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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.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE KING'S CLIFFE APPEAL.

The appeal for contributions towards the cost of recasting the tenor bell at King's Cliffe, near Peterborough, has not yet met with anything like a sufficient response to enable the work to be put in hand, and the reminder which our contributor in his "Occasional Notes" gave last week was certainly timely. It has also produced a letter this week from a Derby correspondent who illustrates how, despite the best intentions, it is possible for a matter of this kind to get shelved. He quotes the case of a meeting at Chesterfield where the subject of appealing to the members to help the King's Cliffe fund was actually discussed by the committee and decided upon, but, owing to the departure of those who had shown special interest in the affair, the all important part of passing round the hat was omitted. It was only an oversight, but it goes to show how a little thing may rob a good cause of much-needed help.

Ringers, generally speaking, are always ready to give a helping hand where bells are concerned, and a trifle given by each member of a belfry or by each individual at a meeting is not missed, although, in the aggregate, the result is often substantial. We give our coppers very readily on any and every "flag day" to organisations which we know are doing good, but in which we have, perhaps, no real interest. Why, then, should we not help with equal readiness when a call for assistance in a matter in which we are all very much interested is made? The reason is that it is just a want of organisation. Everyone would be ready to give, if only they were asked. What is lacking is the person who will undertake to do the asking. It is not a matter which secretaries ought always to be expected to take in hand; indeed, such appeals come best from the leader of a belfry or the ringing master at a meeting.

But, without going further into the whys and the wherefores of the absence of initiative in these matters, we would urge that without loss of time the ringers of this country, who have not already done so, should just put a hand to the job and complete the £38 which is needed to enable King's Cliffe to restore its peal. It should be remembered that this appeal is not made for some church that has done nothing to help itself. King's Cliffe has comparatively recently spent nearly £200 on the renovation of its bells. A change ringing band was inaugurated, and it has thus shown by practical methods a desire to further the art of ringing as well as maintain its bells in proper order. The loss of the tenor, through cracking, was a serious blow, and it is, we think, one of those cases in which ringers should delight to give their assistance. The necessity for the appeal ought not to be allowed to drag on indefinitely, and it need not do so if ringers in their own belfries or in their meetings will give whatever help they can afford.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1916, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES GREEDY ...	...*Treble*	FRANK EDWARDS	5
†HENRY MORGAN...	2	JOHN W. JONES	6
JOHN BULLEN	3	SIDNEY DAWE	7
*GRAHAM S. BURLEY... ...	4	*WILLIAM H. FORBES	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Arranged specially for G. S. Burley to give him an opportunity to ring his first peal before joining His Majesty's forces, and also as a farewell peal to L. Brown, the leader of the local band, who is also joining.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1916, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN P. TARLTON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN HOLMAN	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON... ...	2	JOHN FLINT	6
THOMAS BETTISON	3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT	4	SAM THOMAS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of Capt. H. C. W. Boden, son of Canon Boden (Rector of North Wingfield), who was killed in action in Flanders, Oct. 11th, 1915.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1916, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

CLEMENT GLENN	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	3—4	CHARLES T. COLES ...	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING AT HAVANT.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Havant on Saturday, when ringers were present from Curdridge, Swanmore, Portsea, Portsmouth, Gosport and Wickham, as well as the local band, the general hon. secretary (Mr. Geo. Williams), Mr. W. H. George (Eastleigh), Rev. E. B. James and company, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon). The bells were going all the afternoon to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich, but owing to police regulations the bells had to cease at 5.30. Service was afterwards held in the church, at which the Rector of Havant (the Rev. A. G. Musgrave) officiated, the Guild's own service being used. Tea was served in the Institute, when over 30 sat down, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. E. B. James.—One honorary member and one probationer were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Fareham, on Jan. 13th.

