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Gentlemen,

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

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,

Architect. Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

A TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD.

Since the outbreak of the war we have more than once emphasised the desirability of ringers abstaining from peal ringing, except for special reasons, while the present calamitous state of affairs exists. Ringers are in an especially privileged position to interpret national feeling, and magnificently they have acted in this crisis. By sinking all personal desires they have allowed the bells throughout the country to hang silently in the towers, except for the purpose of calling people to worship, or, in some cases, for the ordinary weekly practice. The nation has borne the first rude shock of war with characteristic British fortitude and absence of blatant jingoistic display, and has buckled on its armour with quiet and grim determination. The bells under such conditions would have been impossible.

But there comes a proposal that the bells should be rung now for a national purpose. Miss Chillingworth, in a letter which appears in another column, suggests that one day should be set aside for muffled peals in honour of those who have fallen in battle, viz., All Saints' Day, which falls on Sunday, November 1st, or, if more convenient, the eve of that day, which is one of the Fasts of the Church. The war is likely to be of long duration, and, while we hope to see at the close of the struggle a day of universal muffled ringing for the heroes who have fallen, the Saints' Day which occurs next Sunday week affords a fitting opportunity for us to pay a tribute to those who have given their lives in the defence of right and liberty against a ruthless foe.

Wherever it is possible, we hope the suggestion will be heartily taken up, as the day proposed forms a very suitable occasion. It is not, of course, necessary that the ringing should consist of peals only; the tribute to the dead will be equally effective if it consists of touches, and, should Saturday ringing be out of the question, the bells might well be rung muffled for the services on Sunday. We hope, however, that steps will be taken to let it be known, in every parish where this muffled ringing takes place, for what purpose the bells are being thus rung. This is a matter where the assistance of the clergy should be invoked, for they would have a fitting opportunity of making the announcement from the pulpit. We commend the suggestion which Miss Chillingworth makes to all ringers. We hope that, as far as possible, the muffled ringing may be universal and that the public may be made aware of the fact that the tribute which is being paid is to those who have died the death of heroes on both land and sea. We shall be glad to hear from all those towers where the proposal is adopted.

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Yours truly,

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HANDBELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, October 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At THE BRIGHTON RESTAURANT, THOMAS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 1-2	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. 7-8
JOHN A. BURFORD ... 3-4	HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 9-10
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 5-6	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 11-12

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

First peal of Cinques in hand in Bristol, by all the band, and by the Association. First peal of Grandsire Cinques as conductor. F. G. Leaker, with this peal, has rung the trebles to the first peals of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques on handbells ever rung in Bristol.

LONDON.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, October 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF 3TEDMAN CINQUES, 5006 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 7-8
WILLIAM PYE ... 3-4	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 9-10
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: J. BARRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Prewett.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 1-2	*WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3-4	DAVID J. NICHOLS... .. 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal on an inside pair of bells. The conductor has now called a peal in this method from each pair of bells.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**

On Sunday, October 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3-4	WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3-4	*CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY... .. 9-10	

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: JAMES G. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Royal and first attempt.

A FAREWELL AT TAUNTON.

Three members of St. James's Guild, Taunton, are in the ranks of the 5th Batt. Somerset Light Infantry, and are under orders for India. They are Sergt. W. Gillard, Pte W. S. Doble and Pte. H. Bosley. As a farewell to Pte. Doble, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. James's Church, by: H. J. Poole 1. T. Doble 2. J. Matthews 3. W. S. Doble 4. F. Millard 5. G. Gendall 6. J. Maddock (conductor) 7. W. Tarr 8.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.**THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.**

We have forwarded to the National Relief Fund a further remittance of £10, which has been subscribed through this journal, making a total amount to date of £30.

The following further sums have been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	31	11	6
Ringers of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge (Messrs. F. Brown, F. Dench, W. Eusden, G. Taylor, J. Taylor, P. Taylor and A. Wilkerson) (per Mr. A. Wilkerson)	0	7	0
Ringers of All Saints', Arksey, Doncaster (per Mr. F. Clarke)	0	5	0
Mr. F. G. Griffin, Royston, Herts	0	2	6
Ringers of Oakley, Hants (per the Rev. F. G. Hume)	0	5	0
Ringers of Seal Chart, Kent (per Mr. H. H. Harding)	0	8	0
Ringers of Wimborne Minster (per Mr. H. Burling)	0	16	0
Halifax and District Association (per Mr. J. S. Ambler, hon. treas.)	2	2	0
Mr. J. Slarke, Towcester	0	2	6
Total	£35	19	6

The amount received from All Saints', Arksey, has been made up by each member of the band paying one penny per week, and they hope to continue this contribution during the war.

MUFFLED PEALS**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest, through the medium of "The Ringing World," that one day should be set aside for muffled peals in honour of those who have fallen in battle?

All Saints' Day, which is on Sunday, November 1st, has been suggested to me as a very suitable occasion. Perhaps Saturday would be a more convenient day for general ringing—the eve of All Saints' Day.—Yours truly,

M. E. CHILLINGWORTH.

Bradfield, Reading.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Capt. A. O. Major, of St. Mary's, Taunton, Wessex Brigade, 5th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry, volunteered for service abroad, and sailed with his regiment on Oct. 3rd from Southampton for Jhansi, India.

Driver Harry West, of St. Mary's, Taunton, Res. Wessex A.S.C., now at Bulford Camp.

