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## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1915, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

ROBERT E. PELLATT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 5
GEORGE B. LUCAS, Senr. ... 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	STANLEY H. R. COOPER ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and

Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Captain Henry J. Sudell, Army Service Corps, who was for many years Master of the St. Matthew's (Upper Clapton) Society of Ringers.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 16, 1915, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM PAGE ... .. Treble	ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 5
ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by R. G. KNOWLES.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Harry Creese, 4th Batt. Worcesters, who fell on August 24th while serving his King and Country in the Dardanelles.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being 720 each of Stamford, Lancashire, Durham, York, Wells,  
London and Cambridge.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
*MISS DOROTHY D. STEEL ... 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
EDMOND HOBBS ... .. 3	HERBERT SHARPE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Surprise on an inside bell.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1915, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 720 each of Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, London Scholar's Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY ... Treble	GEORGE BOLLAND ... .. 4
SAMUEL ODDY ... .. 2	EDWARD ODDY ... .. 5
GEORGE LAMBERT ... .. 3	RUFUS THORNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 15, 1915, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

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

Seven different 720's.

JOHN HURST ... .. 1—2	JOHN SEGAR, JUNR. ... 3—4
SERG. J. B. JACKSON ... 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN SEGAR, JUNR.

Witness: R. MILES.

Sergt. J. B. Jackson was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. He hails from Guiseley, and is now stationed at Babworth, near Retford, with the 2/6th Duke of Wellington's Regt.

## WOKING, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE OFFICE OF "THE RINGING WORLD,"

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5091 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. POLLING ... 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 7-8
MAURICE SMITHER ... 9-10	

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and  
Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, and to the conductor. W. Shepherd's 250th peal.

## NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund have been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	114	2	9
"F. G. P.," London	0	2	6
Hoddesdon Society (per Mr. S. Knight)	0	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

## RINGERS LOST ON "ROYAL EDWARD."

Among those who went down in the "Royal Edward" when she was torpedoed in the Aegean Sea, were four ringers belonging to the 13th Hants Regiment, who were regular visitors, during their stay in the Isle of Wight, to the tower of St. Thomas's Church, Newport. They were Ptes. W. D. Hall, V. G. Hillary, E. Hillary and E. Wellstead.

To their memory, as well as to that of fallen Islanders of the 5th Hants (T.F.) Regiment, and also of those Island men lost on the ill-fated transport, touches of 224 and 213 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Upton and H. Jennings respectively, and three plain courses of Stedman Triples were rung at the Parish Church, Newport, on Sunday week, with the bells half-muffled. Those taking part were: J. Simmonds, W. Chambers, C. Blake, W. Scott, A. Calloway, H. Phillips, W. Upton, J. Leal and H. Jennings.

Pte Edwin J. Wellstead was a member of the St. Peter's tower, Curdridge, Hants, and his loss is deeply felt by his colleagues in that branch of the Winchester Guild. The deceased was only 20 years of age, and was a most promising ringer in Standard methods. He had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples and the treble to a peal of Double Norwich. On September 16th, the Curdridge band rang three 504's of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, except the tenor, which was "open" on one side. The three touches were rung without a break, and were called by three different conductors, viz., Alfred Mears, W. J. Ryves and Andrew Mears respectively, each 509 having a different calling. The ringers were: G. Jupp 1, Jesse Ryves 2, F. J. Newland 3, Alfred Mears 4, W. J. Ryves 5, A. Pook 6, Andrew Mears 7, C. Johnson 8.

Pte V. G. and E. Hillary belonged to Wonstone, a five-bell tower, near Sutton Scotney, Hants, and both had made progress on eight bells during their visits to Newport tower. E. Hillary, who had got as far as ringing an inside bell to Grandsire Triples, was a member of the choir at Wonstone.

Pte W. D. Hall, although not a practical ringer, was much interested in the Art.

## GRANTHAM RINGER KILLED.

News has been received of the death of another Lincoln Guild ringer, who fell at the Dardanelles—Pte Lawrence Edlin Mears, of the St. Wulfram's Society, Grantham. Before the war, Pte Mears was an enthusiastic ringer, and was a regular attendant both at service and practice ringing. Soon after the war broke out he enlisted in the 6th Lincolnshire Regiment, and for a time was stationed at Belton Park, Grantham. He went to the Dardanelles with the 11th Northern Division, which suffered severe losses, and Pte Mears' parents received a brief notification from the Record Office at Lichfield, that their son was killed in action on August 7th. The deceased, who was 22 years of age, is the first member of the Southern Branch of the Guild to be killed in the fighting. The Vicar of Grantham made a feeling reference from the pulpit to the late Pte Mears, dwelling upon his energy as a church worker, and the sympathy which had been extended to his parents.

## AMONG BERKS AND BUCKS TOWERS.

## CAVERSHAM MEN'S TRIP.

The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, had a delightful tour among village churches for their annual outing, the places visited being Hurst, Warfield, Bray, and Burnham, Bucks. Starting from Caversham at 9 o'clock, the party reached Hurst an hour later. Permission having previously been obtained to ring, everything was in readiness. The bells were raised, and Cambridge Surprise and a well-struck touch of Stedman were brought round. After refreshing the inner man, the party were soon on their way to Warfield, which place, after passing through some very delightful scenery, was reached at 12.15. The Vicar (the Rev. W. Thackeray), whom the visitors caught haymaking in the churchyard, gave them a hearty welcome, and led the way up to the ringing chamber, where some good ringing was done. Mrs. Thackeray also came upon the scene, and, after extending her welcome, invited the party to the Vicarage, where lunch was provided, to which, needless to add, all did justice.

