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MODERN WORK

BELL RINGING AFTER DARK.

Three weeks ago we called attention to the permission which had been given by the Competent Military Authority for the ringing of bells until 9 p.m. in the London area, and suggested that, through the clergy, application for similar modifications of the restrictions should be made in other Military Commands. We are glad to be able to state that in the Southern Command, at all events, the regulations which have prevented ringing after dusk have been so modified as to come into line with those in London. This result seems to have been achieved by the action taken through the Vicar of Whitechurch, Hants, who took up the matter at the request of his own band, and backed up his application by submitting to the Competent Authority the copy of "The Ringing World" containing the letter from the Home Office.

There appears to have been no difficulty whatever in the way of the acceding to the request, and the authority for ringing up to 9 p.m. has been granted by a letter from the Headquarters of the Southern Command to the Bishops in the Command Area. It is, of course, possible that applications have been made through the clergy in other parts of the country, and, if so, it would be interesting to know with what result. It seems obvious, however, that, at any rate away from what one may call the danger zone of the East and North-East Coast, the military have no objection to bells being rung until the hour of nine o'clock.

It now rests with the ringers, who desire the privilege, to take action. The result in the Southern Command points to the efficacy of application through the clergy, as we suggested in our previous issue, for although our article only appeared on the 2nd inst., the request to the military was preferred and the authority issued to the Bishop by the 13th. We hope that in all the military areas similar applications will be made, as, even on the North Sea border, it is possible the authorities may see their way to relax in some degree the present restrictions, for, if the Government's action in reducing air raid insurance premiums by 50 per cent. is a true indication, it looks as if the danger from Zeppelin visits is substantially less than it was. To ringers the extension of the hours of ringing is of importance, for, instead of their being practically confined to Sunday mornings and Saturday afternoons, it allows them to ring for all Sunday services and to practise during the evenings of the week. The concession in London was a sure guide to the feelings of the military authorities, and now that there is further confirmation, through the Southern Command, of their willingness to modify the restrictions there is no reason why ringers should not avail themselves of the opportunity.

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"WAR LOAN" DAY.

The historic scene in Trafalgar Square, on Thursday week, was an impressive one. When the procession arrived at one o'clock, preceded by the band of the Welsh Guards, it is estimated that nearly 50,000 persons were assembled in the Square. At the time stated the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields were going to a 657 of Grandsire Triples, by: J. D. Matthews (conductor) 1, F. Smith 2, W. T. Powell 3, C. Hare 4, W. Lawrence 5, A. Church 6, J. Hunt 7, W. J. Nudds 8. The London newspapers, in reporting the proceedings, mention the fact that the church bells were rung on the route of the procession.

KING'S CLIFFE TENOR.

St. Peter's Society, Rhondda, Glamorgan, have contributed 12s. to the fund for recasting King's Cliffe tenor, and other donations received are 2s. 6d. from Mr. E. Dowey, Redhill, Surrey; and 2s. 6d. from Mr. J. F. Blake, Old Fishbourne, Sussex. There are still a good many pounds to be raised, and it is hoped to secure the total amount required (£38) before Easter. Those who wish to help in this good cause, therefore, should send their contributions without delay to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, near Peterborough.

DATE TOUCHES.

The year 1917 lends itself to the composition of date touches of Grandsire Triples, as the necessary number is produced by bringing the bells round at hand at the 137th lead. Mr. Arthur Hubbard, of Fulham, has sent us two for publication, which have the merit of simplicity of calling. After the first 12 leads, the remainder in each case is a five part touch by calling the observation bell in each part "in and out" at two five times, the last time with a double. The "going off" portion of the two touches are as follow:—

A.—S2, S1, B3, B1, S5 producing 325476
B.—B1, B3, B1, B2, B1, S4, producing 325476

In the case of A, the five parts following each consist of bobs at 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 1, P L 1; and in the case of B, bobs at 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 1, P L 2. The observation bell presents itself automatically at the part ends in A in 7th's place, in B in 2nd's. A will run home as a shorter touch by calling the 5th before one or more times, each call cutting out the next part.

THE BELLS IN WAR TIME.

"Therefore should the bells be silent."
Therefore should the bells be silent?

