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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 authorized by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect. Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

RINGERS' PART ON INTERCESSION DAY.

A week or two ago, writing on the subject of muffled ringing for those who have fallen in battle, a correspondent called attention to the proposal conveyed by H.M. the King, to the Archbishop of Canterbury that Sunday, Jan. 3rd, might be made the occasion of "united prayer, intercession and thanksgiving and for remembrance of those who have fallen in their country's cause." Our correspondent suggested that this occasion should be adopted by ringers throughout the country to render, by muffled bells, their tribute to the noble dead, and urged that, in order to give more weight and prominence to this action, an influential committee should be established "to place the arrangements upon a proper footing, and to secure higher official recognition by both Church and State." His idea was that this committee might fittingly be presided over by the President of the Central Council.

We have sought the views of the President of the Council upon the subject, and Sir Arthur Heywood says: "It seems to me that, as ringers are officers of their individual churches, and thus under the direction of their several church authorities, the latter should make the necessary arrangements for muffled ringing on January 3rd. I cannot conceive that any good band will be backward in suggesting such ringing to their incumbent. But in any case it seems to me that for the Central Council to issue, through their president, or otherwise, any direction in the matter would be distinctly intrusive. Any suggestions in the ringing papers from correspondents or editors would, however, in my opinion, be useful in drawing attention to the desirability of utilising the summoning voice of our bells for a clear duty, the importance of which may escape the attention of some of the clergy."

This view, we venture to think, is one which will commend itself to the majority of our readers. The occasion will offer an opportunity for a universal recognition of the supreme sacrifice made by so many of our countrymen, and, as in the case of the previous muffled ringing for the same purpose, it is merely a question of local feeling in the matter. The first Sunday of the new year, however, will have this difference; it will be set aside by all the churches as a day of prayer in connection with the war, and here, in any case, ringers ought, we think, to exercise their calling in sympathy with the spirit of the occasion.

It may be that some of the arguments against muffled ringing used previously will be urged again, but we do not think they will apply with equal force. To those who

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We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

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think that the time for such ringing is still premature we would say that we do not look upon any time too early to recognise the sacrifice of those who have fallen in their country's cause. There may be those, too, who are still afraid of the depressing effect which such ringing might have. This fear may be a genuine one, but we have a better opinion of the spirit of the British nation. Our spirits are not depressed by the publication of the casualty lists day after day—why, therefore, should they be so seriously affected by an honour paid to the dead? We seize every possible chance of making joyful expression through the bells, let us not neglect an opportunity to show our feeling for those who have given up their lives on our behalf. An influential committee will not be necessary to secure universal muffled ringing on January 3rd, if ringers themselves will enter into the occasion with a true appreciation of what the day is intended to signify.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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| B. CUFF Treble | SYDNEY RAYNER 5 |
| JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 2 | JOHN WEBB 6 |
| ALFRED CLAYTON 3 | J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7 |
| FRANK HOLDER 4 | W. SHERWIN Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED CLAYTON.

Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's 70th birthday.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| A. BARNES Treble | J. HARRISON 5 |
| R. NIMPENNY 2 | H. PALMER 6 |
| † J. W. HOLME 3 | * W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 7 |
| H. HOLME 4 | † D. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor |

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* 50th peal. † First peal. Rung, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to Corpl. Ernest Barton, who was killed near Lille, October 23rd, and who was a member of the above.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of College Exercise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

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| JOHN TASSEL Treble | THOMAS LEESON 4 |
| OSCAR GILBEY 2 | WILLIAM CHEESEMAN 5 |
| ALBERT E. WOOD 3 | FRANK HAWKINS Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK HAWKINS.

Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Alfred Bashford, who went down in H.M.S. "Good Hope."

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *HENRY THOMAS Treble | THOMAS HODGES 4 |
| CHARLES THOMAS 2 | RICHARD THOMAS 5 |
| JAMES THOMAS 3 | CHARLIE WEBLEY Tenor |

Conducted by C. WEBLEY.

* First peal. Rung, with the bells muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Pte. James Webley, of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, killed in action in France on October 25th, 1914. He was a brother of the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES:

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| GEORGE R. PYE 1-2 | ERNEST PYE 5-6 |
| WILLIAM PYE 3-4 | JOHN DALE 7-8 |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires: W. WATSON, B. S. THOMPSON and E. S. BUTLER.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1914, in One Hour and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Called in ten different ways.

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| *ERNEST CHIVERS 1-2 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 3-4 |
| *SAMUEL C. FREKE 5-6 | |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Umpire: Mr. I. B. HOLMYARD.

* First handbell peal.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following contributions have reached us:

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| Amount already acknowledged | 51 | 14 | 0 |
| St. Mary's Guild, Selly Oak (per Mr. W. Mumford) | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Ringers of Raunds Parish Church, Northants (per Mr. F. Stubbs) | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Ringers of Heston Parish Church, Middlesex (per Mr. H. C. Chandler) | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Ringers of Isleworth Parish Church, Middlesex (per Mr. H. C. Chandler) | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. G. B. Lucas, senr. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Ringers of All Saints', Arksey, second donation (per Mr. F. Clarke) | 0 | 5 | 0 |

Total £53 19 0

A COMMENDABLE IDEA.

