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MESSRS GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1918.
Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK

MEMORIALS.

In this column last week we referred to the general proposal for memorials for fallen ringers; this week a kindred subject claims attention. Our readers will observe, from a report elsewhere in this issue, that the memorial to the late Mr. William Snowdon, provided by the members of the Yorkshire Association, has been completed and erected in the Parish Church, Ilkley; the church with which the deceased gentleman had many intimate associations, for in addition to its being the Church at which he acquired his first knowledge of ringing, it was dear to him for the sake of family ties. His father was incumbent there, and Mr. Snowdon was born at the Vicarage, and it is, therefore, not difficult to imagine how near at heart he held everything connected with Ilkley Church, where, too, is the ringers' memorial to his talented brother Jaspar, whose work, after his premature death, Mr. William Snowdon carried on with so much devotion and patient care.

The tablet which has just been erected, and which is to be dedicated on some future date when a meeting of the Yorkshire Association can be more fittingly arranged than at present, could not possibly have been in more appropriate taste, and the life of the man himself and the service which he rendered to the art of ringing could not have been summed up in more happily selected phrase than is to be found in the inscription. William Snowdon was first and last a son of the Church, and it was from this standpoint that he viewed ringing, and sought, by his labours, to elevate it and to spread the knowledge of it. Jaspar Snowdon died and left his work incomplete. Had there been no William Snowdon, it is extremely doubtful whether the benefit of his brother's work would ever have been so fully realised as has been the case during the last thirty years, so that not only the Yorkshire Association, of which for twenty-five years he was the honoured president, but the Exercise at large has reason to honour the name of William Snowdon.

There are many ringers, particularly those whose recollection of matters campanological carries them back a generation, who will be glad to associate themselves with the memorial to be erected at St. Ann's, Oldland, Bristol, to the memory of the late Rev. H. A. Cockey. The proposal is to erect a reredos in the church, with which for nearly thirty years he was so intimately connected, and thus fulfil a desire which the deceased gentleman had set his mind upon while he was Vicar, but which death prevented him seeing accomplished. The service which the Rev. H. A. Cockey rendered to the Exercise may not be so well known to the present generation, but his work and influence in days past were substantial and successful. It is, therefore, a happy thought on the part of those responsible to give ringers the opportunity of contributing to the fund.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5075 CHANGES;

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| CHARLES FAULKES Treble | GILBERT GUEST 6 |
| WILLIAM MILLS 2 | JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 7 |
| HERBERT SHEPPARD 3 | JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 8 |
| THOMAS WALTON 4 | BENJAMIN GOUGH 9 |
| HARRY MASON 5 | WILLIAM MEEK Tenor |

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

The above peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, and President of the above Guild; also as a token of gratitude and appreciation for the many kindnesses which the ringers have received from the hands of Canon and Mrs. Gray Maitland during their 25 years at the Dudley Parish Church. After the peal the ringers were congratulated by the Vicar who in return received the congratulations of the band with the hope that he may be spared for many a year to come. Mr. H. Mason, the ringing master, kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal, where the Vicar and Mr. W. R. Small joined them. The ringers, through this medium, wish to thank sincerely the ringing master for his kindness.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BOLTON, BRADFORD.

On Sunday, April 7, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ARTHUR AMICE Treble | WILLIAM WALAND 5 |
| FIRTH HOPWOOD 2 | ARTHUR GILL 6 |
| JOHN PALFRAMAN 3 | FRANCIS BARKER 7 |
| JAMES H. MAURSON 4 | SAM PALFRAMAN Tenor |

Conducted by A. GILL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Bernal Ettowe, over 30 years a member of the above company, also to the memory of Mrs. White, the wife of one of the Churchwardens of the above Church, and a very ardent worker in the parish.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1918, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| *JOSEPH ATKINSON Treble | HAROLD R. GREENE 5 |
| GABRIEL LINDOFF 2 | JAMES W. TOWNLEY 6 |
| EDWARD LUTMAN 3 | SERG. W. FARLEY 7 |
| ROBERT S. F. MURPHY 4 | *DAVID ATKINSON Tenor |

Composed and conducted by G. LINDOFF.

Rung as a farewell peal to Sergt. W. Farley, N. Somerset Yeomanry,
* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 14, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following Methods:—Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor, 8 cwt.

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| DAVID HORNE Treble | ANDREW LAYTON 4 |
| HENRY PRITCHARD 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD 5 |
| CHARLES LAYTON 3 | GEORGE JORDAN Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

The bells were muffled for Charles Powell, a late member of the band, and Ernest George, who have fallen in France.

This was the 50th peal of the ringer of the third, and the 40th peal by the ringer of the 4th.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

On Saturday, May 4, 1918, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

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| MISS LOUISA SMITH Treble | MISS ADA SIMPSON 4 |
| FRANK STONELEY 2 | JOSEPH HALL 5 |
| ARTHUR RIDYARD 3 | AMOS SIMPSON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK STONELEY.