The captain (Mr. E. W. Monday), in felicitous words, thanked the Vicar and Mrs. Thackeray for their kindness in providing lunch, and for the hearty way in which they had received the Caversham ringers. The Vicar, replying, said it had always been their intention to invite the Caversham ringers to Warfield, and he hoped they would come again.

After another short touch on the bells, which were then lowered, the party had a look round the fine old church, which was admired very much. Then boarding the conveyance they set out for Bray, where, on arrival, they were met by some of the local men. The heavy peal of six was raised, and some touches of Minor brought round, and the bells lowered. The next place to be visited was Burnham, where the Vicar had kindly held the customary service half an hour earlier for the visitors' convenience. A few courses of Cambridge and Stedman brought the day's ringing to a close. Tea was then partaken of, after which the return journey was made and home was reached at 10.30 p.m., all agreeing that the outing was one of the best they had ever spent.

The St. Peter's Society take this opportunity of thanking the ringers of the various towers and those kind friends (especially Mr. A. W. Carter) who provided nearly all the necessary funds which enabled them to carry out such a splendid programme.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

## A MEETING AT HENBURY.

A very successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Henbury on Saturday last. Members began to arrive at half-past three, and the bells were soon swinging. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before service, which was at five o'clock, and at which the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Way) gave a thoughtful address. Ten followed in the schoolroom, over forty sitting down, including the Master (Mr. F. K. Howell), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), and the hon. treasurer (the Rev. H. A. Cockey).

Subsequently the business meeting was held, Mr. H. Howell taking the chair. One new member was elected. This was Mr. S. Thomas, who has done much for ringing in Bristol in years past, and it gives great pleasure to the ringers to welcome him back into the active ranks once more.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on October 9th at Westerleigh, where a new band of ringers has lately been started.

The Chairman then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and the ladies, who had so kindly prepared tea for the visitors. This was carried with acclamation, and the ringers then returned to the tower. Various methods were rung until half-past eight, when the bells were lowered, and the company dispersed. The ringing evidently put an edge to the appetites of some, for bread and cheese with suitable "beverage," seemed to be much in favour at the "Salutation" afterwards.

The members were very pleased to see Mr. F. May ringing once more, and trust that he will soon be completely recovered.

This was "some" meeting, being the best attendance during the year, the fine weather doubtless being somewhat responsible. The secretaries hope that this keenness will be shown at the rest of the meetings. It is much to be regretted that one of the visitors, who, having left his bicycle outside of the church, on returning after tea, found that someone had stolen his lamp. However, with the aid of a borrowed light, he was able to start his journey home to Berkeley.

While ringing was in progress before service, the Vicar, accompanied by Mrs. Way and three of the Henbury lady ringers, came into the tower and expressed his pleasure in welcoming the Association to Henbury. He further said he thought it would be a fitting occasion to perform a little ceremony, that of unveiling a peal board to record the peal of Grandsire Triples rung some little time ago, largely by Henbury ringers, and conducted by J. Gould.

Mrs. Way was then called upon to unveil the board, which is a small, but very neat one, and which met with approval on all sides.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sept. 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): V. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, S. Wright (first quarter) 3, T. Vaughan 4, W. Cross 5, F. Davis 6, F. Cooke (conductor) 7, R. Gamble 8.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The first Session of the Ninth Council (twenty-fifth annual meeting) was held on Whitsun Tuesday, 25th May, 1915, in the Small Hall of the Church House, Westminster, at 11 a.m., when there were present of representative members 65 out of 103, and of honorary members 8 out of 14, making a total of 73 members present.

Only one nomination, that of Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., had been received for the office of president, and after he had been proposed by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the hon. secretary, who temporarily occupied the chair, announced that he had been unanimously re-elected.

The President, having taken the chair, and having thanked the members for his re-election, announced that only one nomination, viz., that of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, had been received for the office of honorary secretary and treasurer.—Mr. J. Griffin proposed, and the Rev. Canon Baker seconded, the re-election of Mr. Davies, which was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary then thanked the Council for the confidence reposed in him, and expressed the pleasure that the work had always been to him.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the hon. secretary, and were unanimously passed on the proposal of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented the annual statement of accounts, of which the following is a summary: Balance in hand from last year, £42 15s. 2d.; affiliation fees, £12 17s. 6d.; sale of publications, £1 15s. 10d.; interest on deposit account, £1 0s. 7d., making a total of £58 9s. 1d. Against this there had been: Expenses of meeting in 1914, 10s.; expenses of committees, £1; advertisements, printing and postage, £2 17s. 10d., leaving in hand (in addition to the sum of £50 on deposit account), a balance of £54 1s. 3d. These accounts, having been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were unanimously passed on the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

The Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) reported as to the sale of publications, showing how the sum of £1 15s. 10d., mentioned above, was reached.—His report was unanimously adopted.

The following retiring honorary members, viz., Mr. John Carter, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. Canon Papillon, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. W. Snowdon, Mr. J. A. Trollope, and Mr. G. Williams, were unanimously re-elected on the proposal of Mr. G. Watson, seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker.

The President drew attention to the fact of the presence of Mr. W. Banister on the platform, and expressed the pleasure felt by all the members in welcoming him as a visitor to the meeting, and in finding him still in apparent good health. To this Mr. Banister, who announced himself as being in his 92nd year, briefly responded, his remarks being received with hearty applause.

It was announced that expressions of regret for absence had been received from the following members, viz.: Mr. C. E. Borrett, Mr. John Carter, Rev. E. V. Cox, Mr. W. H. Godden, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Mr. A. T. King, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. G. T. Potter, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. W. Snowdon, and the Rev. W. P. Wright.

