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## MODERN WORK.

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Archdeacon Harvey, himself a ringer, addressing the members of the Yorkshire Association at their annual meeting at Wakefield, gave his congregation food for thought in an address full of sound sense and high inspiration. It was an exhortation to raise the ringers' calling by making it a noble one, but the venerable preacher did not leave it entirely to his hearers to find the means. He had some practical advice to give, with which, we think, the majority of ringers will agree. In regard to the ringing itself, he urged them to widen their knowledge and always to give of their best. Too often ringers are to be found content with what they already know, instead of being eager to strike out into new and more enticing regions of the art, and it is this class of men who, as a rule, are indifferent as to the efficient discharge of their duties in the belfry. The man eager to advance is the man who renders the best service. Another point upon which Archdeacon Harvey laid emphasis was that things would not be satisfactory until there were no paid ringers or choir-men, except reimbursement for lost time, and, in the case of the steeplekeeper, for his labour. There is much truth behind this contention, for, from the point of view of progress alone, it is recognised that where the service is voluntary the advance is greatest.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNBY ... .. Treble	ROBERT BARLOW ... .. 5
ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 2	JOHN STUBBS ... .. 6
RICHARD HEALD ... .. 3	P.C. PETER CROOK ... .. 7
WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 4	JOSEPH DERBYSHIRE... .. Tenor

Conducted by P.C. PETER CROOK.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Howarth, of Wallsuches, who had been interred that day at the above church. He was for many years churchwarden and a great supporter of all connected with the church.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1916, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs. in G.

ERNEST DUMPER ... .. Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 5
PTE. OWEN H. GILES, A.S.C. 2	PTE. A. A. JONES, A.S.C. 6
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ALBERT MARKS... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and  
Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, who was home on leave from France. It was also the conductor's 60th peal in this tower, 64 peals having been rung here, the first on the bells, Bob Minor, on Feb. 15th, 1905.

In the peal at Aston, published last week, the ringer of the 7th was William Webb and not Wells. It was not Mr. Popnell's first peal with a bob bell. All his peals but two have been rung on inside bells.

The handbell peal at Arklow on Jan. 15 was conducted by Richard Kearon.

## 5,056 BOB MAJOR.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

23456	W	B	M	R	23564	W	M	R
53462	—	1	—	—	45236	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—	24536	—	—	—
34562	—	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—	—	43256	S	—	—
42563	—	—	—	—	25436	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—	—	42536	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—	54236	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—	34256	S	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—	25346	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—	32546	—	—	—
32564	—	—	S	—	53246	—	—	—
53264	—	—	—	—	24356	S	—	—
25364	—	—	—	—	35246	—	—	—
43562	—	—	—	—	23546	—	—	—
54362	—	—	—	—	52346	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—	—	42356	S	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—				
34265	—	—	—	—				
52463	—	—	—	—				
45263	—	—	—	—				
23564	—	—	S	—				

The last eight courses repeated.  
Rung at Southall on Jan. 16th, 1916, conducted by the composer.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Stapleton on Saturday. The bells were kept going during the afternoon to various methods, and divine service was held, at which the Rector officiated.—Tea was then partaken of, the attendance being very poor, for such a fine afternoon, there being but 14 members present.—At the business meeting, St. James' was selected for the next gathering, to be held if possible on March 11th. Other matters were quickly settled, and the bells were then resorted to for the remainder of the evening.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT WAKEFIELD.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Wakefield on Saturday week, and the attendance in this time of war was distinctly good, nearly 150 members, representing 39 towers, being present. Ringing, of course, was a secondary consideration, but it is gratifying to note that the bells of four churches were placed at the visitors' disposal, namely: The Cathedral (12), Horbury (8), Sandal (6) and the new ring of six at Crofton. Divine service, conducted by the Vicar of Wakefield, the Rev. Canon Welch, was held in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. The address was given by a ringing member of the Association, the Ven. R. C. M. Harvey, Archdeacon of Huddersfield, who spoke from the text, II Samuel, xxiv., 24: "I will not offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." The 24 years, said the preacher, since the Association last held its annual meeting at Wakefield, had seen very great improvements in the way in which change ringing was carried on. The association of ringing and the public-house was in a large degree a thing of the past, and the clergy had come to recognise that ringers were part of the regular churchworkers of the parish. Those who rang and walked out of church when the service began were not so common now, but they had not altogether gone! Ringing was not arduous work, unless the bells needed re-hanging or a man overpulled his bell every time. He (the speaker) had often rung a quarter-peal, and then taken a full service. Were there not also ladies who rang? Coming to the words of the text, the preacher said they should ask themselves if the service they were doing was really costing them something. He felt that things would not be satisfactory until there was not a paid ringer or choirman in the country, except, of course, for time lost for ringing for weddings, etc., and the steeplekeeper, who ought to be paid. They should resolve to give their service by ringing on Sundays. Ringing also cost them a great deal of patience in many ways; bringing on young bands, bearing with those who strike badly, and those who brought the touch or peal to grief. It must also cost them a little to be frank and free in acknowledging their mistakes. Let them strive to give of their best, both in manner and matter. They should never be content until the striking was like clockwork, with the handstroke lead clear, which was not always the case. Let them not rest content with one or two methods, but widen their knowledge and give of their best. Let them make the ringers calling always a noble one, and never forget that they had change ringing as a national gift and asset. Nowhere else did it exist, except in places abroad, where Englishmen had settled. Let them offer to the Lord that which cost them something into which they really threw their whole heart; then they would be recognised as men who had grasped the spirit that lay beneath their service. Archdeacon Harvey concluded by quoting the motto which he chose for the Winchester Guild.

"Who rings this bell, let him look well  
To hand, and head, and heart;  
The hand for work, the head for wit,  
The heart for worship's part."

### A MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. W. SNOWDON.

After the service a substantial meat tea was served in the Cathedral Schools, and the business meeting followed, with the President, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, in the chair. Speaking in feeling terms of the late Mr. Wm. Snowdon, the Chairman said that the General Committee had already placed on record their deep sense of the loss which the Association and the Exercise in general had sustained by the death of Mr. Snowdon, who was President of the Association from February, 1886, to March, 1911, and had also conveyed their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Snowdon and Miss Snowdon in their loss. The committee's action was endorsed by all present in silence, all standing. The Chairman also announced that the committee had undertaken, on behalf of the members, to erect a memorial tablet, and that Mrs. Snowdon, who had replied most appreciatively to the vote of condolence, had expressed a wish for the tablet to be erected in Ilkley Parish Church. This was approved unanimously, and it was resolved that the scheme be put in hand, and arrangements made to have the tablet installed near to the Jasper Snowdon Memorial window.

The Chairman then spoke of the second great loss which the Association had sustained by the death of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, which occurred within a few weeks of Mr. Snowdon's decease. Mr. G. Bolland said that he had been associated with Mr. Hattersley as a member and official for nearly 40 years, and moved "That this meeting desires to record the great loss which the Association has experienced by the death of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and to express its deep sympathy with his widow and family. The Association owes much to his work and example, and the Exercise in general owes as much for his work as a ringer and composer."—The motion was seconded by Mr. J. Broadley, whose friendship with Mr. Hattersley extended back more than 30 years, and was carried by all rising and standing in silence.

### THE REPORT.

In presenting the committee's report, the President said that more and more we were realising the strength and determination of the German nation arrayed against us. Our nation must receive from its citizens the fullest service which could be given. The report, an extract from which is appended, was adopted unanimously.

