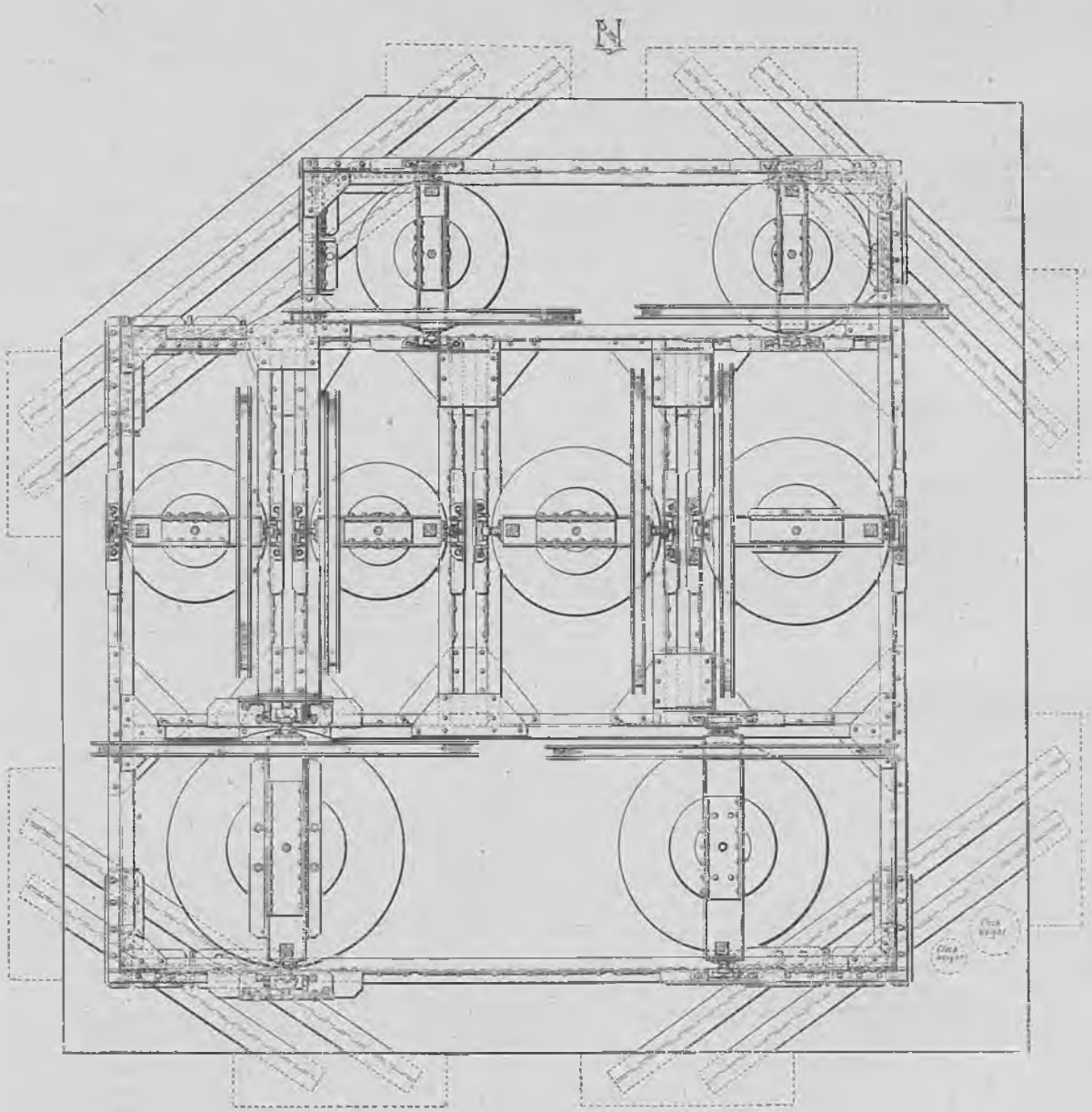
About 25 members attended from Newport, Saffron Walden, Stansted, Rickling, Wenden, Ickleton, Stapleford and Shelford. Touches in the following methods were brought round: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

DEATH OF LAMBERHURST RINGER.