The Hon. Secretary then read the Council's roll of service, as follows: T. R. Dennis, Signal Service, R.E., 1st Army Headquarters, France.

\*W. Haigh, wearing the badge for war service in Chatham Dockyard.

Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse, A.S.C., Mechanical Transport Section.

\*Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Chaplain to the Forces, stationed at Rouen.

Lieut. C. F. Johnston, Royal Fusiliers, P.S. Battalion.

Rev. C. E. Matthews, Chaplain to the Forces, at the front in Belgium.

R. Narborough, Cambridge Regiment.

\*B. Prewett, 1754, B Co., 5th Battalion London Rifle Brigade.

\*Present at the meeting.

The following new members were introduced to and shook hands with the President: Of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. A. Hughes; of the Royal Cumberland Society, Mr. F. Smith; of the Chester Guild, Messrs. J. Ashmore and J. Morgan; of the Dudley and District Association, Mr. W. R. Small; of the Essex Association, Mr. G. Dent; of the Kent Association, Mr. W. Haigh; of the Ladies' Guild, Miss Edith Parker; of the Lancashire Association, Mr. S. Wood; of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. W. E. White; of the Central Northants Association, Mr. W. Perkins; of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Messrs. T. H. Beams and W. Hughes D'Aeth; of the Staffs Association, Mr. H. Knight; of the Sussex Association, Mr. R. Stredwick; of the Towcester and District Association, Mr. J. Clarke; and of the Worcester and Districts Association, Messrs. A. E. Parsons and W. Short.

On the proposal of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Standing Committee was re-elected as follows: The President, the Hon. Secretary, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. H. Law James, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and Mr. W. Snowdon, the name of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Hon. Librarian, being added to the list.

The President then reported that the Committee had had before

them the question of payment for advertisement of the Council's publications in the ringing papers, which they wished to refer to the Council.

It was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. G. Williams, and carried, that the terms for advertisements offered by the "Ringing World" be not accepted. It was proposed by Mr. G. P. Burton, and seconded by Mr. B. Prewett, that the existing advertisement in "Bells News" be dropped. The motion was lost. It was proposed by the Rev. H. J. Elsec, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and carried unanimously, that the hon. secretary cause to be printed a list of the Council's publications on a slip of paper, and that a copy be forwarded to the hon. secretary of each affiliated Guild or Association, with the request that, if possible, it may be printed in the annual Guild report.

On behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, Mr. J. A. Trollope reported that, as announced last year, the first part of the collection of Treble Bob Major Peals was ready for press.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, having intimated that he wished to resign his position on the committee, proposed the re-election of the committee, and that his vacant seat be filled by the election of Mr. E. H. Lewis.—This was seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and carried unanimously.

The report of the Literature Committee having been deferred till later in the proceedings,

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported on behalf of the Committee on Legitimate Methods, who had been authorised to print Vol. II of the Collection of Major Methods, and explained that a further careful scrutiny of the methods, together with other causes, had led to the postponement of its publication.—The report was adopted, and on the proposal of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the committee was re-elected.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter moved the adoption of the report of the Peals' Analysis Committee, which was seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and carried unanimously.—It was proposed by Mr. C. Dean, and seconded by Mr. W. E. White, that the committee be re-elected with the hearty thanks of the Council for their work.—Carried unanimously.

It was moved by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, that the reports of peals, in order to obtain recognition by the committee, must be published in either or both of the ringing papers within a period of eight weeks, after performance.—This was carried unanimously.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported for the Literature Committee, that owing to his continued ill-health but little progress had been made. The re-election of the committee was proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker, and carried.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Hon. Secretary, and the President reported as to the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee.—On the motion of the Rev. Canon Papillon, seconded by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the committee was re-elected.

The resolution on the agenda to the effect that "The Central Council approve and issue a National Badge for Ringers," failed to find a proposer, and, therefore, fell through.

It was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, that it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the Legitimacy of Methods as stated on page 18 of "Rules and Decisions," 1904.—The President pointed out that it had always been the custom of the Council to refer such matters to an expert committee, and on his suggestion the motion was passed by a large majority, it being understood that the considerations advanced by the hon. secretary were referred to the Committee on Legitimate Methods.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards then moved, and Mr. Hughes D'Aeth seconded, that this Council recognise with emphatic approval the good judgment and consideration shown by ringers throughout the United Kingdom in their spontaneous abstinence from peal ringing since the outbreak of war, but at the same time the Council regards it as the privilege and sacred duty of ringers, whenever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other Feasts of the Church, as also on Royal and National anniversaries to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to this Empire, and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies.—The motion was carried unanimously.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, the consideration of an item on the agenda calling attention to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal was postponed.

For the place of meeting next year, Mr. J. Griffin proposed, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that Plymouth be chosen. To this the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed, and Mr. J. D. Matthews seconded, Bath as an amendment. The amendment having been lost, the original motion was carried by a large majority.

On the motion of Mr. H. White, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, a vote of condolence was passed with the families of the late Messrs. R. Cartwright and S. Reeves, members of the Council, who had died within the past year.

On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, a hearty vote of thanks to the President was carried by acclamation.—The meeting then adjourned.

NOTE.—It is earnestly requested that, should any omission or in-

accuracy be found in the foregoing minutes, the fact may be brought to the notice of the hon. secretary as soon as possible.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Pretherne,  
Stonehouse, Glos.

