

No. 321. Vol. XII.

FRIDAY, MAY 11th, 1917.

[Registered at the G.P.O. for
transmission as a newspaper.]

Price 2d.

GILLETT & JOHNSTON

CROYDON, Surrey.

BELLS, CLOCKS, CARILLONS.



St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.

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

MESSRS GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am 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.

WHITSUN MEETINGS.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association is one of the few organisations which have expressed themselves in favour of the holding of the Central Council meeting this year, and when the matter came before the Association last Saturday a resolution was passed regretting the abandonment of the proceedings which were to have been held at Gloucester. The decision not to hold the meeting this year was, of course, made by the members of the Council themselves, few of whom could have had the opportunity of consulting their societies on the subject; but we think most of the associations will fully endorse the action taken by the majority in putting off the meeting to a time when conditions call for less strain and preoccupation in national concerns, and when the convenience and cost of travelling are more normal. The obstacles last year would not have been so great as those which presented themselves this year, yet there was little or no disagreement on the abandonment of the 1916 meeting. Everyone devoutly hopes that there will be nothing to prevent the holding of next year's Council, which, it will be learnt through the Llandaff Association meeting, is to take place in London. Had matters followed the ordinary course, the Council in 1918 would have met in London for its first session of a new triennial period, and under all the circumstances, if the meeting is to be held at all, London seems decidedly the best place for the purpose.

Ringing affairs, like other things, have been much upset by the war, and must be subordinated willingly to the demands of these stressful times. At the moment the officials of various associations are in somewhat of a dilemma. Whit-Monday is one of the favourite days for annual meetings, but those in the habit of holding their gatherings on that occasion are faced by the fact that up to the present the public have not been informed whether the bank holiday will be observed or not. Last year the holiday was abandoned almost at the last moment, and arrangements made for ringing meetings had to be hastily cancelled. This year those who have announced their meetings for Whit-Monday have taken the precaution of inserting a qualifying clause, although it is rather inconvenient when catering and other accommodation has to be arranged, to be driven up to almost the last minute before knowing what is going to happen. There may be reasons why the Government do not announce their decision long beforehand, but for those responsible for organising meetings and suchlike gatherings, the position is certainly awkward. However, the conditions are accepted in the best spirit, and members of associations whose meetings may have to be postponed at short notice will find consolation in the fact that it is but pleasure deferred.

MODERN WORK.

CHARLES CARR, LTD.



**OPINION OF OUR
MODERN WORK.**

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

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.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLEINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

Messrs C. CARR, LTD.
Smethwick.

Kindly ask us to inspect, Report and Tender before deciding your contract, — we may be able to assist you.

**SMETHWICK,
BIRMINGHAM**

BELLS

**FOR CHURCHES,
SINGLY,
OR IN PEALS.**

CHIMES FOR CLOCKS.

PEALS AUGMENTED,
CRACKED BELLS RECAST.

FRAMES

IN BEST SEASONED OAK,
STEEL OR IRON.

Chiming Machines.

Best Workmanship and
Satisfaction Guaranteed

FITTINGS

OF ALL KINDS.

**ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON
BRACKETS.**

MALLEABLE IRON BRACKETS.
BEST BELL ROPES.
REPAIRS AND REHANGING
IN ALL BRANCHES.

BELLHANGERS sent to inspect
and report on Bells and Towers

SEND FOR CATALOGUE

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1917, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes.

IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

CHARLES POULSON 1—2	FREDERICK BOREHAM 4
STANLEY SMITH 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS... .. 5—6

Conducted by A. SYMONDS.

WINDSOR CELEBRATES ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, which stands immediately under the castle walls, a series of excellent touches of Triples was rung during the afternoon of Saturday, April 21st, in connection with the borough's official celebration of St. George's Day, when Her Majesty Queen Mary, accompanied by Princess Mary, Prince Henry, and Prince George, drove through the principal thoroughfares, visited the King Edward VII. Hospital for wounded soldiers, and graciously received an address from the Mayor (Councillor W. Carter) at the Town Hall, adjoining the church. The handsome sum of £330 was raised by means of flag selling, market stall sales, box collections, and subscriptions. Streets were be-flagged, the Coldstream Guards and the 2nd Life Guards bands gave selections during the day on the Castle Hill, and, to quote a paragraph from the local Press, "the sun shone, the bands played, the bells rang, and everything was as joyous as it could be in this time of stress and anxiety."

Of course the bells were ceased whilst the address of thanks was made to Her Majesty by His Worship, the Queen expressing her pleasure to do anything she could to add to the success of the day.

During Her Majesty's progress through the town, the bells were rung, and greatly added to the joyousness of the occasion. An old lady who heard them said to her companion, "They used to have these days in Berlin at the beginning of the war, but they don't now"—she evidently thought Windsor was celebrating a victory.