The Rector paid a visit during tea-time, and gave the Guild members a hearty welcome to Havant. He said he was pleased to know that Havant possessed a peal of bells, and that he should be pleased at all times to welcome the ringers whenever they wished to come there.—On the proposition of the Rev. E. B. James, seconded by Mr. G. Williams, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of bells and institute.—A vote of thanks was also accorded the chairman for presiding.

The rest of the evening was spent in ringing touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters on handbells by the Rev. E. B. James' company, and one or two of the local men also took part. Tune playing also was indulged in.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

The ringers from Coggeshall and the surrounding Essex towers recently had a Sunday outing to Rayne and Felstead. A call was made at Rayne, where a good 720 of Oxford and 360 Double Court was rung for morning service, and a course of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells outside the Old Swan Inn, to the great delight of the landlady and her aged mother, who had a son at one time a bell-ringer. The party then proceeded to Felstead, where a capital dinner was partaken of at the residence of Mr. Farrow, one of the local ringers. The bells being at the visitors' use for the afternoon, several well-struck touches were rung, including Oxford, Kent and Double Norwich Major, W. Farrow taking part in the Kent. After tea at Mr. Farrow's, the visitors rang for evening service, a capital 576 Oxford being brought round, in which Mr. T. Barker and Mr. E. Claydon, of Stebbing, took a rope. The other ringers who participated in the ringing were: Messrs. E. Beckwith, W. Howell, J. Sadler, D. Elliott, W. Sadler, F. Claydon, J. Newman, A. Shufflebotham and H. Evers. The best thanks are due to the Vicars of Rayne and Felstead for allowing the use of the bells, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Farrow for making the other arrangements, and very kindly catering for the party.

A PLEASANT SUNDAY OUTING IN NORTH NORFOLK.

On Sunday last a party of the Fakenham ringers drove over to the pretty little village of North Creake, about eight miles distant, and, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Arnold, M.A. (the incumbent), they were allowed to ring on the tower bells, which have been silent, so far as ringing is concerned, for some months past. Upon their arrival the visitors were joined by a few of the local ringers. It being the harvest festival the peal of six bells (tenor 16 cwt.) were at once raised and set going to Bob Minor, two 720's being rung prior to service, which is held at 3 p.m. owing to severe lighting restrictions in this area. The villagers, upon hearing the bells ringing, began to wonder what had happened, but the news soon spread through the main street that the Fakenham ringers were paying them a surprise visit, and the sound of the bells was audible in the valley, which is within two miles of "Nelson's Birthplace," where great endeavours were made in the great admiral's centenary year to place a peal of eight in the pretty little church tower of Burnham Thorpe. After the service, by kind invitation of the Rector and Mrs. Arnold, the party adjourned to the Rectory, and after ringing a touch on the handbells were entertained to a nice tea, which served a fitting purpose by this time. This was followed by a pleasant walk around the well-planned and picturesque grounds. By this time dusk was approaching, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Arnold for their welcome and hospitality. The return journey was then commenced, and Fakenham was reached about 7.30.

A WEEK-END IN THE WEALD OF KENT.

