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

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

I am 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.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

The position which we have the good fortune to occupy brings to our hands a larger number of the annual reports of associations throughout the country than come into the possession of most people, and we often compare them with interest, not merely as to the progress they record but also as to the value of the information they contain. In this latter respect they vary greatly but it must not be supposed that where the information is limited, it is through any lack of interest on the part of those who are responsible for the compiling of the reports. Associations, like individuals, have limited means and they have to cut their coat according to the cloth. Already with many of them the growing peal records make the printing of the annual report one of the most formidable items in the expenditure, although it is pretty generally agreed that money is well spent when a good report is the result.

Then, not only is the question of expense one of the reasons for the marked differences to be found in the various publications of this kind. There is also the difference of opinion as to what is necessary and even as to what is really useful. Naturally, from an editorial point of view, we look upon that report as best which has the fullest and most easily accessible information, not only as to the association as a body, but as to the members and to the belfries. In some cases we know of the information is profuse, but it needs much time, often, to find what is required, whereas its value as a work of reference—and after all that should be one of the objects of a report—would be vastly increased by the mere addition, perhaps, of a liberal index. It would not be altogether well to have reports too nearly standardised, but it has often occurred to us that if a model report could be drawn up, with all the best features of the existing reports incorporated, it might be of some advantage in improving some of those publications which do not at present reach that standard which a little judicious alteration would give them.

This current of thought has arisen by a perusal of the 31st Annual Report of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, which reaches a high degree of excellence in its careful arrangement, and embodies a feature which appears, we believe, in only one other association's report, and which must commend it to those who have any real interest in the bells themselves, apart from the purposes which they serve. It is a summarised history of the bells, as shown by the dates and the names of the founders, and to the student it conveys a wealth of information, without adding substantially to the cost of the production. This is a section of the report which might easily be gradually worked up by those who have not already adopted the idea, and we should like to see it carried out generally, for then there would be ready at hand a brief history of all the rings of bells in the country.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in G.

*WALTER J. RAWLINGS ... Treble	WILLIAM WHITE ... 5
FRED G. MAY ... 2	HENRY B. BURT ... 6
ALBERT STOWELL ... 3	ALFRED E. REEVES ... 7
RICHARD CLARK ... 4	ISAAC LONG ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal of Major. The above was rung muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. N. Strickland, who was a sidesman for a number of years at the above church, also secretary for over 30 years to the late Sunday School Teachers' Association.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY ... Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 5
THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 6
THOMAS RICHARDSON ... 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... 4	RICHARD W. LANGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung, with the bells fully muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Hudson, for many years belfry sidesman at this church, and formerly secretary and vice-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, who was interred at Bishopwearmouth Cemetery on this day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1—2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5—6
*RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 7—8

*Miss WINIFRED M. HAGUE ... 9—10

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Caters in hand.

SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT "GLYN GARTH,"

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CLEMENT GLENN ... 1—2	*ALBERT H. WARD ... 5—6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4	†FRED WILFORD ... 7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: J. W. SEAMER.

* First handbell peal in the method. † First handbell peal by F. Wilford, for whom it was rung as a birthday compliment.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANCES;

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

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

Umpire: A. H. HARBOUR.

This peal has 6th extent both ways.

SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At "GLYN GARTH."

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5198 CHANGES;

*ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2	CLEMENT GLENN ... 5-6
*RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 7-8
*MISS WINIFRED M. HAGGE ... 9-10	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 7-8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	GEORGE R. PYE ... 9-10
WILLIAM PYE ... 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire: W. J. NUDDS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Umpires: C. SAMPSON and E. H. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob in hand.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.
A MONTHLY COLLECTION.

We publish below a further list of the contributions to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund which have been sent in in connection with our appeal. We invite all who have not yet sent their mite to help the good cause, and we shall be only too glad to acknowledge any sum, however small.

Various useful suggestions have been made for assisting the effort, such as a "Shilling Fund." "W.K." now asks why ringers could not have a monthly collection in aid of the cause as long as the war lasts. "Admitted," he says, "a great many could not give much, but if 20,000, say, gave 3d. a month, that would be a gift worth having."

Needless to say we should be delighted if any such action could be generally taken. We should like to see some sustained effort made such as this, which is, of course, on the lines of what the Bushey Society are doing, with their weekly collection. Let us all make a great effort in this national emergency and one worthy of us as ringers.

Amount already acknowledged ...	£	s.	d.
Mr. A. W. Brighton, London ...	15	5	0
St. Mary's Ringers, Baldock, Herts (per Mr. John J. Cawdell) ...	0	2	6
Christ Church Ringers, Burbage, Buxton (per Mr. H. Kirk) ...	0	8	0
Milnrow Parish Church Ringers (per Mr. John H. C. Massey) ...	0	6	0
Parish Church Ringers, Sible Hedingham, Essex (per Mr. L. Wiseman) ...	0	10	0
	0	5	0

Worcestershire and Districts Association, collected at Northern Branch Meeting (per Mr. E. J. Dowler, Hon. Sec.) ... 1 0 0
Nuneaton Ringers (per Mr. T. W. Chapman) ... 0 10 6
"H. J." Stockport ... 0 2 0
Ringers of St. Mary's, Padbury, Bucks (per Mr. C. Gough) ... 0 5 0

£18 14 0

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The Biggleswade band has contributed three members to the Bedfordshire Yeomanry:—

Sergt. L. C. Franklin
Trpr. R. M. Spoug, and
Trpr. H. B. Smith.
Sergt. Amos Constant, of St. George's, Gravesend, Army Service Corps, at present with the colours.
Sapper W. Rowe (15,409), of St. Peter's, Croydon, A Fort-ss Co., R.E., Line of Communications, Expeditionary Force.
J. E. L. Cockey, of Rammoor, Sheffield, and hon. secretary of the Sheffield District Society, Sheffield City Battalion Yorks and Lancashire Regiment.
J. Marks, of St. Mary's, Bletchley, Royal Horse Artillery.
Edwin G. Pipe, of St. Michael's, Beccles, Oxfordshire Light Infantry.