Pte H. Halford, of Cheltenham, 5th Gloucestershire Regiment (T.), now at Chelmsford.

Arthur Davey, of Tring, Bedfordshire Regiment, at present at Aldershot.

L. Richardson, of St. Mary's, Putney, County of London Territorials, at St. Albans.

Edward Emery, of Stebbing, Essex Regiment (T.), stationed at Chelmsford.

Sidney J. Jessop, of Birmingham, Birmingham City Battalion of the new Army.

Edward Goodsell, of St. Mary's, Pulborough, 7th Royal Sussex Regiment, now at Shorncliffe.

Second Lieut. Murray, of Liscard, Cheshire, with the 11th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, at Codford, Wiltshire.

Corpl. T. R. Storer, of Bebington, Cheshire, with Port Sunlight contingent at Salisbury Plain.

Pte J. Wilkinson, of St. Mary's, Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, with Lord Derby's "Pals" Battalion, at Hooton Park, Cheshire.

Sergt. A. Gilbert, of Royston, 1st Herts Territorials, at Hertford.

From the Edenham band, Lincs, the following have joined the new

Army, and are now at Halton Park Camp, Wendover, Bucks:—

F. Smith.
C. Cooper.
E. Green.
A. Armstrong, and
W. Lynn.

Members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society:—

H. E. Whitbread, 1st City of London Royal Fusiliers (T.).
H. Hollick, Engineer Units, Royal Marine Division, and
V. A. Hull, 4th Beds.

Members of the Hawley, Hants, Society, with the 4th Hants Territorials, now at Bulford Camp:

Lieut.-Colpl. F. Millar
Lieut.-Colpl. H. Feasey.
Pte J. Millar.
Pte J. Sandcraft.
Pte. T. Harris.

RINGER AMONG THE MISSING.

Pte F. C. Johnson, of Wrentham, Suffolk, who was at the front with the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards, is, we regret to say, among those reported missing. We sincerely trust that he may still be among the unwounded, even though he may be a prisoner in the hands of the enemy.

RAPID PROMOTION.

Mr. Thomas Murray, a member of the St. Mary's, Liscard, band, Cheshire, who was on the teaching staff at Wallasey Grammar School, has had rapid promotion in the Cheshire Regiment. He joined the 11th Cheshires on Sept. 11th as a private, and within a week passed through the various ranks to Quarter-Master Sergeant. On the 7th day he was again promoted to be Second Lieutenant.

CESSATION OF EVENING RINGING.

In view of the precautions which are being taken in London to minimise the risk of attack by German air-craft, it is not surprising to learn that the College Youths have decided to suspend their practices at the various London towers. A notice to this effect will be found in another column. The enemy have on the continent shown particular partiality for the destruction of cathedrals and churches, and it is unquestionably a wise step to eliminate as much as possible their opportunity of damaging our own historic buildings. The sound of bells would doubtless be an excellent guide to them.

It should be noted, however, that meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse, will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on alternate Tuesdays, commencing on Tuesday next.

LEICESTER RINGERS AT NOTTINGHAM.

"The weather was more like an August day than the second Saturday in October," writes F. H. D., in describing the visit of St. Martin's Society, Leicester, to Nottingham. "and the trip was as congenial as the weather. Arriving in Nottingham, our conductor, Mr. Albert Coppock, met us, and we immediately boarded the train for the village of Beeston, now a noted spot in local ringing circles, and an hour's ringing on this splendid ring of eight was greatly enjoyed, the methods including Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and London. Returning to Nottingham, tea was provided at a comfortable little establishment, under the shadow of the tower of St. Mary's Church, where, after tea, a couple of hours' of ten-bell ringing occupied the hands of the party, now reinforced by local men, and Mr. A. Ward, of Derby. The ringing room at St. Mary's resembles just now a builder's yard, owing to alterations to the heating apparatus in the church, and it is to be sincerely hoped the authorities will take this opportunity to thoroughly clean it. Afterwards, a smoking concert was arranged at the Denman Hotel, the artistes being the Welbeck quartette, of which Mr. Coppock is a member. The beautiful singing of this quartette was a bit of a revelation, and we did not hesitate to say so. Plenty of handbells afforded another means of enjoyment, and, with two of the silent peal of Cinques band to assist, the quality of the ringing was first class.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Coppock for arranging the trip, everything working with clockwork accuracy."

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern district of the London County Association was held last Saturday at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Islington. Touches in standard methods, ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich and Treble Bob, were rung.—A short business meeting was held in a cosy little room at the King's Head. Afterwards some excellent touches of Stedman were rung on the Association's handbells, and several tunes, etc., by the experts, on a set kindly brought by Mr. J. Rayner.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 27th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins.: W. H. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. Cook 4, H. Crook 5, E. Cassell 6, F. Skevington 7, C. Hunt (conductor) 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS ON SERVICE.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Elmley Castle on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Evesham, Bengeworth, Hampton, Bretforton, Fladbury, Little Comberton, Eckington, Hinton, and Toddington. There were also present Mr. R. G. Knowles (secretary of the Western branch), and Mr. E. Gibbs, of Hanley Swan. At the service, the Rev. J. H. F. Peile (Archdeacon of Warwick) read the lesson, and the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. S. Fowler) gave an excellent address from the words: "May their service in the belfry ever be a means of drawing them nearer to one another and to Thee."

