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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 AND WAR LOAN.

The decision of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham to invest a portion of its rese ve funds in the great national War Loan will be read by many with much interest, and we think it is a step which might well be taken by other associations with advantage to themselves and in the interests of the nation. Birmingham is a city of intense patriotism, whether in regard to its own domestic affairs or in matters of national or imperial import, while even in connection with ringing one is able to see the same spirit animating the members of the Exercise who reside in the Midland capital. We are drawing no invidious distinction when we say that there is not an association in the kingdom in which the members as a whole take more pride in their parent organisation than do the Birmingham members of the St. Martin's Guild.

An opportunity has now arisen to apply their patriotism to wider ends, and very quickly they seized it. The conditions of the issue of the new War Loan had not long been made known before the officials of the Guild were called together by the enterprising honorary secretary, and the result has been an investment in the great popular issue. The example is one which other ringing societies with a reserve capital might well follow. Four and a half per cent. is, we have no doubt, a better interest than most of the societies are now receiving, so that, as was pointed out when the St. Martin's Guild came to their decision, prudence would go hand in hand with patriotism. From the point of view of investment there can be no question as to its value. Many societies are not getting more than two and a half per cent. for their invested money, and that additional two per cent. is really worth having. But in the present time of crisis, when, as has been over and over again impressed upon us, the silver bullets are as important as the other forms of ammunition, there is a double incentive for everyone to help provide the sinews of war.

Since the news of the action of the St. Martin's Guild came to hand we learn that the Herts Association has taken a similar course. Purchase through the Post Office is open until December 1st; but it is advisable that there should be as little delay as possible. It is, of course, impossible for the various associations to hold general meetings to discuss the subject, but committees might meet or, by postal vote, give the necessary power to the executive officers, in order that funds might be invested. If such a step were taken we have no doubt a subsequent general meeting would endorse the action, for the patriotism of ringers has been amply proved to be no jot behind that of any other class of the community. If, therefore, societies are in a position to give financial help to the nation, we hope there will be no hesitation in following the example of Birmingham and Hertfordshire.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

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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,
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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*SIDNEY POCOCK	*Treble*	GEORGE BARNES	5
JAMES ARTHUR	2	WILLIAM J. REED	6
WILLIAM LEBBON	3	MATTHEW ELLSMORE ...	7
ARCHIBALD GARRETT ...	4	WILLIAM BUTLER, Senr.	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES ARTHUR.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival. W. Lebbon and M. Ellsmore hail from Portsmouth.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	WILLIAM PYE	7—8
ERNEST PYE	3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	9—10
GEORGE R. PYE	5—6	FRANK I. HAIRS	11—12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: C. T. COLES.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of G. R. Pye.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Monday, July 5, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

FRANK SMITH	1—2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN... ...	5—6
JAMES HUNT	3—4	WILLIAM T. POWELL ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Witness: MR. W. A. GREENING.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with H.M. Forces:

Wheeler A. Roberts, of Stoke-in-Coventry, A.S.C., now at Woolwich.

Tpr. G. R. Ladd, of All Saints', Gainsborough, Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry, now at Swaffham, Norfolk.

Cpl. Albert Streeter, of St. John's Society, Redhill, Surrey, 9th Batt. Royal West Surrey Regiment, now at Colchester.

Pte. Harold Dennis, of St. John's Society, Redhill, 3rd Batt. Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Pte John Fishwick, of St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton, 2/5 Batt. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (T.), now in France.

Tpr. Henry Wright, and

Tpr. Thos. Merriman, of Clifford, Montgomeryshire Yeomanry, now at Aylsham.

FIVE SOLDIER BROTHERS.

Mr. S. R. Roper, who is a well-known Croydon ringer, has five brothers (two of them also ringers) serving with the colours.

Sub-Conductor L. J. Roper, of St. Mary's, Dover, A.O.C. in France.

Staff-Sergt. P. C. Roper, of Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds, R.E., in France.

Farrier-Sergt F. Roper, R.E., in France.

Staff-Sergt. R. W. Roper, A.O.C., in Egypt.

Pte. H. M. Roper, 3rd Suffolks, at Felixstowe.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET. — Bath and Wells Association. — At St. Mary's Church, on June 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes): S. Wyatt 1, H. J. Creed 2, E. Lloyd 3, A. Wyatt 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Burge (composer and conductor) 6, I. Creed 7, F. Sadd 8, W. White 9, S. Phillips 10. Arranged for Pte W. White, who is serving in His Majesty's Forces at Plymouth, and who was home on short leave.

ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS.

THE FIRST CENTURY REACHED.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

Our special appeal last week that ringers should make a big effort to raise their contributions, sent through "The Ringing World" to the National Relief Fund, to the sum of one hundred guineas by the anniversary of the first appeal made through our columns, has resulted in this amount being at once raised. Numerous small and very acceptable sums came in, but the achievement has been due to the ready and extremely generous gift of Mr. Robt. Warner, head of the firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, who has sent us a cheque for twenty-five pounds. This handsome donation will, we are sure, encourage ringers to swell their own particular fund still further, and to make a real effort to raise the second hundred guineas for the Prince of Wales' Fund.

Mr. Warner sent us the following letter :—

Dear Sir,—In answer to your appeal contained in the leading article of your issue of last Friday, the 2nd inst., I have much pleasure to enclose cheque for twenty-five pounds to complete "The Ringing World's" first hundred guineas instalment of the Prince of Wales' Fund.