Taking advantage of the fact that the Ashford District meeting of the Kent County Association was to be held at Headcorn, three members from the Metropolitan area, Messrs. Hewett, Pike and Emery, decided to attend, and stay over the week-end for some ringing on the Sunday at various towers in the district, arrangements for which were kindly made by Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden. Cycling was the order for the whole business, and, starting on Saturday morning, Oct. 7th, Headcorn was safely reached about 3.30. An account of the meeting there, the ringing, and the sumptuous tea which followed will doubtless be recorded by the district secretary. Staying at Headcorn for the night, where splendid arrangements had been made by Mr. P. Hodgkin, an early start was made on Sunday for Benenden, to ring for morning service. Three quarter-peals of Stedman was the idea for the day, but at Benenden, owing to a late arrival, there was not time to attempt one. So two courses of Treble Bob Minor were rung, and then our playful friend turned up, and 504 of Stedman was rung by the following: W. H. Lambert 1, W. Hewett 2, F. Macey 3, C. Tribe 4, E. F. Pike 5, C. W. Player 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, L. Honess 8. After a capital dinner, provided by Hostess Osborn, of The King William IV. who is well-known to ringers visiting Benenden, a start was made for Rolvenden, a much handier peal than Benenden, and, all turning up to time, a capital quarter of Stedman was rung in 42 mins., despite the fact that the organ was playing most of the time: W. H. Lambert 1, W. Hewett 2, C. Tribe 3, E. F. Pike 4, F. Macey 5, C. W. Player 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, A. Blackman 8. The next tower on the programme was Tenterden, that grand old tower and bells which were the main objective of two of the party. After tea, at Tenterden, without which it would have been impossible to ring Stedman, let alone to call it, the tower was ascended, the bells were soon going, and another capital quarter-peal in that method rung in 49 mins.: R. Edwards 1, W. Hewett (conductor) 2, E. F. Pike 3, F. Macey 4, W. H. Lambert 5, C. Tribe 6, I. Emery 7, G. Neve 8. This, of course, concluded the ringing, and after a social hour tracks were made again for Benenden, where we were again splendidly accommodated for the night. Monday morning saw the party once more on the road, facing Londonwards. Several churches were inspected on the homeward way, including Goudhurst, of which the writer has some personal recollections. After a very breezy, but enjoyable ride, Suburbia was reached by dusk, and again another good tea awaited the tired, thirsty, but happy travellers. Thus concluded a most enjoyable and fairly successful trip, all agreeing that notwithstanding war-time, and October, we had done uncommonly well. Thanks are due to all who assisted in the ringing and in making the necessary arrangements, and also to the Vicar of Rolvenden, who kindly allowed the bells to be rung through the children's service. I. E.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Warmley on Saturday. The bells—a ring of six—were available from 3.30 p.m., and soon after that time they were set going to various methods, lady ringers taking part in the ringing, until five o'clock, when service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. F. Rogers) and the Rev. Gregson, of Syston, officiating. The ringers then adjourned to the schoolroom, where a splendid tea was provided.

A short business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, on the 11th November, if possible (particulars to be advertised later).

Before the close of the meeting, the Chairman of the Branch (Mr. H. T. Howell) stated that they would regret in one way that their hon. secretary (Mr. A. W. Seviour) had had to leave them for a time, having joined the army. It was well known to the members that Mr. Seviour had carried out his duties with enthusiasm, and had put in much time and labour to make the meetings as enjoyable as they had been, and he (Mr. Howell) felt they could not let the opportunity pass without showing their great appreciation of his services. He was sure he would carry the best wishes of the members with him.—The Rev. F. Rogers supported the motion, and it was carried with acclamation.

A vote of thanks was then proposed to the Vicar and the Rev Gregson for so kindly officiating at the service, and also to the organist.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the Vicar and Mrs. Rogers for kindly providing the splendid tea, and also to the ladies for waiting on the visitors, the Rev. Rogers suitably responding.

Further ringing until 8 o'clock brought a very enjoyable meeting to a finish.

A FALLEN MEMBER.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Stinchcombe on Saturday week. Most of the local towers were represented, and Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary to the Llandaff Association, was also present. The bells were rung muffled for the late Mr. Cooper, the donor of the bells, and for Pte Percy Woodward, 1st Gloucestershire Regiment, who fell in action whilst serving his King and country.

By kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. Dr. Reynell Reynell) the ringers enjoyed a very excellent tea at the Rectory, after which the business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.

Mr. F. K. Howell moved a resolution of sympathy with the parents of Pte Percy Woodward, who will be much missed, as he was a very promising ringer and took great interest in attending all branch meetings before joining the forces two years ago.—The Rector added that the deceased was not only a keen bell ringer, but was always a good church worker, and it was through him that they started a branch of the C.E.M.S. at Stinchcombe, of which Pte Woodward was the hon. secretary.—The resolution was passed by those present standing in silence.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Berkeley on November 4th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his hospitality, and to Mrs. Reynell for so kindly waiting upon the ringers.—A touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells and more ringing on the tower bells brought the meeting to a close.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Wrotham on Saturday week, when the bells were set going soon after three o'clock. A short service was held at 5 p.m., at which the Rector addressed the ringers, and gave them a hearty welcome to Wrotham. After the service, the Rector conducted the visitors to the Village Hall to partake of tea, to which 55 sat down.—At the business meeting which followed, six new members were elected, attached to the Bearsted band.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bearsted on January 13th.

