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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BONE,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

A SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL.

Last week we ventured to say in this column a few words about ourselves. Up to that time the perplexities and anxieties of carrying on a paper in the interests of the Exercise were known to very few, but the moment appeared opportune when the ringing fraternity at large might well be made acquainted with some of the difficulties which, owing to the war, beset the task. And having once opened the ball, as it were, we do not feel that any apology is needed to return to the subject because, although it is a personal one, it is certainly also a matter which closely concerns the Exercise.

Many ringers have probably hardly realised how shallow would be the interest in their pastime if they knew nothing of what was happening outside their own little circle: still less, have they thought of how much depends upon having at their disposal a ready means of intercommunication such as only a newspaper which circulates throughout the Exercise can give them. It is true, that before ringers had any journal of their own, the art advanced, but it was only by slow degrees. It was not until a ringers' paper came on the scene that real general progress was made. Isolated bands there were who, despite all handicap, reached high standards, but the real expansion of the ranks, the rapid and widespread growth of the practice in the higher methods, and by no means least important, belfry reform very largely resulted from the influence which was spread through the agency of a paper established for the benefit of ringers. The 'Ringing World' is the last and the only journal which the Exercise now has at its disposal. It is the tie that binds north and south, east and west, and upon it depends nearly all the interest that there can be got out of ringing.

But if the Exercise is to be well served it needs something more than the limitations of war have imposed for the last two years. No one is more fully aware of this than we are, and the object of this article is to bring home the matter as closely as we can to ringers in general. Much depends upon them. Let them show that they are anxious for a paper that is worthy of the art, by making it possible to provide them with a really good journal, and they may depend upon it that such a newspaper will be forthcoming as soon as the government restrictions are removed, which it is hoped will soon be the case. How can ringers help? Let every reader use his best endeavours to extend the circulation, and especially to break down the prevalent practice of 'one tower, one paper.' Let the next three or four weeks be 'boom' weeks, and ringers will then find that their own journal will quickly respond to the efforts they make.

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HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GILBERT Treble	JAMES GARRATT 5
JOHN J. MAWEY 2	WILLIAM A. HALL 6
HARRY ETTE 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
GEORGE M. ETTE 4	ARTHUR CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. B. Martin.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 22 lbs.

MISS EMMA TONGE Treble	JOSEPH HALL 5
PERCIVAL A. CAVE 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
ARTHUR RUDYARD 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed by J. H. BANKS.

Conducted by FRANK STONELEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a memorial to the ringers who have fallen in the war. Afterwards the 'whole pull and stand' was rung.

The ringer of the 2nd is from Bristol, 4th from Middleton, 7th from Ashton, tenor from Eccles, the rest belong to the local band.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* WILLIAM BRENCHLEY Treble	* ARTHUR J. MORTON 5
FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. 2	FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. 6
* ROBERT H. GRAY 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 7
* EDWARD J. ILOTT 4	* JOHN S. MORTON Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal. This is the first peal rung on the bells by a local band. E. J. Cullum jun.'s first peal as conductor.

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs.

* LIEUT. YORK BRANBLE, R.A.F. Treble	CAPT. REV. B. H. TYRWITT-DRAKE, C.F. 5
LIEUT. E. MAURICE ATKINS, R.E. 2	2/LIEUT. W. C. DUFFIELD, 3rd Norfolk Regt. 6
CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN, 4th York & Lancs. Regt. 3	LIEUT. CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, 3rd Grenadier Guards 7
2/LIEUT. E. P. DUFFIELD, R.A.F. 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE, R.A.S.C., M.T. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FLEMING.

Conducted by LIEUT. E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal ever rung by officers only.

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LEBRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 30 six-scores of Grandsire, eight of Canterbury, and four of Plain-Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt.

SILAS E. JELFS Treble	*LEONARD J. JELFS 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	*JOHN HALL 5
JOHN C. PERKINS 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal.

A start was made for Minor, but owing to the bad 'go' of the bells Doubles had to be substituted.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	CPL. ERNEST W. TURNER 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
CHARLES LAYTON 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*RAYMOND JELFS Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
*STANLEY WAYMAN 2	†JOHN HALL 5
†LEONARD J. JELFS 3	†JOHN C. PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor away from the treble.

PYCHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

being 42 six-scores, each called differently.

JAMES BURGESS Treble	*FREDERICK WYANT 4
SAMUEL BUTLER 2	FRANK FOX Tenor
THOMAS BUTLER 3	

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ARMLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Non-conducted.

