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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,  
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## MODERN WORK.

### OUR CHURCH BELLS.

In the brief reminder to be found in our notice columns this week from the hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association we see the promise of the introduction into the already bulky volume, which constitutes the annual report of this organisation, of a catalogue of the bells of the county of broad acres. The subject is one which we advocated a few weeks ago, and we are extremely glad to see that such an important association is taking up the compilation of this valuable as well as useful information, which has been included, also, for the first time in the annual report of the Warwickshire Guild, that has just been issued. Thus there are at least four leading associations which publish, or contemplate publishing, lists of the towers, with the founders and dates of the bells, and other particulars, in the area under their jurisdiction, and the information thus collected is certainly interesting.

We, as ringers, are proud of our ancient bells, but how often do we ring in a tower and come away again without any knowledge of the instruments we have been using, beyond that which our own experience has given us as to the quality of the tone, or the "go," about which we are not infrequently most concerned? Everyone, of course, is not interested in the antiquarian side of our bells, but, where other things are equal, there must be more interest in ringing upon bells which have sounded from the tower for centuries than upon a peal of no special merit put in, say, five and twenty years ago. We cherish relics of the past, whatever they may be, and we handle them with a special care and feeling of reverence. This feeling, we are sure, animates ringers where ancient bells are concerned, but, speaking generally, there is a great lack of information as to bell history among the average members of the Exercise. An increased interest in the bells themselves must lead to an increased interest in the ringing of them, and one simple way of interesting the ringers in the bells is to give them information which can be easily supplied through the medium of the annual reports, as is done in the case of the societies already mentioned.

For the information of those who have not had the pleasure of seeing the tabulated details it may be said that the Warwickshire Guild's report, which is typical of the others, gives the name of the place, the dedication of the church, the number of bells, the weight of the tenor, the practice night, and the methods rung, and the founder and the date of each bell — a splendidly compact directory of all the towers in the county, whether affiliated or not. The labour of compiling this information cannot be very great, especially when, as has been done in Yorkshire, a

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carefully prepared skeleton schedule has been sent to each tower. We hope soon to learn that this idea of embodying such interesting particulars in the annual reports has been adopted by all the associations, so that, between them, there will be an authentic and complete record of all the peals of bells in the country. Now, when other ringing affairs are slack, is a time when the work might well be put in hand.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD  
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR MARLOW ... .. Treble	EDWIN J. TYLER ... .. 5
EDWARD HORTIN ... .. 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7
THOMAS HILL ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. REED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of those who have laid down their lives in the war.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES SHAW (Hyde) ... .. Treble	WILFRID J. MOSS (Stretford) 5
GEO. E. TURNER (Pendleton) 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD (Worsley) 6
GEORGE PINCOTT (Bolton) 3	JOHN POTTER (Walkden) 7
*JOHN MYLES (Eccles) ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER (Eccles) ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by J. POTTER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Barratt, for a number of years tower keeper.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN POTTER ... .. 5
*GEORGE E. TURNER ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 6
JOSEPH LOWE ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7
GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

\* 150th Association peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Barratt, Vice-President of the Association.

### HANDBELL PEALS.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
In the Lobby of St. Saviour's Church,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's each of College Single and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

CHARLES BENNETT ... .. 1-2	RICHARD KEARON ... .. 3-4
ARTHUR HADLEY ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

Witness: WINIFRED HADLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hadley, whose birthdays fall on the 1st and 10th respectively.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,  
At 11, VICTORIA ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

FRANK PIGGINS ... .. 1	STANLEY ERNEST ANDREWS ... 3-4
ARTHUR WM. WENLOCK ... 2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Rung as a farewell peal to Messrs. Thomas Banham and Ralph Narborough, who have gone to fight for their country.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. 1-2	ERNEST PYE ... .. 7-8
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3-4	*JOHN THOMAS ... .. 9-10
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand."

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.  
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
At LAMBERTON LODGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's with six callings.

CHARLES BENNETT ... .. 1-2	RICHARD KEARON ... .. 3-4
ARTHUR HADLEY ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by RICHARD KEARON.

Witness: MRS. A. HADLEY.

First peal as conductor by Richard Kearon. This is also believed to be the first double-handed peal conducted by an Irishman resident in Ireland.

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

On Saturday, November 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,  
At THE BROTHERHOOD CLUB,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON ... 1-2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	*GEORGE STEERE ... .. 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: HARRY CHECKETTS.

\* First handbell peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,  
At KING EDWARD VI GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17, in A.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	*MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, MRS. YVONNE ELOIE-SELONE,  
and J. T. LEE.

