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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.

THE DEAD PRESIDENT.

It is only with the lapse of time that the Exercise will realise what it owes to the services rendered by the late Sir Arthur Heywood. No one could have read the memoir penned by his intimate friend, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, without realising the vast and varied interests which made up Sir Arthur's life, his nobility of character, his earnestness of purpose and his eminent services, not only to the counties in which he resided, and to his country, but to the Church of which he was so devoted a son and to the ringing Exercise, of which he was an honoured member. As founder, president and main spring of the Central Council it is difficult to imagine that body without him. He largely directed its policy and controlled its aims, and those who have differed from him in regard to these matters have never doubted his sincerity of purpose or the value of his services.

At a time when, to some extent, the fortunes of ringing may be considered to be in the melting pot—for who shall say we shall return to quite the same conditions that existed before the war?—the Exercise could ill afford to lose one whose position, influence and knowledge were so exceptional. If the Central Council in the future is to be what Sir Arthur desired it should be, a representative body to defend the rights of ringers whenever they may be seriously challenged, it will have to be extremely careful of the way in which it acts, both in regard to filling the vacant presidency and in shaping its future policy.

The moment is too premature even to discuss Sir Arthur's probable successor in the presidential chair, but the members of the Council and the Associations who elect them may well begin seriously to consider how best the Council can be made to serve the interests of ringers. The whole future, indeed the very existence of a representative Council depends upon the course which the central body elects to follow, and now, more than ever, it behoves the associations to give the matter their most careful consideration so that they may strengthen the hands of their delegates. The death of the President has brought the Council to a parting of the ways. A false step might mean rapid disintegration, whereas a wisely conceived policy, based upon the desires of the electing bodies, would give it a new energy, which, suddenly deprived of the guidance and support of its founder and president, it will undoubtedly require. It is not too soon for the associations to bear this position in mind, for, though the Council will not assemble till next year, a good many of the county and diocesan organsations will meet only once in annual conclave between now and then, and opportunities are thus not too numerous to discuss a question which may have an important bearing on the future of the Exercise.

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Chelmsford.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, April 24, 1916, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

CHARLES DICKENS ...	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	7
FREDERICK DICKENS	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	HERBERT KNIGHT	10
ALF. PADDON SMITH	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	6	GEORGE YENDALL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., Mr. George W. Baldwin, and Ex-Chief Detective-Inspector William Painter. The two latter were Vice-Presidents of St. Martin's Guild and Mr. Baldwin was the Guild's oldest member, having joined the St. Martin's Society in 1868.

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

On Saturday, April 29, 1916, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ...	...*Treble*	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	7
CHARLES DICKENS	2	ALF. PADDON SMITH ...	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
JAMES E. GROVES	4	JESSE SCREEN	10
GEORGE F. SWANN	5	JAMES GEORGE	11
FRANK W. PERRENS	6	THOMAS H. REEVES	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Ex-Chief Detective-Inspector William Painter and Mr. George W. Baldwin.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1916, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOSEPH BROADLEY ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ...	5
THOMAS B. KENDELL	2	JOHN JOYCE	6
WILLIAM CLARK	3	EDWARD CROWTHER ...	7
WILLIAM JOYCE	4	HERBERT PELL	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN J. BRIERLEY, and
Conducted by JOSEPH BROADLEY.

Rung on the 20th anniversary of the long peal of 10,400, and as a farewell to Mr. F. C. M. S. Rhodes and Mr. Thompson, Churchwardens, who were retiring.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1916, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor about 12 cwt.

JOHN W. DAVIS	...*Treble*	JOHN W. JONES	5
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	CHARLES DYSON	6
JOHN AUSTIN	3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS	7
JESSE GILLETT	4	GEORGE CONDICK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. George Condick.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HAWKSHEAD, WESTMORLAND.

On Thursday, April 20, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB, 5040 CHANGES;

†THOMAS B. NEWTON...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROBINSON	... 4
*WILLIAM D. HEELIS	... 2	THOMAS TOWNSON	... 5
*FREDERICK W. COWARD	... 3	CHARLES E. WEBB	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. B. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Barker, for many years a sidesman of this church.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1916, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt.

DAVID BREARLEY	...*Treble*	HERBERT ROWLEY	... 4
GEORGE F. PICKLES	... 2	CLIFFORD ROBINSON	... 5
GEORGE HUNT	... 3	GEORGE HILL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

This peal was arranged for C. Robinson, who is a member of the above tower, and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and also for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JAMES GOODSELL	...*Treble*	WALTER H. PERRY	... 4
*WILLIAM H. HOAD	... 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	... 5
*TRAYTON BOOTH	... 3	*EDWARD MILLS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were augmented to six in 1904. All the ringers belong to the Salehurst band of ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, April 27, 1916, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON	... 1—2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES	... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	... 3—4	REV. H. LAW JAMES	... 7—8

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 1, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT 41, GLAMORGAN STREET, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

ALFRED B. PECK	... 1—2	HENRY R. NEWTON	... 5—6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	... 3—4	HARRY R. PASMORE	... 7—8

HERBERT LANGDON ... ... 9—10

Composed by F. DENCH, and

Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

Umpire: JAMES WILLSHIRE.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL.

Sunday ringing has been resumed at Chelmsford Cathedral at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The monthly practice will be held on the last Saturday in the month from 6 to 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

ENCOURAGING LEARNERS.

A special meeting of the Northampton District was held at Wootton, on Saturday last, when 24 sat down to tea.—Mr. J. Slarke, vice-president, in explaining the reason these meetings were being held, said that as so many of our ringers had left the belfry for the battle-field, many of them, alas, never to return, it was the duty of those left at home to see that our bells were kept ready for the time when they would be wanted to proclaim the end of this awful war. They must encourage the lads who are too young for military service, to take up ringing, and arrange these special meetings at the various towers which did not at present belong to the Association. He hoped this would be the means of some—perhaps all—of the ringers joining the Association. These meetings would be chiefly devoted to learners. By learners, he did not mean that only those who were just starting ringing would be allowed to ring. All who were anxious to get a step higher than was possible in their own tower would, as far as possible, receive a helping band. He was very pleased to see during the afternoon, those who had rung peals of Surprise doing their best to get a learner to hunt the treble to Grandsire Doubles. He thought that was just what the committee wished when they decided to have these special meetings.

The Rector, Canon Dodson, said how very pleased he was to welcome them to Wootton. Although not a ringer himself he was very keen on hearing the bells rung, and he thought it a splendid idea to have such gatherings. If they could get the lads interested in ringing what a splendid asset it would be, as so many were apt to drift away from the church when their Sunday School days were past.

The Rev. J. P. Frend, Collingtree, said he hoped to invite them to Collingtree when the war was over, as he now had a beautiful peal of five, but the donor of the new tenor bell had given it on condition that it was not to be rung till peace was proclaimed. He thought it most tragic that the bells were consecrated by the Bishop one day, and the next day the tenor was tolled for the death of the donor.

