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

MODERN WORK.

THE HOUR AND THE MAN.

A correspondent in a letter elsewhere in this issue raises a question closely akin to the subject of our article on this page last week. We dealt there with the opportunity of the beginner; our correspondent, whose communication was penned before our article was in print, raises the question as to coming men upon whom the mantle of our present leaders is to fall. He fails to see the promise of men to fill the gaps when, presently, those who, for many years past, have been looked up to as experts are no longer with us. Honestly we do not think there is much real reason for anxiety.

There was never a period in ringing history when the Exercise had actively identified with it so many men of such great capability as it has to-day. Some of those who, two decades or more ago, were so deeply engaged in solving many of the engrossing problems which the mathematical side of ringing presents, are now resting on their oars, but others like Charles Hattersley, Henry Dains and John Carter are continuing a life-long work. To those names mentioned by "Once a Beginner," one might add others like Gabriel Lindoff, Armiger Trollope and Joseph W. Parker, who have, we hope, long years before them of usefulness in the realms of research and composition. There are, too, numerous others who are very able composers who may still be looked to to supply the needs of ringers in this respect.

True, there is not at the moment any new bright particular star in the firmament, but then we do not expect it. The knowledge, the skill and the aptitude which characterises the work of those whose names have been mentioned—and we do not for a moment wish it to be believed that we have exhausted the list—is the outcome of years of patient study and experience. The younger generation will profit by their labours, and the results which have been attained should be an encouragement to emulation, but it takes time to place a man in position as an authority on subjects relating to ringing. Nevertheless, there is room—ample room—in our Art for more of its devotees to probe its depths to the full.

As to the other side of the question raised by "Once a Beginner," we have no doubt that the supply of able conductors is by no means diminishing. We could name a score of comparatively young men of outstanding ability, worthy of taking their place in the front rank and who acquit themselves equally with the best when they have the opportunity. They are not all "heavy bell" men, it is true, but the combination of these two qualities is exceptional, and Washbrooks and William Pyes are not to be found every day. Still, we do not think the Exercise is in any real danger in this respect. The hour, when it arrives, generally brings with it the man.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 13, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATER'S. 5045 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	WALTER E. BRITTAIN ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	GEORGE HUGHES 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
THOMAS BLOORE 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 9
JOHN BARBER 5	THOMAS HUGHES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Rowland Cartwright and Mr. William Rogers, both of Wombourne, and of the above Society, who were much respected by the members. Mr. Rogers was laid to rest by the side of Mr. Cartwright in Wombourne Parish Churchyard on the above date. It is the first peal of Erin on the bells, and the first peal of Erin Cater's by all the band, and for the above Society and Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Thursday, March 11, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 5
JOHN JAGGER 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
ALBERT LITTLE 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourne, one of the founders of the above Society, and for many years one of the Society's representatives on the Central Council; also for Mr. William Rogers, another Wombourne ringer, who rang the 2nd in the muffled peal for Mr. Cartwright on the 2nd inst. (published in last issue) and who died very suddenly on the 8th inst. It is nearly eight years since Mr. Jagger rang a peal, and it was to show his sympathy in the death of Mr. Cartwright that he took part in a peal to his memory.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

With seven different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE PACKHAM Treble	WILLIAM VINCENT 3
MISS E. H. COMBER-TAYLOR 2	EDMUND DAVEY 4
ALFRED SAYERS Tenor	

Conducted by E. DAVEY.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the Rector's birthday, as a mark of respect on his leaving the parish.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 7, 1915, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT 5, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

THOMAS REED 1—2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 3—4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 5—6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire ... C. POULSON.

This is T. Reed's first peal on handbells. It was rung to celebrate the birthday of the wife of the conductor.

SCARBOROUGH.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 9, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. R. BARTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

HARRY PRIEST Treble	JOHN R. BARTON 3-4
JOHN R. FRYIRS 2	FRANK DAVISON 5-6

Conducted by F. DAVISON.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined the Forces of the Crown:—

Pte Bertram Prewett, of Bushey, 5th City of London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade).

Pte Fred G. George, of Bushey, 5th City of London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade).

F. W. Elliott, formerly of Little Munden, Herts, and Farnham, Surrey, King's Royal Rifles, now at Hindhead

Driver A. W. Ward, of Bottesford, Leicestershire, A.S.C., now at Bradford.

Pte Archibald Body, of St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, Sportsman's Battalion, attached to Royal Fusiliers, now at Exeter.

A. Hague, of Rotherham, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Lieut. Sowell, of St. Kea, Cornwall, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, now at Witley, Surrey.

J. Sherburn, of Howden, Yorks, 5th Cyclist Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment, now at Louth, Lincolnshire.

G. Ashman, and

E. King, of Leigh-on-Mendip, Royal Engineers

A. M. G. Daniell, of Frome, North Somerset Yeomanry.

MILITARY RINGERS.

One of the latest ringers to join the army is also one of the best known in the country—Mr. Bertram Prewett, of Bushey, who has enlisted in the 5th City of London Rifles (London Rifle Brigade). He makes, we believe, the fourth member of the Central Council who has joined the army since the war began. Mr. Prewett represents the Hertford County Association. The others are Lieut. C. F. Johnston (Surrey), Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse (Middlesex) and Sapper T. E. Dennis, R.E. (Ely Diocesan).