PERCY J. JOHNSON 1-2	GERALD MOORHOUSE 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4	MALCOLM MOORHOUSE 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Umpire: Miss OLIVE L. LUMLEY.

First non-conducted peal by all the band, and the first non-conducted peal on handbells by the Association. Gerald and Malcolm Moorhouse are 13 and 15 years of age respectively.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**GETTING TO WORK AGAIN.**

Practically the first meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association since war was declared in 1914, other than the annual festival, was held on March 1st, at Chester-le-Street, the gathering being the old pre-Lent meeting. Members turned up in good force from Gateshead, Houghton-le-Spring, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, North and South Shields, Sunderland, Tanfield, Winton, and Chester-le-Street. The bells were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, from 2.30 till 9 p.m., with an interval for tea. An excellent meat meal was provided at the Bridge End Hotel, 37 sitting down thereto. The President, Mr. C. I. Routledge, was in the chair, and was supported by Dr. and Mrs. Craggs, of Jesmond, the Rev. Professor M. G. Potter, Mr. W. C. Hunt, of Nottingham; Mr. G. T. Potter (hon. secretary), Mr. Whitehead, Mr. E. Perry, and others.

Professor Potter announced that the Association had been represented at the National Memorial Service held at St. Clement Dunes in London the previous Saturday by Messrs. Murray and Hazell, and read out the leading article on the subject from 'The Ringing World' of February 23th.

This was followed by the special prayer from the order of service while all stood in respectful sympathy.

The Chairman announced that it had been decided in committee to hold an Association Memorial Service at North Shields, or at some other church appropriate and convenient during Lent, to be announced in the Press later.

It was decided, if convenient, to hold the Whit-Monday meeting at Bishop Auckland, that being the town originally fixed in the early days of the war, and postponed from year to year in the hope that peace conditions would allow of the meeting being held.

The President urged on the district secretaries and vice-presidents, to see that district meetings were held as soon as possible, and to get the work of the Association into full swing once more. He also hoped that on the declaration of peace all towers would rise to the occasion, and that many peals of 5,000 would be rung to celebrate the great day.

Many new members were elected at the close of the meeting, amongst those Dr. R. F. Craggs as an honorary member, and Mr. Wm. Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, as an honorary and active member.

WARWICKSHIRE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The Warwickshire Guild held a memorial service at Nuneaton Parish Church, to coincide with that at St. Clement Dunes, for ringers who have fallen in the war. The Rector (the Rev. Canon Deed) gave a most appropriate address, and the roll of honour was read by the President of the Warwickshire Guild (the Rev. Canon Back). At the close of the service the 'Dead March in Saul' was played.

Before the opening of the service, and again at the close, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung with impressive solemnity. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Major were afterwards rung, the bells being deeply muffled.

Among those present at the service were the Mayor of Nuneaton, the Rev. Dodds (Chilvers Coton), a company of Cadets, and members of the Warwickshire Guild, and the Midland Counties Association (Hinckley Branch), representing Berkswell, Birmingham, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, Hinckley, Leicester, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stony Stanton, and Stoke Golding.

SALISBURY GUILD.

The Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild took part in the national tribute to fallen ringers. Half-muffled ringing took place on the bells of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and St. George's, Fordington, Churches, and at four p.m. a memorial service was held in the former church. It was attended by ringers and friends from towers throughout the branch, as well as the soldier ringers stationed in the district.

In the regretted absence, through illness, of Canon H. C. Coote, the service was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, hon. secretary of the East Dorset branch. The Rev. R. G. Bartelot read the appointed lesson. The service, as used at St. Clement Dunes, was followed almost to the letter.

Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch) read the roll of honour, the list including the names of J. Anderson, H. Brake, W. Drake, E. Ford, W. J. New, F. Northover, F. Samways, W. A. Painter, H. Wilson, and while the congregation remained kneeling the 'whole pull and stand' was rung seven times. An inspiring service ended with the sounding of the 'Last Post' by G.L.B. buglers, and the 'Dead March in Saul' played on the organ. This was followed by the 'whole pull and stand' rung twenty-five times, by K. Anderson, H. Runyard, C. H. Jennings, S. V. Crabbe, D. Williams, L. W. Wiffen, A. J. Rose, J. Beale.

THE LATE MR. A. P. WAKLEY.