Tea was provided by the Vicar in the Village Hall, and at the business meeting which followed, the Archdeacon presided. It was decided to cancel the quarterly peal, and also the united practice meeting. Toddington was selected as the place at which to hold the next quarterly meeting.

The branch officers were re-elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mr. H. Middleton, Ringing Master; Mr. J. Hemming, secretary; and Mr. F. Jordan on the Central Committee.

As there are some members from this branch serving their King and country, the following resolution was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously:—

"The members of this Association now in meeting assembled, extend their heartiest congratulations and appreciation to their brother members, who are now serving their King and country, and while wishing them a safe and victorious return desire to place on record the following members' names":—

Lieut. R. M. Eyres Monsell, R.N.M.P., serving on the "Royal George."

Frank Moss, Evesham, Birmingham City Battalion.

Thomas Middleton, Evesham, Kitchener's Army.

Harry Grove, Hampton, Kitchener's Army.

Albert Colley, Childswickham, Kitchener's Army.

Henry Hall, Toddington, Kitchener's Army.

Victor Taylor, Fladbury, Kitchener's Army.

Frank Irish, Fladbury, Kitchener's Army.

Joseph Guise, Cropthorne, Kitchener's Army.

William Ireland, Cropthorne, Kitchener's Army.

William Taylor, Cropthorne, Kitchener's Army.

William Read, Cropthorne, 11th Hussars.

Robert Aston, Church Lench, Warwickshire Yeomanry.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Archdeacon for presiding, to the Vicar for his address and for providing tea, to Miss Stead for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies for attending to the visitors' wants.—The Archdeacon and the Vicar having replied, the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. The bells were available for service, but at the Vicar's request no further ringing took place.

A collection was taken at the service for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, and realised 13s., which will be forwarded through the Editor of "The Ringing World."

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

On Saturday week the members of the Manchester branch met at Radcliffe and held a most successful meeting. The local band extended a hearty welcome to the ringers as they arrived, and a few courses of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob were rung. Afterwards the members and friends adjourned to the Schoolroom, where tea had been provided by the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. R. Lavers-Kemp) and his band of ringers, who were assisted at the tables by a number of ladies.—The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector, among those present being the Rev. Walter Greenhalgh.—The Rector gave a very hearty welcome to the ringers to the ancient parish church of Radcliffe, and said that he hoped before long to have the bells overhauled and placed in a modern bell frame. He urged upon those present their duty of attending God's house after ringing, remarking that he was proud that his own band were regular and earnest communicants.

A course on the handbells recently purchased from the famous Loughborough foundry was given by Messrs. A. Barnes, H. Chapman, J. Ridyard and James Barrett, much to the pleasure and delight of the company present.

Eccles was chosen as the next meeting-place, and the Rector intimated his desire to become an honorary member.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the local ringers, and the ladies, on the motion of Mr. J. Barrett, seconded by Mr. J. Ridyard, and ably supported by Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, the branch secretary, who remarked that among the many arrangements he had made for meetings none gave him greater pleasure than to receive the kind-hearted welcome of the ringers of Radcliffe.—The Rector replied on behalf of all those included in the vote.

After the business meeting short touches were rung on the tower bells for the Intercession service, the ringers taking part in the devout service. After the service ringing was indulged in by the visitors in various methods.

THE EXTENSION OF SUPERLATIVE. "THE REV. H. LAW JAMES IN DIFFICULTIES."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If your readers are not tired of the extension of Superlative, I would ask them to examine the figures which you printed on the request of Mr. James before the last meeting of the Central Council, and consider them in the light of his letter which appeared in your issue of May 8th. When the treble is dodging, the places he gives are quite simple and consistent. But when the treble crosses scction from one dodging place to another, he gets into difficulties. It is unnecessary to look farther than the passing of the treble from 1-2 to 3-4. In Major he tells us quite rightly that the place is—

(a) 4th's from the lead, or

(b) 5th's from the back.

In Royal he decides that the place is (b). But he does not use (b) in Maximus; he calls it (a) instead. If the place is (b) in Royal, it must be (b) also in Maximus, or his argument falls to the ground.

He is again in difficulties when the treble passes from 3-4 to 5-6, which partly arise from his not being quite clear as to the corresponding positions in Royal and Maximus. His misunderstanding is shown when he says: "In Major 5-6 is simply double of 3-4, but in Royal it is the centre," which is quite true, but he goes on "and equal to 3-4 in Major in relation to the back, and 5-6 in Major in relation to the front." I do not want to be rude, or I should say I flatly contradict him. In Major 1-2 is the double of 7-8, and 3-4 is the double of 5-6; in Royal 1-2 is the double of 9-10 and 3-4 is the double of 7-8; in Maximus the double of 1-2 becomes 11-12, and 3-4 is the double of 9-10. In Royal 5-6 is an extra position which does not exist in Major, and which has to double itself, but in Maximus it is doubled by 7-8.

A double method must be extended by pushing out the front and back from the centre, and the extra positions must be inserted in the centre. In Superlative, if there are one or more pairs of these extra positions, they can be inserted as I have shown on the same lines as in Major, and the method will meet the requirements demanded by Mr. James; but if there is an odd extra position, it has to balance itself, with the consequence that the coursing order is disarranged, and the bells will not run up the wrong way behind, nor run round if the place is omitted with the treble in front.