MR. A. W. GRIMES' THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having recovered so far from my severe illness that I am able to leave the hospital, I feel that I should like to take the first opportunity to thank all ringing friends for their kindness and sympathy shown me, and I hope after a week or two in the country I shall be able to come back to London to meet my ringing friends once more, after my long absence. My present address is: Grace Church Street, Debenham, Suffolk.—Yours faithfully,

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MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

As will be seen by a notice in another column a memorial to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, is to be unveiled in Sheffield Cathedral belfry on Saturday, November 4th. The memorial consists of a handsome polished mahogany board containing the record of the muffled peal rung on the occasion of the late Mr. Hattersley's funeral, and a mahogany bookcase, which is to contain Mr. Hattersley's books and manuscripts as a nucleus of a ringers' library. This very practical form of memorial was decided upon in consultation with Mrs. Hattersley and two sons, and there could be no more fitting place for its installation than the tower where the late Mr Hattersley learnt his ringing and spent so many happy hours in his long and active life.

A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of West End, Southampton, celebrated the 35th anniversary of their wedding, which took place on October 15th, 1881. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Williams need introduction to the Exercise. Mrs. Williams was the first lady to ring a peal, her unique performance being achieved on handbells about 20 years ago. Mr. George Williams has been one of the leading exponents of the art for more than 30 years, and is now the popular hon. general secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. By way of commemorating the wedding day, a peal being out of the question, 720 Bob Minor was rung at North Stoneham by E. Munday 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, W. Rowe, senr., 3, C. J. Fray 4, W. H. George 5, W. T. Tucker 6. Their many friends throughout the country will join in congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

KING'S CLIFFE TENOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see "Bob Major's" reference this week to the King's Cliffe appeal for £38 towards recasting their tenor bell, as I feel, like many others, that it is time it was collected. I was greatly disappointed when the Midland Counties Association held their quarterly meeting at Chesterfield that nothing was done, although there were upwards of 40 members and others, who, one would have imagined, would have been able to give a little without feeling much worse off. I myself mentioned it at the meeting held in the Vestry, and it was decided that as the meeting was so poorly representative of the gathering, it be brought up in the belfry and a collection made. Our worthy secretary, Mr. W. E. White, mentioned it there, but as he, like myself, had to go away early, nothing was done, and consequently the fund suffers. It seems remarkable that if a large and prosperous place needs help, it comes in from all quarters, but in such places as King's Cliffe, where it is a struggle both to keep a band together and to pay ordinary expenses, they are looked upon as of no value whatever. It is to be hoped that "Bob Major's" hint will be taken, and that other towers throughout the country will do as we did at St. Andrew's, Derby, when the appeal was first made. The old saying will thus come in, "They have done their bit," and King's Cliffe will be able then to join in the peace celebrations in a proper manner.—Yours truly,

B. MITCHELL.

148, Leacroft Road, Derby.

RINGING R.E.'s ACTIVITIES.