No doubt you will have received other contributions this week, and, therefore, should there be any balance, perhaps you would kindly carry forward the surplus amount as the first contribution to "The Ringing World's" second hundred guineas instalment to the National Relief Fund.

Wishing you every success,

I am, yours faithfully

ROBERT WARNER.

The Bell Foundry,
Spitalfields,
5th July, 1915.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following amounts are acknowledged :—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	80	1	6
Bushey Society (June collection)	0	4	6
All Saints' Society, Hertford (per Mr. D. Dye)	0	5	0
"Wanderer" (June contribution)	0	2	0
Mrs. "Wanderer" (June contribution)	0	2	0
Mr. James George, Birmingham (second contribution)	0	2	6
Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Sheffield	0	5	0
Collected at meeting of Bolton Branch, Lancs Association (per Mr. P. Crook)	0	4	0
Ringers of Eccleston, Chester (per Mr. H. W. Wilde)	0	2	6
Ringers of St. John's Parish Church, Goole (per Mr. C. W. King)...	0	5	0
York Minster Society, June contribution (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	3	6
Mr. Robert Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London	25	0	0
Total	£106	17	6

In case the impression may have been gained from our article last week that we intended to stop when we reached a hundred guineas, let us say at once that this is not the case. We want to raise as much as possible for this splendid cause, and so show that those ringers left behind are doing their share. Mr. Robert Warner's generous contribution to the fund should give a stimulus to "The Ringers' Collection," for the terms of his gift make possible a start with the second hundred, and those shillings which we asked for last week are still needed, and will be just as welcome as if we were still striving after the first goal which has been so speedily reached since we made the special appeal.

There was a "whip round" at a Lancashire Association meeting at Newchurch last Saturday, and we should like to be able to acknowledge the receipt of further donations obtained in the same way. But we want more individual towers to contribute, and we do not think we shall be disappointed.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

In the pretty village of Tettenhall there assembled on Saturday week upwards of 80 members and friends to attend the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Favoured with ideal weather, and amidst such picturesque surroundings, one was inclined to forget all about the terrible war that was raging not so very many miles away.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Cox (in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Harrison, who had contracted a rather severe cold), and he also gave an interesting address Tea was provided at the Rock Hotel; after which the general meeting was held in the open-air, within the grounds. The Tipton veteran, Mr. Wm. Rock Small, was voted to the chair.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Knight) read the committee's report, which showed the enrolment of 49 resident members, five non-resident life members, and one honorary member during the year, and also stated that over 10 per cent. of the resident members were serving in the army, a "Roll of Honour" being attached to the report. The number of peals rung during the year was 16; more than half of which were rung half-muffled to the memory of departed members. The balance sheet was considered very satisfactory, in view of additional expenses having been incurred.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in nearly all those who had been serving being re-elected, except that the Rev. J. Arthur Price, Vicar of Coseley, fills the position of clerical secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Wm. Fisher that of representative on the Central Council, in the place of the Rev. E. V. Cox, who has recently moved out of the district.

Twelve new members were enrolled, and the following places were selected for the forthcoming meetings: September, Great Barr; January, Bloxwich; April, Sedgley; June (annual), Tamworth. Cycle runs are to be arranged for July and September, which will be advertised a week in advance.

It was agreed that the names of those members who are serving in H.M. Forces be retained on the books without payment during their absence.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents, the organist, and the chairman brought a successful meeting to a close.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. E. V. COX

On the occasion of the committee meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs at Wednesbury, advantage was taken to present the Rev. E. V. Cox (who has recently accepted a curacy at Bampton, Devon) with a revolving tilting office chair and a barometer-thermometer, together with an "Onoto" fountain pen, subscribed for by members of the Society

Mr. Wm. Rock Small, in a felicitous speech, asked the reverend gentleman's acceptance of the gifts, with the hope that he would have a very happy time in his new home. He also assured him that he would carry away with him the best wishes of all.—Messrs. W. Brittan and J. Rowe also testified as to the kindly spirit of the recipient.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, in reply, thanked all the subscribers for the very kind and generous manner in which they had expressed themselves. He had received nothing but unstinted and loyal support from all members. He regretted to sever his official connection with the society, and with ringers generally in the Midlands. He expressed wishes of the very best to the society, urging the attendance of ringers in church, as well as in producing good change ringing bands

An inscription on the gift reads: "Presented to the Rev. E. V. Cox by members of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, to commemorate his six years' faithful service as clerical secretary and treasurer. June 12th, 1915."