Another ringer has attained commissioned rank, Corporal A. G. Shorter, a member of the Consett band, Co. Durham, who has been serving in the R.F.A., having been granted a commission as Second Lieutenant in the 16th Battalion Durham Light Infantry.

Enlisting in the Royal Engineers soon after the war broke out, J. W. Russell, of Abinger, Surrey, and formerly of Farnham, has had rapid promotion, and has now gained the rank of sergeant.

Pte Maurice Bignold, of Shere, Surrey, who has been serving in the trenches with the Wilts Regiment, has been invalided home with frost-bitten feet, and is now in hospital, we understand, at Oxford.

Wherever members of H.M. Forces who are ringers are stationed near a tower, they may always be sure of a hearty welcome in the belfry, where "brother strings" will be delighted to give them facilities for a pull.

We are asked to say that if there are any ringers among the many thousands of troops quartered near Darley Dale, they would be welcomed at St. Helen's for Sunday ringing, and a week-night practice could be arranged through Mr. A. C. Wright, Stratallan, Darley Dale.

The North Stoneham (Hants) ringers meet for practice every other Saturday, at 7 p.m., and will be pleased to welcome any visitors. The next meeting will be on the 20th. On Saturday, February 20th, a visit was paid by Mr. Martin Stewart and Pte H. Washbrook, when Stedman and Double Norwich were rung.

Many hundreds of ringers will shortly be off to the scene of the fighting. Any news of home is always welcome, why not send them every week a copy of "The Ringing World" so that they may see what is going on in the belfries of old England and keep in touch with the art they have loved so well? For 1s. 8d. per quarter we will undertake to do this for you on receipt of remittance and the correct postal address.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—The Framland Society.—On Saturday, Feb. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: T. Rawdin 1. Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, D. Gilden 3, W. Turner 4, A. W. Ward 5, S. Baker 6, A. Mackears (conductor) 7, H. Thorby 8.—On March 6th, 350 Bob Major: W. Turner 1, D. Gilden 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, A. Mackears (conductor) 4, M. Bend 5, R. Bend 6, Dvr. A. W. Ward 7, S. Baker 8. Longest length of Major by all except the ringers of 3 and 4. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: T. Rawdin 1. Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, W. Turner 3, S. Baker 4, M. Bend 5, R. Bend 6, Dvr. A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, A. Mackears 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor who has joined the 4th Company A.S.C., and was leaving for Bradford.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday week. The weather being favourable, a large number of members were present, though the pleasure of the meeting was marred through serious illness near the church, a letter having been sent to the Ringing Master (Mr. S. Spittle) asking him to limit the ringing as far as possible before and after the service. Although disappointed of the pleasure of a long ring on the beautiful peal of ten bells, the members refrained from ringing after the service.—The President of the Guild, the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland, LL.D. (Vicar of Dudley) conducted the service in church, and the Rev. Charles M. Stuart-King (curate) delivered an eloquent and instructive address based on the parable of the talents, which was attentively listened to by upwards of eighty members hailing from Bilston, Bradley, Blakenhall, Brierley Hill, Clent, Coseley, Dudley, Netherton, Oldbury Old Hill, Sadgley, Tipton, Halesowen, Lichfield, Tettenhall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Willenhall, West Bromwich and Walsall.—Mr. Flavell (deputy organist) presided at the organ.

The service over, the members made their way to the schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was in waiting, prepared during the afternoon by the wives of the local band and other lady friends, the tables being presided over by Mrs. A. Gray Maitland, Mrs. Councillor Wilkes, Miss Ruby Maitland and Miss Bridgwater, and other lady friends who were ready to look after the wants and comfort of the visitors.

At the business meeting which followed, the President, who was in the chair, gave the members a hearty welcome again at Dudley. He expressed his pleasure at being with them again, and spoke feelingly of the illness near the church.

The President, vice-presidents and all the officers who had performed their duties during the past year to the satisfaction of the members were re-elected, and on the proposition of Mr. F. Coleclough (Bilston), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their services.—A similar vote was also passed to Mr. Harry Mason (Old Hill), one of the vice-presidents, for kindly promising to provide a new supply of the forms of service used in church at the meetings of the Guild.

Bilston was the place selected for the next quarterly meeting, if permission can be obtained of the Vicar.

Mr. John Smith, one of the auditors, read the balance sheet, which showed that the Guild had prospered financially and numerically during the past year.

At the close of the meeting votes of thanks were passed to the clergy, the ladies, the organist, the donors of the tea, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting both a happy and pleasant one.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A PEAL IN EQUAL HALVES.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

The question as to the possibility of obtaining a peal of Stedman Triples in two exact parts, has always attracted students of the method, and up to now it has, so far as I know, remained unanswered. Yet the solution of the problem is contained in a peal rung so long ago as 1819, and which has now been prominently before the Exercise for many years.

The peal is that of the late Henry Cooper, on page 120 of "Stedman," and, from what is said of it in the "Investigations" contained in the same work, it has evidently been little understood. One may, therefore, be permitted to devote a little space to give an impression, after a careful analysis, as to how the author of the peal arrived at the result obtained.

It is as well to state at the outset that the peal, as given in "Stedman," is false. It is so evident, however, that the author had a complete knowledge as to where falseness could come, and as to the method of correcting it, that one is led to believe that it has been incorrectly copied. This view is strengthened by the fact that the original manuscript is faded and difficult to understand.

AUTHOR'S EVIDENT INTENTION.