\* First peal. Mrs. Hazelden is the first Guildford lady to ring a peal, and was heartily congratulated at the conclusion.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Church St. Giles', on Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning and evening services respectively, 720 Chester and 720 Cambridge, with the bells half-muffled: F. Parr 1, H. Greaves 2, T. A. Howes Smith 3, G. Burnham 4, W. H. Turton 5, C. Severn (conductor) 6.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.  
THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further donations have been received towards the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	49	4	6
Ringers of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool (per Mr. J. Fawcett)	0	11	0
The Arklow Guild of the Irish Association (Rev. Canon Hallowes, Rev. J. Harrison, Messrs. A. O. Hood, C. Evans, H. Hoyle, R. Prestage, S. Forde, W. Bailey, C. Bennett, R. Kearon and A. Hadley) (per Mr. A. Hadley)	0	11	0
St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington (per Mr. W. E. Garrard)	1	0	0
Total	£51	6	6

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers now serving with the Forces of the Crown:—

Sergt. G. Hardwick, of St. Mary's, Brecon, 1st Batt. Brecknockshire Regiment (T), en route for Aden.  
Pte W. White, of St. Lawrence, Stroud, 3rd Reserve Battalion South Wales Borderers, now at Brecon.  
Pte J. P. Fidler, of Norbury, Cheshire, 9th Batt. Royal Scots, now at Olympia, Edinburgh.  
Pte Reginald Horsfall, of Whitworth Parish Church, Lancs, Lancashire Fusiliers, now at Grantham.  
Pte A. Martin, of St. Leonards, Walton-le-Dale, Preston, Army Service Corps (T), now at Southport.  
Q.-M.-S. F. Edwards, of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, Kent, 5th "Buffs."  
Wheeler H. Swaffer, of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, Army Service Corps.  
Pte E. Lutman, St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Fenny Camp, Co. Tyrone.  
J. C. Milligan, St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, R.A.M.C., Portobello Barracks, Dublin.  
Corpl. Geo. R. Head, of Writtle, R.F.A., now at Woolwich.  
Major C. O. H. Hughes D'Aeth, and  
A. Hussey, of Kingston Magna, Dorset, 4th Batt. Dorset Regt., gone to India.  
Bomb. C. Rae, of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, 31st Battery, R.F.A.  
Pte F. Robson (359), of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, B Co. N.E.R., Northumberland Fusiliers, now at Hull.  
Geo. Moody, St. Oswald's, Wragby, Yorks, 3rd West Riding, R.F.A. Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C., now at Sheffield.  
Charles Sheriff, and  
Frederick E. Waldron, of Clent, R.A.M.C., 51st Field Ambulance, now at Tidworth.  
Walter Seymour, and  
Ernest Wilson, of the Long Stanton company, Kitchener's Army.  
T. G. Spring, of St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, Army Pay Corps.  
J. Rendall, Benenden, Kent, Motor Ambulance Driver.  
A. Stevenson, Hawkhurst, Kent (late Sergeant in the Cinque Port Volunteers), with the National Reserve.  
Paul Hallowes, and  
Edgar Keen, of Arklow, Ireland, South Irish Horse.  
Albert Edward Taylor, and  
Harold Evans, of Stoke-on-Trent, 5th North Staffs Reserve, now at Buttern.

The following have joined the Forces from the Wisbech company:—  
Fred Hotson, Canadian Regiment.  
Ralph Narborough, Cambridgeshire Regiment.  
Thomas Banham, King's Own, Norfolk Yeomanry.

VISIT TO CAMP.

At the invitation of Staff-Sergt. T. Jakeman, three members of the St. Mary's, Lewisham, band, paid a visit to Maresfield Park, Sussex, where the 4th London Howitzer Brigade are in camp. In the afternoon 360 Bob Minor was rung at the Maresfield Parish Church, in which the visitors were joined by members of the local band: C. H. Walker 1, J. A. Hart 2, R. Billings 3, H. Barrett 4, T. Jakeman 5, H. Warnett (conductor) 6. In the evening 672 Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, Uckfield: F. Wren 1, F. Tester 2, O. H. Walker 3, H. Warnett 4, H. Barrett 5, T. Jakeman 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, P. Marchant 8.

**"ALWAYS CHEERY, RELIABLE AND BRAVE."****RINGERS KILLED AND WOUNDED.**

We regret to announce the death of Corpl. Ernest Barton, of St. Peter's Society, Ashton-under-Lyne, who was killed in action near Lille, at daybreak on October 23rd. The deceased was a member of the Lanes Association, to which he was elected in 1912. Although he had only rung one peal—the tenor to Grandsire Triples on May 7th of this year, at his own church—he was one of the most promising ringers, and his loss will be greatly felt. He was always regular, punctual and reliable, and in this respect was an example which many might well emulate. Although his only successful peal was on the tenor, he had rung over half a peal on a working bell in three attempts, which failed each time, owing to the heavy going of the tenor. Arrangements had been made to attempt another just prior to his being called up for service, and his disappointment was very great at not being able to ring it. The following letter from Corpl. Barton's commanding officer will be read with interest, and ringers will share the sympathy expressed in it for the widow and child who are left to mourn the loss of a brave husband and father, whose sorrow, we hope, is lightened, if it is possible, by the reflection that he died nobly in the service of his country.

**OFFICER'S TRIBUTE TO A BRAVE SOLDIER.**

Writing on Oct. 31st from Claremont, Esher, where he was convalescing, the officer says: "You will have been informed by now from the War Office of your poor husband's death, and I am just



CORPL. BARTON,  
Killed.



PTE. WOOLDRIDGE,  
Wounded.

writing to offer you my own sympathies in your terrible loss. I had never met your poor husband till he was called up from the reserve for the war, but I may honestly say that of all the reservists in my company there was none I liked or respected more than him. As you may imagine, all the non-commissioned officers were a bit rusty at their work, having been for some time in civil life, but he was the one exception. When he was appointed to my company, poor Colour-Sergeant Redford, who was killed on the same day, said: 'We are lucky to have Corpl. Barton.' He was always cheery, reliable and brave. If you have lost as good a husband as the Army has lost a soldier, you have suffered a great loss.