The following is a further list of ringers who are giving their services to King and country in response to the call to arms:—

Pte. F. J. Keen, of St. Editha's, Tamworth.
Alfred Knight, of St. Nicholas', Islip, Northants, Northants Territorials.
Percy Knighton, of St. Nicholas', Islip, Lord Kitchener's new army.
Sapper C. Stapleton, of St. Peter's de Merton, Bedford, No. 1 Section, 2nd Co. East Anglian Royal Engineers, now at Farnham Park, Bury St. Edmund's.
Leader F. Brough (S), of St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent, Orderly and Dispatch carrier, stationed at Woolwich Barracks.
Walter Ryder, jun., of St. James', Birch, Manchester, 2nd Batt. 6th Manchester Territorials.
K. G. Hawkins, of Fulmer, Bucks, has enlisted in the 2nd Life Guards, Windsor.
C. H. Austin (son of Mr. J. Austin, of Gloucester), and R. N. Runham (of Reading), members of the Spitalfields Foundry Guild, have joined the Coldstream Guards, at Caterham.
Pte Arthur Duncan Davies, of St. Peter's Guild, Staunton-on-Arrow, 1st Batt. Herefordshire Territorials.
J. Elliott, of St. Mary's, Kelvedon, R.A.M.C., Aldershot.
H. Rogers, of St. Mary's, Kelvedon, Essex Regiment, Harwich.
A. Lancaster, of All Saints', Peering, Essex Regiment, Shoreham.
Sergt. Chas. Wybrow, of Fakenham, F Company 5th Batt. Norfolk Regiment, East Anglian Division.
Pte R. A. Kirby, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, East Kent Regiment.
"The Buffs" stationed at The Citadel, Dover (No. 1 section).
Pte F. A. Hull, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, 1st Herts, R.F.A., stationed at Hertford.
W. Smith, of All Saints' Loughborough band, joined Kitchener's Army.
J. Powell, of All Saints', Loughborough, Naval Reserve (called up).
Walter Greening and Fred Price, of The Coddington, Herefordshire, have joined the Territorials.
William R. Wood and Charles Mills, both of Iden, Sussex, enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, Royal Sussex Regiment, Colchester.
Percy Nash and James Wood, also of Iden, Sussex, enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, Royal Sussex Regiment, Shoreham, Sussex.
Norman Crouch, Brede, Sussex, enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army.
William Bennett, Rye, Sussex, enlisted in the (Rye) E Co. 5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regt. (Territorial Force).

RINGER WOUNDED.

Lieut.-Sergt. G. Mackman, a member of the St. Peter-at-Arches Co., Lincoln, and of the 1st Lincoln Regiment (brother of Mr. J. R. Mackman, of Southall) has been wounded in action, and has returned to England. He is now in Devonport Hospital, and progressing favourably.

WHAT WELLS HAS DONE.

The ringers of Wells are certainly doing their share in the nation's emergency. Five of their number are serving with the colours, and seven others are in the National Reserve. In addition, instead of having an annual outing, they sent five guineas to the local relief fund.

CLUN CHURCH BELLS.

DEDICATION CEREMONY.

Clun's picturesque and quaint welcome to its bells, which we recently illustrated, has aroused a widespread interest among ringers in the doings of this little Shropshire village in regard to the restoration of the peal. The bells, which were conveyed to the church with such charming ceremony, have now been successfully hung, and, as briefly mentioned in our last issue, were, on Wednesday of last week, formally dedicated, together with the clock and font cover. The work has been carried out in conjunction with the restoration of the church tower, and completes the restoration of the church which was commenced some 40 years ago. The work which has been done represents a great deal of self-denying effort, but the parishioners have rallied loyally to the assistance of the Vicar and the church authorities, and the big undertaking has been successfully carried out. Among those who have worked indefatigably to secure the renovation and augmentation of the bells has been Mr. W. Mead, and he has written the following interesting history of the bells of the village:—

THE STORY OF THE BELLS.

It is very probable that Clun Church was one of the first in this part of the country to have a peal of bells. Early in the 15th century there were many sets of three or four bells each, but few of a greater number. Before the tower was destroyed by fire in the civil war there appears to have been four bells in it, as mentioned in the Brief issued in 1665-6, which says "the steeple with four large bells . . . utterly destroyed." These were no doubt melted, as a portion of bell metal was found some 35 or 40 years ago, and made into bearings for a lathe, and several small pieces have been dug up during the present tower restoration. In 1668 a peal of five bells was hung after the re-building of the tower in 1667 and another added, probably as a thanksgiving bell, in 1681 to complete the peal to six, part of the cost as inscribed on the bell, being defrayed by the Vicar at that time, the Rev. Joseph Jackson, so that Clun was conspicuous for its bells 246 years ago. During all these years that the bells had done duty, and no doubt been rung for many a victory on land and sea, very little repairs had been done to frames or fittings so that at last they had become quite unringable, and had remained so for some 25 or so years. Several attempts had been made during that time to raise funds for rehanging, and it was eventually therefore decided to dispatch the old six bells to the Whitechapel Foundry and have them recast, increased in weight and two new trebles added to complete the octave, the founders' marks and quaint inscriptions on the old six bells being faithfully reproduced on the new peal with the addition of the words, "Recast by M. and S., 1914." The new treble is the gift of the Creswell family. The cost of the second bell is defrayed by subscription. The weight of the new tenor is 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs., the total weight of the new peal being 63 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. The work of recasting the old six and the addition of the two new trebles was entrusted to the noted bell founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have produced a very musical peal in every way worthy of the church. The repairs and enlargements to the old oak frame, and the hanging of the new peal with entirely new fittings, was placed in the hands of Messrs. Day and Son, Eye, Suffolk, who have carried it out very satisfactorily.