The extension which I submitted is exactly on the plan of Major, and the extra places are always third from the front or back. It gives a "legitimate" method for all numbers of bells which are a multiple of four—8, 12, 16, 20, etc., while for numbers which are not multiples of four—10, 14, 18, etc., the plan is the same and the method runs true, but it is not "legitimate," and the tenors are widely parted. If any band wants to ring Superlative Royal, I should advise them to be content with the Shipway Variation, but it is no more like Superlative Major than a hawk is like a hand-saw, as they will find out when they start to ring it. I hope, when the hundreds of peals are rung to celebrate the downfall of German Militarism, one of them will be a peal of Superlative Surprise Royal (in the Shipway Variation) at Surfleet.

HODGE.

HERE AND THERE.

LUNDY ISLAND PEAL RECALLED.

Only one peal has ever been rung on Lundy Island. This was in 1905, and those who took part will never forget their experience—and especially that part of it which involved getting to the island, for the sea was not too kind. Those who made the trip may be interested to know that on Friday week the boat by which they journeyed to Lundy, the "Eirene" was in collision, and sunk in the Bristol Channel. Happily, the crew were saved by the colliding vessel, the "Nancy."

THE GRANDSIRE CINQUES AT BRISTOL.

In Grandsire, on handbells, Bristol ringers have now "boxed the compass." Triples, Caters and Cinques are now on record in the "City of Bells," the completion of the peal on twelve "in hand" having been accomplished last week. Although not exactly at the first attempt, the peal was rung on the first occasion of meeting. A mistake was made after 20 minutes' ringing, and the conductor decided upon another start. We hear that a splendid peal was the result. Doubtless Stedman will follow at the first opportunity.

ORIGIN OF "BELFRY."

A writer in a London daily paper informs his readers as to the origin of the word "belfry." He says: "The derivation of the word 'belfry' is full of painful irony in these days, after the disquieting news that has come from Arras and other places (we shall be much happier when the Germans are well away from Bruges). For 'belfry' has no etymological connection with 'bell,' as one would naturally suppose. It is the old French 'berfray,' from the Middle High German 'bervrit,' and means a place of safety" ("bergen," to conceal, and "vide," peace, protection). The word signified originally a kind of tower; and the association with bells, so convenient in English, came later.

CHANGE OF DATE.

The meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association at Oswaldtwistle has been postponed to November 7th.

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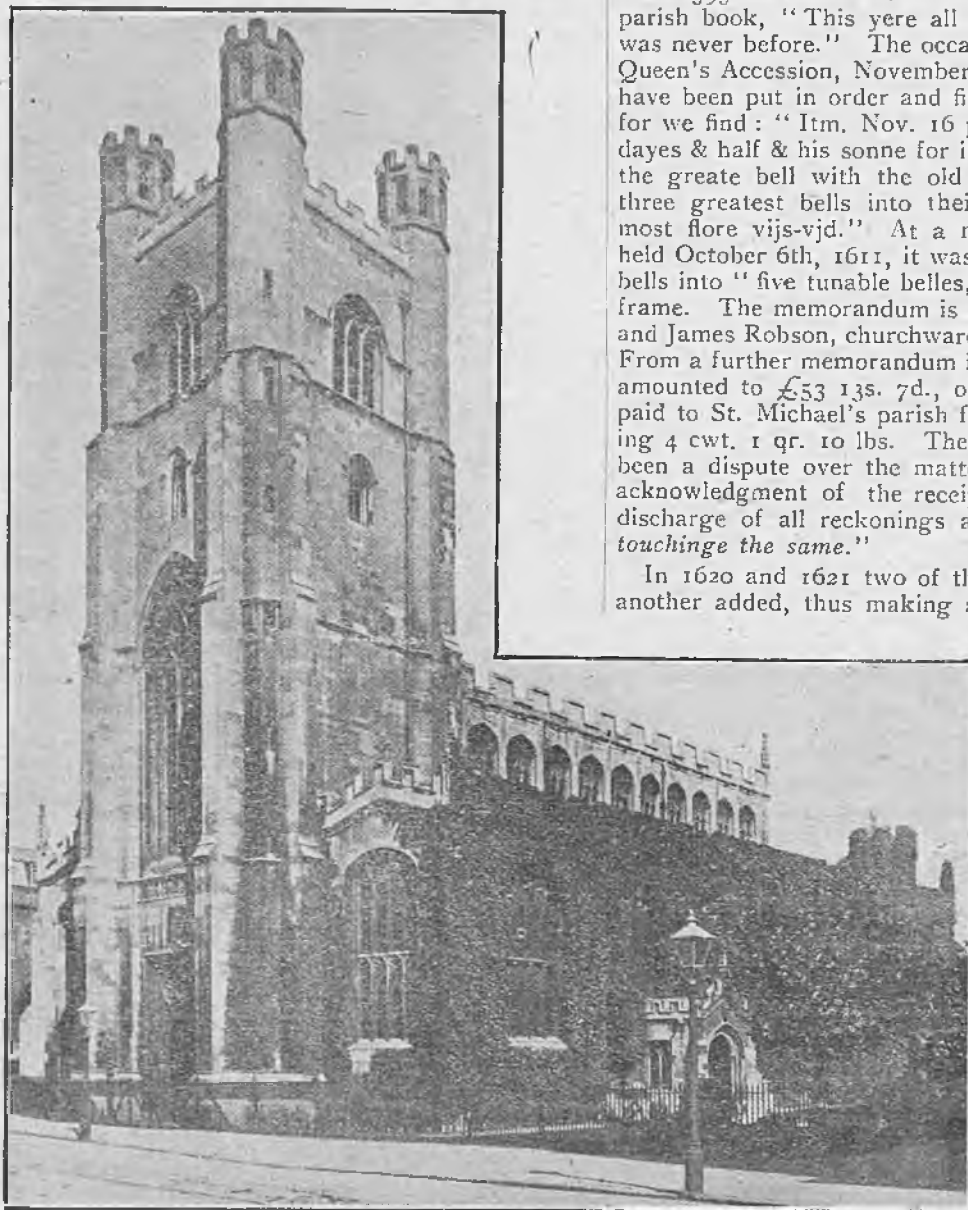
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THE BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