We should like to see an extension of the idea of a weekly collection among the members, at the various towers, such as has been adopted now in several places. Heston and Isleworth towers are following up this scheme. In forwarding a contribution from each, Mr. H. C. Chandler says: "We are trying to adopt the system of weekly collections of one penny per member in each tower, and if only every ringer would contribute this small amount, we should be able to get a good round sum together."

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with the Forces:—

- W. T. Jeanes, of Langport, Somerset, West Somerset Yeomanry, now at Minehead.
 - L. F. Powers, of Langport, 5th Batt. Somerset Light Infantry, under orders for India.
 - Pte P. G. Rabbetts, of Christ Church, Mitcham, Surrey, 6th Royal Sussex (Reserve Cyclists), now at Brighton.
 - Pte G. C. Rogers, of St. James', Clorkenwell, London Rifle Brigade (T.), now in France.
 - G. T. Green, of St. James', Clerkenwell, King's Royal Rifles.
 - W. Faulkner, of Daventry, with National Reserves.
 - W. Holden, of Daventry, Royal Engineers.
 - Gunner J. H. Keats, of St. Mary's, Grassendale, Liverpool, 13th Battery, 3rd West Lancs, R.F.A., now at Faversham.
 - J. Millman, of St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, R.F.A. (T.).
 - Pte Ernest Bartram, of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, C Co., 5th Batt. (Reserve), Leicestershire Territorials, now at Loughborough.
 - Pte Albert Ernest Johnson, of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, A.S.C., driver on transport duty, now at Portsmouth.
 - J. B. Mackman, of Southall, Middlesex, 10th Batt. East Surrey Regiment, now at Dover.
 - Corpl. Richard Mackman, of Spalding, 2nd Lincoln Regiment, with the Expeditionary Force.
- From All Saints', Chivers Coton, the five following:—
- Reg. Hancock, Royal Engineers.
 - Tom Harris, Royal Warwickshire.
 - John Hood, Royal Engineers.
 - Cyril Perry, Scottish Rifles, and
 - Alfred Steeley, King's Royal Rifles.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

At a meeting of the Central Committee of the Kent County Association held at Rochester on Saturday last, it was decided to hold the next general meeting at Canterbury, but not before the conclusion of the war.

ASHFORD DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent Association was held at Headcorn on Saturday last, when about 30 members attended from Hawkhurst, Benenden, Biddenden, Stone-in-Oxney, Ashford, Sellindge, Tunbridge Wells, Lynton, Rolvenden, Tenterden, and the local band. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung previous to the service, which was held in the church at six o'clock, Mr. C. Munn, of Biddenden, presiding at the organ.

Tea was provided by the Association, and admirably served by Hostess Lambkin in the clubroom at the New Inn, the Vicar presiding.

The business meeting followed, at which the secretary read a letter he had received from the Hythe band, "protesting against the meeting being held at this time of the year, and advocating its postponement till the early spring." He explained that the annual meeting was to have been held at Wye, in September, but owing to the war, the Vicar of Wye was not willing to have the bells rung, and that it was not till the 20th November he could obtain another tower to hold the meeting.—It was unanimously decided that the letter lie on the table.

The Secretary (Mr. C. Tribe) and the District Representative (Mr. C. Paine) were re-elected for the ensuing year, and the following meetings arranged for 1915: High Halden (February), Wye (May), and Ashford for the annual meeting in September.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for giving permission for the meeting to be held at his tower, for the service, and for presiding at the tea and meeting, and this the Vicar acknowledged.—A very cordial welcome was extended to the visitors, Mr. Verrall (of Fembury) and Mr. Gatland (of Findon, Sussex), who is serving with His Majesty's Forces in the neighbourhood. Mr. C. Munn, a brother "string" from Biddenden, was also thanked for presiding at the organ at the service.

A move was then made to the tower, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were well struck, and the bells then lowered (as they should be) in peal. The weather was very favourable for the time of year, and the majority of the visitors had an enjoyable time cycling home in bright moonlight.

TWELVE BELLS AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

The dedication and opening of the new peal of twelve bells at Waltham Abbey will take place on Thursday, December 17th. The dedication service will take place in the Abbey at 5.15 p.m., and there will be a special service in the evening at 7 p.m. The bells will be rung after the dedication service, and at intervals up to the time of the evening service. The bells will also be available for ringing on Saturday, December 19th, when the tower will be open at 2 p.m.

The augmentation has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have recast five of the old peal of eight and added four new bells. The tenor is 39 cwt.

OPENING OF A NEW PEAL IN YORKSHIRE. BELLS NAMED AFTER APOSTLES.

The new peal of bells at the Church of St. Peter, Conisboro', subscribed for under the Church Restoration scheme, and dedicated on November 4th, were rung for the first time some three weeks later. The total weight of the peal is just over 52 cwt., and the tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp. Each bell bears the name of one of the Apostles, and also a line from a well-known stanza of Tennyson's "In Memoriam." An interesting feature is that the treble bell, "St. Andrew," costing about £40, was subscribed for by the children of the Sunday School. The inscriptions have been chosen by the Vicar, and it is generally agreed they constitute a very happy choice indeed:—

Treble: St. Andrew. Ring out, sweet bells, to God's clear sky,
2nd: St. John. Ring out the old, ring in the new.
3rd: St. James. Ring out the false, ring in the true,
4th: St. Matthew. Ring out the want, the care, the strife.
5th: St. Mark. Ring in the nobler modes of life.
6th: St. Luke. Ring in the love of truth and right,
7th: St. Paul. Ring the valiant man and free,
Tenor: St. Peter. Ring in the Christ that is to be.