The death of Mr. John Tapp, of the Lamberhurst (Kent) band, occurred on Friday week, at the age of 57 years. He had been connected with ringing in Lamberhurst for over forty years. When he learnt to handle a rope, change ringing had not been introduced in the parish, but verging on 20 years ago a start was made with method ringing, and Mr. Tapp and the other members soon began to ring Doubles. A Mr. Chatfield was the conductor, and after his departure from the parish, Mr. Tapp took over the duties. He was always very keen, and walked many miles in pursuit of ringing. After a number of years there seemed to be a yearning to proceed a stage further, and Minor was taken up, and Mr. Tapp,-while entering fully into the forward move, handed over the conducting to another. What he did he accomplished well, and for a long time was undoubtedly the mainstay of the band, and but for his energy, coupled with the assistance of admirable colleagues, in nursing change ringing in its infancy, it is doubtful whether the science would have reached the high standard it has attained in the parish. After grasping Minor, success followed success, with the result that the company can ring any Plain or Treble Bob Method and Cambridge Surprise. Mr. Tapp succeeded in conquering practically all the plain methods, and several peals stand to his credit. He was very reliable, and an excellent striker.

The deceased was interred at Lamberhurst Churchyard on Thursday, 6th May, the new Vicar (the Rev. Canon Boyd) who is also a ringer, reading the burial service very impressively. Three of the local ringers, Messrs. J. Bailey, A. Relfe and G. Fuller, and Mr. J. Waghorn, of Kilndown, acted as bearers. Other local ringers present at the interment were: Messrs. H. Price, A. Marshall and W Marshall. After the service the ringers ascended to the belfry, and rang the "whole pull and stand" with clappers half-muffled: J. Bailey 1, J. Waghorn 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Relfe 4, W. Marshall 5, H. Price 6. In the evening further half-muffled ringing took place, the local company ringing a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, those taking part being: J. Bailey 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Relfe (conductor) 4, A. Marshall 5, H. Price 6.

On Sunday last, the half-muffled ringing was continued for morning and evening service, touches in a variety of methods being brought round. Thus did the Lamberhurst ringers pay their last tributes of respect to one whom they dearly loved, and whose presence they will sadly miss.



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I don't think any difference in the sound, compared with that before the bricking up, is noticeable at a distance, taking into consideration the great many high buildings which have been recently erected, some of them overtopping the cross on the spire some 200 feet. Father Welsh kindly found bricks and mortar, your humble servant carried them to the man at the scaffold who did all the work, and happened to be no less a personage than our worthy conductor, Mr. G. W. Foster. We have never regretted the couple of days thus spent, as we have not had a single complaint since. The openings at the base of the spire are about twenty-five feet above the bells. Hoping this may be of some use to our brother ringers on the other side of the Continent, I am, yours very truly,

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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Weston on Saturday week, when 39 members were present, representing twelve towers. Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung before tea, which was partaken of at Glass's Restaurant.—The business meeting followed, the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) presiding, and being supported by the Rev. E. B. L. Williams, curate of Weston. Several new members were elected, and the Master announced that the next meeting, being the annual gathering, would this year be held at Minehead, probably on the first Saturday in July. On behalf of the Association and himself, the Master congratulated the ladies of Portishead (some of whom were present) on their successfully ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, thus adding another record to the Portishead tower and the Association.—Several members present also tendered their congratulation.—Miss Gillingham thanked the members for their congratulations. Mr. W. Gillingham also thanked the members for the kind words said of the Portishead tower. He also asked what constituted full membership of the Association, as he knew of towers where no change ringing was done, but where the members considered themselves full members.

The Master quoted Rule 6, which states that a full member must be able to ring either the treble or tenor through 120 half-pull changes.—A discussion arose over this, and notice was given of an alteration to the rule to be brought forward at the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded Preb. Thompson for arranging the service and granting the use of the bells, and to the Rev. Williams, who was to officiate at the service and give an address.—This was carried unanimously.—Service was then held in the Parish Church, the Rev. Williams giving a very appropriate address. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and touches in various methods rung.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN P. BRADLEY.