Those taking part in the ringing were selected members of the local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, organised by the Rev. G. S. Deacon (curate), formerly of Wallingford, and some well-struck short flourishes were brought home by Messrs. Parker (cond. Stedman), Hooper (cond. Oxford Bob), Henley (cond. Grandsire), G. T. Leader, T. S. Smith, R. Flaxman, G. H. Gutteridge, and W. H. Fussell. Messrs. Hill and Hunt, two beginners, who promise well to augment the local society, rang their first "rounds" in Windsor: Messrs. Deacon and A. Patch also rang. The latter is steeplekeeper, and is now in his 72nd year, and spent the previous afternoon among the bells getting them ready. One of the Abbey ringers from Bath, Second Air-Mechanic H. D. Taylor, R.F.C., now stationed at Virginia Water, took part in Stedman. The bells have been silent for nearly two years, except for a little Sunday service chiming, and it was the Mayor's wish to have a little ringing for the Queen, after consultation with the Vicar, Canon E. M. Blackie, and the Castle authorities. It appears to have met with hearty appreciation all round.

The Mayor afterwards entertained the bandsmen and bell ringers to tea at Thames Street Restaurant, and among the latter were several ringers from Slough and district, for whose assistance the Mayor was grateful.

W. H. F.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Woolwich, on Saturday week. The bells were available at 3 p.m., and various touches were rung till 5.15 p.m., when a short service took place, at which an address was given by the Rev. A. N. Pickering (Rector). A move was then made to the Rectory, where a meat tea was kindly provided by the Rector, over thirty sitting down. After tea, the Rector had to leave to take a Boy Scouts' service, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the use of the bells, arranging the service, and providing the tea, and, in reply, he said it had given him great pleasure to entertain the members, it being a long time since their last visit.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. J. Jeffries being voted to the chair.—Fourteen new members were elected, and Dartford was selected as the next meeting-place, if the bells were available, on the third Saturday in July. Failing that tower Shoreham was decided on. Votes of condolence were passed with the widow and family of the late Private Alfred James, of Bromley, and the parents of late Lance-Corpl. John Henry Mitcham, of Christchurch, both killed in France, and with Mr. D. Wright, of Croydon, in his triple bereavement.

Mr. J. Law of St. John's, Deptford, was heartily congratulated on ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples on his 75th birthday.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business, and the tower was again visited till 9 p.m.

ESTABLISHED 1780.

JOHN NICOLL,

**Church Bell Rope and Clock Rope
Manufacturer.**

40, QUEEN'S ROAD, PECKHAM, LONDON, S.E.

(Two minutes from Queen's Road Station, L.B. & S.C. Railway).

Late 188, Keeton's Road, Bermondsey.

Makers to St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Imperial Institution, Canterbury, Edinburgh, St. Alban's, Lincoln, Durham, Peterborough, Melbourne (Australia), Rochester, Dublin, St. Patrick's, Manchester and Worcester Cathedrals etc., etc.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. SUNDAY VISITS TO REPLACE MONTHLY MEETINGS.

A quarterly meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Stonehouse, and a fine afternoon contributed towards a successful and enjoyable meeting. In these times it is not easy to get a good attendance, but sixteen members were present from the different towers in the branch and from Dursley, and some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung on the fine peal of bells (tenor 17 cwt.). A service was held at 5.30 p.m., at which the Vicar gave an excellent address, and said when the bells rang out the glorious message of peace it would be the finest and most historic message they had ever sent forth from the church tower.

The Vicar kindly invited all to tea at the Church Rooms, and business meeting followed at which the Vicar presided.

One new member was elected, and Bislew was unanimously selected for the next quarterly meeting; and instead of the monthly meetings, as there was so much to do of national importance on Saturday afternoons, friendly visits would be arranged to ring at the different towers on Sunday afternoons, especially where there was a shortage of ringers.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his great kindness and excellent address and for granting the use of the bells, and to the local band for their capital attendance.

SHORT-COURSE PARS.

The village of Cuckfield, Sussex, has lost, through military service, ten out of its fifteen bell ringers.

Under the heading of "The Wedding Bells," a London paper records the fact that the Misses Humbercrofts, daughters of the Rector of Waldron, Sussex, assisted in ringing the wedding peal at the neighbouring village of Hellingly, at the marriage of the Rev. F. C. Smith, Vicar of Hellingly.

The tower of Great Missenden, Bucks, has come into union with the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Six new members, under the leadership of Mr. J. H. Barnes (an old member of the branch), have joined the ringers' brotherhood, and the Vicar, the Rev. Alfred M. Littlehales, M.A.—a nephew of the late Master of the Guild—has kindly backed them up by becoming an honorary subscriber.

By a slip of the pen we stated last week that Triples and Major were rung at Finchley, at the meeting of the Middlesex Association held there on the 28th ult. As Finchley has only six bells the methods should, of course, have been Doubles and Minor.

PONTEFRAC TINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. Samuel Brook, the oldest member of the Pontefract band of the Yorkshire Association, died on Sunday, April 15th, at the age of 62 years, after a short attack of pneumonia. He had been a bell ringer for 50 years, first at All Saints', Pontefract, and latterly at St. Giles', Pontefract. He took part in a number of peals, including 18 for the Yorkshire Association.