The ringing arrangements, for which Mr. C. Glenn, general secretary of the Yorkshire Association, was responsible, were carried out to the great delight of all concerned, and it was a treat to the inhabitants to hear the beautiful bells so skilfully rung. Those who took part in the ringing included Messrs. C. Glenn, J. W. J. Cottam and J. H. Brothwell (St. Stephen's, Rotherham), A. Hague and Miss W. M. Hague (Rotherham Parish Church), S. Harrison (Conisborough), A. Brearley and D. Brearley (Bolsterstone), R. W. Collier (Ranmoor, Sheffield), J. Thorpe (Sheffield Cathedral), and A. E. Ashe (Doncaster Parish Church). Mr. J. W. Taylor, of the firm of Taylor and Sons, Loughboro', who cast the peal, also took part in the first touch on the bells, one of 252 changes of Bob Major. The other methods rung included Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major and Grandsire Triples, after which the ringers were entertained to tea in the church room.—The Vicar, in a short speech, thanked the ringers for their presence, and hoped in the near future to enlist their help towards advancing a company of their own.—Mr. J. W. Taylor, Canon Nolloth, and Churchwarden Jones also spoke, and Mr. Glenn, speaking on behalf of the ringers, expressed satisfaction with the tone and "go" of the bells, promising the company a good prelude to the evening service. At this service a large congregation was present, and Canon Nolloth, of Beverley, preached an appropriate sermon on bells.

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS.

Speaking from the text: "Awake! thou that sleepest; arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Ephesians v. 14), Canon Nolloth opened with a reference to one of the mystics in which the medieval Church of England abounded, Johannes, Bishop of Meaux, who, seven hundred years ago, wrote a treatise on Church ornaments with a special chapter on bells. He gave emblematic significance to every part of the bell; the hardness of the metal, for instance, signifying the fortitude of the preacher; the clapper, representing the tongue of the preacher who made both Old and New Testament to resound in the house of God. The stock and the frame, the rope with its three strands, emblematic of the Trinity, all had their special significance. It was all no doubt very fanciful, but the similes were beautiful, and the medieval prelate likened the bells to the silver trumpets of the old Jewish law. Bells, like organs, were instruments of prayer, and praise, and instruction, and warning. In ancient days they were given a peculiar sacredness. Their installation was accompanied with the most reverent and holy ceremonies. They were both baptised and blessed, and many of the important bells had as their godfathers the highest in the land. The big bell at Antwerp, for instance, had as its sponsor the Emperor Charles V. of Spain, and bore his name to this day. The art of bell-founding had made vast strides in these days, and now it was not only possible to produce a peal which was perfectly in tune one bell with another, but each bell produced a complete chord which, in its turn, was perfectly attuned to all the other chords. Of such an advanced type were the beautiful bells now hung in their church tower. Their bells were perfectly musical, and heard at a distance were like a great musical instrument. They were to be congratulated upon having such a peal. For many years, no doubt, they would serve as an instrument of pleasure and instruction and warning to the people of that place.

RINGERS AS CHURCH WORKERS.

They would also invite the people to worship. In many places in their land, the invitation of the church bells on the Lord's Day was not responded to as it might be. It was a bad sign, both in the nation and in the individual, for the observance of the Lord's Day, and attendance in the Lord's House, were essential to the maintenance of true religion. He had no doubt that there were persons in the parish who would now take up the pleasant and interesting exercise of bell ringing. He always thought that a fine peal of bells, even when skilfully rung, were but an emblem of the "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal" spoken of by St. Paul, when the ringers, their duties completed, left the church and occupied themselves in various pursuits instead of remaining for the service. There was not the inward spirit. They were as the carpenters who built the ark of

Noah and would not enter into it themselves. Nowadays the bell ringer was, he was happy to say, looked upon as a Church worker just as were the choir and the Sunday School teachers, and in many churches had special seats in the church assigned to them. An old ringer of thirty years' standing in his own parish, said to him once: "I always consider that the service commences with the ringing of the bells, and I always commence the ringing with prayer." It was a beautiful thought, and he wished that the spirit of it would descend upon all bell ringers. He thought none should look upon a big congregation with more thankfulness and joy than the ringers who have helped to call it together. In times past church bells had been used for unseemly and secular purposes on occasion. For instance, in a town not very far distant from that place, they had actually been used to celebrate horse-racing. All that, however, was a thing of the past, and the church bell of to-day was consecrated entirely to God's holy service.

All concerned in the arrangements were highly delighted with the beautiful peal of bells, of which any village or town might be justly proud.

A MILNROW RECORD.

A very interesting ceremony took place at the conclusion of divine service on Advent Sunday evening, at Milnrow Church, Lancs. A tablet has been placed on the wall of the church near the door leading to the tower recording the peal of Bob Major rung to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells by a local band. At the conclusion of evening service, the Vicar and choir proceeded to the west end, where the tablet was dedicated in the following terms:

"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we dedicate this tablet in memory of the faithful services of the ringers, especially two who took part in the first peal by a local band rung on the bells forty years ago, and who have continued to be regular ringers ever since, and who also took part in the peal rung on August 22nd, 1914, the forty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of the church, which this tablet records."

