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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.

MEETINGS IN WAR TIME.

Despite the calls which war has made upon the personnel of our belfries, there is a good deal of activity among the members of the Exercise in many areas, if one may judge by the successful meetings which have been lately held in various parts of the country. It is true that the numbers who are attending these gatherings are not so large as in pre-war times—and for a very obvious reason—but the keenness is there among those who are left behind, and this is a healthy sign. In addition to retaining an active interest in the business affairs of their respective associations, the meetings enable the members to unite for that general practice which it is now often difficult to get in individual towers, and to many they afford a refreshing break from the strenuous tasks which present conditions have thrown upon them.

In the first rude shock of war it was only to be expected that ringing, like many other things, should be thrown into a precarious state. But now that matters have found their new level, as it were, and we know where we stand, we are getting back nearer to normal conditions than, at the outset, one could have thought possible. No one, of course, thinks of ringing peals, except for special purposes, and in certain areas ringing of any description is limited by the necessities of military requirements. But our associations are, happily, keeping their organisation going, and most of them are able to hold their usual meetings. Some few are still adhering to their first resolution not to meet during the war, but the majority have now realised that there is no need to suspend activities indefinitely.

Moreover, there seems to us a very substantial reason why none of our associations need remain in a state of more or less suspended animation. Those societies which do most to encourage their members to meet are always the strongest, not necessarily in point of numbers —for that depends upon the area covered — but in that esprit de corps which is the foundation of success in any organised body. Where, on the other hand, little or nothing is done to bring members together, interest evaporates which it is not always easy to restore. A prolonged war means that those societies, who do not meet throughout its duration, will have some leeway to make up, at any rate among those lukewarm members of the rank and file who, at the best of times, require a good deal of keeping together. To let them slip entirely out of touch with their central organisation for a long period is hardly likely, therefore, to help the recovery of the associations after the war, and if only for the purpose of conserving the strength of the society we believe that war time meetings are fully justified.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 29, 1916, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS H. REEVES	...Treble	*FRANK M. PERRENS	7
ALF. PADDON SMITH	2	HERBERT KNIGHT	8
CHARLES DICKENS	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
JAMES L. WELLS	4	JAMES E. GROVES	10
FREDERICK DICKENS	5	JAMES GEORGE	11
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	6	GEORGE TENDALL	...Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Cinques as conductor. This peal was rung in connection with the Dedication Festival of this church, and as a compliment to the Bishop of the Diocese, who was holding a Confirmation Service the next day.

TEN BELL PEAL.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1916, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS	...Treble	JAMES HOPKINS	6
MORRIS J. MORRIS	2	WILLIAM WELLS	7
WILLIAM H. JONES	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
*GEORGE POPNELL	4	BENJ. GOUGH	9
*WALTER SEATON	5	CHARLES ALLEN	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

*First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the 4th was proposed a member previous to starting for the peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the soldiers and sailors who have lost their lives in the war.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENTRE RHONDDA, SOUTH WALES.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 27, 1916, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

HARRY PAGE	...Treble	JAMES CROSS	5
*FRANK WINES	2	GEORGE WINES	6
*FRED LASBURY	3	WILLIAM PAGE	7
GEORGE CROSS	4	TOM PAGE	...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band; on the bells; and by the Association. Rung as a compliment to H. Crabbe, a member of the Society, on the occasion of his marriage.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1916, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY	...Treble	HARRY FRANCE	5
TITUS BARLOW	2	SAMUEL WATKINSON	6
JOSEPH RIDYARD	3	*WILLIAM PENNINGTON	7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	4	EDWARD BANNISTER	...Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* 50th peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Ernest Berry and Miss A. Bannister (daughter of the ringer of the tenor); also to celebrate the 31st anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. Watkinson's wedding day. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 29, 1916, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT BUCKLEY	...*Treble*	CHARLES BENNETT ...	5
GEORGE STAFF	2	JOSEPH GREENWOOD ...	6
JOHN FITTON	3	EDWARD SCHOFIELD ...	7
JOHN H. C. MASSEY	4	HARRY BUCKLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH GREENWOOD.

Rung with bells half-muffled (after failure in an attempt on Jan. 8th) as a tribute of respect to the memory of the soldiers and sailors who have given their lives in the war, and of sympathy with bereaved friends in the district. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for granting permission for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1916, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT LAMBERTON LODGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

JOHN KEARON	1—2	RICHARD KEARON	3—4
ARTHUR HADLEY		5—6	

Witness: Mrs. A. HADLEY.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1916, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of St. Clement's, two of College Single Reverse and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

*CHARLES POULSON ...	1—2	ARTHUR SYMONDS	3—4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS		5—6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in three methods. This peal was rung to commemorate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Symonds.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, January 23, 1916, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single Reverse, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	1—2	MAURICE SYMONDS ...	4
CHARLES A. POULSON ...	3	ARTHUR SYMONDS ...	5—6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of A. Symonds.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, January 25, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	GEORGE R. PYE	5—6
WILLIAM PYE	3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7—8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS		9—10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire: C. T. COLES.

We are asked to state that the handbell peal reported as rung at Lavenham on December 21st was rung on Dec. 24th, and comprised three 720's of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contribution to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund has been received :—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	123	0	5
Ringers of Martock Parish Church (per Mr. F. Farrant)	0	6	0
Total	£123	6	5

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M. Forces:

Second-Lieut. E. V. Rodenhurst, of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 3/4th King's Shropshire Light Infantry, now at Tenby.

Joseph Hanley, of Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale, Salop, has joined the Army, having been called up under the Derby Scheme. He is the eighth ringer from Coalbrookdale serving with the colours.

W. Little, of Henley-on-Thames, has also been called up.

Pte F. Brightman, and Pte J. Nuttall, of Christ Church, Macclesfield, 3/7th Cheshire Territorials.

From the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association:—

Painswick:
Stanley Cole, Army Service Corps Mechanical Transport.
Richard Hubert Hanks, 10th Gloucesters, died from wounds received at Loos.
William Ireland, 10th Gloucesters.
Fred Millard, 6th Gloucesters.

Minchinhampton:
Lance-Corporal E. Harris, 8th Gloucesters.
J. Apperley, Army Service Corps.
Harry Barratt, 135th H.B. Oxford and Bucks R.G.A.

Bisley:
William Dean, 8th Gloucesters.
Cuthbert Randall, 9th Gloucesters.
Arthur Cooke, 13th Gloucesters.

Horsley:
Sergt. Albert Williams, 3rd Gloucesters
George Howell, Railway Guard, Winchester.

Stonehouse:
Gilbert Harrison, Army Service Corps.
Walter Price, Army Service Corps.

Avening:
Albert Hayes, 8th Gloucesters.

Leonard Stanley:
Walter Powell, 5th Gloucesters.

Stroud:
H. Smith, Royal Gloucester Hussars Yeomanry.

KILLED IN ACTION.

The sympathy of the members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and the whole Exercise will go out to Mr. J. G. Buchanan, the popular Master of the Guild, and his wife and family, on the loss of his youngest son, Lieut. D. N. G. Buchanan, who was killed in action on Jan. 22nd, in Mesopotamia.