ST. MARY-THE-GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The following history of the bells of St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, has been gathered chiefly from the late Canon Raven's *Church Bells of Cambridgeshire*, wherein he quotes largely from the M.S.S. of Bowtell and Dr. Mason.



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.

was reputed to weigh 57 cwt. The bell-house was pulled down in 1739, and the bells sold to Lester and Pack, of the Whitechapel foundry, in 1754. Besides these bells there was not a decent peal in the town; so that the discordant noise on this occasion must have been horrible, and it must have been rather an advantage than otherwise that St. Mary-the-Great did not add to it. In 1587 the ringers of St. Mary's were paid xijd. for ringing "at the triumph"—quite as much as their performance was worth, I should say.

In 1595 the tenor was recast; and in 1596 we find in the parish book, "This yere all our bells are rung out and was never before." The occasion seems to have been the Queen's Accession, November 17th. The bells appear to have been put in order and finished only the day before; for we find: "Itm. Nov. 16 paid to John Dowsey for iij dayes & half & his sonne for iij dayes abowght yoking of the greate bell with the old yoke, and drawing of the three greatest bells into their frames from the nethermost flore vijs-vjd." At a meeting of the parishioners held October 6th, 1611, it was resolved to recast the four bells into "five tunable belles," and to spend £45 on the frame. The memorandum is signed by Philippe Scarlette and James Robson, churchwardens, and five other persons. From a further memorandum it appears that the total cost amounted to £53 13s. 7d., of which £14 19s. 10d. was paid to St. Michael's parish for one of their bells weighing 4 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs. There seems, however, to have been a dispute over the matter; for later on we find an acknowledgment of the receipt of £16 10s. 4d. "in full discharge of all reckonings about our bell and the suit touchinge the same."

In 1620 and 1621 two of the old peal were recast and another added, thus making a peal of six. In 1667 the

In the fifteenth century there were three bells, known as the "forebell, myddell bell, and great bell." To these a fourth was added a little later.

When Queen Elizabeth visited Cambridge on August 4th, 1564, St. Mary-the-Great was fined "ijs. ijd." for not ringing. At this date there was a heavy peal of five in the old bell-house at King's College, the tenor of which

third and fourth were recast, and the peal was augmented to eight. Dr. Mason gives the weights of the bells, from which it appears that the treble weighed 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 24 lbs., and the tenor 18 cwt. 2 qrs. According to Bowtell's M.S. the inscriptions on the eight bells were:—

1. "Cum sono si non vis venire, nunquam ad preces cupies ire."



i.e., "If you don't wish to come when I call, you will never wish to go to church at all."

2. "O mater Dei memento mei."

i.e., "O mother of God remember me." (Also a shield charged with a semée of fleurs de lis.)

3. "Celorum Christe placeat tibi Rex sonus iste."

i.e., "O Christ King of Heaven may that sound be pleasing to Thee."

4. "Johannes Yorke me fecit in honorem beate Marie."

i.e., "John Yorke made me in honor of blessed Mary."

5. "Intactum sileo, percute dulce cano."

i.e., "Untouched I am silent; strike me and I sweetly sing."

6. "Soli Deo gloria, pax hominibus."

i.e., "Glory to God only; peace to men."

7. "Musica medicina est molestiæ illius quæ per labores suscipitur."

i.e., "Music is the medicine of that worry which is brought on by toils."

8. "Sum voce pulsata mundi Maria vocata, 1595."

I think that the second word here should be "Rosa," not "voce."

i.e., "I being struck am called Mary, Rose of the world," a very common 15th century inscription.

As I have been requested to give translations of Latin inscriptions where they occur, I have done so in this case; but it must be clearly understood that the translations were not on the bells.

THE PRESENT BELLS.

The history of the present peal is as follows:—

"Novr. 16, 1721, it was agreed that certain of the parishioners should contract with a bell-founder for new casting all or such of the bells as they should think proper. This order was confirmed 25 April following, and further ratified 15 June, 1722, when it was concluded to increase the weight of the eight bells, so that the tenor should not exceed 28 hundred weight: at the same time it was ordered that a new frame, wheels, and all other things necessary for fixing and hanging them should be done. On May 11, 1722, it was agreed to employ in this business Mr. Richard Phelps, bell-founder, in Whitechapel, who was strongly recommended by Dr. Croft, in a letter to Mr. Bowan, the organist of the parish. On Aug. 2, 1722, it was finally concluded that two more bells should be added to the eight, to make it a peal of ten; for which two bells the founder was to be paid £71 12s. od., and they were cast accordingly, and delivered to the parish on the 25th of the same month." [from *Bowtell's M.S.*] Dr. Mason gives the weights of all the ten bells, from which it appears that the treble weighed 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs., and the tenor 26 cwt. 0 qrs. 19 lbs.