"Perhaps you would like to know the circumstances of his death, which may possibly increase your pride in him. On the evening of the 22nd, we were in trenches near Lille, in Northern France, with the Germans 600 yards off. Just as day was breaking on the 23rd, we saw the Germans entrenching not 100 yards off. In the half light I could only see the trench just opposite to us, and I thought a few men might creep up a ditch towards them, and turn them out with the bayonet. I called for volunteers—six men and a non-commissioned officer. Your husband volunteered at once, and the party proceeded to crawl up the ditch. They had not gone far when the Germans saw them, and proceeded to fire down the ditch. He was killed at once—shot in the head—and one other man was wounded in the hand. The others could not stick it, and retired. They told me that your husband had been hit in the head and killed, and so I did not send anyone out to look for him, which would only have resulted in more deaths, as the day had fully broken by then. I intended after dark to send out to get his body in, but soon after I was myself slightly wounded in the neck, and left the trenches, so I cannot tell what happened. I am sure it must be some relief to you to know that he died so bravely in defence of his country, but from my short acquaintance with him, it is only what I expected of him. That morning we lost several other non-commissioned officers, among them Col.-Sergt. Redford, whom your husband may have mentioned in his letters. He was also shot dead through the head by my side. I hope you will accept my deepest sympathies with you in your great loss."

Thus, in a plain unvarnished story, we learn how Corpl. Barton

met his end. As a ringer he was always reliable, as a soldier he was reliable and faithful unto death. He is one whom the ringers may well feel proud to have numbered in their ranks, and his example should be an inspiration to other young men to whom their country is calling in this hour of her need.

**"MISSING" MAN IN HOSPITAL.**

Pte W. Wooldridge, of Bradfield, Berks, who went to the Front with the Royal Berks Regiment, is now lying wounded in King George V Hospital (No. 2 ward), Dublin. On Oct. 12th he was officially reported as missing, and his family were very pleased a few days ago to hear from him that he was alive, although his left arm is badly damaged. He received his injuries near Ypres. He has been engaged in scouting a good deal, and on this occasion was sent out with three others to search some houses. They crossed some open fields, and got within 25 yards of the first house, when the "German beasts" let go a volley at them. All four fell, and Pte Wooldridge has not seen the others since, and does not know what fate they shared. The young soldier is very cheerful, and tells his family to cheer up, as they can see he is very lucky.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****NORTH WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the North Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Saffron Walden.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus), in granting the use of the bells of the parish church, did so on the condition that the first touch should be rung half-muffled to the memory of soldiers who had fallen in battle.

A short service was held, at which the Vicar gave an address on the subject of the use of bells and the duties of those who rang them.

Following the service, the tea and business meeting took place at the Temperance Abbey Hotel. The Vicar presided, supported by the district master (Mr. F. Pitstow), and the district secretary (Mr. W. Watts).

The following letter received by the hon. secretary from the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) was read by the chairman. After expressing his regret at his inability to attend, Mr. Howard wrote: "Quite a large number of ringers in our division have volunteered, and are serving their King and country, and as an Association we are very proud of them. For a time it will not be possible to carry on our work as usual, but we must each of us do what we can to keep things going as well as possible during this terrible crisis, so that when we have passed successfully through it we can take up our work again with renewed energy. I feel quite sure that both the officers and members of the North Western Division will do their level best to enable the Association to keep the ringing going on in the absence of their comrades on active service."

Mr. F. Pitstow was again re-elected Master for the ensuing year, and Mr. W. Watts was once more re-elected secretary, both thanking the members for their renewed confidence.

The following new members were elected: The Vicar (Rev. J. J. Antrobus) as an hon. member; Messrs. A. D. Coe and L. C. Francis (Saffron Walden), Messrs. C. F. Bonfield and F. Clayden (Rickling), as ringing members.—The place for the next quarterly meeting was discussed, but, owing to the war, it was decided to leave the matter with the Master and secretary to arrange.

Mr. F. Pitstow, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells, said he thought they should not go so far as keeping the bells too quiet. If they were to drop the practices he was of opinion that they would not be able to keep companies together. He thought that practices should go on, and also ringing for services, but he would not say for peal ringing. They were blessed with a good Vicar, and they got the bells almost every time they were asked for.—Mr. F. J. Pitstow seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried.—The Vicar, in replying, endorsed what Mr. Pitstow had said. It was not necessary that everybody should be depressed by the absence of ringing or music. He thought they should do all they could to keep things going, and as bright as they could. Of course they had sometimes to consider the cost, and must curtail to some extent this winter, but those things they had spoken about were a part of every-day life. He upheld keeping on with the ringing of bells, which added to the cheerfulness of their life, both on Sundays and for practice. If they cut music out, their services would be very different. He added that he should have pleasure in working for them at any time.

About 30 members attended the meeting from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Bishop's Stortford, Ickleton, Elsenham, Sawston, Wenden, and St. Martin's, Birmingham. Touches in the following method were rung: Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

ANSTON, YORKS.—At St. James' Church, with the bells half-muffled, on Saturday, Oct. 31st, 720 each of Kitcheners' Surprise, Buller's Surprise, French Surprise, and 360 Roberts' Surprise. — On Sunday, Nov. 1st, 720 each of Baden Powell Surprise, and 720 Roberts' Surprise: Fk. Stanton 1, Hubt. Turner 2, Hy. Stanton (conductor) 3, Robt. Smith 4, Saml. Smith 5, Chas. Fowler 6. In the second touch, W. Platts took the place of C. Fowler.