LIEUT. E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Lieut. E. Maurice Atkins, Royal Engineers, who, as recorded in our last issue, had been reported as wounded, is in No. 7 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne. He was shot through the thigh on January 14th, and is suffering from a compound fracture of the femur. He is, we are glad to say, going on well.

MONEY INVESTED FOR MEMORIAL.

The ringers of Linslade, Bucks, have decided to invest £3 of their funds, until the end of the war, towards a memorial to one of their comrades who had lost his life in France. The band have three other members serving there and one in training, and it was resolved, at a meeting recently held, to pay the subscriptions of these members to the Oxford Guild. It was reported that contributions to the ringers' fund had not come up to previous years, owing partly to two of the subscribers leaving the parish. Mr. C. Rollings was welcomed back to the belfry as a member, and it was hoped that it would be some time before he had to leave the district again. Messrs. R. Horton and R. Hunt were elected members of the belfry.

LONG STANTON.—On January 23rd, after morning service, 180 Bob Minor: W. Neal 1, Geo. Crisp 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, C. W. Cook 4, B. F. Sheppard 5, J. B. Williamson (conductor) 6. Also at the Vicarage, on handbells, 360 Bob Minor: *J. B. Woolley 1, Rev. H. B. Woolley 2, J. B. Williamson (conductor) 3—4, B. F. Sheppard 5—6. * First touch of Minor, aged 12 years.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

By " BOB MAJOR."

NONOGENARIANS.

Ringing must surely be an aid to longevity—I believe I have said so before, and if I have, well, no matter. But nearly every week the " Ringing World " seems to add force to the statement. Old ringers, I don't mean those frolicing youths of 60 or 70 years, but octogenarians and nonogenarians, are to be found. Dear old John Heathorn, of Guildford, seems to be the oldest of all. He has just celebrated his 92nd birthday, and I believe he attributes something of that admirable constitution of his, which has carried him through to this ripe old age, to the physical exercise which ringing provided him with after he had passed the stage when Sandow developers, football or cricket would have been looked upon as a pastime conducive to his well being. Then there is that splendid old ringer, William Banister, who, this year, will have one of his few real birthdays. On February 29th he, too, will be 92. And just think of it, he was ringing peals of Stedman Cinques 70 years ago! Here are living testimonials as to ringing being an aid to longevity. Perhaps, however, we had better not make too much of it, or the Government may want to discourage ringing in case it increases their liability for old age pensions.

CAMPANOLOGISTS AND OTHER ISTS.

Oh, yes, there are poor among the ringers—I am one of them—as well as rich. My sheet anchor for the future is the old age pension, and so you see I have a personal motive for hoping that nothing will be done to knock them on the head, or me either, before I reach the allotted span. And talking of money, I was told the other day that a jubilee £2 piece was now worth 50s. All you fellows, therefore, that have a collection of these coins, stowed away in a stocking somewhere, turn them out. They're valuable. No, it isn't that a beneficent Government—who give you ninepence for fourpence, or something of the sort—is anxious to give you 50s. for two pounds' worth of gold. I asked the man who was telling me about it what the reason was, and he said it was because the coins were rare, and it was the numismatologists who were paying this price. I tried to remember that word, for I thought it could only apply to some really weird and wonderful species, and I didn't want to display my ignorance, as a lady once did. She was reading the local paper and saw a paragraph headed: " Presentation to a Campanologist." What's a " campanologist," she asked a friend, " is it one of those men who stuffs birds and things?" At some time or other, I suppose, she had heard of a taxidermist, and as I had heard of pneumatics, and neurasthenics, I thought, recalling the story of the lady, I had better be like Brer Rabbit, " Lay low and say nuffink." I now know that a numismatologist is one " versed in coins and medals."

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S NEW JOB.

So they've found a new job for our old friend, Mr. James George—of Birmingham. Bishop Ryder's is now to claim his attention, and there will not be any doubt about the energy he will put into the mastership of that belfry. Already, I hear, he is pulling things up to scratch and " waking 'em up," as it were. There is no doubt the task he has taken on will prove a congenial one, and perhaps it will have one result which, so far as my knowledge goes, his long ringing career has not yet produced—he may now feel disposed to call a peal. It is a funny thing that some men, keen as mustard on ringing and able exponents of the art, never care to act as conductors of a peal. Nearly everybody likes to have " a shot " at it at some time or other, and while many never reach a stage higher than that which entitles them to be designated " bob callers," where should we be if we were all like that juvenile veteran who has now gone to Bishop Ryder's. You ought not to be nervous at your time of life you know, James, even though you are—as General Booth once described himself—sixty-two years young. Some day, perhaps, you will oblige with a " composed and conducted " peal, such as many a Birmingham worthy of the past has done. I wish you all success at Bishop Ryder's. But what are they going to do at St. Martin's?

PEAL RINGING HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

It wasn't long, was it, before the example set at Leicester, was followed elsewhere, and two ringers were united in matrimony—the mony which, unlike the sovereign, is difficult to change! But Mr. and Mrs. Hairs set up an entirely new record. To ring a handbell peal together on their wedding day was an unique achievement. Though, since more ladies have taken to ringing, there are now numerous instances of husband and wife being interested in the art, very few couples have rung peals together. The first to do so were Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, at that time residing at Brighton. By that performance, which, I believe, went to the credit of the Salisbury Guild, Mrs. Williams achieved the distinction of being the first lady to ring a peal. What advances have been made since then in the number of ladies joining the ranks of ringers! I am not sure, as I am speaking from memory, but I believe the only other case of man and wife ringing peals together is that of Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey, who are now well known in many parts of the country, whither their peregrinations on that celebrated tandem cycle have taken them.

CLERGY WHO THINK OF THE BELLS.

It has often been said that it is a blessing that all men do not think alike, but that, to my mind, depends upon whose point of view they would adopt. If, for instance, they would all think with me on the subject of bells, what a time there would be in store for ringers, and what a blessing it would be for the bell founders — when they've finished making munitions to settle the Kaiser and his hordes. But, unhappily shall I say? even all clergy do not think on the subject as I would have them do. Everything connected with the church seems, with some of them, to come before the bells. They will have a new vestry, or a new organ, or a new pulpit, or even a new clock before they will have new bells or renovate the old ones. Would to goodness there were more about like the late Archdeacon Campbell, of Feltwell, whose death members of the Norwich Association will much deplore. Here was a parson who never lost sight of the bells of his churches, and in three of the parishes in which he lived he carried out renovations and augmentations. He increased Thornham Magna to six and Street and Worlingworth to eight, adding altogether six new bells to these three peals. He was a true friend to ringers and one who, though not a ringer himself, the Exercise could ill-spare. It is no more than a truism to say that the clergy who look after the bells, never neglect the rest of the church. 'Tis a pity we cannot also say that those who look after the rest of the church never neglect the bells.

A LANCASHIRE STORY.