THE INSCRIPTIONS.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—
 Tenor.—God Save the King. Thomas Powell, Edward Bowen C W 1668.
 7th.—Soli Deo Gloria Pax Hominibus, 1668.
 6th.—Sing We Merily Peace Bee To Clun, 1668.
 5th.—Jesus Bee Our Good Speede, 1668.
 4th.—All Praise And Glory Be To God For Ever. T P E. B. C W of Clun 1668.
 3rd.—John Latward Richard Bowen Wardens 1681 Pearle Of This Is The Gift Of Joseph Jackson.
 2nd.—A D 1914. R. D. Machen, M.A., Vicar. G. Townsend, W. Darroll, Wardens. "Woe Is Unto Me, If I Preach Not The Gospel."
 Treble.—To The Glory of God and in Memory of Clara Creswell, Who Died July 17, 1886, Te Deum Laudamus.

A small bell, which has long lain unused at Trinity Hospital, has been lent by the Trustees to the Parish Church, and has been hung in the Tower. Its history is uncertain: possibly it is the old Sacring Bell, originally belonging to the Parish Church: the inscription is

MAI : NO : BETUR : BEL BE : MAD OF BRAS

The tower under the capable superintendence of the architect, Mr. Stallybass, has been thoroughly restored from the base to the summit, the foundations under-pinned and the buttresses strengthened the work having been most satisfactorily carried out. It is interesting to record that it was proposed to have the bells scheme as a memorial of Her Majesty's Queen Victoria's Jubilee (1887). A petition signed by almost every parishioner was taken round by Messrs. J. G. Buchanan and W. Mead, but later it was felt that an organ was a more imperative need, and the bells scheme was postponed. Another meritorious effort was made in the Diamond Jubilee year, but that unfortunately proved unsuccessful. Now the Vicar, clergy, churchwardens and parishioners feel devoutly grateful at the successful development of the various schemes, and have reason to be proud of possessing in their midst a House of God fully worthy of the ancient traditions of the Anglican Communion, the town and county.

THE CEREMONY.

The dedication service was largely attended, and in the absence of the Bishop and the Archdeacon of Ludlow, the ceremony was performed by the Rural Dean (the Rev. E. W. Brown, of Bedstone). The Rev. V. A. Creswell, of St. Weonards, represented the Creswell family, and numerous local clergy were present. The members of the Parish Council also attended, and the service was intoned by the Rev. G. D. Macpherson. The Vicar read the lesson, and the address was given by the Rev. W. G. Clark Maxwell, of Bridgnorth, who, basing his remarks on Psalm c. i, said that was a great and notable day in the history of Clun. It would be a folly to say it was the most notable or the greatest day, but certainly it would rank amongst the great days that had been. That was a great day more than 1,000 years ago when men first built that sanctuary in Clun to the honour of Almighty God and continuously for public worship till that day. But the church of to-day was not the church of that bygone day. It was a great day for Clun when those stately arches were framed and men re-built in that more noble and skilful fashion they had learnt that House of God to His honour and glory. Another great day was almost 800 years ago when after the turmoil and upheaval of the civil wars the church was reopened for divine worship. Another great day was when the bells were put in the tower. It was a great day when 35 years ago the church was re-opened after restoration. The restoration of the tower was the completion of the whole scheme, which they celebrated that day. Their ancient massive tower had been restored to its solidity without losing its ancient character. May that tower be a landmark to all the country round and a silent reminder of heavenly things to the district for another 1,000 years. May the bells ring out 1,000 years of war and ring in a thousand years of peace. May they as the clock ticked away the flight of time value more and more the preciousness of time and remind them of eternity. The font cover kindly given through the generosity of Archdeacon Oldham and the clock, and the bells the generous gifts of kindly donors, the church organ were all things solemnly dedicated to God's service. May they stimulate them all the greater to praise God in His holiness and praise Him in the firmament of His power.

The offertory was devoted to the Restoration Fund.

THE RINGERS.

The congregation dispersed while the bells rang out merrily. Six scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Triples were rung, among those taking part being: Rev. V. A. Creswell, Vicar of St. Weonards; Rev. H. J. Scott, Clun; Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master, Hereford Diocesan Guild); Mr. Day, Eye, Suffolk; Mr. A. Hughes, London; Mr. W. Mead, Clun; Messrs. W. R. Nash, A. Chester (Ludlow), O. Minton, G. Robinson, Em. Beddoes, S. Pearce (Bishop's Castle), G. W. Roberts (Clun); G. Matthews, P. Lockley (Leintwardine), Hall (Church Stretton), H. Sheppard (Wolverhampton), and others.