The District Secretary referred to the loss which had befallen the Exercise by the death of Sir Arthur Heywood.—Mr. F. Hopper proposed that the meeting express its sympathy with his widow and family in their sad bereavement.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Sharp, and carried in silence.

One honorary and three ringing members were elected, and Dallington was chosen for the next meeting, on May 20th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and conducting the service, to which he suitably replied.—A cordial vote to the host and hostess for the splendid tea they had provided brought the proceedings to a close.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT MEETING AT LEWES.

Centrally situated at the junction point of six railway branches, Lewes, with its melodious ring of ten bells at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Southover, and its ever hearty welcome to ringers, is always a popular meeting place for members of the Sussex Association, and it was not surprising to find an attendance of between 50 and 60 at the Central Division gathering held there on Easter Monday. Ringing commenced shortly after two o'clock with a touch of Superlative, followed by Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal, while touches in other methods provided opportunity for all to have a pull.

A short service was held in the church, the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Windle, M.A.) giving an excellent address. Subsequently the ringers assembled at the Church Hall, where, at the kind invitation of the Rector, they partook of tea. At the business meeting, which followed, the Rector, who presided, supported by the Rev. A. S. Dendy, warmly welcomed the Association. Five new members were elected. The Rector's hospitality in entertaining the ringers was, needless to say, greatly appreciated, and a vote of thanks was passed to him for welcoming the Association to Southover, for his capital address, and for providing the members with such an excellent tea. This was carried with applause, and concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 7.30, when ringing ceased on account of restrictions.

A feature of the gathering was the number of members present from outside the border, amongst whom were such well-known ringers as Messrs. A. B. Peck, G. R. Pye and C. T. Coles. The evening concluded with handbells and harmony. The following towers in the county were represented: Aldrington; St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', Brighton; Burgess Hill, Bolney, Ditchling, Hurstpierpoint, Heene, Lindfield, Rotherfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Steyning and Southover.

DEATH OF A YORKSHIRE RINGER.

The death occurred on Sunday, April 16th, at the Rotherham Hospital, of Mr. Thomas Whitworth, who for a long time had been a patient of the institution, suffering from cancer. The deceased was much respected around Sheffield and district. He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, also a member of the Sheffield and District Society. He had rung 46 peals in different methods. The funeral took place at Treeton on Good Friday.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ST. ALBANS.

The gathering of ringers at St. Albans on Easter Monday demonstrated an unwavering interest on the part of members of Hertford County Association who assembled in the Cathedral City of the Diocese as usual for their annual festival.

The members, during the day, visited the towers of St. Albans Churches and rang touches in various methods. At five o'clock there was choral evensong with the choir of the Cathedral, the Dean, Canon Papillon, and the Rev. J. H. Newton officiating. The address was delivered by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, whose text was taken from I. Peter, iii., 8. He applied the message of the text to the work of ringers. Their work, he said, was completed in the worship of God. The bells were committed to them in order that they might summon the whole parish to the worship of God. Religion must always be the main object of their life. Both in ringing and in the Christian life they must have continual perseverance. If they were to make progress as ringers they must all be of one mind. Just as in the belfry they must listen to the voice of the conductor in order to know what they were to do, so in the Christian life they must listen to the voice of those whom God had set in authority in the Church. They must also have compassion one with another. In closing, the preacher spoke of some of the common mistakes to be found in the belfries. Compassion for the beginner was not as common as it might be; they did not always find a band of ringers content to work together, and selfishness would spoil the work of any belfry. Finally he alluded to the unpunctuality that marked many a belfry, and said the clergy noticed more than other people how often people were late for church when the bells started five or ten minutes late. People very often only went to get ready for service when they heard the bells begin to ring. They must remember always to do their best on Sundays. They were sometimes tempted to try more difficult methods which they did not know, when the old method would produce far better striking, and would be much more appropriate, for that very reason, for calling people to the service of God. The jangling of the bells never sounded well, but it sounded far worse when ringing for service. Let them be courteous to God by giving only the best to His service, let them be courteous to those they called to church by beginning to ring the bells punctually in order that they might not be given an excuse for being late for the service. They could only give their best service by being united, by having compassion, by loving as brethren, by being pitiful, by being courteous.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Following the service, the members adjourned to the Abbey Institute for high tea, served by Messrs. Slaters, of St. Albans. Mr. E. P. Debenham, the retiring president, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. G. W. Blenkin), Canon Papillon, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Vicar of Thundridge (President-elect), Mrs. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. I. Mark, Mr. R. H. Arundel, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary).

The President said as these were war times they ought to feel glad that the popularity of the meeting at St. Albans was apparently unimpaired. During the year the amount of ringing had been greatly restricted, partly on account of the Lighting Order, and partly on account of a surmise that the sound of bells might be heard by enemy aircraft. During the winter the services had been summoned more often than not by one bell. The Dean Lawrance Memorial had been floated during the twelve months. The proposal made at the last annual meeting to increase the peal at St. Albans Cathedral from eight to twelve was not accorded a reception that encouraged them to persevere with that form of memorial. The County Association had sent out a request to the various bands in the company to contribute towards the memorial to one who had the greatest care for and interest in the Association, although not himself a ringer, through a period of thirty years. He would be glad if the towers who had not sent in, would make a contribution to the fund. The President proceeded to refer to the loss the Exercise had sustained in the death of two celebrated ringers, Mr. Henry Dains, of the Cumberland Society, and Sir Percival Heywood, both of whom had done good suit and service for ringing, and their loss would be deplored by many who had met them and known them well.

NEW MEMBERS.

The provisional election of Messrs. Cooper and Golding as members was confirmed, and the following ringing members were also proposed: The Rev. E. B. James, Lee-on-Solent: Mr. Chas. Dean, Croydon; Mr. J. B. Williamson, Trinity College, Cambridge; Mr. W. A. Alps, Idol Lane, City; and Mr. Chas. Dean, Croydon, life members; Mr. W. G. M. Long, St. Albans, St. Michael's company; Messrs. O. Luxon and Rowland Newson, Harpenden; Messrs. S. Proctor, Albert Darnell and Herbert Warner, Cheshunt; Mr. R. W. Green, Islington, St. Margaret's, Westminster; and Messrs. L. Barnes, Higher Tranmere, and H. Samuel, Birkenhead (unattached).

The Treasurer presented the annual financial statement, which showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £2 1s. 6d. The receipts had amounted to £19 8s. 6d., and the balance in hand at the close of the year was £5 6s. 3d. The reserve fund amounted to £21 19s. 11d.