Another good story has reached me concerning the ideas of the uninitiated as to bell ringing, which only goes further to prove what curious notions there are abroad. The incident happened at Ashton-under-Lyne, where at St. Peter's Church, as we have all learned, there are quite a number of ladies who are not only doing their best " to keep the home fires burning," but the church bells ringing as well. At this church, as at nearly all the rest throughout the country on January 2nd, the bells were rung muffled, and while the ringing was in progress, two gentlemen (well known to the ringers, I am informed) passed the church. " I wonder how they muffle the bells?" remarked one. Said the other, " Nay, they're not muffled. They've got lady ringers here, so they'll not be strikin' as hard as men does. That's what mak's 'em sound soft.'

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

CHEW DEANERY'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Wraxall on Saturday, and was splendidly attended, over 60 members being present from Barrow Gurney, Clevedon, Clapton, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portbury, Portishead, Wraxall, Tickenham, Yatton, Bristol, and Newport. Ringing commenced on the fine peal of bells soon after three o'clock, and later in the afternoon divine service was held in the Parish Church, when a most helpful address was given by Preb. Vaughan from Coronthians xii, 2. The members then adjourned to the Battle Axes tea rooms, where, by the kind invitation of Preb. Vaughan, a most excellent meat tea had been provided.

Subsequently the business meeting was held, presided over by Preb. Vaughan. The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and nine new members were elected, including four lady ringers from Tickenham tower.—Barrow Gurney was chosen for the place of the next quarterly meeting.

Preb. Vaughan suggested that a list of names of members in the Deanery who were serving their King and country should be procured. He offered to get them printed on a suitable card, and said he would send one to each tower in the Deanery.—This suggestion was approved by acclamation.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed, and carried amid applause, to Preb. Vaughan for his kindly welcome and hospitality, and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

ILCHESTER DEANERY.

The annual meeting of the Ilchester and Merston Deaneries Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Martock on Saturday week. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and a service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the President of the Branch (Preb. G. G. Monck, Vicar of Stoke-under-Ham). An impressive address was given by the Rev. C. W. Chastel de Boinville, Vicar of Martock. Owing to a death at the Church House a room at the Vicarage was kindly lent by the Vicar and Mrs. de Boinville for the tea and meeting.

The President occupied the chair at the meeting, and was supported by the Vicar of Martock, the Rev. J. H. Burn, of Merriott; Mr. F. Farrant, hon. secretary, and ringers from Ilminster, Martock, Stoke-under-Ham, Norton-sub-Hamdon and Langport.

A report of the year's work and a statement of accounts was read and adopted. The report showed that the usual four meetings had been held and fairly well attended, with the exception of the last one at Langport, and it was much to be regretted that there never had been a well attended meeting there, especially as Langport was the most progressive band in the branch, they having mastered several methods in a comparatively short space of time.

The officers were re-elected, with many thanks for their past services.

Touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, taking part in the ringing before the service.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

MAYOR OF TENTERDEN PRESIDES AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild was founded some fourteen or fifteen years ago at a little gathering of ringers at Appledore, Kent, and it has always been the custom to have the annual meeting in the parish of its birthplace. It was intended to hold the 1916 festival there Saturday week, but a case of serious illness caused the arrangements to be cancelled, and Mr. C. Tribe kindly secured permission for the meeting to take place at Tenterden. Mr. Tribe also invited the Mayor of Tenterden (Councillor Harry Judge) to preside, and His Worship graciously accepted the invitation. Mr. Allen (Tenterden) occupied the vice-chair, and ringers sitting around the festive board at the Temperance Hotel included representatives from Appledore, Ashford, Benenden, Biddenden, Fairfield, Hawkhurst, Rolvenden, Salehurst, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden and Woodchurch.

PRESENTATION TO HON. SECRETARY.

After tea, the Master (Mr. G. Billenness) said it gave him great pleasure to testify to the excellent work done by one who had recently relinquished the offices of hon. secretary and treasurer of their society. He referred to Mr. G. F. Youngs. People sometimes severed their connection with associations owing to differences of opinion, or through friction arising, but their hon. secretary always had their fullest confidence and support. He placed his resignation in their hands when he knew he could not carry out his duties so well as he had been accustomed to (due to his removal from Rye to Ashford). They all deeply regretted his retirement. Efficiency was his motto, for everything he was asked to do, he carried through strictly to the letter, and to the entire satisfaction of every member of the Guild. They as Churchmen confessed in the Church service that " they had left undone those things that they ought to have done, and done those things they ought not to have done." But they could not say this of Gilbert Young's work for the R.M. and D.G. What they could say was that he " left nothing undone that he should have done, and did nothing that he should not have done." As secretary he attended to the correspondence at the proper time, never getting behind, and arranged the meetings in perfect accordance with the members' wishes. As treasurer he studied economy, and used tact in collecting the subscriptions. They would sorely miss his valuable services, but were glad to know he would still remain a member and attend the meetings when convenient. They felt a desire to show their appreciation of his services and labours, and twenty-seven members had subscribed towards an illuminated address and silver bell-shaped inkstand, and he (the speaker) had pleasure in asking the Mayor to hand the gifts to Mr. Youngs on their behalf.

The Mayor read the address, which was worded as follows: " Presented to Gilbert J. Youngs, together with a bell-shaped inkstand, by the following members of the R.M. and D.G. as a token of their thankfulness and gratitude to him for the efficient manner in which he executed the duties of honorary secretary and treasurer. They deeply regretted his retirement, he having greatly increased the membership and placed the Guild in a sound financial position by his untiring energies, during the period he fulfilled the two onerous offices."—Then followed the list of subscribers.

In a few well-chosen sentences, his Worship said people, as a rule, died before they were fully appreciated, but he was one of those who appreciated a man while he was here, and let him know it during his lifetime. He was sure Mr. Youngs was an exceptionally good man, and he congratulated him on his work, and the Guild on having been able to have a man of the type described by the previous speaker. He considered it a great privilege to present the beautiful testimonial. It was something in keeping with Mr. Youngs' splendid work. In handing the gifts to the recipient his Worship said: " It is with the greatest possible pleasure, and I consider it a great privilege to present to you something that we all consider you very worthy of. I hope you will live many years to thoroughly enjoy looking at the illuminated address and using the inkwell " (loud applause).

Mr. Youngs acknowledged the presents by saying they had taken him quite aback. He thanked them very much for their great kindness. It had been a pleasure to him to work with his brother ringers, but he did not deserve all the credit, for he believed it was the heartiest wishes of them all to pull together and flourish. He hoped the Guild would go on as it had done in the past, and he would do his level best to attend the meetings. He again thanked them for their great kindness, and he appreciated the presents very much.

The inkstand was supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Master read a letter from the President (the Rev. A. O. Scutt), Vicar of Appledore. The reverend gentleman expressed his regret at not being able to be with them. He would have liked to make the presentation, and enclosed a donation towards the gifts, also his annual subscription. He added that he would be pleased to be president again if they desired.

On the proposition of Mr. T. Ashenden, seconded by Mr. A. Blackman, the reverend gentleman was re-elected, and Mr. Billenness again accepted the mastership, being proposed by Mr. Youngs, and seconded by Mr. Tribe.—Mr. Youngs moved that Mr. H. J. Balcombe be appointed hon. secretary and treasurer, which proposal was seconded by Mr. Player, and received the whole company's approval.—Mr. Balcombe said that as it was the wish of them all, he would try the work for twelve months and see what he could do.