The author's intention of obtaining a peal with an undisturbed observation bell is plainly evident, and naturally he chose the seventh. Assuming that he could only prove by bob-blocks, the start would be from the pair with 6-7 behind containing the six-end 2314567, as follows:—

A	B
2314567	1423567
34251	43152
34512	43521
41325	32415
41253	32154
15432	25341
15321	25413
52143	51234
52431	51342
23514	14523

At this point it may be further assumed that, to simplify the proof, he would as far as possible restrict the number of bob-blocks used until he arrived at a definite round block. This explains the use of

singles at 1 and 10, which keep 6—7 together behind, and the odd single when the 7th is in front, both slow and quick. These latter may occupy any possible position, and the original places used by the author are most probably 8 and 13. They serve a double purpose by keeping the 6th behind, and bringing it into the position for being with the 7th when the latter returns to the back.

It is thus that the author would arrive at a basis calling for his round block, as follows: S1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, S8, S10, 12, S13, and repeating this to its extent, obtain a true round block of five courses. Examination shows that regular sixes of the bob-block A form the 9th and 14th sixes, and regular sixes of B in reversed order form the 1st and 10th sixes of this round block, the whole of A and B being used without repetition.

In addition to the latter the round block contains portions of only five other pairs of bob-blocks, and the pair following is sufficient to illustrate the sixes used, these occupying similar positions in every pair:—

C	D
* 5723416	3457216
* 57342	47325
* 74523	47253
* 74235	75432
* 43752	75324
* 43527	52743
32475	* 52437
* 32754	23574
* 25347	23745
25473	* 34257

The starred sixes of C and D are used in regular order, the former reversed and the latter direct, and as the remaining four pairs have different bells in 6th's place, the truth of the five-course block is assured.

A REMARKABLE HALF-PEAL.

Having arrived at this point, the first desire of a composer would be to work up the unused portions of these five pairs, and if the same calling is adhered to, the remainder of C and D will follow the course-ends 236451 and 524361, part after the former when the 7th is in slow and part after the latter when the 7th is quick.

These two courses have the necessary relationship to form part of another five-course round block similar to the original, and as each of the five pairs of bob-blocks are identical in every respect, the using up of the remaining sixes in each, leads to the formation of five such round blocks. It is thus seen that if the author followed this plan in building up his peal, the natural result would be six five-course round blocks altogether, called exactly alike.

Moreover, it is easily seen that each block has a different bell working behind with the seventh, and in the other sixes the same bell in 6th's place (direct) throughout. Further, the 6th's place bell of the last five blocks does not appear in the same position in any other block except the original. As repetition between the first and any other block is avoided by utilising only the unused portions of the bob-blocks which appear therein, the truth of the whole six blocks is assured.

At this point, having a sufficient number of true changes for a half peal, the composer would look for a method of joining together the isolated blocks, and we see from the peal itself that the whole six blocks become a complete half-peal by the omission of singles at 1.

Thus, one may believe, would Henry Cooper obtain a remarkable half-peal of Stedman Triples, remarkable because of the fact that, except for the omission of 10 singles at 1, every course is called alike. That is to say, every course is called according to the basis calling already given, except for the omits at 1, shown in the first half-peal on page 120 of "Stedman."

"INVESTIGATIONS" QUESTIONED.

Every composer, it may be supposed, has visions. Working for a result not previously obtained, he sees in fancy, while the end is still far off, the attainment of his object. Henry Cooper obtained half a peal with such properties, and in his mind's eye he saw the whole peal on the same plan, with but two extra calls. To accomplish this he reversed a pair of bells (4—5) in his first course-end, and from that wrote out his second half-peal.

There is, of course, no repetition within this half, but, alas! for Cooper's dreams, there is a great deal between the two halves. Examination shows that the relationship required between the courses so as to use up whole bob-blocks without repetition, does not exist throughout. For instance, having the course-ends 231456 and 524316, which use up portions of the same pair of bob-blocks, the first when the 7th is slow and the second when she is quick, it is necessary to have 236451 and 524361 if the remainder only is to be used. Noting the positions of 1 and 6 (the bells behind in the bob-blocks) in these four course-ends, it is at once seen that there must be repetition between the courses 412635, 346125 and 465312, 143652, which all appear in the peal.

It will waste space to point out all the places where repetition occurs, because those sufficiently interested can work out the whole with the aid of the bob-blocks C and D. It is enough to say that Cooper undoubtedly discovered these repetitions, most probably by comparing the six-ends. Not only did he do this, but he also found how to correct them. This can only be done by shifting, and in four courses adding to, the singles when the 7th is in front. As the relationship between the courses concerned varies considerably, so also would the

positions occupied by the singles be erratic when the author had corrected his peal.

No one who has been able to follow my possibly vague explanation, will agree with the pronouncement on this peal in the "Investigations." We are told that the casual way in which the singles are distributed can only be accounted for by the "hand-to-mouth" theory, and that there are perpetual and unmethodical shunts from one bob-block to another. Knowing the reason for the eccentric placing of the singles, we know that the author of "Investigations" will be the first to acknowledge that he has hardly done justice to the late Henry Cooper.

EXPENSIVE OVERSIGHTS.

Cooper evidently knew all about his peal except two very important points. First he overlooked the fact that the two halves are reciprocal, that what corrected the first course of the first half with the 13th and 15th of the second, would do the same for the first of the second half with the 13th and 15th of the first, and similarly throughout. Secondly, he unaccountably failed to see that the two halves could be joined direct, at several places, by the omission of a pair of singles.