The war, with all its gore and all its glory,
Wages from day to day, from year to year,
And many a sad, sad home can tell the story
Of missing father, son, or kindred near.

And many a comrade, too, is nobly fighting.
And many a friend, in every stage of life,
Is fighting, trusting, hoping—wrongs requiring:
Doing his best to win in deadly strife.

And many a well-known hand our bells are missing,
And belfries are deplete in many a place;
Here bells are silent, while there the shells are hissing,
Or deadly fumes the gallant lives menace.

But should those ringers who can yet be meeting
Beneath the sacred spire let bells be banned?
Do we not know those who the foe are beating
Would never wish us to proclaim a "Stand."

And, when we meet, what time is so befitting
To bring to memory, with a heartfelt hope,
That those now absent, will in peace be quitting—
Lay down their rifle, to take up a rope.

What would they feel, when to glad home returning,
To find neglected and unfit to ring,
Those cherished objects in sad plight discerning,
While brass bands play and happy children sing?

I would that meetings should be held as ever,
For enemies are numerous, and would smile
If they could gain one point in their endeavour
To stop the bells, as some are stopped meanwhile.

Let Central Council, each Association
Do well their duty—meet and meet again;
So may they be prepared for jubilation
When fighting ends in Peace and joy shall reign!

J. F. P.

At Curdridge, Hants, during 1916, 17 504's of Grandsire Triples, two 720's and eight 360's of Bob Minor and 87 six-scores of Stedman Doubles were rung by the local band with the frequent assistance of ringers from the neighbouring tower of Swanmore.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT PONTEFRACT.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pontefract on Saturday, February 3rd. The bells of the Parish Church (8) and All Saints' (6) were available for members during the day, the peal at All Saints' proving the greater attraction. The Association has held two meetings at Pontefract in previous years, both in the lovely month of May, when tea was served in the grounds of the old Castle, which, for historic interest, ranks with any fortress in the country. This castle played an important part during the "Pilgrimage of Grace" (1536), when it surrendered to the insurgents under Aske, and again in the Civil Wars (1644 to 1648) it sustained three important sieges, but was compelled to capitulate in 1649, by the loss of four-fifths of its gallant defenders. Pontefract has been called the "loyal borough," and no less so are the thirty-two ringers, enrolled in the county report, both to King and country, and to their Association. Military exigencies make it almost impossible to hold meetings for ringing in any large centre, and it being desirable to hold the annual meeting to get financial matters into order, and the reports distributed, the readiness of this branch to welcome the Association was gladly accepted.

Connected with All Saints' Church is a Church House given to the parish by the wife of a former Vicar, a most excellent place for meetings and general church work. The officers were met here by Mr. T. M. Barker, the genial local secretary, and with the help of Mr. Pickard, borough surveyor, and Mr. Cryer, of Selby, the accounts and books were audited. At one o'clock the tables were cleared for lunch, the caterer being an old friend, in the person of Mr. Wm. Pearson.

THE SERVICE.

The bells of All Saints' were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and a good touch of 896 Double Norwich Major was rung for the service by the following members: C. D. Potter (Barnsley), first touch in the method, 1. R. Brook (All Saints', Pontefract) 2. R. Thomas (St. Michael's, Headingley) 3. G. Robinson (Skipton) 4. P. J. Johnson (St. Michael's, Headingley), conductor, 5. Pte J. H. Lenton (St. Giles', Pontefract) 6. H. Lindsay (St. Michael's, Headingley) 7. W. Wood (St. Michael's, Headingley) 8. The Rev. A. G. Shipley conducted the service, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Gill, Vicar of Pontefract, and Vicar-designate of Holm-Cliviger, Lancashire. He is an honorary member of the Association of many years' standing. His text was taken from I. Peter iv. 7, "Watch unto prayer." No doubt the thought uppermost in the Apostle's mind at this time, he said, was the second coming of his Ascended Lord, and the preacher drew a simile between the Apostles waiting in the upper room at Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Ghost, and the generations of to-day looking forward to the second coming of Jesus Christ. The Apostles of old carried out the instruction to "Watch unto prayer." Were we likewise giving effect to the call? There must be in us also, an earnest desire to watch and pray. You, my brothers, added the preacher, ring the bells to call the people to prayer, to offer God in His house the highest service of prayer and praise. Your numbers here to-day are thin compared with the last time you visited Pontefract, and many of those absent are serving their King and country, and some probably never will be back amongst you. We think of them to-day, and we pray for them and for the cause they represent. We pray for the victory of our arms in a rightful cause, but at the same time we must remember our own imperfections. We must also thank God for the courage with which we are endowed in this struggle, and ask for courage also to combat that deadly sin of indifference. The sacrifices our men are called upon to make are terrible, and we also must meet the call for sacrifice in spiritual matters. Having done so, then day by day we shall know that God's purpose is being fulfilled, and we shall look with confidence for the righteous and abiding peace which God alone can give.