Rung on the back 6, with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Second-Lieut. C. F. Saunders, who was a member of the local band; he was given his commission on the field, and was killed in France on April 16th, ten days later. The ringers of the treble and 4th were elected members of the Association before starting for the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, May 2, 1918, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 size in B Flat.

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| GEORGE F. SWANN 1—2 | JAMES E. GROVES 7—8 |
| ALBERT WALKER 3—4 | WILLIAM KENT 9—10 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 5—6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12 |

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: GEO. YENDALL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, May 3, 1918, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WALKER, 21, BAKER STREET,
SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

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| FRANK W. PERRENS 1—2 | JAMES E. GROVES 7—8 |
| ALBERT WALKER 3—4 | WILLIAM KENT 9—10 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN 5—6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12 |

Composed by J. E. GROVES, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: MR. G. YENDALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor; also his 100th peal on twelve bells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held on Saturday last at St. Peter's, Bexhill, members being present from the following towers: St. Peter's, Brighton; Shoreham, Shipley, Heathfield, Christ Church, Blacklands; Christ Church, St. Leonard's; Battle; Christ Church, Eastbourne, etc. Touches in the standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Maycock), the meeting was held in the Rectory. Mr. E. C. Merritt being voted to the chair.

The retiring officers were re-elected as follows: Mr. G. H. House, divisional hon. secretary; Messrs. Franks, A. R. Miles, and J. Livermore, representatives on the Association Committee and Committee of Advice.

The Chairman said he wished to call the attention of the members present to the fact that the annual general meeting of the Association would be held at Brighton (St. Peter's), on Whitsun Monday, and expressed the hope that at least one member from every tower would be present, as one or two very important matters were on the agenda for careful consideration.

After a very hearty vote of thanks had been accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and allowing the use of the room for the meeting, the members attended evensong, and rang several touches afterwards.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Messrs. A. D. Stone (Brighton), G. Penfold (Pevensey), and A. E. Edwards (Salisbury).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HESTON.

Midway between the Bath Road and the Uxbridge Road, at a point where the two great ways are about three miles apart, is to be found the old-world village of Heston. The church tower holds a musical peal of eight, in good going order, and here on Saturday week a very successful meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association was held, thirty-five ringers attending from Camberwell, Chalfont St. Peter, Edmonton, Fulmer, Horsham, Harlington, Hounslow, Harrow, Isleworth, Oatlands, Old Windsor, Staines, Sunbury, Stoke Poges, Willesden Green and West Ealing. There were twelve ladies present, amongst them being Mrs. Wm. Shepherd and Miss Emery (Hersham), Miss Barnes (Oatlands), and Miss Gudgeon (Fulmer).

The District Master (Mr. T. Beadle) tactfully arranged the touches to suit everybody, consequently some of the ladies were not 'wall-flowers' a long time, as frequently is the case when touches are called on by some of the 'dons' to suit themselves. With a little prompting, where required, eight of the fair sex rang a course of Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Cooper 1, Miss E. Fuller 2, Miss McKrell (Chalfont St. Peter); 3, Miss D. G. Feltham 4, Miss N. Williams 5, Miss G. Bateman 6, Miss E. K. Parker 7, Mrs. Frank Hairs 8. Amongst other touches was a good course of Superlative Surprise rung by Major J. H. B. Hesse 1, Mrs. F. Hairs 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, W. Hewett 4, W. Henley 5, J. Bruce Williamson 6, W. Shepherd 7, Miss Edith K. Parker 8. Touches in several other methods were rung, in which R. Sanders, Gunner Wm. Welling and Pte. G. Cuite took part.

At the tea and meeting in the Parish Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson) presided. Staines was proposed as the next place to which to pay a visit, and Mr. A. W. Davis was made a member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his jovial reception, and for the use of the bells, and to the kind donors of the excellent tea, which was provided by Mr. King (churchwarden), Mr. Sydney Carter, and the local band. Mr. Clarke (one of the churchwardens) took tea with the party.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HACKNEY.

The members of the North and East District held a meeting at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, Hackney, on Saturday last. The event being favoured with a fine afternoon, nearly 40 ringers attended and it was not surprising, with so many experts present, to find three touches of Superlative brought round before service time.

The service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. S. Batty), was in the nature of a war intercession, followed by a short address, in which the Rector welcomed the Association to South Hackney, and spoke of the fellowship which existed between ringers. He also reminded his hearers that when they rang the bells for service, they preached to many whom the voice of the clergy never reached. He concluded by urging all to consecrate their work and art to the service of God.—Mr. W. Lawrence kindly presided at the organ, and the hymns sung were: 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow,' and 'O God, our help.'

All then adjourned to the Mission Room, where Mr. Riley had prepared a very nice tea, which was much enjoyed. The Vicar being unable to be at the meeting, the chair was taken by the Rev. E. Morton (curate).—Messrs. C. Leder and J. Schneider, of Finchley, were elected honorary members.

The Hon. Secretary conveyed the President's congratulations to the members of the recent peal of Stedman Cinques.