These oversights cost the author dear. But for them he would have given us a real peal of Stedman in two equal parts nearly a hundred years ago, and would also have been the first to compose a complete peal with ordinary bobs and common singles only.

For the sake of showing the possibility of this, I give below a variation of Cooper's peal. In it are retained the singles at 1 and 10 as the author has them, although many may be omitted, and it is only altered so that the two halves may be called alike, and to give the minimum of eccentricity in the placing of the singles consistent with truth.

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A Variation of the late Henry Cooper's Peal.

231456	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13
412635	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S	—
624515	S	—	—	S	—	—	—	S	—	S
346125	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
163245	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
231465	S	S	—	S	—	—	S	S	—	S
412536	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
524613	—	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S
645123	S	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
156243	S	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—
261453	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
412563	S	—	—	S	—	—	—	S	—	S
524316	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
345621	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	S	—	S
653241	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
236451	S	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S
462531	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
524361	S	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
345126	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
153642	—	S	—	S	—	—	S	S	—	S
631452	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
416532	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
564312	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
345162	S	—	—	—	—	S	—	S	—	S
153246	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
231654	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
612435	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	S
426315	S	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	S
364125	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
143265	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S
231546	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	S	—	S

Repeated.

FORMER RINGING RECTOR DEAD.

On Saturday, the remains of the late Rector of North Stoneham, Hants (the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne, M.A.), were laid to rest in the Churchyard of North Stoneham, close to the tower and near the bells which he loved to hear, and in which he took a great interest, for, when he resigned the living of North Stoneham in 1912 and went to reside at Bournemouth, he was able to hunt the treble in Grandsire.

Owing to the funeral taking place at 9.45 a.m., the ringers could not meet at that hour, but a muffled peal was arranged for in the evening. However, two of the ringers failed to put in an appearance for various causes, and a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was, therefore, rung by: G. Williams 1, O. Giles 2, A. Stubbington 3, C. J. Fray 4, W. H. George 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6. The whole pull and stand was also rung 67 times, denoting the reverend gentleman's age.

ACTON.—Middlesex County Association.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Holloway 1, R. H. Boddington 2, Miss E. Jones 3, C. Iles 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, A. E. Smith 8. For morning service, on March 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. R. Sims 1, H. Holloway 2, W. Phillips 3, R. H. Boddington 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, J. J. Gray 8.

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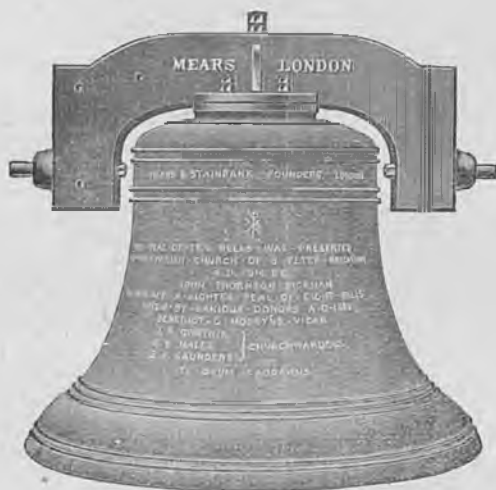
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RINGER, SOLDIER AND HERO.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CORPORAL BARTON.

The first memorial erected to a ringer who has fallen in the present war, has been placed in the Church of St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, to the memory of Corporal Ernest Barton, a Reservist of the Shropshire Light Infantry, who fell near Lille on October 23rd, 1914. The tablet of marble is of dignified design, and artistically executed. It is the work of the well-known firm of Messrs. Caspar and Co., of 33, King's Road, St. Pancras, London, and surmounting the gilt inscription are impressed in colours the national flags of Britain, France, Belgium, Russia and Japan. The wording will be gathered from the illustration, and the quotation "Cheery, Reliable and Brave" is from the letter of Major Payn in writing to the corporal's widow to inform her of his death. It may, perhaps, be remembered that Corpl. Barton met his death in the early morning as he, with six others, were creeping up a ditch to turn some Germans out of a trench in which they were establishing themselves. "I am sure," said the officer in his letter, "it must be some relief to you to know that he died so bravely in the defence of his country, but from my short acquaintance with him it is only what I expected of him. 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."

Among his ringing friends, Corpl. Barton was held in high esteem, and, a muffled peal having been rung in his memory, it was resolved to place a memorial tablet in the belfry, a suggestion which the church authorities readily fell in with. The tablet was dedicated on Sunday week, in the presence of a large congregation, the tablet being taken by the ringers to the chancel steps, where the Vicar offered appropriate prayers.

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

On the following day the tablet was erected in the belfry, and in the evening the unveiling ceremony was performed in the presence of a numerous gathering.



The late Corpl. ERNEST BARTON.

Councillor Walter Scholes was invited to perform the unveiling ceremony. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pughe-Morgan) presided, and those present included the widow of the deceased corporal, the Rev. H. G. Prescott, Councillor S. Baguley, Messrs. J. C. Sanderson, J. A. Ford, Walter Wolstencroft, Joseph Schofield, R. Hall, J. Harrison, Daniel Heap (the veteran Ashton ringer), and the majority of the ringers. After prayers,

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pughe-Morgan) announced that they were met to do honour to one who used to be a ringer in the tower, and one who before that joined the King's forces and trained himself to defend his country. When the war broke out he was called upon as a reservist to take his place in the fighting line. He had now laid down

his life for his country. The cost of the tablet had been subscribed to by Ernest Barton's co-ringers and friends in the church, and in the scheme they had had the co-operation of the church officials and others.