After the sermon, the President of the Association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds) read a list of the members serving with the forces, and intercessions were made on their behalf.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

Tea was served immediately after service, in the Church House, after which the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) supported by the Rev. A. G. Shipley and Mr. Geo. Bolland (vice-president). Canon Gill having to leave early, a vote of thanks was passed to him for his inspiring address. In reply, he gave the members a hearty welcome, and recalled the pleasure of previous meetings of the Association at Pontefract. He also expressed a wish to remain a member of the Association when living at his new home in Lancashire.

The Secretary reported some £26 in subscriptions received towards the William Snowdon Memorial, and said that the work was proceeding. The dedication at Ilkley could take place any time this year, and he suggested that June, being the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the Jasper Snowdon Memorial Window, would be a suitable time to dedicate the tablet, especially if the war were finished.

The committee's report was adopted, on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

The balance sheet, showing a profit on the year's working, was

passed, on the motion of Mr. Pickard, who congratulated the members on the excellent way the books were kept.

No other nomination having been received, the retiring hon. general secretary, Mr. Clement Glenn (now serving in the navy) was re-elected with acclamation. From its earliest years the Yorkshire Association has been fortunate in having for its chief officers very capable men, and Mr. Glenn has well upheld the tradition of the office of secretary, combined with excellent powers of organisation, and real capacity for clerical work. He is also a brilliant ringer, and possesses a buoyant spirit that overcomes all difficulties, and these qualities the members recognise. They signified their appreciation of his services, and directed that a letter of thanks and good wishes be sent to him.

In reply to a vote of thanks, the Vicar of All Saints', the Rev. A. J. Shipley remarked that muffled peals were a gratifying feature of the ringers' work, the bells voicing the deeper feelings of the people, and expressing honour, affection and gratitude to the gallant men who gave their lives in the service of the country.

The thanks of the visitors were expressed to the local men for their hearty welcome, and also to the Mayoress, and other ladies who served tea.—Mr. Barker, in reply, said that members were dilatory in not sending in their names for tea, and that 50 more had sat down than were expected.

The Mayor sent an apology for not being able to be present, likewise Mr. A. E. West, Mr. James Rew, and Mr. Frank Willey.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, and the singing of a verse of the National Anthem, brought the meeting to a close. Owing to curtailed railway services members had to hurry away to catch trains.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Church of All Saints', Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday, and was attended by over 20 ringers from Swindon, Westbury, Holt, Southbroom, and Edington. The bells, the tenor which is about 35 cwt., were raised at 2.30 p.m., and ringing was kept up until 4.30, when the authorised Guild service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. M. Cann Clarke) kindly officiated, Mr. Jefferies being at his usual place at the organ. The Vicar, from the chancel steps, gave a most interesting and instructive address, to which the whole company listened with great attention. Tea followed in the Parish Room, and was much appreciated, 22 sitting down at the table.—A short business meeting then took place, presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, the hon. branch secretary.—Mr. W. Hart proposed, and Mr. Brown seconded, the election of three new ringing members from the Westbury tower, all of whom were duly enrolled as members of the Guild.

The Secretary briefly mentioned that the restrictions on ringing were now relaxed, and the bells could be rung up to nine o'clock in the evening.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service in church, and also to the organist and organ blower for their kind help in making the meeting successful, brought a very pleasant gathering to a close.

"MANY HAPPY RETURNS."