The statement was received and adopted.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

In his annual report the Hon. Secretary said: " My first thought, in presenting to you the 31st Annual Report, must be an acknowledgment of God's goodness towards us since we last met, in keeping us in safety during unprecedented perilous times, and enabling us to meet together to-day in brotherly, social intercourse. It is true that we cannot chronicle any ringing achievements, beyond the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Berkhamstead, owing to the present prevailing circumstances; but I look upon an annual meeting as something more than a meeting for ringing only; it is a gathering of Church workers, who meet in the Cathedral of the Diocese and offer unitedly their praises and thanksgivings to God not only for the daily mercies He so bountifully bestows, but for the priceless gift which is the essence of the Easter Message. We are engaged in a work often unseen, although loudly proclaimed, often laborious and exacting, yet pleasurable, because undertaken in the right spirit. A Ringers' Association is a brotherhood, possessing no mystic signs or pass words, yet strongly welded together in one indissoluble whole, which finds expression in the spontaneous and hearty welcome extended to any ringer who enters a change ringing belfry in any portion of the United Kingdom, and beyond the seas.

A FITTING MEMORIAL.

" Whilst we regret the absence of peal ringing, and the restriction placed upon ringing generally, we can certainly rejoice that our members (those whom Anno Domini could not claim) have done something far nobler. By joining His Majesty's Forces, and doing their bit to uphold the honour and glory of Old England, they are earning the gratitude of their King and the admiration of their fellow men. It has been truly said, 'All men must die; it is only given to the few to die for their country.' Some of our members belong to that few. We deplore the loss, and admire their courage and devotion. Second-Lieut. Rupert Gascoyne Cecil was the youngest son of the Rev. Canon Lord William Cecil, and joined the 4th Batt. Bedfordshire Regiment on the outbreak of the war. He was 19 years of age, and fell in action in France on July 12th, 1915. He commenced ringing at his father's church when a boy, and became intensely interested in the pastime, being a regular attendant at our annual meeting. Subject to the consent of the Vestry, it is intended to add two trebles to the peal of eight at Hatfield Church, in his memory—an appropriate tribute to one who was honoured among us. Corpl. F. T. Martin, of the Oxhey Society, was a son of Mr. T. Martin, of Harrow Weald. He joined the 7th Rifle Brigade, and was drafted to France. He has been missing since July 30th. A comrade reported that he was wounded and offered his services to him, but he said: ' No, go and support the boys in the trench.' He was an accomplished ringer, and gained the distinction of conducting on handbells the first peal he had rung, Holt's ten-part, ringing 1—2. Robert Ware, of the Knebworth Band, has also been killed in France. Amongst the non-combatant members, we mourn the loss of Mr. Ernest E. Huntley, of Bushey, and President of the Association in 1910; and Mr. Joseph Hollingsworth, of Hatfield.

THE EFFECTS OF THE WAR.

" As to the condition of ringing generally throughout the county, it is somewhat varied. In some towers it has practically ceased, whilst in others better conditions prevail, and with the help of outside members, the bells are rung for most services on Sundays. When the married groups are called up under the Lord Derby Scheme, I am afraid the conditions will be worse.

" As regards the work of the District Secretaries for East and North Herts, both gentlemen have done their best to keep things going, but the Western District has been without a secretary since Mr. Eden joined the colours. The thanks of the Association are accorded to the Rev. Canon Mills, who each year invites the Association to hold a ringing meeting at Bennington, and generously entertains all comers to tea, to our district secs., and to Mr. Bertram Prewett, who is attached to the London Rifle Brigade at Southwold, and has again audited the accounts. There have been no demands on the library this year. At the same time, I should like it known that gifts of ringing books are at all times acceptable. The photographic album still waits to be filled. Perhaps some of our khaki members will send their portraits, for I believe the photographic studio is irresistible to the khaki lads. During the year a movement to perpetuate the memory of the late Dean Lawrance, has been initiated, and knowing something of the kindliness existing between the late Dean and our members, the president and your hon. secretary issued an appeal for funds, to be handed over to Diocesan Committee, who have the memorial in hand. Our aim was not the amount to be raised, but an endeavour to get the many to contribute, to show in a small way the sincerity of friendship that existed between Dean Lawrance and the members of the Herts Association. Although the times are difficult, over 100 of our members sent in contributions, amounting to £5 13s. 6d., which has been paid to the treasurer of the fund. Further amounts will be gladly received. The memorial will take the form of a stained glass window, to be placed in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, together with a medallion and inscription, probably inserted in another portion of the church.

SUPPORT " THE RINGING WORLD."

" I think the time is opportune that I should refer to " The Ringing World," now the only journal issued in the interests of bell-

ringers. Papers are passing through a crisis, not so much I believe from a shortage of paper, but from inflated prices, from which the printer has no remedy. I hold no brief for 'The Ringing World,' but I am certain that the Exercise would seriously suffer, especially the younger element, if from lack of support this paper ceased. It is a very interesting publication, and whether it contains the announcement of a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, the first perhaps rung by a band, or the ringing of a peal of Stedman Cinques in hand, or the query whether John Holt ever composed the Original, it has a charm and distinctiveness of its own. Personally I read no paper with greater interest, because the world is our parish, and we rejoice at the accomplishment of others, whether known to us or otherwise, which but for "The Ringing World" we should be ignorant of. I appeal, therefore, to members to support 'The Ringing World.' Don't be content with the one copy in the belfry, which nobody has the time to read or really study, and which often is not seen. We owe to the Editor, who is a member of this Association, our loyal support during especially trying times. I have now come to the last few courses of my report. I trust your decision will be that the 'calling' has been correct, although the 'striking' may have been at fault, and the music somewhat remiss. If I have made any bad blows during the year, I claim your indulgence—it is war time—a time of blows. I have tried to do my best for the Association for another year, and I am assurred that you appreciate my efforts. With that assurance I feel amply repaid for anything I have been enabled to do in the past. I would ask you all, if you realise as I believe you do, the bond of brotherhood among ringers, that you will cultivate that quiet intercession to the Throne of Grace for those ringers who at their country's call are facing dangers not only on the battlefield, but in the thousand other ways at home, in their billets, and in the canteen. Let our members feel they are supported by ringers' prayers. Remember also that the primary duty of the ringer is to ring for the Divine Services of the Church. The meeting one short is disheartening. So turn up regular, even at personal inconvenience. Think of others first. Be punctual. Punctuality often permits of a decent touch, and gives all the opportunity of a share in pulling up the bells."

THE DEAN'S SPEECH.