Councillor Walter Scholes, prior to unveiling the tablet, said: We are met together under very trying and painful circumstances, and yet great as the sorrow must be to the late Corporal Barton's widow and near relatives, I cannot help pointing out to them the touch of pride and gratitude they must feel knowing that he gave his life nobly and gloriously for his King and country. Much as he may and will be missed both at home and in the family surroundings, still those nearest and dearest to him can always with thankfulness feel the glorious surroundings of his parting from this life. He died nobly fighting to uphold what we all believe to be right, namely, that the weak shall not be cruelly and unjustly dealt with by the strong. You, his fellow ringers, I also deeply sympathise with. You will miss a kind and willing helper. May you, when your eyes turn towards this tablet, be reminded of the grand sacrifice Corporal Barton made both for you and me, and may it always be a lasting memory to make us show our gratitude for such noble and glorious deeds by thanking Almighty God that we have been able to find Britishers willing to do so much for their country as to lay down their life for it. I most deeply sympathise with you, Mrs. Barton, and must say, may you be long spared to us. May your grief be somewhat appeased by the thought that you had a husband who was considered noble by all his fellow citizens, by his fellow workers, and by all the friends he has left behind. May you always be reminded he was a man who died for his King and country, as every Christian should be ready and willing to do. It is not with pleasure or any pride that I have the honour and the privilege of unveiling this tablet, yet the dignity is one which I should be jealous of if anyone else were asked to do it. The honour is great, and I can only

feel a greater honour than this is that of a man to whose memory I unveil the tablet.

MISSED BY THE RINGERS.

Mr. Walter Wolstencroft, the leader of the bellringers, moved a vote of thanks to Councillor Scholes for his presence. Prior to doing so he read letters of apology for non-attendance from Mr. Joseph Bardsley, of Sheffield, and Lady Aitken, who wrote on behalf of Sir Max. Her ladyship mentioned that Sir Max had gone to the front, and could not attend the unveiling ceremony. "I am sure," she added, "it will be a most impressive sight and service, yet one so richly deserved." Sir Max Aitken is the Canadian "Eye-Witness" at the front. Mr. Wolstencroft remarked that from the commencement of the scheme for the memorial Councillor Scholes had taken the keenest interest in the matter. None would miss Corporal Barton more than the ringers at St. Peter's.—Councillor S. Baguley seconded the resolution, and said they were deeply grateful to Mr. Scholes for the many kindnesses he had shown to them.—Councillor Scholes, in acknowledging the resolution, spoke of the uncertainty of life, and said if they could all say at the last they had done their duty, the same as their beloved brother could say, that would be quite sufficient.

Mr. J. A. Ford, the leader of St. Peter's Men's Class, of which Corpl. Barton was a member, also paid a tribute to the memory of the deceased. The members of the class, he remarked, were proud to be asked to take a share on that interesting, remarkable, and in some degree melancholy occasion. They knew and they sympathised with the deceased, not only as a member of the Men's Class, but as a ringer in the tower. The members of the class were much attached to the traditions that gathered round the church, and anything that concerned its welfare and prosperity appealed to them. They were specially interested in Corporal Barton, not only because he was a member of the class, but because he was one of the three connected with them who had laid down their lives at that special time. The ringers were to be congratulated on having in that beautiful and enduring form some memento of what in years to come would be looked upon as the great war when England was fighting for its existence, and when one of their number gave his life for England's safety.

Mr. J. Pidecock also joined in the tribute to the late corporal, who, he said, was not only a member of the Men's Class, but was also a willing and able worker on the committee. The late Corporal Barton left behind him a lasting memory of cheerfulness and willingness.

Mr. Daniel Heap, who was introduced by the Vicar as a ringer of the old days, said that whilst he had a recollection of the late Corporal Barton he had heard of his capabilities in many ways. He noticed another tablet in the belfry placed there to record a bell ringing feat 41 years ago. Of the names on that tablet he and Mr. Moss, who was now in America, were the only ones alive. It was the first time to his knowledge that a tablet had been unveiled in a belfry to the memory of a ringer who had lost his life fighting for his country.

The Vicar said he felt they had lost one of their most useful helpers, and he trusted that the young men would come forward and take an interest in the ringing of the church bells. He hoped the ringers would always try to remember that in ringing the bells they were calling the people to God's House of Prayer. He hoped that little gathering would make an impression on the minds of all present. They were there to honour a man of whom his officer said in a letter to the widow, "If you have lost as good a husband as I have lost a soldier your loss has been great indeed" (hear, hear).

Afterwards touches were rung on the bells, the local band and the ringers of the Parish Church taking part. Their operations were watched with interest by many of the visitors who had not been into a belfry before.



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DEATH'S HEAVY HAND.

ANOTHER WOMBOURNE RINGER'S UNEXPECTED DEMISE.

Following close upon the death of Mr. Rowland Cartwright, the Wombourne ringers have sustained another very sad loss by the death of Mr. William Rogers, at the early age of 42 years. Deceased had only been confined to his bed for three days with acute congestion of the lungs, when syncope brought about his unexpected death.

It is a pathetic coincidence that the deceased attended the funeral of his respected friend Mr. Rowland Cartwright, and rang in the muffled peal following the funeral on the 2nd inst., while he also attempted another peal four days before his death, his indisposition making the attempt futile.