On Sunday, Feb. 4th, eight members of the Kent County Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, in honour of Mr. E. J. Pannett's 45th birthday, as it was impossible to attempt a peal: H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 1. C. H. Walker 2. H. Warnett, junr. 3. E. J. Pannett 4. G. R. Simmonds 5. H. Walker 6. W. W. Fox 7. H. G. Goodwin 8.

Mr. E. J. Pannett has been a ringer since 1888, when he first learnt to manage his bell at Cuckfield, Sussex, under the tuition of Mr. F. Housell, and from that time till 1905 has rung in various parts of the country, although nothing beyond the treble of Grandsire. In 1905 he went to reside at Lewes, Sussex, and began to make a headway in plain methods, but did not have the opportunity of getting with a band who practised anything higher until 1914, when he left Lewes for Lewisham. Then, unfortunately, the war broke out, which, of course, has kept ringing back, but occasional practices held at St. John's, Deptford, and Bromley Parish Church have enabled Mr. Pannett to make more headway, and when things in general get a bit more normal, and ringing is again in full swing, we hope to hear greater things of him, under the guidance of Messrs. I. Emery, of Bromley; H. Warnett, senr., Lewisham; and W. J. Jeffries, of St. John's, Deptford. Up to the present he has rung 18 peals.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week, the quarterly meeting of the Thrapston District of the Central Northants Association was held at Raunds, 25 members being present from Northampton, Sharnbrook, Finedon, Thrapston, Ringstead, Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Great Addington, and the local tower. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. C. Adred), and tea was provided at the Wheat-sheaf Inn, the Vicar presiding. The Vice-President (the Rev. F. H. Lang) was unable to attend owing to an attack of influenza.—Thrapston was chosen for the next place of meeting, and it was also decided to have a practice meeting at Ringstead, on the Saturday in Easter week.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, and to this the Vicar suitably replied.

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RINGING UP TO 9 P.M.

SOUTHERN COMMAND MODIFIES RESTRICTIONS.

On the application of the Vicar of Whitechurch, Hants, permission to ring church bells up to 9 p.m. in the area of the Southern Command has been granted.

A member of the Whitechurch band writes: "Allow me to thank you, on behalf of our band at Whitechurch, for the privilege we have got in being able to ring for all services in the evenings, and also on practice nights until 9 p.m. After reading in 'The Ringing World' of the 2nd inst. of the permission granted to our friends in London, we lost no time in getting our Vicar to intercede for us. He was only too pleased and willing to do so, with the result, as you will see by the letter which I am sending you, that the authority to ring up to 9 p.m. is granted not only to us, but also to all the churches in the Southern Command. You may like to print this in your most valuable paper, as there may be others that would like to know of the modification of the restrictions."

[Copy]

To the Rev. F. N. Harvey, Whitechurch.

For your information, authority is granted for your Church bells to ring up to 9 p.m. until further orders.

The authority is a letter from Headquarters Southern Command to the Bishops in the Command area, dated 13th February, 1917.

I have informed the police of this.

I return copy of "The Ringing World."

(Signed) ERNEST E. G. COCKBURN.

Staff Captain, 214th Infantry Brigade.

Whitechurch, Hants, 14th February, 1917.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT ROMSEY.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Romsey on Saturday last. The fine ring of eight bells at the Abbey was available from 2.30 p.m. till dusk. Although the muster was not large, the company present included several of the enthusiasts in this part of the diocese, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, as well as "rounds" for the young probationers, being rung. Tea followed at the Temperance Hall, adjoining the Abbey, presided over by the Rev. F. J. Pizey (curate-in-charge). There were also present the Rev. E. Bankes James and Messrs. J. B. Williamson and G. Williams (hon. general secretary) and representatives from North Stoneham, Upham, Hursley, Titchfield, Holy Rood and St. Michael's (Southampton), and Romsey.—The Hon. General Secretary apologised for the absence of the district secretary (Mr. Elkins) and other members of the Cathedral band. He was very pleased to welcome the Rev. F. J. Pizey to tea, as it was not always possible to get incumbents to take as much interest in the meetings as was wished for by the members.

