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St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton.

Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES.

A week or two ago an "unofficial" meeting of ringers was held at the little town of Bampton, near the borders of Devon and Somerset, and it well served the purpose for which it was intended, viz., that of drawing together the ringers of neighbouring towers, who, if report may be credited, are not looked after by the adjoining associations quite so effectively as might, perhaps, be desirable. It may probably be that there are difficulties—geographical, physical or mechanical—of which the outsider knows little or nothing, in reaching these borderland towers, yet what has happened in this particular neighbourhood has happened before and is happening in other places.

Ringing organisations are jealous, and naturally so, in regard to their individual areas, and for that reason any "poaching" by one society upon the "preserves" of another would be met with opposition. There is, between ringing associations, an unwritten law, for the most part loyally observed, which discountenances any attempt to invade the sphere of an adjoining society, but this very understanding not infrequently leaves little strips of outlying territory unappropriated, as it were. We find the centres admirably and efficiently served and worked, but, round the fringe, the towers, particularly in rural districts, are apt to be left to their own devices, and, even, if they have at some time joined an organisation, allowed to drift away. Indeed, some of the smaller societies have sprung up in this way.

The effort which is being made on the eastern border of Devon, by unofficial members, to improve the position might well be made in other parts of the country where there appears to be neglect, for such operations are bound to bear fruit. It may be thought by some that the present may not be a suitable time to push schemes of this sort, but in our opinion there could be no better opportunity. When activities in many directions of ringing are curtailed, it is the time to organise, ready for the occasion when we shall be able to go forward with renewed vigour in the performance of our duties and the exploration of the art. The filling up of gaps in the belfry caused by ringers departing in the service of their country has provided associations with opportunities of recruiting their membership roll — although we are not sure that they have, even here, made the most of their chance—and, in the larger direction of bringing in outlying towers, there is scope for solidifying their position. Doubtless the Devon Guild and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association will have profited by the hint given by the organisers of the Bampton meeting, and it equally behoves other associations to look round to see if their hold upon the fringes of their areas cannot be improved.

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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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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	...*Treble*	*HARRY WILLIAMS	7
GEORGE HOLMES	2	GEORGE O. DIXON	8
WILLIAM LOMAS	3	*LEONARD CHARLESWORTH	9
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	10
WILLIAM BURGAR	5	SAM THOMAS	11
JAMES EVINSON	6	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM LOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. G. Holmes' 50th peal. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of deep respect to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, for many years an esteemed and valued officer of the Association, who was interred on the above date at Ecclesall, Sheffield.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DOWDESWELL ...*Treble*		*HENRY NEWMAN	5
*HARRY BARRETT...	2	ALBERT WRIGHT	6
*ARTHUR TATNELL	3	THOMAS ANSLOE	7
FRANK PONTING	4	FRANK COLE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY).

On Saturday, October 30, 1915, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BIGGIN	5
ARTHUR WARD	2	FRANCIS WARD...	6
JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE	3	WILLIAM S. PLANT... ...	7
SAM THOMAS...	4	CHARLES HAYNES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as the Ranmoor Society's tribute of respect to the memory of the composer.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 30, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE	...*Treble*	GEORGE PIGOTT	5
JAMES E. GROVES	2	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	6
WILLIAM PALMER	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
CHARLES DICKENS	4	GEORGE F. SWANN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. C. H. Hattersley.

PENDLETON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1915, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ...	5
GEORGE E. TURNER	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
WILLIAM E. CLARKE	3	SAMUEL WOOD	7
JOSEPH LOWE	4	HARRY CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, a member of the Association.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STREATHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 25, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF EMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5043 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	*ISAAC J. ATTWATER ...	7—8
HENRY L. GARFATH ...	9—10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: GEORGE B. EDSER.

* First peal on handbells and first ten-bell peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bennett.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions have been received for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund :—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged...	116	5	11
Bushey Society (October collection)	0	3	6
"Wanderer" (October contribution)	0	2	0
Total	£116	11	5

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers have joined H.M. Forces:—
Pte H. E. Norman, of Leicester, A.S.C. (Motor Transport).
Pte P. Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs (hon. secretary of the Ely Archdeaconry of the Ely Diocesan Guild), A.S.C., now at Labour Camp, Thorn Hill Camp, Aldershot.
From St. Mary Magdalen's, Harlow Common, Essex:—
Fredk. Whitby, A.S.C., now at Aldershot.
Thomas Hard, A.S.C., now at Aldershot.
From Holy Trinity, Guildford:—
Charles N. Burdock, Civil Service Rifles:—
Harry Burdock, R.A.M.C.
Albert Victor Burdock, R.A.M.C.

HURST RINGER'S DEATH.

Lance-Corpl. A. M. Priest, of the Hurst band, Berks, died in Rouen Hospital on October 5th, from wounds received in action on September 25th. He had been a member of the company at St. Nicholas' Church for about three years, and joined the Army soon after the outbreak of war. He went to the front with the 8th Batt. Royal Berkshire Regiment, and took part in the desperate fighting of Sept. 25th. He was 21 years of age, and much sympathy has been expressed with his mother in her bereavement. He was buried with military honours at St. Sever's Cemetery, Rouen, and on October 10th the bells at Hurst Parish Church were rung muffled for each of the services. After evensong touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled.

IN THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that Pte Percy Nash, of the Buffs (East Kent) Regiment (son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nash, of Iden, Sussex), who failed to answer the roll call after the recent big battle in France, which resulted in substantial gains for our troops, is safe, although a prisoner of war. He has now sent word home to his parents that he is a prisoner at Wesel in Germany. In a letter acknowledging a message of sympathy from one of his son's greatest ringing friends, Mr. Nash says: "It is a great relief to us to know that he is still alive. The feelings of anxiety we all had for a month, not knowing whether he was dead or alive, cannot be described. We hope and trust the Germans will be a little merciful to him. We had quite a cheerful letter from him on Friday, 29th October. I am quite confident he will show as bright a side of it as he can to us. I have heard from a lady staying near Iden. She says it is the best camp in Germany where he is interned. Trusting he may be spared to meet you again in the old belfry at Iden is our earnest prayer."