After unveiling the tablet, which had been covered by a Union Jack, the Vicar went on to say that he thought his hearers would agree that this was a very unique occasion, well worthy of such a memorial. He imagined, however, it was not generally known that the art of change ringing was not one easily acquired. It required a great deal of time and patience and persevering effort, as he could testify, knowing a little of the art, and frequently himself taking part in the ringing for the evening service. His knowledge was confined to the tenor bell, and he regretted that he had not been able, owing to the pressure of other duties, to become proficient in the art. He considered himself very fortunate in having such a band of ringers, of whom any Vicar and any congregation might be proud. Most of them for many years had diligently and regularly attended to their duties, and his relations with them had always been pleasant. The ringers were a body of men who, by their conduct both in church and out of it, were worthy of the important duties they performed of summoning the people of Milnrow each Lord's day to the House of God. It was not given to everyone to be a skilled ringer. It was an art which required special gifts, which, some, however well endowed in other ways, never seemed to master. The congregation, therefore, should appreciate very rightly the diligence and patience of those who made themselves proficient. He had wished the tablet to be placed where it was for two reasons. They had already a few peal boards in the tower, and he thought it only fair that they should leave a little room for those who might come after them for similar memorials of their progress. Also because it would serve as a stimulus to others to render services of equal faithfulness in other directions. Turning to the ringers, the Vicar added a few words of encouragement to them to emulate the faithful services now commemorated.

The following is the inscription on the tablet:—

St. James Parish Church, Milnrow.

On Saturday, August 22nd, 1914, eight members of the Lancashire Association ascended the tower and rang a peal of Bob Major (5056 changes), in 3 hrs. and 13 mins. The ringers were as follows:

Treble, R. Buckley; 2, Edmund Schofield; 3, John Fitton; 4, William Crabtree; 5, Joseph Greenwood; 6, Herbert Davenport; 7, John M. C. Massey; tenor, Andrew Sidebottom. Tenor 20 owt.

Composed by T. Lockwood. Conducted by A. Sidebottom. Being the 40th anniversary of the first peal by a local band on these bells, on which occasion the ringers of the treble and 3rd took part.

The Rev. F. P. Wright, M.A., Vicar; Wardens, R. S. Schofield and John Hardman; Sidesmen, Percy Whitehead, Joseph Greenwood, Herbert Milnes, Whatmough Pratt.

A NEW ZEALAND QUARTER-PEAL.

Ringling at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, New Zealand, is handicapped by the fact that the bells are going none too well, but we have just received the report of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung upon them on Sunday, Sept. 20th, the eve of St. Matthew's Day, by: P. Guppy 1, J. Heather 2, S. C. Hamblin 3, C. J. Hamblin (conductor) 4, J. Davis 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White 7, P. W. Barringer 8.

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RINGER LOST IN NAVAL BATTLE.**NUTFIELD MAN GOES DOWN WITH H.M.S. "GOOD HOPE."**

How can man die better
Than facing fearful odds,
For the ashes of his fathers
And the temples of his gods.

In that gallant but disastrous fight in the Pacific Ocean on Nov. 1st, when, outmatched in speed and overwhelmed in gunpower, H.M.S. 'Good Hope' and 'Monmouth' went down with all hands, another member of the Exercise nobly laid down his life for his country. Alfred Bashford, a promising and enthusiastic ringer, of Nutfield, Surrey, who was called up with the Royal Fleet Reserve, fought on the "Good Hope" in the action off Chile, and shared the fate of so many hundreds of his brave shipmates. That he died doing his duty to the last like a Briton is the one consolation to be drawn from his death.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the widowed mother, who, on Sunday, Nov. 20th, received the following letter from the Admiralty:—

"The King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow.—Winston S. Churchill."



On the following Sunday a laurel wreath bearing the inscription: "In memory of Alfred Bashford, who lost his life in loyally serving his King and country on H.M.S. 'Good Hope'—was sent by the family of the late Mr. J. Fielden, of Nutfield Priory, and hung on the choir screen in the church.

Mr. Alfred Bashford was a very keen ringer, and a prominent member of the Southern District of the Surrey Association. He will be greatly missed by the local band and his many friends in the Southern District. As far as can be ascertained he had rung about 13 peals: Seven of Minor (conducted 2), five of Major, and one of Royal. He had also rung 52 720's (conducted 11) of Surprise, Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor.

A muffled peal was rung at Nutfield on Wednesday, 25th November, as a token of respect to his memory, and will be found recorded in another column.

The photograph of Mr. Bashford here reproduced is the latest obtainable of him, but it was taken some time ago when he was serving on H.M.S. "Lion."

BOB MAJOR IN SHREWSBURY.

The claim that the peal rung at Shrewsbury on Nov. 19th was the first peal of Bob Major in the town, turns out to be incorrect, for one was rung there over 120 years ago. There is a record in the possession of Mr. Geo. Bylin as follows: "On Monday evening, Nov. 26th, 1792, was rung at St. Mary's Church tower 5040 changes of Bob Major, in 43 courses only, with 14 Bobs before, being the most that can be had in that number, and first peal ever rung in Salop: T. Spandlowe 1, Rich. Wilding 2, Wm. Bull 3, Rich. Cross 4, Rich. Gee 5, E. Allart 6, S. Hill 7, W. Farrell 8. The above was called by Mr. Cross, and completed in 3 hrs. 3 mins." Mr. C. R. Lilley, in sending this correction, says the peal was undoubtedly rung by the Union Society, which was in Salop about that date.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The band who ran the above are to be congratulated on their heavy bell feat, but, in claiming it as the first in Shrewsbury, will they look up the peal of 10,000 rung at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, on February 26th, 1777, according to an old paper in my possession?