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**DEATH OF LANCASHIRE'S VICE-PRESIDENT.**

THE LATE MR. JAMES BARRATT, OF ECCLES.

As was briefly announced last week, Mr. James Barratt, of Eccles, the vice-president of the Lancashire Association, passed away on Nov. 8th. He was laid to rest under the grey old church he had served so well and loved so dearly all his life. He will be sadly missed, not only by his own family, but by a large circle outside, as he was one who readily made friends, and, if necessary, was always willing to help in his own quiet way. As a church worker, he was a Sunday school teacher, a member of the C.E.M.S., and a sidesman, as well as a ringer. As a ringer he learnt under his father, and afterwards took his father's office as the tower keeper and secretary, which position has been in the family for nearly 70 years. His two sons also ring a little, but at present do not take the interest in it which would enable them to take their father's place, although the other members of the tower would be glad for one of them to do so. On the social side of life, he was interested in many things. He was an active Oddfellow, in which society he has passed through the chairs, and finished as P.P.G.M. By trade a fitter, he was a member of the A.S.E., and among his various duties, he found time to ring 108 peals



The late Mr. J. BARRATT.

in the methods of Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. His greatest number of peals in one method was 52 of Kent, and his greatest lengths, 10,176 and 7,104 of Kent. He was one of the band who rang a funeral peal at the Cathedral for Dr. Fraser, Bishop of Manchester, and at Eccles for King Edward. His other notable peals were the opening peal at St. Saviour's, Bacup, and a College Youth peal at Eccles. His peals were rung in 16 different towers. He was for a while secretary for the district around Eccles, for four years he was on the Lancashire Association Committee, and in 1912 he was elected vice-president in place of the late Mr. S. Brierley.

The funeral of the deceased took place on Nov. 12th, on which day he would have been 59 years of age, had he lived so long. There were present representatives of the various societies to which he belonged; indeed the old church was so packed that the vergers had to close the doors and keep many out. The service was read by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (the President of the Association), and among those who found places in church were about 30 ringers from ten towers in the district. When the service was over, Messrs. Chapman, Lowe, Ridyard and Shaw rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave, and later on in the evening a muffled peal was rung on the tower bells, the record of which will be found in its proper place.

**THE LATE MR. S. REEVES.**

The following contributions towards the memorial tablet to the late Mr. S. Reeves are acknowledged with thanks: Messrs. J. Jagger, 2s. 6d.; T. H. R., 5s.; Wm. Webb, 1s.; Rev. C. Carow Cox, 2s. Total amount received up to date, £5 2s. 6d.—Hon. Treasurer, Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WINCHESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Southampton on Saturday. By the kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. E. N. Lovett), the meeting was held in the Deanery School Rooms. An excellent tea was provided by Mr. Etheridge, of Bellevue Road, and the Rector presided. There were also present Mr. G. Williams (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Winchester Cathedral band), and members from Twyford, North Stoneham, Dibden, Bishopstoke, Winchester, and St. Michael's, St. Mary's and Holy Rood, Southampton.—The Rector very cordially welcomed the members to St. Mary's, and regretted that under the present circumstances the bells could not be rung open.—Apologies were received from the Rev. Canon Braithwaite and the Rev. W. E. Colchester (both of whom had been suddenly called upon to attend an important meeting in connection with the large number of soldiers now being drafted to Winchester) and from the Rev. J. W. Danbury, Rector of St. Michael's, Southampton.

Mr. W. H. George proposed the adoption of the balance sheet, and this was seconded by Mr. Tucker, and carried.—The income for the past year amounted to £20 0s. 1d., and the expenditure to £13 5s.; £3 of which had been spent in giving instruction to young bands of ringers.

All the officers were re-elected, viz., the Rev. Canon Braithwaite, chairman; Mr. J. W. Elkins, hon. district secretary; Mr. C. H. Russell (who is now serving with the 4th Hants Territorials in India), hon. assistant secretary; and Mr. G. Smith, hon. auditor. Mr. Wilfred Andrews and Mr. W. Tucker were elected to represent the district on the Central Committee.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Romsey. No dates were fixed for quarterly meetings in 1915, but if circumstances should be favourable to holding a meeting, it was left to the district secretary to arrange one at Twyford when the members then present could arrange for any further meetings.

On the proposition of Mr. Loveland, the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting entirely approves the action of the general secretary of the Guild in cancelling the meeting arranged to be held at Farnham on Sept. 2nd, to consider the question of forming a new district."

A vote of thanks was passed to the officers of the district.—A very hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rector of St. Mary's for the use of the schoolroom and bells.

The Rector, in responding, regretted the bells had to be used with the clappers tied, but he hoped the Guild would visit St. Mary's again in happier times, when he promised them they should have free use of the bells with the tongues untied.—Mr. Houghton (captain of St. Mary's band) expressed the gratitude his band felt towards Mr. G. Williams, and to the members of St. Michael's band for the valuable help they had given them. He said his band were all members of the C.E.M.S., and were very eager to become good change ringers.