The Chairman and five others were elected as probationary members of the Guild.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and granting use of the bells, was proposed by the hon. general secretary, and seconded by the Rev. E. Bankes James.—The Rev. F. J. Pizey, in reply, said he was only too pleased to be with them that evening, and thanked them for his election to the Guild, and promising to help further their art in Romsey. Unfortunately the Romsey band were very much depleted at the present time.

Touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Caters on handbells brought the meeting to a close.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

On Saturday week, a quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Bretforton, and, considering the inclement weather, was well attended, ringers being present from Evesham, Pershore, Mladbury, Hampton, Hinton, Stanton, Badsey, etc. Apologies were received from the Ven. Archdeacon Peile (Rector of Great Comberton), the Rev. W. Lea (Vicar of Overbury), the Rev. W. Davis Winstone (Vicar of Feckenham), the Rev. T. W. Reynolds (Rector of Stanton), Mr. J. Ashwin, and Sapper T. Hands. The Vicar (the Rev. J. E. H. Blake) officiated at the service, the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton) also being present. Tea was provided by the Vicar, and between 30 and 40 sat down.—At the business meeting, which followed, a short discussion took place as to the ringing of the bells throughout the branch when the time of peace arrives.

Upon the proposition of Mr. F. J. Johnson, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service, and also for providing such a good repast; to the organist and choir for their presence at the service, and to the ladies who had kindly waited upon the visitors at tea. Needless to say, these votes were carried unanimously, and the Vicar and the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice having briefly replied, the meeting closed.

Handbells were then brought into use, and various selections given a course of Grandsire Caters being rung by: G. J. Henning 1-2, H. Middleton 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, F. J. Johnson 7-8, J. Henning 9-10; and a touch of Grandsire Triples by: H. Middleton 1-2, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 3-4, F. J. Johnson 5-6, S. O. Annis 7-8.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, and St. George's Church, Southwark, on Saturday week, when about 30 members attended, and availed themselves of the ringing opportunities afforded. The Cathedral bells were kept going from 2.30 to 5 p.m., and St. George's was afterwards visited, and ringing carried on until 7.30 p.m. At the meeting, which followed at the Southwark Tavern, Mr. H. E. Wills, of Croydon, and Mr. A. G. Harris, steeplekeeper at St. Clement Danes, were elected members.

Reference was made by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) to the death of the oldest member of the society, Mr. Wm. Banister, who joined in 1858, and the hon. secretary's action in writing a letter of condolence to his relatives, immediately on receipt of the sad news, was ratified.

The balance sheet was submitted and accepted, and showed an increase on the year. No opposition being offered, Mr. T. H. Taffender was re-elected Master; Mr. T. Walker, hon. secretary; Mr. W. G.



MR. T. H. TAFFENDER.

Matthews, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. E. Reeve, senior steward. Mr. H. Dyas was elected junior steward, in place of Mr. A. D. Barker, who, having joined the army, did not seek re-election. Mr. Taffender and Mr. R. A. Daniell retain the office of trustees.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the officers for their work during the past year, also to the authorities of St. Saviour's and St. George's for their kind permission to ring.

The Hon. Secretary's report showed a decided upward movement, in spite of the continuance of the war and its attendant drawbacks to change ringing. The monthly meetings held since the last annual meeting had been well attended, and progress had been made in the standard methods. Two peals only were rung during the year, one Stedman Triples on tower bells, the other Stedman Triples (Carler's odd bob composition) on handbells.—Eleven new members were elected, and eight had died, Pte Fluck, of Clapham, and Rifleman C. H. Hughes (Southwark) having been killed in action in France.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Saturday, March 10th, due notice of the place of which will appear in "The Ringing World."

Touches and tunes on the handbells brought the proceedings to a close.

HORLEY RINGERS' SUPPER.

The ringers and choirmen of the Horley Parish Church united for the second time for their annual supper on a recent Wednesday at the Six Bells Inn. A capital repast was placed upon the tables by Host Huey, and to this ample justice was done. The Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lewis) presided, and those present included the Rev. F. E. Watson (assistant curate), Messrs. A. Tapp (churchwarden), R. L. Norris (deputy churchwarden), J. F. Winn, G. W. Edwards, and A. Martin (sidesmen), S. Corin (organist and choirmaster), D. Tudman (organist of Charlwood Parish Church), with six ringers, all that can be mustered, and seven choirmen, together with several tradesmen.