The fortieth annual report stated that the year had been a clouded

one in many ways. As a nation we found ourselves engaged in the greatest and most terrible war which the world had ever seen, and in the life of the Association the year had been saddened by the passing away of two of their oldest members, whose names would always be cherished and honoured among them. On Sept. 17th, 1915, William Snowdon, who was, for 25 years, president of the Association, was called to his rest, and, but a few short weeks later, on October 21st, 1915, Charles Henry Hattersley, so long associated with him as vice-president, laid down his work. "It is," continued the report, "difficult to state all that we owe to these two great names, but we are conscious of our debt, and we can only express the hope that the work of the Association will always be maintained on the lines and in the spirit which they have inaugurated. We desire to express our deep sympathy with the relatives who mourn their loss, and our real sense of thankfulness for all that we ourselves have received in guidance and wise counsel and skill from those who have been our leaders in the past, and to whom the ringers of Yorkshire and of the whole country owe more than we can express."

Turning to ringing matters the report went on to say that the smallness of the total of 20 peals rung during this year of war, comprising 15 on tower bells and five on handbells, needed no justification, nor would it have done so had the number been smaller still. Several unpealed peals had been rung as a tribute to the glorious memory of soldier members who had, alas! fallen in action for their country's cause. No new methods or noteworthy records had been achieved, as was, of course, to be expected, Yorkshire ringers being behind none in taking up sterner tasks now demanded in the fight for the causes of liberty and justice. The peals rung on tower bells were: Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Grandsire Cinques 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Bob Major 2, Grandsire Triples 1, seven Surprise Minor Methods 1, seven Treble Bob 1; on handbells: Bob Royal 1, Grandsire Caters 4. During the year four honorary and 39 new ringing members had been elected. Against these 18 ringing members had been lost by death, three of these having laid down their lives on the battlefield for their country's cause. Forty-four members had lapsed, owing to non-payment of subscriptions, and there were now seven patrons, 43 honorary and 1,454 ringing members, making a total of 1,504 names on the books. Against last year's total this was a decrease of 19. Considering the number of young men who had responded to their country's call by enlistment, and those engaged on war work, the small number of new members was only to be expected. Satisfactory reports were received from the various districts, but it was a matter for regret that in the Northern District the vice-presidency and committee seats had become vacant owing to no meeting having been held for the election of the necessary officers. It was somewhat disappointing to find that only 149 copies of the report had been sold to life members, against 342 in the previous year. It was hoped to have better support in this respect with the present and future reports, as only by this means could they hope to keep in a sound financial position and allow for an increasing expenditure in furthering the advancement of the art, which was one of the great objects they set out to attain by the division of the county into districts.

The treasurer's balance sheet was duly passed, on the motion of the auditors, Messrs. T. R. Hensher and J. T. Eason.

No fresh nomination having been received, the retiring hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Cotterell, was re-elected by acclamation.

Mr. T. R. Hensher, of Wakefield, who has been recently elected by the Southern district as vice-president in succession to the late Mr. Hattersley, was welcomed to his seat on the committee, and also appointed as Central Council representative.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Wakefield, the Rev. Canon Welch, for the service, and for the use of the bells and schools, also to the Ven. Archdeacon Harvey for his sermon, and to the Cathedral organist.—A message regretting his inability to be present at the meeting was received from the Rev. Canon Welch.—Thanks were also accorded to the incumbents of Horbury, Sandal and Crofton for the use of the bells there.

Great credit is due to the local branch and their secretary, Mr. J. W. Moorhouse, for their arrangements for and work during the day, and a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them and to the lady helpers at the tea tables.—This was responded to by Mr. T. R. Hensher, who mentioned the interesting fact that this year is the centenary of the installation of the back ten bells.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

**HENLEY-ON-THAMES.**—On Sunday evening, Jan. 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins., as a compliment to Mr. W. Little, prior to his leaving Henley to join His Majesty's Forces. It is now some few years since the Henley ringers attempted method ringing, but the quarter-peal was executed in capital style: G. E. White 1, C. P. Oliver 2, R. Bushnell 3, W. Little 4, E. Nash 5, H. Hatto 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, W. Appleby 8.

**GUILDFORD.**—On Sunday, Jan. 23rd, for evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: B. Chorley 1, Pte C. Burdock (Civil Service Rifles) 2, H. Hutton 3, Pte H. Burdock (Civil Service Rifles) 4, C. Hazelden 5, Staff-Sergt. W. C. Wakley (26th North Staffs Regt.), conductor, 6, A. H. Pulling 7, J. T. Lee 8.



## RALLYING THE FORCES.

### ACTIVITY OF AN OXFORD GUILD BRANCH.

Each church will ope its door,  
Pervyse, Ypres, and Nieuport,  
And with strong clanging bell  
Thunder the Germans' knell.

Emile Cammaerts.

### AN APOLOGY FOR RINGING.

The month of January witnessed a determined attempt to rally the diminishing forces of the East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild by sundry gatherings for mutual practice by young hands and old ones, or rather, I should say, the "ineligibles." Heavy calls for men for the Army and Navy have already been met in Berks and Bucks by voluntary effort, far in excess of those of many of the more populated counties, and now Lord Derby's scheme of "grouping" is quickly absorbing the remainder of our able manhood. It is, therefore, not surprising to find that so many of our belfries are short-handed, for the change ringer is generally found to be most patriotic, and this in itself is sufficient reason for those who can do so to meet occasionally not only to help a beginner, but to bring fresh lambs into the fold of bell ringing.

The church bells of homeland must be kept going for the sake of the old folks at home and the children; more particularly "on Sundays"—and this entails a certain amount of inter-parochial practice during the week. In more counties than I have mentioned here, there are farseeing ringers, who, in a civilian capacity, are voluntarily giving their services to various committees and war organisations, whilst preparing at the same time for an important "National event" which the clergy and churchwardens throughout England will expect to be announced by the ringing of bells. The urgent question now, however, should be—"Where are the ringers?" Like Kitchener's Army they need training, for the message of peace cannot be "tolled" from the tower, neither can victory be "chimed" o'er sea and land, therefore we must prepare.

However poetical such "press terms" may read, when the actual occasion arises for the expression of a nation's joy or sorrow, nothing but "ringing" will satisfy the British public.

A resume of the gatherings I have referred to had better take the form of a ringing diary. I was present at some of them, others were reported to me, but the value of the work done lies in the fact that all were spontaneous musters.

### RINGING PRACTICES.

Thursday, Jan. 20th, Bray.—Eleven present, including three friends from Maidenhead and two local striplings. The touches of Doubles and Minor served as a farewell to the foreman, Mr. E. Saunders, who has joined the Army Veterinary Corps. A 60 Bob Minor well struck, with E. Saunders 1, was conducted by George Martin. A spell of "rounds" for three young hands.

Saturday, Jan. 22nd, Burnham.—Fourteen present, London and Superlative rung, a touch of the latter conducted by Geo. Alder. Mr. Welling and two "colts" from Old Windsor came, also a group of local lads, who watched the dancing sallies with boyish wonder. Our host of the Five Bells lay seriously ill, opposite the church, but neither he nor his wife would hear of the church bells being silent. I have since heard that he died on the following Monday, in his 48th year, after a wonderful experience of life at sea. As a steward on board ship, under the "Orient" and P. and O. Companies, he made 42 journeys to Australia and back. Just think of this awhile, and calculate the mileage. He made many friends in Sydney and Melbourne—perhaps a ringer among them. I know he did on this side of the world, for he was a capital landlord to us ringers, never failing with the supply of bread and cheese and safe storage of cycles, essentials needed by our long distance cyclists, who met at this tower. Walter Watson spent 25 years at sea, his first voyage being on the "British India," and amongst his effects is an excellent testimonial from the Bishop of St. Albans. Crossing the boundless ocean for half a lifetime he has come home to Mother England to sleep beneath one of those quiet old "green" churchyards, which the Bishop of Oxford told us at the festival in 1912 was so sadly missed—like the bells—in most of the parishes in our colonies.