### SURREY'S NEW PEAL OF EIGHT. DEDICATION AT GODSTONE.

The Surrey parish of Godstone is now in possession of a fine peal of eight bells as a result of the recasting of the old six and the adding of a new tenor and treble, the new peal being in the key of G, and having a tenor of 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 4 lbs., the total weight being 52 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. In addition to the restoration of the bells, which has been done at the expense of the parishioners, a Westminster quarter chiming clock with two dials, the bequest of the late Mr. J. D. Charlton, a resident of the parish who died on September 20th, 1913, has been placed in the tower. All this work has been carried out by the well-known firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to whose foundry the old six (five of which were cast in 1777) were sent to be recast. The new ring of eight have been tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, and are exceptionally sweet and pure in tone, and a great contrast to bells tuned on any other system. They have been fitted with a complete set of new fittings, including cast-iron headstocks, oak wheels, wrought iron clappers, etc., and have been hung in a new frame composed of massive steel foundation girders, firmly secured to the walls of the tower, upon which are fixed heavy cast-iron standards, of the low-side pattern, to support the bearings. The whole frame is braced firmly together, and is so constructed as to obviate any undue thrust being put on the tower.

#### THE BELLS.

The following are the inscriptions and weights of the new bells:—  
Treble.—Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 4 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.

2nd.—To the Honour of God. The gift of Thomas Rose. 1871. Taylor and Co., Founders. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

3rd.—This bell put up by subscription in ye Year 1777. Wm. Mears, London. Fecit. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.

4th.—To Honour both of God and King, Our Voices shall in Consort ring. Wm. Mears and Co., London. Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 5 lbs.

5th.—At proper times our Voices we will raise, In sounding to our Benefactors praise. Wm. Mears and Co., London. Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 6 cwt.

6th.—Whilst thus we join in Cheerfull Sound, May love and loyalty abound. Wm. Mears and Co., London. Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb.

7th.—Messrs. Geo. Werry and Henry Rose. Ch. Wardens. Mears and Co., London. Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

Tenor.—"AD DEI MAJOREM GLORIAM." Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 4 lbs.

The Westminster quarter clock is of the very best possible make and of the most modern design, embodying all the latest improvements. It has a double three-legged gravity escapement and a compensated pendulum, which ensures the most accurate time-keeping.

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#### THE SERVICE.

The Dedication took place on Thursday of last week, the ceremony, which included the consecration of an addition to the churchyard, being performed by the Bishop of Southwark, in the presence of a large congregation and the clergy from the surrounding parishes. After the opening hymns, the Bishop, clergy, choir, and congregation proceeded to the churchyard, where the Psalm, "Preserve me, O God," was chanted. The new part of the churchyard was then consecrated by the Bishop, and afterwards the Bishop, standing opposite the south face of the church clock, said prayers of dedication of the clock and the bells. He then proceeded to the belfry, and after prayers with the ringers, a few rounds were rung, and the choir and congregation in the churchyard joined in singing, "We love the place, O God." Everyone then entered the church, where the Bishop gave an address, in the course of which he said he was deeply thankful that, in those days of September, 1915, they had met, a little company of disciples, to do honour to God's house and to offer Him loving gifts which had been made for the adornment of the church to help its worship. The Bishop dwelt upon the teeming, crowded life of South London, and the life of a country village. When, he said, in a diocese like that they had a place like Godstone, what an example it was to hold before them. It showed what village life meant to one place in England, where English people could really feel enthusiasm for the church and all its associations—a something which was part of the heritage which was their very own. The incumbents of the small villages had their trials—everyone had trials—but they had one tremendous

inspiration: they had the real households of the faith and they could draw people together. There was no need there for temperance meetings and gatherings of that sort. A little word spoken here and there in season was worth all the temperance meetings in the world. In associations some of their very best education lay, and in their responsibility for making associations wherever they lived lay, perhaps, the greatest responsibilities. The world was a better and richer place to live in, not merely so much because of the heroic deeds of the one hundred great pattern lives that passed on and stood in the pages of history, but because of that unnumbered multitude of men and women who in any corner of the most obscure experience, had led them, through the light of faith, hope and love shining amongst them, and lying in unknown graves, gave those simple truths that human life was a sacred thing, that duty was always to be done, and that the love of brother was the crown of life. He prayed that those eternal lights of personality might be shining among them, and might fill the world in which it lived with associations of good report.

The impressive service concluded with the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop and the National Anthem, and the bells then rang out merrily in a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples, the ringers being: H. F. Ewins 1, W. Beeson, junr. (conductor) 2, L. F. Goodwin 3, G. F. Head 4, W. Cheeseman 5, O. Sippets 6, T. Boniface 7, W. Balcombe 8. Afterwards the ringers were entertained by the Rector (the Rev. G. E. G. Hoare) to a meat tea at the Rectory, and further ringing was indulged in, touches being rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. They found the tone and "go" of the bells excellent.

### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The September quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held on Saturday last at Alvechurch, and for a summer gathering it could hardly have been surpassed. It was the first time in the history of the Association that a meeting had been held there, and considering the conditions under which Associations are working the attendance was very good. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in the various methods, including Superlative Surprise Major. The service was conducted by Bishop Mylne, who gave a short but very able and pointed discourse, which was listened to with much pleasure. One pleasing feature of the service was the music which was provided by the genial Master of the Association, Mr. A. E. Parsons, and which helped very considerably to brighten the service.

Tea was provided in the Schools, to which about 50 sat down, and Hostess Scriven was heartily thanked for the very able manner in which she had provided for wants of those present.

At the business meeting, which followed, Bishop Mylne took the chair. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Oldswinford, on January 16th.—The Bishop was elected an hon. member of the Association.

In moving the re-election of Messrs. S. Grove (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Pigott (representative on the Central Committee) and Mr. E. J. Dowler (secretary and treasurer), Mr. Theodore Pritchett heartily congratulated the Association on having such able men to do the work, and said that it was due to their efforts that the Association was in such a flourishing condition.—Mr. R. Small and Mr. A. E. Parsons supporting the resolution, endorsed all that had been said by Mr. Pritchett, and the secretary briefly responded on behalf of the officers.