PEAL TABLETS IN THE CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note with great pleasure your leading article in the issue of "The Ringing World" of October 22nd dealing with the question of erecting peal tablets in the church. I am sure that every ringer will agree that it would be well for the ringing Exercise to be brought to the notice of a wider public. Far too little publicity has been given to this art, and the suggestion that peal boards should be placed in some prominent position in the church, where everyone can see them, is certainly a good one. It is to be hoped that it will appeal to those in authority.—Yours faithfully,

Wood Green, N. L. SMITH.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Slinfold on Saturday, when about 20 members, including Mr. and Mrs. Whittington (of Cranleigh), were present from Brighton, Crawley, Warnham, Heene, Shipley, Billinghurst, Pulborough, and the local band. Touches of Bob Minor, Violet, London Scholars Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Carlisle, and London Surprise, were rung, conducted by Messrs. O. Sippetts and A. W. Groves.

An excellent tea was provided by the Rector at the Village Hall, the Rev. F. G. Hughes presiding. After tea the usual business was held, at which one new member was elected, viz., Albert Garton, of Slinfold Branch.—A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the secretary (Mr. A. W. Groves), and seconded by Mr. R. Whittington, for granting the use of the bells, his warm welcome, and providing tea, was accorded the Rector, who suitably responded.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham district of the Kent Association was held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and touches of Stedman Caters, London and Superlative, Surprise Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round.

At 6 p.m. the members attended divine service, the Association form being used, together with the Intercession service, which was followed by an address by the Rev. F. J. Tackley (Vicar) on "The Hidden Man."

Tea followed in the Church Room, fifty being present, including the Rev. Atkins (curate) and Miss C. Arley, a member of the local company. At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. W. J. Jeffries was voted to the chair, neither of the clergy being available.—Mr. F. W. Thornton was re-elected a member of the Association.

A short discussion took place with regard to the recent Erith opening, but it was decided to leave the matter to the committee meeting, the district secretary, who had intimated his intention of resigning, consenting to hold office until the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries was unanimously re-elected district representative on the Central Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and the use of the Church Room; to the clergy, organist and choir for their services in church; to Mr. W. Foreman and his daughter, for the able way they had supplied the tea; and to the ladies for their kind attention; also to Mr. W. J. Jeffries for presiding. This concluded the meeting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WITNEY.

A meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Witney on Saturday week, and was attended by about 40 members representing almost every parish in the Deanery. A special service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Parish Church, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. P. Goldingham). Miss Jenkyn, sister of the Master of the Guild, presided at the harmonium, and the Rector gave an instructive address.

The ringers afterwards partook of a splendid tea at the Fleece Hotel, and subsequently the meeting was held, the President of the Branch (the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, Vicar of Kidlington) being in the chair, supported by Miss M. E. Chillingworth, of Bradfield, Berks, the only lady member of the General Guild Committee, Mr. F. M. Green, churchwarden of Witney, the Vicar of Freeland, Mr. John Monk, and Mr. Albert E. Reeves, of Reading, general secretary to the Guild. The General Secretary said he was sorry to inform the members of the continued illness of their branch secretary, Mr. Frank Webb, of Kidlington, who, he regretted to say, had to relinquish his office in consequence. He (Mr. Reeves) would have been pleased to have filled the office pro tem, had it been a case of the branch secretary having joined H.M. Forces.

A COMING WEDDING.

The president was re-elected with acclamation; Mr. John Monk was selected to fill the post of secretary and treasurer; and Messrs. Bull, Cox and Tanner were elected to serve on the general committee.

The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Witney, first, for allowing them the use of the church for the service, and secondly, for giving such a useful address.—The Rev. P. P. Goldingham having replied, the Chairman said he should like to thank Miss Chillingworth for her presence, as the members all knew her as a skilled ringer, yet it was the first time in the history of the branch they had seen her at Witney. He added that in asking the general secretary a second time the lady's name, he was informed it might not always be Miss Chillingworth. The secret must come out, so he must tell the meeting she would soon become Mrs. A. E. Reeves, wife of the worthy general secretary.

The meeting greeted the announcement with loud applause, and Mr. Reeves thanked the members for the way they had received the announcement.

The ringers then adjourned once more to the belfry, bringing to a close one of the most successful meetings the branch has held.

THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

FUNERAL AT ECCLESALL.

On Tuesday of last week, all that was mortal of the late Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley was interred in the family vault at Ecclesall, Sheffield. Full of years and honour, Charles Henry Hattersley had been gathered to his fathers; with all the honours which ringers were able to pay he was laid to rest. The President of his own Association was one of the officiating clergy; the coffin was borne to the grave upon the stalwart shoulders of men of the Cathedral Society with which he was so long and so intimately associated; over the open vault the handbells sounded, striking the note which is to the ringer as the "Last Post" to the soldier; old ringing friends from far and near gathered for the last farewell, and, later, over the city, rolled out the muffled sound of bells from the tower where he had learnt to ring and where he had spent some of the happiest hours of his long life.