After two attempts for a half-muffled peal at Colgrave, Notts, to the memory of the late Mr. Albert P. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday last, the following quarter-peal was rung: 180 Double Court, 360 Single Court, 360 Double Oxford, and 360 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Ida B. Thompson 1, Walter White (conductor) 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, William E. White 4, Joseph T. Dyke 5, Thomas Squires 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is interesting to recall that an ancestor of the Bishop of Sheffield (who preached at the National Memorial Service at St. Clement Danes) was Rector at that church when Dr. Johnson used to worship there. The name of Dr. Burrowe's son, who fell in the war, appears upon the St. Clement Danes 'Roll of Honour.'

Some of the visitors who prolonged their stay in Birmingham after the Johnson Dinner had the privilege of looking over the wonderful B.S.A. works, and also of inspecting that marvellous piece of work Mr. John Carter's ringing machine. Messrs. A. A. Hughes, P. H. Dawe and E. Horrex (London) and C. E. Borrett, wish to express their thanks to Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. Carter for their kindness in these matters.

It is really possible that Mr. Carter's wonderful machine, which he has been something like 30 years in perfecting, may make its first public appearance at the next Johnson Dinner.

The late Mr. Bertram Prewett's handbells have been presented by his widow to the Bushey tower.

Among the officers elected at the annual meeting of the Southover Guild, Lewes, was Mrs. D. Goldsmith, as hon. treasurer. As the mother of a ringer Mrs. Goldsmith is not unknown to visitors to the county town of Sussex. She succeeds in the office, the late Mr. J. R. Lusted, a former churchwarden, who for many years was one of the best friends the fingers had in the parish.

Mr. G. R. Newton, formerly of Manchester, and now of Boston, U.S.A., has sent his annual donation of 15s., the amount usually spent on his birthday peal when in this country, to be devoted to a patriotic object, and it has been handed over to the King's Fund.

Locked in the organ loft of Ebor Parish Church, by, it is supposed, mischievous choir boys, Miss Jenkins (an organist), her mother, and the organ-blower, secured their release by ringing the church bell, and thus calling attention to their predicament.

The Archbishop of Zurich, says a newspaper report, has been executed by the Communists, being hanged by one of the bell ropes of his cathedral.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth, when a good attendance of members enjoyed a pull on this handy riverside peal, among the methods practised being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Bob Major. A bright and suitable service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Rellou, D.D., and an instructive address was given by the Rev. Marsh Rapson. The choir very kindly gave their services to assist the singing.

After service the members were entertained to tea by the Vicar at the London Apprentice, and the business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. W. F. Summerfield.

The Hon. Secretary gave a short report of the year's work, and presented the balance sheet, which was adopted. Among the new members elected were the Rev. W. F. Summerfield and Mr. Churchwarden Edgley, of Isleworth.

Mr. T. Beadle having announced his intention to resign from the office of Master, proposed that Mr. W. Lawrence be elected in his stead. Mr. C. S. Rind was also proposed, but by the pressing wish of the meeting Mr. Beadle reconsidered his decision, and was asked to carry on for another year, to which he consented.

The next question was with regard to the secretaryship. Mr. Chandler, who had done much good service for over twelve years felt that he could not continue, and asked to be relieved. The meeting accorded Mr. Chandler best thanks for his good services to the Association, and appointed Mr. W. H. Oram to succeed him.

The meeting concluded by expressing its best thanks to the Vicar for his kind welcome, and to all those who had made the meeting such a success.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Painswick, where the twelve bells were available for ringing, and some good touches were rung. At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. C. Verey) gave a very instructive address on the uses of the church bells, and afterwards the members were entertained to tea at the Vicarage.

The business meeting followed, at which the Branch Secretary gave a detailed account of the year's work. Ten meetings, he said, had been held, besides many visits paid to different towers. Nine peals had been rung, and three new members had been elected. There were 80 members in the branch, 30 of whom had served or were serving in H.M. Forces. The financial statement was passed as most satisfactory, every member having paid his subscriptions. All the officers and branch committee were re-elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. C. and Mrs. Verey, to the officers and branch committee, the Press, and all who had assisted in helping on the work of the branch.

Some good handbell ringing followed, and the tower bells were again rung to touches of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters.

THE JOHNSON DINNER.