Several of the local ringers attended the funeral, which took place on April 19th, and in the evening a muffled touch of 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of St. Giles', by J. E. Pickard 1, W. Brock 2, J. Carter 3, A. Walker (conductor) 4, W. Pearson 5, J. Jackson 6, F. Moody 7, T. Houlder 8.

GERMANY'S DISAPPEARING BELLS.

For some time past it has been reported that the Germans were melting down a proportion of their church bells for munitions, and now we read in the Government-controlled "Local Advertiser" that a Berlin pastor began a Good Friday special article with the lamentation that it would be the last Good Friday on which many Prussian churches could ring their present bells. "For many a bell," he mournfully points out, "must now be melted down, and metal which has throughout so many years pealed forth glad tidings of peace and goodwill will soon be chiming death to the foe in the form of shot and shell."

ACCESSION DAY TOUCHES.

At St. James' Church, Milnrow, Lancs, for morning service, on Sunday, to celebrate the anniversary of the King's Accession, a date touch of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 14 mins., composed by Lance-Corpl. Berry, of Middleton: R. Buckley 1, G. Staff (conductor) 2, J. Fittion 3, E. Schofield 4, E. Bennett (longest length) 5, C. Fielding 6, J. C. Mussey 7, H. Buckley 8.

At Caversham, on Sunday evening in honour of Accession Day, 1344 Double Norwich Major in 50 mins.: G. Essex 1, W. Hibbert 2, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 3, J. Hands 4, H. Smith 5, G. J. Munday 6, H. Simmonds 7, Second Air-Mechanic W. H. Pasmore, R.F.C., 8.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: W. J. Nelder 1, F. Andrews 2, F. Davis 3, T. Walker 4, W. A. Alps (conductor) 5, W. Buckingham 6, T. H. Taffender 7, H. Dyns 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WEST EALING.—On Saturday, March 31st, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Jones 1, A. W. Davis 2, J. Hunnissett 3, C. Edwards 4, G. M. Wilby 5, R. Holloway (conductor) 6, R. Harris 7, W. Lawrence 8.—On Palm Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal in the same method: J. Hunnissett 1, Pts H. Stevens 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, C. Edwards 4, Hubert Chaffey 5, R. Holloway 6, W. Lawrence 7, Staff-Sergt. Verrels 8.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Guild and St. Chad's Society.—On Sunday evening, April 1st, at St. Chad's Church, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 381 Stedman Caters: G. Byolin (conductor) 1, G. Scarratt 2, W. Brooks 3, J. Tudor 4, W. Seance 5, C. R. Lilley 6, W. Stockdale 7, G. Jones 8, A. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10, on Tuesday evening.—On April 10th, at the Church of St. Julian, in honour of the election of churchwardens 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, W. Brooks 3, W. R. Stockdale 4, A. E. Fullick 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6.—On Easter Day, at St. Chad's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Brooks 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Scarratt 3, G. Jones 4, W. Stockdale 5, A. Fullick 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. F. Turner 8. For evening service, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples, with G. Byolin and H. Jones taking part.—On April 15th 518 Grandsire Triples: R. F. Turner 1, W. Brooks 2, J. Tudor 3, G. Scarratt 4, W. Stockdale 5, A. Fullick 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On April 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, R. Fenn 2, A. Worboys 3, E. Andrews 4, A. Neal 5, J. Norris 6, A. C. Hardy 7, H. C. Fry (Stafford Yeomanry) 8. First quarter-peal by the tenorman, who hails from Dorset.—On April 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1312 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, F. G. Newman 2, A. Worboys 3, E. Andrews 4, A. Neal 5, Pte G. W. Faulkner, R.A.M.C., 6, R. Saunders 7, A. C. Hardy (composer) 8.—On April 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: C. Fenn 1, J. Waghorn 2, A. Worboys 3, E. Andrews 4, A. Neal 5, R. Saunders 6, A. C. Hardy 7, B. Thorp (conductor and composer) 8.

LONDON.—Royal Cumberland Youths.—At St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Easter Eve, three courses and two courses of Stedman Cinques, and a course of Treble Twelve.—On Easter Sunday morning, two three-course touches of Stedman Cinques. For evening service, 1061 Stedman Cinques: J. D. Matthews (conductor) 1, W. J. Nudds 2, J. Hunt 3, H. Burton 4, B. Foskett 5, W. T. Powell 6, W. Shimmans 7, F. Wilford 8, T. Card 9, W. Berry 10, J. E. Sykes 11, B. Thorp 12. Mr. F. Wilford, of Northampton, took part in all the above.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Easter Sunday, to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Dorothy White (one of the local ringers), quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor (1260 changes): G. Nowell 1, Walter White (conductor) 2, T. H. Kirkby 3, A. Barratt 4, William E. White 5, T. Squires 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Hickling 1, William E. White (conductor) 2, T. H. Kirkby 3, A. Barratt 4, T. Squires 5, Walter White 6.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—On Easter Day, at the Parish Church, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), the first on the bells since they have been increased to eight: J. Stubbins 1, J. Blackmore 2, W. Tanner 3, B. Stokes 4, E. Parker (conductor) 5, W. Munday 6, W. Pitman 7, J. Webb 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On April 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): A. D. Mills 1, A. E. Mitchell 2, S. Songhurst (Horley) 3, T. Beadle (Isleworth) 4, G. Illman (Horley) 5, J. Rice (conductor) 6, P. Doick (Pulborough) 7, F. W. Rice (Reigate) 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of Pte Henry John Dewey, R.A.M.C., who was accidentally drowned on February 10th in a lake close to Secunderabad, India.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 14th, the whole peal and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect and esteem for the late Dr. R. Beswick, for many years churchwarden of the above church, and who passed away on the 12th April at the ripe age of 74. The late doctor was greatly esteemed and respected in Bishopsgate, where he had an extensive practice, and carried out his duties until shortly before his death: H. G. Miles 1, Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 2, W. J. Nelder 3, T. Walker 4, W. A. Alps (conductor) 5, W. Buckingham 6, J. Hunt 7, A. S. Pettitt 8.

