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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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MODERN WORK

RINGERS AND THE C.E.M.S.

The Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild has been entertaining and instructing a C.E.M.S. audience at Birmingham by a lecture on bells and bell ringing, and there is no one who is better able to make the most of such an opportunity to extend a knowledge of the Art among those hitherto ignorant of its intricacies and attractions. We have often advocated, as a means of recruiting the ranks of ringers, a more general effort to reach the members of the C.E.M.S. in the various parishes. Here, ready to hand, is a body of men pledged to the service of the Church, and from among the members of that widespread Society valuable additions to the strength of our ringing organisations could be made. The first step, of course, is to interest them in the bells of their parish church, and the example which has been set in several places of a lecture on the subject of bells and ringing, of which as a rule few people except ringers have any knowledge, is the very best way to introduce the subject.

Once get men, of the type belonging to the C.E.M.S., to see that there is not only a useful side (that of calling people to worship) involved in the practice of bell ringing, but that there is wrapped up with it an engrossing study, full of fascinating possibilities, to say nothing of the physical exercise which it affords, there ought to be no difficulty in bringing in as many recruits as are needed to maintain a band of ringers at full strength. The important thing is to stir their interest sufficiently to get them into the belfry. The rest ought to be easy. The C.E.M.S. has always appeared to us to be the best and the most readily available recruiting ground for ringers, and we are surprised that more advantage has not been taken of it than

has been the case up to now.

But if tribute is laid on the ranks of the C.E.M.S. to fill the gaps in the belfry, there should be, we think, a reciprocal feeling towards the Society on the part of ringers. Ringers as church-workers should throw in their strength, where they have not already done so, with this men's organisation which is such a pillar of support to the Church. Indeed ringers ought to feel it a duty to be in the ranks of the C.E.M.S. Birmingham proudly boasts that every member of the St. Martin's Sunday ringing band is a member of the Society, and that is an example which might be emulated at every church where there is a Men's Society in existence. It would, we think, strengthen the position of ringers as churchworkers if they were more generally identified with their own parish church branches of the society. Many ringers, of course, are members already, but that is merely the result of individual action. It is exceptional to find the ringers joining as a body, yet we venture to say that if they were to do so it would do a good deal to extend the recognition of their office among Ma public.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, November 3, 1917, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes, AT THE ABBRY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES; GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

The above wes specially arranged for Mrs. E. J. Wilson, of Portishead, this being her first peal and rung at the first attempt. Great credit is due to her as she rang through the peal without making a

single trip.

This is the first time a lady has taken part in a peal on Tewkesbury Abbey bells, and Mrs. Wilson is the first lady to ring a peal for the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester. Through the medium of the "Ringing World" she wishes to thank Mr. Austin and the other ringers who helped to make her visit to Tewkesbury an enjoyable and successful one.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1917, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes, At the Parish Church House, Moor Street, City,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor, 14 size, in D.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... I—2 | JAMES E. GROVES... ... 5—6
ALBERT WALKER 3—4 | GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7—8
Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

First peal of Treble Bob Major in hand by all, and first in the method on handbells in the City.

MILDENHALL'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

Ten of the ringers from St. Mary's Mildenhall, Suffolk have joined the army, and two have laid down their lives. The roll of honour from the tower is as follows:—

ower is as follows:—
Sergt. W. Stannard, R.E., in Egypt.
Lance-Corpl. A. Stockley, K.R.R., in France.
Lance-Corpl. H. Ungless, E. Surreys (killed).
Ptc. R. Woollard, K.R.R. (killed).
Ptc. H. Woollard, Middlesex Regt
Ptc. F. Simpson, R.G.A.
T. Munson, M.T., in France.
Ptc. E. Sparks, W. Yorks
A. Sheldrick, R.N
2nd A.-M. P. W. Fordham, R.F.C., Loch Doon, Scotland.

HOME FROM FRANCE.