Mr. Pritchett, in moving a vote of thanks to the Bishop for arranging the service, giving them the address, and for presiding at the meeting, said he trusted that, although it was the first time a meeting had been held at Alvechurch, it would not be the last.—The motion was carried with applause, and the Bishop, in replying, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to have the meeting there, and when their turn came again, he hoped to extend the same hearty welcome to them.

On the invitation of the Bishop, a visit was paid to the gardens, a privilege which was very much appreciated. The shades of evening were now showing themselves, and brought to a close, all too soon, one of the pleasantest gatherings it was possible to have. It was very pleasing to the members to see among them Mr. W. Short, who a short time ago met with such a serious cycling accident, looking remarkable well, considering the damage which was done.

### CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Yardley Hastings, on Saturday last by the Northampton District of the above Association, between 30 and 40 members and friends being present from All Saints', St. Peter's and St. Edmund's, Northampton; Kingsthorpe, Eton, Castle Ashby, Easton Maudit, Weston Favell, Easton Neston, Harpole, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Olney, and the local band. Various methods were rung, including Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, etc. After tea the General Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the local ringers for having them ready.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Starke (vice-president), and heartily carried, the Rector suitably replying.

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**A PROMINENT HANDBELL RINGER.****MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD, OF HERSHAM.**

With a peal rung on Saturday, Mr. William Shepherd, of Hersham, Surrey, brought his total up to 250. Nearly one half of these have been rung on handbells, and it is largely from the part he has taken in performances "in hand" that Mr. Shepherd has risen to no inconsiderable fame in ringing circles in London and the south.

He comes of a ringing family. Born at Exeter on September 7th, 1883, he is the second son of Mr. Ferris Shepherd, who was the first of the four brothers who took up change ringing in the early days of the Devon Guild. Mr. William Shepherd was taught to handle a bell at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, by his father, before school days were over, and did his first change ringing at Heavitree soon after the peal of bells were put there. He scored his first peal in August, 1900, this being conducted by his father



MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

He left Exeter for London in December of the same year, and soon became acquainted with the principal towers and ringers of the Metropolis.

His first peal of Stedman was rung on his 18th birthday, viz., Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, conducted by the late Mr. James Pettitt. His first peal as conductor came a year later at the tower where he learnt change ringing. In October, 1902, Mr. Shepherd went to live at Weybridge, and, while there, went many times to assist the new band of ringers at Hersham, to which village he eventually moved in September, 1904, and joined the local society, who were at that time just starting Stedman. In the year 1907 handbell ringing was taken up, and, after continual practice, a peal of Grandsire Triples was scored, which Mr. Shepherd conducted.

Although fond of peal ringing, Mr. Shepherd is most assiduous in his attention to his Sunday duties in the tower, and is ever ready to lend a hand to help and en-

courage those not so well advanced as himself, and with that in view attends a great many ringing meetings, and also finds opportunities by virtue of being Ringing Master of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild.

Unfortunately he is without a detailed list of his peals, but his 250 have been rung on all numbers from six to 12 bells. In the tower he has rung 141, and conducted 36, his longest length having been 7392 of Double Norwich. On handbells he has rung 109 and conducted 60. Some of the lengths are records. These include the 6063 Stedman Cinques, the longest in hand, and the 8099 Grandsire Caters, which he conducted and which is also the greatest length in the method on handbells. Then there are the two great peals of Stedman Caters at Guildford, the 14,031 and the 19,738, in which also his brother Arthur took part.

These last two peals are the two longest lengths ever rung in hand, and the 19,738 is the greatest number of changes ever rung by one set of men either on tower or handbells. Mr. Shepherd has rung in a "silent" and an "all conducted" peal of Bob Major in hand; conducted a "William" peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells; called peals of Bob Major off every pair of handbells, and rung every inside pair to Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques. He was the conductor of the first family handbell peal (father and three sons taking part), which was his father's first "in hand," and was also the first "in hand" by the Devon Guild, while recently he rang in the short course peal of Stedman Cinques, with 342 calls, on handbells by the Middlesex Association. In handbell ringing, at any rate, this is something to be proud of.

Besides change ringing on handbells Mr. Shepherd is fond of tune ringing, and he and his father and two brothers play tunes from music on a set of over 50 bells. The family are in great demand at concerts, and their playing always proves a great feature in any programme.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Brighouse, on Saturday week, when about 50 members attended, representing a goodly number of towers. During the afternoon and evening the fine peal of eight were kept going in a variety of methods. A committee meeting was held at the Schools, and afterwards a substantial meal tea was partaken of by the visitors.

The business meeting followed, and in the unavoidable absence of Mr. G. Bolland, the Rev. C. C. Marshall took the chair, supported by the Vicar of Brighouse, the churchwardens, and officers of the Association.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting on December 11th, and no invitations being received, it was left to the committee to select the place. A practice meeting was decided upon, particulars of which will be announced in "The Ringing World" later.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. T. B. Kendall was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Brighouse. Everything was done to make the meeting successful, and he hoped it would not be long before they came again.—Mr. J. Colterell proposed, and Mr. A. Gill seconded, a vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies who had helped at the tea tables, Mr. Drake of the local company replying. Handbell ringing was afterwards indulged in, and brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD**

Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, was the venue of the September meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, held on Saturday last. Applodora, Fairfield, Rye, Stone, Tenterden and Woodchurch were the towers represented, and the ringing comprised Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and Bob Minor. Messrs. C. W. Player, C. Tribe and E. Burt acting as conductors. The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) could not make it convenient to attend, and Mr. C. W. Player occupied the chair at the business meeting.—Mr. Tribe proposed, and Mr. G. Johnson seconded, that the October meeting take place at Benenden on the fourth Saturday in the month.—This was carried unanimously.—The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Phillips) was thanked for allowing the Guild to assemble at Stone, and gratitude was also expressed to the chairman for his co-operation in arranging the meeting, the motion being proposed by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs).