Gathered in the ranks of the Royal Engineers, stationed in the neighbourhood of Maidstone, are quite a number of ringers, and recently they have been visiting the towers of the vicinity. With the help of local men, touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples have been rung at All Saints' Parish Church, Maidstone; Grandsire Triples and Bob Major at Aylesford, where the soldiers were met by Mr. A. Brooks (secretary), G. May (captain), J. Homewood and Pte J. Baker, A.V.C. Several 720's of Bob Minor have been tapped off at Boxley and Bearsted for Sunday services, and other touches have also been rung, with the assistance of Mr. G. Pound (Boxley), Mr. A. Brooks and Mr. J. Shorter (captain of the Bearsted band). On a recent Sunday 720 Bob Minor was rung for morning service at Boxley, and after dinner the party visited Bearsted, where they were "snapped" by the camera, and then proceeded to the village of Leeds, famed in ringing annals for the 40,320 of Bob Major. It was regretted that all the band were not Grandsire Cater men, and after ringing the fine peal of ten in rounds, a well-struck 378 Grandsire Triples, containing the "queen's" and "tittums," and a course of Bob Major (just to try the vaccination) were rung. After another short touch of Grandsire, the party visited the resting place of James Barham, and then passed through the hopfields, where the hoppers were having a quiet service to themselves. Back in Bearsted in time for evening service, touches of Minor and Doubles were rung, and then the party were piloted to the residence of Mr. Brooks, where they were provided with a capital tea. The R.E.'s who took part in the ringing were Lance-Corpls. W. B. Clarke, Hemel Hempstead, Herts (formerly of Guildford); L. L. Gray, Wickham Market, Suffolk; Sappers A. E. Moore, Bury St. Edmunds; J. W. Shepherd, Hemel Hempstead; F. J. Oxenbury, Twyford, Hants; A. H. Harber, Wallsall, Staffs; W. G. Housley, Matlock, Derby. The ringing was conducted by Sapper A. E. Moore, and the ringers wish to thank the respective Vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local captains for making the necessary arrangements.

WELL-KNOWN DEVON RINGER'S DEATH.

MR. WILLIAM FORD, OF DEVONPORT.

It is with much sorrow we have to report the death of Mr. William Ford, a well-known member of the Devonshire Guild, which took place at Devonport on September 24th.

Born in the village of Burrington, near South Molton, in 1860, he left there for Axmouth in 1884, where he stayed until 1890, and then left for Devonport, where he was first introduced to change ringing. He became a keen and very safe ringer, and had rung between 50 and 60 peals, consisting of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Erin Caters. He rang Exeter Cathedral tenor, with Frank Murphy, to the Devon Guild peal on January 14th, 1905.

Working in His Majesty's Gun Wharf he naturally took an interest in the Dockyard Chapel peal of eight, and on the death of Mr. Steed, some ten years since, he took over the command of that belfry. When the late Rev. J. M. Clarkson was chaplain he endeavoured to form a young band of church workers to ring the bells, and Mr. Ford taught them to ring, and was presented by them with a handsome walking stick.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM FORD,
Devonport.

Deceased was endowed with a very placid temperament, and was never known to say an unkind word of anyone. To know him was to love him, and his loss will be felt very keenly. His illness began about February of this year. He rallied a little, and went to work for a very short time. Then he had to give up again, and finally passed peacefully away in his chair from heart trouble.

He was buried in Devonport Cemetery on September 29th, amid many tokens of respect. Among the wreaths was a special one from the ringers.

Having obtained permission from the Admiralty, an endeavour was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, at the Dockyard Chapel on October 7th. After one hour's very nice ringing a shift occurred, which brought the ringing to a close. The band stood as follows: Walter H. Marsh 1, William Hooper 2, Harold Bennett 3, Joseph Woodley 4, Rev. Everard S. Powell (secretary Devon Guild) 5, Will Rundle (conductor) 6, William Richards 7, George Kerswell 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH MEETING.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday last. Short touches in various methods were rung for service, which was held at 4 o'clock, the Association's form being used, the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Waugh) officiating, and giving a very interesting address. A splendid tea was served in the Jubilee Room, and at the business meeting held afterwards it was decided that instead of a quarterly peal being attempted, a ringing practice should be held at St. John's on a Saturday afternoon. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Malvern.

The whole of the officers were re-elected.

The branch was fairly represented, though not by numbers, and among the apologies received was one from Pte E. Gibbs, B.E.F., France.

Courses of Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells, the tower bells not being available for ringing after the meeting.

HEROES FROM THE BELFRY.