RINGING AT SALEHURST, SUSSEX

On Sunday, Sept. 30th, Ptc. Harry Edwards, of the Royal Fusiliers, a member of the Salehurst band of ringers, who was home on leave after 15 months' service in France, paid a visit to Salehurst belfry, where he was heartily welcomed by his old comrades. Arrangements had been made for him to stand in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for Matins, but that came to grief after about ten minutes' ringing, but a well struck 798 of Triples was brought round in 30 minutes, by J. Goodsel I, F. Morgan 2, Ptc. H. Edwards 3, T. Booth 4, W. Hoad 5, W. H. Perry 6, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, L. French 8. It was intended to start for the quarter-peal for evensors, but owing to one of the band failing to put in an appearance, Grandsire Doubles had to be rung in place of Triples. A quarter-peal being brought round in 46 minutes on seven bells, with the second omitted and 4-8 covering: F. Morgan 1, Ptc. H. Edwards 3, T. Booth 4, W. Hoad 5, W. Perry 6, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, L. French 8—On Saturday, October 6th, an attempt was made to ring Grove's variation of Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsive Triples, but unfortunately a trip was made near the end of the eighth part, and the bells changed course; consequently they were called round, after about two hours and ten minutes ringing: J. A. Lambert (Mitcham) 1, W. H. Lambert (Benenden) 2 fig. H. Edwards 3, W. H. Perry 4, T. Booth 5, F. J. Lambert (Howsmonden) 6, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 8.

BIRMINGHAM PARISH CHURCH.

ALDERMAN PRITCHETT TALKS TO C.E.M.S. ON BELLS AND BELL RINGING.

On Friday evening in last week, by the invitation of the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Willink), the Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild (Alderman J S. Pritchett, M.A.) gave a lecture at the Parish Church House on "Bells and Bell Ringing," to the members of the Parish Church branch of the Church of England Men's Society. As is usual at these meetings, the proceedings open with prayer, and Canon Willink, who took the chair, in calling upon Alderman Pritchett, to deliver his lecture, promised the audience an interesting evening.

Alderman Pritchett has given this lecture on several occasions to different gatherings, and being quite an fait with his subject he never fails to make it interesting. He said he remembered when he was fails to make it interesting. He said he remembered when he was quite a little boy he was told a story of two children whose cottage home was close to the edge of a dark wood, from which it was separated by a brook, crossed only by a single plank bridge. Their parents had always warned them that they must never venture into the wood, as dreadful things might happen to them if they did, but one day they disregarded the warning, crossed into the wood, and to their surprise and delight found they were in a veritable fairyland Well, to the ordinary public, hell ringing, or rather change ringing was a very, very dank wood, but he proposed to take them across the plank for just a little while, and endeavour to show them, not a fairyland indeed, but at least some of its intricacies, its mysteries, and its beauties. After showing his audience, by means of a handbell, how a church bell hangs when it is "down," and explaining how it is by means of a rope and wheel, and completes the circle, he figured on a blackboard a few changes in the Grandsira and Stedman methods, and staggered some of them by telling of the number of changes that could be rung on the different numbers of bellsfigures which, of course, every ringer knows, and which need not be repeated here. When, however, he said that to ring all the changes possible on the twolve bells in their own tower of St. Martin's (479,001,600) at the ordinary rate of ringing, and without stopping, would take more than thirty years, some of them fairly gasped in astonishment.

At various point in the lecture illustrations of change ringing were given on the handbells by Messrs. J. E. Groves, W. Kent, J. Neal, T. Russam, A. Paddon Smith, and Albert Walker, the items consisting of a plain course of Grandsire Triples, three heads of Treble Bob

Major, and a course of Stedman Cinques.

In proposing that a very hearty vote of thanks be given to Alderman Pritchett for his very interesting lecture, Canon Willink said that he was quite sure everyone had spent an enjoyable and informative evening, and that those present who had never been into a belfry, or come into contact with the science of change ringing before, would listen to their grand old bells with greater interest in the future. He was also sure that his ringers would welcome any of their brothers in the belfry on a Sunday morning, if they cared to go up, but he warned them that they must preserve absolute silence during the progress of the ringing, or ——! The Rector also thanked the ringers for their presence and assistance, and said how proud he was to know that everyone of them was a member of the C.E.M.S. He could also say the same of the choirmen, many of whom were present in the room.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. Churchwarden Kendall, who said they were proud to know that they had such efficient ringers at their old church. He had met them on many occasions, both in the befry and at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, which he had had the pleasure of attending for many years past, and at which Canon Willink had taken the chair several times. He could assure anybody who would like to go into the befry that they would see much to interest them, and that they would not find it a dirty or untidy place, as he understood many befries were. On the contrary, they would find a room which was quite a credit to the church, and to which during the years he had been a warden, much had been done to make for the comfort of the ringers. He had great pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to Alderman Pritchett, who had so ably explained and made intelligible to them, some, at least, of the mysteries of bell tinging. Needless to say the motion was enthusiastically necorded