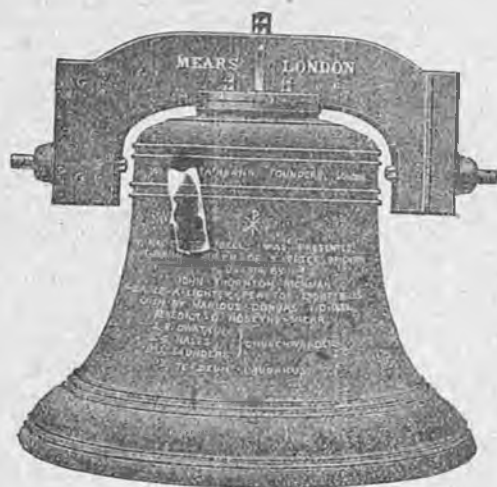
CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, and as a birthday compliment to E. Dewey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Dewey 1, A. E. Mitchell 2, J. Rice (conductor) 3, W. Claydon 4, Pte T. Hoggis (Q.W.M.R.) 5, G. Illman 6, F. W. Rice 7, W. Vincent 8.

YORK.—On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, at the Minster, 485 Grandsire Caters, conducted by Corpl. E. Morris. For evening service, at St. Mary Senior, Bishophill, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Imeson 1, P. Firth 2, A. Horner 3, E. Rickitt 4, W. Ayre 5, Cpl. E. Morris (conductor) 6.

MEARS & STAINBANK,

Bellfounders & Bellhangers,

**32 & 34, Whitechapel Road,
LONDON, E.**



**Tenor Bell, 25½ cwt., of the new ring
of Ten at St. Peter's, Brighton.**

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED

For Rehangings, Retuning and Recasting.

Musical Handbells in sets, Bell Ropes, &c.

At the Handbell Contest held annually in Manchester the First Prize for the last 16 years has been awarded to bands using our bells, and on fourteen of those occasions they have gained the Second Prize also.

**Foundry
Established
A.D. 1570.**

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT EDGBASTON.

The spring meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Edgbaston on Saturday week, in real spring-like weather, and was attended by about forty members, including Mr. W. Rock Small, of Tipton and Mr. R. Faux, of Handsworth, whom it was pleasant to see present. These gentlemen are 77 and 80 years of age respectively, both hale and hearty, and regular in their attendance at meetings, setting an example in this respect to many of their juniors. The Parish Church of St. Bartholomew—commonly known as Edgbaston Old Church—is hidden from view by groves of stately trees from whatever direction it is approached, until you are quite close to it. Its tower is not by any means a prominent feature in the landscape, for it is only about 50 feet high, of the ordinary embattled style of architecture, with four pinnacles. The church itself has been rebuilt and enlarged several times to meet the growing requirements of this well-favoured suburb, and has about 600 sittings, several monuments to members of the Calthorpe family—the living is in the gift of the Hon. Mrs. Anstruther Gough-Calthorpe—and many stained windows.

Not very many years ago Edgbaston was a peaceful country village, quite remote from its grimy neighbour Birmingham, but the city grew and grew, reaching ever further out on all sides, until at last, with other "desirable localities" Edgbaston was incorporated in the city, and made into one of its "best bedrooms." Among those who sleep here may be mentioned the Rector of Birmingham, Canon Willink whose rectory house is quite close to the church.

The church possesses a light ring of six, tenor about 9 cwt., the four back bells being by Matthew Bagley, dated 1684. Originally they were a ring of five, but a treble was added in 1900 by Carr's, who at the same time recast the 2nd.

Tea for those who attended the meeting was very generously provided by the Vicar (Canon Reader-Smith) and wardens, Messrs. Achurch and Goodman, in the Churchroom, at which the Vicar and Canon Willink, and Mr. Churchwarden Goodman, were present. Unfortunately Mr. Churchwarden Achurch had met with a slight accident, which prevented his attendance, but the secretary read a letter from him hoping that everyone would spend a pleasant afternoon.

Neither of the clergymen could remain for the business meeting which followed the tea, but Canon Reader-Smith spoke a few words of welcome, as did also Mr. Goodman.