Messrs. L. Honess (Biddenden), W. H. Perry (Salehurst) and W. Savage (Tenterden) were elected members, and the following were chosen as committeemen: Messrs. G. B. Anderson, A. Blackman, C Tribe, G. J. Youngs, C. W. Player and G. Johnson.

The Mayor expressed his desire to become an honorary member, and was elected with loud applause, and consented to come vice-president of the society.

In response, His Worship remarked that he supposed no one was more fond of the bells than the Mayoress and himself, and he referred to the visit they paid to the Tenterden belfry. He appreciated the music of bells, and it was one of the greatest treats to hear them ringing so beautifully as they did at Tenterden. He wished the Guild the best possible success, and sincerely hoped they would be ringing in Peace before the end of the year.

The balance sheet for 1915, showing £3 3s. 5½d. in hand, was adopted.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Mr. Youngs moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Babington) for the use of the bells, and Mr. Tribe for making the arrangements.—Mr. Kay seconded, and Mr. Tribe suitably acknowledged the compliment. He also said he would like to voice the feelings of them all by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor for coming amongst them that evening. When invited, his Worship expressed it a pleasure to come to their meeting, and they heartily thanked him for his presence, especially as he had become a member of the Guild.

Mr. G. Johnson seconded, and the resolution was proclaimed with loud applause.

The Mayor, in reply, said that in his official capacity, generally speaking, he was expected to support everything worthy of support. He had enjoyed coming there that evening, and sincerely thanked them for asking him. He felt the Guild worthy of support, and wished it every success. He hoped the membership would keep increasing, and that their members who had gone to the war would return safely, and join them again. He believed a good many people thoroughly enjoyed the bells, and were greatly indebted and very much obliged to the ringers for their services.

Subsequently the tower was visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples rung. The next meeting is to take place at High Halden next month, and will be arranged so as not to clash with the Kent county meetings at Staplehurst and Ashford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS GATHERING AT NOTTINGHAM.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held in Nottingham on Saturday last, when representatives were present from Burton, Beeston, Cotgrave, Chesterfield, Derby, Duffield, Hinckley, Ilkeston, Leicester, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Sandiacre and Sawley, in addition to a few local men.

The retiring auditors (Messrs. E. Dennison Taylor and Charles Draper) were unanimously re-elected. After some discussion it was agreed not to publish a report for 1915, owing to the increase cost which would be entailed, the small number of peals rung, and various other difficulties, the hon. secretary (Mr. W. E. White) promising to keep full particulars in manuscript with a view to printing the same at some future date.

About 24 new members were admitted, including several honorary members. The vice-president (Mr. J. W. Taylor), who occupied the chair, announced that 21 peals had been rung during the past year, including the Association's first peal of Little Bob Royal by the Chesterfield band. Most of the peals had been rung half-muffled to the memory of the soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war, or for festivals of the church.

The secretary was asked to collect the names as far as possible of all members who had joined or who do join H.M. forces, with a view to embodying them in a " roll of honour," and those present were asked to do all they could to assist in carrying out this suggestion.

A vote of thanks, accorded for the use of the office and to the chairman for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

THE USE OF CHIMING APPARATUS.

To the Editor

Sir,—If Mr. W. Davies will refer to my letter in your issue of December 24th last, he will notice that I do not deny that damage to bells has occurred in several instances through chiming apparatus being left in gear, or the cords being pulled while the bells are being rung. A manual unprotected and fixed in the basement of a tower, where the ringing floor is above (as at Exeter), is particularly risky. But with a manual enclosed in a lock-up case, and furnished with such a contrivance as I suggested in my former letter, an accident is well-nigh impossible. Your correspondent will also see that I stated most emphatically that no apparatus could in any way be considered as a substitute for ringing; but that at the same time it is useful for chiming large numbers of heavy bells without resorting to the objectionable practice of clocking with clapper-ropes.—Yours, etc.,

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SERGT. W. R. WASHBROOK.

Sergt. W. R. Washbrook, of the 5th North Staffordshire Regiment, second son of that eminent ringer, Mr. James W. Washbrook, whose death we briefly reported last week, was killed at the Battle of Loos. The deceased had been recommended for the D.C.M. "If ever a soldier deserved that honour it was Sergt. Washbrook," were the words of a comrade, who witnessed the act of gallantry. "He was always the first to take on any risks or extra duties. No wonder he was respected by all, from the Colonel to his comrades in the ranks. He was a true British soldier."

The deceased early in life achieved distinction in the Exercise, for at the age of ten years he rang his first peal. This was at Arklow, Ireland. When he was 16 he left Arklow, with his older brother, now Corpl. J. W. Washbrook, to come to the Potteries, where, through the influence of a gentleman, who though not a ringer, is a lover of the art, they secured good positions. Sgt. Washbrook had rung in all about 30 peals, from Grandsire to Superlative, for the Irish, Stoke, and Lancashire Associations. Naturally good ringers and strikers, the brothers Washbrook are sorely missed at Tunstall, where they were members of a promising band of ringers.

In addition to the deceased sergeant, Mr. J. W. Washbrook has three other sons serving their King and country, and Corpl. J. W. Washbrook is now in hospital. The sympathy of all ringers will go out to the bereaved family in their loss.

LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at St. Martin's, Caerphilly, on Saturday last to afford facilities of practice for those who are now unable to obtain it at their own towers owing to depletions in membership through the war. The new Master of the Association, Mr. Wm. Biss, was present, together with members from the following towers: Llandaff Cathedral, St. John's, Cardiff; All Saints' and St. Woolos', Newport; Whitchurch, Penarth, Pontypridd, and the local band. The methods rung were: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, including a 640 of Kent conducted by a young ringer from the Cathedral. The twenty members present wish to thank the Vicar, through these columns, for the use of the bells, they having spent a most useful and instructive three hours in practice.

HORLEY RINGERS' SUPPER.

Through the kindness of a number of Horley (Surrey) tradesmen the local ringers and other parishioners were entertained to supper at the Six Bells Inn on Monday evening of last week. A capital repast was placed on the table by Host Huey, the founders of the feast being Messrs. Branch, Wadham, Scott and Son, Noble, E. J. Flint and Mrs. Palmer. The bell ringers have for many years held their annual supper at the Six Bells Inn, but this year were invited by the church officials to attend a joint supper with the Parish Church choir, held at the Chequers' Hotel. This they did, but were afterwards asked to pay for their dinners, which was not very satisfactory. Gifts for a supper at the Six Bells having been forthcoming, it was decided to do something in a nature of perpetuating what for many years has been an annual event. The Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lewis) was in the chair, and the curate (the Rev. F. E. Watson, M.A.) and assistant organist were present. A number of toasts were honoured, and touches on handbells and a good musical entertainment, comprising some capital old songs and glees, were rendered, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LEATHERHEAD.