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

Despite the curtailment of ringing by the war, the annual report of the Society for the Archdeacenye of Stofford is as comprehensive as ever, all its interesting feature, being retained. There are only three heals to record, viz., one of Grandshy. Triples and two of Stedman Triples. During the year seven new members joined the society, bringing the total membership to 377. The roll of honour now includes 30 names. The society has increased its balance in hand from £24 is, 5d to £26 is, 3d, £18 iz, of this latter amount is invested in 24 War Savings Certificates.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The 40th annual festival of the Durham and Newcasile Diocesan Association of Change Ringers was held at Sunderland on October 27th. A large number of ringers attended the festival, and met at the Chutch of St. Ignatius the Martyr in the afternoon. Here bands were made up, and they rang touches in various methods at St. Ignatius, next the Sunderland Parish Church, and then on to Bishop-wearmouth Parish Church.

On the conclusion of the ringing at the latter place of worship, a service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Gouldsmith. An address was also delivered by the Bishop of Durham, in the course of which he pointed out that bells were mentioned in the Bible, probably the only places being in Zechariah and Exodus. He described the various methods of ringing on the Continent, and went on to say that the art of change ringing was purely of Europe, and was found in no other country, and where it was in the Colonies it had been imported from the mother land. He mentioned that at one time he was a ringer at the church his father was vicar of, and learnt the elementary portion of the art, and had taken part in simple change ringing. His lordship spoke of the holiness of the calling of bell ringing, and urged upon all the importance of living a holy life—Mr. James Bevan presided at the organ, and with the choir assisted materially in the service. At the close a collection for the Red Cross Society was taken, and realised £2 10s.

Subsequently the members gathered at the North of England Cafe Fawcel, Street, and parison of tea.

The annual meeting followed, and was presided over by Mr. C. L. Routledge, the President, of Newcastle.

Thanks were accorded to the Bishop and all who had assisted in the festival.

The Hon Scentary and Treasurer (Mr. G. T. Potter, Whatleread the annual report. This showed that owing to the war very little ringing had been done, and the belfry returns were less than ever. The returns for Sunday service ringing resulted as follows: Eight, ten and twelve belt towers: St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle, 1; St. John's. Newcastle, 2; Whitley Bay, 3; St. Ignatius Sunderland, 4; and St. George's, Newcastle, 5. With regard to the six belt towers, Holy Trinity, Darlington, was first, and Benfieldside second. The treasurer's account for the year showed a balance in hand of £9 3s. 2d.

The reports were adopted, on the motion of the President, after which the certificates of merit were presented by Mr. J. W. Pork r to the winners as recorded above.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, C. L. Routledge (Newcastle); vice-presidents, E. Ferry (Gosforth), Rev. A. W. Lister (Tantobie), R. Stephenson (West Harliepool), and J. Pallister (Cockton Hill, Bishop Auckland), and hon, secretary and treasurer, G. T. Potter, Whitley Bay.

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Among the new members elected were Corpl. Hessian Royal Warwickshire (of Rugby), and Mr. Robert Willis, of Barnard Castle, who has been a ringer for 50 years.

Several louches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung during the day at all three churches.

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AFTER-DARK RINGING STOPPED.

The Competent Military Authority for No. 12 Area, which includes the County of Surrey (except the Metropolitan Police District and the portion included in Aldershot Command), the County of Hertford (except the Metropolitan Police District), the Rural Districts of Windsor and Cookham, and the Municipal Boroughs of Maideuhead and New Windsor in the County of Berks, having been approached by Mr. F. J. Shepherd, assistant hon, secretary of the Yorktown District of the Worktown District of the Worktown District of the Winchester Guild for consent to ring at Oatlands and Hersham on Sunday evenings from 6 to 6.30 o'clock, regrets that permission can-

not be granted.

From No. 10 District also a fefusal of permission to ring for evening service after dark has been sent to the Rector of Godstone.

The Competent Military Authority for the Western Command, having personally been into the question very carefully, regrets he is unable to give permission for bells to be rung for service up to 6.30 p.m. on Sundays. This is in reply to an application from the Arch-

The Competent Military Authority at Preston has, however, give sanction for ringing for evening service up to 6.30 p.m. in that area. This includes a portion of Lancashire, but not Liverpool, Manchester, and the Furness District. Those who are favoured with the order are advised to notify the local police.