(Continued from Page 96)

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' proposed by Ald. J. S. Pritchett, was responded to by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith), who first thanked the company for the way they had received his name. If, he said, he had done anything which had in any way met with their approval, it had not been due to his personal efforts, but to the loyal and hearty co-operation of every member of the Guild. They were not as some of their ringing brethren in the West of England had once been described, 'rats and mice.' Fortunately they were all of one breed and got on well together, and it was due to that that they met with the success which they did. Ald. Pritchett was an ideal Presiding Ringing Master, and while they had him in that position, and Mr. Groves in the position of his Deputy, and all the other officers working so well together, and as long as they had Canon Willink at St. Martin's they could not help but prosper, and he would be a poor secretary indeed if he did not manage to get on and show at least some results. Mr. Smith then mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from Mr. Kendal, one of the churchwardens of St. Martin's; Mr. Cheshire, Mr. C. Dickens (one of the Trustees), Mr. G. Turner (of Pendleton), and Mr. W. Rock Small (of Tipton), who was somewhat shaken by two falls which he had recently sustained. They had, he said, also received a telegram from Mr. W. J. Cockerill, saying, 'College Youths' best wishes for very happy evening.' Continuing, Mr. Smith said it was decided to ask Canon Willink to take the chair on that occasion for the sixth year in succession. He conveyed that intimation to him in the usual manner, and received a very nice reply from the Rector thanking him very much for the invitation, but hoping that it had not become stereotyped. He thought the honour should be handed round, and that he should not be asked as a matter of course because he was Rector. He (Mr. Smith) replied that it was not for any of those reasons that they invited Canon Willink to take the chair, but because they loved and esteemed him (applause). They would not dream of inviting any other gentleman to take that position so long as they could get Canon Willink to do it. He wanted to ask them one question, and the reply he expected was one which our troops had given when asked if they were down-hearted. Was there any other man, clergyman or layman, ringer or non-ringer in this country, that they would rather see in the chair that night in place of Canon Willink?

The reply was a 'No' that 'made the spiders tremble among the rafters and the rats retreat to their funk holes.'

Mr. Smith: That is your answer, sir.

Mr. W. H. Godden proposed the toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' and spoke of the good relations which existed between St. Martin's Guild and other ringing organisations, and especially with the Ancient Society of College Youths, whose Master was with them that evening, as well as one of its oldest members, Mr. Horrex (applause).

Mr. Albert Hughes, who had a cordial reception, said although he was Master of the College Youths, he looked upon Mr. Horrex as the father of the Society. They, in the College Youths, he said, always looked with very brotherly affection to the St. Martin's Guild. They had great admiration for the way they had upheld the absolutely correct traditions of change ringing. They (the College Youths) looked upon themselves as a twelve-bell ringing Society, and they looked on St. Martin's Guild in the same way. In conclusion, he thanked the Guild for the cordial way they had welcomed the visitors.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett submitted the 'Health of the Chairman.' First of all he said he wanted to thank Mr. Groves, the deputy ringing Master, for the excellent work he had done. Mr. Groves had done the work, and he (Ald. Pritchett) had got most of the credit. Then he wanted to say that Mr. Carter had retired from Webley's, Ltd., full of honours—he would not say full of years—and he trusted a nice little nest egg. He (the speaker) had only one suggestion, and that was that Mr. Carter should spend a year or two upon his wonderful ringing machine so that it might take its place with the wonderful calculating machine of Thomas Burrage, now enshrined in the British Museum. Mr. Smith, continued Ald. Pritchett, had asked them a question, but he did not mean to be outdone. He would ask them: Did they want Canon Willink to be their chairman next year?

There was a stentorian 'Yes' in reply, and, continuing, Ald. Pritchett said he believed in the eastern counties 'willink' was the normal pronunciation of 'willing.' Certainly Canon Willink was the most willing chairman they had ever had. He was Canon Rector and Prebtor, and they hoped in due course he might have the three other prefixes, Archdeacon, Dean and Bishop (applause). If that came to pass they might truly say, with the quotation on the toast list, 'His excellence did earn it' (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Canon Willink made a felicitous reply. He said that so long as it was in his power under any circumstances at all to be present they could rest assured that he would be there. Continuing, he said he wanted to thank the members of the Guild for their remarkable services during the past year, not only for what they had done, but also for what they had not done; because during a long three months their beautiful bells had never to be silent, and the ringers' patience during that twelve or thirteen weeks of the restoration of the spire was magnificent. He

was extremely grateful for the handsome sum they sent him towards the restoration, and for the way they had helped by their sympathy and their patience. He also wished to thank them for their splendid patriotic service at the time of the Armistice. The wonderful manner in which they found their way to the tower within an almost incredibly short space of time would not be forgotten. They were ringing at the earliest possible moment and their tower took its lead in the demonstration of joy and thankfulness that swept over the whole country. Then he asked them to come, if they could do so, to ring at that most solemn memorial service in connection with King Edward's School, and to a man they responded without thought of fee or monetary reward. The muffled bells, as the boys and governors and masters of the school came down in their hundreds, added immeasurably to the interest and solemnity of the gathering. But it was not only on these special occasions, but year in and year out, Sunday by Sunday, the Guild rendered services that were beyond all praise, and his only too infrequent visits to the tower were always a source of pleasure to him (applause).