Canon Willink very kindly invited the members to spend an evening with him at the Rectory in July, as guests of Mrs. Willink and himself, an invitation which, needless to say, was very gladly accepted. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at St. Martin's, and to proceed to the Rectory for the evening, when there will doubtless be great doings with the "Ancient Royal Game of Bowls."

The Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, took the chair at the business meeting, at which three new ordinary members and one honorary member were elected. Among the new members was Mr. Harry Mason, of Old Hill, Master of the Dudley and District Guild, whom St. Martin's Guild are delighted to have as a full subscribing member. The honorary member elected was Mr. F. B. Goodman, and afterwards, for this gentleman's benefit, the musical superiority of eight bells over six was demonstrated on the handbells, with the result that it is possible steps may be taken to consult an authority as to whether Edgbaston tower would hold two more bells.

On the proposition of Mr. Alderman Pritchett, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of his bells, to the Vicar and wardens for providing the tea, and to Miss Reader-Smith and the other ladies who assisted at table.

Later, Mr. Pritchett, referring to the fact that the "Ringing World" had been increased in price since the last meeting, expressed the hope that everyone would continue to support the paper, as he did not doubt for one moment that without a paper we should be hopelessly at sea.

After the meeting some adjourned to the lower for further ringing, where many and various methods were rung during the afternoon, while the handbells were brought out by others, and touches were rung, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Cinques. A. P. S.

DISPOSAL OF MR. A. W. GRIMES' HANDBELLS

Arranged by Mr. W. Pye, Master of the Middlesex Association, the disposal of the late Mr. A. W. Grimes' fine peal of eighteen handbells has resulted in the realisation of a very substantial sum for the benefit of the widow and family of six young children left by the deceased ringer. The draw took place on Saturday, in the presence of Messrs. A. A. Hughes (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), R. Sanders, H. Torble, G. M. Kilby, E. S. Butler, G. R. Pye and W. Pye. Over two hours elapsed before the winning ticket was drawn, and this proved to be No. 5, purchased by Mr. Crowe, of Blackfriars. The amount raised will be published next week.

FLORE, NORTHANTS.—On April 22nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: A. T. Starnmer 1, H. Clarke 2, J. Dunkley 3, W. Parker 4, F. Hopper (conductor) 5, T. Law 6.

THE FIRST RINGER D.S.O.

MAJOR C. F. JERRAM'S DECORATION.

The war has brought decorations to a number of ringers, and the Distinguished Service Order has now to be added to the list. The first member of the Exercise to secure the award is Major C. F. Jerram, Royal Marine Light Infantry, who, we believe, was also the first Regular Officer to become a ringer.

Major Jerram gained the D.S.O. by continuous meritorious service, having been actively engaged in important work from the outset of the war. He was at sea in the early fighting in the North Sea, and was right through the Gallipoli campaign without setting foot off the peninsula, and leaving amongst the last on the final night. Thence he went to France and was through the battle of the Ancre, after which it was that he received the D.S.O. and a higher appointment, being now attached to Divisional headquarters.



One who takes up the profession of arms has really little time for ringing, especially when his branch of the service takes him to sea, sometimes for three or four years at a spell, to places abroad where bells are not; but Major Jerram is extremely enthusiastic, and loses no opportunity of ringing when occasion permits. He was taught by his old friend, Mr. W. H. Marsh, of Charles Church, Plymouth, and has rung two peals of Grandsire Triples, both at St. George's Church, Stonehouse, Plymouth, under the Devon Guild; he is also a member of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

In replying to congratulations, which we had the pleasure of extending to the gallant officer and in which all members of the Exercise will join, Major Jerram says: "I am indeed glad to have had the honour to bring the D.S.O. into the ranks of a Society from whom I have always received the greatest courtesy and kindness."

RINGER CHURCHWARDEN.

Mr. William Bibby, who for the past 25 years has been a ringer at Frodsham, Cheshire, where for the last two years he has acted as a sidesman, and has held the office of head ringer, was elected churchwarden at the Easter Vestry meeting.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ABANDONED CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Favoured with beautiful summer weather, a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting was held at Llanfrecifa on Saturday last, members attending from a number of towers in the Diocese. The bells, which are a light ring of six, cast in 1874, by Blews and Sons, Birmingham, were available for ringing all the afternoon and evening. Commencing at about 3 o'clock the bells were raised, and struck off to Grandsire Doubles, the locals taking part, included very small boys, who, nevertheless, could strike their bells and ring the method with the older members. They proved quite an answer to those who, having light rings, complain their bells are idle, owing to the members being absent on war service.

At 5 o'clock a move was made to the Schoolroom, where a capital ment tea was in readiness, very kindly provided by local friends. At the subsequent business meeting, the Vicar (the Rev. T. Reynolds) occupied the chair.

The next quarterly meeting will take place at Whitechurch, in the Llandaff Archdeaconry, and the following meeting at Chepstow in the Monmouth Archdeaconry.

New members were elected from Peterston, Llandaff, Newport, and Llanfrecifa.