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

About 50 ringers attended the meeting of the North East District of the Essex Association, held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday week, the towers represented being Halstead, Earl's Colne, Braintree, Bocking, Great Totham, Maldon, Sible Hedingham, Great Yeldham, Great Bardfield, Felstead, Lavenham, Greenstead Green, Little Waldingfield and Gestingthorpe. Prior to service, which was held in the Parish Church, ringing took place, and in addition to the ringers, a number of parishioners attended the shortened form of Evensong. The service was conducted by the Rev. Denys C. Hoey, priest-in-charge of the parish, and the lesson was read by the Rev. C. H. Townsend, warden of the House of Mercy, Great Maplestead, who also gave an appropriate and eloquent address, based upon the words, "As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness but as the servants of God," I St. Peter, ii, 16. He reminded them that they were recording the 700th anniversary of the great charter of English liberty, and of the fact that at present they were living in sad and anxious times of war; their country was fighting for the liberty of all nations, whether small or great; they were fighting for the liberty to be true and honest, and to keep their plighted word. It was no new thing for Christian people to have to fight, and indeed, they must fight to keep true liberty. Liberty was the essence of Christianity, and Christianity the essence of liberty. No one, he said, could know what freedom was until he was a Christian. A Christian was free from his past—his sins and iniquities are remembered no more. The true Christian was also free from death. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." There was true comfort as they thought of their dear brothers who had laid down their lives for their country and the cause of liberty—for their sake and His sake. They had found true life through death, and their noble and willing sacrifice is accepted of God, so that they were still one with us, though lost to sight awhile in paradise. The Christian was also free from self and free from the world. How, continued the preacher, are we using our liberty? Are we consecrating all our powers, privileges, and hopes to the service of God and our fellow men? Are we witnesses for Christ? Or are we sitting with folded hands, satisfied with our own serenity, and indifferent as to what may befall our fellows? And is not this "using liberty for a cloak of maliciousness"? Every free man should be a liberator of others, "as the servants of God." Our God, concluded the rev. gentleman, is not a God of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto Him, and in Him is a liberty which, if we be true servants indeed, makes us free; for only His service is perfect freedom from sin and death, and self, and the world. Let us, therefore, go forth determined to cleave unto Him, and so will your bell ringing and the sound of the bells ever remind you and those who hear them that we must ever stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free—the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

After the service, the ringers were entertained to a substantial tea by the Misses Webster, the meal being served at the White Horse Hotel. The Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard) presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary), Mr. B. Ridgewell (district secretary), Mr. H. S. Barnes, etc. It was a matter of regret that the Misses Webster, who have done so much for bell-ringing in the parish, were unable to be present, and also the Rector, the Rev. W. R. Warburton, who is away from home.

After tea a short business meeting was held, at which it was decided that the October meeting of the district be held in the Stebbing or Bardfield district if possible.—Mr. G. W. Cartmel, of St. Albans (hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association), was elected a non-resident life member of the Essex Association; the Rev. E. J. Doherty, Vicar of Felstead, was elected an hon. member, and eight other members from Felstead, the prospective new band of ringers, were elected probationers.

The Master mentioned that the new bells that had been added at Felstead Church would be dedicated on Saturday, July 17th, and said that event had been specially fixed for a Saturday so that as many ringers as possible might attend. Those who could go would be sure of a hearty welcome from the Vicar and churchwardens of that parish.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre expressed the hearty thanks of the company to the Rector of Sible Hedingham for the use of the bells, and also to those responsible for the very enjoyable service in the church, and to the preacher for the excellent address. Their best thanks were also due to the Misses Webster for their kindness in entertaining them to tea. Last year those ladies gave two new bells, and upon the day they were dedicated also invited the members to tea, when they had the pleasure of their presence amongst them. But this year they could not be present, owing to delicate health. They all wished they could have been with them (applause).

Mr. Hoey expressed his pleasure at being present, and, with regard to the service, said that he thought no sermon could have been more appropriate. He was delighted to see such a large gathering, and it was evidence that the officials and members had got their hearts in the work.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM'S PROGRESS.

Mr. Howard also expressed his thanks as Master of the Essex Association to the Misses Webster for all they had done for the art of bell ringing. The thanks, not only of that parish, but of the whole of Essex, were due to those ladies for the way in which they came to the rescue and rehung the bells in the parish church, and also for providing two new bells. Mr. Barnes, too, took a very great interest in the ringers, and he only hoped that there was someone in every parish to bring about such a good feeling among ringers, and be productive of such a happy state of affairs as existed at Sible Hedingham. He should like also to thank the Rev. C. H. Townsend for his very able address. In regard to bell ringing in Sible Hedingham, Mr. L. Wiseman was worthy of all praise for the way in which he kept ringing the old bells year by year in hope that some day they would be rehung and repaired. During part of that time they were almost unringable. Since the bells were rehung Hedingham had come up to the high expectations of the Association, and had become a centre of ringing in the district. Indeed, when in Chelmsford a short time ago he heard the Cathedral bells being rung, and upon going into the belfry he found Mr. Wiseman and several other ringers from Hedingham ringing in such a manner as to give the impression that they had been used to a peal of twelve bells for years. He hoped also one day that the Association would link up Castle Hedingham, but he understood that the Vicar of that parish was away from home that day. He hoped, however, that that parish would one day assist them in their work of spreading the art of change ringing.

During the evening, touches in a variety of methods were rung on the bells, and brought a very enjoyable day to a close.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended and enjoyable meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Bridgend on Saturday last, when, in addition to the local band, two of whom were in his Majesty's uniform, ringers attended from Aberavon, Caldicot, Cardiff, Llandaff, Llantrisant, Newport, Newton Nottage, Penarth, etc. The bells, which are a beautiful ring of eight by Taylor, were available for ringing all the afternoon and evening, and thanks to the local ringing captain (Mr. R. Evans), who welcomed everyone on arrival, were raised, and kept going until the business proceedings claimed attention. The meeting was held in the schoolroom. The Vicar of the Parish (the Rev. David Phillips, B.A.) presided, and said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Bridgend. He encouraged the members to continue the good work they were doing, remarking that he was always pleased to hear the bells. He was very grateful, and he thought the whole of the inhabitants within hearing of a peal of bells should be grateful also, to a band of voluntary ringers who ungrudgingly gave their services, and thus provided them with the pleasure of hearing the music of the bells.

Instructors' reports were presented, and the report of the representative to the Central Council meeting (Mr. J. W. Jones) was read, and Mr. Jones was accorded the thanks of the meeting.—New members were elected from Aberavon and Newton Nottage.