Ecclesall Churchyard, where the funeral took place, is one of the ancient burying grounds of Sheffield, and many city worthies sleep within that holy acre. In his personal tastes Mr. Hattersley had no love of outward show, and the simple but impressive service which marked the last sad rites seemed the most appropriate closing scene to the career of such a man. In the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. H. Gresford Jones), the service was taken by the Rev. H. Cecil (senior curate at the Cathedral), and the Rev. C. C. Marshall, President of the Yorkshire Association. The body was enclosed in an oak shell encased in polished oak, with brass fittings, and the bearers were provided by the Cathedral company, viz., Messrs. S. Seed, J. Holman, J. Evinson, J. Thorpe, L. Charlesworth and G. O. Dixon. About 50 ringers had gathered to pay a last tribute of respect, and they lined the approach to the church, while the coffin was borne between their ranks, and then joined in the procession into the church. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Harry and Lawrance Hattersley (sons), T. Pulinson, F. H. Reckless, T. Mallinder, F. Willey, H. Cawood and G. R. Horton. In addition to the ringers from the Cathedral, St. Maries', All Saints', Ranmoor and Norton Churches, there were present Messrs. G. Bolland, of Tong, vice-president of the Yorks Association; C. Glenn, of Sheffield, hon. secretary; J. Cotterell, of Halifax, hon. treasurer; L. Brightman, of Rotherham, hon. secretary Southern branch; H. Williams, J. T. Rew, committee; S. Thomas, hon. secretary Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society; Rev. W. P. Wright, Sheffield; Messrs. T. Lee, Rotherham; J. H. Maud, Pudsey; and D. Brearley, Bolsterstone; Messrs. Sam Wood, Ashton-under-Lyne; Harry Chapman, Manchester, and W. Davies, Liverpool, representing the Lancashire Association; Mr. A. A. Hughes, of London, representing the College Youths, of which he is Master; Mr. E. Denison Taylor, representing the Midland Counties Association, and also his brother (Mr. J. W. Taylor); Mr. J. George, of Birmingham, representing the St. Martin's Guild, etc. There was also a large attendance of Mr. Hattersley's other friends, testifying to the general esteem in which he was held.

Letters of condolence and apologies for non-attendance had been received from the Archdeacon of Sheffield, Sir Arthur Heywood (President of the Central Council and the Midland Counties Association), Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary Chester Diocesan Guild), Messrs. W. T. Cockerell (hon. secretary), A. Hughes (treasurer), C. F. Winney and G. N. Price, of the College Youths; Messrs. A. P. Smith (hon. secretary), W. H. Godden, John Carter and W. R. Small (St. Martin's Guild), W. Whitaker (Leeds), H. Dains (Cumberland Youths), C. Jackson (Hull), A. Knights (Chesterfield), etc.

After the committal had taken place, a perfect course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells over the open grave. The afternoon was fine, with just an autumnal touch in the air, and the melody of the bells, falling with crisp, clear beats, stirred the deepest emotions of the silent audience. The little band was a representative one, consisting of S. Thomas (Sheffield District secretary) 1—2, G. Holmes (Sheffield Cathedral) 3—4, C. Glenn (Yorks Association secretary) 5—6, S. Wood (Lancs Association and Ashton-under-Lyne Society) 7—8, A. A. Hughes (College Youths) 9—10. It was the farewell to the warrior, and, after the Benediction had been pronounced and a last glimpse of the coffin taken, the body of Charles Henry Hattersley was enfolded by his Mother Earth. But his spirit will remain, his name will endure, and his example will provide an inspiration to many a young ringer.

There were a large number of beautiful wreaths, floral tributes, in addition to those from members of the family, being sent by, among others, the Ranmoor Ringers, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Mr. Sam Thomas, etc.

In the evening a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on the Cathedral bells, and half-muffled ringing has also taken place at St. Maries' and Ranmoor, Sheffield; Ashton-under-Lyne, Pendleton, St. Saviour's, Southwark, Erdington and St. Martin's, Birmingham, etc.

A TRIBUTE FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

Dear Sir,—No doubt many of your readers, following the same course as myself, look forward every week to your very excellent leading articles, and which are, I am sure, greatly appreciated by all. Your last, dated October 29th, touches me very closely, for it ably deals with the passing of the greatest link we had between the wonderful old ringing men of the past, and the present ones who have aspired to take their places. I allude to the death of my dear old friend, Charles Henry Hattersley, and feel I must in some small way endeavour to bear testimony to the very excellent qualities possessed by him in every possible way, for we have been the closest of chums for about 33 years, and I can, therefore, appreciate his stirling worth in a way perhaps only known to a few.

To begin with he was very plain and outspoken in manner, a man of sound principles, and strictly businesslike in all his dealings, for he was a very successful manufacturer, technically known as a "good implement maker" in Sheffield, and at his "Snider Works," where I was always welcome, I have known him employ as many as 60 hands at a time. Many are the very pleasant hours spent there—a rare treat—especially when Jasper Whitfield Snowdon happened to drop in as well!

His ringing career is so well known that it need not be repeated, but apart from his natural and gifted abilities in change ringing, he was frequently in close personal touch with that wonderful old man we all respected, viz., Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, and from him derived most of his early highly scientific knowledge, that was scarce in those days. I have had the privilege of ringing many peals with him—of each other's calling—the longest being the 6666 Stedman Caters at Fulham, and a great deal of the science and composition and proving that I once possessed were due to his able instruction. Anyone with more spare time than myself would have made better use of it, but other matters of life have claimed prior attention, and prevented my doing justice to the great help I used to receive from Harry Hattersley, Henry Johnson and John Cox.

On Easter Monday, 1882, at St. Peter's, Sheffield, I remember standing next to "Our Harry" in the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung in the North of England. The coming-round course was a revelation, and astonished the Exercise at the time, so much so, indeed, that John Cox exclaimed, "I wouldn't have chanced it!" A local poet (J. Rowbotham, senr.) rose to the occasion with a suitable verse for each one, and in this appears the following:—

> The Sixth was Harry Hattersley, a Sheffield great gun,
> Who in the art of change ringing stands second to none;
> He composed and conducted the peal truly fine,
> And his name will live in the Record of Time.

I still treasure a very large number of his letters and many compositions, and when we opened the ten bells at the Imperial Institute in 1893, he remarked, on looking through the voluminous "Instructions to all concerned," issued by Sir Somers Vine, "Well, this is a big job!"

The deceased gentleman was possessed of a fund of amusing anecdotes and an abundance of good humour, was well liked and respected by everyone with whom he came in contact, and may indeed be fitly described as the link between Johnson, Haley, and Cox—the three unapproachables, who could see at a glance the slightest fault in a composition in any method—and the highly educated gentlemen of to-day, possessed, as they are, of college education and the apparently inexhaustible and incomprehensible bookfulls of figures—evidently the outcome of instruction given by some of the great University professors of mathematical problems.

Harry Hattersley was a very safe ringer; a most reliable bob caller, always ringing a "working bell," and, above all, a splendid conductor.—Yours truly,

FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' TRIBUTE.

Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths gathered at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. C. Hattersley (Sheffield), Mr. E. A. Davies (Barking), and Lieut. W. D. James (Plymouth). The "whole pull and stand" funeral peal was rung, and was followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques previous to 5 o'clock evensong. The ringers who attended were Messrs. Henry Dains (Cumberlands), H. Langdon, E. Gibbs, C. F. Winney, J. C. Adams, C. Lee, S. E. Joyce, A. A. Hughes, W. H. Pasmore, C. S. Burden, E. P. O'Meara, W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, T. H. Taffender, J. C. F. Bayley, A. D. Barker and C. H. Pullen.

MR. G. HOLMES' 50 PEALS.

The funeral peal rung for Mr. C. H. Hattersley was the 50th peal rung by Mr. G. Holmes, with whom the deceased gentleman was long associated in St. Peter's company. Mr. Holmes rang in Mr. Hattersley's peal of Stedman Caters with the 60 course-ends, conducted the muffled peal of Grandsire Cinques rung on the death of Mr. Thomas Hattersley, and rang the tenor for the muffled peal for Queen Victoria on February 2nd, 1901. His 50 peals are made up as follows: Grandsire Triples 5 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 2, Double Norwich Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Grandsire Caters 6 (conducted 1), Stedman Caters 7, Grandsire Cinques 2 (conducted 1), Stedman Cinques 12, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 7 (conducted 1).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY'S SERMON AT DISTRICT MEETING.

There was a good attendance of members of the North Eastern District of the Essex Association at Rayne on Saturday week, on the occasion of the annual district meeting. The towers represented were: Braintree, Bocking, Dunmow, Felsted, Rayne, Earl's Colne, Stebbing, Sible Hedingham and St. Saviour's, Walthamstow. Among those present were the Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard), the General Hon. Secretary (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre), Mr. H. Rumens (hon. secretary South Western Division), and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Twist, of Walthamstow. The ringing during the day included touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford and New London Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor. Mrs. Twist, the only lady ringer present, took part in some rounds.

Service was held at Rayne Parish Church, and was conducted by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of Great Totham, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector of Rayne. The ringers' form of service was used. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre preached from the text: "The devil goeth about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour; him resist." He said St. Michael's Day had lost much of its meaning in recent years, because the State had seized upon it as a quarter-day, and in Essex it was a very busy period, when tenancies began and ended. So that, except for Churchpeople, the religious character of Michaelmas Day had almost entirely passed away. But Churchpeople should know that Michaelmas had a very religious and precious significance. In the Prayer-Book Michaelmas could not be found, but the festival of St. Michael and All Angels was shown as a time when thoughts were taken upwards to those unseen agents who did so much for people's spiritual good. Angels, like men and women, were both good and bad; there was no man who was perfectly good, or wholly bad, but with angels it was different, for they were either wholly good or wholly bad. Therefore, the festival of St. Michael was to remind men of their fallen state, and how the bad angels were ever going about, under the direction of their leader Satan, to tempt and to destroy the souls of mankind. Satan was going to and fro in the world—"he goeth up and down like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." In the present age the personality of the devil was lightly received and scoffed at by some people, but that was not so in earlier times, and our Saxon forefathers held that Satan was a very real personality. The passing bell at church was rung to drive away those angels of Satan who would molest the terrified and fleeting soul on its passage to Heaven. It was held that the sound of the bell kept Satan aloof, and allowed the soul to get a good start in its flight heavenwards. In Essex the custom was to ring a bell at death, a large bell, such as the tenor, being rung to drive away the evil spirits when a fully grown man or woman died, and a smaller bell when a child died.

In the present changed and changing world the honourable calling of the church bell ringers served a useful purpose in summoning men to service. Some of them still thought the devil was going about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he might devour, and it was the duty of the ringers to resist the attack of Satan on the souls of men. The ringing of bells during war time served to remind men of their duty to God. It was Satan's way to take the souls of men by guile; to catch them off their guard. In the present age people were likely to allow the claims of business, of pleasure, of family, to drown the voices of their conscience. When the church bells were handled skilfully and reverently they carried God's message over hills and dales to all sorts and conditions of men; they tended to "draw all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day."

DISTRICT MASTER'S EXAMPLE.

After service the annual meeting was held in the Rayne Church School, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, presiding. A letter was read from Sapper G. Pannell, R.E., of Gestingthorpe, Master of the North-Eastern District, who is on active service, stating that he was willing to continue in office if the members wished it.—The meeting unanimously decided to re-elect Sapper Pannell, and Mr. Howard said he had set a good example in the matter of serving his country. The Gestingthorpe band of ringers had joined the Army. When war broke out Mr. Pannell enlisted, but was afterwards sent home for a small defect, and later on, when the stringent restrictions were modified, he joined again, and was now serving in the Army. He had proved himself a very keen soldier, and the best wishes of the meeting should be sent to him, together with the hope for a speedy return (applause).

Mr. B. Redgwell, Rayne, was re-elected hon. secretary to the district, the Master stating he had done the work remarkably well in one of the most trying years the Association ever had. Mr. Redgwell volunteered for the office at a time of great difficulty, and he had proved a very capable secretary for the North-Eastern district, which extended from Dunmow to Harwich.

Five new probationer members were then elected, three from Felsted and two from Earl's Colne, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Halstead.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Rayne for the use of the Parish Church and bells, and to the choir and organist of Rayne for assisting in the service. Mr. Howard said he had also the pleasing duty to propose a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. secretary to the Essex Association of Change Ringers, for conducting the service and delivering the sermon in the unavoidable absence of the Rector of Rayne. He (Mr. Howard) was very much interested in the sermon Mr. Eyre preached, for it conveyed his own idea exactly of what churches should be to ringers. All ringers should be Churchmen first, and seek to carry out as far as possible the teaching of the Church. The subject of the ministry of angels was a very important one, and had always been of interest. He (Mr. Howard) was a strong believer in angels, and it was a great privilege for ringers to have heard such an address. In the present times, when men needed all the guidance it was possible to get in living the strongest life that could be lived, it was helpful to know they would be supported by the angels, who had a great influence in their lives. As to the message of the bells, if people would only allow themselves to be impressed by bells, a message would be received. In the present days of war, some people thought the bells should be subdued, but he did not think that should be done, because the bells carried messages of consolation to many who in the present distress needed comfort and support (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre suitably responded, and the meeting closed. Afterwards ringing was renewed on the church bells, and on handbells kindly lent by Mr. B. Redgwell.