A KENT RINGER KILLED.

News has just been received at Milton-next-Gravesend that one of the young ringers, Pte Arthur G. Marshall, of the 23rd ("Diehards") Middlesex Regiment, has been killed "somewhere in France" by a shell. He had been in France about four months, having enlisted in the army at the beginning of the year.

Arthur Marshall joined the Milton band some two years back, and by his regular attendance and quiet, retiring disposition soon won the high esteem of his fellow ringers. Although not greatly advanced in the art, he showed great promise of becoming a fine ringer, and by his early death, at the age of 24 years, the Milton band, and the Kent County Association, to which he was elected at the beginning of last year, have lost a promising member.

As a token of respect the bells at the Parish Church of Milton were rung on Sunday morning, the 8th inst., and a fine 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung by H. Argent 1, G. Ambrose 2, G. Jones 3, G. Morrad 4, H. Holden 5, Fred Mitchell (conductor) 6. Touches of Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire were also rung, with A. Livermore on the treble.

The band extended their sincere sympathy to the widowed mother, who has two other sons serving King and country, one of whom is recovering from severe wounds received in "the Great Push."

FALLEN LONDON RINGER.

A well-known and promising young ringer in the metropolitan area, Pte Christopher Hughes, has fallen in action, the sad news of his death being communicated to his fellow members of the London County Association at their meeting on Saturday week.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE MAN'S DEATH.

Pte Percy Woodward, of Stinchcombe, Glos., is another ringer who has recently laid down his life in France. He was an enthusiastic member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, regularly attending the meetings of the Wotton branch, and his ardour also extended to other branches of church work. It was due to him that the local branch of the C.E.M.S. was formed, and he acted as its hon. secretary.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday last a very successful quarterly meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild was held at Wellington, Salop, where the Church of All Saints' contains a peal of eight bells, with a tenor 19 cwt., although they are not in the best of going order. There were members present from Coalbrookdale, Dawley, Malins Lee, Shifnal, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, Bridgnorth, Clent and Crewe, and Stoke-on-Trent and Wellington. The ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., with a 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, followed with Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, Messrs. Short (of Clent), Saunders (of Coalbrookdale), Byolin and Lilley (of Shrewsbury) conducting. At 5.45 an adjournment was made to the Station Hotel, where tea was served by Host Painton, and to which 20 sat down.

The subsequent meeting was presided over by the Rev. F. Tennison—Mr. Langdon (of Stoke) was made a member of the Guild, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Shrewsbury in January. Afterwards an hour was passed away with handbells, a 518 of Grandsire Triples being brought round: T. Abbott 1—2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3—4, W. Saunders 5—6, A. E. Fullick 7—8.

The ringing has much improved at the Guild's meetings, and the four standard methods are rung. One well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was conducted by Mr. Byolin. The bands tender their best thanks to Messrs. Walley and Nutall, of Wellington, for having all ready. A pleasant half-day was spent, and the Salop members were very pleased to see their visiting friends.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANOTHER MEMBER FALLS IN ACTION.

At a meeting held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday week, a fair number of members were present, representing Islington, Clapham City, Camberwell, Chelsea, Tottenham, Stepney, Hackney, Marylebone, Hammersmith, Fulham and Bethnal Green. Ringing was carried on from 3.30 to 6, and a business meeting was afterwards held at the "Earl Derby," hard by, presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender).—Mr. C. Stephenson, of Cuckfield, Sussex, and Holloway, was elected a member.

News was received of the death, in the cause of King and country, of another respected member, in the person of Mr. C. H. Hughes (Chris), who was killed in action on the 9th ult.—Touching tributes were paid to his memory by several members, including the Master, Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. W. A. Alps, and the hon. secretary was requested to write a letter of sympathy to his parents, in the name of the Association, regretting this terrible blow that had fallen upon them.