The place for the next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting was left to be decided at the annual meeting, which takes place at St. Woolos, Newport.—The next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting will be held at Machen.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the business to a close, the Vicar remarking, in reply, that it gave him and would continue to give him the greatest pleasure to do at all times what he could for the ringers. He took that opportunity of thanking especially his own ringers for their perseverance in acquiring the art of change ringing, for they were now, he considered, a really first class band. He then threw out an invitation to everyone to accompany him to the leading restaurant in the town, where he had already arranged tea, and opportunity is now taken of thanking him, through "The Ringing World," for his kindness.

The bells were afterwards kept going during the evening, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob being rung. An hour was subsequently spent with the local men to whose efforts, in a great measure, the pleasant and successful meeting were due.

RINGERS' VISIT TO BIGBY.

For their annual outing, the Holy Trinity Guild, Barrow-on-Humber (Lincs.), visited Bigby for a half-day, where, by permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Ed. Perry), the new peal of six lately installed by Messrs. Warner and Co. were at their disposal. The party travelled by brake, and the weather was everything that could be desired. After the bells had been raised a 720 Bob Minor (42 singles) was successfully brought round with excellent striking, in 25 mins., by: R. Pratt 1, A. Hoodlas 2, H. E. Dannate 3, J. Barrick 4, P. Hoodlas 5, J. W. Crowder (conductor) 6. Other touches were rung, in which Hy. Ebbatson and J. Parkin took part. The visitors then adjourned to the schoolroom, where tea had been provided, and full justice being done to all the good things. In the evening some of the party visited the hamlet of Somerby, and viewed its ancient church, while the others again visited the belfry, where some of the local ringers awaited them, and another 720 Bob Minor (21 bobs and 12 singles) was rung by: E. Leadam (Bigby) 1, H. Rusling (Bigby) 2, H. E. Dannate 3, J. Barrick 4, A. Peart (Bigby) 5, A. Hoodlas (Barton), conductor, 6. Home was reached at 9.30, after a most enjoyable outing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD BUYS WAR LOAN.

A specially convened meeting of officers of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at headquarters on Tuesday week to consider the question of buying some of the new 4½ per cent. War Loan.

The Guild's presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., was in the chair.

After reviewing the Guild's financial position, the Secretary proposed that a sum not exceeding three-quarters of the invested funds be withdrawn from the bank, and put into the War Loan. In making the proposition the Secretary pointed out that on this occasion patriotism went hand in hand with prudence. He was sure that while they would feel a pleasant sense of having done their duty to their country, even in a small measure, they would at the same time be making an extraordinarily good investment, and one which was likely to appreciate in value as time went on.—This proposition was seconded by Mr. Albert Walker, supported by the chairman and Mr. W. H. Godden, and carried unanimously.

RINGERS AND THE WAR LOAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As most Ringing Associations have a "nest egg" in the shape of a balance at the bank which, as far as interest is concerned, remains "in the slow," might I suggest that now is a favourable time for Associations to invest any spare funds they have in the War Loan as an evidence of patriotism. Many individuals cannot afford a £5 note, and the investment of their funds would help ringers to realise that they had a share in their country's appeal for financial help in the present crisis. I may say that the Herts Association is taking the opportunity of investing. Cannot the Central Council use some of their balance to better advantage?—Yours truly,

G. W. CARTMEL,
St. Albans.

July 6th.

METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My friend Mr. Trollope disagrees with me in his article in your issue of June 18th, and I am sorry. Still I have hopes that he may see the error of his ways, and acknowledge that my contention has something in it. Briefly my contention is this, that the Methods Committee is trying (and we gladly acknowledge and appreciate all the work they have done) to draw up Rules (not laws) of method construction, by which methods of a certain "standard of excellence" may be produced. Unfortunately Mr. Trollope mixes up the production of methods with "change ringing," which is a different matter altogether. The result is that the uninitiated ringer has the idea that the Council has pronounced that certain qualities are necessary in a method to make it "legitimate," and that there is something almost immoral in ringing any method which does not conform to the standards set up. This idea tends to belittle the Council in the minds of some. Of course it may be said that, if anyone is fool enough to have such an opinion, he may be ignored. But we have been trying, ever since its formation, to get the Exercise in general to look up to the Council as a body whose opinions are worth having and considering.

Mr. Trollope's expression, "Standards of Excellence," is a very good one; but the standards he names are not standards of excellence of change ringing, but of method construction according to the ideas of the committee, which may be right or wrong. We see this confusion between change ringing and method construction in the second paragraph of Mr. Trollope's article. Change ringing does not lay down any such standard as described. Standards of excellence in change ringing are quite different, as we all know. In his paragraph A ii, from the same cause, he has made a statement which is not true.

Will Mr. Trollope tell us what law there is to prevent a band ringing Place Major, if they want to do so, or that excellent, though "illegitimate" method, Union Triples; and what is the penalty for breaking the law? A law which cannot be enforced ceases to be law. We have heard of "natural" laws in this connection, but natural laws enforce themselves, and bring their own punishment to those who try to break them. We have been told lately that Stedman is "illegitimate." If the Committee were to decide that they agreed with this idea, would peals of Stedman cease to be rung, or even show a falling-off in numbers for that reason?

I would very humbly suggest that the Methods Committee should give up the expression "Change Ringing," and use "Method Construction" instead.—Yours truly,

Boothby Rectory, Grantham. E. W. CARPENTER.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—After divine service, on Sunday evening, June 20th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chaplin 1, Corpl. G. H. Gale 2, G. Playle 3, Pte L. H. Moore 4, A. Charlin (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6. Rung to oblige Corpl. Gale and Pte Moore, of Easton-in-Gordano, stationed with Somerset Light Infantry at Purfleet.