It is our sad duty to announce the sudden death of Mr. John P. Bradley, a ringer and composer, which occurred at Barking, Essex, on Monday, April 26th, at the age of 70 years.

Eight years ago, Mr. Bradley retired on a substantial pension from the General Post Office, after fulfilling faithfully 40 years' service.

The funeral took place at Ilford Parish Cemetery on Saturday, May 1st, when several of his intimate friends and ringers followed his remains to the grave.

The deceased was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association, and at the close of the burial service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by: R. Sanders 1—2, J. Moule 3—4, A. Neale 5—6, A. Scrambler 7—8.

Among those present at the funeral were an old friend of the deceased, Mr. A. Linstead, of London; Mr. W. Doran, of West Ham; Mrs. Moule, Leyton; Mr. G. F. Margetson, Chigwell Row, and others. There were many wreaths, including one from the employes of the General Post Office.

On the following Thursday, the usual muffled "whole pull and stand" and a touch of Stedman Triples (conducted by Mr. J. Cranfield) was rung upon the West Ham bells, to which society the deceased belonged for many years.

GREENWICH.—Kent County Association.—On April 11th, for evening service, at St. Alfege Church, Greenwich, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Rabbit (late of Hadlow Kent) 1, J. J. Lamb 2, I. G. Shade (conductor) 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, W. Shimmans 5, G. Rawlings 6, W. Berry 7, Sergt. T. Jakeman 8.

EASTER TOUCHES.

The following were among the Easter Day touches rung:—

HAWKHURST, KENT.—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Maskell 1, T. Ashenden 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. For evening service another quarter-peal: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, rest as above.

BAGSHOT—At St. Anne's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted in the morning, but came to grief after 35 minutes' ringing. The same quarter-peal was attempted in the evening, and brought round in 50 mins.: W. Nye 1, T. J. Gould 2, J. Corbett 3, H. Stapleton 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, F. Francis 6, H. J. Gould 7, W. Varndell 8. First quarter-peal by W. Nye and W. Varndell also on the bells. It was rung by all local men.

LONDON.—London County Association.—For evening service, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. J. Nelder 1, F. Andrews 2, F. Davis 3, F. A. Smith 4, C. H. Hughes 5, W. A. Alps 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, T. Walker 8.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Wooldridge 1, J. Abery 2, T. Hillier (1st 720) 3, S. Chapman 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6. Also 360 Bob Minor: S. Chapman 1, C. Hunt 2, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 3, M. Bowley 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. A. Lambert (conductor) 1, J. D. Drewitt 2, D. W. Drewitt 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, A. Calver 5, T. Steers 6, W. H. Joiner 7, J. Currell 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—Llandaff Association.—At All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): H. Morgan 1, F. Whitfield 2, J. Bullen 3, V. Morgan 4, S. Jones 5, C. Greedy 6, F. Morgan (conductor) 7, J. W. Jones 8.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—For evening service, 643 of Grandsire Triples: F. Prince 1, A. Mayo 2, A. Gregory 3, A. V. Gibbs 4, R. C. Mayo (conductor) 5, C. Lay 6, A. J. Gregory 7, H. Gregory 8. R. C. Mayo hails from Andover, Hants.