The Hon. Secretary read the circular letter which he had received from the hon. secretary to the Central Council, showing the analysis of the voting on the question of holding or abandoning the meeting of the Council this year, the result being that by a large majority it was decided to abandon the meeting for 1917, and to hold it on Whitsun Tuesday, 21st May, 1918, at the Church House, Westminster.

Mr. F. Atwell, of St. Woolos, Newport, said that although the majority had favoured the abandonment of the Council meeting, he thought it was very much against the interest of ringing and ringers to abandon any meeting, and moved the following resolution, which was carried: "That we, as members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association affiliated to the Central Council, regret the abandoning of the annual Council meeting, and think that, being the parliament, as it were, of the ringers of this country, the Council should set the example by holding its meeting, and thus encouraging all Associations and Guilds to do their utmost to watch the interests of ringers and ringing, and hope that in future no meetings will be abandoned."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the ladies for their exceptional kindness, and also to the Vicar for presiding.—The Vicar replied, saying that when the time arrived again for Llanfrecifa to be visited he would be happy to accord the same welcome.

The tower was afterwards again visited, and the bells rung during the evening.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT.

On Saturday last, members of the Manchester Branch together with several from the Bolton Branch, including the esteemed President (the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.), met at the Cathedral, where ringing in the following methods was indulged in: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative. Messrs. S. Harrison, S. Hilton, and O. Gudgeon, of Worsley, and Fred Metcalfe, of Manchester, were elected members of that Association. Flixton was agreed upon as the meeting-place for next month, the gathering to be held on Whit-Saturday.

Hearty congratulations were extended to the Rev. H. J. Elsee on his completion, as Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, of 21 years in the ministry of the church.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean and wardens of the Cathedral, and local ringers, for providing for the visitors' comforts.

To commemorate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Rev. H. J. Elsee, as Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Saturday, April 28th, by: W. Mort 1, W. Rushton 2, W. Tobay 3, T. B. Worsley 4, G. Pincott 5, P. Crook (conductor) 6, W. H. Pasmore (London) 7, R. Young 8.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Rosendale Branch was held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, when, by permission of the Vicar, the bells were placed at the disposal of the members, who attended from Christ Church and St. Saviour's, Bacup; St. Nicholas', Newchurch; St. James', Haslingden; St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, in addition to the local ringers. Touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman, and various Minor methods, were rung. At the meeting which followed, Mr. J. H. Banks was voted to the chair, and the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for use of bells, and to the ringers for having all in readiness, were passed.—It was unanimously decided to hold the next branch meeting at Christ Church, on May 26th.

The meeting was one of the most successful that has been held in the Rosendale Branch for a considerable time.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on April 15th, 1344 Grandsire Triples (composed by J. Carter), in 47 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, W. Cramp 3, W. H. Perry 4, T. Booth 5, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 6, W. Hoad 7, L. French 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Wood 1, J. Ison 2, C. Brown 3, E. Chamberlain 4, H. Wright 5, J. Garratt (conductor) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. S. Moisy, who was 23 years churchwarden. To commemorate the 23rd anniversary of the opening of the bells on January 7th, 1894, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: C. Brown 1, J. Ison 2, H. Wright 3, G. Wood 4, E. Chamberlain 5, J. Garratt (conductor) 6. J. Garratt was one of the band chosen to ring the opening peal. Messrs. Wright, Brown and Garratt, are of the Sepcote company; the others are local ringers.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 25th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: H. Rainbow 1, A. P. Hensman 2, T. Law 3, F. Hopper 4, J. Hensman 5, H. Blundell 6, W. Farcy 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to H. Blundell, and a farewell to W. J. Allen, who has been called up under the Derby Scheme.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On March 18th, 448 Superlative Surprise: W. Clifford, senr., 1, Pte A. Coppock 2, W. J. Bowden (Edmonton) 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, F. S. Price 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative: L. Price 1, Pte A. Coppock, D.L.I. (conductor), 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, F. S. Price 8. Rung as a farewell touch to the conductor, who was leaving for France.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 18th, on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, to hold a Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. H. Doick 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, S. Stone 3, S. W. Corden 4, G. H. Lee 5, R. Whittington 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, F. J. Killick 8. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Whittington for coming from Cranleigh—about 20 miles—to help the local men. Incidentally, March 18th was Mr. Whittington's birthday, and he was the recipient of hearty congratulations.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—On March 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1288 changes), in 47 mins.: C. Langstrongth 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, A. R. Jones (conductor) 3, H. Birtwhistle (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 4, W. Billows 5, J. McKell 6, M. F. R. Hibbert 7, W. D. Hillary 8. Rung at a practice meeting of the Skipton and Gargrave bands.