MILITARY MEDAL.

ANOTHER CENTRAL NORTHANTS PINCER
Private Charles Haines, who has since been made lance-corporal York and Lancaster Regiment, has been awarded the Military Medal for courage and devotion to duty. He belongs to the Weston Faveil belfry, and is a member of the Central Northants Association (Northampton District). His first peal was rung with the bells fully muffled as a mark of respect to His Majesty King Edward VII. on May 20th, 1910.

The following is a copy of the letter signed by his Lieut.-Colouel, setting out the act for which Lance-Corpl. Haines received the de-

" The enemy delivered a very determined attack under an intense barrage against our positions, using trench mortars, flammenwerfer and machine gun fire. These N.C.O.'s and men (there were four others) immediately opened rifle and Lewis gun fire, and after very severe fighting the attack was repelled. Our men killed about 70 or 80 of the enemy, who were left in front of our treuch. By the excellent fighting qualities of these N.C.O.'s and men, and their determination to hold on to their position, they managed completely to demoralise the enemy. They set a magnificent example of devotion to duty and courage, and possibly prevented a very difficult situation orising."

DEATH OF MR. WM. PHIPPS.

HIGH WYCOMBE'S LOSS.

The High Wycombe belfry has sustained a very great loss by the death of Mr. William Phipps, who passed to October 29th, at the ago of 52 years. resi on M nl v

The funeral took place at Wycombe, on Saturday, when the President of the Wycombe ringers (the Rev. C. H. Ridsdale) very impressively conducted the obsequies. Besides local ringers present were Messrs. R. H. Biggs (Hughenden) and J. Blackmore (Benconsfield). The ringers formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the eand after preceding the cortege to the cemetery, again lined up as the coffin was borne to the grave. At the conclusion of the last riles, the members returned to the Parish Church, where the bells were rung, mufiled, as a mark of respect.

A touch of Stedman Caters (conducted by Regimental-Sergi.-Major

White) was rung, being followed by a couple of courses of Major (conducted by Mr. W. T. Horne).

The floral tribute sent by the ringers was a handsome cross of white flowers, and bore the inscription: "With the heartfelt sympathy of the High Wycombe Church Bell Ringers."

On Sunday the hells were rung, muffled. A good touch of Major was brought round in the afternoon, and previous to lowering the hells, "the whole pull and stand," corresponding to the age of deceased was performed. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, the deceased made many friends. Though he best been in indifferent deceased made many friends. Though he tell been in indifferent health for some time, it was not till recently that serious symptoms developed and the news of his death at Guy's Hospital came as a great shock.

The late Mr. Phipps rang his first peul at the Wycombe belfry in

The late Mr. Emphy rang his his pent at the Wycombe betty in 1902; and the last pent he took part in was a peat of Stedman Counces. on Studay. December 31st. 1916. in 3 hrs. 48 mins. at Wycombe. Altogether he had rung 24 peats, comprising the following methods: Stedman Counce 1 Stedman Counce 1 Stedman Counce 1. Stedman Counce 1 Stedman Counce 1. Stedman Counce 1. Bob Major 1. The peats were rung in the tower of High Wycombe (11), Bedconsfield (5) Hughenden (4) Woodburn (3), Drayton (1). He was a member of the Oxford Guild and the Royal Cumberland Society.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ENJOYABLE MEETING OF YORKTOWN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Yorktown Branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Oatlands Park on Saturday, when members attended from Oatlands, Hersham, Walton, Guildford, Cranleigh, Islaworth, etc., including many lady ringers from Oatlands and Hersham. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. on the new peal of eight bells at St. Mary's Church, and concluded at 5 p.m. with a well-struck service touch of Stedman, by: F. E. Dawe (Bramley) 1 F. Shepherd (Hersham) 2, F. J. Shepherd (Hersham) 3, C. Marghall (Bexley Heath) 4, M. Smither (Guildford) 5, T. Beadle (Isleworth) 6, W. Shepherd (Hersham) 7, B. Snow (Oatlands) 8. The epecial service was conducted by the Rev. Coulson, and included a fitting address by the Vicar of Oatlands (Rev. de Verd Leigh, M.A.). The organist (Mr. Ronald Dussek, F.R.C.O.) and choir led the singing of the special hymns with marked ability and expression.