KIDDERMINSTER.—For morning service, 560 Bob Major: J. Woodberry 1, W. Wakeman 2, T. J. Salter 3, E. J. Brooks 4, W. Smith 5, J. Smith 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, C. H. Woodberry 8.—For evening service, 448 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Wakeman 1, N. Davis 2, T. J. Salter (conductor) 3, W. Smith 4, E. J. Brooks 5, C. H. Woodberry 6, J. Smith 7, W. H. Smith 8. First touch of Bristol Surprise for the Association by a local band.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Robinson 1, Miss D. Steel 2, W. Stapleton 3, W. Finedon 4, P. J. Cooke 5, L. Harlow (conductor) 6. 720 London Surprise: A. Robinson 1, Miss D. Steel 2, W. Finedon 3, Miss E. Steel 4, P. J. Cooke 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6. 720 Plain Bob: W. Stapleton (conductor) 1, Miss D. Steel 2, A. Robinson 3, Miss E. Steel 4, W. Finedon 5, P. J. Cooke 6.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.—For evensong, at St. Augustine's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: C. Gouldsmith 1, A. Hersey 2, Sergt. C. Cann (2nd/4 Gloucester Regt.) first quarter-peal 3, Pte F. Smith (2nd/4 Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry) 4, J. Puplett 5, G. Radley 6, Wm. Saban (conductor) 7, F. Shepherd 8.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild and St. Chad's Society.—For morning service, at St. Chad's Church, 315 Stedman Caters: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, G. Scarratt 2, W. Brooks 3, Pte E. Jones 4, J. Tudor 5, G. Jones 6, W. Stockdale 7, Pte F. Taylor 8, A. Fullick 9, J. T. Wall 10. For evening service, 396 and 394 Grandsire Cinques: J. Tudor 1, G. Boylin 2, M. J. Taylor 3, W. Brooks 4, Pte E. Jones 5, Pte F. Taylor 6, G. Jones 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8, W. R. Stockdale 9, W. Weatherby 10, A. E. Fullick 11, G. Scarratt 12.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—For morning service, 840 Grandsire Triples: Jos. Clarkson 1, W. H. Stephenson 2, R. Alcock 3, J. Waller 4, W. Newton 5, T. W. Waller 6, T. Stephenson (conductor) 7, F. P. Howcroft 8. The majority of this band have been ringing together since the late seventies, and hope to do so for some considerable time longer. Their first 720 Minor was rung in June, '78.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—For morning and evening service, several touches of Stedman Triples by the following: G. Tomkins (Bristol), W. Edwards (Eastleigh), E. Reader (Loughborough), T. Best, L. Meager, F. Hedges, A. Crane, H. Morris, J. Mead, W. Mead, W. Sear, H. Sear, V. Sear, E. Marks, W. Pether, J. Sinfield. Conducted by E. Reader.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—For 7 a.m. service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 300 Plain Bob; for 11 a.m. service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 120 Plain Bob; for 6 p.m. service, 600 Canterbury Pleasure, the following taking part: G. Bertram, A. J. Naunton, W. H. P. Mellin, E. Chatten, A. J. L. Naunton, J. Spencer, F. W. Naunton (conductor).

CHESHUNT, HERTS. — For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, F. Jelf 3, H. G. Rowe 4, G. Maxim 5, C. Dilley 6, H. Simmons (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. G. Darlington 1, G. Andrews 2, F. Jelf 3, G. Maxim 4, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 5, C. Dilley 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8. This is the 50th quarter-peal rung on the bells.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—The following miscellaneous touches on handbells have been rung at 55, Rhondda Street: January 7th, 720 Plain Bob Minor; January 14th, 720 Plain Bob Minor; January 23rd, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 720 Plain Bob Minor; March 6th, 480 Kent Treble Bob Minor; March 11th, 504 Kent Treble Bob Minor; March 18th, 720 Plain Bob Minor; March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 20 mins. The above were rung by: S. Perry 1—2, J. A. Hoare, senr., 3—4, A. Hoare (conductor) 5—6; ; March 11th, 120 Stedman Doubles; March 18th, two 120's Stedman Doubles, conducted by J. A. Hoare; March 20th, three 120's Grandsire Doubles; March 25th, 240 Grandsire Doubles; April 2nd, two 120's Grandsire Doubles: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, H. Perry (age 11 years) 5—6; March 27th, 168 Grandsire Triples: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, J. A. Hoare 5—6, H. Perry 7—8.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—On March 10th, 360 Bob Minor: Cyril Wooldridge 1, M. E. Chillingworth 2, T. Hillier (1st 360) 3, M. Bowley (1st 360) 4, S. Chapman 5, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 6.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On March 14th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, 1248 Kent Treble Bob Major in 46 mins.: K. Hawkins 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, W. Henley 3, J. Pratt 4, F. Grisdale 5, J. Blackmore 6, E. Hancox 7, W. Welling (conductor) 8.