A LEICESTERSHIRE GATHERING.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET AT KIRBY MUXLOE.

On Saturday week, at the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, Kirby Muxlow, Leicestershire, an interesting ceremony was performed in the dedication and unveiling of a marblet tablet recording the first peal on the bells by the local ringers. There were present, besides these, Miss L. A. Willson (St. John's, Leicester), Messrs. J. Morris, E. Morris, T. H. Hardy, A. Ballard (St. Margaret's, Leicester), Mr. E. Hughes (St. Mark's, Leicester), Messrs. A. B. Mason and L. Jackson (St. Mary's, Anstey), and several friends. A shortened form of evensong was read by the Rev. Gannell (priest-in-charge), during which the Nunc Dimittis, Psalm 115, and Hymns 242 and 215 (A. and M.) were sung. Before the close of the service, the clergy and ringers assembled in the tower porch, where Mr. F. J. Bowley, the tower keeper and donor of the tablet, called upon the Rev. O. Philpott, Rector of Glenfield and Kirby, to dedicate it. After the dedication prayers were said, and Mrs. Gannell, wife of the Priest-in-Charge, unveiled the tablet, which is of white marblet, and reads: "S. Bartholomew, Kirby Muxloe: This tablet is erected to the five members of this church who did ring a peal of Grandsire Doubles (5040 changes), in 2 hrs. 44 mins., on Monday, April 13th, 1914, called in ten different ways, tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs., A flat: Albert E. Davey treble, Horace O. Over 2, T. C. Neville Lambert 3, Frederick J. Bowley 4, Henry Hollis tenor. Conducted by H. Hollis. Clergy, Rev. O. Philpott, M.A., Rector; Rev. H. C. Gannell, B.A., Priest-in-Charge; E. P. Rose, H. Knibb, churchwardens. First peal on the bells by local ringers. F. J. Bowley, tower keeper."

After the unveiling all reassembled in the church, where the Rev. G. M. Edmonds, Vicar of Stoke Golding (who is also a change ringer) delivered an address, basing his remarks on the text, 1 Cor., xiv., 10, "There are so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification." He spoke especially of the bells and of their significance as part of the Church's voice; indeed in many instances they were the only voice from the Church which ever touched many of those who so often listened to them. They were the voice of the Church which called men to her services of prayer, praise and thanksgiving. They spoke as nothing else ever could to express the deepest of our emotions, whether of joyfulness and rejoicing, or of sorrow and distress; whether in our own individual, or parochial, or even our national life. The speaker also referred to the duties of all ringers, not only to themselves but also to the Church, to keep their work holy and sacred as belonging to, and as part of, the Church's service. It was a most helpful, impressive and instructive address, touching as it did, all who were present.

After the service the whole company adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a most excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bowley. This was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, by A. Ballard 1—2, J. Morris 3—4, E. Morris 5—6, T. H. Hardy 7—8, whilst a selection of tunes were rung by the latter three, accompanied on the piano by Miss L. A. Willson, A.V.C.M.

The Rector then spoke of the first success of his ringers in accomplishing their first peal, and also of their devotion not only to their ringing, but also to their church in many other ways.—Mr. Bowley, Mr. Hollis (the conductor), and the Rev. Gannell acknowledged the Rector's remarks.

On behalf of the visitors, Mr. E. Morris said he wished to thank Mr. Bowley for his kind invitation that afternoon, but more especially to congratulate the ringers on ringing, without any help whatever from others, their first peal, which, although only of Grandsire Doubles, would, he hoped, be the forerunner of other and greater achievements.—Mr. T. H. Hardy also spoke of the pleasure it had given them to be present at the unveiling, and also that two of the members had joined the Association, and the others wished to do so shortly.

Returning to the belfry, several six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung, thus terminating a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

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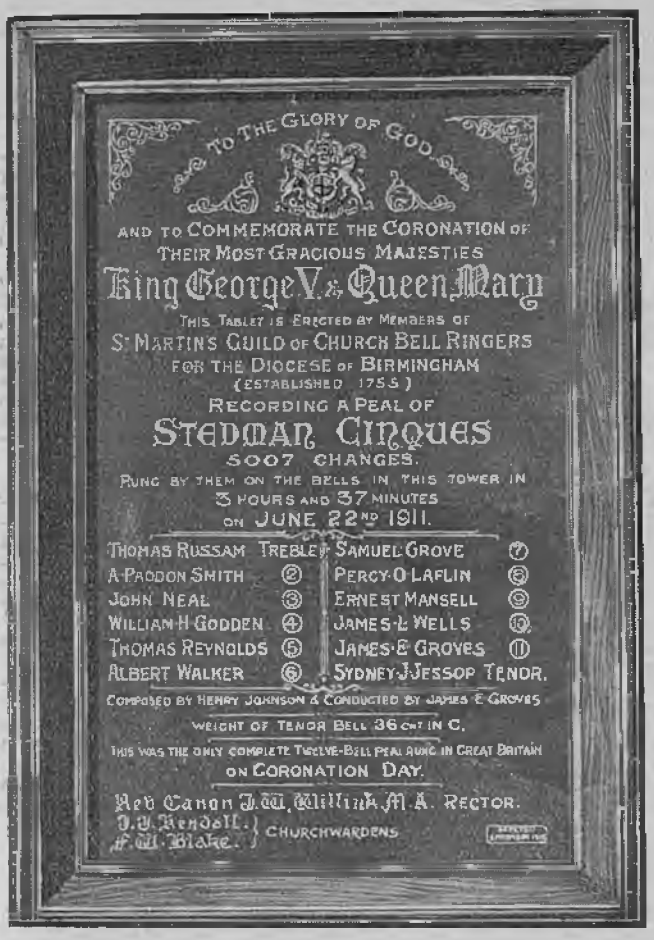
TWO INTERESTING PEAL TABLETS.