Subsequently about 50 ringers and friends sat down to tea in the large room of the Oatlands Club, amongst those present being the Rev. and Mrs. de Verd Leigh, Rev. E. P. Pelloe (Hersham), Rev. and Mrs. Coulson, Messrs. C. R. Clift (churchwarden), F. J. Shopherd meting secretary), and W. Shepherd (Ringing Master). At the condusion of the tea, harmony was indulged in, commencing with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, by: F. Shepherd 1—2, F. E. Dawe 5—4, W. Shepherd 5—6 M. Smither 7—8, F. J. Shepherd 9—10, which was followed by homorous songs from Mr. Ronald Dussek, with Miss A. M. Machin at the piano, and handbell time ringing by the Hersham handbell ringers (Mrs. W. and Messrs, F., F. J. and W. Shepherd

The business meeting followed, the Vicar of Oatlands occupying the chair.—The Acting Secretary reviewed the financial position of the branch, and said that, in spite of depletions of male ringers owing to the war, there was still a balance ou the right side, thanks largely to the support of the honorary members who had maintained, and, in some cases, had increased, their subscriptions; also to the loyalty of those ringers who remained, supplemented by the support ladies. He especially mentioned the interest in, and help rendered to, the Guild by the Vicars of Oatlands, Hersham and Yaicley, Mesers. W. A. Wigram and F. L. Vaux (Hersham), and Miss B. Stilwell W. A. v. (Yateley).

Votes of condolence were passed in silence to the families of Mr G. B. Edger (a former secretary) and Mr. E. Hamblin, both of Hersham, who, it was reported, had made the supreme sacrifice.

The following officers were elected for 1918: Hon secretary, Mr. Goo. Miles (Camberley); assistant secretary, Mr. F. J. Shepherd (Hersham); auditor, Mr. A. Woodrow (Hersham); Ringing Master, Mr. W. Shepherd (Hersham); representative on Central Committee, Mr. W. Woodrow (Hersham). It was understood that Messes, G. Miles and W. A. Woodrow being still with the colours, their duties would continue to be carried out by Messrs. F. J. Shepherd and W. Shepherd respectively until their return.

The official agenda having been disposed of, Mr. F. E. Dawe, in a racy speech, paid a graceful tribute to the welcome extended to the members of the Guild that day, the service, in particular, being an enjoyable one. He considered that the whole of the arrangements had been carried out in an excellent manner, and reflected great credit on the acting secretary and those associated with him. It was evident that the ten tables had experienced the gentle touch of some of the lady ringers, and he was given to understand that the Ladies' Committee (Miss Barnes, Miss Newton, Miss Wild and Miss Shorter) were largely responsible for the tasty appearance of the tables and the excollence of the yiends. Mr. Dawe concluded by remarking that the genial presence of the Vicar, together with the attendance of two other clergy, must be regarded as a great compliment to the Guild, especially as it was a Saturday night, which, in his experience, was a difficult time to get near the clergy.

The Vicar of Oatlands, in reply, stated he was most pleased to have had the opportunity of meeting the members of the Guild at Oatlands. and trusted the Guild would continue to presper in the good work it

was undoubtedly doing.

Mr. F. E. Dawe then gave two descriptive recitations, and songs were given by Miss Carpenter. Miss Tucker. Miss Shorter and Mr. R. Tucker. Further tunes were played by the Hersham Handbell Ringers. and the evening concluding with dancing up to 10 p.m., a most enjoyable time having been spent by all.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF - Llandaff Association .- At St. Church, Whitchurch, on Oct. 11th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, arranged and conducted by Mr. W. Biss: F. J. Bailey 1. W. Biss 2. L. Wright 3, B. Chew 4, S. Dewe 5, J. Aldridge 6. For the continuation services, on Sunday, Oct. 15th. 120 of Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung, T Middleton, T. Wood and J. Pain taking part.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Bredon on Saturday last; and, considering the depletion of numbers, owing to the war, was well attended, the following towers being represented: the War, Wag wert attended, the fundamy Stanton, Overbury, and to.

Lon. Among those present were Mr. C. Camm (Ringing Master of the Western Branch), Miss E. K. Parker (secretary and treasurer of the Ladies Guild), and the officers of the Southern Branch.