The total cost of the bells, fittings and hanging amounted to between £500 and £600, exclusive of allowance for the metal of the old bells. The sum of £419 2s. 2d. was raised by church rates, and the rest by voluntary subscriptions. The heads of all the colleges also gave two guineas each.

In 1770 the tenor was recast by Pack and Chapman, and now weighs 29 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs. (over 3 cwt. more than the old bell). At the same time two trebles were added by the same firm to complete the peal of twelve. These being somewhat too thick and heavy (in fact "choked with metal"), were recast by Taylor as late as 1911. The inscriptions at the present time are as follows:—

Treble.

THESE TWO TRIBBLES TO MAKE THEM A COMPLEAT PEAL OF TWELVE WAS RAISED BY SUBSCRIPTION AT THE

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Third.

R: PHELPS MADE ME 1722. MESS: THO: FOWLE, EDW: PHIPPS CHURCHWARDENS.

Fourth and Fifth.

R: P: FECIT, MESSIEURS THO: FOWLE, EDW: PHIPPS CHURCHWARDENS.

Sixth.

R: PHELPS FECIT 1722. MESSIEURS THO: FOWLE, EDW: PHIPPS CHURCHWARDENS.

Seventh, Eighth and Ninth.

R: PHELPS FECIT 1723. MESSIEURS EDWARD PHIPPS, THOMAS FOWLE, CHURCHWARDENS.

Tenth.

RICHARD PHELPS LONDINI FECIT 1722. MESSIEURS SAMUEL HERRING, EDWARD PHIPPS CHURCHWARDENS.

Eleventh.

JAMES PARRON AND JOHN GIFFORD CHURCHWARDENS. WILLM. DOBSON FOUNDER, DOWNHAM, NORFOLK. 1825.

Tenor.

THIS BELL WAS CAST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1770. ALDERMAN WEALES AND JNO. HASELUM CH: WARDENS. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT.

Ting-lang.

THIS BELL WAS MADE BY JOHN WARREN, 1607.
(TO BE CONTINUED).

RESTORATION OF BELLS AT KINGSCLIFFE, NORTHANTS.

Kingscliffe (anciently called Clive) was formerly the chief town of the East Bailiwick of the Rockingham Forest, and the parish contains a chalybeate spring similar to that of Tunbridge Wells. It possesses a fine church, dedicated to All Saints, the building being cruciform in shape with a central tower containing five bells.

The condition of these bells, together with the fittings and framework, was so extremely bad that it became necessary to have them completely restored on modern lines. Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, were entrusted with the work of restoration, and one of their new pattern all-steel independent frames, constructed for six bells has now been erected. The five bells, based upon a tenor weighing 11 cwt., have been retuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and fitted with cast-iron headstocks, and all the most modern fittings. The work has been carried out in a highly satisfactory manner, and the inhabitants of Kingscliffe are delighted with the greatly improved tone of their old bells. Funds are now being raised for the addition of a new treble bell, and it is expected that it will not be long before sufficient money is available.

The inscriptions cast upon the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—IHON NEBON ESQ GAVE, HENRY PENN MADE ME 1714.

2nd.—MISTRIS MARIA HARTLEIE WIDDO CAST THIS BELL 1619. WELI IVOCATI TANGI ELECTI. 1619. RICHARD BARDON NICHOLAS BAITL GARDIAN.

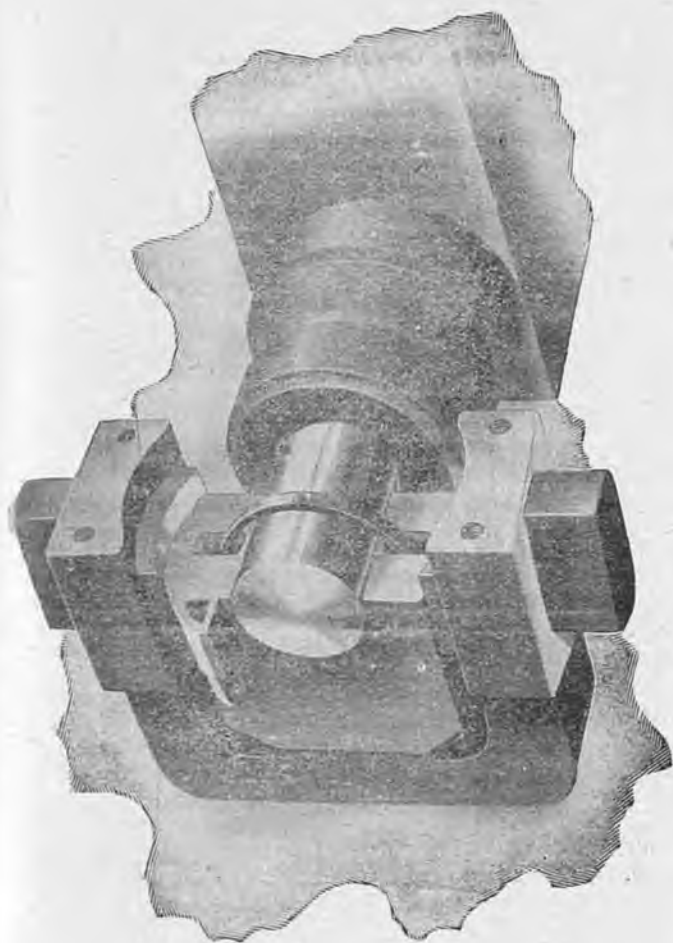
3rd.—T. MEANS OF LONDON. FECIT. 1832. ARCHDEACON BOUNEY RECTOR. F. LAW, P. HOWES, CHURCHWARDENS

4th.—WILLIAM KEYWOOD. HARI THORPE. 1592.