The loyal toast was submitted from the chair, and was enthusiastically honoured.—Mr. A. Tapp, in a capital speech, proposed the toast of "The Bell Ringers," and remarked that these gentlemen gave their services to the church Sunday after Sunday absolutely without remuneration, and he was glad of the opportunity of tendering to them and to the choirmen their heartfelt recognition of their services.—Mr. A. Songhurst, in responding, said as the authorities had prohibited ringing for evening service they had only rung during the year about 15,000 changes instead of about 80,000, as in former years.

A capital musical programme was admirably sustained by Messrs. G. F. Simmons, R. S. Tobey, S. Huey, G. W. Edwards, A. Songhurst, and W. Parr, the accompaniments being played by Mr. S. Corin and Mr. D. Tudman, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association was held at Southgate on Saturday week, about 40 members being present during the afternoon and evening. The fine peal of bells were kept going to touches of many methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise, and Double Norwich Major.

At the service a short address was given by the Vicar of Southgate (the Rev. C. F. Peploe), in which he welcomed the members of the Association again to Southgate, reminding them of their calling as bell ringers, and exhorting all to do their duty in that office to the Glory of God. The names of the members who had made the supreme sacrifice during the year were read, and sympathetic reference made.

Tea was served at the Cherry Tree, followed by the business meeting, at which the chair was taken by Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., President, supported by Mr. F. A. Milne, Vice-President, the District Master (Lance-Corpl. J. Armstrong), and the hon. secretary (Sapper C. T. Coles), who was up on short leave before going to Salonica.

The Hon. Secretary presented the balance sheet, showing a balance of about £4 on the year's working, and also gave a short account of the work of the district during the year, in which he stated that six meetings were held, and were well attended. Twenty-two new members were elected, while death removed the names of ten others. The war had further depleted the ranks, and from the district officers, the Master, hon. secretary and assistant hon. secretary were all on service. Mr. Coles had during the year paid visits to Harrow, and encouraging progress had been made there with the handbells.

The retiring officers were then re-elected, with Messrs. G. B. Lucas and J. R. Sharman, Deputy Masters, and Mr. W. H. Oram, hon. secretary pro tem, while others were on service.—Seven new members were also elected.

The President made sympathetic references, and moved votes of condolence with the relatives of Lance-Corpl. W. S. Inwood, of Aldenham; Pte T. E. Loosemore, of Goodmayes; and Pte A. Cain, of the Northaw band, all killed in action; and Messrs. A. W. Grimes and Tom Watson, whose deaths have already been recorded in "The Ringing World."—This was seconded by the hon. secretary, and passed in silence, all members standing.

The President, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. F. Peploe for the warm welcome they had received that day, for the use of the bells and for the helpful address, reminded the meeting that it was the Vicar's birthday, and offered him their congratulation.

A vote of thanks was also given to Mr. J. E. Miller and the local ringers for all they had done to make the meeting a success.—This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited until 9 p.m.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The beautiful ivy-covered tower of All Saints' Church, Isleworth, which forms a picturesque object from the river, is situated on the left bank of the Thames, and when at high tide the water reaches the wall of the churchyard, the roadway at the side is rendered impassable. The place is mentioned in Domesday Book as "Gestelworde," it being afterwards called "Yhestelworde" and Isleworth; and in Queen Elizabeth's reign "Thistleworde." But for the last two centuries it has been known as Isleworth. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Champion Gill) extended a very hearty welcome to the thirty-four members of the Middlesex Association, who assembled for the annual meeting of the South and West District, and they were invited to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Gill.

The President (Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O.) braved a cold journey to be present, and everyone was pleased to see him. He thanked the Vicar for his kind and hospitable welcome (by the way, "Welcome" is always written large at Isleworth), and congratulated the members on turning up so well. He alluded to the good management of the Association, which is practically run on the "shillings" of the members, and then referred to the amount that had been subscribed to help members when in need, because it was often help just at the right time that was needed.