ABERAYON, GLAM.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service: E. Stitch 1, A. Perry 2, W. Nurlon 3, J. Perfect 4, D. Frankcom 5, H. Perry 6, A. J. Pitman (composer and conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8. This composition is in six parts without singles, and contains 12 7—4s, 12 4—6s and 12 6—7s, at both hand and back stroke. Arranged for J. Perfect, who hails from Bingley.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On March 25th, for Matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. B. Bailey 1, G. E. Lawrence 2, J. E. Wheelton 3, W. C. Lawrence (conductor) 4, J. F. Ryles 5, W. P. Deane 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, for evening service, 1440 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 1 hr. 2 mins.: F. Davis 1, W. G. Matthews 2, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, A. J. Neale 5, F. C. Newman 6, E. Andrews 7, J. Milner 8, A. F. Harris 9, Albert Hardy 10.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, March 25th, for C.E.M.S. service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1264 changes), in 50 mins.: *H. Whanslow 1, Art. Jones 2, *E. A. Reeve 3, L. Attwater 4, *C. E. Collis 5, W. S. Smith 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, *C. Hunt 8. * First quarter in the method.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On March 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Hollows 1, Pte W. Berry 2, J. Fitton 3, G. Staff (conductor) 4, J. C. Bennett 5, C. Fielding 6, S. Holt 7, E. Schofield 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On March 25th, for evening service, 720 Stedman Doubles: P. H. Doick 1, S. Stone 2, G. H. Lee 3, S. W. Corden 4, A. Greenfield (conductor) 5, F. J. Killick 6.

COALBROOKDALE.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday, March 25th, 1917, for Confirmation service, conducted by Bishop Hine, assistant to the Bishop of Hereford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: William Boden 1, Walter Crawford 2, Thomas Abbott 3, Leonard Hewitt 4, Richard Jones 5, Walter Lago 6, William Saunders 7, Philip Shaw 8. Composed by J. E. Groves, and conducted by Wm. Saunders. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, and tenor. The conductor's only child, Dorothy, was one of the candidates confirmed. Also 336 Grandsire Triples for morning service, Corpl. Jack Garbett, R.A.M.C., from Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, taking part, he being home on a few days' leave.

PENTICE, RHONDDA.—Llandaff Association.—On March 29th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Page (conductor) 1, B. Davies 2, W. Page 3, F. Wince 4, F. Lasbury 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page 7, J. Cross 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.—On April 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Page 1, F. Lasbury 2, F. Wines 3, B. Davies 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on May 17th and 31st, for handbell practice, and on the 22nd for general business; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday the 13th, at 6 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Estd. 1824).—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Wells St., Oxford St., W., on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow at headquarters, the "Edinburgh," Milford Lane, Strand, at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON.—The bells (10) will be available for all ringers on Saturday, the 19th May, from 4 to 8 p.m.—Chas. Dean, 2, Biddulph Road, Croydon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Romford on Whit-Monday. If Bank Holiday is cancelled, arrangements will be made to hold it at a later date of which due notice will be given. Divine service at 4 p.m. Address by Rev. G. M. Bell, Vicar of Romford. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting. Towers open for ringing: Romford, Hornchurch, Brentwood, Shenfield, Dagenham and Little Heath. Members requiring tea should send notice to the Hon. Sec. not later than Thursday, May 24th, to ensure provision being made.—C. H. Howard, Master; H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., Great Totham Vicarage.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Rothwell on Whit-Monday, May 28th. Bells available at 10 o'clock. Service at 12 noon. Meat tea in Church Rooms at 1 o'clock. Meeting to follow. It is most important that members let me know if they require tea, on or before Monday, May 19th. Committee meeting at 10.30.—Fred Wilford, Gen. Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available from 4 p.m.; meeting at 7.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock till dusk; meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, May 19th, at 17. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by general meeting. A representative of the district will be elected to serve on the sub-committee to consider the subject of a memorial to those members who have fallen in the war. Threepence per head will be charged for tea. All members intending to be present must notify the District Secretary not later than Monday, May 14th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at the meeting or sent to W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready at 2.30; meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—It has been decided by the Committee that in view of present difficulties the Annual Meeting be postponed indefinitely, but that the Master and Secretary be empowered to convene such a meeting at their discretion: all officers to retain their posts until such meeting be held.—F. Ll. Edwards, Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. T. J. Salter has removed from Queen's Head, Wolverley, to 5, Habberley Street, Kidderminster.

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.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO THE LATE MR. SAMUEL SPITTLE.

At the annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild, held on Saturday, March 10th, 1917, it was unanimously decided to erect in the Parish Church, Dudley (the Vicar and wardens having consented to the same), a tablet recording the half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters rung on Saturday, February 3rd, at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, to the memory of the late Mr. Samuel Spittle, who had been its ringing master ever since the Guild was formed, and had held other important offices at the Parish Church for upwards of 70 years. It was further decided to appeal to the members of the Guild for subscriptions, and it was thought that many of the late Mr. Spittle's ringing friends and acquaintances would like the opportunity of contributing something towards perpetuating the memory of so devoted and honoured a ringer and church worker. The work has already been put in hand, and subscriptions should be forwarded without delay to the Ringing Master, Harry Mason, Stourdell, Old Hill, Staffs, or to the Hon. Secretary, Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley, who will in due course acknowledge the same in "The Ringing World."

Rev. Dr. Gray Maitland, LL.D., Vicar and President.

Harry Mason, Ringing Master.
Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

HANDBELLS WANTED.