Tenor.—IHS NAZARENUS REX JUDEORUM FILI DEO NUSERERE MEI. THO. EAYRE A.D. 1739.

All the bells have been fitted with the Warner's patent self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil-bath and oil-ringing bearings, and in consequence the "go" of the bells could not be better.

The opening of the bells took place upon the occasion of the harvest festival, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Amherst Orlebar, who was the leading spirit in instituting the scheme of restoration of the bells.



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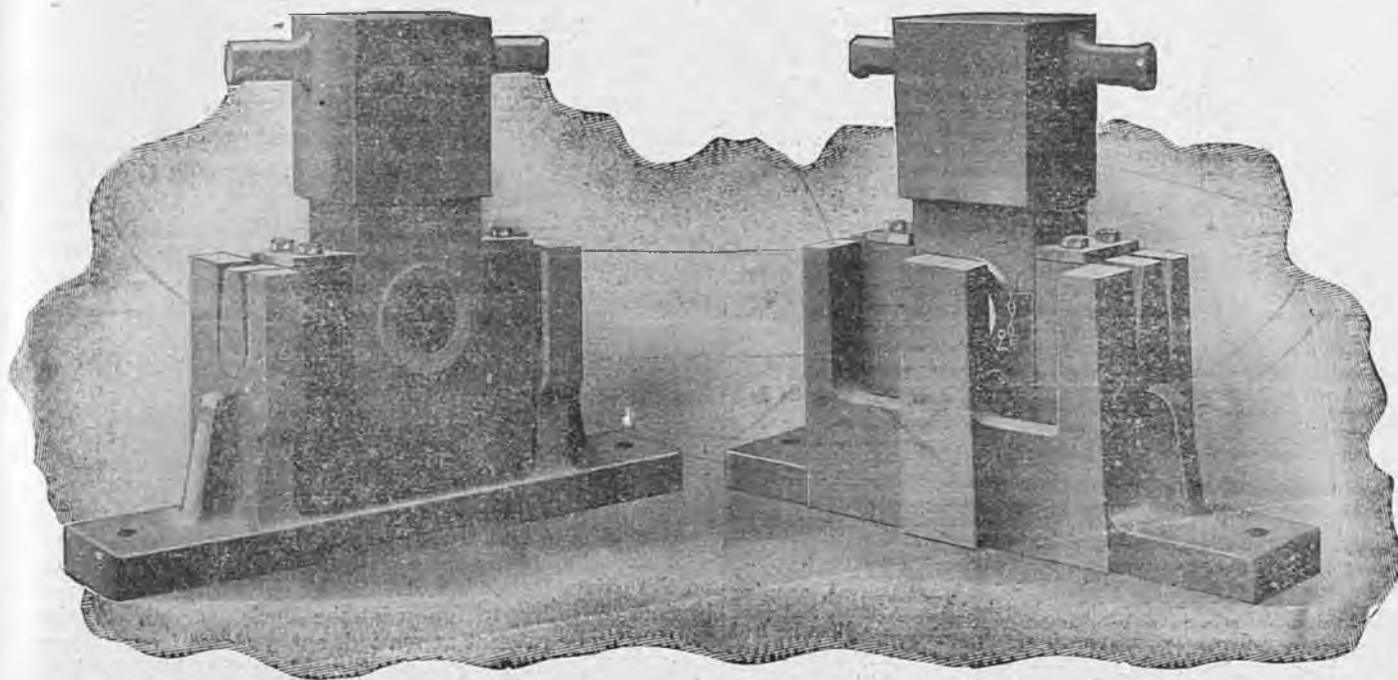
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PRESENTATION TO MR. P. J. JOHNSON. RETIREMENT OWING TO ILL-HEALTH.

On Tuesday week the Vicar and ringers of St. Matthew's Holbeck, Leeds, and friends met at St. Catherine's Mission Room for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr P. J. Johnson, on his retirement from the conductorship of the Holbeck belfry, owing to ill-health. The gifts subscribed for by the Vicar and ringers, consisted of handbag, silk muffler and book, entitled "Modern Cabinet Work, Furniture and Fittings." Upwards of twenty sat down to supper, and afterwards the presentation was made by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Smith), who expressed on behalf of all concerned, their appreciation of the services of Mr. Johnson as conductor of the ringers for the past eight years. The Vicar also stated that not only in the belfry, but in other work in the parish, he had always found him thorough and reliable in all his undertakings; and at the last quarterly meeting he had with the ringers, he made Mr. Johnson a life honorary member of the belfry, and hoped he would live long to enjoy that privilege.