It is the custom to hold the annual meeting of the Surrey Association at a ten-bell tower in each district in turn, and this year the Central District, with Leatherhead for the venue, was fortunate in the matter of weather which favoured the gathering on Saturday last. Many cycles were seen at the church, and, in a sense, one almost fancied it was a summer-time meeting instead of a winter one. From 3.30 till 5 several touches were brought round, after which a special service was held, at which the Vicar officiated, and also gave an address. The organist also gave his assistance, and the result was a really enjoyable service.

Afterwards a meat tea was served in the Church Institute, to which about 40 members sat down. The business meeting followed, the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewitt) taking the chair. An admirable report of the year's work was presented by the Master, which was listened to with great interest. Only one peal on tower bells and one on handbells had been rung, showing how loyal the members had been since the outbreak of war, while the list of members serving with the colours added further proof of the patriotism the members have displayed.

Reigate was selected for the next annual meeting.

A motion by the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. C. Reading) asking that ringers serving in the forces might be retained on the books as members without payment for the duration of the war, was carried with acclamation.

The question of a new block and design for certificates was discussed, and it was decided to have a new design, the matter to be left in the hands of a small committee.

Several new members were elected, and the whole of the officers were re-elected for the year.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address, to the organist for his services, and the steeplekeeper, was proposed by the Master, and carried unanimously, and this concluded the business.

Ringing on the ten bells was afterwards resumed, and when "good-night" time came, and ringers from several London towers, Croydon, Dorking, Reigate, Mitcham, Burstow, Epsom, Ashtead, Hersham, Streatham and Wimbledon bade farewell to local strings, no one could honestly lay claim to have spent a dull time during the afternoon and evening.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT STAMFORD.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Stamford on Saturday, members being present from Grantham, Bourne, Colsterworth, Orston, Market Deeping, West Deeping, Peterbrough, and the local bands. St. Martin's bells were utilised during the afternoon, several good touches being brought round in various methods. When the belfry became over-crowded with visitors some of the members made their way to All Saints'. This fine church has a grand peal of six bells (tenor 17½ cwt.), but they are, unfortunately, badly in need of the bell hanger's attention.

After tea, at the Crown Hotel, at which about 20 members were present, the usual business meeting was held. Unfortunately the Branch President (the Rev. E. W. Carpenter) was unable to attend. Mr. J. J. Jutson was, therefore, voted to the chair.

The balance sheet for 1915 showed that the amount in hand had been increased by just over £2, which was considered very satisfactory. The officers for 1916 were elected as follows: President, Rev. E. W. Carpenter; Master, Mr. J. Lake; treasurer, Mr. A. Holmes; Guild representative and honorary auditor, Mr. A. O. Markwell; Messrs. S. Proctor and Wm. G. Thorpe were elected secretary and assistant secretary respectively. There were various changes and additions to the committee, upon which four new towers are now represented.—The Assistant Secretary made an appeal for the next meeting (in July) to be held at Hough-on-the-Hill, and this was agreed to.—Six new members were enrolled, being from Market Deeping, West Deeping, Peterbrough St. John's, and Colsterworth.

After the assistant secretary had made several remarks referring to rules and the balance sheet, the Chairman proposed a vote of condolence with the parents of Mr. Lawrence E. Mears, 6th Lincolnshire Regiment, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles; also to the widow of the late Mr. Wm. Cawton, one of the Guild's oldest members, both members having been attached to St. Wulfram's, Grantham.—The motion was agreed to, by the members standing.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars of St. Martin's, All Saints' and St. Michael's for placing the bells of their churches at the disposal of the Guild.

A move was then made for St. Martin's, where the bells were kept going in various touches. The members wish to take this opportunity of thanking the steeplekeepers for the trouble they took to make the Guild's visit to Stamford a success.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on January 16th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples: R. Evans 1, T. J. Evans 2, A. J. Stanley 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, Sapper D. R. James, R.E., 7, B. Toby 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Evans 1, T. J. Evans 2, A. J. Stanley 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, Sapper D. R. James, R.E., 7, B. Toby 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH AT EVESHAM.

On Saturday last a quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch took place at Evesham, when members were present from Pershore, Fladbury, Hampton, Bengeworth, Bretforton, Overbury, Toddington, etc. Service was held in All Saints' Church, and was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Walker, who gave an excellent address from the words: "Remember me, O Lord," Psalms cvi, 4. The organist and choir boys were present, and the way the boys rendered the musical parts of the service was much appreciated.

The ringers were the guests of the All Saints' and St. Laurence Guild at tea, which was served in the Parish Hall, about 40 sitting down, including the Rev. Dr. Walker, the Rev. W. D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton), Mr. G. T. Lombardini (churchwarden of All Saints'), Mr. W. S. Ancill (churchwarden of Overbury), Mr. H. E. Hopkins (sidesman at Overbury), and Mr. G. E. Rind, secretary of the All Saints' and St. Laurence Guild.

A business meeting followed, at which Dr. Walker presided. Several new members were elected, and Dr. Walker sanctioned the quarterly peal being rung at Evesham tower with the bells half-muffled, Mr. H. Middleton being chosen as conductor.

It was resolved to hold the summer meeting at Feckenham, which lies at the extreme north of the Southern Branch, it being the desire of the members to keep in touch as much as possible with the outlying towers.

The Secretary announced that the Rev. W. A. Warner, of Toddington, had gone as chaplain to H.M. Forces, and that L. Lively, of Toddington, and J. Hampton, of Bengeworth, had enlisted, and it was resolved that their names be entered in the minute book under the roll of honour.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, to which the Chairman replied, and brief speeches followed from the Rev. W. D. Fitzmaurice, Mr. G. T. Lombardini, Mr. W. S. Ancill, Mr. H. E. Hopkins, and Mr. G. E. Rind, and thus closed a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

The fine peal of ten bells were rung half-muffled, at the express wish of Dr. Walker, to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Charles I.

WESTERN BRANCH MEET AT DROITWICH.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Droitwich on Saturday, January 29th. The weather being good for cycling, brought a capital attendance, nearly every tower being represented, while in addition there were present the Ringing Master of the Northern Branch (Mr. S. Grove), Mr. E. Boylin, and others, of Selly Oak, and Mr. G. Popnel, of Clent. There was ringing at St. Andrew's during the afternoon, and service was held in the Lady Chapel. The tea, which was kindly given by the Rector, was partaken of in the Parish Room, and much appreciated.

At the meeting, which followed, the Rev. F. D. Richardson presided, and four new performing members were elected, including one lady.—The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Droitwich, with Mr. R. G. Knowles as conductor.

The next meeting is to be held at Crowle, on June 24th.—After the usual votes of thanks, a move was again made to the tower, while some went to Dodderhill, where Canon Price had given permission to ring. The ringing at St. Andrew's included Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich Major, and at Dodderhill, Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob Minor. The meetings was considered a very satisfactory and enjoyable one.

KENT RINGERS VISIT MIDDLESEX TOWERS.