The festival was continued on the Sunday, and at the morning service the preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A. (Master of the Oxford Guild), who gave a very impressive address in which he urged the new band of ringers to set a high standard of ringing and work hard to reach it. The preacher in the evening was the Rev. A. E. Ll. Kenyon, M.A. (Rector of Ludlow), and formerly Vicar of Clun. Both sermons were listened to by large congregations.

The offertories, for the bells fund, amounted to £34 0s. 1d.

The new bells were rung for an hour before the four services, and after the evening service. Mr. Hughes, of London, very kindly stayed over the week-end, and greatly assisted the new band, while the Rev. V. A. Creswell, Mr. A. Chester, Mr. C. Evans and Mr. Robt. Marston (Oaker) also took part, the latter conducting a few 120's of Doubles. The principal conducting, however, was done by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who expressed himself well pleased with the new peal.

It is not uninteresting to note that included in the ringers who opened Clun's new peal were:—

One Justice of the Peace.
 Two Masters of Guilds.
 Three Members of Central Council.
 Six Members of Guilds Committees.

PEACE BELL.

NEW USE FOR RUGBY SCHOOL'S BIG BELL.

The magnificent service bell which Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have recently placed in Rugby School, and which is admirably illustrated on another page, is now being rung each day at noon as a "peace bell." The first occasion upon which it was so used was on Tuesday of last week, when, at Dr. David's invitation, it was rung by Mr. James George, Master of the Warwickshire Guild, and will continue to be rung under his direction for a time. The bell has been installed by the family of the late Rev. Charles and Mrs. Elsee. Its weight is 64 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs., it measures 5ft. 9½in. in diameter, and the note is B flat. It is probably the largest school bell in the country. The Elsee Memorial Bell is the largest in Warwickshire, with the two exceptions of the Birmingham University bell, which weighs six tons, and the bell at the Birmingham Town Hall, which is about four tons in weight. The bell is inscribed: "In remembrance of Charles and Mary Anne Elsee, their children gave me to Rugby School." The School coat of arms and the School motto, "Orando Laborando," are also engraved on the bell, together with the date (1914) and the name of the founders, Messrs. John and Denison Taylor, of Loughborough. In tone it is deep and musical.

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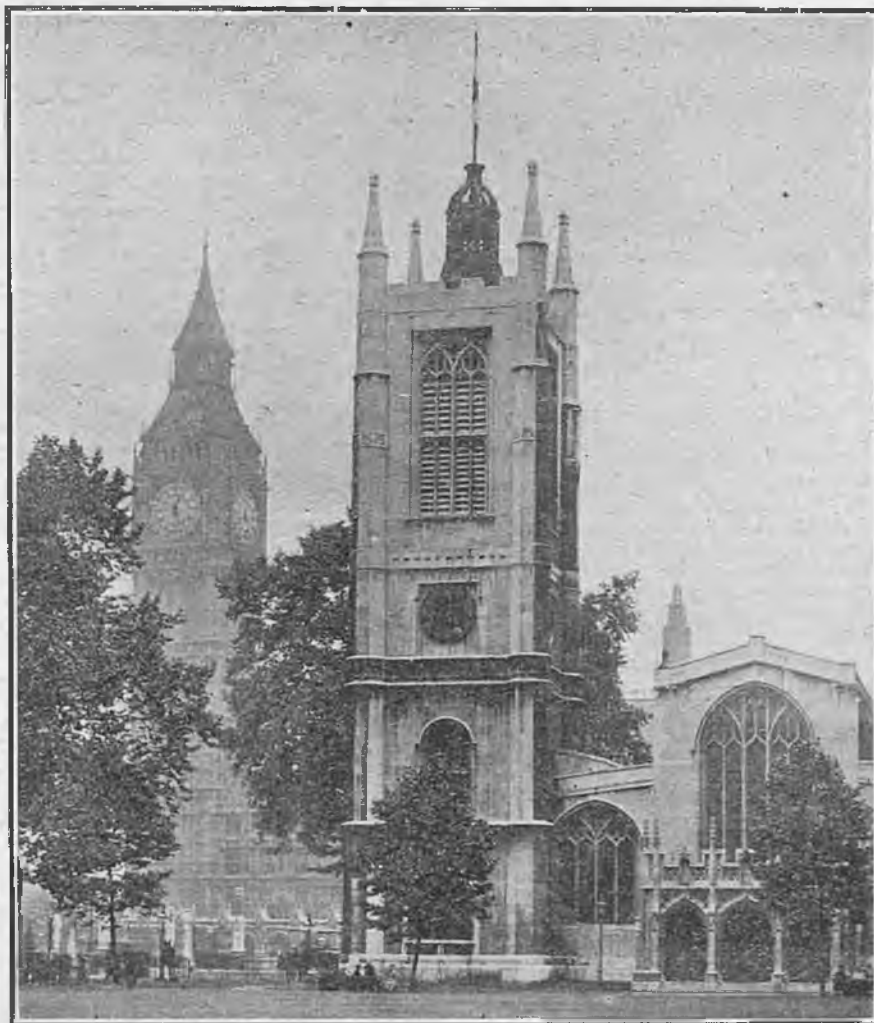
By J. R. JERRAM.