Messrs. Williams, Cotterell, Kemp and Smallwood also spoke of the high esteem of which Mr. Johnson was held by all who knew him. They were very pleased to be present on that occasion, and hoped Mr. Johnson would soon be well again.

Mr. Johnson, replying, thanked the Vicar and ringers for the presents, and said that his work in the belfry at Holbeck had been a labour of love. It was the doctor's orders that he had to give ringing a rest for a time, but he hoped to come and help them as often as he could. He thanked them for the great honour they had bestowed upon him, by making him a life honorary member of the belfry.

Handbell ringing was freely indulged in during the evening, and a course of Grandsire Cinques rung in fine style, terminated a very pleasant gathering.

Mr. Johnson commenced his ringing career 16 years ago, and with the exception of three years at St. Michael's, Headingley, all his time has been spent at Holbeck. He has rung 85 peals (50 on handbells), ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise on tower bells, and Bob Major to Stedman Triples on handbells. The greater part of these peals he has conducted himself.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

THE PRESENTATION TO THE RETIRING SECRETARY.

A special general meeting of the above Guild was held at Christ Church Parochial Room, Union Street, Coventry, on Saturday, Oct. 10th.

The President of the Guild (the Rev. Alan Williams) occupied the chair, and there were also present Mr. James George (Ringing Master), the Rev. C. Carew Cox (hon. secretary), and members representing Birmingham, Nuneaton, Rugby, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, and Stoke Golding. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Revs. T. B. Harvey Brooks and E. V. Cox, and Messrs. W. G. Dickens, H. O. White, F. Wilford and G. H. Kettle.

The following alterations to rules, proposed by the Chairman, were carried after some discussion, by 13 votes to 4, several members not voting:—

Rule I.—The words "office holders in the Church of England" to be substituted for the words "office holders in the Church."

Rule VII.—The following to be substituted for the present wording:

"That the government of the Guild shall be vested in a committee, consisting of members of the Church of England; the President, and Vice-Presidents, together with the following members who shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Guild, viz.:—(a) the Master of the Guild, who shall be a change ringer; (b) the Secretary; (c) the Assistant Secretary; (d) the Treasurer; (e) ten elected members of the Guild. Five to form a quorum."

The resignation of the Rev. C. Carew Cox as hon. secretary was received with much regret, and he was cordially thanked for his past services to the Guild. Mr. G. H. Kettle, of Allesley, being unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

At the conclusion of the business, the Rev. C. Carew Cox was presented by the Chairman, on behalf of the members of the Guild, with a handsome reading lamp, in slight recognition of his excellent services to the Guild.—Speaking in eulogistic terms of the work the late hon. secretary had done, the Chairman said how sorry all were at his departure from their midst, and wished him every success in his new sphere of work in Dorsetshire. He added that he hoped their present would be a perpetual pleasant reminder of the time he had spent amongst them.

Endorsing the Chairman's remarks, the Master of the Guild (Mr. James George) spoke of the great loss the Guild has sustained by the departure of the Rev. C. C. Cox, who had proved himself to be a most able and efficient officer, and one who had done a great amount of valuable work for the Guild. He added that he felt it was a great personal loss, as it had been a pleasure to work with that gentleman, who was always ready with his valuable advice and assistance.

The Rev. C. C. Cox, in replying, thanked the members most heartily for their kindness in making him such a handsome present, assuring them that it would be very useful to him in his new home, and that he would always look back with pleasure at the happy time he had spent in Warwickshire. In conclusion, he wished the Guild every success, and hoped it had a very prosperous future before it.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—In order that the ringing of church bells after dusk may not be a possible assistance to the enemy's aircraft in locating our cathedrals and churches, it has been decided that the usual practices be suspended. Meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m., and each fortnight until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ardleigh on October 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, with address, 4.30. Tea at the Lion 5.15.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Kingswood Hall, provided by the Rector. Business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, October 24th. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Countess Beauchamp, in the Recreation Room, Madresfield Court, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. As this is the meeting for election of officers, it is hoped a good number will attend. The bells will be available for ringing.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, late the St. James' Society (Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 7 p.m., and after the business meeting, which will be held in the Church Vestry at 7 p.m.—T. H. Taffender, Master (for general secretary on active service) 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Meetings for combined practice will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, October 24th; Feltham on Monday, November 2nd; and Hounslow on Saturday, November 7th; meetings commencing at 7.30.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Members intending to be present please notify me by Thursday, October 29th.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 31st. Service at 5 o'clock, tea and business meeting to follow at the Parish Room. All intending to be present at tea (6d. each) please let me know by the Wednesday previous. A good meeting is desired, as

district officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available afternoon and evening. — William Watts, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, October 31st, 1914. Service in Cathedral at 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Cathedral Vestry at 3 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 2s. Annual meeting immediately after tea. Social, with handbells, at 7 p.m. The committee have decided, in view of the national crisis, there shall be no ringing. All who intend being present please communicate not later than October 27th with R. Stephenson, Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, November 3rd next, at 8 p.m.—A Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, November 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Will members kindly note that as I have joined the Sheffield City Battalion, I should be glad if they would for the present communicate with the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. Hollis, 37, Reservoir Terrace, Chesterfield.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. G. H. Head, formerly of Kingsdon, Somerset, has removed to 36, Doris Villas, Trafalgar Road, Twickenham, S.W.—The address of Mr. R. W. Hyner is now 46, Goddard Avenue, Swindon, Wilts.

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