This concluded the toast list. The speeches were interspersed with a variety of pleasing items, the vocal programme being sustained by St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hiale, Bayliss, Chapman and Gorman, members of St. Martin's Church choir). The quartette sang glees, which greatly delighted the audience, and Mr. A. L. Chapman contributed songs, the accompanist being Mr. A. S. Gorman, A.R.C.O. The harmony of the evening at the Johnson Dinner would be incomplete without the inimitable and incomparable Mr. Harry Withers, the Bournemouth Carillonneur. Harry was in great form—as usual. He tapped a perfect course of Double Norwich Major on a set of tubular bells, brought by St. Martin's steeplekeeper, gave an equally splendid exhibition by tapping a course of Superlative Surprise on his dulcimer, while his subsequent selection of tunes was received with uproarious applause. A course of Stedman Cinque, was capably rung on handbells by Messrs. Pigott, T. Russam, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, G. W. Swann and J. George. Altogether the evening was an unqualified success, and those who enjoyed the pleasurable gathering are much indebted to those who made and carried out the arrangements.

DEATH OF MR. J. B. MARTIN.

LOSS TO CENTRAL NORTANTS ASSOCIATION.

One of the founders of the Central Northants Association, and one of the first eight members to secure the Association's gold bell for ringing 100 peals, Mr. John Blackwell Martin, of Higham Ferrers, has passed away at the age of 58 years. Although Mr. Martin had been unwell for about three weeks his death came suddenly from heart failure, and Higham Ferrers loses a much-respected townsman and the Central Northants Association an enthusiastic and loyal supporter. For 20 years he was clerk of St. Mary's Church, and for 40 years a member of the choir. It was due to his efforts that the bells at Higham Ferrers were increased to eight, and he called the first peal (Grandsire) on the new ring. He also conducted the first peal on Irthlingborough bells in the same method. He saw much progress in the art of ringing in Northants, and had rung in most of the towers in the county. He rang his first peal of Superlative at Irthlingborough in 1897, and scored a peal of London at Higham Ferrers in 1910. Altogether he had rung 106 peals, made up as follows: London Surprise 1, Superlative 21 (conducted 1), Double Norwich 26 (conducted 1), Kent Treble Bob Major 6, Bob Major 8 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 12, Grandsire Triples 22 (conducted 7), Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Triples 4, Minor in seven methods 5. The deceased was a member of the Odd-fellows and formerly held in turn all the various offices in the local lodge. He was also a trustee of the Band Club, and a member of the Committee of the Charitable Aid Society. His chief interest, outside his work, however, lay in the church which he served so faithfully and well for 40 years.

At the funeral, the local ringers were represented among the bearers, and Mr. Walter Perkins (district secretary) was present on behalf of the Central Northants Association.

AN OFFICERS' PEAL.

The officers' peal at Putney, reported elsewhere in this issue of 'The Ringing World,' was the outcome of a touch of Stedman Caters rung by soldiers only at St. Margaret's, Westminster, after the Memorial Service on February 22nd. As will be seen, the band was representative of all ranks from Major downwards, and included Air Force officers and four branches of the army. The band was fortunate in securing that able ringer, Lieut. E. M. Atkins, as conductor, and he is to be congratulated upon successfully piloting a band, several of whose members were short of practice, through the first officers' peal. There were no serious trips, and though the striking was not always excellent, most of the peal was good, and was not unworthy of the occasion, which has no parallel in the annals of the Exercise.

After the peal, the band celebrated the success fittingly at a restaurant hard by the church, and broke up about 2200 o'clock, by military time, content in the knowledge that they had made yet a paragraph more of ringing history.

The officers desire to record here their thanks to the Vicar of Putney, the Rev. Canon Thurston Rivington, for the use of his bells, and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. Bolton, for making the necessary preparations.

NOTICES.

