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Gentlemen,

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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. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## PUBLICATION OF MR. DAINS' WORK.

It is good news to learn that the late Mr. Henry Dains, whose death is deeply regretted by the Exercise, took steps to secure that the result of his labours, extending over so long a period, should not be lost. As will be seen by what is stated in another column, Mr. Dains, in the declining years of his life, collated a mass of material and nominated a committee to undertake the work of publishing it. From what may be gathered, the collection of MSS. is not merely one of compositions, but also includes articles upon problems in the construction of methods. The publication of such material ought to be of value to the Exercise—at any rate it would have been a misfortune if it had been lost to the present and future generations. Happily, however, the results of Mr. Dains' work are to be saved to us. By his foresight arrangements seem to have been made to give the Exercise at large the full benefit of his work. But the committee, it seems, are in some doubt as to whether to undertake their task at once or, owing to the exceptional conditions now prevailing, to postpone it for a time. Upon this point they invite expressions of opinion. If we may venture to offer our view we would say that while, of course, the work of getting the materials into final order for publication might well proceed, there seem to be good reasons for delaying the actual issue of the matter—in whatever form it may take—to the Exercise.

In the first place, ringing, as a whole, is, like other things, in a seriously disturbed state. The war has called away from the belfries large numbers of men, who, while at home, would have been deeply interested in such a work as that proposed, but while they are engaged in more serious duties would have perforce to pass it by unnoticed. Thus the success of its publication would be jeopardised, for it must be remembered that the first demand for a work such as this would be, is always the greatest, and that which usually follows is small and uncertain. Thus it seems to us, there would be, from this point alone, much advantage to be gained by waiting for more settled times. Then, too, there is the question of cost. This, of course, may be a matter of no importance, but it may be worth considering at a time when war prices are prevailing. Whatever course may be adopted, however, we are glad to know that there is a definite prospect of the Exercise having the full advantage of the years of labour and ripe experience of one who has done so much to further the progress of the Art, both by patient investigation and a fertile imagination that lifted much of his work out of the common ruck. The committee, who have the handling of the matter, probably have an onerous task before them, in the discharge of which we wish them success.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*P. A. DALE ... .. Treble	*W. H. DEGG ... .. 5
†S. SARGEANT ... .. 2	*J. PROPHETT ... .. 6
H. ALLCOCK ... .. 3	*G. JONES ... .. 7
H. CORDALL ... .. 4	*A. LYONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. SARGEANT.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to P. Dale, ringer of the treble. Also as a farewell to the "Derby" men who are about to be called to the colours. This is believed to be first peal by an all Hanley band, and was rung at the second attempt.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, April 15, 1916, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST BINFIELD ... .. Treble	EDWARD F. COLE ... .. 5
*CHARLES PRYOR ... .. 2	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN ... 6
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 3	ERNEST YOUNG ... .. 7
RICHARD BEVAN ... .. 4	FRANK SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

\*First peal of Kent. Rung half-muffled in memory of the composer, this being the tower in which he rang his first peal in the method.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M. Forces:—

Pte. John Brassington, of Barthomley Parish Church, Lancs, Army Ordnance Corps, now at Didcott.  
Pte. C. King, of Priory Church, Dunstable, 4th Battalion Essex Regiment.

## DEATH OF MR. H. A. TURNER.

A WELL-KNOWN SUFFOLK RINGER.

His many friends will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Harry Alfred Turner, of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, who died recently after a short illness.

Deceased was born at Hissett, Suffolk, on May 16th, 1868, and was thus in his 47th year. He was a member of the Ely Diocesan and Norwich Associations. He commenced his ringing career at his native village at an early age, and later his employment took him to Bury St. Edmunds, where he joined the St. James' Company at the Norman tower. With this band he was connected for upwards of 30 years. When he joined the belfry there was a company for Grandsire Triples, young and eager, and by his persuasion the other two ropes were brought down to the ringing chamber. Shortly afterwards the first six courses of Grandsire Caters were rung by a local band. Under Mr. Turner's tuition the company went on to Oxford, Kent, Double Norwich Major, and Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Superlative Major, and it was practically by his efforts the two trebles were added at Horringer to complete the octave, thus giving the district a lighter peal of eight. A splendid tutor, who devoted almost every evening to teaching beginners starting from hunting and coursing, he used to say, "There lads, that will take you to twelve-bell ringing," and they all made double-handed ringers who stuck to it.