The bells were chimed for evensong, which was at 7 o'clock, and members attended the service.

**PEAL OF EIGHT FOR RADNORSHIRE.**

DEDICATION AT KNIGHTON.

The dedication of the augmented ring of bells at Knighton, Radnorshire, took place on Friday week. The service was attended by a large congregation, and at the conclusion a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The ringers then adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a meat tea was provided for them, and eight of the company returned to the belfry and rang a well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples.

The "big Duck" was then again visited, and this time an excellent supper was disposed of, and a very pleasant hour was spent. Mr. James George producing a peal of ten handbells, upon which Triples, Caters and tunes were rung.

The restoration of the bells has been carried out by Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., of Birmingham, and consists of the addition of a treble and tenor bell, the recasting of the old 4th, the whole peal having been tuned in perfect harmony, and rehung in a new all-steel frame. A chiming apparatus has also been fitted. The whole gives entire satisfaction in every detail. Many improvements have been carried out in the belfry, which is under the care of Mr. R. Trench, ringing master. The whole of the expense has been borne by an anonymous donor. On the evening of the dedication some 400 school children, irrespective of creed, were entertained to tea in the Drill Hall.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble: LOVE . 1914. BARWELL . FOUNDERS . BIRMINGHAM.  
2nd: No Inscription.

3rd: PEACE . AND . GOOD . NEIGHBOURHOOD . A . R 1722.

4th: ABR . RVDHALL . CAST . VS . ALL 1722.

5th: PROSPERITY . TO . THIS . TOWN . AND . PARISH . 1722.

RECAST . 1914.

6th: GOD . BLESS . OUR . NOBLE . BENEFACTORS . A . R 1721.

7th: ROBERT . PINER . & . HUGH . DALE . CH'WARDENS . 1722.

JAMES . POWELL . & . THO' . CLARK . OLD .

CH'WARDENS.

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FOUNDER . BIRMINGHAM.

## BELLS OF EMPIRE.

"Ring out o'er land and sea."

Sennen Churchbells, Land's End.

One does not care to oppose a lady who in all sincerity has made a thoughtful suggestion to honour "Those who have fallen in Battle." Hitherto I have abstained from giving you my humble opinions against Miss Chillingworth's proposals, for several reasons: (1) Insufficient time to enable all parishes in Great Britain to co-operate and organise a uniform practice—the bells to be half-muffled. Many towers do not possess a set of muffles. (2) As a national effort by the ringers of England, a fixed day and hour for ringing should everywhere be adopted by the clergy and churchwardens, with or without divine service, giving ample Press and pulpit notice. (3) The need of an influential committee (say, under the President of the Central Council) to place the arrangements upon a proper footing, and to secure higher official recognition by both Church and State, throughout the ringing isles.

The following letter which has been received by the Archbishop of Canterbury mentions a very suitable occasion for the bell ringers of Great Britain to echo an Empire's lamentation for the dead; an opportunity to give effect impressively to the nation's grief. Will someone kindly come forward as hon. secretary and take up this matter on our behalf? A small deputation from the Diocesan Guilds is needed to wait upon the Archbishop of Canterbury, asking his approval of a suggested "leaflet" to be issued to every parish. Then, perhaps, on the first Sunday in the coming year the "muffled requiem" may wave from shore to shore like a wireless message "from us to them."

Buckingham Palace, Oct. 26th, 1914.

My dear Archbishop,—The King has lately received numerous communications from different quarters urging upon his Majesty the necessity for a day of national humiliation and prayer. Personally the King is disinclined to advocate the use of any term which might plausibly be misinterpreted either at home or abroad.

At the same time, his Majesty recognises the national call for united prayer, intercession, thanksgiving, and for remembrance of those who have fallen in their country's cause. It seems to the King that the beginning of the year would be a fitting season to be thus solemnised; and his Majesty thinks that Sunday, January 3rd, might well be the chosen day.

STAMFORDHAM.

According to the Press, it is understood that the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church and the National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches will make corresponding arrangements.

There is but little time to spare if suitable arrangements are to be framed for this "proposed muffled tribute to the dead," and, therefore, I beg to submit now one or two points that require careful consideration. Intercession services will be held on the day mentioned, at all places of worship (besides the Church of England), where in most cases there are no bells or ringers. The field of battle has claimed many men of the Roman Catholic, as well as other English Dissenting Churches—thus, the last roll call pays no distinction to Creed, and the Established Church should on this occasion hold out the hand of unity and encourage her ringing guilds to peal their bells free of any observance other than our united sorrow.

In the multifarious opinions disclosed by your columns recently with regard to ringing on any particular Saint's day, a rather selfish tone is revealed. I plead now for Dissenters who have in the past supported the ringer and church bell funds, and who appreciate ringing throughout the country generally.

W. H. F.

Slough, November 9th.