The Dean of St. Albans proposed the adoption of the report. He referred to the project for the memorial to the late Dean Lawrance, and described the proposal to erect a stained glass window in retro choir, and said it had been pratically decided to place also in the north transept a medallion with a bust of the late Dean, so that his well-known and kindly features might be perpetuated and handed down to future generations. In such a position the medallion would be seen by the ringers as they passed through the belfry door to the tower, although ringers flattered themselves that they were men who were accustomed to changes; they knew that through all the tangle of these changes, as it seemed to the outside world, there was a plan of purpose being worked out. Never had there been more startling changes than had taken place in the world during the past two years. So much so that the stories that their "Grandsires" had told them seemed almost like a "plain course," as compared with the perplexing "surprise" which now had been causing such terrible disasters in Europe, deluging God's fair earth with blood. Under such circumstances, nothing had been able to go on as usual, not even ringing, and the changes which were taking place were such as demanded the watchful care and co-operation of every man who deserved the name of a man that he should do his part to "ring out the false" and "ring in the true"; ring out the false tyranny of militarism which had turned Europe into an armed camp for years, and ring in true brotherhood and peace among the nations which was part of God's plan. Ringing had been carried on with great difficulties. War work at home had claimed all their work and energies, and there were not a few who had "gone into the hunt" and had been ready to lay down their lives for us. In passing, the Dean made a humorous allusion to the marriage of Mr. L. A. Goodenough, a member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, and referred to the statement recently made that papers had been sent to the clergy in Germany asking if they would be prepared to sell their bells in order that they might be melted down to make guns with! This might be a good sign for us; but we did not want to depend upon that, but rather to show what kind of mettle our men were made of. He trusted that before another annual meeting of the Association the bells in every tower of Hertfordshire would be permitted to join in ringing a joyous peal to usher in victory (applause).

Canon Papillon seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Mr. E. P. Debenham, as outgoing president, proposed the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake as his successor. His name, he said, was well-known in connection with ringing; he believed that in his college days at Cambridge there were some distinctions gained, as recorded in the ringing newspapers, and from time to time members of the Association had had the pleasure of welcoming him into the towers of St. Albans.

Canon Papillon recommended the election of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake as President, stating that, ringing being a church work, he felt that a clergyman should be at the head of the ringers. He did not, however, depreciate the work of the laity or their fitness for such a position, and referred especially to the work done for many years by the retiring president in connection with ringing as church work. Unfortunately at the new president's church there were only four bells, two of which were cracked, and the fifth was in the Vicar's pigsty (laughter).

Replying, the new President said it was true that at his parish church he had little opportunity of change ringing, as had been said. He hoped, however, to get hold of some money soon so that the bells might go up to London and go back to their home new and shining, but six in number, with a proper steel frame work and bell ropes. Then he would be happy to welcome members of the Association there. In conclusion, the President said he valued most highly the work of the ringers.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The election of officers followed. Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer; Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary; Mr. B. Prewett, hon. auditor; and Messrs. F. R. Bacon, W. H. Lawrence and H. Eden, and Frank Smith, hon. district secretaries for the northern, eastern and western divisions respectively.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake for his address, and to the Dean of St. Albans and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's for the use of the bells of their towers.

After the meeting a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells.

THE LATE SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

MUFFLED RINGING.

There are many evidences throughout the ringing Exercise of the regret which has been occasioned by the death of Sir Arthur Heywood, and of the great respect in which he was held. In many places there has been muffled ringing, and, in addition to the peals recorded last week, a peal of Stedman Cinques was also rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and another at West Bromwich.

Sir Arthur was for many years a prominent and esteemed member of the College Youths, and last Saturday members met at Southwark Cathedral and rang the whole pull and stand funeral peal to his memory: E. Horrex 1, E. Gibbs 2, H. Springall 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, H. R. Newton 5, H. Langdon 6, A. B. Peck 7, A. A. Hughes 8, S. E. Joyce 9, W. D. Smith 10, W. T. Cockerill 11, A. S. Pettett 12. This was followed by three courses of Stedman Cinques, in which W. A. Garrard rang the 3rd, the others standing as above.

At Cotgrave, Notts, on Tuesday of last week, the bells were rung muffled to the memory of the deceased baronet by members of the Midland Counties Association, of which he was the President. It was intended to start for a peal, but meeting short, 720 Bob Minor was substituted. This was rung in 29 minutes by: S. N. Simpson 1, Pte. A. P. Wakley (conductor) 2, W. Hickling 3, W. E. White 4, T. Squires 5, Walter White 6.

Among those present at the funeral of Sir Arthur Heywood, and whose names were omitted from our report last week, were the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. John Carter.

A resolution of condolence and sympathy has been passed by the Central Northants Association.

Interesting Reminiscences of Sir Arthur Heywood, by Mr. F. E. Dawe, are unavoidably held over.

KING'S CLIFFE BELLS.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

We make an earnest appeal to all ringers to assist the Rector and ringers of the little village of King's Cliffe, Peterborough, to replace their tenor bell which, as recorded a fortnight ago, cracked while being rung. This bell is 12¾ cwts., in F. Only eighteen months ago the parish raised nearly £200 to have the five bells rehung and quarter-turned, and a band of change ringers was started, among them being the Rector's daughter (Miss C. M. Orlebar). This enthusiastic little company, in the face of many difficulties, have just managed to ring their first 120 Grandsire Doubles, and were getting on well, when the tenor cracked. Unless outside help is forthcoming, ringing must be interfered with for an indefinite time, but with the aid of ringers throughout the country, the necessary amount of £38 for recasting ought quickly to be raised. Contributions should be sent to the Rector, the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe, near Peterborough, and will be acknowledged through these columns.

King's Cliffe bells have a very ancient history, and to this day a custom prevails which dates from the reign of King John, who had a palace not far from the church. This is the ringing of the 3rd bell at 7 a.m. in summer (8 a.m. in winter), and at 11 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m. all the year round, and the curfew from April till October. The curfew, of course, is not rung during the war.

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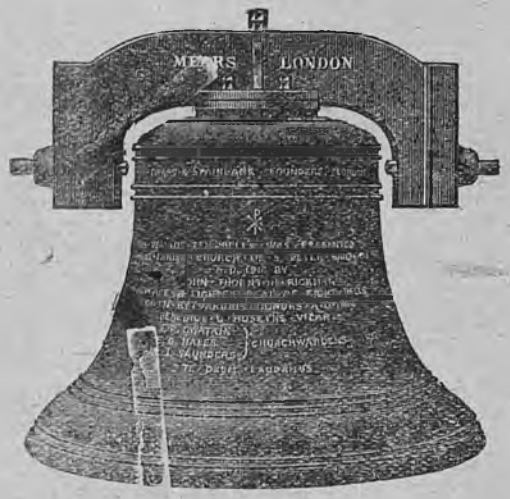

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DUFFIELD CHURCH.

ITS BELLS AND RINGING HISTORY.

By J. R. Jerram.

The steeple of St. Alkmund's Church, Duffield, prior to the year 1720, contained four bells. In the year mentioned two trebles were added to make a peal of six, and at other times subsequently the four original bells were recast as the following inscriptions show :—

Treble.