The ringers met at Bredon Norton, where are a nie-musical peal of six. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob and Keut Treble Bob Minor were rung, and the ringers then made their way to Bredon, two miles distant, where hang a heavy peal of five hells in a steel frame, the tenor being about 20 cwt. There were raised in peal, and a six score of Stedman rung for service, which

was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. II. Hofbeck),

Ten was served in the Church Room, about 30 sitting down, and at the subsequent business meeting the Rector presided, and was unanimously elected an honorary member.-It was decided to attempt two peals, if possible, on the same day, at Bredon and Bredon Norton, the conductors being J. Hemming and J. Dolphin respectively .- It was further decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bishampton. The officers were all re-elected, viz., H: Middleton (Ringing Muster) J. Hemming, how secretary and treasurer, and G. Delphin on the Central Committee.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, on the motion of Mr. F. I. Johnson, and the Rector briefly replied .- Miss Parker having also spoken a few words, the meeting closed, and the belfry was again

visited, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles rung.

WESTERN BRANCH

A meeting of this branch was held at Malvern Link, on Saturday, October 27th, and as was only to be expected the attendance was not large, most of the members being away in the service of the country, and, directly, or indirectly, on war work.

It was decided not to attempt a quarterly peal, and also to postpone

another meeting till after the Central Committee meeting,

The whole of the officers were re-elected,

Touches of Triples, Minor and Doubles, were rung on the bells both before and after the service and meeting.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch of the above Association was held, by kind invitation of the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Branch President), at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday week. The hells were raised at 3 p.m., and Divine service followed in the fine old Church of St. Giles at 3.20 p.m., the officiating clergy being the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill and the Rev. H. Briggs (Vicar of Paulton). The former was the preacher, and gave a most impressive and helpful address. Mrs. Honnywill ably presided at the organ. The hells were gain set going for a shot white affeat the organ. The bells were again set going for a short while after the service, and subsequently the ringers adjourned to the Church Reading Room, where the members (over 50 in all) sat down to a goodly repast most generously provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Honnywill. Having satisfied the claims of the inner man, the members settled down to the usual business meeting, the President taking the chair. New members were admitted to the Association, and voting followed

with respect to the selection of a tower for the next meeting due in January next. It was finally decided to go to Shepton Mallett, if possible, and failing that, High Littleton.

Votes of thanks were passed unanimously to Mr. and Mrs. Honny-

will for their generous hospitality to the members, and also for the use of the balls and the reading room, and to the hon, secretary for his work in connection with the meeting .- Mr. Honnywill and Mr. J. B. Holmyard suitably acknowledged the vote

After the meeting the members again repaired to the lower, where a most pleasant time was spent in ringing Grandsire and Stedman

The towers represented were Leigh-on-Mendip, Frome, Doubting, Radstock, Midsomer Norton, Camerton, Timsbury, Paulton, and Chewton Mendin.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Congresbury on Saturday week, 23 members being present. good touches of Grandsire were rung on this very line peal of eight (tenor 37 cwt.). Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. H.

(tenor 37 cm.). Service was conducted by the vicar (the nev. it. it. Maumsell-Eyre). Tea was provided at the Ship and Castlo Hotel. The business meeting followed, Preh. R. Hayes-Robinson presiding.—Buruham-on-Sea was selected for the next meeting (annual), in Jamary, 1918.—A hearty vote of thanks was necorded the Vicar for arranging service for the use of the bells, and for the very instructive address. The tower was afterward again visited, various touches bringing to a conclusion a very successful meeting, considering the summber of members who are away serving with the forces.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS DECIDE AGAINST RINGING FOR VICTORIES.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held on Saturday week at Felsted, service being conducted by the Rev. E. J. Doherty, Vicar of Felsted, and the Rev. it. T. W. Eyrs, Vicar of Great Tothum, and hon, secretary of the Association. The Vicar preached a striking sermon upon the enthusiasm of Simon, taken from the lesson for the Eve of SS. Simon and Jude. He welcomed the ringers as enthusiasts in their work for the church, and said the one thing Churchmen and Churchwomen wanted to-day was enthusiasm. How many Churchmen were as keen about the welfare of the Church and the Kingdom of God as they were about their own businesses? To become triumphant the Church must become enthusiastic; a religious revival was being prayed for, when the offices of the Church would be rekindled with life.

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After service, tea was given the visitors in Felsied Old School by
the ladies and churchwardens of Felsted Church.

Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Association, presided over
the business meeting which followed.