SOUTH KIRBY, YORKSHIRE.—On June 19th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: B. Hall 1, B. Hale 2, W. Pearson (conductor) 3, H. Walters 4, A. Walker 5, A. Gill 6.

THE BELFRY KEY.

Church bells in Austria are being devoted to a use in war which may be an indication of some shortage of materials in our enemy's camp—they are going into the melting pot for the casting of guns.—Vide "Ringing World," July 2nd.

There is a realm of mystic sense
Where fancy wings her way,
Where reason and the memory sleep
The silent hours away.
In dreamland thus, the other night,
The War Lord shadowed me,
And shouted in my slumbering ears,
"Unhand the belfry key!"
"Your ringing days are numbered now,
Your fanfares things no more;
We want your bells for melting down,
We're short of iron ore.
Arise at once!" he cried aloud,
"And at your peril know,
We've captured all those famous bells
You had at Great Baddow.
At Snoreham they were fast asleep,
At Boreham praised the dead,
We found all Burnham on the Crouch,
To Battlesbridge they fled.
We came on here to Chigwell Row,
The last place God gave birth,
Bestir thyself, how canst thou sleep
While thunders spake the earth!"

* * *

I soon donned my apparel in
Great terror and affright,
And led the Kaiser and his men
Along the road at night;
The village slept profound and still
Nor dreamed outside the foe,
Intent to purloin the sweet bells
We have at Chigwell Row.
I soon unlocked the steeple door
Up ladder we all went,
The length of which was forty feet
By which we made ascent.
We opened all the apertures
And hauled the tackle through
Released the ropes from off the wheels,
And hurled them down below.
Says Bill to me, "You go and see
If Kitchener's about,"
Just then an awful gust of wind
Had blown their lantern out.
I slid the ladder like a cat,
And landed on my feet,
I hauled the ladder, dropping it
Full length into the street,
While, up above, I plainly heard
The Germans shriek with rage,
"God punish England!" cried poor Bill
"We're fairly in a cage!"
No ready means could they devise
To safely reach the ground,
Meanwhile I woke the villagers,
Who placed Bill in the pound.

* * *

But oh—alas! when I awoke,
There hung the belfry key,
And sad to find that Kaiser Bill
Had still his liberty.

G. F. MARGETSON.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering branch of the Central Northants Association was held at Rothwell on Saturday last, about 30 members being present representing Desborough, Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Geddington, Isham and Stoke Albany. Tea was served in the Church House by the Rothwell ringers, their wives and friends, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Morley) presiding, supported by the Rev. R. Copland (curate), Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), etc.

At the business meeting, which followed, the resignation of the district secretary, Mr. J. Stratford, of Wellingborough, after ten years' service, was received with regret.—The election of officers resulted as follows: Vice-president, the Rev. R. Copland, Stoke Albany; district secretary, Mr. R. F. Turner, of Kettering; committee, Messrs. D. J. Nichols, H. Peat, J. E. Chapman, W. Wilson and R. Black, the two first-named to serve on the Central Committee.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rothwell ringers for providing tea, and the Vicar suitably replied.

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A CLERICAL SECRETARY'S RETIREMENT.

REV. E. V. COX LEAVES ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFS.

The Rev. Ernest V. Cox, the subject of this sketch, has just relinquished the post of clerical secretary to that thriving organisation, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, a post which he held with conspicuous success, and in which he commanded the esteem and loyalty of the members. He has now taken a curacy in the Devonshire parish of Bampton, and has consequently severed his official connection with Midland ringing. As we record elsewhere, his colleagues in the society have shown their appreciation of his services by making a presentation to him.

THE REV. E. V. COX.

It is no flattery to say that the Rev. E. V. Cox is in the forefront of the ranks of clerical ringers, not only for the enthusiasm with which he has entered into the Art, but also for his ability as a practical exponent of it. The commencement of his ringing career may be attributed to a visit to the belfry at his home (Stockland, Devon) on New Year's Eve, 1899, for, at the suggestion of his father, it was then and there arranged that the leader of the local band should teach him to handle a bell. His first lesson took place a few days afterwards without the occurrence of any untoward incident. Call changes were the order of the day until January, 1902, when a chance remark to Mr. B. L. C. Newhouse (now Vicar of Buckland, Berks) in one of the rooms of Keble College, Oxford, eventually led to the resuscitation of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, which had been dormant for many years. Mr. Cox was honorary secretary of the society from October, 1902, to June, 1903, when his residence terminated. It was during this residence in the University city that he gained his first real insight into the mysteries of the Art, and, as he himself says, he will ever be grateful to the Oxford City and Kidlington ringers of that day who grounded him in the rudiments of change ringing. Many were the happy evenings that were spent in Mr. Alfred Fox's Coffee Tavern in St. Giles with the handbells.

Mr. Cox scored his first peal on December 10th, 1902, at Kidlington, one of Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who kindly invited him to ring several peals with him subsequently. The total number of his peals now stands at 129, and these have been rung in 100 different towers. The list is as follows :—

Grandsire Triples	31	Conducted	19*
Grandsire Caters	5		
Stedman Triples	43		
Stedman Caters	9		
Stedman Cinques	5		
Minor (7 methods)	1		
Bob Minor	3	Conducted	1
Bob Major	7	Conducted	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	3		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1		
Double Norwich Major	6		
Superlative Surprise Major	6		
Cambridge Surprise Major	4		
Bristol Surprise Major	3		
London Surprise Major	2		

*Includes a non-conducted peal.