W. WILLSON.

AN AMERICAN EXPERIMENT.**HOW NOT TO SOFTEN THE SOUND OF BELLS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Members of the Boston Guild have not been enjoying a very active time recently, but they visited the Perkins' Institute, at Watertown, Mass., on Sunday, Nov. 8th, to see the result of an experiment which has been carried out on the bells.

There have been various complaints made at Watertown, when there has been ringing, of too much noise in the immediate locality of the tower. From time to time, the ringers have advised the boarding, or blocking up in some way, of the louvers to an effective height, and thus remedy this old-time evil.

However, after turning down the practical and continued advice of those who have had some considerable experience, a Bostonian, who, no doubt, has the work of advancing the art in this country at heart, obtained permission to "treat" the bells in a way he felt must give satisfaction.

The clappers of the bells were bored, and wooden pegs inserted, so that the protruding peg should strike the bell in place of the metal of the clapper.

With less than 10 minutes' ringing the peg on one side of the tenor was ground down to the level of the metal, and others soon followed the lead.

The experiment thus proved a very pronounced failure, and members of the Guild feel it is a great pity that a good peal of bells, such as these, should have been mutilated in any way.—Yours truly,

JAMES F. LAKER, Secretary.

205, Shurtleff Street, Chelsea, Mass.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**MILITARY DUTIES CAUSE DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

On Saturday last the annual meeting of the South-East Division of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford. The bells were raised at 3.45 p.m., and kept going in Grandsire Caters until 4.30, when the special service was held in the Cathedral. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (general secretary and treasurer of the Association) read the lesson, and the Rev. J. H. Barrow (precentor) presided at the organ. An excellent address was given by the Rev. Canon Lake, the Rector, who welcomed the Essex ringers on the first occasion they had met there since the church was transformed to the Cathedral. Tea was provided in the Vestry Hall, Canon Lake presiding, and 35 members being present. Before commencing the business, the Chairman gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, who included Mr. J. H. Sheppard (Swindon), Mr. W. Doran (West Ham), and Sergt. W. A. Cave (Bristol), Sergt. H. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent), and several others who are now serving the King, belonging to Gloucestershire, Warwick, Oxford and Bucks, and Royal Berkshire Regiments.

Mr. W. Lincoln was unanimously re-elected Master.

A letter was then read from Mr. H. F. Cooper, secretary, from Sheringham, Norfolk, who is serving with the Territorials, asking to be relieved of office, as there seemed no signs of getting back to civil life for a long time.—The resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. A. Edwards (Boreham) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cooper for the services he had rendered to the Association during the past nine years, and it was agreed to send him a parcel of tobacco from those present as a slight recognition.—Mr. F. W. Edwards (of Writtle) was then proposed for the office of secretary, and unanimously elected.

The Rector of Bradwell was made an hon. member, being the only new member elected.—Broomfield (six bells) was selected for the next meeting at the end of January.—The Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the address, and for presiding at the meeting, and this concluded the business.—The bells were utilised again during the evening, the methods rung including Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters and Cinques, and Treble Bob Royal. Some of the party also went on to Widford, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

LONG PEAL RECALLED.

Last Wednesday was the 81st anniversary of the 10,224 of Oxford Treble Box Maximus, at Painswick, Glos., which remained the record length of Treble Twelve until the 12,240 was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911. The Painswick peal occupied 6 hrs. 50 mins., and was composed and conducted by William Estcourt.

The same day was also the anniversary of one of the earliest peals of Bob Major rung, viz., 5040 composed and conducted by John Holt at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, on December 9th, 1748.

A "BIG BEN" FOR BUENOS AYRES.

The Whitechapel Foundry has just shipped a heavy set of five bells to Buenos Ayres, where they will be hung in the British Centenary Tower. Four are to chime the Westminster quarters, and the hour will be struck on a fine-tuned bell of 964 cwt.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have also just completed the rehanging of the peal of six, at Frant, Kent, and the six at Langleybury, Herts, in addition to the eight at Cranbrook mentioned last week.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT TOTTENHAM.

On Saturday last a very successful meeting of the North and East District was held at All Hallows', Tottenham, about 50 members, representative of most of the towers in the district, being present. Ringing was indulged in for a short period during the afternoon, and the ringers then gathered in the church for a service. After the National Anthem had been sung, followed by intercessory prayers, and the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," the Vicar (the Rev. F. Denton Jones) gave an address. He welcomed the Association to Tottenham, and spoke of the reasons why bells were rung, urging upon the members not to forget the summons to worship when they had called others.

Tea was admirably served by Mrs. Lewis and friends in the Church House, and after the meal was over a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells, provided by Mr. J. Rayner, by Messrs. J. Armstrong, G. R. Pye, B. Prowett, A. W. Grimes and W. A. Alps.

At the subsequent meeting the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. F. A. Milne (vice-president), Mr. J. Armstrong (District Master), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), etc.