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ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Short notice of meeting.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wye, near Ashford, to-morrow (Saturday, March 22nd). Bells available from 2.30 to 8 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Duffield Church on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Visiting friends cordially welcome. The local Secretary would be pleased to receive outstanding subscriptions.—J. Lord (Local Sec.) 36, Howard Street, Derby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A special practice meeting will be held at Sawston (Whittlesford Station) on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is desired.—A. E. Austin, acting General Secretary, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1537. — A meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on March 25th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, 22nd March, bells available at 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, at Milnrow Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A memorial service will be held at St. Nicholas' on Saturday, March 22nd, for ringers fallen in the war. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5.30. The Lord Bishop of Liverpool will preach. All ringers and friends welcomed.—Rev. E. C. Collier, Walter Hughes, Secs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting of this Society will be held at Armley, on Saturday, March 29th, 1919. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the White Horse Hotel at 7 p.m. for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. This meeting is important, and all members are asked to attend if possible. Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Butley Road, Leeds.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824.—A meeting for practice will take place at All Saints' Church, Fulham, on Saturday, March 29th, at 4 p.m. A tea at moderate price will be provided in the adjoining kiosk, for which please notify the Hon. Sec., T. Walker, 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Chester Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 7, at which

a peal board will be unveiled by Canon Elsee, M.A., President.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly ringing meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Church on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Co-operative Hall at 5 o'clock. Tickets 1/6 each. All wishing to have tea please notify Mr. F. Spencer, Bingham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, by March 27th. All ringers welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, District Secretary.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first quarterly meeting for 1919 will be held at Anston (Kurtion Park Station) on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Haigh and A. Beck, Joint Secretaries.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 3.30. Tea at Nags Head, to those who notify me by Wednesday, 2nd April.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Will members please watch this column for further particulars?—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice at St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Horbury Branch.—There will be a practice every Thursday at 8 p.m., also on the third Saturday in each month at 3.30 p.m., when all ringers will be cordially welcomed. All standard methods rung.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the subscription for 1919 is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Non-resident members and others are reminded that subscriptions should be paid at once to the respective District Secretaries, or to G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nominations for the election of general officers to be held at Easter should reach me by March 30th, in accordance with rules. Hon. Treas. is perforce retiring.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

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THE ROYAL WEDDING.

The marriage of Princess Patricia of Connaught to Commander the Hon. Alexander Maule Ramsay, R.N., provided a picturesque scene in the historic Abbey of Westminster, the noble pile with its lofty Gothic arches, which has been the crowning place of Britain's kings for a thousand years. After the ceremony, the bride returned in an open carriage with her gallant husband, the crowd simply roared a greeting, and the wedding bells of St. Margaret's rang out right joyously. The bells were 'fired,' and Stedman (aters and 'queens' rung by a selected band of St. Margaret's Society: W. Hewitt (conductor) 1, E. Gibbs 2, Geo. M. Kilby 3, F. Perrin 4, H. Ellis 5, W. Alns 6, J. A. Trollope 7, W. Lawrence 8, F. I. Hairs 9, S. Pettett 10. Lieut. Cyril P. Johnston (Grenadier Guards), who was present at the ceremony in the Abbey, joined the ringers later, and had a touch of Treble Ten.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the South Eastern Division was held at Withford on Saturday week, members attending from Boreham, Chelmsford, Maldon, Writtle, and the local company. The methods rung included Stedman and Double Norwich. At the business meeting, presided over by the District Master, four new ringing members were elected, viz. Messrs. F. Gardner and B. Bailey, Writtle; and S. Letch and H. Joslyn, Boreham. Mr. W. Prail was re-elected an unattached member of the Association, and the Rev. A. E. Hall, of Boreham, was elected an honorary member.

Writtle was selected as a place for the next meeting, to be held in October, this being the annual meeting for the district. It was also decided to hold a bye meeting at Galleyswood in May.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the towerkeeper for getting the bells ready.

WORKSOP RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, February 1st, at St. John's Church, Worksop, Mr. Ernest Clark, a ringer of the Priory Church, was married to Miss E. Mokes. The ringers of the Priory took the opportunity to present him with a tea urn, 'in appreciation of his ever-ready help in the belfry and his punctual and regular attendance at practice and Sunday ringing.' The presentation was made by Mr. H. Haigh, the captain of the ringers, who testified to the many admirable traits in Mr. Clark's character, and wished him and his bride every happiness.—Mr. Clark suitably responded, and thanked the ringers for the present, and the complimentary remarks made by Mr. Haigh.

During the afternoon, touches of Grandfire and Union Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob were brought round on the bells, and a volley of nine 'shots' was also struck.

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