The funeral took place at Horringer Parish Church, the cortege being met at the churchyard gate by Canon R. F. Wilson (Vicar of the Cathedral Church of St. James'), who conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. Lord Manners Hervey (Rector of Horringer). There were present, besides the immediate relatives, members of St. James' Society, and St. Mary's Society, Bury St. Edmunds, Lavenham and the local ringers, while several other ringers who, from unavoidable causes, could not be present, sent expressions of regret for their absence.

He had no exact record of peals rung on tower and handbells, but it was upwards of 60, including Bob Major, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford, Kent, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Royal and Grandsire Caters. The bells of Horringer were rung deeply muffled, both before and after service, and also at the Norman tower in the evening.

## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY "BOB MAJOR."

If it has done nothing else, the letter of friend Trollope about the Central Council's shortcomings has set ringers a-talking. Perhaps, too, it has set them a-thinking, and anything that will make them think, ought to result in good. At least, that is how I look at the matter. Somebody, I believe it was old Goethe, once said "everything that is worth thinking has already been thought before; we must only try to think it again." If that is true, it ought not to be too much for some of our wise heads to put some of that new life into the Council which even Canon Papillon and Mr. A. T. King agree would be for the Council's good. Although I was never very practical myself, I have an intense admiration for people who are practical, and for that reason I was very pleased to see Mr. King's suggestion that the "silent experts" should be encouraged to speak. It would be delightful to know what the candid opinion of some of them is about much of the stuff that is talked at Council meetings. I happened to meet one hard-headed business man, who comes from a Midland town, after the Council meeting in London last year, and he was very emphatic in his speech about the waste of time and money travelling up to the metropolis to attend a meeting, so barren of results, while another member of my acquaintance informed me that he had been bored stiff—only his language was rather stronger and more flowery than that. I only quote this to show that even among the members there is a desire for something more than they get now, but as I have said before, that's their business. If only the "silent" ones could be got to talk, it would be something, and no doubt we should get some gems of thought, even though some of the speakers were men of few words. But if everybody is to talk, some of the "windy" ones will have to shut off the gas quicker than they sometimes do now, or a week would not be sufficient time to get through the business—much less a single day.

## THE FIGHT (CONTINUED).

In applying the match to the powder magazine, Mr. Trollope has brought, up to the present, three writers to the defence of the Council, and as I promised my readers I would record the subsequent rounds in this column, I must keep my word.

## ROUND 2.

For the member who said what he knew,  
There was trouble in Round Number Two,  
For a King with a Can(n)on  
Struck the bold little man on  
The nose; and now, it is said, he is blue.

## ROUND 3.

And next came a ringer named Cleal,  
For the old state of things full of zeal,  
Who, in Round Number Three,  
Said "It's now up to me  
The fate of this 'party' to seal."

## HENRY DAINS.

The Cumberlands lose a fine old champion in Henry Dains. He was proud of his membership of that society, and was always eager to attach the title whenever he had something good to publish. He was always keen on discovering anything new, and there is no doubt the Exercise owes a good deal to men of his type. I have always admired the pluck of that band, of which Harry Dains was one, who after losing the long peal of Double Norwich by the breaking of the treble rope, when more than 13,000 out of the 13,440 changes had been rung, started again within a month, and rang the peal. I have not the record of that performance by me, but the band, from what I recollect, is gradually disappearing. George Newson, Arthur Jacob and Henry Dains, at any rate, have joined the great majority. How time flies! It must be over 20 years ago that that great failure and triumphant success occurred. I have heard an amusing story told about Mr. Dains, on an occasion when he was still striving after his first peal of London Surprise. It was at a Sussex tower, and the time was the period when a good deal of Surprise ringing was being done in the southern county. However, on this occasion, the peal came to grief at a bob. No one at first seemed to know exactly what had happened, but there had been one of those sudden collapses which seem to come when least expected. There was the usual argument, and after a bit Mr. Dains remarked in his quiet sort of way: "Well, George, when you called the bob I couldn't see anyone else there to make it, so I thought I'd better do it. Perhaps that's what caused the trouble." And it was.