It was decided that a monthly meeting be held at the Headquarters Room, the "Edinburgh," Milford Lane, Strand, on the second Saturday in each month during the winter months, commencing on Nov. 11th, for handbell practice and social intercourse.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of St. John's for the use of the bells, and also to the ringers' genial friend, Mr. A. Riley, for having everything in readiness.—Touches on handbells in various methods, also tunes by Messrs. W. A. Alps and H. Orford, helped to make up an enjoyable evening.

OXFORD GUILD TOUCHES

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, 17th Sept., for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was lost in the last part: G. Leader 1, T. S. Smith 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, T. Goodchild 4, R. Whittington 5, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 6, G. Allder 7, P. Jones 8. The Vicar visited the belfry and thanked the ringers for their ringing. Messrs. E. Carter and R. Lane, local men, kindly stood out for the Cranleigh visitors.

BEACONSFIELD.—The same morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples failed for the want of a "12-13," the conductor having had news of the serious wounding of two of his brothers, Frank and Tom Buckland, old members of the local band. A 504 was afterwards rung for the service by G. Gutteridge 1, W. Henley 2, H. Wingrove 3, W H. Fussell (conductor) 4, Elburn 5, J. Blackmore 6, R. Buckland 7, W. Horne 8.

STOKE POGES.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17th, in 27 mins., a 720 Bob Minor: Miss Swabey 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, J. J. Parker 3, P. E. Jones 4, W. Horne (conductor) 5, R. Whittington 6. Also a touch of Oxford Bob Minor, with Messrs. W H. Fussell, W. Bateman and W. Henley ringing. First 720 of Minor by the treble ringer. The bells were raised and lowered "in peal." Special permission was kindly given for this 720 by Canon H. T. Barnett to oblige the Cranleigh couple.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, in 26 mins. (after meeting short for Superlative), 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Horne 1, G. Gutteridge 2, W. Henley 3, W. H. Fussell 4, J. Blackmore 5, W. Welling (conductor) 6 It was afterwards ascertained that Mr. Hancox was detained on war work, and Mr. Pratt removed to Brighton on urgent business.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, being harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Wingrove 1, Geo. Basden 2, J. J. Parker 3, Geo. H. Gutteridge 4, W. H. Fussell 5, J. Elderfield 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, J. Bovingdon 8.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 24th, for harvest thanksgiving and St. Michael's festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (first on the bells), in 47 mins.: C. G. Bedford 1, T. S. Smith 2, G. T. Leader 3, P Jones 4, J. Brant 5, J. Rance 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th for the evening celebration of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: T. S. Smith 1, G. Allder 2, J. Eldridge 3, P. Jones 4, W. H. Fussell 5, George Martin, R.E., 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, W. T. Horne 8. The conductor's first attempt to call a quarter in the method.

OLD WINDSOR.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: D. Tindall (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Burden 2, W. H. Fussell 3, J. Rance 4, J. Brant 5, G. Cutts 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, F. Gutteridge 8. Another quarter-peal in same method was rung for the evening service, in 45 minutes by a local band: Sidney Boore 1, W. Burden 2, G. Cutts 3, J. Gutteridge 4, T. Gosling 5, Arthur Blake (conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, J. Brant 8.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Bedford 1, R. Flaxman 2, A. Leader 3, G. T. Leader 4, W. Henley 5, E. T. Hooper 6, P. E. Jones (conductor) 7, A. Perryman (first as conductor in the method) 8.

THE BISHOP OF EXETER.

The new Bishop of Exeter, the Rev. Canon the Hon. Lord William Gascoyne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield, Herts, is a patron and hon. member of the Hertford County Association. His son, Lieut. Rupert Gascoyne Cecil, who was killed in action in France several months ago, was an active member of the Hatfield band of ringers.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—For divine service, 120 Bob Doubles: W. H. Lawrence 1—2, S. Game 3, Pte H. Wallace 4, B. Patmore 5, W. Williams 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob: W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 1—2, S. Game 3, Pte A. Phillips (4th Essex) 4, Pte H. Wallace (Duke of Bedford's Regt.) 5, B. Patmore 6.