IOHN HERVEY FRANCIS RADFORD C : W : MDCCXX

Second.

T. CALTON M : A : UIC : MDCCXX ["uic" stands for "vicar"]

Third.

IO. BRADSHAW : W. TOPLIS : C. WARDENS 1742

Fourth.

LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT. 1763

Fifth.

GOD SAVE HIS CHVRCH [on the waist below]. W : : ROBINSON [] C : WARDEN [] G : *HEDDERLY.* Founder [] NO . . . 1786 []

The stops between the words consist of a highly ornamental lombardic H alternately with a lombardic T inverted, both surrounded by four impressions of the King's head stamp used by the early Nottingham and other mediæval founders. These stamps evidently descended to the Hedderlys from the earlier members of the Oldfield family. "NO" before the date evidently stands for "Nottingham."

Mr. Llewellynn Jewitt, F.S.A., in his notes on Derbyshire bells published some forty years ago, remarks as follows: "This is one of the richest, if not the richest, bell in the county in point of ornamentation, that has yet come under my notice."

Tenor.

THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1799

In 1884 these bells were replaced by a peal of eight, with a tenor of 17 cwt., all cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough foundry; and in 1887 two trebles were added by the same firm to make a peal of ten. These were given by the late Sir A. P. Heywood in commemoration of the Jubilee of the late Queen Victoria. The inscriptions are as follows :—

Treble.

A. P. HEYWOOD NOS DUAS DEDIT. 1887 O [Taylor's medallion]

Second.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. 1887 O [Taylor's medallion]

Third to Ninth, inclusive.

J. TAYLOR & CO FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH, 1884.

Tenor.

GOD SAVE THIS CHURCH. J. TAYLOR & CO., FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH. 1884.

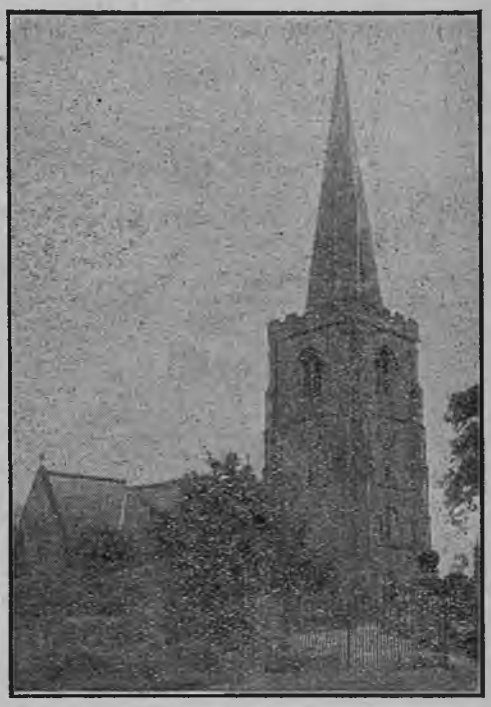
EARLY PEALS.

As soon as the bells were opened in the year 1884, the ringers set to with a will to master change ringing, and in the following July rang their first complete peal, one of Bob Triples. In January, 1885, as we learn from an interesting booklet published in 1893, a peal of Grandsire Triples was achieved, and in March of the same year 6000 Bob Major. Treble Bob followed in December, Stedman Triples in May, 1886, and Double Oxford Bob Major in June of that year. In February of the following year Double Norwich was added to the list of methods. On June 19th the two new trebles were dedicated, and before the month was out 5001 Stedman Caters had been rung. In the same year peals of Duffield Major, Grandsire Caters, and Bob

THE FIRST PEAL AT DUFFIELD.
BOB TRIPLES, JULY 26th, 1884.

O. Bembridge, 5. G. Hingley, 3. W. Hickling, 4. R. Johnson, 6.
G. Dawson, 1. A. P. Heywood, 7 J. Johnson, 8.
E. Moreton, 2. (Conductor).

DUFFIELD CHURCH.
ST. ALKMUND'S TEN BELLS.



Where the late Sir Arthur Heywood was a member of the "official band," and created a trust fund for the payment of the ringers.

Royal were scored, and in 1888 Treble Bob Royal and Duffield Royal were achieved. Superlative Surprise Major was rung in 1889, Cambridge in 1890, and in 1891 the band arrived at the top of the campanological ladder by ringing on July 31st, their first peal of London Surprise Major, and at that time they had the distinction of ringing peals on their bells in more methods than any other company had accomplished. In this rapid progress, the late Sir Arthur Heywood was the leading spirit, and many of the peals, including the first, were conducted by him. To show the activity of the band it may be mentioned that they rang 100 peals in their own tower between July 26th, 1884, and January 20th, 1892, of which Sir Arthur Heywood conducted no fewer than 70. These included 10,000 Bob Major, on February 13th, 1886, and 7008 Double Oxford on April 23rd, 1887.

A church belfry endowment fund, consisting of £500 £5 per cent. Midland Railway Consolidated Perpetual Preference Stock, was established in 1891 by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, to give the ringers' society an improved position in the parish by making the moderate income which they draw as ringers an assured salary, independent of the vote of any future vestry; as also to ensure at all times a sufficient sum of money in hand to keep the bells and ringing chamber in perfect order, without any draw upon the Church Expenses Fund. His hope in thus endowing the belfry was that the proper ringing of the bells for the Sunday services would be thereby guaranteed, while the priviso, contained in the trust deed, that only half the salary is to be paid if half pull ringing deteriorated into round or call change ringing is intended to encourage future generations of ringers to persevere in the scientific mode of handling the bells. The fund provides for the payment of £2 per annum to each of not more than eight official ringers, £1 to each of not more than two deputy ringers; and £1 to the steeplekeeper for his care of the belfry, and 6d. for each service at which one bell only is rung. The fund also provides the cost of booking the peals and of a new book when necessary. Any balance may be devoted to payment for ropes, muffles and oil for bells, lighting and warming the ringing chamber, treatises on change ringing, repairing bells, bell frames, sound shutters, belfry stairs and doors, painting and refurnishing the ringing chamber, etc.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A well-attended meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Soberton on Easter Monday. During the afternoon the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich, while Kent Treble Bob was in progress when the tenor rope broke. Ringers attended from Portsea, Portsmouth, Wickham, Bishop's Waltham, Swanmore and Curdridge, while the visitors included Mr. F. E. Dawe, Woking; Mr. and Mrs. Williams, North Stoneham; Lieut. Goodship, Reading; Mr. J. J. Jones, Guildford; and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Swindon.

Tea was provided at the White Lion Hotel, and ringers and their friends, 37 in number, taxed the resources of the host to provide room.