Tuesday, Jan. 25th, Stoke Poges.—Fifteen present. Minor and Doubles rung, conducted by J. J. Parker, who brought over three of his new hands from Farnham Royal, Messrs. Ward, Eason and Metcalf. Mr. G. Gutteridge, of Fulmer, with the Misses Dancer, Messrs. T. Smith, P. Jones, from Slough; Mr. W. Bateman, foreman, and three local men.

Thursday, Jan. 27th, Beaconsfield.—Fifteen members attended London, Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman rung, with Messrs. Evans, Welling and Buckland, as conductors. A good meeting—with an extension for handbell work from 9 to 10, when courses, double-handed, were rung by Messrs. Buckland, Horne, Mayne (2), Welling and Fussell in each of the old or plain standard methods.

Saturday, Jan. 29th, Farnham Royal.—Nineteen present, the following towers being represented at this excellent two hours' practice: Stoke, Fulmer, Burnham, Slough, Beaconsfield and Old Windsor. Standard methods rung and rounds for the youngsters, with Zeppelin blinds adjusted for the first time—as "Hun Surprise" was decidedly off.

This anti-aircraft precaution, I may mention, has been very well carried out in this district, owing to recent German raiding visits to the London area.

Monday, 31st, High Wycombe.—A good combined practice. Caters and Cinques "rung on Stedman's principle," with new blood; a repetition of similar successful gatherings of late. Conductors: Messrs. Wilkins, Hayes and Evans.

### A RINGER'S WEDDING.

Saturday, January 29th, Old Windsor.—Afternoon practice, 3 to 5 p.m., has been in vogue here of late, but a variation occurred this week, when the Vicar (the Rev. Russell Napier) came to the belfry, accompanied by fellow ringers and ringing friends, to present Mr. A. W. Blake with a case of carvers and a clock as a wedding compliment. The ceremony alluded to took place at St. Peter's, South Kensington, on January 15th, when Miss Ada J. Kite changed her maiden name.—The Vicar, in making the presentation, on behalf of the subscribers, wished Mr. and Mrs. Blake every happiness. This was acknowledged by the recipient with as much joyousness as the original little bit of ringing in the chancel brought forth. The tower bells were requisitioned, those taking part in these matrimonial touches including Messrs. Jos. Gutteridge (foreman), T. Smith, P. Jones, Tindall, Osborne, G. Gutteridge, W. Burden, H. Cutts, Miss Welling, and other friends. It will be noticed that the date of this wedding coincided with another in London, in which the bridegroom was a well-known ringer "Haironaut," whilst in the present instance the bridegroom was an adept in flying his kite. Well, if aerial science is to continue development, as it has done during the last few years "The Ringing World" will shortly be called upon to chronicle the first peal in the air.

### BELLS AND THE STAGE.

Saturday, January 29th.—The Shaftesbury Theatre London. — A stirring poem by the Belgian author, Emile Cammaerts, was given for the first time to a crowded audience, the above verse which forms my headlines was taken from the poem, which has been set to music by Sir Edward Elgar. I have referred to it here because I think many readers would like to see and hear this new operatic setting. A sad story of war's havoc in the small strip of territory still left to Belgium is told very effectively, according to the critics; another verse, which offers a terrible contrast to our own happy and peaceful surroundings runs:—

"Not a cry, not a sound, not a life, not a mouse,  
Only the stillness of the great graveyards,  
Only the crosses, the crooked wooden crosses—  
On the wide lonely plain."

### A RINGING OUTING.

Saturday, January 29th, Great Missenden.—Still another circuit on the same date, in which I was favoured by an invitation to take part. A 15-mile cross-country journey, with heavy roads, and an altitude of 600ft. above sea-level to surmount, followed by a heavy-going peal of six heavy bells, were all duly negotiated safely. Missenden was the keynote sounded by the Stentorian Horne, and its sounds brought the pack together at the Parish Church at the opportune hour. The Vale of Aylesbury has been noted for its hunting meetings in the past, but this time we were afoot hunting something other than deer or buck, but just as elusive at times. "Go—Treble Bob" was called, and a 720 was well completed in 31 minutes, the second occasion that the extent had been rung on these bells. About 14 years ago Messrs. Mears and Stainbank rehung this peal with new frame. Unfortunately the churchwardens unwisely retained the old timber beams for a foundation, for so-called reasons of economy. The tenor is inscribed: "Thos. Mears, fecit 1814," weighs 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 0 lbs., is D natural in note, and, like the 5th bell, it requires much exertion to ring true. I think she may very well be named "Gransby," after the man who first put her through it (I mustn't trespass on "Grandisson" down Devon way, at 72 cwt). Our tenor man, like his predecessor, did justice to the art of striking, for local critics speak highly of both peals. Could the Venerable Adam Bede have seen our perspiring heads and have heard the ringing, I feel sure he would have quickly taken us to the Abbey Rectory for a flagon of ale. Mr. Barnes kindly made arrangements, and met us in company with Messrs. G. Woolford and T. Hants, of Great Missenden; Messrs. Elburn and Starr, of Amersham; and Mr. Evans, Hughendon, all having a pull.

### RINGING NOTES.

I recollect asking a Herefordshire ringer once how his bells went, and was told like a "waggon and horses"—literally correct, but he omitted to add "over a rough road," as I found to my cost afterwards by the bumping and rattling overhead. We, the Missenden party adjourned to a house of that name, and we required some drawing out at 9 o'clock, the local hour of closing, as this district now comes under Army orders.

The organist joined us in a pleasant hour's rest and chat—Mr. Gilbert Cross, F.R.C.O., late of St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester. He also waived organ practice to oblige us. This gentleman has a predilection for ringers' company, and is well known in Leicester, "Great Paul" (Taylor's 17½ tons) having been stored in the yard of his father's house there, on its journey by road to London. His early recollections included an attempt to ring a bell with bumptious results, which delayed his organ rehearsals for a time.

We were able to tell a story against his profession how the Squire of Missenden, Mr. Carrington, the parson's son, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. John Evans, as instructor, went to this church for ringing lessons some 20 years ago. They found the church open, and the organist playing at the time, and the latter, on leaving, carefully locked up the church as usual. At the end of the ringing lesson our three brother strings couldn't by any means get out. It was not until they thought of calling the attention of someone passing by, from the top of the tower, that the keys were procured from the sexton to release them.

The present Vicar has been in residence about two months, and is a nephew of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Our thanks are due to him for permission to ring and for other more serious interest he is taking in these bells. I understand the elder son of the late Vicar—Mr. Wilson—has the important editing of the responsible work now being published, "The Great War."

Some of the "We" I write of did not reach home till 1.30 a.m. on the Sunday morning, but this did not prevent them doing their belfry duty for the morning services. The last three hours of an eventful Saturday were spent at Grange Farm, Hughendon, a snug little upland homestead, difficult to reach by a stranger, with a history of something near three centuries. A roof principal of one of the modern barns has the date 1726 carved upon it. Our refreshments reminded one of those enjoyable little parochial ringers' annual suppers held at Christmas time, and was much appreciated. A sweet-toned set of old handbells were brought out by Mrs. Evans, and all the four young members of the Evans' family joined in the touches. Bill Horne was the wit of the party in his dry way, and we broke up at midnight, well fortified within, thanks to the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Churchwarden Evans. W. H. F.

### SALOP GUILD.

The members of the Salop Guild held their annual meeting on Saturday week at Shrewsbury, 34 members attending from most of the churches in Shrewsbury, and also from Coalbrookdale, Malines Lee, Wellington and Wolverhampton.

Ringling took place at St. Chad's during the afternoon, and tea was afterwards served in St. Chad's Parish Room.