THE LATE MR. WILLIAM ROGERS.

Mr. Rogers had been a ringer of the Wombourne Guild for 20 years, a member of the Staffordshire Archdeaconry since 1896, and was well known among local ringing Guilds. He was a keen and persevering man in the art of bell ringing, and much respected by his fellow ringers, who feel his loss very greatly. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and family—a daughter fourteen years and a son seven years—to whom the condolence of the Exercise will go out.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, when the deceased was buried by the side of his friend Mr. Rowland Cartwright. His fellow ringers rang a touch on the handbells over the grave, and after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal at the Parish Church rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins., with the bells half-muffled: H. Sadler 1, J. Corns 2, T. Thorpe 3, J. Apra 4, W. Fisher (conductor) 5, G. H. Sadler 6, E. Bowyer 7, A. Piper 8.

BAND OF LADY RECRUITS. COMBINED PRACTICE AT HURST.

On Saturday, the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a combined practice at Hurst, and many members of the Reading Branch took the opportunity of attending the meeting in order to meet, help and encourage the band of ladies, who, led by the Vicar's wife (Mrs. E. Broome), are nobly striving to fill the gaps made in the band by the eleven brave fellows "on service." It was arranged at first for a band, conducted by Mr. H. Bungay, to ring a quarter-peal. This came to grief, and so touches were rung for an hour, when the whole party of 16 or 17 were welcomed to tea by the Vicar. At the close of this repast, Mr. A. E. Reeves (general secretary) thanked the Rev. E. Broome on behalf of those present, and was supported by Mr. W. Newell. The band then returned to the tower, where the ladies' band had been keeping the bells "up." Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major kept the bells going until nine o'clock, when the members from Reading rushed off to Twyford to catch their train.

One more word must be said about these ladies. Although they do not ring by "method" yet, having only taken up the art since Christmas, under the able instructorship of Mr. "Joe" White, they can handle the bells remarkably well, and in a short time the Ladies' Guild will be the richer by a number of keen ringers who have been brought out by the war.

FOURTH'S-PLACE DELIGHTS.

Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, writes that the St. Peter's Company, Bedford, desire to know if any other band has rung and named Nos. 13, 19 and 26 of the Fourth's-Place Delight methods published in 'The Central Council Collection.' If not, they wish to name them as follows: No. 13, Merton; No. 19, Bedford; No. 26, Burndby.

EXPERTS OF THE FUTURE.

WHERE ARE THE COMING MEN?

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is written in the 13th verse of the 2nd chapter of the second book of Kings: "He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him." This paragraph must give us all food for thought; especially as some time ago you published in "The Ringing World" letters from some who chose to think they had a grievance against those whom they called "the experts" that the experts were not helping the beginners as much as some people seemed to think they should have done. You are now publishing every week accounts of the number of young hands who are being brought along, so we, perhaps, may turn our attention to the poor experts again. We always have had in the past, and have now men amongst us who gave all their spare time to the overcoming of difficult compositions, men who never call a composition more than twice or thrice; men—their names are well known—who give all their time to research and to new methods. We have to thank them for a great deal, and the debt the Exercise owes them could never be paid. But, are we giving a thought about preparing the shoulders upon which their mantle is to fall? Upon consideration one cannot really see that the beginner has as much to complain about as he would make us believe. After he has rung his first peal, how often does he drop away from the Exercise and is never heard of again? But we would like to know who are going to be the successors of our experts. The writer, up to now, after being a ringer for more than twenty years, cannot see as many experts coming forward to fill the gaps which must be caused in our ranks as another decade or so rolls on. Have we got another William Pye to conduct our peals, or another George Williams to fill the gaps? Have we got another Henry Dains to head our articles? Have we got another C. H. Hattersley or another H. Law James ready to guide the beginners, or men who will adequately fill the place of many other leaders I could mention? Perhaps we have, one never knows. It would, however, seem more promising if some more of our youth took up the good work, and instead of finding cause for complaint against the poor expert, studied harder to fit their shoulders for the mantle which must assuredly fall some time. And those who are older and more expert, had we not better bear with those who are younger, and give what encouragement and help we can, not only in teaching others how to walk, but in helping those who can walk to run.—Yours faithfully,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

MIDDLESEX MEETING AT HESTON.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held an enjoyable meeting at Heston on Saturday last. The fine weather brought many members from towers far and near, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Superlative were brought round between 4 and 6 p.m. Tea was provided by the Heston ringers at the Schools, but to the regret of all the Vicar had to hurry away during the meal.

The business meeting, which followed, was presided over by the Master (Mr. T. Beadle), who ably voiced the thanks of those present for the kind and generous way the Heston band had always entertained the members, not only on the present occasion, but many times in the past, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all those who had assisted in various directions.