The report of the Hon, Secretary, Mr. B. Redgewell, of Rayne, waadopted, and Mr. H. F. Cooper, Stisted, formerly hon, secretary to
the South-Eastern Division (Chelmsford), was appointed Master of
the North-Eastern Division.—Mr. B. Redgewell was re-elected hon
secretary. secretary.

Mr. G. Wright and Mr. R. Goodman (Felsted) and Mr. F. Gibson (Sille Hedingham) were elected hon, members,—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Witham.

Mr. Cooper raised the question of ringing church bells for victories achieved by the British armies during the war, and after discussion it was decided not to ring the bells on such occasions.—The Chairman and the holds should be rung as regularly as possible for church serviced. said the bells should be rung as regularly as possible for church ser-

said the bells should be rung as regularly as possible for church service, and ringers should keep in practice, ready for the time when the boys come home (applause).

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre thanked the Vicar and churchwardens of Felsted for the welcome given to the ringers, and the ladies of Felsted for the hospitality they had displayed.—The Chairman, seconding, said Felsted was distinguished in having three lady ringers members of the Association. Ladies were taking up ringing in some places and their help was very useful, because so many men had been called to serve with the colours. At Felsted that day it had been called to serve with the colours to ring with the Vicar's daughter, whom he congratulated on her graceful handling of a bell. The Mastor also referred to the good work done by Mr. W. Farrew in keeping the Felsted bells ringing.—The Rev. E. J. Doberty, Vicar; Mr. F. Goodman, churchwatden, and Mr. W. Farrow all replied.

S.E. DISTRICT MEETING AT BOREHAM

On Saturday last the annual district meeting for the South Eastern Division was held at Boreham, and although the weather conditions were unfavourable, a very enjoyable meeting resulted. Members attended from Cheimsford, Widford and Boreliam, and Mr. H. F. Cooper, District Master, N.E. Division. The methods rung during the afternoon included Kent Treble Boh and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

In the absence of the Vicar, through illness, the service was conducted by the Rev. A. G. Langdon, C.F., who gave a very impressive and instructive address on "Bells." After the service the members adjourned for tea and the business meeting, which were presided over by the Rev. A. G. Langdon.

Mr. W. Lincoln was re-elected District Master, and Mr. F. W. Edwards, district secretary.—Galleywood was selected for the next meeting, to be held in February.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Younge for allowing us the use of the bells.—It was also resolved that a letter expressing sympathy be sent to the Vicar, wishing him a speedy re-

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. A. G. Langdon for taking the service, and to the organist and choir for their assistance

DEANE, BOLTON.-On Suturday, Oct. 13th, 504 Stedman Triples: DEANE, BOLTON.—On Saturday, Oct. 13th, 504 Stedman Triples; T. Barlow, junr. (1st 500) 1, T. Barlow, seur. 2, F. Rigby 3, S. Goodal (1st 500) 4, R. P. Heald 5, P. Crook 6, T. B. Worsley (conductor) 7, C. Lever 8, For evening service, an Sunday, Oct. 14th, 672 Grandsir Triples; F. Morris 1, T. Barlow, junr. 2, F. Abbot 3, S. Goodal 4, T. Barlow, seur., 5, R. P. Heald 6, T. B. Worsley (conductor) 7, W. Dickenson 8.

WOOTFON.—Central Northamptonshire Association. — On Sunday evening, Oct. 14th, at St. George's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving, 800 Grandsire Doubles: W. Atterbury I. B. Seden 2. W. T. Law 3, W. Fairy 4, H. Clarke leonductor) 6,

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD," to which all communications should be sent, is 9, Cox-BERCIAL ROAD, WORING.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD .- The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Nov. 10th, 1917. Bells from 3 to 6. Service at 6. Tea at 6.30; free to members, 2/- to visitors. - John J. Jones, Hon. Sec , 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 10th, 1917. Bells of St. Mary's Church available from 2.30. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Nov. 7th.—Jas. W. Elkins, Dist. Sec., 20. Culver Road, Winchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society. Est. 1824).-A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Church of St. Mary, Putney. Bells available from 3 to 5.30. Business meeting to follow at the Duke's Head, Lower Richmond Road. It is earnestly hoped that ringers will avail themselves of this opportunity of united practice in view of the restrictions in ringing at the present time.-T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637). - Meetings will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice, on November 15th and 29th, and for general business on the 20th (Election of Officers), all at 8 p.m.-William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. - North and East District. - A meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing from 2.30 to 6 p.m. Short service and address by the Rector, 6 pm. Tea at 6.30, by invitation to those only who advise me by 13th in-t., followed by business meeting, handbells, etc. Outstanding subscriptions for 1917 should be sent now to W. H. Orani, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at dusk. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD .-The next meeting of the above will be held at Great Chart on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock until sunset.-H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells at St. Michael's and at All Saints' from 3 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea and meeting at St. John's Schools at 6,-F. G. Hume, Dist. Sec.