## AFTER HOLT, SHIPWAY!

Here's another of our idols gone! Mr. Clayton is again on the war-path seeking whom of the lions of the past he may destroy. He tells us he is attacking the prejudices of many generations, and in a really delicious aside he says: "What an arrant humbug was Shipway!" I'm not going to quarrel with Mr. Clayton on this point, for personally I never have thought much of Shipway. But that may be my prejudice. Shipway may have filled a gap in ringing literature, but I do not think he ever filled a place of much authority. But now he's settled out of hand.

## An idol of our Exercise

Was Shipway, who was no "mug,"  
But those who have believed in him  
Now learn he was a humbug.

In days gone by we all were taught  
That what he said still mattered,  
But Clayton has come on the scene  
And has our idol shattered.

## THE LATE MR. HENRY DAINS.

## FUNERAL AT HIGHGATE.

The funeral of the late Mr. Henry Dains, at Finchley Cemetery on Wednesday of last week, was entirely in keeping with the life of so worthy a man. Everything was carried out in the simple manner that he himself would have wished, and but for the fact that the interment took place at mid-day there would undoubtedly have been a much larger number of ringers present. The chief mourners included: Mrs. Dains (widow), Mrs. Perry (step-daughter), Mrs. Langbridge (sister, and only surviving member of his family), Mr. Langbridge (brother-in-law), Mr. Langbridge, junr. (nephew), Miss Langbridge (niece), and Mrs. Summerby. At the cemetery gates the cortege was met by several representative ringers, including Messrs. J. D. Matthews, J. Parker, E. Wightman, F. Smith, R. Warner, W. J. Nudds, B. Foskett, W. H. Fussell, F. Pitstow, H. J. Bradley, H. Dew (Royal Cumberland Youths), W. E. Garrard, H. Springall, and E. Gibbs (College Youths), etc. A short and impressive service was held in the cemetery chapel, and after the committal service, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung over the grave by members of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

On Saturday last a peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted at Shoreditch in Mr. Dains's memory, but was unfortunately lost after 2½ hours' ringing. A muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob was, however, rung at St. Ann's, Highgate, where Mr. Dains rang his first peal in that method.

It will be interesting to the Exercise generally to know that Mr. Dains has left a mass of collated MSS. behind him, with a committee nominated by himself to consider the advisability of publishing the same in book form. One chapter on the construction of Surprise Methods should be particularly interesting, but the committee have rather an onerous task under present circumstances in deciding whether the publication should not be delayed. Any feeling in the matter that may be shown by ringers generally will, therefore, be appreciated.

It is a curious circumstance that Mr. Dains died almost exactly 20 years after his old friend, George Newson—the former on April 6th, 1916; the latter on April 7th, 1896.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to Mr. J. W. Parker for pointing out the peal of Stedman Triples from the fresh round block to be false. I apologise to you and your readers for the wasted space.

What I call the elementary proof of the peal was absolutely correct. My mistake is easily explainable: when bobs only are used there are ten false course-ends to each course against the bells in 6-7, but I know now what—had I been more careful—I might have known previously, i.e., there are ten additional false course-ends when singles are made use of, and I allowed only for six. This fact, the doubling of the number of false course-ends, makes me begin to wonder why we ever use singles at all in Triples. Shipway demonstrated the fact that peals of Grandsire Triples can be obtained without singles by the use of an alternative bob, and if this can be done in Grandsire it is more than probable it can be done in Stedman Triples also.

It was my first attempt at the composition of a peal of Stedman, and with all due deference to Mr. Parker's superior knowledge, I might point out that I know for a fact that the twenty course-ends of the so-called peal with the sixth at home produce twenty true courses; I am fairly certain that the twenty course-ends with the sixth in 2nd's place will also produce twenty true courses, but I have not had time to make certain of the latter. The falseness of the peal comes about when the sixth is in fifth's place.

I am not at all satisfied that Stedman Triples is unattainable in twelve, one time we were told there were only twenty true plain courses to be had, we now know there are forty, and he is a bold man to-day who will maintain that anything is impossible, even sixty true courses of Stedman.—Yours, etc.,

Brighton, April 16th, 1916.