LITTLE HEATH, ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—On March 14th, at St. James' Church, for morning service, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles and seven 120's Stedman Doubles: A. J. Neale 1, W. Truss 2, A. A. Scambler 3, F. C. Newman 4, R. Sanders 5. Conducted by A. J. Neale, W. Truss and R. Sanders.

WOLVERLEY.—Worcestershire Association.—On March 16th, 360 Bob Minor: F. Shaw 1, T. J. Salter 2, E. J. Brooks 3, W. Wakeman 4, W. Smith 5, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 6. — On March 30th, at the Queen's Head Hotel, the residence of T. J Salter, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Wakeman (first touch on handbells for 22 years) 1—2, T. J. Salter 3—4, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 5—6, E. J. Brooks 7—8. First 504 on handbells by ringers of 5—6 and 7—8.

EALING.—On March 21st, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 588 Stedman Triples: W. Lawrence 1, J. Walsom 2, A. Tabor 3, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 4, F. Harris 5, G. Spencer 6, A. Harding 7, C. Winter 8.

HORNSEY. — Middlesex Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 47 mins.: H. C. Stubbs 1, E. Hibbie 2, A. Howell 3, F. Fensome 4, T. Langdon 5, Henry C. Ross (conductor) 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 46 mins., by the same band, conducted by T. Langdon.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On the occasion of a Confirmation at the Parish Church, by the Bishop of Croydon, 518 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, W. Tickner 2, J. Mantilelow 3, C. Tribe (conductor) 4, N. Tickner 5, G. Neve 6, A. Allen 7, A. Blackman 8. After the service, 308 in the same method, conducted by A. Allen.

SOUTHWARK.—London County Association.—On March 21st, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: F. Davis 1, H. Franks 2, F. A. Smith 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, W. G. Matthews 5, T. Walker 6, Pte. R. N. Runham (12,686 Coldstream Guards) 7, W. T. Walden 8. Rung as a farewell to Pte. Runham, who is shortly leaving for the front.—On March 28th, for confirmation service, by Bishop Morley, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 48 mins.: F. Davis 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, W. G. Matthews 4, A. Jones 5, T. Walker 6, C. F. Winney 7, C. W. R. Grimwood 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on March 25th, 1288 Treble Bob Major in 47 mins.: W. H. Stevens 1, E. F. Cole 2, A. Darlington 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, E. Cassell 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

CREWE.—On March 25th, at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: *W. Edge 1, W. T. Holding 2, R. D. Langford 3, J. Dentith 4, G. H. Crawley 5, *H. Overton 6, R. T. Holding (conductor) 7, *W. Gartside 8. * Longest length of Grandsire. Also 252 Stedman Triples: H. Overton (first in the method) 1, R. T. Holding 2, G. H. Crawley 3, R. D. Langford 4, W. T. Holding 5, J. Dentith 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, W. Gartside 8.

WOOD GREEN.—Middlesex Association.—On March 28th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 44 mins.: H. C. Stubbs 1, T. Langdon 2, F. Fensome 3, A. Howell 4, M. Fensome 5, H. C. Ross (conductor) 6.

DARLEY DALE.—On March 28th, 504 Stedman Triples: A. C. Wright 1, Pte. F. R. Cundale (8th W. Yorks) 2, Hy. Gregory 3, T. White 4, J. W. Derbyshire 5, E. Blackwall 6, W. Taylor (conductor) 7, B. Allsopp 8.

LONDON. — Essex Association. — At St. Bartholomew's the Great, E.C., on March 28th, for morning service, four 120's of Grandsire Doubles and four 120's of Stedman Doubles: A. A. Scambler 1, W. Truss 2, F. C. Newman 3, A. J. Neale 4, R. Sanders 5. Conducted by W. Truss and R. Sanders. It is several years since there was any ringing done at this church, and the band wish to thank the Rector for his kind permission to ring; also the caretaker for the pains he took in having everything ready for the visitors.