Three of these peals are especially noteworthy, viz. : On November 20th, 1909, a silent peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), at Christ Church, West Bromwich; on October 11th, 1910, the first clerical peal of Stedman Caters, rung at St. Mary's Warwick, and on April 22nd, 1912, the first clerical peal in any Surprise method, Superlative Surprise Major, at Prestbury (Glos).

Mr. Cox has visited many parts of the country in pursuit of his hobby, and has taken part in ringing in 351 towers, ten of these being 12-bell towers, and ten cathedral towers. His secretarial experience has also been considerable. In addition to filling the office for a time with the Oxford University Society, he was, from 1906 to 1908, clerical secretary and treasurer of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stoke, and during the years 1909-15, as has been mentioned, held a similar official position in the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, which he has only just relinquished on leaving the diocese of Lichfield. Staffordshire will be the poorer for his departure, but Devon will receive a valuable addition to its change ringing strength.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON BRANCH AND MUFFLED RINGING

The monthly meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Newchurch on Saturday, but, owing to the inclement weather, there was only a moderate attendance which included members from Bolton, Tydlesley and Eccles, in addition to the local ringers.

The Vicar presided, and the "Ringing World's" appeal for the Prince of Wales's fund was discussed, and practical action taken by a "whip round," the hope being expressed that success would attend the special effort that was being made.

Another question was raised on a suggestion which was published in the "Ringing World" of the 19th ult., with regard to "muffled ringing," and it was unanimously decided that the towers in the Bolton branch should ring with the bells muffled on the 1st August as a token of respect to our fallen heroes, and it was hoped that all other towers would act similarly.

Deane was fixed for the next meeting on August 7th.

Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob Minor brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday week at Berkswell, and proved to be an unqualified success, members to the number of 26 attending from Allesley, Berkswell, Birmingham, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Stoke-in-Coventry, Solihull, Stoke Golding, and Warwick, while Mr. W. Worthington, of Netherseale, was also present. The afternoon was an ideal summer one, making a visit to such a delightful spot at Berkswell a real pleasure. Interest centred in the meeting, as the newly-elected President, the Rev. H. C. A. Back, is Rector of Berkswell, and a right royal welcome was accorded to the visitors. The bells are a pretty ring of six, and were kept going in various methods from 3.30 till 8, with intervals for service and tea. The service, which was used for the first time, was composed and conducted by the President, and the members appreciated his efforts by attending in force, not one of the visitors being absent. It is active men such as the Rev. H. C. A. Back that ringers appreciate, and the Guild are to be congratulated in their President. Tea was provided at the Rectory, and presided over by Mrs. Back, and, needless to add, ample justice was done.

After tea, the Master (Mr. James George) thanked the Rector and Mrs. Back for their kindness in entertaining the Guild. Mr. George was in his best form in discharging this duty, and everyone forgave him for trying to dodge with the organ in a 120 of Stedman Doubles.

The President has staying with him 20 wounded soldiers from the front, and a chat with these heroes was much appreciated. Grandsire Triples, Doubles, and tunes were rung to them on handbells, and were much to their liking, for, like Oliver Twist, they asked for more. A much respected member, in the person of Mr. A. Roberts, was much missed at this meeting, he having joined the A.S.C.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

New Romney was the rendezvous for the July meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, which took place on Saturday last. Appledore, Hawkhurst, Fairfield, Rye, Tenterden, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower were represented, and the ringing consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, also Bob Minor on the back six.

At the business meeting, Appledore was selected for the next assembly. This will take place on Saturday, 24th July, the idea of holding two meetings in one month being to make up for lost time. An effort has been made in recent years to try to arrange twelve gatherings a year, and, as the meetings for the current year do not quite average one a month, putting in an additional one during the month of July, would bring the total up to seven. Then, if it is possible to meet during each of the remaining months, the twelve gatherings will have been held.

The only other business was the passing of a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. H. G. South) for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for making the arrangements for the meeting, especially Mr. H. S. Humphery. Early in the evening the Rector visited the tower, and cordially welcomed the party. On their way through Romney Marsh, and when nearing New Romney, the visitors noticed two airships, which appeared to be patrolling the coast. A splendid view of the ships was obtained from the roof of the church tower.

SUNBURY RINGER KILLED AT THE FRONT.

By the death of Lance-Corpl. Lionel Alford, who has been killed at the front, the Exercise has lost another promising young ringer. Serving with the 5th Middlesex Regiment, he was shot through the head by a sniper, and was buried by his comrades about a mile from the trenches.