GEORGE BAKER.

## KINGS CLIFFE'S MISFORTUNE.

## TENOR BELL CRACKS WHILE BEING RUNG.

A most unfortunate thing happened at King's Cliffe, near Peterborough, the other day. While the ringers were having their usual Saturday afternoon practice, the tenor bell suddenly cracked. All the five bells were rehung and quarter-turned only 18 months ago, and now the parishioners have to raise £37 18s. for recasting. As the village has so lately contributed towards the rehanging, they will have to rely entirely upon outside help. Any readers of the "Ringing World" who would be good enough to help should send their contributions to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, Peterborough.

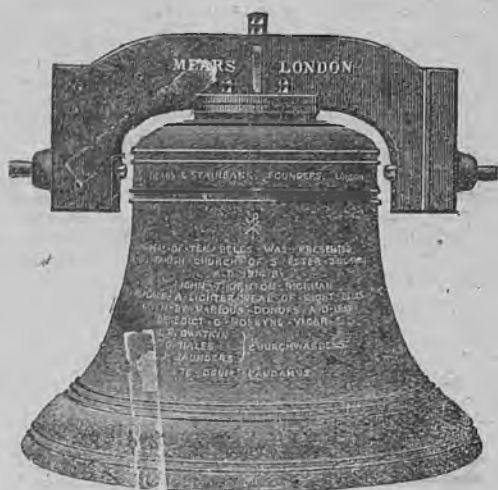


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## FORTY YEARS OF PEAL RINGING.

THOMAS RUSSAM, OF BIRMINGHAM.

Mr. Thomas Russam, who recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his first peal by ringing a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells, was born in Bishop Ryder's parish, Birmingham, 59 years ago. He was brought up almost under the shadow of the church tower, attended the school attached to the church, and has kept in touch with the place ever since. Naturally in this time he has seen many changes, some for better and some for worse, one of the latter, in his opinion, being the alteration to the church in the early seventies, which was disapproved by many of the congregation and caused a falling away of at least 50 per cent. of the regular worshippers. As a lad he used to climb, with others of his age, to the belfry and watch with wondering eyes the old man (called "Puffer" Malin, because he was also organ blower) pulling the rope for service. They became interested, and at last it was almost a fight as to who should have a pull. Tom Russam ("Tommy" to his intimates) was also in the choir, and a member of the brass band for some time, but the call of the bells was strongest, and when the peal was put in in 1869 the other interests went overboard, and he became a regular ringer.

He soon met the giants of that day, Johnson, Chattell, Perks, Hallsworth, Biddlestone, etc., and used to sit, so to speak, at the feet of the mighty, picking up knowledge from their conversation. There were no instruction books on ringing in those days, so the learner had no easy job. In this connection Mr. Russam is one of the few Birmingham ringers who had the privilege of going to "Billy" Chattell's bakery, where this worthy used to demonstrate the "slow work" in Stedman by a novel method of his own.

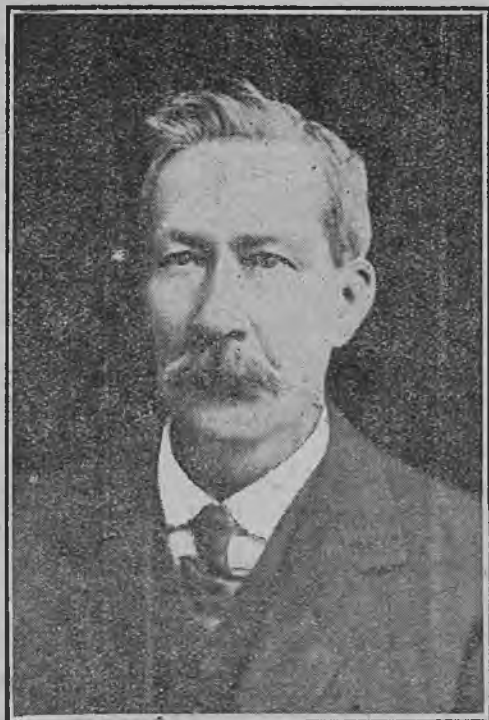
At that time J. Banister (of Woolwich) was tower-keeper at Bishop Ryder's, and it is to him Mr. Russam owes it that he had such a sound tuition in the Art. He always maintains that of all the ringers he has ever met, he has never seen Banister's equal in the graceful handling either of tower or handbells. It was always his ambition to try and imitate him, and we may say here that Mr. Russam has been very successful, for he is an exceedingly graceful ringer, particularly on handbells. In those days the Birmingham men were very keen on handbells, and the practices used to commence on the Monday and finish the following Sunday evening, usually at a place known as "Old Joe Nixon's."