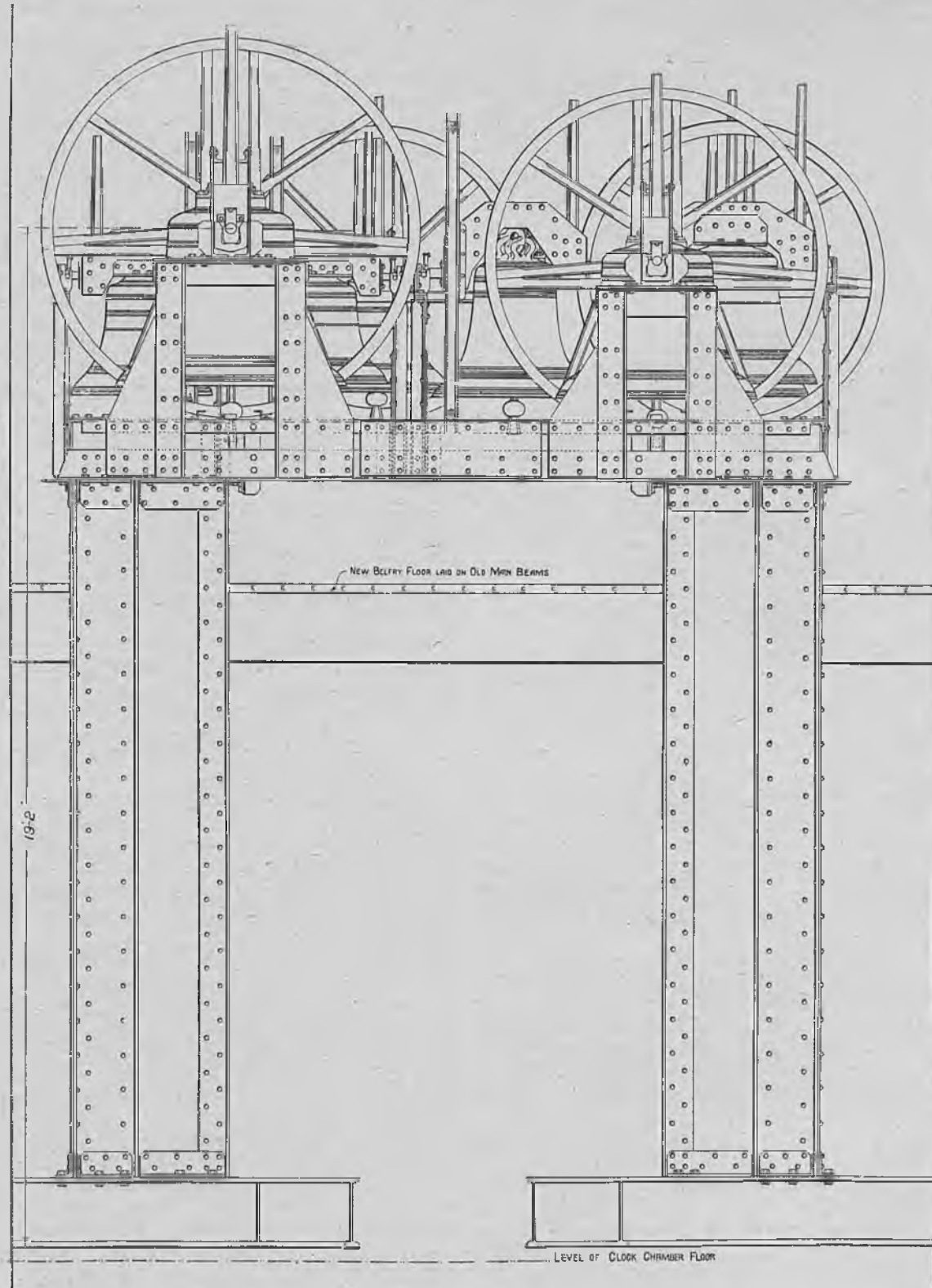
It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon. Touches on handbells and tower bells terminated the proceedings.

OCTOGENARIAN RINGER'S DEATH.

At Goods Hill Farm, Tenterden, Kent, on Thursday, March 4th, there passed away an old ringer, in the person of Mr. Benjamin Southon, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. The late Mr. Southon was born at Benenden, Kent, and lived in the parish over three-quarters of a century. It was at Benenden Church that he figured in the helfry for many years, but whether he ever did any method ringing we do not know. However, he lived a life of great activity and usefulness. He was also a chorister at Benenden, and in 1860, when the Volunteer movement was inaugurated, he joined the force, being given the rank of sergeant. Twenty-five years' faithful and devoted service comprises his record, and he became colour-sergeant, finishing up by filling the office of quartermaster-sergeant. In March, 1863, he journeyed to Dover, and was in the guard of honour to Queen Alexandra, when the Queen Mother trod English soil for the first time.

The mortal remains of the deceased were conveyed to Benenden, and reverently laid to rest on Tuesday week. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, on which deceased's helmet, sword and other accoutrements were placed.

LEYLAND, LANOS.—On Feb. 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. E. Watkinson, one of the local ringers: T. Crook 1, N. Crook 2, P. Watkinson 3, J. Watkinson 4, H. France 5, B. A. Knights (conductor) 6, E. Banister 7, J. H. Harrison 8.



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NOTICES.