At the business meeting, in the absence of the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), who is at the front, Mr. J. H. Shepherd was unanimously voted to the chair, and was supported by the district secretary (Mr. J. Harding) and the two representatives.—One honorary member (the Vicar of Shedfield) was elected, and it was decided to arrange a combined practice at Fareham on Saturday, May 27th.—Votes of thanks to the chairman and to the Vicar for the use of the bells closed the business.—The bells were then kept going till dark.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire Association was held at South Wingfield on Easter Monday, when 40 members attended, representing eleven towers. The six bells were well used from 2 p.m., the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor.

A ringers' service was held in church at 4.30 p.m., and a splendid address was given by the Rev. A. Wright, Vicar of Pentrich. A tea and the meeting followed in the Church Room.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Morley) presided over the business proceedings, and gave the Association a very hearty welcome to South Wingfield. He expressed the hope that he would soon have the pleasure of meeting them all again.

The quarterly meetings were fixed for Ault Hucknall in June, Bolsover in September, and Blackwell in December, and the annual meeting at North Wingfield on Easter Monday, 1917.—One hon. member and 16 ringing members were elected.

The Rev. J. F. Morley was elected president for the ensuing year, and the hon. secretary and treasurer were re-elected.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. A. Wright for his address, and to the Rev. J. F. Morley for use of the bells and room.

The tower was again visited, and ringing indulged in until 8 p.m., when the restrictions caused them to cease, and a very enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

Members of this society should note that the annual meeting is to be held to-morrow (Saturday), at Chesterfield. Details of the arrangements will be found in our notice columns.

FIRE AT FAMOUS BELFRY.

IPSWICH BELLS GIVE WARNING OF OUTBREAK.

An outbreak of fire in the belfry of St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, early on Thursday of last week threatened the famous tower and bells with destruction, but thanks to the curious fact that the bells themselves gave the warning, and to the prompt action of the police and fire brigade, the fire was quickly extinguished and the damage limited.

Between three and four o'clock in the morning the neighbours were aroused by the ringing of one of the bells. Mr. F. C. Corder, the church surveyor, who lives near by, on looking out of his window, saw smoke belching from the louvres of the bell chamber, and immediately communicated with the police and fire brigade. The latter were quickly on the spot with the first aid and ladder truck, followed by the hose-cart and escape. Connecting up with a hydrant, the brigade quickly extinguished the flames.

Mr. William Motts, the tower keeper, informs us that on Bank Holiday the Ipswich ringers had had a pleasant day's ringing with their Coggeshall friends and others, and, at the close, they as usual left the larger bells up. It is to this happy circumstance that the early discovery of the outbreak was made. It appears that on Wednesday night the verger had gone to the top of the tower, and, the gas being off at the meter, he had struck a match. When, as he thought, this went out he dropped the remains, and it fell into the sawdust which covers the floor under the bells to deaden the sound in the ringing room. The sawdust smouldered for some time, and when it burst into flame it burnt the pulley block and part of the 7th bell wheel, the stay and slider, pulley block and, 8th bell wheel, and also the floor under these two bells and part of the frame. When the stay and slider gave way the 8th, of course, ran itself down, and this was the fortunate warning that was given. Several of the bells got very hot, including the one cast in 1607 by Miles Gray, but the tone of the bells has not been affected, neither have the headstocks been damaged. Mr. Fred Day, of Eye, has been called in to estimate for the repairs, and it will be about a month before the twelve bells can be rung again. It was only about a month ago that the St. Mary-le-Tower Society were able to resume ringing for the Sunday evening services.

At the Easter Vestry meeting, which was held the same morning, Mr. F. S. Corder referred to the fire, and said that but for the fact of the bells being in the position they were, it was his opinion that the whole belfry at least would have been destroyed. He thought their appreciation was due both to the police and the firemen for their promptness and efficiency. He could not estimate the damage himself, but was of opinion that it was confined to the woodwork connected with the bells. He advocated the firm who had been concerned in their erection being communicated with at once.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held at Carshalton on Monday in Easter week. Thirty-four members foregathered to keep this fixture from the following 15 towers: St. Mary's, Beddington; All Saint's, Benhilton; St. Peter's and St. John the Baptist's, Croydon; All Saints', Carshalton; St. Dunstan's, Cheam; Christ Church, Epsom; St. Peter's, Hersham; St. Nicholas', Leatherhead; St. Peter's, Mitcham; Christ Church, Mitcham; St. Leonard's, Streatham; Emmanuel, Streatham; St. Mary's, Reigate; and St. Mary's, Wimbledon. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, and London Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon until 5.30, when the back six were lowered in peal—a musical practice which it is to be much regretted is not at all usual in the district. At the present time when method ringing is at a standstill in many towers it surely might be possible to advance this most beautiful custom.

Evening prayer followed, with a short address of welcome by the Rector, who was voted to the chair at the business meeting supervening upon tea (and tobacco). No peals were reported as having been rung in the district since the last meeting. One new member was elected, and it was reported that in one tower ringing of any sort had ceased, due in part to enlistment, removals, and to an order to "cease ringing until the war is over."

The meeting heard with sincere regret of the illness of the hon. secretary of the Western District, Mr. Arthur F. Shepherd, of Hersham, and a letter was ordered to be addressed to him expressing sympathy and hope of restoration to full health; and another letter to Lieut. Cyril Johnston, the hon. secretary of the Association, congratulating him upon convalescence after a serious operation.

The Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett) also feelingly referred to the sickness of a local member, Mr. Wm. Miles, whom he had visited that afternoon and conveyed to him the members' good wishes.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the Rector for the service and his presence at, and conduct of, the meeting was passed; and to Mr. Heather for making local arrangements, terminated the business.

Owing to regulations under the Defence of the Realm Act tower ringing had to be abandoned after 7.30 p.m., and, therefore, a few touches on the handbells brought the meeting to a conclusion at about 7.45 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. G. W. BALDWIN.

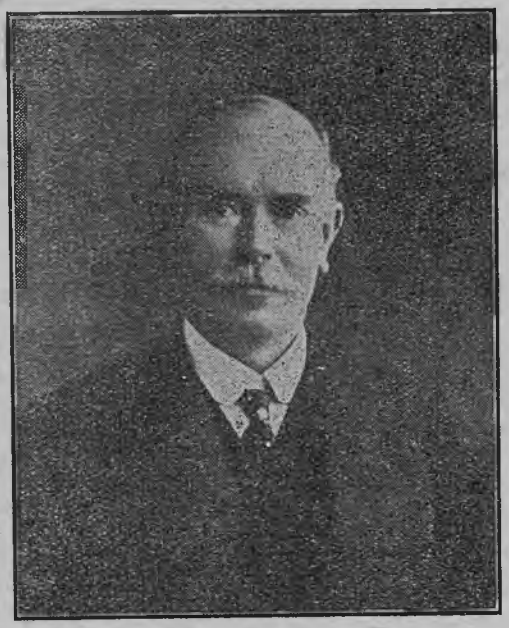
OLDEST MEMBER OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

The death took place on April 19th, at his residence, " Doriscroft," Somerset Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, of Mr. George Wm. Baldwin, one of the best known business men in Birmingham.