Mr. Russam has spent a lot of time teaching both tune playing and tower-bell ringing, the last of the tune playing bands to go through his hands being Cadbury's Moseley Institute. He was expert adviser in connection with the purchase of 80 handbells from Barwell's for this band, and was instructor to them for two years. The last tower-bell band he instructed was at Erdington Parish Church.

Mr. Russam was tower-keeper at Bishop Ryder's for a time, and afterwards for many years at Aston, the day he left the latter place being apparently a black day for the St. Martin's Guild. As far back as he can remember, indeed as far back as the records go, Aston used to be a place where members of the Guild were ever welcome, and it was always open to them for peals, a state of things which he thought would continue after he relinquished office. However, it has not done so, and no one is more grieved that Aston has fallen away than the subject of our sketch.

A jeweller's engraver by trade, Mr. Russam is not blest with very robust health, and therefore confines his ringing to the lighter end. He has never been anxious to ring a lot of peals, one good one now and again satisfying him, so that although he has been peal-ringing now for forty years ("and it don't seem a day too much!") he has not a very large number to his credit.

The performance to which he gives pride of place was not a peal at all, but a touch of Stedman Cinques rung double-handed at a dinner given at the Colonnade Hotel, Birmingham, by Sir Arthur Heywood (then plain Mr.) to celebrate Henry Johnson's 80th birthday, in 1889. The guests were representative of all the ringers in England, and, as he says, "to the glory of St. Martin's company, the touch came off without a hitch, the striking being absolutely faultless." It was unique inasmuch as scores of excellent ringers in the room had never heard twelve-bell ringing on handbells before. Indeed, it was supposed to



MR. THOMAS RUSSAM.

be the first touch of Stedman Cinques ever rung publicly.

Mr. Russam was a member of the Birmingham and District Association, and the Birmingham Amalgamated Society from their formation until their decease. He was also a Holt Society man until that society was absorbed by the St. Martin's Guild, and for the latter he had the honour of calling the first peal. (Previous to the amalgamation it was the St. Martin's Society.) He is now a member of the St. Martin's Guild and the Staffordshire and Midland Counties Associations, and a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Martin's. He took a pair in the first peal of Grandsire Cinques on handbells, and the first double-handed peal of Stedman Cinques out of London, this being also the second ever rung. His handbell peals also include a 10,000 Grandsire Major. He rang in the only peal of Duffield Maximus ever rung, and was one of the band chosen to represent Birmingham at the opening of the ring of ten at Leominster in 1894.

He rang in the first peal of Stedman Cinques in which a

lady took part (conducted by Miss Parker, at St. Martin's), and has himself conducted a few peals of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Royal. Mr. Russam has not kept a record of all his peals, but as near as he can gather he has rung the following: On tower bells 102, the methods including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Duffield, Forward and Erin; everything from Triples to Maximus. On handbells 32, the methods being Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and including everything from Triples to Cinques in the two former methods. His first peal in a Surprise method was at Solihull, only a few years ago, when he rang a working bell to Cambridge Royal at the first attempt. Being blessed with a good memory, Mr. Russam can tell many good yarns of the Birmingham ringers he has known during the past 40 years, and their little peculiarities, and when he is in reminiscent mood, his listeners will be kept in a roaring laughter.