The earliest mention of the bells at St. Margaret's that I can discover is in 1527, when there appear to have been five bells. An old record gives the weights thus:—

"The first bell weith	- - - - c:ccc lb.
The second	- - - - cccccxxi lb.
The third	- - - - dcccvi lb.
The fourth	- - - - mx lb.
The fifth	- - - - mcccccxij lb.

weighing xlviii lb.—£10 os. od." In 1670 we find that Michael Darbie cast two bells, for which he was paid £47 10s. od. Among the early payments for ringing we find in 1553, "Paid for bread and drink on Ash Wednesday to the ringers at the victory and overthrow of Wyatt and his adherents, 8d." Previous to this, in 1548, we find "Paid to the King's amner, when he would have sealed up the Church Doors at the departure of the King's majesty the 2nd day of July, because the bells were not rung—2s. 4d."—In 1586, "Paid for ringing at the beheading of the Queen of Scotts—1s. od." And again in 1605, "Paid the ringers for ringing at the time when the Parliament house should have been blown up, 10s."

The present peal, tenor 26 cwt., was cast in 1739, as a



Sum of the weight of all the bellis - mmmmdccij lb."

In 1593 we find further records of the weights of the bells then in existence, among which we may notice that "the broken tennor waied mdcxxi lb. weight." It appears that the bells, or some of them, had been recast in 1592, but were not a success; for in 1593 we find that these bells were recast to replace those "falsely and deceitfully made by Valentine Trevor" in the previous year. Later on we find "Paid to Mr. Moat (i.e. Robert Mott) the first of November 1597 for new casting of the fourth bell, weying mdciii quarters (i.e., 16 cwt. 3 qrs.) and for a new clapper

peal of eight, by Samuel Knight, of the Holborn foundry! The two trebles were added in 1761 by Lester and Pack, who recast the tenor at the same time. The eighth and ninth have since been recast.

The inscriptions at the present time are as follows:—

Treble.

LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1761.

Second.

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Third.

S . . . K . . . 1739.

Fourth.




S...K...1739.

Fifth.

S...K...1739.

Sixth.

S...K...1739.

*Seventh.*ROBERT CATLIN FECIT, 1739  *  * *Eighth.*Mr. THOS. HATCH & GEORGE STUBBS,
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TER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT  [arms, 2 daggers saltire surmounted by letter D.]

I may here observe that Robert Catlin, whose name appears as founder of the seventh bell, was bell-hanger to Samuel Knight, and afterwards succeeded him in the business.

The first true peal of Grandsire Triples rung here in 1751 is thus recorded on a tablet:—

"Sunday, July 7th, 1751, The Society of Union Scholars rang in this Steeple with two singles the first true and complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Tripples, which peal was performed in 3 hours and 15 minutes, by the following persons:

JAMES DAVIS Treble	JAMES VICKERS Fifth
JAMES ALBION Second	JAMES NEWBY Sixth
JACOB HALL Third	JOHN LLOYD Seventh
THOMAS JACKSON Fourth	GEO. FLEURY & ED. DAVIS Tenor

This peal was composed and called by JOHN HOLT.
Captain Nicholas Spencer }
and Mr. William Goff } Churchwardens."

I must here observe that Mr. John Holt did not ring himself in this peal, but sat on a chair in the belfry and conducted the same.

The following peals were also rung here by the Union Scholars before the peal was augmented to ten bells. All were conducted by John Holt.

October 27th, 1747,—5040 Bob Major.

July 9th, 1749,—6000 Bob Major.

July 8th, 1750,—5040 Double Bob Major.

March 14th, 1750,—5120 Union Bob.

February 16th, 1752,—5040 Court Bob.

I regret to say that I have no copies of tablets recording more recent peals. Perhaps someone else will kindly supply these if any exist.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGER'S DEATH.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. Walter German, a member of the Irtlingborough, Northants, band, who passed away recently at the early age of 26 years, after a short illness, the deceased being a victim of consumption. The deceased rang his first peal, one of Double Norwich, in December, 1908, and had rung 25 peals altogether, as follows: Bristol Surprise 2, London Surprise 4, Cambridge Surprise 1, Superlative Surprise 4, Double Norwich Major 12, Stedman Triples 2.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week, the mortal remains being laid to rest in the cemetery, four of the deceased's fellow ringers acting as bearers. In the evening the members of the local company gathered at the Parish Church, and, with the bells deeply muffled, rang 832 London Surprise Major: J. Mawby 1, A. Perkins 2, J. Ward 3, H. Horn 4, J. Houghton 5, W. Perkins 6, A. Tyler (conductor) 7, J. Garratt 8.

DEATH OF A SOMERSET RINGER.**CLOSE OF A LONG AND ACTIVE CAREER.**

The Bath and Wells Association has lost one of its first and most active members by the death of Mr. Henry Moore, of Minehead. The deceased, who was 60 years of age, contracted a severe illness some time ago, from which he partially recovered, but a second attack proved fatal, and despite every medical attention and nursing care, he succumbed in Dunster Hospital. Mr. Moore, who was an old inhabitant of Minehead, was a gardener by trade, and gained some celebrity in horticulture in the county by his successes at the various important shows, where he invariably carried off prizes against strong competition.

It was, however, as a change ringer that he was best known and valued among a large circle of friends. For nearly forty years he was a member of the Minehead Parish Church company, and when some years ago a great impetus in the diocese was given to the science of change ringing, chiefly through the exertions of the late Rev. J. U. Todd, and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers was later formed, Mr. Moore joined the society, of which he remained a member up to the day of his death. He studied change ringing to such an effect as to become the leading ringer of the district. His help was always freely given, when asked for, at all meetings for the purpose of change ringing, and with others he took a leading part in spreading a knowledge of the art among any anxious to learn. He was also himself a composer of peals, in the various methods known to ringers, often conducting at some one or other of the churches in the neighbourhood peals of his own composing. Owing to a disagreement some six years ago between Mr. Moore and the Minehead Guild, he severed his connection with the tower with which he had been so long associated. Since that time he devoted his energies to instructing young ringers in the neighbourhood, and at Carhampton, where he did much good work, his presence will be greatly missed. Mr. Moore took part in 85 peals on tower bells, and one handbell peal for the Bath and Wells Association. Of this number he conducted 43, his last peal being one of seven 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor rung at Timberscombe last March on his 60th birthday.