In the course of his reply, the Vicar gave an excellent and instructive review of the "Morning Service," pointing out how well it was based on the Bible.

Sympathetic reference was made to the recent death of Mr. Powis Lomas, J.P., and it was proposed that a message of condolence should be sent to the relatives. Since the last meeting two ringing members had also passed away: Messrs. Arthur Shepherd (Hersham) and Thomas Barker (Heston).

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. C. Chandler), when reading the minutes, reported that an average of thirty-one members had attended the various meetings held and it was proposed to have the next gathering at Heston.

The officers (including the District Master Mr. T. Beadle) were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. George Spencer, who is serving in the Royal Navy, so in his place Mr. H. W. Lidbetter becomes a member of the Central Committee.

It was thought desirable that the preparation of the annual report should be undertaken without delay, so Messrs. W. Lawrence and R.

Holloway were selected to audit the accounts, and, at the close of the meeting they at once went to work with a will, and accomplished it.

The members present came from Acton, Barnes, Brockley, Camberwell, City, Egham, Erith, Hershham, Heston, Harrow, Hounslow, Isleworth, Shepherd's Bush, Staines, Sunbury, Tunbridge Wells, Walthamstow, Willesden, and West Ealing.

Four new members were elected as follows: Messrs. G. Gigg (Egham), A. Mason (Erith), J. Rayner-Smith (Ealing), and Staff-Serjt. A. T. Verrels.

PONDOLAND MISSION BELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have not seen "The Ringing World" recently, but have just heard from a friend that you have made several references to my appeal for a bell for this Mission. So I write at once to tell you that, just before I left Scotland, I was lucky enough to get the offer of a 2 cwt. bell, which had been replaced by a set of tubes, and was lying idle. This I hope to export when the seas are safe and freights lower, and it ought to serve my purpose well. Thanking you again for publishing my appeal.—Yours faithfully,

A. ERSKINE.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EPSOM.—At Christ Church, for service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: T. Newnham 1, T. Miles 2, A. Brown 3, A. Winch 4, H. Boxall 5, R. Kendall 6. A. Dean (conductor) 7. A. P. Dixon (first quarter-peal) 8.

LAVERHAM, SUFFOLK.—Recently, on handbells, rung in the tower, 720 of Bob Minor: Stanley Smith (first 720) 1, G. Deacon 2, W. J. Roper 3, C. H. Poulson 4, A. Symonds (conductor) 5—6. Also 720 Bob Minor: C. H. Poulson 1—2, G. Deacon 3, S. Smith 4, A. Symonds (conductor) 5—6.—At 41, High Street, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: C. H. Poulson 1—2, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 3—4, A. Symonds 5—6, W. W. J. Roper 7—8. Composed by W. Shipway. Also quarter-peal of same method. Composed by the late J. P. Bradley. The first was rung on a new peal from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry (tenor size 21 in C), a grand-peal; the second on a new peal from the Loughborough Bell Foundry (tenor 2½ inches in diameter), a very musical peal. Both were purchased by Mr. W. W. J. Roper.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The following touches were rung at St. Peter's Church, for morning and evening service, on December 24th, 1916, and for Christmas Day services, 336 Stedman Triples, 288 Forward Major, 416 Double Norwich Major, 252 Erin Triples, a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, 560 Bob Major, 252 Oxford Bob Triples, 448 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 420 Grandsire Triples, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major by the following: H. Page, F. Wines, F. Lasbury, G. Cross, B. Davis, T. Hamlin, G. Wines, W. Page, T. Page, J. Cross. The conducting was shared by Tom Page and Harry Page.

HITCHIN.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: J. Hare 1, H. Day 2, C. Cannon 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, F. Furr 6, J. F. Foster (conductor) 7, H. Else 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, 720 of Bob Doubles: F. Capps (first 720 away from the tenor) 1, J. Hendry 2, H. Meadows 3, G. Lines (conductor) 4, J. Pettit 5, R. Twelvtree (first 720) 6.