Subsequently the business meeting was held, presided over by the Archdeacon of Salop. The members present included the Rev. Dr. Greenwood, the Rev. C. B. Crowe, the Rev. F. Tennison and Major E. R. Trevor Corbet.

The Rev. F. Tennison (who had been acting as temporary hon. secretary) read a report which covered the two years 1914 and 1915, and which had been prepared by the Rev. H. B. Beckwith, who had resigned his position as hon. secretary to the Guild, owing to his removal from the district. The report was considered very satisfactory, and stated that a sum of £20 had been invested in the War Loan, leaving a small working balance in the hands of the treasurer.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. B. Beckwith for the very able way in which he carried on the work of the Guild during the time that he acted as hon. secretary. The members unanimously appointed the Rev. F. Tennison, Vicar of St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, to the post of hon. secretary, which he accepted, and assured the members that he would do his best for the Guild.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Archdeacon for presiding, and the Rev. Dr. Greenwood for his address and the use of the bells, the tower of St. Chad's was again visited, when touches of Grandsire Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and a Plain Course of Bob Maximus were rung. St. Alkmund's tower was also visited during the evening.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Stansted on Saturday week, when about 20 members were present from Stansted, Saffron Walden, Romford, Leytonstone, Walthamstow, Royston, Stapleford, Barley and Cambridge.—The business meeting was held in the tower, the Vicar (the Rev. E. Goodchild) presiding, supported by the District Master (Mr. F. Pitstow), the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Watts), and Mr. E. J. Butler (Master of the South Western Division).—Four new members were elected, viz., Mr. J. B. Williamson, of Cambridge; Mr. A. E. Austin, of Stapleford, both non-resident ringing members; Mr. F. Dench, of Saffron Walden, and Master A. V. Watts, of Stansted.—After several places had been suggested it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Matching, a six-bell tower.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding over the meeting. Mr. Pitstow said he was always pleased to see the Vicar present at these meetings, as he thought it helped to keep the clergy in touch with the ringers.—The Vicar, in replying, said he was most pleased to be with them. He was a new-comer to Stansted, and it gave him a good opportunity of getting to know his own ringers. He could see, by looking round the tower, that Stansted had been a noted place for ringing.

The bells were available from 4 till 9 p.m., and some good touches were rung in the following methods: London Surprise and Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, the conducting being shared by Messrs. F. Dench, W. Watts and F. Pitstow, junr. Later in the evening a pleasant hour was spent together, when some good touches were brought round on the handbells.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### "RECRUITING" IN WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The area allotted to the West Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild is one in which members must steel themselves to face the ups and downs of the roads (often only so-called) and lanes if the seeds of change ringing are to be more widely sown and a greater interest in the work of the Guild established. In such country pedestrianism is by no means a lost art and, in these days of mechanical transport, has some surprising records! Here and there, however, a tower may be found in a village which the railway has deemed worthy of recognition, though it be only to identify a wayside station by the name of some haven of rest, hid far in a dip beyond the hills. Facilities of this nature went some way towards enabling a few members and friends to pay an informal visit to Evershot and Yetminster on Saturday week. The party, numbering ten, was drawn from Bradpole, Beaminster, Symondsburry, and Ilminster, and at Yetminster two ringers from Yeovil were included. In glorious weather Evershot was reached, after half-an-hour's pleasant walk from the station, and here the Rector, the Rev. W. G. Cobbett, met the visitors, and provided a surprise packet in the form of a very welcome impromptu meal before conducting them to the tower. The light ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.) was soon peeling out Grandsire Doubles and Minor and Plain Bob Doubles, and also, with the assistance of one or two of the local ringers, some call changes were added. In the intervals between touches many words of advice and encouragement were spoken to the local men, and the benefits of becoming members of the Guild talked over. The party dispersed by various routes about 3 p.m., to meet again at Yetminster about 4, and, proceeding straight to the tower, found the Vicar, the Rev. M. J. Morgan, and the local ringers ready to introduce their ring of five, with tenor weighing close upon a ton, and new ropes and a long draught. A six-score of Grandsire was brought round, and then the whole company adjourned to tea at the Vicarage. This meal was not allowed to come to an end without the very hearty thanks of all being expressed to the Vicar by the Rev. C. F. Langford for his kindness and attention. He urged the Yetminster ringers to take up change ringing, and, if possible, affiliate themselves with the Guild. The Rev. C. C. Cox and Mr. T. H. Beams also each added a word in support.—The Vicar, in reply, signified the pleasure it gave him to entertain visiting ringers, and promised consideration of the subject of the affiliation of his ringers. Further touches were indulged in afterwards, and a six-score of Grandsire was rung on handbells, the local men carrying on the ringing when the time came for the visitors to wend their way homewards.

The West Dorset Branch hopes, as the outcome of this very enjoyable visit, to be able to count these two towers as persevering additions to its list at no distant date, and the visiting ringers, through the medium of "The Ringing World," desire to convey their appreciation of the permission given them to ring, and the kind hospitality extended to them. C. C. C.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common. Ringing commenced just before 4 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were brought round. At 5 p.m. the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Gosselin) came up to the belfry and gave the members a hearty welcome to St. Luke's, and unveiled a peal board, recording the first peal on the bells (a peal of Grandsire Triples), six of the band that took part in it being present. Afterwards the members attended service, which was brightened by the help of the organist and choir-boys. The Vicar delivered a very impressive address, basing his remarks on Psalm cviii, 13: "Through God we shall do great acts."

At the conclusion of the service, an adjournment was made to St. Luke's Institute, where 31 sat down to tea, the Vicar and churchwarden (Mr. D. C. Simpson) very kindly waiting on the company.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.—Six new members were elected.—Mr. W. J. Jeffries (as district representative) then gave a very lucid report of the committee's procedure and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him. Woolwich, St. Mary Cray and Christ Church, Erith, were proposed as places for the next quarterly meeting, the last-named being carried by a good majority, the meeting to be held on the last Saturday in April.—The District Secretary announced, amid applause, that Churchwarden Simpson had that evening become an honorary member.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and for presiding, and to the organist and choir-boys for their services, concluded the business, and the tower was again visited till 9 p.m.

WORKSOP.—North Notts Association.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 26th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: S. Walker, aged 15 (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Clark (first on an inside bell) 2, C. Hudson 3, H. H. Cartwright 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, T. Bartholomew 6, J. T. Wilson 7, G. Hardwick (first quarter-peal) 8. On December 28th, to commemorate the 58th birthday of His Grace the Duke of Portland, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Walker 1, E. Clark 2, Pte. T. Anderson, 1/8th Sherwood Foresters (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 3, T. Bartholomew (conductor) 4, H. Haigh 5, A. Johnson 6, J. T. Wilson 7, G. Hardwick 8.

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**"MISSING."**

Pte Thomas Wall, 10th Gloucesters, has been reported missing since October 6th. He was formerly a member of the St. Peter's band, Staunton-on-Arrow, and he belonged to the Hereford Guild. Always a very regular attendant, both at the practices and services, he was also a member of the choir up to the time he left the village. Whenever he came home he was sure to put in an appearance at the tower,



Private THOMAS WALL.

where his presence was greatly welcomed. He joined the Army in October, 1914, and was home on leave and helped to ring the old year out and the new year in, and again at Easter, when he helped to ring for three services. Much sympathy is felt with the relatives in their present anxiety.