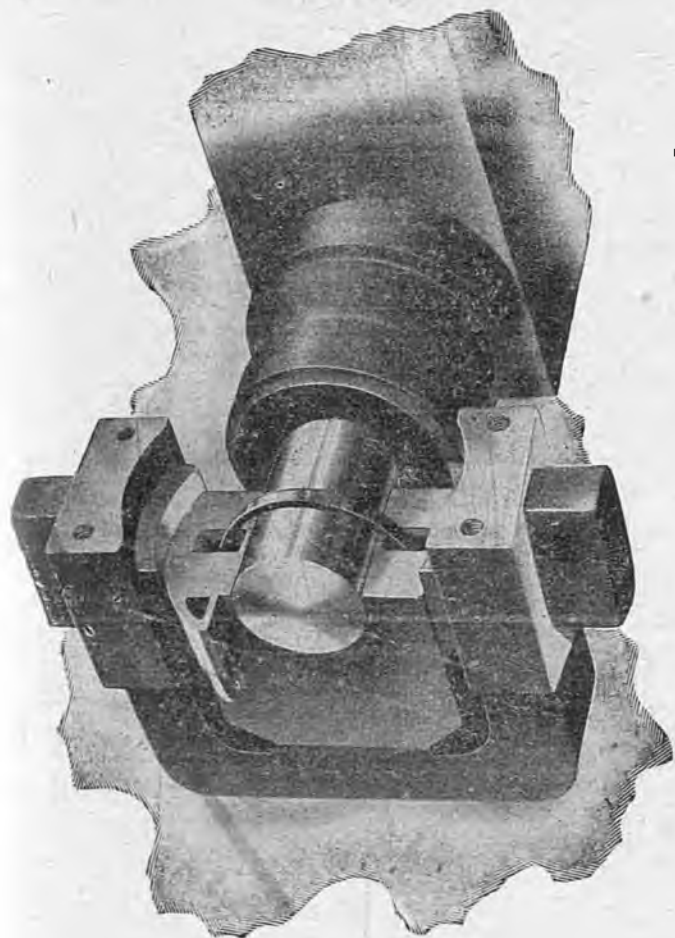
The funeral was attended by a large number of ringers, the first portion of the service being conducted at St. Andrew's Church by the Rev. Preb. Sainsbury. The hymn, "Rock of Ages," was sung, and as the funeral procession passed out of the church the organist, Mr. Walton Evans, played the "Dead March" from "Saul." At the cemetery, where the interment took place, the Rev. B. Smith officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Arthur, Bert, Walter, Harry, Leonard, Harold, and Wilfred Moore (sons), Miss Moore and Mrs. F. Hole (daughters), and Mr. Arthur Moore (brother). The bearers were the following members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers: Messrs. J. Farmer, R. Farmer, E. Parker and J. Watts, all of Carhampton; W. Hoyle, Minehead; and W. Bennett, Nettlecombe. In front also walked other members, viz., Messrs. J. J. Hole, Dunster; A. J. Chilcott, Withycombe; J. Sully, Stogumber; J. Kent, Selworthy; and G. Stacey, Minehead (hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Association); with the Rev. A. A. Brockington, Carhampton (president of the branch). In the evening some of the ringers, by permission of the Vicar, rang muffled touches on the Carhampton bells. Some beautiful flowers were placed upon the grave, including wreaths from various bodies of ringers in the district.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western District was held under favourable conditions at Bugley, when upwards of 50 members and friends were present. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in a variety of touches, ranging from Bob Major to Double Norwich. After the committee meeting at the Church House, a substantial meal was partaken of at the Assembly Rooms.—The business meeting followed, the President (Mr. G. Bolland) being in the chair, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. P. J. Johnson), members of the committee, etc. The business was largely of a routine character, the chief points settled being the date of the next quarterly meeting, viz., Saturday, 5th December. No invitations being received, the venue was left to the committee to select.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the Church House committee for placing the Church House at the disposal of the members for the day, was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. J. Ambler.—In the absence of the Vicar and churchwardens, Mr. W. Foster responded.—Mr. J. Cotterill proposed, and Mr. F. W. Dixon seconded, a vote of thanks to the local company, and the ladies who helped at the tea table.—Mr. Walker, of the local company, ably replied.—Handbell ringing was afterwards indulged in at the Church House, and brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

THE LATE MR. S. REEVES.

The following contributions towards the memorial tablet to the late Mr. S. Reeves are acknowledged with thanks: Messrs. J. Carter, 5s.; per R. P. Brindley, 5s.; J. George, Jno. Smith, A. Walker, 2s. 6d. each.—Hon. Treasurer, Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.