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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.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on March 30th; for handbell practice on the 25th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow on Saturdays at 7.30. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea 6d. each, followed by business meeting at the Bull Inn at five o'clock. 1915 subscriptions are now due.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield (Car Nos. S. 40 and S. 50) on Saturday, March 20th. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short service in church 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 9d. per head to all giving notice to A. Gill, 795, Bolton Road, Bradford, not later than the 16th inst. Subscriptions received and reports issued at this meeting. — P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, March 20th, 1915. The bells will be available from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., after which the business meeting will be held at the King's Head at 8.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury, N.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea 9d. each, followed by business meeting at the Warwick Arms, five o'clock. Those intending to be present kindly inform Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, The Vicarage, Great Totham. Subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, March 27th, 1915. Tower open from 3.30 till 9. Half rail fare will be allowed. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid on or before that date. Members on active service need not subscribe this year. — Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Siddans) on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3.30. Ringing at St. Mary's, Walthamstow from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Will all those requiring same kindly inform me by the 24th inst., so that arrangements may be made? Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 27th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Barmouth, N.W., at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tea will be provided in Church Hall at 4 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. Mocke, Maindee House, Barmouth, a week previous. Bells available all day.—H. Moore, 16, Poplar Road, Wrexham, Honorary Secretary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Albans, Easter Monday, April 5th, when the four towers of the City will be open for ringing at 2 o'clock. Choral Evensong in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address to ringers by the new Dean of St. Albans. 5.50 p.m., tea at the Abbey Institute, Romeland Hill entrance, followed by annual business meeting. In order to arrange satisfactorily for tea, I should be grateful for a postcard by Easter Monday's post notifying attendance. — G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The 33rd annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 5th. The bells at St. Alkmund's, St. Andrew's, St. Luke's and St. Peter's will be available from 10.30 a.m., and All Saints' after the general meeting. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at 4.30, followed by general meeting at Ramsden's Cafe, Corn Market. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, Derby, by Thursday, April 1st, of their intention to be present.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Saturday, April 10th. Full particulars will be given later.—C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretaries.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. Thos. Smith, Hon. District Secretary for the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, has removed to 12, Sutton Street, Goole.—The address of Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert is now 6, Grove Cottages, Falconer Road, Bushey, Watford, Herts.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield, on Saturday last, when about 50 members were present, representing 14 towers. The bells of the Cathedral were available, several young aspirants thus being able to have a pull on ten or twelve. During the afternoon a most cordial message of welcome to the Cathedral was conveyed to those present from the genial Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Jones, who would certainly have been present had it been possible.

The business meeting was held in the evening at the Wolstenholme Hall, the chair being occupied by Mr. F. Willey. Mr. C. H. Hattersley was unanimously re-elected vice-president. Not being well enough to be present, Mr. Hattersley sent a letter full of inspiration and good counsel. He had, he said, been perusing the report, and said that there was talent in the southern district which, if properly directed and with unity, could in friendly rivalry with the other districts place it in the premier position.

Mr. A. Hague, the district secretary, is now serving with the forces. The patriotic spirit he showed is worth special mention, seeing that he tried at least four times and could not get through. Not to be denied, he made himself competent to pass into a branch of the R.A.M.C.

No one present seemed anxious to undertake the secretarial duties pro tem, and ultimately it was decided to ask Mr. S. F. Palmer, now recovering from illness, if he would agree to act. The nine committeemen were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. J. T. Eason, of Wakefield, resigned, a successor being found in Mr. T. R. Hensher. Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held at Bolsterstone in June, and the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Sheffield for his cordial welcome and for the use of the bells, also to the local company for their arrangements.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GREAT WOLFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On February 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Bird 1, P. Bird 2, H. Gillett 3, E. Pardon 4, C. Bird 5, W. Large (conductor) 6. Also some Grandsire Doubles, with A. Large and C. Lock taking part.

READING, BERKS.—On Feb. 4th, at St. Giles' Church, 840 Stedman Triples: H. Neighbour 1, H. Osborne 2, Corpl. F. V. Sinkins 3, Miss E. Goodship 4, A. Bailey 5, A. W. Osborne 6, F. Griffin (longest length as conductor) 7, L. Osborne 8.—On Feb. 21st, for evensong, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Neighbour 1, C. Higgs 2, Pte. — Goodchild 3, Miss E. Goodship 4, L. Osborne 5, A. W. Osborne 6, F. Griffin (conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8. Also 210 Grandsire, Miss W. Neighbour ringing treble, and conducted by A. W. Osborne.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild and St. Chad's Society.—On Feb. 5th, at St. Chad's, a course of Stedman Cinques: C. R. Lilley 1, G. Scarratt 2, G. Bylin 3, J. Tudor 4, W. Brooks 5, G. Jones 6, B. R. T. Corbett 7, W. J. Taylor 8, W. R. Stockdale 9, E. M. Atkins 10, A. E. Fullick 11, H. Jones 12. This was the first course of Stedman Cinques on the bells; also by all the band except the ringers of 1 and 10. Also 180 of Bob Royal and 315 Stedman Caters, the latter by: G. Bylin (conductor) 1, G. Scarratt 2, W. Brooks 3, J. Tudor 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, W. J. Taylor 6, G. Jones 7, A. E. Fullick 8, E. M. Atkins 9, W. R. Stockdale 10.—On February 12th, 305 Grandsire Caters: J. Tudor 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, G. Scarratt 3, W. Brooks 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, W. J. Taylor 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, E. V. Rodenhurst (first touch of Caters with a bob bell) 8, A. E. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10. Also 208 of Grandsire Caters, 180 Bob Major, and 210 Grandsire Triples.—On Feb. 14th, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Tudor 1, G. Scarratt 2, W. J. Taylor 3, W. Brooks 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, A. E. Fullick 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. Jones 8, 350 Grandsire Triples, with J. T. Wall (treble), 315 Stedman Caters: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, G. Scarratt 2, W. Brooks 3, J. Tudor 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, W. J. Taylor 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, G. Jones 8, A. E. Fullick 9, J. T. Wall 10; and 288 Kent Major.

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