## DEATH OF CAPT. H. J. SUDELL.

We regret to announce the death of Captain Henry J. Sudell, of the Army Service Corps, who is the third ringer in the commissioned ranks of the Army to lay down his life for his country.

In January, 1910, at the annual meeting of the St. Matthew's (Upper Clapton) Society of Voluntary Ringers, Mr. Sudell was elected Master. He had already gained the affection and confidence of the members, and their loyalty to him was shown by his re-election year after year. He was always ready to render any service to the church or the ringers, whose welfare was constantly his desire and aim.

His profession was that of a chartered accountant, and he constantly placed his skill in figures at the disposal of the church. He was a regular and devout communicant, and no Sunday passed without finding him in his place in church. He gave of his means with singular generosity, and with that lack of ostentation in keeping with his general humility of character.



THE LATE CAPT. H. J. SUDELL.

Upon the outbreak of the war he joined an Officers' Training Corps, and received in due course a commission in the Army Service Corps, gaining his captaincy last April. He died on board ship, and was buried at sea from wounds received while fighting in Gallipoli. All who knew him will regret the death of this gallant young officer, and will rejoice that to the end (as the chaplain wrote) his simple faith in God remained as an anchor of the soul. May he rest in peace, and may God give the Church many sons with loyalty, devotion and service like his.

Mr. Sudell rang one peal, the only one ever rung by a local society at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton. His first aim was always to have the bells rung well on Sundays, and he was not keen on peal ringing. At the same time, there was none more gratified than he when the society, of which he was Master, rang their first peal, on August 21st, 1913, the method being Grandsire Triples.

On Saturday last a half-muffled peal was rung to his

memory, particulars of which will be found in the proper place. As six of the local ringers are away serving their country the peal had to be rung by a mixed band, and only two of the St. Matthew's Society were able to take part in it. The only other remaining member of the society, Mr. S. S. Dunwell, who was unable to ring in the peal, was good enough to prepare the bells and to affix the muffles. Before the commencement of the peal the Vicar, Rev. O. R. Dawson, visited the belfry, and offered up suitable prayers for such a solemn occasion.

Captain Sudell was a member of the Essex Association as well as of the Middlesex County Association.

## VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH.

On a recent Saturday the ringers of King's Norton, Worcestershire, had their annual outing, when they paid a visit to the famous bell foundry at Loughborough. The invitation was extended to a few ringers not directly connected with the band, but nevertheless it was very much appreciated by all who could accept the offer. Motor traction was the mode of travel, a start being made from Birmingham at 8 a.m. Included in the party were the Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), Mr. T. Pritchett, Mr. A. Pritchett and Mr. Churchwarden Yates.

Tamworth, the first stop, was soon reached, and the bells were set going to Stedman Triples and Treble Bob. A climb up to the battlements was well worth the exertion on account of the splendid view which was obtained. About an hour was well spent at this church, and then a move was made for Ashby. There the Vicar readily gave permission for a ring on the bells, and several touches brought round.

Loughborough was eventually reached at 12.20 p.m., Mr. Denison Taylor welcoming the party. A visit to the machine shops and foundry was very instructive, and it was a pleasure to notice that not only bells were being turned out, but that the men were "doing their bit" at home to help our gallant boys at the front.

The next item on the programme was a visit to the Parish Church, where the grand peal was soon set going to Stedman Caters and Treble Ten. Those who had a pull were able to confirm the opinion which all visitors express that the tone and "go" of the bells leave nothing to be desired. The inner man now wanted attention, and the whole party sat down to a splendid collation. Afterwards, Mr. Theodore Pritchett, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs. Taylor for giving the visitors the opportunity of inspecting the foundry, and also to the ladies who had looked after their wants so well. He also wished to couple with the vote Mr. P. Laffin, who had made all the arrangements for the journey.

The party were fortunate to have amongst them Mr. Harry Withers, the Bournville carillonneur, and to the delight of everyone he was soon busy on the carillon at the Foundry. Included in the selections which he gave were the French, Belgian and Russian National Anthems, and, of course, "Tipperary," which brought loud applause. A visit was then made to the Foundry tower, where ringing was indulged in for an hour, when tea was served in the Foundry.

The turning course having come up, the party shaped their way for home, calling on the way at Measham, where there is a pretty ring of eight. Touches in several methods were brought round, and the journey was resumed through delightful country. The shades of evening were gathering fast when the excursionists ran into Courdsworth, where the last halt was made. The sound of the handbells brought nearly all the villagers out, and it was obviously the first time some of them had heard any handbell ringing. But all things have an ending, and the party left with regret, and arrived back in Birmingham at 10 o'clock, after one of the best and most enjoyable outings it was possible to have.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Southam on Saturday last. Favoured with lovely weather, a goodly number of members put in an appearance to have a ring on this splendid ring of eight, which were set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, in which some of the local men took part. The Southam band has been very hard hit by the war, most of the members having joined the colours, and one has already laid down his life for his country in France. Touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were afterwards rung, and at five o'clock the members adjourned to the residence of Mr. J. Oldham, where a sumptuous repast was served on the lawn, and was much enjoyed.