## HAWKHURST RINGER'S ACCIDENT.

While cycling to the weekly practice of the Hawkhurst branch of the Kent County Association, Mr. Thomas Ashenden, the hon. secretary, met with a serious accident. Being a regular attendant, the ringers expressed surprise at the absence of their comrade, but little did they think that while they were ringing he was in an unconscious state, and being attended by a surgeon only a few hundred yards from the church. Mr. Ashenden was descending a rather nasty hill that needs careful negotiation, and when a little more than half down, a dog ran into his machine, with the result that he was thrown on to the road. The minister of the Baptist Church (the Rev. Clement Waterton) happened to be walking down the hill at the time, and was the first on the scene. Mr. Ashenden was placed in a passing bus and taken to the doctor's. On examination it was found that the principal injury he sustained was a very nasty cut above the right eye, out of which he was unable to see for a few days after. He also sustained bruises and contusions. After being bandaged up, Mr. Ashenden was conveyed home in the bus, but did not regain consciousness until the next day. He is progressing favourably, and his wounds have now nearly healed. The ringers of Hawkhurst and neighbourhood wish him a speedy restoration to health and strength, as also do the members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, of which society he has been a member for many years, and a frequent attendant at its meetings.

## "ALL SOULS' DAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If Mr. O. W. Reading's objection to the observance of All Souls' Day is based only on its omission from the Prayer Book Calendar, the same objection will apply to what are generally known as 'the Harvest Festival,' and 'the Dedication Festival.' If on the other hand his contention is that it is disloyal to observe this day because of its association with prayer for the departed, I venture to suggest that a study of contemporary thought and opinion among Churchmen upon the subject may lead to a modification of this view. In support of this, I have merely to quote the following report from a Church paper of last week (the underlining is mine): "On Monday last, All Souls' Day the Archbishop of Canterbury, preaching to a large mid-day congregation at All Hallows', Barking-by-the-Tower, on the occasion of the dedication festival of the church, spoke at some length on the duty and function of the Church in bringing comfort to the bereaved, and spoke of the national instinct which led people to pray for their loved ones who have passed within the veil. He referred to the fearful toll of death taken by the war. Never were there so many homes in mourning, and from them often went up a bewildered cry spoken or unspoken. That cry did not, he thought, mean unbelief. There was no lack of faith or courage. Rather, people were sent to their knees in reverent trust in God as their help in trouble. Proceeding, he said we needed to be on our guard lest in one who thus reverently and trustfully prayed and wondered, we discouraged the upraising of the devout soul in prayer for the loved one out of sight. We were not unmindful of the abuses of later medieval times. We were aware that on account of them, and to avoid the dangers of them, no explicit prayers for the departed were admitted into the public offices of the Church. He had no censure to pass on the men who thus handled the difficulties that faced them in their time. But surely now there was a place for the recognition of the instinctive, natural, loyal craving of the bereaved. The abuses of nearly four centuries ago need not now hinder the reverent and trustful prayer of a wounded spirit who feels it natural and helpful to pray for those it would not see again on earth, but who, in their Father's keeping, still lived, and we might believe went from strength to strength in truer purity, in deepened reverence and love."—Yours faithfully,

H. B. WOOLLEY.

## A NORTH CORNWALL RESTORATION.

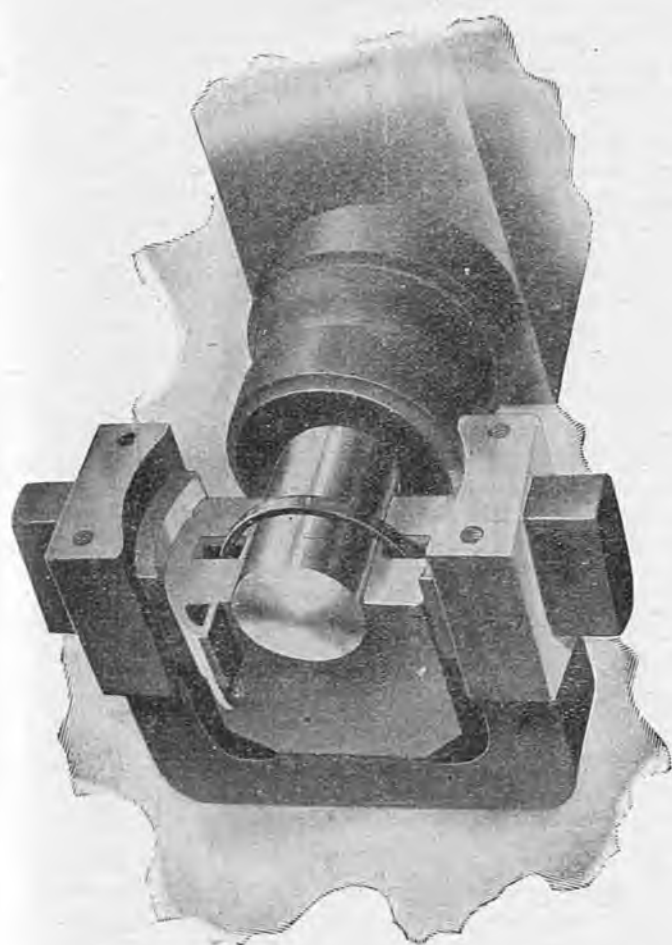
The peal of six bells at the Church of Lanteglos-by-Camelford has been re-opened after complete restoration. The bells, which were silent for over two years, have been quarter turned and rehung in a new frame and fittings by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, Devon. The day's proceedings began with service in the church at 2.30 p.m., when an address was given by the Rev. Canon Kempe, Vicar of St. Veyan and secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild. During the service, and after, a band of the Truro Diocesan Guild rang touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. Bands of ringers were also present from St. Endellion, St. Kew, St. Breward, Advent, and Davidstow, and all expressed themselves highly pleased with the excellent "go" of the bells. Ringing was kept up until a late hour. A public tea was held in the Rectory Barn, and attended by a large number.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Warnham, when members were present from Brighton, Billingshurst, Crawley, Heene, Goring, Slinfold, and the local band, and also Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Ewhurst, Surrey. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Major were rung, conducted by Mr. F. Bennett. — Tea was provided at the "Sussex Oak," 15 sitting down, Mr. F. Bennett presiding. The Vicar was unable to be present, owing to being indisposed, but sent his greetings to the members. Mr. C. J. Lucas, a life member, paid a brief visit.—The usual business followed the tea, two new members being elected to the Slinfold branch.—The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and the tower was then again visited.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday.—Mr. Samuel Stott, the president of the branch, occupied the chair, and a vote of condolence and sympathy with the widow and children of the late Mr. James Barrett, of Eccles, was passed, the deceased, at the time of his death holding the position of vice-president of the Lancashire Association. He was a useful and well-known member of the Exercise. After the business meeting, various touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung on 8, 10 and 12 bells. Members were present from Milnrow, Oldham, Glodwick, Moorside, Todmorden, Middleton, and Ashton.