The Hon. Secretary spoke of the curious fact that no new members had been proposed for election. No doubt this was a sign of the times, due to the general stoppage of peal ringing and practices, and could not be taken as relating to slackness on the part of the members. He hoped that it would soon be possible for the society to resume its normal course. After appealing to the ringers present for aid in collecting outstanding subscriptions, larger than usual owing to many members being away, the Hon. Secretary stated that he thought the society should place on record in their next report the names of all those members who were in His Majesty's forces. He mentioned the names of some members who had already seen active service, and said that he would be glad to hear of any member of the Association in the Army or Navy, whose name had not already appeared in the lists published in "The Ringing World." He hoped it would be possible to get a complete list, but this could not be done unless he had the co-operation of all local secretaries and the members in general. He felt quite sure that the members of the Association would agree to a record being kept of the names of those colleagues who had answered their country's call (applause).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Southgate.

Mr. F. A. Milne proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, first, for allowing the use of the bells and for giving such good advice to the ringers in his very interesting address, and, secondly, for presiding at the meeting. He included in the vote of thanks the good ladies who had prepared tea for them so well.—The Hon. Secretary seconded, and spoke of the help given to him in arranging the meeting by Mr. F. Roper, secretary of the local band.—Mr. Roper acknowledged the thanks accorded to him, and stated that he had done very little, and that the thanks were due to the Vicar.—The vote, having been carried by acclamation, was acknowledged by the Vicar, who stated how glad he was to see so many present, and thanked the members for the kind way in which they had received him amongst them.

This concluded the meeting, and ringing was again indulged in, the many methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at St. Nicholas' Church, North Bradley, on Saturday week, and although it was a very stormy day, 18 ringers assembled from Holt, Westbury, Keovil, Trowbridge, Southbroom, North Bradley, Bratton and Midsomer Norton. The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob were indulged in.—Tea was provided in the School-house, adjoining the churchyard, and afterwards a short business meeting was held, presided over (in the absence of the chairman of the district) by Mr. H. Brownlee West, the honorary branch secretary.—Five new life ringing members were duly elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bradley for the use of the bells and the school-room.—The ringers then returned to the tower, where further ringing was enjoyed.

DEATH OF A DEVIZES RINGER.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. W. P. Slade, who passed away on Friday, Nov. 27th, at the early age of 21 years. He had been for some time a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and belonged to the company attached to St. Mary's Church, Devizes.

He was borne to his last resting-place on Wednesday of last week by four of his fellow ringers, Messrs. V. L. Hockley, G. W. England, A. Little and A. Wiltshire, the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. T. Coles (curate of St. Mary's Parish).

In the evening, by the kindness of the Rector, half-muffled touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung on St. John's bells (St. Mary's bells are being unringable) by his comrades, assisted by ringers from St. James', Southbroom, and St. Mary's, Bishop's Cannings.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH MEET AT THE TOWN HALL.

On Saturday last the members of the Manchester branch met at Manchester Town Hall for their usual monthly meeting. The record of attendance at this meeting was in excess of that for many years past. Mr. W. H. Wilde, with another ringing friend, came over from Chester.

Mr. H. Chapman presided over the business meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the members and friends who had come from far and near to have a pull on the Town Hall bells. Sympathetic reference was made by the Chairman and Secretary to the loss sustained by the Association, and especially by the Manchester branch, by the death of Mr. James Barrett, of Eccles.—Mr. Joseph Ridyard remarked that there was only one James Barrett, and it would be a very difficult thing to fill this vacant place. He had always a pleasant smile for everyone, and was genial and courteous.—A vote of condolence was passed in silence to the bereaved family.

A discussion took place as to the best way of honouring those ringers of the society who had gone to serve their King and country, and the matter will be brought up again at the annual meeting of the branch, to be held at the Cathedral.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the authorities and the local ringers for the use of the bells, and for giving their assistance to make the meeting a success.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION AT CONISBORO'.

A successful meeting of the Southern Division was held on Saturday at Conisboro', near Rotherham, where, as reported elsewhere, a new peal of bells has just been installed. Although the weather proved somewhat unfavourable, about 30 ringers were present from Sheffield (Cathedral and All Saints'), Rotherham (Parish Church and Eastwood), Doncaster, Trevelton Anston, Guisley, Eckington and Hoylandswaine. During the afternoon the visitors included the Rev. Canon Goodall and Rev. W. G. Baloe (Rotherham), the Rev. — Sorby (Rector of Darfield), the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (Doncaster), and Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of the Loughboro' foundry, the two last-named gentlemen taking part in the ringing. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich Major were successfully brought round, the conducting being shared by Messrs. S. Thomas, C. Glenn and F. Willey, and the bells kept going from 3.45 p.m. till 8 o'clock.

A short business meeting was held, at which Mr. S. Thomas presided.—The Vicar of Conisboro' (the Rev. W. A. Strawbridge), although unable to be present at the gathering, had signified his willingness to become a life honorary member of the Association, and was unanimously elected to that position. Mr. Churchwarden Jones was also elected a life member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and additional comforts to make the meeting most enjoyable, the local authorities being extremely gratified to learn from the visitors that the tone and "go" of the new peal left nothing to be desired.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Crewe branch of the Chester Guild was held at Wrenbury, representatives being present from Acton, Nantwich, Crewe, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, were rung, the new Master of the Guild (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke) taking part. The Guild service was held in the church, at which Mr. Bowen Cooke read the lesson. After service, the members partook of a substantial tea provided for them by the churchwardens at the village inn. During the smoking concert, held afterwards, three honorary and three ringing members were elected, and thanks were given to the Vicar and wardens for their kindness.