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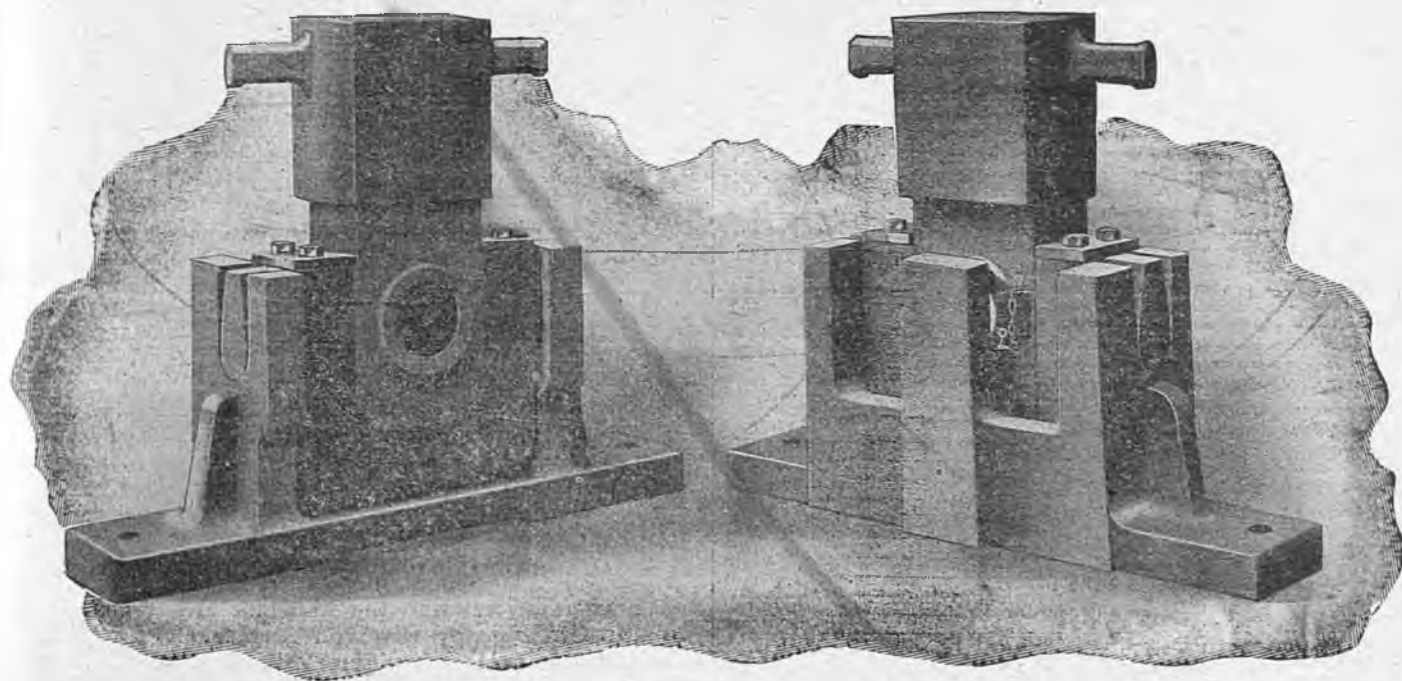
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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**HELP FOR THE RELIEF FUND.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Cradley on Saturday last. Owing to the crisis through which we are passing, the attendance was under the average, but, still, it was very satisfactory, about 40 members being present from Old Hill, Halesowen, Wollaston, Stourbridge, Clent, Brierley Hill, Erdington, Hagley, Smethwick, Netherton, Oldswinford, Wordsley, Rowley, Selly Oak, and the local company. By the kind permission of the Vicar, the bells were open for ringing, a facility which was much appreciated. During the afternoon and evening touches were rung in Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Treble Bob and London Surprise.

At the service, which was choral, the address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Bennett), who prefaced his address by extending a hearty welcome to the Association at Cradley. They were, however, he said, under a cloud at present, but they all hoped it would not be for long. Basing his address on the text, "Do all to the Glory of God," he said in ringing there was a great deal of pleasure, but in learning to ring one had got to make a great deal of sacrifice to become proficient, and it took not one or two months, but many to become proficient in the art. Ringing brought out the character and perseverance of the men who took part in it. It taught people patience and developed the mind. At the same time their first object should be to ring the bells to the glory of God. The purpose of bell ringing was to call people to worship, and to be out of the hearing of the bells made the Sabbath, to his mind, un-English. Sunday was never meant to be a gloomy day. It was a day of rest and a day of worship. It should keep away gloom and sadness, and it always gave him the greatest of pleasure to see the bell ringers in their place on Sundays, doing their duty to the glory of God.—The address was very much appreciated by the members.

After the service tea, which had been kindly provided by anonymous donors, was much enjoyed, numerous ladies looking after the wants of the visitors.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided.—A letter from Mr. S. Grove (the Master of the Northern Branch) was read, in which he stated that he hoped the news from the front would be such that not only would the bells be rung but that they also would be fired.

Halesowen was selected for the next meeting in January.—Mr. S. Grove was re-elected Ringing Master; Mr. J. Pigott, representative on the Central Committee; and Mr. Jas. Dowler, secretary and treasurer.—In moving a vote of thanks to the officers, Mr. A. E. Parsons paid a very high compliment to the work of the secretary, which was very much appreciated.—The Vicar and churchwardens were elected hon. members.—It was reported that Mr. David Heathcock, of Oldswinford, was serving with the Durham Light Infantry, and that Mr. W. J. Brotherton, of Wollaston, and Messrs. Hodgkiss and Cook, of Brierley Hill, had also responded to the call to arms.—A collection on behalf of the Prince of Wales' National Fund was made, and resulted in £1 being forwarded through the Editor of the "Ringing World."—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for arranging the service, and for his address, and to the donors of the tea, and this brought to a close a meeting, which, under the circumstances, was a fairly satisfactory one.