The two peal tablets of which photographs are given below are of special interest. The first was unveiled in the Baptistery of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, a week or two ago, and records the only twelve bell peal rung for the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary and the other is that presented to Portishead tower by the Bath and Wells Association to commemorate the peal rung at that church by the band of local ladies.



The handsome tablet erected at St. Martin's, Birmingham, is of admirable design and execution, and was made by Messrs. O. C. Hawkes, Ltd., of Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham.

The tablet itself, which measures 48in. by 36in., is of heavy plate glass, with the lettering incised on the back (to preserve it from the atmosphere) and inlaid with English gold leaf, the Royal Arms being done in colours, the whole on a black background. It is mounted in a fumed oak frame of deep section, harmonising with the adjacent screen work of the Baptistery.

The Portishead board is beautifully executed in oak, and was unveiled at a meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on October 16th.

MUFFLED RINGING AT BATH.

ABBEY SOCIETY HONOUR NURSE CAVELL.

On Friday last the bells of Bath Abbey were rung muffled by the Abbey company, in memory of Nurse Cavell, and as a tribute to her great sacrifice. A touch of 575 Grandsire Caters was brought round by: C. Bell 1, A. Hudd 2, G. Temple 3, C. Goodenough 4, W. J. Prescott 5, H. E. Holder 6, G. Harding 7, T. F. King (conductor) 8, H. W. Brown 9, T. Hogsflesh 10.

At the conclusion of the evening service, at St. James Church, Bath, on October 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. B. Moore), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1259 changes) was rung in 51 mins., by: W. H. Seers 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Alexander 3, C. Densley 4, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 5, C. W. Bell 6, R. J. Cousins 7, H. Newman 8. This touch was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the late Rev. C. E. Doudney, Vicar of St. Luke's, Bath, who, as a Chaplain to the Forces, has laid down life in France. The Rev. R. W. B. Moore ascended the tower, and sat through the whole of the ringing, afterwards thanking the ringers "for such a fitting conclusion to a Memorial Sunday."

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Wellingborough District was held at Irthlingborough on Saturday last, and was attended by about 40 members. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

Tea was served in the School Room, and was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, supported by the churchwardens, the Rev. A. J. Greaves, Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), Mr. R. T. Turner (secretary Kettering district), and Mr. F. Stubbs (secretary Thrapston district). The towers represented were: Higham Ferrers, Kettering, Wellingborough, Finedon, Burton Latimer, Isham, Earl's Barton, Raunds, Rothwell, Northampton, Weston Favell, Sharnbrook, and the local ringers.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Finedon.—Four new members were elected from Irthlingborough.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the ladies who provided tea.—The Vicar's reply closed a very enjoyable meeting.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT DARLINGTON.

The 38th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Darlington on Saturday last. Owing to the war, the proceedings were rather shortened, and the usual dinner was not held.

During the afternoon the bells of the Parish Church (St. Cuthbert's) and Holy Trinity were rung by the members in several methods. The Association wish to acknowledge the kindness of the Vicar of Darlington (the Rev. D. Walker) and the Vicar of Holy Trinity (the Rev. F. Peacock) in allowing the bells to be rung.

A committee meeting took place in the afternoon, at which representatives were present from Darlington, Newcastle, Gateshead, Benfieldside, Gosforth, Bishop Auckland, and other places. Service was held at St. Cuthbert's Church, and attended by about 35 members, and the Vicar, in his address, welcomed the Association to Darlington. He dwelt upon the change observable in the attitude of ringers towards the services of the church, and said in former times there appeared to be in the mind of the average bell ringer some sort of feeling of detachment from the sacredness of the place to which he was summoning the people. There has, however, been a great change in that respect, and now they had the ringers real Churchmen, pillars of the Church, rather than buttresses, men who associated themselves with the service. Referring to the history of bells, the legends and romances associated with them, he said in this country we owed bells to Benedict Biscop, a man associated with what was the ancient Diocese of Durham, which included Newcastle.

After the service a collection was made for the " Ringing World " War Fund, a sum of eighteen shilling being the sum handed over.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At five o'clock tea was served at the King's Head Hotel, when a numerous gathering met together. After tea the usual meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr. C. L. Routledge, who was supported by the Rev. H. S. Stephenson (Rector of Gateshead), the Rev. B. Jealous (of Gosforth), Professor M. C. Potter, Mr. A. M. C. Field, Mr. T. Metcalfe, and other well-known ringers.

The toast of " The King " having been duly honoured, the President proposed the toast of the Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle, and in doing so, said the Association gratefully acknowledge the encouragement of the Bishops, and was sure they would always feel that with the support their lordships gave the members would do their best, in the sphere in which they were proud to be church workers.—The toast was coupled with the names of the Rector of Gateshead, and the Rev. B. Jealous, who feelingly responded.

The President next proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Darlington for his address and the use of the bells of St. Cuthbert's, and to the Rev. Peacock, of Holy Trinity, for allowing the members to ring the bells there.—The Rev. P. Walker was, through having to attend an important parochial gathering, unable to be present at the meeting, but sent his apology, and said had he been free nothing would have given him greater pleasure than to be present.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. T. Potter) read the financial statement, which showed a balance of £1 2s. 7d. due to the treasurer, but several subscriptions had been received since the account was prepared and the adverse balance was wiped out.

The annual report stated that owing to the war the work of the Association had been curtailed, and there was little of interest to lay before them. Peal ringing on tower bells was now out of the question, even ringing for evening service was not allowed in many places by the authorities. Ferry's list of Sunday service ringing showed that sixteen belfries only had made returns. Last year it was agreed that the six bell towers should be put into a section separate from the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers, and a first and second certificate only awarded in each class. Taking the six bell towers, the first was Benfieldside (St. Cuthbert) with 1030.48 points, next was Darlington (Holy Trinity) with 212.27 points. With regard to the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, was first with 1423.41 points, and Whitley Bay second with 898.34 points. Benfieldside showed an excellent list. 46,640 changes in 19 methods. St. Ignatius had a splendid record also, including 16,480 changes of Superlative Major. Whitley Bay had a full sheet, and their regular Sunday ringing was exceedingly creditable to that enthusiastic band.