Fair weather always adds to the enjoyment of an outing, and the "two men of Kent" who visited Middlesex on Sunday, Jan. 23rd, were favoured in that respect. Starting at St. Mary's, Acton, in the morning, several touches were rung, amongst them were 336 Grandsire and 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by R. Holloway and W. Lawrence respectively: F. M. Mitchell (Gravesend) 1, W. Phillips 2, J. Fruin 3, V. Holloway 4, F. Hayes (Gravesend) 5, R. Holloway 6, W. Lawrence 7, A. Elliott 8. Everyone was pleased to see Corpl. Percy Clark (R.M.L.I.), who introduced his friends from Gravesend, and who rang the tenor to some of the touches.

In the afternoon the octave at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, was set going to 504 Grandsire Triples, and when, at the conclusion of it, one of the visitors said that "it was not half long enough," he paid a tribute alike to both the band and the bells: A. Smith 1, R. H. Boddington 2, C. Edwards 3, F. M. Mitchell 4, F. Hayes 5, R. Holloway 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, A. Elliott 8.

After the ringing at St. Stephen's, the visitors, together with Corpl. Clark and A. Harding, were entertained to tea at Wimborne Gardens, where a time was spent in seeing various curios, and interest was shown in the working of a carillon containing nine bells, which will play several tunes automatically.

Next a breezy journey by tram-car, and Hillingdon was reached, where at St. John's the fine ring of ten rolled out a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1278 changes): G. Harbour 1, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 2, F. M. Mitchell 3, F. Hayes 4, C. Mayne 5, W. Lawrence 6, E. Hancox 7, A. Harding 8, H. H. Chandler 9, W. Honor 10. This quarter-peal was the first on ten bells by F. M. Mitchell and F. Hayes, and at its conclusion they expressed their thanks to everyone who had done his best to ensure their enjoyment throughout the day.

PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED AT READING.

A SILVER WEDDING PRESENTATION.

Saturday last was a red-letter day in the annals of St. Mary's Society, Reading, when ringers assembled from the neighbouring towers of St. Laurence and St. Giles', and from Caversham, Binfield and Aborfield, for the unveiling of tablets recording four peals, viz., Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Wickham Legg), and afterwards Mr. A. E. Reeves, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in a neat speech, asked the Vicar, on behalf of the Society, to present to Mr. John Swain, the esteemed foreman of the belfry, a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell, in commemoration of his silver wedding. The speaker said that Mr. Swain had been foreman of the tower all through his married life, and had always been courteous to the members, and ready to give visitors a cordial welcome.

The Vicar, in handing the present to Mr. Swain, said he felt it a great privilege and pleasure to be asked to make such a presentation. Ever since he had been the Vicar of St. Mary's he had always found the ringers what they should be, and he thought in some way it was due to the genial manner of Mr. Swain, and to Mrs. Swain, for allowing him to be so regular in attendances.

Mr. Swain, in receiving the inkstand, thanked his brother ringers very much for the gift, which had come as a very pleasant surprise, and he felt sure, if Mrs. Swain had been present, she would have done the same.

The bells were then set going to the tune of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Kent Treble Bob.

Among the company, besides St. Mary's ringers, were Mr. Tom Hibbert and his son, Mr. A. W. Pike, Mr. W. Newell, Mr. A. W. Osborne and his son, Mr. H. Bungay (Binfield), Pte L. G. Reeves, R.A.M.C. staff (Bristol), Miss Goodship, and the Misses Hopgood.

The presentation inkstand was supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking.

HAWKHURST RINGERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

The Hawkhurst branch of the Kent Association held their annual meeting on Tuesday in last week, the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Walbrand-Evans) presiding.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. Ashenden) presented a brief resume of the past year's doings, which showed that five quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples had been rung at Hawkhurst, and one each at Benenden, Rye, Salehurst and Tenterden, the bands at these places comprising mostly Hawkhurst men.—The collectors (Messrs. A. H. Wellard and T. Ashenden) reported that residents of the parish had showed their appreciation of the ringers' labours by subscribing about the same amount as in former years.—On the proposition of Mr. J. Blake, seconded by Mr. Wellard, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the donors.—Messrs. F. Chapman (captain), G. Billenness (conductor) and T. Ashenden (hon. secretary) were re-appointed to their respective offices, and the company agreed to admit Master R. Kemp as a member of the band.

Among other points discussed was the question of ringing after darkness has set in. No ringing except on two occasions had been done for some time at night, according to the vicar's order. — The reverend gentleman gave a full explanation of his reason for forbidding the ringing. Our destroyers, he said, were fitted with instruments to record when submarines were about. The destroyers' engines made a great noise, and yet, by means of using the instrument, if a submarine was near, it could at once be heard, even if the destroyer's engines were in motion. With regard to Zeppelins, they knew these airships were elaborately furnished, and while he did not know, yet he should imagine some such sort of instrument was fitted in them, so that the aviators could detect any noise beneath them without shutting off their engines. In the circumstances he thought it unwise that any ringing should take place after darkness had set in.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

A PATRIOTIC COMPANY.

The ringers of St. Stephen's, Fylingdales, Yorks, on January 23rd rang a farewell touch in the afternoon to Mervyn Duck and Reuben Sellars, who were leaving to join the army under Lord Derby's scheme a few days later. Three other members of the company, G. Wellburn, jun., F. Townsend and G. F. Alexander have also attested, being in later groups. The following ringers, who were connected with this tower, are already serving in the ranks: J. W. Lowther, Yorkshire Regiment; R. Duck, Royal Engineers; H. Cooper, R.A.M.C., are all in France; M. Cooper, Army Service Corps; C. Rickinson, R.A.M.C.; L. Parnaby is serving in the Royal Navy as a wireless operator; and Stanley Wellburn is joining the Navy in March, when he attains the age required. Two other probationers, who had taken up ringing at the time, joined the Army at the commencement of the war, and have been serving in France for some months, are M. Collinson, Yorkshire Regiment, and J. D'Houg, Yorkshire Regiment. The brothers Wellburn are sons of Mr. G. Wellburn, of Hook House, Robin Hood's Bay, who holds the office of Vicar's warden at this church. An old member of this company, Albert Newton, who a few years since emigrated to Canada, came over with the first Canadian contingent as a member of the R.A.M.C. attached to that force. He was wounded at Neuve Chapelle, but is now convalescent, and will shortly return to the front to take up his duties again.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Mary's Church, Potterne, on Saturday last, and was attended by 16 ringers from Devizes St. John's; Holt, Southbroom, Potterne and Swindon. After ringing had been enjoyed the Guild service, authorised by the Bishop, was held in the church, at which the Vicar gave a very impressive and instructive address. Mrs. Kewley very kindly presided at the organ, and the singing was well sustained.

Tea was provided in the Parish Room and much enjoyed. A short business meeting followed, the chair being kindly taken by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Kewley), supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. branch secretary.—Two new ringing members, one from Westbury and one from Potterne, were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Room, and to Mrs. Kewley for so kindly presiding at the organ. Ringing was again indulged in until nearly eight o'clock, bringing to a close a very pleasant and successful meeting.

AFTERNOON PRACTICES.