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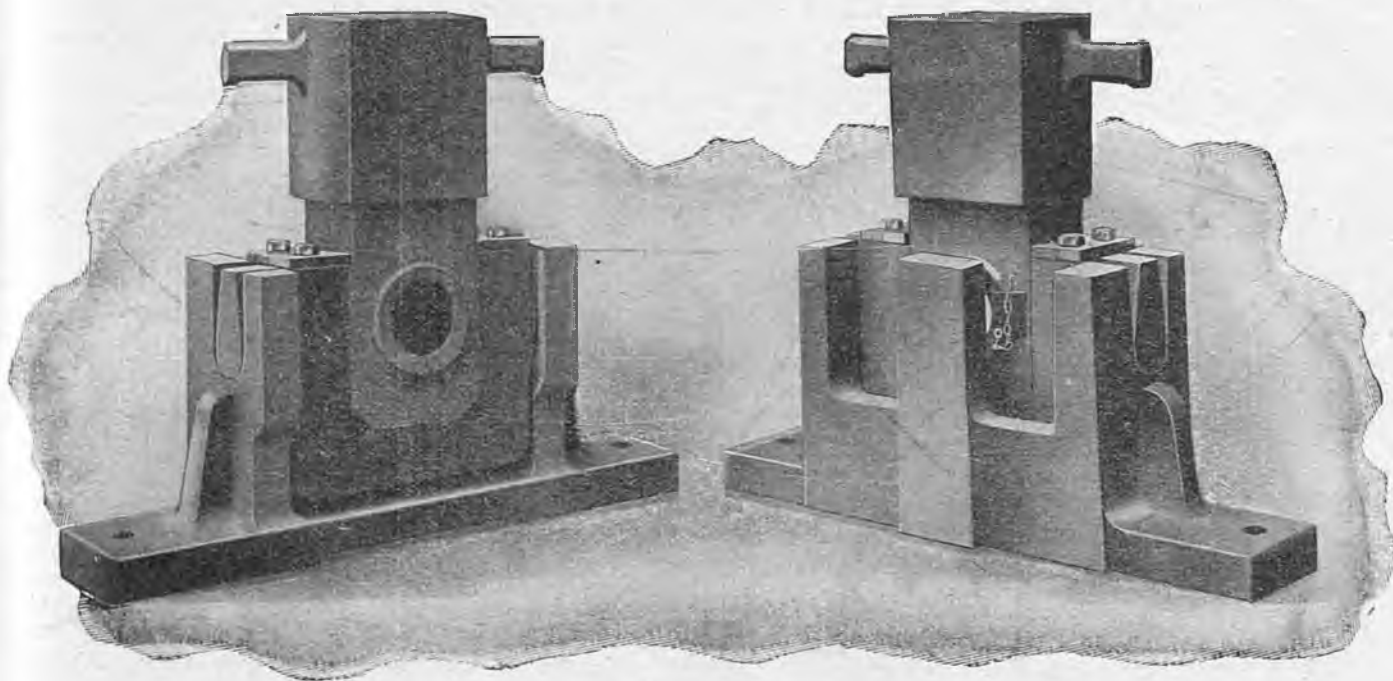
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## MUFFLED TOUCHES.

The following, among other touches, were rung with bells muffled to the memory of those who have died in the service of their King and country:—

**DRAYTON, BERKS.**—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, but it came to grief after ringing two hours: H. Cooper 1, H. Holfield 2, W. H. J. Holfield 3, Miss K. Holfield 4, A. E. Lock 5, G. Caudwell 6, G. Holfield, junr. (conductor) 7, A. Castle 8.

**CHIDDINGSTONE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Denton 1, E. Bridger 2, A. Wiles 3, F. Whibley 4, E. Huntley (first quarter-peal) 5, P. Denton 6, E. Everest (conductor) 7, W. Whitelaw (first attempt) 8.

**LEWISHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day, 336 Oxford Bob Triples, with the bells half-muffled: G. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, T. Taylor 4, H. Warnett, senr., 5, H. Barrett 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. Goodwin 8.—On Monday, Nov. 2nd, an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire was made, but failed, after half-way, owing to change course: E. Cordrey 1, A. Bennington 2, G. King 3, T. Taylor 4, H. Barrett 5, H. Norgate 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, H. Goodwin 8.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—For evensong, on All Saints' Day, with the bells half-muffled, 630 Grandsire Triples.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE.**—On Monday, Nov. 2nd (All Souls' Day), the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled, in touches of Grandsire Triples, by: W. Tauner, J. Blackmore, J. Stubbons, E. Parker, H. Stokes, W. Bandon, W. Pitman, W. Popham, and A. W. Brighton (conductor). First on the bells, and by all the band except A. W. Brighton.

**APPLETON, BERKS.** On Monday, Nov. 2nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1036 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled: H. White 1, C. G. White 2, Miss K. Holfield 3, H. Holfield 4, F. S. White 5, G. Holfield, junr. (conductor) 6, A. E. Lock 7, F. White 8.

**MIDSOMER NORTON.**—On Monday, Nov. 2nd, a half-muffled peal was attempted, but was brought round at the 389th change, owing to a change course: S. Freke 1, E. Chivers 2, A. Speed 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, F. Speed 5, J. Hambleton 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, R. Jones 8.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) by the local band, in 47 mins., with the bells half-muffled: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, H. Edwards 3, W. Cramp 4, W. H. Perry 5, W. Hoad 6, T. Booth (conductor) 7, C. Creasey 8. The bells were also rung half-muffled for the services on All Saints' Day.

**LONG STANTON.**—On Thursday, Nov. 5th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. W. Cook (first quarter-peal) 1, Rev. H. B. Woolley 2, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 3, — Butler 4, J. Taylor 5, F. Pitstow (conductor) 6, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake 7, H. Tomlinson 8. Rung with the bells muffled.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On Friday, Nov. 6th, with the bells half-muffled, a date touch (1914 changes) of Oxford Bob Minor: W. Clarke 1, W. E. White 2, T. H. Kirkby 3, D. Burton 4, W. White (conductor) 5, T. Squires 6.

**SAWSTON, CAMBS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob Minor, and a touch of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled: The following were the ringers: P. Webb, E. Webb, A. Lilley, A. Starr, R. Boutell, A. E. Austin, F. Matthews, F. Hurry.

**CHEPSTOW, MON.**—On Saturday, Nov. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Major W. Lawrence, S.W.B., son of Dr. Lawrence, of Chepstow, who was killed in action Nov. 1st: J. H. Prickett 1, H. Morgan 2, John Prickett 3, M. Selby 4, R. Thompson 5, W. Arnold 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Gregory 8.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.**—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins.: C. Gibbs 1, J. Nash 2, F. Dedman 3, W. Botsford 4, W. Seabrook 5, G. Bonfield (conductor) 6, J. Nicholls 7, A. Chamberlain 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

In addition to the towers already mentioned, there was muffled ringing at the following:—

Royston (St. John the Baptist's), Herts.  
Almondsbury, Gloucestershire.  
Berkeley, Glos.  
Cam, Glos.  
Coaley, Glos.  
Dursley, Glos.  
Bristol (St. George's).  
Olveston, Glos.  
Newent, Glos.  
Stone, Glos.  
Slimbridge, Glos.  
Thornbury, Glos.  
Rockhampton, Glos.  
Littleton-on-Severn, Glos.  
Mitcham (Christ Church), Surrey.  
Shirhampton, Bristol.

## NOTICES.

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

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

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Will the 30 or so local secretaries who have not yet furnished me with particulars of bells, practices, etc., on the schedule provided, kindly do so at once and oblige? — C. Glenn, Honorary General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 21st. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage at 6. Handbells only will be in use. — Reply to Rev. F. G. Hume, Oakley, Basingstoke.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at St. James's, Bolton, Bradford, on Saturday, November 21st, 1914. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the Bolton Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Meeting at Battersea, which was advertised for Saturday, November 21st, will not be held.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church Hall. There will be a small charge for tea. Will all who wish to be present at tea let me know not later than Tuesday, the 24th inst.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, December 5th. Special service, with short address, at the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea at the Vestry Hall, New Street, 6d. each to members, at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Bells available at 3.45 and after the meeting. Widford, 8 bells, will be open after 6 p.m. Election of officers for the ensuing year takes place at this meeting, and it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by first post on Wednesday, December 2nd. There will be no monthly practice on Saturday, November 28th, at Chelmsford.—W. Lincoln, District Master, Church Lane, Writtle, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 5th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow. Reports (to life members 6d. each), are now ready. Members subscriptions are now due.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. F. Denton Jones), at 5. Tea, for which 6d. will be charged, and meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern Division will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 1914, at Conisborough, near Rotherham. The new peal of eight bells (tenor 13½ cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor, will be available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 7 pm. Teas may be had at moderate charges at Crowcroft's tea rooms, near the church. All ringers welcomed.—Arthur Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Netherton, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the vice-president, the Rev. S. J. Marriott (Vicar). Business meeting in the Church House. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, December 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Owing to the present crisis the December quarterly meeting of the above is cancelled. Meetings for practice will be held at Pudsey, Saturday, December 5th, and Shipley, Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Bells available from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

**PEAL BOOKS.**—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

#### **HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.**

**VISITORS TO BRISTOL** will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

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