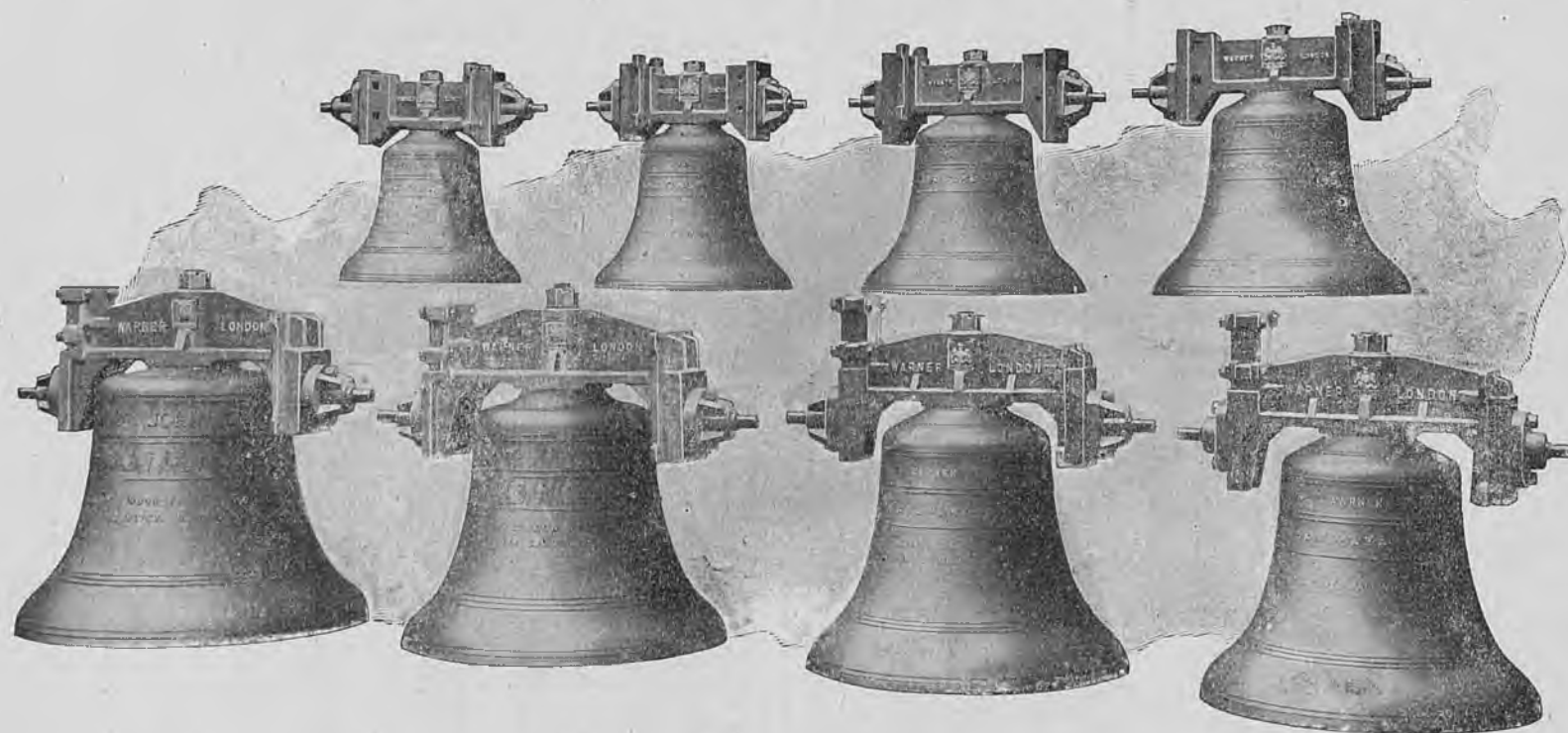
The Ringing Master (Mr. James George) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess for providing tea, to which Mr. Oldham replied, saying how interested he was in bells and bell ringing, and also how pleased he was to welcome the members of the Guild that day. He hoped they would pay him another visit later on.

A walk round the gardens was much appreciated, the beds and borders looking gay with flowers, and making a very pretty picture. Afterwards the belfry was again visited, and the bells were kept going till a late hour, in various methods, a most enjoyable time being spent.



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## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.**—On August 29th, for evening service, two 360's Kent Treble Bob, 120 Stedman and 120 Grandsire Doubles by the following members of the Essex Association: A. Neale, F. Newman, G. F. Margelson, R. Saunders, G. Faulkner, A. Hardy and E. Andrews. Thanks are due to Mr. H. Goodwin, who kindly gained permission of the Rector for the use of the bells and had everything in readiness for the ringing visitors.

**WITNEY.**—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On August 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Brooks 1, Sapper G. L. Walker, R.E., 2, E. Brown 3, F. Smith 4, G. Brooks 5, T. Bull 6, J. Monk (conductor) 7, A. Bull 8. Messrs. Walker and F. Smith (Spitalfields Bell Foundry) are old Witney ringers. This touch was rung upon the 23rd anniversary of the first peal by Messrs. Smith and Monk, who each rang the same bell as that upon which he scored his first 5,000. A touch of 336 in the same method was conducted by F. Smith.

**BRAINTREE.**—Essex Association.—On Sept. 3rd, at the Parish Church, with the clappers half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. J. W. Kenworthy, for 27 years Vicar of the Parish, who was buried at Colchester on that day, 1472 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Webb 1, W. Sadler 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, H. E. Hammond 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Rudkin 6, H. Cooke 7, N. J. Collins 8.