WEST EALING.—Middlesex Association.—For evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, on March 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Edwards 1, G. Harbour 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, J. Hunnisett 4, G. Iles 5, J. A. Trollope 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, Pte. Percy Clark, R.M.L.I., 8.

BORDEN.—Kent County Association.—On March 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Milliner 1, E. H. Spice (composer) 2, F. Staines 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, J. Exell 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, G. Mills 8.

HULL.—Yorks Association.—At All Saints' Church, on March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. Hedges 1, H. Jenkins 2, A. B. Cook 3, M. Hedges 4, D. Meadley 5, E. Cutsforth (conductor) 6, T. Whitfield 7, F. Moulson 8. Rung on the occasion of the Archbishop of York's visit to the church.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Easter Sunday, 720 Cambridge Surprise: P. Dewick 1, H. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, C. Valentine (conductor) 6. Also 720 Wells Surprise: A. Clarke 1, H. Edwards 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, C. Valentine (conductor) 6; and 720 York Surprise: P. Dewick 1, H. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, C. Valentine (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, April 11th, 720 Beverley Surprise: A. Clarke 1, H. Edwards 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, C. Valentine (conductor) 6. Also 720 London Surprise: A. Clarke 1, H. Tucker 2, C. Valentine 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Saturday, April 10th, at the Parish Church, 504 of Grandsire Triples: W. Wigmore 1, A. Arlott 2, Miss E. Goodship 3, Miss S. Davis (first 500) 4, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 5, W. Clark 6, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 7, C. Giles 8.

PUTNEY.—On April 11th, two courses of Stedman Triples: Miss E. Bennett 1, F. I. Hairs 2, S. J. Collins 3, C. J. Matthews 4, John Kent 5, T. Bolton 6, J. Herbert (conductor) 7, C. Collis, senr., 8. Two courses of Double Norwich Major and two courses of Superlative Surprise Major, the latter by: W. Worsley 1, F. I. Hairs 2, S. J. Collins 3, L. Attwater 4, A. W. Darlington 5, John Kent 6, Arthur Jones (conductor) 7, J. Herbert 8.

TUNSTALL. — Kent County Association. — On April 11th, before Matins, 720 Plain Bob (42 singles): F. G. Elliott 1, G. Webb 2, E. H. Spice (conductor) 3, G. H. Spice 4, W. E. Spice 5, W. Spice 6.—On April 14th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure: Miss C. N. Jarrett 1, W. E. Spice 2, G. Webb 3, G. H. Spice 4, W. Spice 5, E. H. Spice (conductor) 6.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association.—For morning service at St. Mary's Church, on April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, R. H. Boddington 2, J. W. Fruin 3, G. E. Harbour 4, C. Iles 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, B. Brewer 7, C. H. Paine 8.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.—On April 12th, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Brook (conductor) 1, J. Foulds 2, J. E. Foulds 3, C. Mallinson 4, H. Foulds 5, W. H. Harrison 6, R. Foulds 7, W. Mallinson 8. Rung as a farewell to J. E. Foulds and Sidney Lane, who have joined the County Palatine Artillery.

BROMLEY.—Kent County Association. — At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on April 11th, for evening service, 608 Double Norwich: A. James, senr., 1, E. G. Filtness 2, A. E. Newick 3, G. Durling 4, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) 5, A. Bygrave 6, S. Marshall 7, I. Emery (conductor) 8.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, April 11th, for evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: B. Chorley 1, C. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, J. T. Lee 4, M. Smither 5, Pte F. S. Hodgson, A.S.C. (Whitby, Yorkshire) 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, C. Hazelden 8.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

A PEAL WITH ONLY ONE COURSE-END.