BLACKPOOL, LANCs.—On Christmas Day, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, 504 Stedman Triples, in 18 mins.: Lance-Corpl. E. J. Mallard 1, Sapper S. J. White 2, Pte T. H. Reeves 3, Pte E. W. Marshall 4, Corpl. J. Lloyd 5, Lance-Corpl. F. Butler 6, Pte M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 7, T. Bolton 8.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): T. Law 1, F. J. Lancaster 2, F. Rollings 3, Sapper A. J. Richardson, R.E., 4, F. Wilford (conductor) 5.

CHESTERFIELD.—Midland Counties Association.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 485 Grandsire Caters: D. Farthing 1, A. Knights 2, G. Hollis 3, G. Davies 4, F. Jacobs 5, Gunner F. Stubbs 6, W. J. Thyng 7, T. W. Gore 8, G. Thompson 9, W. Allwood 10. In the afternoon, 1008 Stedman Triples: W. J. Thyng 1, G. Hollis 2, G. Davies 3, Gunner F. Stubbs, R.G.A., 4, A. Knights 5, T. W. Gore 6, B. A. Knights (conductor) 7, W. Allwood 8. Rung on the occasion of the 70th birthday of Mr. Farthing, an active and respected member of the local company.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Christmas Day, for 11 o'clock service, 336 Grandsire Triples: E. Pike 1, G. Cooke (conductor) 2, D. Stephens 3, A. Addicott 4, F. Evans 5, P. Jones 6, F. Boucher 7, H. Challice 8. Longest touch by all except ringers of 2 and 3.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: G. Edser 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, F. J. Shepherd 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, A. Woodrow 5, F. Shepherd 6, J. Emery 7, R. J. Polley 8.

NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th next, at six o'clock. The chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ST. PETER'S, SOUTH CROYDON.—A practice meeting at this 10-bell tower will be held on Saturday, 24th February, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All welcome.—Chas. Dean, 2, Biddulph Road, S. Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, February 24th. Ringing from 2 o'clock till dusk, meeting to follow.—T. K. Driver, Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Feb. 27th, for general business. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members, who seldom attend the meetings, to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the York Restaurant, Frimley Road, at 5.30. All ringing friends welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Harlow, St. Mary's, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available only from 4 to 6 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Church Room at 6.15 p.m. Subscriptions for 1917 are now due.—William Watts, District Sec., Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Hanslope on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow.—L. Sear, Branch Sec., 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available all day. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. J. Drake, 8, Duckels Buildings, Old Goole, on or before Tuesday, February 27th, 1s. 3d. per head.—Thos. Smith, Honorary District Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Armley, on Saturday, March 3rd, 1917. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the White Horse Hotel after the bells are ceased. The nomination of officers for the ensuing year will take place.—Wm. Barton, Honorary Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (12) available from 3.30 p.m. till dusk; business meeting to follow in Wolstenholme Hall. Subscriptions are now due. A good attendance is desired.—Leonard Brightman, Dist. Sec., *pro tem.*, 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nominations for the election of officers and one representative for the Central Council, to be elected at the annual meeting, should reach me by March 9th, in accordance with Rules 7 and 13.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. Dr. Gray Maitland (Vicar); business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than March 6th. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LONDON.—On Boxing Day, at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, City, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Horrex 1, E. Gibbs 2, E. Brett 3, J. Scholes 4, C. F. Winer 5, A. B. Peck 6, Sapper R. F. Deal 7, R. Sanders 8. Conducted by Sapper R. F. Deal, R.E., B.E.F., who was on short leave from the Somme.

NORTON, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, December 31st, for Matins, 720 Worcester Surprise: S. B. Bailey 1, W. P. Dcaue 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Lawrence (conductor) 4, F. T. Dawson 5, J. F. Ryles 6.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, December 31st, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of those who have laid down their lives in the war. The band met one short, and so the second was omitted: G. Ward 1, Rev. W. Wilkinson 3, A. Ward 4, B. Mitchell (conductor) 5, S. Maskrey 6, C. E. Hart 7, J. Pagett 8.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 31st, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Arthur Turner, who was a member of St. Giles' choir for many years: Isaac Evans (first, quarter-peal) 1, F. W. Perrens 2, W. E. Wathen (first in peal in the method away from treble) 3, E. Horton 4, J. Foster (Darlaston) 5, G. Beech 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Reed, 8.

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