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

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DEATH OF A YORKSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James Nichols, of the St. James' Society, Bolton, Bradford, which took place on October 15th, very suddenly, at the age of 48 years. Daceased was a ringer at St. James' Church, also a member of the choir. He was secretary of the Cambridge Lodge, No. 2041 of the R.A.O.B.

The funeral took place at Undercliffe Cemetery on Saturday, Oct-20th, and was attended by a very large body of ringers and other friends. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Cunliff, Vicar of St. Chrysostom's, after which two glees were sung by members of the Airedale Musical Union, of which deceased was a member. A course of Grandsire Triples was also rung at the graveside by: T. B. Kendall 1—2, J. Broadley 3—4, A. Gill 5—6, B. E. Howe 7—8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HALESOWEN.—Worvestershire Association.—On Saturday, Oct. 13th, after an unsincessful attempt for Superlative, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 46 mins.: A. E. Pausons I, T. J. Salter 2, W. Coley 3, J. Bass 4, W. Bird 5, S. Grove 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, A. Hackett 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the fallen members of the above Association.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for morning service, 630 of Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, H. Gillett 4, J. Collett 5, F. Pitts 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Butler 8. For evening service, 1260 of Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Pitts 1, T. Banning 2, H. Packer 3, H. Gillett 4, J. Collett 5, W. Stratford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Butler 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday Oct. 14th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: Keith Salter (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, G. Davis 2, N. Davis 3, R. Mey 4, T. J. Salter (conductor) 5, W. Short 6, J. Woodberry 7, J. Bennett 8. Rung on the occasion of the hurvest festival.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, harvest festival, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): J. Pickering 1, G. Wood 2, N. Walker 3, H. Webb (first quarter-peal with a bob hell) 4, C. Briggs 5, J. Garratt 6, H. Briggs (conductor) 7, W. Jones 8.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for morning service, 840 Grandsire Triples: Pie. W. S. Crawford 1, Thos. Abbott 2, James York 3, Wm. Saunders (conductor) 4, Richard Jones 5, Leonard Hewitt 6, Walter Lago 7, Jack Asion 8. The ringer of the trible was home on a few days' leave from the clerk's section of the A.S.C., Bath.

LLANBRADACH.—On Oct. 15th, for evening service on occasion of the harvest festival, at All Saints Church, Llanbradach, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Gwillym 1, J. Jones 2, F. Evans (conductor) 3, F. Stevens 4, F. Boucher 5, S. Voyzey 6, W. Burgess 7, J. Phillips 8.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. Fry 1, F. Remaine 2, S. Macey 3, J. Harris 4, Fle. T. Haslam, R.F.C., 5, R. Knight 6, Sapper F. Precey, R.E. (conductor) 7, C. Gaisford 8, Rung as a farewell to Pte. T. Haslam, who is being transferred to another dietriet.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 21st, for morning service, 672 Bob Major; T. R. Jackson 1, Miss Lindsey 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, Miss Suart 4, T. Suart 5, T. Watson 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, 572 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, Miss E. M. Suart 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. Watson 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, for Evensong 720 Violet Treble Bob: W. Wheeldon (sen.) 1, W. Wheeldon (jun.) 2: T. Shaw 3, C. Preston 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, D. Preston 6.

ROCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, October 7th, 498
Double Norwich: R. Paine 1 W. Haigh 2, O. Sullivau 3, W. Easter 4,
Corpl. E. G. Buesden 5, Sergi. F. A. Holden (conductor) 5, W. Walker
7. E. A. G. Allen 8.—At St. Margaret's, 293 Grandsire Triple: 1,
Kidd, junc. 1, E. Rayner 2, F. A. Holden (conductor) 3, W. Kidd 4, O.
Sullivan 5, E. G. Buesden 6, W. Rayner 7, J. Kidd, seur., 8,

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