Joining the Sunbury-on-Thames band of ringers, which his father has been connected with for many years, he soon mastered the treble to Grandsire Doubles and then to Triples, but as with many more bands of ringers, progress at Sunbury was slow owing to many difficulties, and this hampered him as well as others. However, he succeeded in scoring one peal of Grandsire Triples, the last peal rung on the bells. The adjudant informing his parents by letter of the death of their son, said the regiment were sorry to lose so good a soldier and so true a comrade.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday a meeting of the Bedford district was held at Stevington, but the ringers who attended took the opportunity of visiting other towers as well. Members from Bedford, Sharnbrook, Kempston, Elstow and Clapham, met first at Oakley, where several six-scores of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung. They then made their way to Stevington, where the bells were raised in peal, and Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Slow Course were rung. Tea was partaken of at the White Lion, and was followed by a short business meeting, at which one new member was elected. A course of Grandsire Caters was tapped off by: H. L. Harlow 1—2, W. Stapleton 3—4, E. Duffield 5—6, C. W. Clarke 7—8, H. Tysoe 9—10, and then the party moved on to Felmersham, where more six-scores were rung, and two courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells and the local ringers for meeting them. The excursion was a most enjoyable one.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH ENJOYABLE OUTING.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Fittleton on Saturday last, and through the kindness of the Vicars of Netheravon and Upavon, those towers were also placed at the disposal of the Guild. It being a fine afternoon, a good assembly mustered, 15 from Devizes doing the journey of 14 miles in a large pair-horse brake, supplied by Mr. W. Hawkins, jobmaster, of New Park Street. Others arrived on bicycles, some coming from Westbury, about 23 miles away. Ringing commenced at the grand old tower of All Saints', Netheravon, where the bells had been rehung in 1911, and are now in excellent ringing condition. The 4th bell bears the date of 1585. It was cast by John Wallis, of Salisbury, and has the following inscription upon it: "O man be meeke and Lyve in Rest." After some good ringing, the company went on to All Saints', Fittleton, where an excellent tea awaited them, kindly provided in the schoolroom by the Rector (the Rev. V. J. Dale), and to which 20 sat down, thoroughly enjoying the repast

After tea, a short business meeting took place, presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbothom, and supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. secretary, together with ringers from Trowbridge, Westbury, Fittleton, Southbroom, Netheravon, Chirton, Devizes, and Bishop's Cannings.—One new ringing member from All Saints', Westbury, was elected, and the next three meeting places were decided upon as follows: August 7th, Edington, with Erlestoke and Bratton; Sept. 4th, Hilperton; and October 2nd, Devizes.—Hearty votes of thanks to the Rector of Fittleton for so generously providing the tea, and for the use of the bells, and also to the Vicars of Netheravon and Upavon for the use of their bells brought the meeting to a close, and the ringers then adjourned to the Fittleton tower, where some good touches were rung on these six sweet-toned bells.

The brake was then again mounted, and the party moved homeward, stopping for a while at St. Mary's beautiful church at Upavon, where the "go" of the bells is excellent, and where some more good ringing was done. The church clock showing something considerably after 8 p.m., caused the hon. secretary, in charge of the outing, to call for a general muster, and a move for home. The vehicle was, therefore, once more loaded up, and after a capital run, Devizes was reached about 9.20 p.m., the company dispersing after a most enjoyable outing.

A RINGERS' OUTING.

The Selby Abbey ringers had their outing on Saturday week, when they visited Tadcaster and Collingham Bridge. Tadcaster was reached shortly after 10.30. The weather was not very nice for the holiday-makers, and, as the ringers were not able to ring on the tower bells until one o'clock, the handbells came to the rescue to pass the time away, tunes and touches of Grandsire Triples being rung. After dinner the tower was visited, and the local band having everything in readiness good use was made of the hour for which permission had been granted. Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples were rung. A waggonette then conveyed the visitors to Collingham Bridge, several Tadcaster band joining in the drive, which was enjoyed by all. Arriving at the church, touches of Stedman Triples were rung until time for tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar at Manor House Farm Tunes were rung before and after tea on the handbells, and were enjoyed by all present. On returning from tea, a call at the Vicarage, where tunes on the handbells were played on the lawn, and for which the Vicar thanked the party. A return to the tower was then made, and ringing was kept up till 8 o'clock, and brought a very enjoyable outing to a close.

A "STRAWBERRY" MEETING.

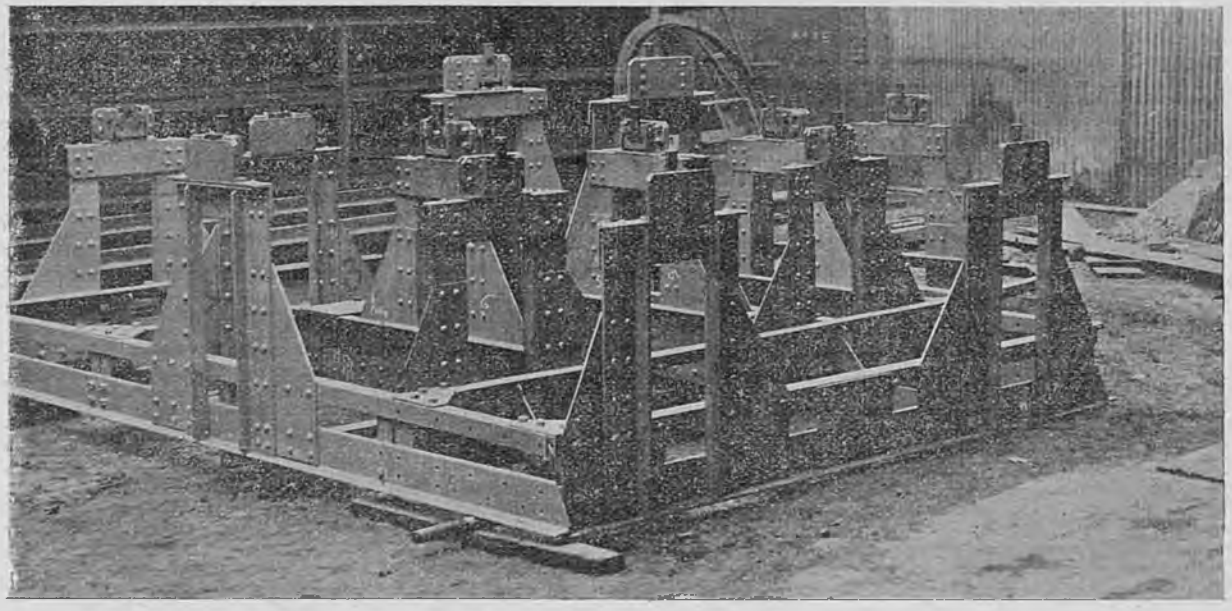
MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT HARLINGTON.