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This peal contains one course-end only. The tenor is 120 times Wrong, with 7—8 in coursing order at every 3rd lead throughout.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637. — Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell ringing on May 20th, and for business on May 25th, all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District. — Meeting at Weybridge on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available 4 to 4.50 p.m., and 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Tea, etc., in the Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. Service in church 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824. — Northern District. —The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. John at Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, May 15th, 1915. There will be ringing from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., after which a business meeting will be held at 8.30 p.m. in the "Earl of Derby." All ringers will be welcome.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansion, Canonbury, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, May 15th. By kind permission of the authorities the bells of St. Leonard's Church will be available from 3.30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Schools at 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 15th. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 2 till 2.40 p.m., and after the tea S. Stephen's (8), S. Alphege (6), and S. Dunstan's (6), from 2 till 8 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. in S. Alphege Church. Tea at Gaywood's Restaurant, High Street, at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 6d. per head will be made. Business meeting after the tea. All subscriptions should be paid before this meeting.—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Alveston (6 bells) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells open 3.30 p.m. Service, by the Vicar, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow service. Almondsbury tower (8 bells) open 6.30 p.m. Visitors very heartily welcome. 'Bus leaves Filton 3 p.m.—G. Tomkins, Branch Secretary, 5, Chelsea Park, Easton, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824). — A special general meeting will be held on Monday, May 17th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. The tower will be open for ringing from 7.15 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. The business meeting will take place at the Citizen, Houndsditch, at 8.30 sharp. — T. H. Taffender, Master, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—By kind permission of the Rev. B. S. Batty, a meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem's Church, South Hackney, on May 22nd. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea free to those who notify me by May 18th. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 5.30. Meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on May 22nd, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be given by the Rector, Rev. Canon Mills. Business meeting after. All will be made welcome. Kindly notify me during the week.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Farnham on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. Bells (8) available from 4 to 5.30, and 7 to 8 o'clock. Service at 5.30, when an address will be given by the Rector. Tea at the Assembly Rooms at 6 o'clock. Tickets 1s. to members, 1s. 6d. to visitors. By kind permission of the Lord Bishop of Winchester, Farnham Castle and grounds will be open to members and friends from 3 to 5.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. The bells of St. Giles', St. Edmund's and St. Peter's will be available from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Giles' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon, at the Peacock Hotel, at 1 o'clock, members 1s. each, non-members 2s. Business meeting to follow. The bells of All Saints', St. Giles' and St. Sepulchre's will be available after the meeting from 4 to 7 p.m.—Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149 Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock, and a special service in the church at 4.30. An allowance of one penny per mile (single journey), maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending, provided their subscriptions have been made for this year. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Crawford) Ashford bells will be available from 11 to 1 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 17 cwts.) and Felixkirk (6, tenor 9 cwts.) are available for ringing all day. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. Dinner, at 1.15 p.m., at the Three Tuns Hotel, Thirsk. Those intending to be present please notify the honorary secretary not later than Wednesday, May 19th, 1915. Members 1s., non-members 2s. 6d. Divine service in the Parish Church 12.15 p.m., when an address will be given by the Rev. W. R. Hannam, Vicar of Felixkirk, and Rural Dean.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Market Weighton on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1915. Bells available all day. Tea at 4.30 for all who notify me by Tuesday, May 18th, 1915 (1s. each).—Thos. Smith, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. Divine service at the Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, at 11.30; business meeting in the Vestry Hall at 12.30; lunch in the Boys' Schoolroom at 1.30. Members intending to be present must, without fail, notify me before Wednesday, May 19th. The following towers will be open for ringing: The Cathedral, Broonfield, Springfield, Widford, Boreham, Writtle, Allday.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary, Great Totham.

ST. PETER'S, SOUTH CROYDON.—This tower (10) will be open for ringing on Whit-Monday (Empire Day) from 3 to 5 o'clock, and after 6.30. All ringers welcome.—Charles Dean, 2, Biddulph Road, Croydon.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock, service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. M. M. Connor (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than May 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, June 5th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

DEATH.

HUNT.—At 98, Clyde Road, Tottenham, on May 3rd, Dorothy Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt, aged 13 years. Interred in Tottenham Cemetery on May 8th.

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