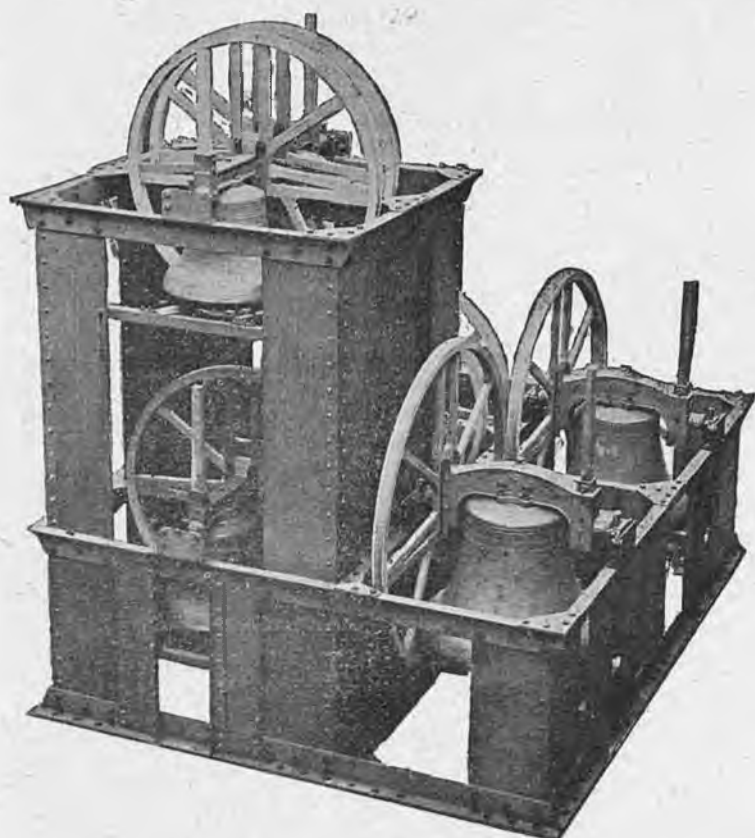
A SOMERSET RESTORATION.

BELLS REHUNG AT UPHILL.

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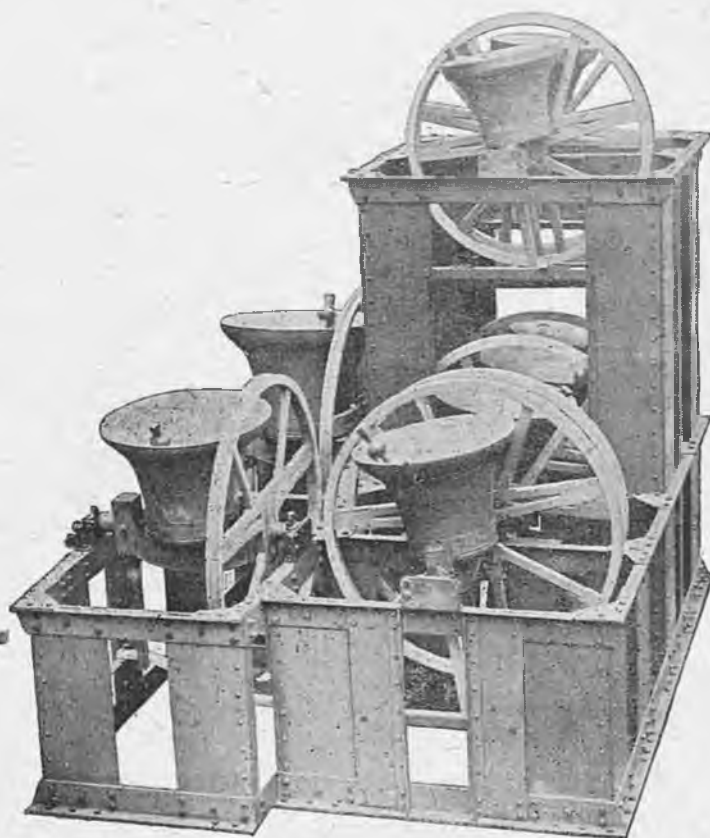
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QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S BIRTHDAY.

To celebrate the 70th birthday of Queen Alexandra, the following among other touches were rung:—

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Reed 1, W. Grimes 2, E. Willis 3, W. Glead 4, F. Reed 5, C. Willis 6. Also 360 in the same method, with Miss C. Wilson treble, remainder as above.

DAVENTRY.—360 Grandsire Doubles, with 5-8 covering: A. Moore (conductor) 1, A. Andrews 2, W. Moore 3, J. W. Clarke 4, A. Towers 5, G. Chappell 6, W. Bradshaw 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Essex Association.—At St. Saviour's Church, on December 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (280 changes), in 52 mins.: O. L. Twist 1, W. J. Kemp 2, J. C. Adams 3, G. W. Cooper 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, W. J. Cooper 6, H. Rumens 7, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 8. Rung also in celebration of the Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Barking on the previous Sunday.

DEVIZES.—Salisbury Guild.—At St. James' Church, Southbroom, at mid-day, on December 1st, touches of Plain Bob; and in the evening, 1080 Grandsire Doubles.

CHRIST CHURCH, HANTS.—Winchester Guild.—On December 1st, a quarter-peal of Siedman Triples, in 48 mins.: V. Street 1, E. Hunter 2, G. Stone 3, A. Best 4, F. Sparshott 5, W. Fowler 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, H. Bagshot 8.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE JUTSON. LOSS TO PETERBOROUGH RINGING.