Mr. Baldwin, who was sixty-seven years of age, entered the service of Lloyd's Bank as a boy, and rose to the position of chief inspector of branches. He had been associated with Handsworth Parish Church practically all his life, first as a chorister, afterwards as a ringer, and from 1908 to 1913 as Rector's warden.

He attended the Church School with Henry Bastable, and with him was initiated into the mysteries of change ringing. They both joined the St. Martin's Guild in 1868, and Mr. Baldwin thus had an unbroken membership of forty-eight years.

Mr. Baldwin rang many peals in his younger days in the four standard methods, and, as with so many other Birmingham men, his favourite ringing was Stedman Cinques. He was a very safe ringer, and until his hearing began to fail, an excellent striker. Just before retiring from business some three years ago, Mr. Baldwin had a heart attack, but he had so far recovered as to be able to attend the annual



THE LATE MR. G. W. BALDWIN.

meeting of the Bank in February, and the directors' dinner which followed it.

He leaves a widow and daughter, the wife of the Rev. W. V. Chilwell, Vicar of King's Bromley.

Owing to heart affection, deceased had not done any ringing for the last few years, but he was as keenly interested in the doings of the Exercise as ever, and was a regular reader of " The Ringing World "

Mr. Baldwin had been a Vice-President of St. Martin's Guild for many years, and his genial character and never-failing courtesy made him very popular with all with whom he came in contact.

It is related of him that on one occasion when visiting a county town to confer with the local manager on bank matters, he made an appointment in the evening at his hotel, but when the manager turned up at the appointed time, Mr. Baldwin was not there. The church bells near by were ringing, the tower door was open, and knowing his man, the manager repaired to the belfry, where he found his chief in shirt sleeves, with the other men ringing away, and on his face that rapt look of content and enjoyment which is only to be found when ringing is going just to one's liking. The call of the bells had been too strong for Mr. Baldwin, and the business had perforce to wait awhile.

The funeral took place at Handsworth Old Church on Tuesday of last week

A. P. S.

CORPL. A. R. MACDONALD'S BEREAVEMENT.

His many friends will regret to learn that Corpl. Alan R. Macdonald, has sustained a severe bereavement by the death of his mother, who passed away suddenly from heart failure. Corpl. Macdonald has been in hospital for many months, a victim of enteric fever, contracted at Gallipoli, and it was a sad coincidence that his mother died the night before he left the hospital on six weeks leave before rejoining his corps.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO WELL-KNOWN RINGER.

A SAD COINCIDENCE.

Ringers in many parts of the country, and especially in London, will be grieved to hear of the death of Mr. George Smith through a fatal accident at his work on April 15th. He was an engine driver on the London and North Western Railway, and in the early morning had taken an engine from the Bescot sheds to the turntable. Here he got off the engine to go to a telephone box, when his foot caught in the rails and the engine passed over him before he was seen in the dark. He was taken to the Walsall Hospital, where he passed away the same evening, through exhaustion and shock.

At the inquest the Assistant Superintendent of the Loco Department at Crewe said that Mr. Smith had been in the employ of the Railway Company for 27 years, and was a trusted and valued servant.

Mr. Smith began his ringing career at the small village of Hartingpardlebury, in Herts, when he was quite a lad, under the tuition of Mr. J. Crawley, and there he took part in the first 720 of Grandsire Doubles on the bells, being at that time about 16 years of age. After that he had to be content with call change ringing till he had served his apprenticeship as a shoemaker, when he went to London, and making the acquaintance of Messrs. Dains, Newson and other prominent members of the Cumberland Youths he soon made rapid progress. Like Mr. Dains, he rang his first peal at St. Anne's, Highgate, one of Grandsire Triples, on June 13th, 1891, and it is a sad coincidence that the muffled peal rung at that church on April 15th for the late Mr. Dains was in all probability in progress at the time Mr. Smith passed away.

He had rung peals with the Waterloo Society, Middlesex and Kent Associations, and latterly at Walsall with the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, but most of his peals were rung with the Cumberland Youths, with whom he took part in many notable performances, among which may be mentioned the 13,440 of Double Norwich, at Romford on April 18th, 1894, in 8 hours 16 minutes, and, of course, was with the same band when the treble rope broke at Brentwood after 8¼ hours' ringing on the Easter Monday previous (March 26th). He also rang many peals of Superlative, his first of which was one of 6048, while he also took part in the first peal of London rung by a London band. He had not kept a correct list of his peals, but had rung about 100 of Bob Minor and Major, Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Double Norwich Major, Superlative and London Surprise.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, April 19th, the first part of the service being held at St. Matthew's Parish Church, Walsall, where he had rung for the last seven years, and was conducted by the Vicar of Walsall, the Rev. Prebendary Paice. The interment took place at Rycroft Cemetery, and among the floral tributes was one from the ringers of St. Matthew's.

A muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung by ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at St. Matthew's on Saturday, April 22nd, and was recorded in our last issue.

Mr. Smith was in his 50th year. He will be sadly missed by the St. Matthew's company, and great sympathy is extended to his widow and three young children.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The 34th annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association, at Nottingham on Easter Monday, was held under the shadow of the great loss which had been sustained by the death of the President of the Association (Sir A. P. Heywood). Owing to there being none of the customary cheap railway fares the number present was not so great as usual. The Vice-President (Mr. J. W. Taylor) occupied the chair, supported by the hon. treasurer (the Rev. A. D. Hill, of East Bridgford) and about 30 members representing Beeston, Burton-on-Trent, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Loughborough and Leicester, in addition to the local men.

The Vice-President made touching reference to the loss sustained by the death of Sir Arthur Heywood, and the members passed a vote of sympathy with the family of the deceased gentleman, by rising in their places. The secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence to Lady Heywood, and to record the same on the minutes.

The balance sheet and treasurer's report for 1915 was passed, on the proposition of Mr. C. Draper, seconded by Mr. E. D. Taylor, the auditors, who were thanked for their services, on the proposition of Mr. W. Wallace, seconded by Mr. B. Sugden.

It was decided, on the proposition of the Vice-President, seconded by Mr. W. Willson, that members on active service with the army or navy should not be asked to pay a subscription during the war.

The retiring officers were thanked for their services during the past year, on the proposition of the Rev. A. D. Hill (who also spoke feelingly of the late President), seconded by Mr. C. Draper, and on the further proposition of the Rev. A. D. Hill, seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley, it was decided to adjourn the meeting for about three months for the purpose of receiving nominations for the presidency.