We much regret to announce the death of Sgt. W. Grunwell, of the R.E. Transport Section, who passed away on January 10th, at the Base Hospital, Rouen, after a few days' illness, from pneumonia. The deceased was for several years a ringer at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, Lancs, and joined the Lancashire Association in 1908. He was a member of the C.E.M.S., and took part, in April, 1914, in the first peal in Lancashire rung by members of that Society.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

The February meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Ranmoor on Saturday afternoon, and proved very successful. The weather conditions being ideal and in sharp contrast to the previous two or three meetings held there, as well as to the last two meetings of the Society, quite a good muster of ringers put in an appearance from All Saints', Sheffield; Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Eckington, North Wingfield, Norton, Penistone, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, and Surfleet. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and continued until 5.30, when Evening Prayer, including the special intercessory prayers for the war, was said by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Lea Nicholls). Mr. L. Charlesworth presided at the harmonium. Tea, kindly provided by the Ranmoor Society, was partaken of and greatly enjoyed in the Parish Room, after which a short business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding, when two new members were elected. The customary votes of thanks duly carried and responded to, after which the bells were soon pealing out various touches, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise, Forward and Original Major, until 9 o'clock, the time appointed for the closure, and another enjoyable meeting was added to the credit of the Society.

**AN INVITATION.**

Mr. H. G. Rowe, of 160, High Street, Cheshunt, writes to say that if there are any ringers working in the district the Cheshunt Society, which meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month at 10 o'clock, will be pleased to arrange for any ringing. Communications should be sent to Mr. Rowe.

**HENLEY-ON-THAMES.**—On Sunday evening, Feb. 6th, after divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. E. White 1, W. Appleby 2, R. Bushnell 3, L. Stilwell 4, E. Nash 5, H. Hatto 6, W. Welling, Old Windsor (conductor) 7, F. G. King (first quarter) 8. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples.

**"STANDARD METHODS."**

The new edition of "Standard Methods" has now come from the press, and is a great improvement upon the old, inasmuch as methods with irregular lead-ends have been excluded and also those Minor methods which produce 6-5's at backstroke. Correct examples have been substituted for those expunged and the work is, therefore, now issued in a form which represents the modern view. There is a great advance in the Minor methods that are included, for they comprise seven genuine Surprise methods, viz.: Cambridge, London, York, Beverley, Carlisle, Chester and Canterbury, as well as 17 others, from Plain Bob to Delights. Of Doubles seven examples are given, including Carter's principle. Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman cover the Triples section, and the Major methods dealt with are: Plain Bob, Duffield, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Oxford, Kent and Albion Treble Bob, and Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. The letterpress portion, explaining the methods, contains a calling of each, and the figures section also provides the now familiar diagrams in colours. The revision of the work was one of the last things undertaken by the late Mr. William Snowdon, and it bears the impress of his painstaking zeal. The complete work is published at 2s. 6d., letterpress or diagrams alone being 1s. 6d., and can be obtained from Mrs. Laura Snowdon, Cartmel, Lancashire.

**A MEETING IN THE STAG-HUNTING COUNTRY.**

The bells of All Saints' Church, Dulverton, were kept going merrily from 3 p.m. onwards last Saturday, on the occasion of a gathering which had been arranged for the encouragement of change ringing in the immediate neighbourhood. Thirty-seven ringers assembled from Bampton, Bishop's Hull, Brushford, Chipstable, Cutcombe, Dulverton, Exeter Cathedral, Ilminster, Milverton, Morebath, Oakford, Swindon and Taunton St. James'. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major, as well as a few call changes, were brought round, and many were the opportunities afforded to learners to master the art of change ringing more completely.

A short service was held in the church at 4.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Green) gave an address, and Mr. Paul (Chipstable) kindly played the organ. Subsequently, tea was served in the Parish Room, at which both the Vicar and one of the churchwardens, Dr. Sydenham, were present. The Vicar was thanked for so kindly allowing the meeting to be held, and for all he had done towards its success.—On the proposition of Mr. J. Maddock, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. V. Cox for having arranged the meeting, and the hope was expressed that he would continue to fix up gatherings of a similar nature from time to time. The ringers present unanimously agreed to defray the out-of-pocket expenses connected with these unofficial meetings.

**BEQUEST FOR RINGERS' SUPPER.**

A gathering of a unique kind took place at Wembdon, Somerset, the other day, when ringers and other churchworkers sat down to supper in the Parish Room. It was the first of a series of annual gatherings in connection with a special fund bequeathed, as a legacy, by the late Mr. J. C. Hosier, of Wembdon, for the benefit of the church ringers. The suggestion contained in the will of the deceased gentleman was that with the proceeds of the fund in question (vested in the Vicar and churchwardens) the church ringers be given every year a dinner at Christmastide. The sum of £100 having been invested in the Government war loan, bearing interest at 4½ per cent., the interest accruing therefrom proved sufficient to enable the ringers to extend their hospitality to the members of the choir and other church officials, to whom invitations were extended, the company numbering nearly thirty. A capital spread was provided with the aid of several ladies, who kindly officiated as waitresses.

Short speeches were delivered at the conclusion of the repast.—The Vicar (Canon Lester), who presided, having explained the origin of the fund, and expressed the gratification he experienced that so much unity prevailed among the church workers generally, Mr. J. Shute, on behalf of the ringers, heartily welcomed the guests who had responded to their invitation, and on the proposition of Mr. E. Bond (the Vicar's warden) a toast to the memory of the donor of the feast (the late Mr. Hosier) was honoured in solemn silence, the company standing. The toast of "The Churchwardens" was acknowledged by Mr. Shepherd (the parish warden); that of "The Sidesmen" by Mr. J. T. Dunsford; "The Parish Free Will Offering Organisation" by Mr. Shenton (secretary); "The Wembdon Branch of the Church of England Men's Society" by Mr. King (treasurer); "The Choir" by Mr. E. Humphreys; "The Diocesan Association of Change Ringers" by Mr. Coles; and "The Wembdon Ringers" by Mr. A. E. Moulton. After the retirement of the Vicar, the chair was occupied by Mr. Bond (his warden), and some time was devoted to harmony, songs being rendered by Messrs. Shenton, Shute, E. Humphreys, Spearing, T. Pugsley (who was stated to have been one of the bell ringers for the extended period of 46 years), and J. T. Dunsford, and a recitation by Miss Wadmore. Before separating the company heartily joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Christmas morning, at St. Thomas's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, C. Groves 2, F. Burnett (conductor) 3, C. Aitken 4, Second-Lieut. Goodship 5, H. Fairall 6, J. Harris 7, G. Conduit 8.

## BELLRINGER AND SONG SINGER.

### DEATH OF MR. HENRY BURSTOW, OF HORSHAM.

A picturesque and, indeed, in North-West Sussex, a celebrated figure has been removed by the death, which took place on Sunday week, of Mr. Henry Burstow, of Horsham, who, after being in failing health for some time, passed away at the advanced age of 89 years.

He was truly a wonderful old man was Harry Burstow. Born in a lowly sphere, reared in the school of hard experience, faced all his long life by the shadow of poverty, he nevertheless possessed a marvellous buoyancy of spirit, a cheery optimism and a high-souled character. He was endowed with an extraordinary memory, and not only retained to the end of his days vivid pictures of the surroundings and events of his early life, but had acquired by heart no fewer than 420 old folk-songs and ballads, some of them running to 150 verses each, which he could sing from beginning to end. It will be remembered that in 1911 his reminiscences were published in book form in order to help the old man in his declining years, for with neither son nor daughter, and but few friends able to help him he was in indigent circumstances.