The first practice which has been held at Ipswich for some months, owing to all ringing after dark being forbidden by the military authorities, took place at St. Mary-le-Tower on Saturday afternoon, when, among other touches, was one of five course of Stedman Cinques, by: W. L. Catchpole 1, R. H. Brundle 2, R. H. Hayward 3, C. J. Sedgley 4, W. P. Garrett 5, W. Motts 6, J. Rose 7, H C. Gillingham 8, E. Reeve 9, J. Motts (conductor) 10, E. Evans 11, C. Crampnell 12. The ringing for Sunday morning service is being kept up.

An afternoon practice at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, recently caused a good many inquiries as to the reason for the merry ringing of the bells, and the " Bournemouth Echo " gave the explanation next day, by stating: " The fact of the matter is that the bell ringers were merely practising and, at the same time, calling the people to the evening service. The provisions of the Defence of the Realm Act have put a stop to bell-ringing in the evening, which is when the practice takes place in normal times. When the peal of bells commenced yesterday afternoon, Earl Rosslyn was in the middle of a recitation in St. Peter's Hall, at the ' Edith Cavell ' entertainment. The joy-peal, however, did not, in the least, disconcert the noble reciter."

EASTON NESTON'S VICAR DEAD.

On Saturday last, in the peaceful churchyard at Easton Neston, the late Rev. R. C. Collins was laid to rest within sound of the bells he loved so well. For the 54 years he had been Vicar, his earnest and enthusiastic manner made him beloved by all who knew him. He was ordained in 1851, and appointed curate of Towcester. After a time he became curate of Easton Neston, and, at the death of the previous Vicar, he was offered and accepted the living, and continued to conduct the services till December last. This must be nearly a record for a clergyman to spend the whole of his clerical career, 65 years, at only two churches, and these but one mile apart. He had reached the great age of 88 years.

For the service on Sunday the following touches were rung with the bells half-muffled: 420 and 504 Stedman Triples, 336 Grandsire Triples, and two or three shorter lengths, the following taking part: J. Slarke, W. Sharp, F. Hopper, F. Wilford, W. Allen, T. Harris, J. Hensman, J. Dean, W. Parker, W. Rogers and T. Law.

LEYTONSTONE'S 720's.

The following 67 720's were rung by the St. John-the-Baptist's (Leytonstone) company and visiting friends during 1915: Plain Bob 9, Kent Treble Bob 6, Oxford Treble Bob 5; Surprise Methods: London 11, Cambridge 7, York 7, Wells 3, Lincoln 3, Durham 3, Chelsea 2, Alnwick 1, Beverley 1, Carlisle 1, Chester 1, Canterbury 1, Ipswich 2, Mundon 1, Morpeth 1, Newcastle 1, Surfleet 1. Ringers: W. Miller 67, W. Theobald 61, H. Torble 40, A. Prior 34, J. Moule 33, W. Riches 30, G. Dawson 29, W. Doran 17, G. Hayden 16, A. Fiddis 15, H. Saffell 10, R. Sanders 8, F. G. Newman 7, E. Smith 6, G. T. Clayton 5, A. G. Scambler 4, G. A. Black 3, W. Allcock 3, W. Keeble 2, E. Pearson 2, F. Doran 2, W. Pye 1, A. E. Lebbon 1, H. Gowers 1. H. Chaffy 1, B. Marks 1, W. H. Dyment 1, T. Scarlett 1, J. Waghorn 1. Conductors: W. Miller 41, J. Moule 10, H. Torble 4, G. Dawson 4, W. Theobald 3, W. Keeble 2, G. A. Black 1, F. G. Newman 1, A. Prior 1.

MESSAGE FROM SALONICA.

We have received a letter dated December 20th, from Pte Percy Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs, district secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, who is now serving with the I.B. Section, 29th Labour Company of the Army Service Corps at Salonica, and his ringing friends will be glad to know he is well. After three weeks at Aldershot Pte Webb was drafted to Salonica, where he landed, after a 14 days' voyage, on November 28th, in a snowstorm. The weather was so cold that the water froze in the men's water bottles. " My thoughts," adds Pte Webb, "are with my brother ringers in the old country this Christmas, as I always took an active part in ringing. I hope before long the bells in every tower will be ringing for our great victory, for which so many of our brother ringers are ' doing their bit.' I hope those who are still at home will keep up the ringing, and will also teach others the art so as to fill up the ranks with recruits, for many of our brave comrades from the belfry will fall before the end of this terrible struggle. I wish you and all brother ringers a happy and prosperous New Year."

MUFFLED RINGING FOR DEAD HEROES

The following were among the muffled touches rung for those who have fallen in the war:—

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 532 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Prior 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, Corpl. A. W. Coles (M.F.P.) 3, C. Edwards (conductor) 4, T. Upshall 5, E. Clapshaw 6, E. Newell 7, A. King 8.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Jan. 2nd, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor: G. Hubble 1, H. Martin, junr., 2, J. Parton 3, W. Short 4, G. Popnall 5, H. Martin, senr. (conductor) 6.—A 720 for evening service was lost at the fifth part, and was lost through the " casting " of the 3rd rope.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Saturday, Jan. 15th, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 7-6-8 covering: F. Morriss 1, F. Blunt, senr., 2, O. Bayes 3, Pte. H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regiment) conductor, 4, W. H. Newell 5, F. Blunt, junc., 6, W. Lawrence 7, P. Paveley 8. A peal of Triples had been arranged, but three of the band had to wire off at the last moment, and the above was rung instead.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—At All Saints', on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, the bells were rung, muffled, for all the services, as a tribute to the fallen brave. The following were among those who took part in the ringing: C. W. Cook (conductor), A. Cook, L. Cook, Rev. H. B. Woolley, Walter Neal, Geo. Crisp, Miss Rose Seymour, Miss Louisa Few, Miss Gertrude Crisp, J. B. Woolley and Herbert Cole.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, with the bells half-muffled, 432 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Wills 1, D. Wright 2, F. Gammon 3, H. Garforth (conductor) 4, G. Burt 5, C. Dean 6, C. Kitchen 7, F. Hermon 8.

LUTON.—Bedfordshire Association.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, for the Intercession services, when the Mayor and Corporation, in state, attended, with bells half-muffled, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Rookwood 1, W. Payne 2, B. Wilson 3, Pte. H. Walker 4, F. Hunt 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8. For evening service, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins.: F. Hunt 1, J. Rookwood 2, T. Kendall 3, Pte H. Walker 4, B. Wilson 5, C. Wing 6, W. Payne 7, A. King (conductor) 8.—On Janaury 8th, in memory of the fallen heroes in the great war, with bells half-muffled, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, and after ringing 1680 changes in one hour and five minutes, a shift course took place: J. Rookwood 1, F. Hunt 2, B. Wilson 3, B. Jarman 4, W. Payne 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8.

THANET, KENT.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, several 168's of Grandsire Triples.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, touches of Grandsire Triples after evening service.