WANTED.—HANDBELLS (secondhand), any notes. Send full particulars to Rev. G. Elwell, The Vicarage, St. George, Bristol.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

RINGERS and visitors to Matlock will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. H. Paulson's, Beech House.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Palm Sunday, April 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): H. E. Wills 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, A. Arnold 3, J. Trappitt 4, A. J. Plowman 5, C. Gordon 6, W. Groves 7, S. Godin 8. The tenor ringer is one of Beddington's youngsters, and this was his first quarter-peal.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On April 4th, for a Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Croydon, 518 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, G. Cramp 2, W. Perry (Salehurst) 3, C. Tribe (conductor) 4, W. H. Lambert 5, C. W. Player 6, G. Neve 7, A. Snelling 8. Also 336: H. Baker 1, G. Cramp 2, J. Manklelow 3, W. Perry 4, W. H. Lambert 5, C. Tribe 6, C. W. Player 7, A. Blackman 8.

Clewellins

& James, Ltd.,



CHURCH BELLS SINGLY OR IN RINGS.

Bell Frames in Cast Iron, Steel and Oak.

Bells tuned on the latest improved principles initiated by the late Canon Simpson.

CASTLE GREEN, BRISTOL.

JAMES BARWELL,

LIMITED,

Church Bell Founders

— AND —

Church Bell Hangers,

**GREAT HAMPTON STREET,
BIRMINGHAM.**

Towers and Campaniles Inspected and
Estimates Furnished to cover every
Expense.

Musical Handbells, in any size and number,
for Tune or Change-ringing, in Guaranteed
Quality.

The Jasper Snowdon Series.

ROPE-SIGHT. 1s. 6d.; sixth ed. 150 pages; treats Plain Bob, commencing on three bells.

GRANDSIRE. 2s. 6d.; second ed.; 264 pages; commencing on five bells; complete with the Thompson Charts, etc., etc.

STANDARD METHODS. 6th Edition Now Ready, 2s. 6d.

STEDMAN. 2s. 6d.; 275 pages, by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A., with an appendix by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., etc., etc.

TREBLE BOB. Part I. 1s. 6d.; second ed.; with appendix; 100 closely printed pages. Part II., suited for Conductors only; very scarce; 2s. 1½d.; 238 pages.

DOUBLE NORWICH C. B. Major. At present out of print.

SURPRISE PEALS. Cambridge, Superlative and London; compiling.

All post free, on receipt of postal order, from

Mrs. LAURA SNOWDON, Cartmel, Lancashire.

ALFRED BOWELL,

**CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.**

JOHN SMITH & SONS

Midland Clock Works,

DERBY

Telegraphic Address—
"Clocks, Derby."
Tel. No. 569

CHURCH & PUBLIC CLOCKS

MAKERS OF CLOCKS AND
CHIMES for St. Paul's Cathedral
Beverley Minster, Selby Abbey, Truro
Cathedral, Thurles Cathedral, Trinity College, Cam-
bridge, Belfast Assembly Hall, Magdalen College, Oxford,
and many others to Lord Grimthorpe's designs. In 1897,
writing to the Vicar of Minchinhampton, Lord Grimthorpe said:—"Smith
of Derby will clock you in the best way and as near eternally as possible."

"The World's Best Bellropes"

PROVED IN THE RINGING OF THE
WORLD'S RECORD PEAL.

THE SAME EXCELLENT QUALITY AS
BEFORE THE WAR, AND PRICES VERY
LITTLE HIGHER.

Splicing and Repairs

JOHN PRITCHARD,

Price List
of the
Sole Maker.

Swan Street,

LOUGHBOROUGH.

Established over a HUNDRED YEARS.

UNIQUE FOR PRESENTATION.

An Inkstand in the design of a Well-shaped Bell



This charming model in Solid Hall Marked Silver
will make a most appropriate and useful Gift.

It can be supplied in the following sizes:—

Diameter	2½in.	2¾in.	3½in.	3¾in.	4in.	4¾in.	5in.
Price ...	10/6	16/-	21/-	26/6	32/6	42/-	55/-

Monogram or Inscriptions Engraved at Moderate Charges.

J. COMBER, Goldsmith and
Silversmith,
WOKING
(MAKER OF THE RINGERS' BADGE.)

**THOMAS DOBLE & SON, Church Bell-
Hangers, TAUNTON.**—Bells Hung on the
most approved principles Old Bells Re-cast,
New Bells supplied, Ropes of the best make.
Ellacombe's Chiming Apparatus fixed, Hand-
bells in sets, Chromatic or Diatonic

THE BADGE OF THE CRAFT

A Beautifully Executed

RINGERS' PENDANT

In Gold, Silver or Bronze.

Specially Suitable for Gifts.

Prices, Gold (9 carat) 25/-, Silver 5/-
Bronze 2/9 (post free).



J. COMBER, Goldsmith and Jeweller,

TELEPHONE: 171 WOKING.

WOKING

Printed for the Proprietors by the WOODBRIDGE PRESS, LTD.,
Guildford, and Published by Messrs. WM. DAWSON & SONS
LTD. Cannon House, Cream's Buildings, London, E.C.