Henry Burstow was born and died in Horsham, where he lived without a break all his 89 years. He was the son of a clay-pipe maker, and his grandfather, also a Horsham man, fought at the Battle of Fontenay in 1745. He, too, was a pipe-maker by trade, and was born in 1721. Thus the lives of three generations of the family covered very nearly two whole centuries. Henry Burstow was one of a family of nine children, and it is interesting to note the conditions under which he was born and reared. Wheat was sometimes £45 per load in Horsham Market, and labourers' families were reduced at times to stealing turnips from the field, by night, to sustain life. Butcher's meat they rarely tasted, whilst the prohibitive price of tea—6s. to 10s. per lb.—made them feel grateful when they could get tea leaves second hand. Common rushes, got from ponds, dried and dipped in coarse grease, and held in a pair of pincers mounted on a block of wood, were their only means of light; as faggots and cordwood were their only means of heat, and the tinder-box their only means of ignition. Henry Burstow's life lay in that path that rewarded constant hard work with but poor pay. He pursued this path working early and late, at his trade of a shoemaker, maintaining himself, and later his wife, and getting in return for his labour but a mere subsistence wage; sometimes barely sufficient to provide food, clothes and house rent week by week. Concurrently, we are told in the preface to his "Recollections," he indulged his hobbies: Church bell ringing, which, whilst touching the sentiment of thousands who love the fabric, and perhaps the doctrines of the Church, and making him famous near and far, added but little to his income; and song singing, which, whilst enlivening many a jolly evening, preserving many good folk-songs, and adding to his fame, was still less useful to him as a source of profit. He also found time, in a lesser degree, to indulge in bird fancying and water-colour painting.

### HIS RINGING CAREER.

Mr. Burstow joined the Horsham ringers in 1841, but at that date the glory of the old band, who were evidently a leading company in the country between 1766 and 1798, had departed, the old skilful ringers were dead and, Mr. Burstow has told us, "Ichabod" was written over the belfry door. It is interesting to note, however, that Holt's Original was rung at Horsham by the local band in 1766. That they were ahead of most of their contemporaries is proved by the fact that they received at least one visit from London Cumberlands, with whom they were affiliated, for in 1776 George Gross, Samuel Wood and Francis Wood (grandfather of the late Mr. Matt-Wood, of Bethnal Green), and Samuel Muggeridge (who in the next year rang the tenor to the 10,000 and 11,080 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch for the College Youths) visited the town and took part in the first peal of Bob Major on the bells, with two Horsham men and one from Cuckfield and one from Bolney—Sussex towers which lie some miles away. For many years after Mr. Burstow joined the ringers, however, no change ringing was done at Horsham, and he used to trudge miles to neighbouring towers to learn the art. The Newdigate ringers, over the Surrey border, enjoyed a great reputation at this time, and every Saturday evening Mr. Burstow walked to this village, a distance of eight miles. They used to ring from 7 o'clock till ten, then adjourn to the Six Bells for a jollification. Mr. Burstow was in great demand on account of the large number of songs he knew, and after midnight he had to walk home. Mr. Burstow afterwards did a great deal of teaching in the belfries in his district, there being some 15 or 16 towers altogether, which had the benefit of his instruction. There appears to be no record of the exact number of peals he rang, but the following are among some of the noteworthy performances in which he took part: A peal by eight shoemakers on his own wedding day, he being the conductor, the bells being rung continually all day long on that occasion; on March 1st, 1889, 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major in 7 hrs. 45 mins., at Warnham; on December 11th, 1891, 6720 Bob Major, at Horsham. The greatest number of changes he rang in one week was 19,300, and his last 5040 was on June 9th, 1907, at Billingshurst, he being at that time 80 years old. For 65 years in succession he rang the old year out and the new year in on Horsham bells. On January 24th, 1885, Mr. Burstow was one of the company who gathered in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, Brighton, when the Sussex County Association was formed and the first active members were elected. Considerable interest was shown at the time as to where the first peal for the association would be rung. That distinction was gained by a Brighton band on Cuckfield bells, but the second was a peal of Oxford Bob Triples at

St. Mary's, Horsham, rung by a combined Horsham and Warnham band, and conducted by Henry Burstow. By his death the Sussex Association thus loses not only its oldest member in point of years, but also one of its foundation members, of whom there can be but few in the ranks of the county ringers to-day.

### QUALITIES THAT COMMANDED RESPECT.

And now this long life of patient, almost ceaseless toil is ended, and Henry Burstow rests in peace beneath the soil, still within the borders of his own beloved Horsham, and as we leave him we cannot do better than quote from the preface of his "Recollections," written by a friend, and which was as true to the last as it was on the day it was penned: "Perhaps it was his humble occupation and the enjoyment of his hobbies, together with his excellent spirits, that provided a suitable environment for the cultivation and preservation of those qualities that have commanded the respect of his fellow townsmen and continue to radiate in so charming a manner from his old age; his cheerful temperament, generous disposition, delight in thinking and doing good without hope of reward, firmness in shunning evil without the pressure of fear of punishment, enjoyment of life to the last, fearlessness of death whenever it may come. A peace and truth loving Humanitarian, an honest and bold Freethinker, he maintained through life a disposition that never earned him an enemy; a cheery optimism that has warmed the hearts of all who have come in contact with him, and a character that would have adorned many a highly placed dignitary did he possess it."

The funeral took place on Friday last, the first part of the burial service being said in St. Mary's Church, where the bells were rung fully muffled as the body and mourners approached, and also after the funeral. The interment took place at Hills Cemetery. The following ringers were among those who attended to pay their last respect to the famous old bell ringer and song singer: Messrs. L. Paice, E. Waller, W. Blackman, R. Dale, J. Brown, E. Sturt and H. Wood, Horsham; Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, Cranleigh; Mr. W. Short, Warnham; Mr. C. Edwards, Slinfold; Messrs. R. Wood and J. Burdfield, Billingshurst.

### BENJAMIN ANNABLE.

The 1st of February was the 160th anniversary of the death of Benjamin Annable who, in his day, was "judged to understand ringing as well as, if not better than, any man in the world." He died in 1756 between 60 and 70 years of age. That Annable was a clever man is beyond dispute, but he gave little encouragement to his contemporary, John Holt. He did not approve of the latter's peals, and owing to his disapproval, it is thought, Holt's compositions were not generally accepted by some of the London and Norwich ringers. The writers of "The Clavis" remark with regard to Annable: "The honour of the invention of changes, or regular peals, is said to belong to Mr. Benjamin Annable, who first divided them into all their regular parts and proportions with that taste and judgment which surprised the practitioners of his time. What improvement he made in five and six-bell peals is unimportant; but on seven bells there is every reason to believe that he was the first to produce 5040 changes, which was the peal of Plain Bob Triples with two singles—i.e., one at the end of each half. This was looked upon as a great acquisition, as undoubtedly it was, until Mr. Holt's peal without a single appeared. But notwithstanding, Mr. Holt deserves every eulogium, it must be admitted that he was greatly indebted to Mr. Annable for laying so correct and firm a foundation. Mr. Annable's next effort was at Grandsire Triples, and though unsuccessful he did not entirely fail; for if he did not obtain the whole peal complete, yet he went much further than his predecessors, and his peal was in most esteem until that of Mr. Holt made its appearance. In Bob Major he found considerable room for improvement. He saw no necessity for parting the tenors in a peal of either five or six thousand. He made the sixth perform her proper revolution in five-courses, and five-six to come home together every fifteen; this was undoubtedly a very great addition to Bob Major; for those who did not admire the music of it before now confessed that it was considerably improved. Caters and Cinques, which he found in a rude and jumbled state, he threw into the harmonious titums, where they still continue and will most likely ever remain."

Mr. Jaspas Snowdon, commenting upon this, points out that a statement was already made in "The Clavis" that all peals of Grandsire Triples, composed previously to Holt's peals, were false, and it is, therefore, rather difficult to understand what was meant by Annable's peal being in most esteem until Holt's made its appearance. His (Mr. Snowdon's) own opinion was that the authors of "The Clavis" knew as little about Annable's compositions as they did about the spelling of his name. With the exception of the well-known peal of Bob Major, which was always ascribed to Annable, there was not a single composition known to be his given in their book.