COCKINGTON, TORQUAY.—Recently, 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to those who have fallen: W. Blight 1, A. W. Brighton, London (conductor) 2, J. Olding 3, J. Browning 4, A. W. Bowers 5, S. Piper 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At St. Bartholomew's Church on Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service, 720 Killamarsh Surprise: W. Wibberley 1, J. Walker 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Laurence (conductor) 4, G. E. Laurence 5, J. F. Ryles 6. For evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Walker 1, G. E. Laurence 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Laurence 4, F. T. Dawson 5, J. F. Ryles 6.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 2nd, when the Mayor and Corporation attended the morning service, 576 Grandsire Caters: W. Newton 1, W. H. Stephenson 2, J. Clarkson (Middleham) 3, R. Alcock 4, H. Parrish (Middleham), first touch of Caters, 5, J. Waller 6, J. G. Hall 7, —. Miller (Hull) 8, T. Stephenson (conductor) 9, F. P. Howcroft (West Hartlepool) 10. The bells were also rung half-muffled for the Intercession service at 3 p.m.

NUNEATON.—On Jan. 2nd, for morning and evening services, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich, and also a touch after evening service, the bells being half-muffled. Those taking part were: H. Argyle, D. H. Argyle, J. Ballard, T. W. Chapman, J. F. Clarke, senr., J. F. Clarke, junr., J. Greasley, W. Martin, R. Pollard and W. Orton.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, on Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: G. Swaffer 1, G. Paine 2, A. C. Kay 3, G. J. Youngs 4, W. Everett (conductor) 5, R. Goldup 6, T. Tabrett 7, W. Heritage 8.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, for divine service, with the bells half-muffled, a 405 Grandsire Triples: F. Ruston 1, A. Pritchett 2, J. Vaughan 3, C. Webb 4, J. S. Pritchett 5, T. Pritchett 6, W. Palmer (conductor) 7, T. Lilley 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Saturday, Jan. 8th, 720 Oxford and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Wisdom 1, J. Sherlock 2, C. Varo 3, Rev. E. J. Teesdale 4, J. Death 5, A. Harmon (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of those who have fallen in the war.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on financial matters, should be paid during the present month. Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on February 10th and 24th, and for general business on the 15th and 29th; all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, February 5th. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4. Service in Church at 5. Tea at the Bell Hotel at 5.45, followed by General Meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, February 5th. Bells open from 3 to 9 p.m. Service in church at 5.30 p.m., followed by tea. — Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Wanstead, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, short service at 4 o'clock, after which bells again available till 6.30. All ringers and friends invited. — H Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEETING will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (9d.) in the Parish Room at 5.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton, Devon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30. Tea at the Waverley Hotel at 5.15 p.m. to members at 9d. per head, 1s. 3d. to others.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Desborough, February 5th; Finedon, February 12th; Twywell, February 19th; and Kingsthorpe, February 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will members let district secretaries know not later than the Wednesday previous to meetings if they require tea.—Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

GLOS. AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on February 5th at Stapleton. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Visitors heartily welcomed. Kindly notify by February 1st to A. W. Seviour, 5, Brunswich Street, City Road, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION —Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burham on Saturday, February 5th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 at the Clarence Hotel, meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Hon. Local Sec., Burham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in the Vestry Hall at 9d. per head to those who notify me not later than February 8th.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall at 5. Those members who have not already paid their subscriptions are earnestly requested to do so by the date of the meeting. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks & South Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Slough on Saturday, February 12th, 1916. Service in the Parish Church 4.30 p.m.; preacher. Rev. F. G. A. Phillips, Rector of Taplow. Tea in Church Institute 5.15 p.m., business meeting to follow. The bells will be available from 2.30 until 9 p.m. Names of members intending to be present must reach me not later than Monday, February 7th.—G. Martin, 21, Powney Road, Maidenhead.—United practice will be held at Gt. Missenden on January 29th, at 7 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Miles Platting on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. — Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Salmesbury on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford on Saturday, February 12th. The bells of both Old and New Alresford will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, New Alresford, at 5.15. Members who intend to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday, February 9th. — Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ashford, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. E. H. Sopwith), on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available from 3 till 6. Service in the church at 6 o'clock. Arrangements will be made for tea after the service (for those who wish it) by notifying me of same not later than Tuesday, February 15th. As we have not been privileged to hold a meeting at Ashford for several years it is hoped members will turn up in force to show their appreciation of same.—C. Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, February 19th, 1916. See notice in "Ringing World" next week.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary, Rayne.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, on Saturday, Feb. 19, 1916. Draw for order of ringing to take place in the school at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who send in their names to me not later than Monday, February 14th.—F Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM. — The bells at this church are rung on Sundays for service at the following times: 10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m., from 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed. — James George, Ringing Master, 125, Victoria Road, Aston.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On December 13th, at the Parish Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, R. Law 3, F. Bird 4, T. J. Watts 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, H. W. Watts 7.—On Christmas morning, for 7 a.m. service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Watts 1, R. Law 2, G. Gray 3, T. J. Watts 4, W. Watts (conductor) 5, H. W. Watts 6.—On Sunday, December 26th, 360 Bob Minor: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, R. Law 3, W. E. Carr 4, T. J. Watts 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, H. W. Watts 7.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Dec. 19th, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, 1280 Bob Major: W. R. Parker 1, W. H. Austin 2, T. Law 3, J. W. Sharp 4, A. J. Mawby 5, J. C. Dean 6, F. Hopper 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8.—On Christmas Day, for evening service, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major: W. Farey 1, A. P. Hensman 2, F. Wilford 3, J. C. Dean 4, H. Rainbow 5, H. Blundell 6, J. T. Hensman 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8.—On December 26th, for morning service, 1260 Stedman Triples: H. Blundell 1, A. P. Hensman 2, S. J. Lawrence 3, W. J. Allen 4, J. T. Hensman 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, J. C. Dean 8.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On December 19th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for morning service: A. E. Smith 1, R. H. Boddington 2, A. W. Davis 3, W. Lawrence 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, J. H. Payne 7, A. Elliott 8. For the usual third Sunday afternoon ringing, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. Lawrence 1, H. Stevens 2, J. W. Fruin 3, G. Iles 4, C. Hunt 5, B. Brewer 6. A. Harding 7, A. Hubbard (conductor) 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 minutes: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, W. Hoad 3, H. Edwards 4, W. Cramp 5, W. H. Perry 6, T. Booth (conductor) 7, E. Mills 8.

CHESTERFIELD. — On Christmas Day, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 47 mins.: D. Farthing 1, T. W. Gore 2, G. Hollis (conductor) 3, G. Davies 4, B. A. Knights 5, F. Stubbs 6, A. Knights 7, G. A. Thompson 8, W. T. Peglar (Bangor) 9, W. Allwood 10. Rung for the Christmas festival, and also to commemorate the 69th birthday of Mr. D. Farthing.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Sear 2, H. Sear 3, H. Morris 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8.—On Dec. 26th, for morning service, 336 Stedman Triples: H. Sear 1, W. Mead 2, W. Pether 3, H. Morris 4, W. Sear 5, F. Stonton 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (by James George, Birmingham): H. Sear 1, W. Mead 2, W. Sear 3, H. Morris 4, L. Meager 5, G. F. Hoad 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, F. Stonton 8. E. Reader hails from Loughborough, and G. F. Hoad from Reigate, Surrey.

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