Mr. E. E. Ferry presented the certificates to the successful towers.

A vote of thanks to the officers was heartily accorded, and the rule as to election of officers suspended, to allow the officials to retain their offices for another year.

It was also resolved that in the case of members serving in H.M. forces non-payment of subscriptions should not affect their position as members of the Association.

The Secretary announced that he was preparing a roll of honour of all those serving in the navy or army; up to the present he had 60 names.

The meetings for 1916 were arranged as follows: The pre-lent meeting at Wylam; Whit-Monday at Bishop Auckland; July meeting at Barnard Castle, and the next annual meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

A SUGGESTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL AUTHORITIES.

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's), Birmingham, on Saturday week.

These bells are not very often rung now, and it was probably owing to this fact that a large number of ringers put in an appearance. They certainly did not turn up for the pleasure of ringing on this occasion, for they well knew (at least those who had " had some " before, well knew) that there is no pleasure about it. Nearly all the bells go badly, some worse than others, and one at least, the 9th, has been very aptly described as a real " chest-cracker." In addition to this the bells themselves are, for the most part, rather poor, the salvation of the ring from utter condemnation being the grand tenor. This bell is undoubtedly a real beauty, and of course " a good tenor covereth a multitude of faults," so that when they are all going they are quite passable.

There is dire need here for the attentions of the bell hanger—and founder too—but the writer understands there are no funds available at present. The ideal scheme would be to clear the lot out, recast and augment the bells to twelve, and hang them in a modern frame. The tower is spacious, and there is plenty of room for a ring of twelve in keeping with the dignity of the Cathedral to be hung on one level.

Wm. Hutton, the Birmingham historian, has left it on record that at one time there was great rivalry between the " Old " Church (St. Martin's) and the " New " Church (St. Philip's, erected 1711), and that this rivalry existed between the pulpits, the choirs, the ringers, and the authorities. The story goes that some time about the year 1750, St. Martin's having decided to place a peal of eight bells in the tower, St. Philip's decided to go one better, and placed a ring of ten in its tower. On hearing of this the authorities of the Mother Church stayed their hands for a while, and then increased their order from eight to ten (1785). A few years later, to make the position quite secure, they augmented the bells of the old church from ten to twelve (1771).

This story may or may not be true, but it is a fact that the Parish Church has made all the running for over a century and a half, and the people of Birmingham would have nothing to regret if St. Philip's decided to challenge this supremacy some fine day. Incidentally we may remark that if they would have a better ring of twelve than St. Martin's, they have got a long way to go.

So much for the bells.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, being in the chair.

Before passing to routine business the Chairman alluded in a feeling manner to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Lieut. W. D. James, who was killed in action in France on Sept. 25th. He read a letter he had received from Mr. James' father acknowledging a note of sympathy he had sent on behalf of members, and the secretary also read one he had had in response to a similar letter of condolence. In concluding his remarks the Chairman requested all present to stand in silence for a few moments as a last token of respect for their gallant comrade.

Six new members were duly elected, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting in January next at headquarters.

During the afternoon and evening, ringing was indulged in in the following methods. Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, the latter being the first on the bells.

The bells were lowered about 8.30, and the members adjourned to a room at a near-by hotel for a social hour.

The thanks of the members are due, and are hereby tendered to, the Rector, Bishop Hamilton Baynes, for his kindness in granting the use of his bells, and the writer wishes to express the hope that the suggestion made above may not be entirely overlooked when the time comes that money may be available. A. P. S.

SOUTHGATE'S LOSS.

Southgate has sustained a big loss by the death of Mr. A. R. Barker, J.P., for 26 years Vicar's warden, and also an honorary member for some years of the Middlesex Association, who died on October 26th at the age of 73 years.

The funeral took place at Southgate on Saturday last, the service being conducted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. A. E. B. Sanders, Vicar of Edmonton), assisted by the Vicar of Southgate (the Rev. C. F. Peploe), and the Rev. J. Beardall, Vicar of Yateley, and late Vicar of Southgate. The funeral was attended by four of the local ringers, who also sent a wreath.

After the funeral a half-muffled touch of 504 Stedman Triples was rung, followed by the whole pull and stand, and 336 Stedman Triples, the following taking part: A. R. Glasscock, G. Bester, N. A. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller, H. Miller, F. G. Tegg, S. Wade, A. G. Cram, and J. Armstrong.

On Sunday morning a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but was lost owing to a shift course.

The ringers have received from the widow a nice letter thanking them for the wreath which they sent, and also for their kindness in ringing the bells half-muffled.