### THE NEW PEAL AT OVER.

#### A CHESHIRE AUGMENTATION.

In our issue of April 7th we recorded a peal of Kent Treble Bob rung on the occasion of the dedication of the augmented peal at Over, Cheshire. The work of restoration was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the parish church now possesses a beautiful peal of bells with a tenor of 13½ cwt. Formerly the tower contained a peal of five bells, the tenor being a Pre-Reformation bell cast about 1513 and recast in 1733, when apparently the other bells were added. For some years recently, however, four of the five were cracked, and the work of restoration was taken in hand by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Stables), and his churchwardens, enthusiastically backed by the parishioners. In addition to having the old bells recast and added to in weight, it was decided to add three new bells to make the octave. The treble was provided by the Vicar and the Sunday School, the two other new bells were family gifts. The whole ring have been tuned on the true-harmonic system, the result being an octave of pure and pleasing effect, in the key of F. The bells are hung with fittings of the latest and best design, containing all the most modern improvements, and swing in the ancient timber framework, which has been strengthened with heavy steel angle brackets and bolts, additional framework of massive English oak having been provided for the new bells. The diameters and weights of the bells are:—

	Diameter.		Weight.		
	ft.	in.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	1	11½	2	3	20
2nd.	2	0½	3	0	17
3rd.	2	2½	3	3	6
4th.	2	4½	4	1	9
5th.	2	7½	5	3	1
6th.	2	9½	7	0	6
7th.	3	1½	9	2	3
Tenor	3	6	13	2	15

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

- Treble.—The gift of the Vicar and Sunday School, 1915.  
 2nd.—The gift of Mrs. George Hamlett and her sons Arthur and Edwin, 1915.  
 3rd.—A mother's gift in memory of the Christening of Vera May Barton, 1914, and John Reginald Barton, 1915.  
 4th.—Greater Love Hath . . . That a man lay down his life for his friends. Recast 1915.  
 5th.—Joseph Lees, Vicar, 1733. Recast 1915.  
 6th.—W. H. Stables, Vicar. R. G. Barton and L. Mellor, Ch. Wardens, 1915. Recast 1915.  
 7th.—Charles Pickering and Thos. Robinson, Ch. Wardens, 1733. Recast 1915.  
 Tenor.—The gift of Vicar Larden Circa, 1513. Recast 1733 and 1915.

### BISHOP RYDER'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

#### RINGING MASTER'S GIFT

A quarterly meeting of the Bishop Ryder's Society was held on Monday week in the belfry. The Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Badger, M.A.) presided, and made mention of the handsome clock, which has been placed in the belfry, the entire cost having been defrayed by the energetic new Ringing Master (Mr. James George). He thanked the donor for his generosity, and remarked that things seemed to be running very smoothly now, in connection with the ringing. He formally moved a resolution of thanks, and this was seconded by Mr. J. Collett, and supported by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.—Mr. George, in reply, said he was pleased to have the opportunity of doing something for the belfry, and assured those present that he would do anything he could do to help ringing in that tower. He also extended a hearty welcome to Mr. J. F. Smallwood, an old member of the society, who, after an absence of several years, had returned to Birmingham, and the Bishop Ryder's company.