### AN HEROIC ACT.

In our last issue, in the notice of Sergt. W. R. Washbrook's death, we mentioned that he had been recommended for the D.C.M. We are informed that the act for which this honour was recommended was one of great bravery. A German mine exploded, and buried two of Sergt. Washbrook's colleagues under sandbags and earth. Sergt. Washbrook and another dug them out while exposed to terrific fire. The deceased had not given the details himself, but a member of his regiment, home from the front, who had seen the incident, has spoken of the heroism displayed. Sergt. Washbrook was 21 years of age.



## MUFFLED RINGING FOR DEAD HEROES

The following were among the muffled touches rung for those who have fallen in the war:—

**STEBBING.**—Essex Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on Intercession Sunday, with the bells half-muffled for each service, touches of Plain Bob Minor, Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob, in which the following too part: A. Barker, E. Hynds, C. G. P. Schlueter, J. T. Barker, E. Claydon, H. P. Emery and H. C. Young, conducted by E. Claydon. After the evening service, 720 Bob Minor was also rung: A. Barker 1, E. Hynds 2, C. G. P. Schlueter 3, J. T. Barker 4, E. Claydon (conductor) 5, H. C. Young 6.—On Saturday, January 8th, with the bells half-muffled, a 720 Plain Bob and 240 Oxford Treble Bob, and also some Plain Doubles: A. Barker 1, E. Hynds 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. P. Emery 4, E. Claydon (conductor) 5, H. C. Young 6.

**BRISTOL.**—On Saturday, Jan. 8th, the bells of St. Nicholas were rung muffled in memory of our sailors and soldiers who have lost their lives during the war, the following taking part: W. Werrett 1, P. Williams 2, F. G. May 3, F. W. Wade 4, W. Probert 5, W. Lansdown 6, I. Long 7, A. Maggs 8, G. Willshire 9, N. Braven 10. A touch of 1349 Grandsire Caters was brought round.

**UTTOXETER, STAFFS.**—On Saturday, Jan. 8th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): \*J. Buxton 1, \*Pte F. Oliver 2, S. Kynnersley 3, P. Cope 4, G. Lewis 5, C. Smith (conductor) 6, H. Willisford 7, E. Green 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: E. Marsh 1, A. White 2, W. White 3, G. Steel 4, F. Steel 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6.

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, WINCHESTER.**—On Saturday, Jan. 8th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: W. Ryder 1, J. Idle 2, W. Holbrook 3, R. Davies 4, A. Frost 5, J. Collier 6, W. H. Idle (conductor) 7, G. Whiteley 8.

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**—It had been arranged to ring a peal of Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled, on Saturday, Jan. 8th, but not meeting in time to finish before dark, 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung instead: W. Welham 1, W. Souter (conductor) 2, C. Alderton 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, A. Grimwood 6, E. E. Diaper 7, H. Copeland 8. Also several touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Major.

**WEST EALING.**—On Sunday, Jan. 9th, for the evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1248 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Hunnisett 1, R. Holloway 2, A. W. Davis 3, Geo. Harbour 4, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 5, B. Brewer 6, W. Lawrence 7, A. Harding 8. This quarter-peal was rung on the above date with the bells half-muffled, as special circumstances intervened to prevent it from being rung on Intercession Day.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, Jan. 9th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins., with the bells muffled: H. Wingrove 1, W. H. Fussell 2, J. H. Batting 3, W. Horne 4, J. Blackmore 5, C. C. Mayne 6, R. Buckland (conductor) 7, C. A. Bennett 8.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Jan. 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Wood (conductor) 1, H. Stansfield 2, C. Bower 3, J. Broadbent 4, T. Jakeman 5, C. Broadbent 6, A. Adams 7, J. Mellor 8.—On Saturday, Jan. 15th, a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal: C. Bower 1, S. Wood 2, T. Jakeman 3, W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Broadbent 5, C. Broadbent 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Adams 8, B. Gill 9, B. Thorp (conductor) 10. Rung in connection with the National Intercession.

Among other churches where muffled or half-muffled ringing took place were: The Parish Church, Peterborough; Pirbright, Surrey; Barthomley, Cheshire; Kingston Magna, Dorset; Shiplake, Oxon; Seaford, Sussex; Godstone, Surrey.

## PRACTICE AT CHISWICK.

An enjoyable evening's practice was obtained on a recent Monday at St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Chiswick. The bells were raised at 7 p.m., and soon off to Grandsire Triples; then followed three courses of Bob Major, and a very musical touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. J. W. Kelley, as an inducement to one of the clergy who has expressed a wish to take up the art. Kent Treble Bob Major was indulged in, and ringing concluded with 168 Grandsire Triples, in which three of the Chiswick ringers took part—Mr. J. W. Kelley, Mr. Kelley, and Mr. Haig.—The bells were lowered in peal at 8.45. Those present were: Messrs. Lawrence and Burrige (West Ealing), Robt. Holloway, J. Fruin, R. H. Boddington, A. E. Smith, A. Elliott (Acton), W. E. Garrard, W. A. Garrard, J. H. Payne, A. W. Davis (of Kensington), also Mr. P. H. Smith.

On Sunday, January 16th, for the usual afternoon ringing, at St. Mary's, Acton, 1008 Stedman Triples: J. W. Kelley 1, E. J. Walsom 2, G. Iles 3, P. H. Smith 4, C. Hunt 5, A. Harding 6, Q.-M.-S. Mackman (conductor) 7, W. Lawrence 8. Afterwards 336 Bob Major, conducted by Robt. Holloway, with J. W. Fruin standing in. In addition to the third Sunday afternoon ringing, the bells of St. Mary's, Acton, are available any Sunday afternoon by arrangement with Mr. Robt. Holloway, 10, Summerlands Avenue, Acton, London, W.

## CHURCHWARDENS AND STEEPLEKEEPER.

The annual meeting of the Bolney, Sussex, Society was held in the vestry on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, presided over by the Rev. H. Harbord, who has kindly taken charge of the parish during the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell, C.F.), who is at present with the British Expeditionary Force in France in the capacity of chaplain. The Vicar's warden, Capt. W. W. Otter, who is on military duties, and Mr. W. J. Brown, people's warden, and an ardent supporter of the ringers, were unfortunately both unavoidably absent.

The Secretary (Mr. G. Walder) reported that the occasions during which the bells were rung in 1915 (55) was considerably less than in former years, the reason being that the weekly practice and all peal attempts had been discontinued since the commencement of the war; and the only ringing done was for divine service. Their numbers were now for practical purposes reduced to eight, their oldest member, John King, having of necessity removed too far away to admit of his attending and two of their number were now in the army, with the probability that others would soon follow. He submitted a statement of accounts for 1915, and a scheme for the distribution of the balance of funds in accordance with the society's rules, which were unanimously passed. He also reported that the annual summer outing was dropped last year on account of the war, and the £5 given by the churchwardens to assist towards that object had been retained in hand. He had received a further £5 from the churchwardens, conditionally on the amounts not being divided at present, but kept to provide an outing or for some similar object when the war is over.—It was resolved to accept the conditions of the churchwardens with the best thanks of the ringers, and to deposit the £10 in the Post Office Savings Bank, the hope being expressed that the happy time might soon arrive when it could be withdrawn.

The officers were re-elected, and Wm. Wheeler re-appointed steeple-keeper, the Secretary explaining to the chairman that for several years the ringers gave a small annual honorarium to that official, but for the past few years the churchwardens had taken over the responsibility of providing the honorarium, while the ringers were allowed to appoint one of their number—in the words of a churchwarden at the time the alteration was made: "The ringers retained the right to do the swearing while the churchwardens did the paying only."