The funeral of the late Mr. George Jutson, of Peterborough, whose death was announced in our last issue, took place on Wednesday of last week.

The first part of the funeral service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. E. Laws). The full choir was in attendance, and among those present were the St. Mary's Boy Scouts, ringers from St. Mary's and St. John's Churches, and other members of the Peterborough and District Association, who also followed the remains to the Cemetery. A short touch of Bob Minor was rung on handbells over the grave, and wreaths were also sent by the various ringers.

The bells at St. Mary's and St. John's Churches were rung, muffled, on Wednesday evening, the deceased being a member of the St. Mary's local band. He was a very promising member, and will be much missed by all who knew him. Heartfelt sympathy goes out to his parents in their sad bereavement.

The deceased was a member of the Peterborough and District Association, the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, and also a life member of the Winchester and Lincoln Diocesan Guilds. Although only 21 years of age, he had rung 16 peals, and conducted twelve of these, in which 16 ringers scored their first peals. The last peal he rang was one in seven methods on his 21st birthday. His first peal of Minor in two methods was rung on Sept. 25th, 1909, this being the first peal rung under the Peterborough and District Association.

MUFFLED RINGING ON ALL SAINTS' DAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Woolley's letter may I say that in mine of 6th November I do not think there is any sentence which can be construed as having reference to the private devotions of the individual, to which the Archbishop refers in the quotation given by Mr. Woolley. When writing it I had in mind the right of private judgment.

The substance of my communication was, that our National branch of the Universal Church having deliberately and intentionally expunged All Souls' Day from her Calendar of Days to be observed, and, at the same time, having deleted from her Prayer Book the services formerly provided in connection with that day, thus returning to the Primitive and Catholic status quo, in regard to this subject, of the first ten centuries of the Christian Era, it is neither right nor honest for the officers or members of such Church to attempt its formal observation in defiance and utter disregard of such expungement and deletion.

I cannot agree that the observation of a day so expunged and deleted is within the same parallels as the Harvest Thanksgiving or the Dedication Feast of the Parochial Church (if such Dedication is not amongst the Calendered Holy Days). Convocation dealt with the former some 40 years ago, and the Act of Uniformity Amendment Act gives power to the Diocesan Bishop to allow services for special occasions provided such services are in accordance with (I quote from memory only) the Word of God and the Book of Common Prayer. I am not a special pleader, as is obvious, only a simple-minded layman, but is it arguable that a Diocesan Bishop could restore the observation of a day so expunged and deleted by the National Church?

In reading Mr. Woolley's letter some of my ringing friends may conclude that the Archbishop was assisting in an observation of the said Day, on Monday, 2nd November, at a Church dedicated to All Hallows. May I point out that this dedication is merely the Saxon form of All Saints' (who are commemorated on November 1st) and not All Souls.—Yours faithfully,

December 7th, 1914.

C. H. READING.

NOTICES.

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

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for combined practice will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, December 12th, and St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 19th; 7.30 p.m. at each tower. The secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. Members' subscriptions are now due, and the new reports are ready. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 4, service at 5, tea 5.30. Reports ready. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—The dedication and opening of the 12 bells at Waltham Abbey will take place on Thursday, December 17th. Dedication service in the Abbey at 3.15 p.m.; special service in the evening at 7 p.m. The bells will be rung after the dedication service and at intervals up to the time of the evening service. The bells will also be available for ringing on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open 2 p.m.—H. G. Thompson, Hon. Secretary, 2, Victoria Villas, Waltham Abbey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7. Reports (to life members, 6d. each) are now ready. Members' subscriptions are now due.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, December 19th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 4.30; Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Secretary, Taunton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the society will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, December 19th, 1914. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 in the Schools, Otley Road.—William Barton, Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Willson has removed from Keythorpe Street to 23, Hopefield Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Reports now ready.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for business will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, December 22nd; for Handbell practice, on Thursdays, December 17th and 31st; all at 8 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due and should be paid before February 28th next. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting at St. John's, Higham, will be held on Saturday, January 9th, 1915, not on Saturday, December 12th, as was arranged at the annual district meeting, the bells not being available on that date.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—May I ask all members whose subscriptions are outstanding to pay the same in at once, either to the local secretary, or to me, as all members owing two years on the 31st inst. will be struck off according to rule.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—All communications for the present to be addressed to Mr. R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol, who has kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary in my absence.—W. A. Cave, Hon. Secretary.

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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H. H. Harding, Frankfield, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, seeks engagement as VERGER and SEXTON at country Parish Church. Highest references. Member of the K.C.A.C.R.

WEST EALING.—On Nov. 29th (Advent Sunday), for the evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 41½ mins.: W. Lawrence 1, C. F. Winney (conductor) 2, J. R. Mackinnon 3, W. Shepherd 4, A. Shepherd 5, Geo. Spencer 6, J. A. Trollope 7, C. Edwards 8.

CALVERTON, BUCKS. — On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 360 Grandsire Doubles: J. Tomkins, junr., 1, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 2, H. Tomkins, junr., 3, H. Tomkins, senr., 4, R. Underwood 5, J. Tomkins 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late Lord Roberts. For evensong, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the same band.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 24th at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *J. Paul 1, A. F. Cooke 2, W. Faulk 3, H. Smith 4, *A. E. Tatnell 5, H. Scrivens (conductor) 6, E. Paul 7, W. White 8. * First quarter-peal.

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