TERRITORIALS' SUNDAY AFTERNOON EXCURSION.

Writing from Bustard Camp, Salisbury Plain, Sergeant C. H. Russell, of A Company, 4th Hants Regiment, sends an account of a little trip arranged by some of the Territorials while in camp as a proof of what may be done under difficulties. We had heard, he says, that a nice ring of six bells were available to Territorials at Amesbury, a village seven miles from our camp. A party of us arranged to walk there on Sunday last, and we had a most enjoyable time. Passing Stonehenge on the way, we arrived at Amesbury about 4 o'clock, and, after having tea, went aloft. With the help of Mr. F. Precey (Salisbury) the following rang two courses of Bob Minor: Lcc.-Corpl. C. Bunch 1, Pte G. Pullinger 2, Pte G. Butler 3, F. Precey 4, Corpl. Worsfold 5, Sergt. C. Russell (conductor) 6. Afterwards a local man, J. Thorn, rang the treble to a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by F. Precey. Then we got home three six-scores of Stedman, and, to finish up, the following all-Territorial band rang a six-score: Pte C. Butler 1, Lcc.-Corpl. C. Bunch 2, Pte G. Butler (conductor) 3, Sergt. C. Russell 4, Corpl. Worsfold 5, Sergt. Mells 6. We gained the following information about the bells from one of the local men. The treble and fifth were cast in 1619, the second and 3rd in 1723. The fourth was recast in 1800, and the tenor in 1880 by Warner and Sons. The tenor is a fine-toned bell, and the ring, with the addition of two trebles, would make a splendid octave. The tenor is 22 cwt. As we had to be in camp by 9.30 we started on our return journey almost immediately, and dropped on to a bit of luck, in the shape of a motor lorry, which took us to within a mile and a half of our camp, after enjoying a very nice Sunday-afternoon. Our best thanks are due to the Vicar of Amesbury, and also the local ringers, who kindly stood aside to let us ring.

By a typographical error in our article last week on the Six Greatest Men in Ringing History, the name of the late Mr. Jasper Snowden appeared as Joseph Snowden.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD," to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

Matter intended for publication should reach the Editor not later than *first post* on Tuesday morning, but all reports should be sent in *as early as possible*. Records of peals rung after Saturday will be accepted up to Wednesday morning *first post*, although insertion is not guaranteed in the same week's issue.

Re CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, ESQ., PRESENTATION.—SPECIAL NOTICE.—A special general meeting of all Sheffield and District Ringers will be held at The Yorkshireman's Arms, Burgess Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 26th, 1914, at 8.30 p.m., to discuss important business and arrange for presentation of the illuminated address at an early date.—Frank Willey, Secretary, 110, Peter Street, Sheffield.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sept. 29th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; both at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the War the officials of this Association announce that the meeting arranged for Sept. 26th, 1914, at Stoberley and Carlton will not be held, and they believe that the members will approve of this.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Matthias Church, Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, October 3rd, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in schoolroom at 7.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bearsted, on Saturday, October 10th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, to be kindly provided by the Vicar. All intending to attend should send their names by October 3rd to the District Secretary, Rev. K. A. Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the annual subscription is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

In the quiet village of Shenstone (near the Cathedral city of Lichfield), the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held its autumn meeting on Saturday last, when many towers were represented—though the number of members who attended was not as great as might have been hoped. However, those who were present had no need to regret it, as a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Ringing began at 3 o'clock, and continued until 5.30, when a short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. E. Molloy) gave an interesting address.—At the committee meeting, 16 members were enrolled, and the next meeting fixed for the second week in January, at Coseley.—Tea was served at the Fox and Hounds, when upwards of 30 sat down.—Votes of thanks were afterwards accorded the Vicar, organist, and choir boys.—In response, the Vicar expressed the hope that he might have the pleasure of meeting the company again ere long.—Train time arrived all too quickly, and necessitated a rather hurried departure.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The 31st annual report of the society has just been placed in the hands of the members, and is of a satisfactory nature. One extremely interesting feature in its compilation is the particulars which are given as to the steeples in the Archdeaconry. In the case of all towers containing five or more bells, not only is the dedication, the weight and the practice night given when practicable, but also summarised particulars of the dates and founders of all the bells, which makes a very interesting historical record.

The committee's report records the fact that the past year has been, in many respects, one of decided progress. The society has enrolled fifty-one new resident ringing members, eight non-resident life members, and three honorary members. The number of non-resident ringing members, who include the Revs. W. V. Chilwell and A. Partridge, Vicars of King's Bromley and Great Barr respectively, easily constitutes a record—at any rate since 1888—the previous highest being 32 in 1908-09. The number of towers, which include members belonging to the society is 31, an increase of four over last year's number. The total membership now stands at 382.

The report calls attention to the decision to revert in future to the arrangement of former years, and to again hold the annual meeting in June. It also comments on the successful cycle runs which have been arranged and held. In peal ringing several local bands had come into prominence, notably among whom were Wood Green, with Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major; All Saint's, West Bromwich, Stedman Triples; St. Giles', Willenhall, Grandsire Triples; St. Editha's, Tanworth, Stedman Triples; St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Grandsire Caters and Cinques. Other noteworthy performances were Bob Maximus and Double Norwich Caters, at Wolverhampton; and Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Walsall. These latter peals were the first rung for the society.

The statement of accounts shows that the balance in hand had been increased from £22 1s. 5d. in March, 1913, to £28 15s. 6d. in June, 1914.

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