The retiring vice-president, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary (Mr. W. E. White) were unanimously re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. J. Lord, seconded by Mr. J. H. Benstead.—Eight new ringing members were admitted.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on May 18th for handbell practice, and on the 9th and 23rd for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 3.0 p.m. till dusk, meeting to follow.—W. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary s, Walthamstow, on Saturday, May 6th, at 2.30. Tea at Nag's Head, 9d. per head.—H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday May 6th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. T. G. Swindell, D.D.) at 5.15. Tea (1s.) in the Schoolroom at 6. — H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone (10 bells) on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available for ringing at 3 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Restaurant, Bank Street, at 5.45. Business meeting after.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Kettering District will be held at Gretton on May 6th. Bells (5) open 3 o'clock.—R. F. Turner, District Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at Chesterfield to-morrow (Saturday), May 6th. Bells (10) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Vestry, chair to be taken at 5 o'clock by the Ven. Archdeacon Crosse. — Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgewater on Saturday, May 6th, in the Parish Church at 4 p m. Tea and Meeting at Taylor's Restaurant at 5 p m. Bells available at 2 p.m.—E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warminster on Tuesday, May 9th. Business meeting in the Vestry 11.45 a.m., service in the Minster, 12.30 p.m., preacher, the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Jacob). Towers open: Warminster (8), Corsley, Heytesbury, Longbridge Deverell (6). — F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on May 13th at Leesfield. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. E. Basil Spurgin (Vicar), at St. John's, Sidcup (three minutes from 'bus terminus) on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Vicar at 5.0 p.m. Tea (9d. per head) and business meeting in St. John's Hall, to follow the service. It is particularly requested that those who require tea send their names to me not later than Tuesday, May 9th.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 18th annual general meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 13th. Service at 6 p.m., with an address by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. W. Halliday Thompson, LL.D.) Tea in the Parish Hall at 6.30 by the kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens. *This invitation is only to be extended to those who inform* Mr. W. Lawrence, 24, Wimborne Gardens, West Ealing, by Wednesday, May 10th, of their intention to be present, and to prevent disappointment members should send in their acceptance of the invitation by post as soon as possible. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. Stephen's, West Ealing, from 4 to 6 p.m.; St. Mary's, Ealing, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Nearest stations, Ealing Broadway (District) and West Ealing (G.W.) Middlesex Council car to Northfield Road (for St. Stephen's Church). Buses from the City to Ealing Broadway.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Hon. Secretaries.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 13th. Meat tea at The Criterion, West Street, at 4 o'clock. Tickets 1s. 9d. (to members, 9d.) Service at St. Nicholas at 6. Preacher, Rev. H. H. Horden, Rector. Bells of St. Peter's open from 2—4, and again after service. Members (resident in the county) attending will be allowed half railway fares. These, as also others intending being present, should notify same to me not later than Tuesday, May 9th.—G. Watson (Gen. Sec.), Vale Road, St. Leonard's.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 13th. The tower (6 bell) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.15.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, Established 1755. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3.30. The Guild's form of service will be held in church at 5.30, the Rector giving the address, and every member is specially invited to be present. Tea will be provided free in the Church House for those who advise me, not later than the 17th inst., of their intention to be present. Business meeting afterwards.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. —G. Miles, Honorary Secretary, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. A practice meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. All will be welcome. — E. J. Butler, Shadwell Heath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick on Saturday, May 20th. Further particulars next week.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Secretary, 46, Goddard Avenue, Swindon.

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

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DEATH OF MRS. COWLISHAW, EAST MARKHAM.

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The death of a very highly respected parishioner of East Markham, North Notts, in the person of Mrs. Cowlishaw, wife of Mr. Cowlishaw, Mill Cottage, occurred on April 6th, after a long illness, at the age of 82 years. The deceased was a native of Womersley, Yorkshire, and came to East Markham many years ago with her husband, whose father was one of the pioneers of the fruit growing industry. During the whole of the deceased's residence in the village, she had by her kindly disposition endeared herself to all, and she will be much missed. She leaves a husband and two daughters to mourn their loss. Her only son died as a prisoner of war in Germany last year, and his death was a great blow to her. Twenty-one years ago the deceased gave the treble bell to the church to augment the ring to six bells, and on the occasion of her funeral a muffled peal was rung as a sorrowing tribute to her memory by: H. E. Page (conductor) 1, J. Booth 2, C. Crawford 3, S. Brett 4, J. Lockhart 5, W. Freeman 6.

THE PASSING OF GREAT COMPOSERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In enclosing a peal (taken from my peal book) of the late Henry Dains, I should like to state that we were all astounded by the sad news of the death of Sir A. Percival Heywood at the Carshalton meeting yesterday, following as it does so quickly after the decease of the late Mr. Henry Dains. The Exercise owes a lot to men like these. Henry Dains was one of the very few who realised the musical properties of the " Middles " in Treble Bob, especially so with the 6th in fifth's place, his contention being (and rightly so) that, looked at in its proper light, you cannot have a wrong bell behind the 7th. But unfortunately many ringers and bob callers fail to realise this, which, although sounding slightly paradoxical, is Major and Minor combined. To realise this it is absolutely essential that one should understand music as well as the science of change ringing. Henry Dains was also one of those who recognised the value of " the beautiful in-and-fifths " in composition.

In Sir A. Percival Heywood, too, we shall miss a musical composer. His production of " Duffield " shows us this—a method that has been thrown on one side. Why? Not because of the absence of musical properties, but because of its simplicity. When we consider that the sixth can be used to double the extent in composition through the nature of the rows being different from other methods, the bells being capable of being thrown out of course without a single, who can say but that this is the production of a master mind?

I am very glad to see that Mr. Lindoff is publishing some articles on composition. Mr. Trollope has also done a lot in this way, but unfortunately the majority of ringers are quite content to follow on in the old ruts, like " dumb-driven cattle," and as long as they get their fancied " touches " or " peals " round they seem to think that the theoretical side of the question should be ignored altogether. I wonder where the present-day bob callers would be if it was not for such men as the late Sir Arthur Heywood, Messrs. Dains, Hattersley, Pitstow, etc., not forgetting the ever-green Henry Johnson, and his 17-course peal of Treble Bob especially. Let some of us see to it!

A. J. P.

APRIL 24th.

The record forwarded with the above letter is that of the late Mr. Henry Dains' only peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells. It is as follows: " The London County Association (late the St. James's Society), on Wednesday, June 19th, 1907, in two hours and 40 minutes, at the residence of Mr. H. Dains, 47, Richmond Road, Barnsbury, N., a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), Reeve's Variation of Holt's Ten-part: *George N. Price 1—2, †Ackland J. Perkins 3—4, *Challis F. Winney 5—6, †Henry Dains 7—8. Conducted by A. J. Perkins. Umpires: H. W. Stanley (College Youths), and J. Barry (Royal Cumberlands). * College Youths. † Royal Cumberland Youths.

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