Strawberries and ringing are not often closely associated, but members of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association usually arrange one of their meetings to coincide with the strawberry season, for there seems to be a standing invitation to Harlington for the joint purpose of ringing and feasting on the luscious fruit. Such a gathering took place last Saturday, and ringers from far and near assembled. After two hours' ringing, the party adjourned for tea, and were cordially welcomed by the Vicar. Tea was served in splendid style, and, needless to say, the strawberries were first favourites.

There was but little business to be transacted. Sunbury was chosen for the next meeting.—A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Alford on the sad loss they have sustained by the death of their son, who was killed at the front. This was moved by Mr. W. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. G. Woodiss, and accorded in silence by all standing.

Mr. T. Beadle (Master) ably voiced the thanks of those present to the Vicar and the ladies for their many kindnesses that day, to which the Vicar responded. A stroll through the Vicarage gardens brought the party back to the church again, where more ringing concluded a meeting that will linger long in the thoughts of all who were able to be present.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On June 22nd (Coronation Day), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Edwards (conductor) 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, F. A. Barnett 3, W. H. Fussell (Slough) 4, G. Upshall 5, Sergt. Gilbert 6, W. G. Elkins 7, E. Prior 8.



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NOTICES.

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

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, July 10th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held the same day.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m., short service at 5 p.m., tea by Vicar at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. — Stephen Hazzelden, Secretary, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Phillip's Church, Bristol, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells open at 3 o'clock, service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow in the schoolroom. Business: election of officers, reports, etc. St. Nicholas bells (10) open from 7 to 8.—R. J. Wilkins, Secretary pro. tem., 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch). — A quarterly meeting will be held at Pershore, on Saturday, July 10th. Service in the Abbey Church at 5 p.m. prompt, at which all members are requested to attend. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Philips). Bells available: St. Andrew's (6), 3 till 5 p.m., the Abbey (8) 7 till 9 p.m. — James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION. — The next meeting will be held at North Weald, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at a small charge, followed by business meeting.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulan Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blyth (Ranskill Station) on Saturday, July 10th. Tea will be provided at the Swan Hotel, 5.15 p.m., 1s. 3d. per head. A good attendance is requested. —H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Duston July 10th, at Titchmarsh July 17th, and Earls Barton July 24th. It is hoped members will try and attend these meetings, as important business is to be transacted.—Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, July 17th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) and the Abbey (8) will be open for ringing from 3 to 3.45 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 4. Towers open again from 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided if members notify Mr. J. George, West Dene, 65, Witton Road, Aston, not later than July 16th. Business meeting after tea.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, July 17th, at 4.30 p.m., and the local ringers at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, have kindly made arrangements if sufficient members wish to have a pull on that peal of six. The business meeting will be held at Highgate, and business affecting the future welfare of the district will be brought forward. Will all members make an endeavour to attend.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury, N.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5.30. — A. W. Groves, Hon. Secretary, Sea View, Sugden Road, Worthing.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3.30. A short service will be held, followed by tea, on the usual terms. Members and friends cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The Midsummer meeting of the Central District will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at the Parish Church of St. Martin, Dorking (S.E. and C. Railway via East Croydon, L. and B. via Mitcham and Sutton, S.W. via Wimbledon; half-hour service motor 'bus via West Croydon to Reigate and Reigate to Dorking). Bells 8 (tenor 25 cwt.)—available at 3.30 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.45 in the Church Room (members 3d., visitors 1s.). Short business meeting to follow. Members of Southern District and visitors will be welcome. Please notify intention to be present before Thursday, 15th, to Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

FELSTED, ESSEX.—Dedication and opening of new ring of eight at the Parish Church of The Holy Cross by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford at 3.30 p.m. Saturday, July 17th. All ringers will be welcomed. Tea on the Vicarage lawn at 5 p.m. All intending to be present should intimate to me not later than Wednesday, July 14th. —W. T. Farron, Lilla Cottage, Felsted.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. All nominations for branch secretary to be sent in not later than this meeting.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on July 20th; for handbell practice on the 15th and 29th, at St. John's, Hackney, for practice on the 13th and 27th, and for service on the 18th, at 6 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Prees, Salop, on Saturday, July 24th. Train leaves Shrewsbury 1.50 p.m. Ringing at 2.45 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 24th, 1915. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn at 5.45, at 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector the grounds of the Rectory will be open to members during the afternoon and evening. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 20th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Bromwich, Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at the Castle at 5.30, 9d. per head. — A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 24th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by Canon Dawson (Rector) and A. F. Nussey, Esq. (churchwarden), in the Village Hall at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Half fares allowed at this meeting. It is particularly requested that all intending to be present at the tea notify me by Tuesday, July 20th, the latest.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 24th. Particulars to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 28th annual festival will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, July 24th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. M. W. Myres, M.A., Vicar of Frodsham. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. W. Tomkins, hon. secretary of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has removed to 35, Monk Road, Bishop Road, Bristol. He will be pleased to hear from visitors to Bristol who desire some ringing.—The address of the Rev. E. V. Cox is now 33, Brook Street, Bampton, Devon.

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