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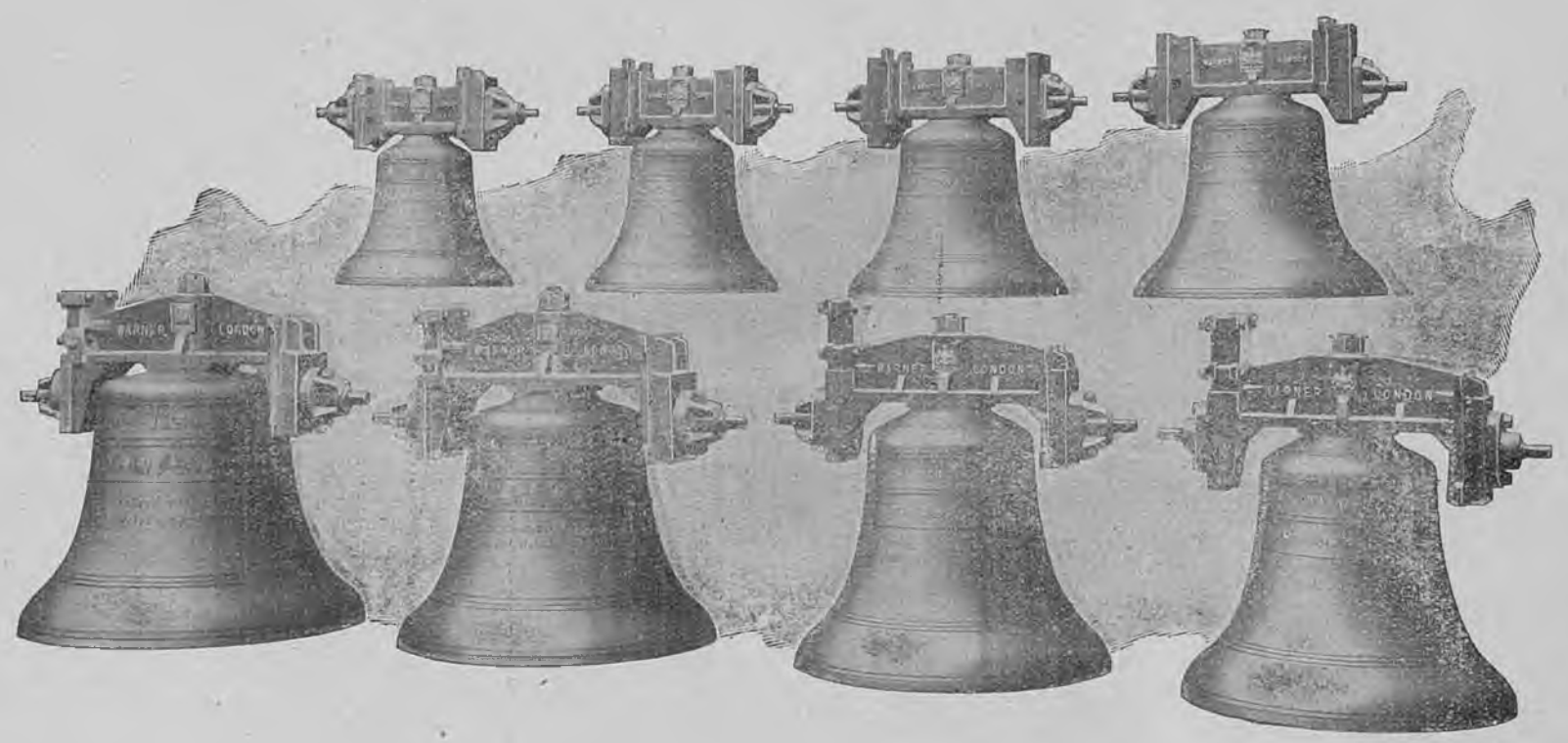

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AN OLD HAMPSHIRE RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE BROWN, OF TWYFORD.

The death has occurred at Twyford, Hants, of Mr. George Brown, the leader of the ringers and a foremost parishioner. The deceased, who was 68 years of age, died somewhat suddenly, although he had been in failing health for some time. He was a native of Owslebury, but went to Twyford about 40 years ago. A bootmaker by trade, he was one of those men who make themselves indispensable in a rural community. He had been assistant overseer and clerk of the Parish Council until about five years ago, while he served the church in many capacities. He was parish clerk under five incumbents, sang in the choir for many years, and was a bell ringer for a very long time. He was immensely interested in ringing, although only a "tenor man," and did much to encourage the young members to make progress. It was he who collected most of the money to add the two trebles which, about 15 years ago, were put in to complete the octave, and he promised the local band a tablet for the first peal they rang. This was accomplished in 1913, and the board, which Mr. Brown gave to commemorate the event, now adorns the belfry walls. The change ringing which was introduced into the tower sprang originally from the work of Mr. George Williams, the present hon. secretary of the Winchester Guild, who, more than thirty years ago, used to cycle from Wickham, twelve miles away, to give instruction, and the work received every encouragement from Mr. Brown, even in those days.

The funeral, which took place at the Parish Church, was attended by a representative gathering of parishioners, and after the interment the ringers rang the bells with muffled clappers.

TRURO'S NEW CLOCK.

A large clock, striking the hours and chiming the Westminster quarters, and showing time on four 5-feet dials, has just been erected in Truro Town Hall by that well-known firm, Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Shoreditch, Saturday, November 6th. Tower open 2.30. Ringing up to 6.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, November 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, November 6th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on November 6th, 1915, at 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. — Henry Brownlee West, Hon. Secretary, "Avalon," Devizes.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. each, in schoolroom at 5. Business meeting immediately after in the same room. Intercession service in the church at 6.30, to be followed by the unveiling of a peal board by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. Will those intending to be present at tea kindly write Mr. J. Myles, 46, Ashbourne Road, Eccles, not later than Wednesday, November 10th.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, November 13th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, November 13th. The bells will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Rev. Wilson P. De Vine, M.A., R.D. (Vicar), who will also give the address and preside at the business meeting. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, November 9th.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, by kind permission of the Rev. B. S. Batty, on Saturday, November 13th. Ringing from 3.30 sharp. Short service at 5.30. Tea on the usual terms at 6 o'clock. No ringing after 8 o'clock. Will all requiring tea advise me by the 10th. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and I should be glad to receive same at an early date.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Warmley (6) on Saturday, November 13th. Bells open 3.30, service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Visitors warmly welcomed. Subscriptions now due. Please notify by November 9th those intending to be present to G. W. Tomkins, 22, Court Road, Horfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, 7, Grove Street, Raunds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 13th. The Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at Chase's Restaurant at 5 o'clock, business meeting immediately after. — Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, 6d. each, at "The Nagg's Head," 6 o'clock, followed by meeting for election of district officers for 1916. Members requiring tea please notify hon. secretary by Wednesday, November 17th. — H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Thursdays, November 4th and 18th for handbell practice; Tuesday, November 9th, election of officers; Tuesday, November 23rd, general business; all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. David Wright, steeplekeeper of St. Peter's, Croydon, is now 3, Saxon Road, Selhurst, South Norwood, S.E.

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DEATH.

JAGGAR.—On the 1st November, at "The Wrexham," Oldbury, Margaret Hetty, the beloved wife of John Jaggar, aged 47 years.

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EVENING RINGING SUSPENDED.

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