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. E. Huth for his kindness in again providing an excellent supper and enjoyable social evening on New Year's Eve.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, the subscribers, and to the Rev. H. Harbord for presiding, were passed.—Mr. Harbord expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present, and his wish to be of any possible use in the parish.

## ANNIVERSARY AND WEDDING PEAL AT LEYLAND.

At St. Andrew's Church, Leyland, Lancs, on Saturday week, the marriage took place of Mr. E. Berry and Miss A. Banister, daughter of Mr. E. Banister, the oldest ringer of this church. A peal of Stedman Triples, as recorded in our last issue, was rung to celebrate the event, and also to celebrate the thirty-first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Watkinson.

After the peal the band were entertained to tea at the bride's home. A pleasant evening was spent, and Mr. J. Ridyard proposed a hearty vote of thanks, on behalf of the ringers, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Banister for the excellent way in which they had been entertained, and to this Mr. Banister suitably responded. Mr. S. Watkinson kindly entertained the band till train time, which came only too soon.

It is twelve years since a peal was rung on the bells at Leyland, and a rather singular incident occurred. On the following morning the clapper of the third bell dropped out, and the treble rope broke whilst ringing for the afternoon service, so that the band was very lucky to have scored the peal.

## BEDFORD'S 1915 RECORD.

During the year 1915 84 720's in 59 methods were rung at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, by the local ringers and visiting friends. Surprise methods: 6 of London, 4 of Cambridge, 4 720's of three different Lincolns, two each of Wells, Lancashire, Stamford and Ipswich, and one each of York, Chester, Beverley, Canterbury, Carlisle, Durham, Newcastle, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Norwich, St. Peter's, Westminster, Annable's London, Primrose, Warkworth, Berwick, Neatherseal, Norfolk, Munden, Alnwick, Allandale, Morpeth, Surfleet, Hexham, and Superlative; third-place Delights, one each of No. 8, No. 9, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12, No. 14, Kentish Delight, Kent Delight, Chelsea, Fenlake, Cardington; Treble Bob: 5 of Oxford, 3 of Woodbine, 1 each of College Exercise, Violet, London Scholars, Chichester, Worcester, Kent; plain methods: 4 each of Double Court and Plain Bob, and 1 each of Double Stedman, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Canterbury pleasure; total, 84. The ringers taking part were: W. Stapleton 80, C. A. Robinson 73, C. W. Clarke 73, Miss D. Steel 71, Miss E. Steel 61, H. L. Harlow 39, W. Finedon 39, H. Tysoe 16, W. Stanford 11, H. Sharp 10, J. Bates 9, J. P. Cooke 6, E. P. Duffield 4, F. Smith 3, C. Chasty 2, T. Harpin 1, P. H. Stafford 1, G. L. Stafford 1, H. Stapleton 1, J. Garbett 1, A. Waller 1, A. E. Morgan 1. Conductors: W. Stapleton 68, C. W. Clarke 11, H. L. Harlow 3, W. Stanford 1, C. Chasty 1. Most of these 720's were rung for Sunday services, as practice night ringing has been done away with.

## NOTICES.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.** — Established 1755. — The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Old Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6 o'clock. Chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to all fully qualified members, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Bishop Ryder's (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m. — A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — Established 1637. — The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on financial matters, should be paid during the present month. Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on February 24th, and for general business on the 15th and 29th; all at 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.** — Annual general meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in the Vestry Hall. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. McGill, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall at 5. Those members who have not already paid their subscriptions are earnestly requested to do so by the date of the meeting. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — East Berks & South Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Slough on Saturday, February 12th, 1916. Service in the Parish Church 4.30 p.m.; preacher. Rev. F. G. A. Phillips, Rector of Taplow. Tea in Church Institute 5.15 p.m., business meeting to follow. The bells will be available from 2.30 until 9 p.m. — G. Martin, 21, Powney Road, Maidenhead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Miles Platting on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7. — W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday February 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. — Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Salmesbury on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. — A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford on Saturday, February 12th. The bells of both Old and New Alresford will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, New Alresford, at 5.15. — Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Ashford District. — A meeting of the above will be held at Ashford, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. E. H. Sopwith), on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available from 3 till 6. Service in the church at 6 o'clock. Arrangements will be made for tea after the service (for those who wish it) by notifying me of same not later than Tuesday, February 15th. As we have not been privileged to hold a meeting at Ashford for several years it is hoped members will turn up in force to show their appreciation of same. — C. Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, on Saturday, Feb. 19, 1916. Draw for order of ringing to take place in the school at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who send in their names to me not later than Monday, February 14th. — F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — North-Eastern Division. — A district meeting will be held at Halstead, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Short service, with address, 4.30. Tea, 10d. each, at White Horse 5.30. Members intending to be present must inform me not later than Wednesday next (first post). Subscriptions for 1916 are now due. — B. Redgwell, District Sec., The Street, Rayne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, February 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.50. — T. K. Driver, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District. — The next meeting of the Eastern District of the above association will be held at York on Saturday, February 26th, 1916. Bells: Minster (12) 1.30 to 4.30 p.m., St. Philip and St. James (6) 1.30 to 6 p.m., St. Mary's (6) 1.30 to 7 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, to all who advise Mr. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, on or before Tuesday, February 22nd, 1916.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** — Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at Slimbridge (6 bells) on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, by invitation, at 5.30. Short service 6 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify not later than Wednesday, February 16th, to W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Secretary, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildford District. — A meeting will be held at Godalming, on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (8) available 3.30 till 9. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Co-operative Assembly Room, Bridge Street. Chairman, His Worship the Mayor of Godalming. Service of 6.30 p.m. Preacher, The Vicar of Godalming. — John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch. — The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, February 19th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock, meeting at 7 p.m. Reports are now ready. Subscriptions are due. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, February 26th. Bells available 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., and after 8 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. — C. D. Potter, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, February 26th. The bells will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock up till time for service only. Service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. Dr. Gray Maitland (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, February 22nd. Business meeting afterwards. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.**—The bells at this church are rung on Sundays for service at the following times: 10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m., from 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—James George, Ringing Master, 125, Victoria Road, Aston.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—F. E. Dawe has removed from Woking to "Church Cottage," Bramley, near Guildford.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On Christmas Day, for Matins, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: P. J. Brooks 1, L. Verrall 2, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 3, J. Cox 4, Tpr. J. Morley 5, A. Martin 6. Arranged for Trooper J. Morley, of Sussex Yeomanry (vice captain of the local band), who was home on leave prior to leaving for duties overseas.

**SLOUGH.**—On December 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bedford 1, T. Smith 2, A. Leader 3, R. Flaxman 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, G. T. Leader 6, W. Henley 7, J. Cropley 8. Kindly arranged for the conductor, whose son and heir was christened at Windsor, where the bells at present are not allowed to be rung.

**GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.**—On December 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. W. Day (first in method) 1, G. Croft 2, John Hare 3, G. Wolfe 4, H. E. Day (first in method) 5, W. J. Croft (conductor) 6. 288 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Hare 1, E. W. Day (first touch with an inside bell) 2, W. J. Croft (conductor) 3, H. E. Day 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. Croft 6. 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Croft 1, E. W. Day (first touch in method with an inside bell) 2, John Hare 3, H. E. Day 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. Croft (conductor) 6; and 312 Woodbine: E. W. Day (first touch in method) 1, G. Croft 2, John Hare 3, G. Wolfe 4, W. J. Croft (conductor) 5, H. E. Day (first touch in method) 6. Also 240 College Single: G. Croft 1, E. W. Day (first in method) 2, John Hare 3, H. E. Day (first in method) 4, W. J. Croft (conductor) 5, G. Wolfe 6; and 120 Oxford Bob Minor in the same order as above.

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