ACTON, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, in 43 minutes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Hunt 1, A. J. Smith (Wolverhampton) 2, P. H. Smith 3, Robt. Holloway 4, E. Newell 5, Staff-Sergt. Verralls 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Edwards 8.—On Oct. 7th, 464 Bob Major, as a send-off to Pte J. A. Trollope: C. Edwards 1, E. Newell 2, J. W. Fruin 3, G. Harbour 4, Robt. Holloway 5, W. E. Garrard 6, W. Lawrence 7, Pte J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.

WORKSOP.—On Sept. 28th, in honour of the birthday of His Grace the Duke of Newcastle (the Vicar's warden), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Beck (first quarter-peal) 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, S. C. Walker (first quarter on an inside bell) 3, H. Haigh (conductor) 4, W. Roberts 5, A. Johnson 6, J. T. Wilson 7, G. Hardwick 8. Also touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar) at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. — T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanton on Saturday, October 21st. Service will be held in Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The bells (6) will be available.—James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on October 24th for general business. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Brent on Saturday, October 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. — G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham, Som.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 39th annual festival will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, October 28th, 1916. The following bells will be available from 12 noon until 4 p.m.: Cathedral, Newcastle (12, tenor 37¾ cwts.), All Saints, Pilgrim Street (8, 19 cwts.), St. John's, Westgate Road (8, 12½ cwts.), St. George's, Osborne Road (8, 17 cwts.). All Saints, Gosforth (8, 22 cwts.), St. Mary's, Gateshead (8, 15 cwts.). The service will be held in the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m., with an address by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. The committee meeting will be held at the Douglas Hotel, Grainger Street, West, at 5 p.m., and tea in the same place at 6 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting. Tickets for the tea, 1s. 6d. to members and 3s. to non-members. Those who intend to be present must please notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, the 24th inst.—G. T. Potter, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western Branch). — A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on October the 28th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Bells available from 2.30 till 5. Those who desire tea please notify us.—F. A. Smith, F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available 3.30 till dusk.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.—A memorial to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, consisting of peal tablet and bookcase, will be unveiled in the belfry of the Cathedral on Saturday, November 4th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when all ringers who can attend will be welcome. The Ven. Archdeacon Gresford Jones will preside.—Sam Thomas, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON, N.E.—In compliance with the restrictions imposed by the Defence of the Realm Act the Sunday evening ringing has been dispensed with. On Sunday mornings the bells will be rung from 10 till 11 until further notice.—J. H. Wilkins, Hon. Secretary.

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RINGING PRACTICES, ETC.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE. — Weekly practices have been arranged at the Parish Church for the winter months, on Saturday afternoons, commencing at 3.30 on October 7th, 1916. All ringing friends will be welcome. —F. Watkinson, Secretary, 18, Park Street, Alfreton.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PUTNEY.—The tower will be open for practice between 3 and 5 o'clock on Saturdays until further notice. Ringers welcome.

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HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern District was held at Broxbourne on Saturday week, when the fine-toned ring of eight were open from 3 till 6 p.m. Members attended from Cheshunt, Brockley, Kent; Edmonton, Hoddesdon, Peterborough, Little Munden, and the members of the local band. The younger men are conspicuous by their absence now at all the ringers' gatherings, but the older ones are keeping the bells going and things together as far as possible, looking forward to the time when the clouds of war have passed away and the reunion comes, although some of the once familiar faces in the belfry rest in other lands never again to hear the bells of home.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough District was held at Easton Mauditt on Saturday week, and proved very successful, about 27 ringers being present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Earl's Barton, Wilby, Grendon, Castle Ashby, Wollaston, Sharnbrook, and the local ringers. Tea was provided in the schoolroom by the local ringers and their wives. Afterwards the usual business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), etc.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wollaston, and Mrs. Sturgess and Miss Bowers were elected ringing members of the Association.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for arranging tea. Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters were afterwards rung on the handbells.

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