**TRING.**—At the Parish Church, on September 4th, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., by: M. Hiley 1, F. Reeve (conductor) 2, Corpl. J. J. Cawson (5th Glos.) 3, Pte H. Holder (4th Royal Sussex) 4, Pte W. Worgan (5th Somerset) 5, Pte A. J. Andrews (5th Somerset) 6, Pte W. H. Sleeman (Duke of Cornwall's) 7, W. G. Redman 8.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, September 5th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: \*A. Firth 1, C. W. King 2, G. Williamson 3, J. Fairburn 4, \*A. Therley 5, W. Clark (first 720 as conductor) 6, P. Hepworth tenor, covering. \* First 720.—On Sept. 7th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Firth 1, S. Bissatt (first 720) 2, G. Williamson 3, J. Fairburn 4, C. W. King 5, W. Sharp (conductor) 6, J. Clarke tenor, covering.

**ROMFORD.**—At St. Edward's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 5th, for evensong, 576 London Surprise Major: W. Watson 1, A. Wilfen 2, E. Butler 3, W. Keeble 4, A. Chaplin 5, Corpl. B. S. Thomson 6, H. Dawkins 7, E. Pye (conductor) 8.

**DAGENHAM.**—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 5th, after evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Freestone 1, E. Hawkins 2, A. Chaplin 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle 5, E. Pye (conductor) 6.

**BARNES.**—On Sept. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, M. Jacobs 2, H. Barrett 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, P. H. Smith 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble, 5th and 7th.

**BRADFELD, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Wooldridge 1, T. Wardman 2, T. Hillier 3, M. Bowley 4, Miss M. E. Chillingworth (conductor) 5, A. E. Reeves 6. First 720 as conductor.

**COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.**—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples: W. Boden 1, J. Hanley 2, J. York 3, W. Lago 4, R. Jones 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (first attempt as conductor) 6, W. Saunders 7, J. Aston 8.

**CHILMSFORD, ESSEX.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, September 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Poulton (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, A. Speller (Widford) 2, D. H. Newman 3, Pte H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regiment), conductor, 4, Pte H. Halford (5th Glos. Regiment) 5, P. Timson 6, H. Allen 7, A. E. Achfield 8, H. Richell 9, W. Pease 10. First quarter-peal away from the tenor. Arranged for Pte H. F. Cooper, who was home on a week-end leave.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—As a mark of respect to the memory of Col. A. C. Cantrell-Hubbersty (late of the Robin Hood's), who was interred at Ragdale, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung at Cotgrave on September 7th, with the bells half-muffled: W. Clarke 1, W. Cooke 2, W. Hickling 3, Walter White (conductor) 4, Wm. E. White 5, T. Squires 6.

## BRISTOL RINGERS' OUTING.

Wells and Glastonbury were the places visited by the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, for their annual outing. At the former city, the party were joined by Mr. T. King, of Bath, and Mr. Hector, of Trowbridge. Three touches of Stedman Caters were rung on the magnificent peal at the Cathedral. After enjoying an excellent dinner, the visitors went on to Glastonbury, where touches in various methods were rung at the Parish Church. Afterwards the interesting remains of the ancient Abbey were inspected, and touches of Grandsire Caters on the handbells were rung by Messrs. Burford, Wilkins, Brownjohn, Condieck, and Tucker. The effect of this ringing among the old ruins was very fine, and was much appreciated by the visitors. The return journey was made at an early hour, and, despite the stormy weather, the outing was a very enjoyable and interesting one.

## NOTICES.

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

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, September 25th. The bells (8) will be available; service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided for those who give me notice by the Wednesday previous. Election of branch officers at this meeting.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Conisbro', near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is desired. —Leonard Brightman, Honorary District Secretary pro tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, September 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 1/3 per head to visitors and non-resident ringers, and half-price to members giving notice to Rev. Walter Smith, The Vicarage, Tuxford, Newark. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Hon. Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, September 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The September meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, September 25th, 1915, when the bells of Carlton (8, tenor 15 cwts.) also the bells at Whorlton (6, tenor 8 cwts.) will be available for ringing all day. The president (Rev. J. L. Kyle) has kindly offered to provide luncheon and tea free at the Fox and Hounds Inn, Carlton. A short business meeting will follow on after the tea.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**LLANFAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Machen on Saturday, September 25th, at 4.30. Bells (8) available. — Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secretaries.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A district meeting will be held at Whittlesford on Saturday, September 25th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at Wagon and Horses at 5.30. — P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Barr on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. A. Partridge. Tea (10d.) at the Beacon Inn at 6. The question of "War Loan" will be considered. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, September 28th. — H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Kirkheaton on Saturday, October 2nd, 1915. Draw for order of ringing at the Beaumont Arms at 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be provided at 6d. each to all who send in their names not later than Monday, September 27th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Sec. pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held on October 2nd, 1915, at Hilperton, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with short business meeting. Ringing also at St. James', Trowbridge, in the evening. Intending visitors please advise early.—Henry Brownlee West, Honorary Secretary, "Avalon," Devizes.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District. —The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalen's, Gillingham, on Saturday, October 2nd, 1915. Bells available at 3. Service at 4. Tea in the "Memorial Room" at the Vicarage, after service. Will those intending to take tea let me know not later than Wednesday, September 29th.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Parochial Room at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Honorary Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District. —A meeting will be held at Braughing on October 2nd, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Brown Bear, 5.30; members 6d., others 8d. All will be made welcome. I shall be grateful if those who can will notify me.—W. H. Lawrence, Honorary Secretary, Little Munden, Herts.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District. —The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; short service at 5; tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5.30. Ringers intending to be present should let the honorary secretary know not later than October 4th. The hon. general secretary of the Association (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) has promised to attend this meeting.—Stephen Hazzelden, Hon. District Secretary, Lower Street, East Farley.

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