## NOTICES.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on April 25th for business.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Easter Monday, April 24th, 1916. Bells available all day. Dinner will be provided at the Albany Hotel at one o'clock prompt. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify the honorary secretary not later than first post Thursday, April 20th, 1916. — T. Metcalfe, Hon. Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Easter Monday. Bells available: Leamington (8) 10 till dusk, except between 12.30 and 1; Emscote (8) all day, and St. Mary's (10) 6 p.m. till dusk. Committee meeting at Leamington 2.30. Tea at the Globe Hotel, Warwick, 4.30. Business meeting after tea.—K. Kettle, Rectory Cottage, Allesley, Coventry.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Central Division).—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday. Tower open at 2. Tea, 5.15, in Church Hall, by kind invitation of the Rector. Subscriptions for 1916 are now due.—A. D. Stone, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 24th. Business meeting in Chapter House at 2.30; chairman, The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings. Tea in College Hall at 5.15. At 12.45 p.m. the Dean of Worcester will unveil a peal board in the Cathedral Tower, to record the peal of Stedman Cinques rung on those bells. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1.0 to 2.0 p.m.; All Saints (10), Hallow (8), St. Nicholas (6), St. John-in-Bedwardine (6), and St. Swithin's (6) 10.0 to 11.0 and 5.0 to 6.0.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at South Wingfield on Easter Monday, April 24th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each at 5.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. — Thos. Allebone, Secretary, North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held in Bedford on Easter Monday. Committee meeting at Church House at 11 a.m. Dinner at St. Mary's School Room at 1 p.m. Meeting after dinner. The bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's will be available for ringing.—A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The district quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Easter Monday, April 24th. Bells available 2 p.m. to dusk. Tea will be provided at the White Lion Hotel. Subscriptions for 1916 are now due.—J. Harding, District Secretary.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 24th, 1916, at the office of the British Equitable Assurance Co., 1, Greyhound Street, Long Row. Committee meeting at 3.15, followed by general meeting at four o'clock. Tea at cafe prices at Glover's Cafe, two doors away, after meeting.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Alban's on Easter Monday, April 24th, 1916. Towers open for ringing from 1.30 to 5 p.m. Choral evensong in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address to ringers by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Vicar of Thundridge. At 5.50 p.m. meat tea will be served at the Abbey Institute, for which a charge of 9d. each will be made to members. Annual business meeting to follow. The secretary earnestly asks secretaries of bands, and unattached members, to advise him as early as possible the probable number of members attending the meeting, so that satisfactory arrangements can be made for tea. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at once.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, "Duffield," St. Albans.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Sawston (8 bells) on Easter Monday afternoon. Short service at five o'clock. Tea at the White Lion at 5.30.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hill View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.** — The Easter meeting of the Central District will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints', Carshalton, on Monday in Easter week, April 24th. Bells, 8, tenor 12½ cwt., available all afternoon until 7 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 6 (members 3d., visitors 9d.), followed by short business meeting. Please notify intention to be present to Ch. Reading, assistant honorary secretary, Union Bank Chambers, Croydon, before Saturday, the 22nd inst.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION,** late the St. James' Society (Established 1824).—The annual general meeting will be held on the Saturday following Easter, April 29th, at the headquarters, "The Edinburgh," Milford Lane, Strand, W.C., at 6 p.m.—T. H. Taffender, Master, for hon. secretary, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m. till dusk. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Secretary.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, May 6th, at 2.30. Tea at Nag's Head, 9d. per head, to those who notify me by May 2nd. Specially important meeting on Saturday, April 29th, at St. Martin's at 3 o'clock. — H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday May 6th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. T. G. Swindell, D.D.) at 5.15. Tea (1s.) in the Schoolroom at 6. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 2nd.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone (10 bells) on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available for ringing at 3 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Restaurant, Bank Street, at 5.45. Business meeting after. The secretary would like to know not later than May 1st of any members from other districts intending to be present, to whom he offers a hearty welcome.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Will members kindly note that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13th, instead of April 29th, as originally fixed. Full particulars will be given in due course.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretary.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weare, near Axbridge, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham, Somerset.

**SALOP GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting April 29th, 1916, at Newport, Salop. Ringing 3 o'clock. Belfry prayers 4 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting after tea. Please reply before April 26th to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

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#### **LEWES RINGER'S DEATH.**

##### **NATIONAL RESERVIST'S MILITARY FUNERAL.**

The Southover, Lewes, Guild have lost a much respected member by the death of Pte. David Turner, of the National Reserves, who died from pneumonia in Brighton Military Hospital. The deceased, who was 35 years of age, had been a member of the Guild for some years, and although he had not done much change ringing, he was a regular attendant at Sunday service ringing. He formerly belonged to the Lewes Co. of the Royal Garrison Artillery (T.F.), and joined the National Reserve in the early stages of the war. He leaves a widow and three young children, for whom much sympathy is felt in their loss.

The deceased, who was interred in the churchyard at Southover, beneath the sound of the bells he so often rung, was accorded a military funeral, the procession being headed by a firing party of the 2/5th Royal Sussex Regiment, whose band played Chopin's "Funeral March." The service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Dendy (curate), and at the close three volleys were fired over the grave, and the "Last Post" was sounded. The bells were then rung muffled.

In addition to the family mourners, officers and men of the National Reserve attended the funeral, as well as many of the deceased fellow railway workmen, and members of the Ringers' Guild, the last-named being also among those who sent wreaths.

#### **CUMBERLANDS' MEETING AT WALTHAMSTOW.**

It should be noted that the meeting of Royal Cumberland Youths at Walthamstow, on May 6th, is to be at St. Mary's Church, and not St. Saviour's as advertised last week.

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