For the place of the next meeting, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, was suggested if arrangements could be made with the authorities.

Mr. W. Hewett gave notice that he would bring before the next meeting the question of a memorial to those who had fallen in the war.

With acclamation, the meeting expressed thanks to the Rev. B. S. Batty, the Rector, for his kind welcome to South Hackney, for the use of the bells and the service, and to Mr. A. Riley, who with no little trouble had carried out the arrangements for the meeting and tea.

A well-struck course of Stedman Cinques was then rung on the handbells by Miss E. R. Parker, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. W. and G. R. Pve, J. B. Williamson, and E. Maurice Atkins, after which most returned to the tower for another hour's ringing.

Thus concluded a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.

The repairs to the interior of the spire of St. Martin's Birmingham have now been completed, and the bells themselves have been overhauled. On Sunday they were heard once more ringing out over the city for both morning and evening service, and the Rector (Canon Willink) visited the belfry, and expressed the pleasure that was felt at hearing the bells once more.

During the time that St. Martin's bells have been silent, the band have paid fortnightly visits to St. Philip's.

NORTHFIELD.—For evening service, on Sunday, March 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Webb 1, J. Withers 2, F. Hobbiss 3, J. Vaughan 4, J. Eaton 5, A. Chambers (conductor) 6.

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THE LATE MR. WILLIAM SNOWDON.

MEMORIAL AT ILKLEY.

The ringers' memorial to the late Mr. William Snowdon, for 25 years Master of the Yorkshire Association, has now been completed, and erected in Ilkley Church, of which his father was Vicar. The memorial consists of a handsome brass tablet ornamented in the top left-hand corner with a bell and stock, and an artistically entwined bell rope. The inscription, most aptly phrased, is as follows:—

IN MEMORIAM,

WILLIAM SNOWDON.

Born at Ilkley Vicarage, A.D. 1846. Died at Cartmel, A.D. 1915.

A TRUE SON OF THE CHURCH.

He was for 25 years (1885-1910) President of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, succeeding in that office his brother Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, in whose memory the adjoining window is dedicated.

By his assiduous and faithful labours he advanced the art of change ringing, and conferred lasting benefit on the ringers of all ages.

Mindful of his example, his fellow ringers erected this tablet to his memory, in the third year of the great war (A.D. 1917) desiring with him that all their work may be

HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD.

The tablet will be dedicated at a future meeting of the Association and subscribers will be notified when the date is decided upon.

BELGIUM'S LOST BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In fairness to our other Ally, I am only too sorry to intimate that France has probably lost equally as many bells as Belgium. During the last year, I have been over the ground that has, and is being fought over, and many instances of vandalism on the part of the Germans are to be found. In some cases, the theft of the bells is the only act of violence to the church, even if the surrounding village has been burnt out. One church has its bell cote and spire (of wood) brought to the ground bodily, and the removal of the single bell has left the headstock inverted by its own weight. On the exterior of a wooden tower in the Somme district, hang a chime of eight bells, a tenor of about 4 cwt. As the village is in German hands now, I wonder what their fate is, as also the carillon at Baillienl.

I have seen bells as modern as 1894, beautifully cast, but in no case have I noticed any attempts at tuning.

I have met but three ringers out here in 15 months. Two were my own local chums, and one was from Ashford, in Kent.—Yours,

ALBERT COPPOCK.

France.

Bandsman, 2nd D.L.I.

* KILLED IN ACTION.

Charles Powell, one of the ringers of Mathon, Herefordshire, and a member of the Diocesan Guild, has been killed in France, and, as recorded elsewhere, a muffled peal to his memory has been rung. The deceased had taken part in seven peals.

Corpl. W. A. Painter, a member of the band at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, died in France on April 21st, and on Sunday week, for evening service, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, by: J. T. Godwin 1, C. B. Hurst 2, C. F. Uphill 3, W. J. Bengier 4, A. T. Woolley 5, J. T. Hull 6, G. T. White (conductor) 7, W. Bowering 8.

The St. George's Society, Clun, has lost one of its five members who volunteered to serve King and country. Sergt. W. I. Lewis, M.M., 7th Battalion, K.S.L.I., who was killed on March 28th on the Western Front. He was 22 years of age, and volunteered soon after the outbreak of war, and was awarded the Military Medal in August, 1916, for bravery in the field and good work done on the Somme. Sergt. Lewis was one of the band who took up bell ringing on the new peal of eight which were dedicated a few weeks after the outbreak of war. He had also been a member of the Parish Church choir for a number of years.

On Friday evening, April 26th, before commencing their summer evening practices, the members rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), with 6, 7, 8, dodging, in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of regard to a fallen member. The chaplain (the Rev. H. J. Scott) said the bellry office and prayer for the repose of the soul of a fallen comrade, and the ringers were as follows: F. A. Watkins 1, E. Beddoes 2, Rd. Morris 3, G. W. Roberts 4, C. Minton (conductor) 5, Rev. H. J. Scott 6, G. W. Griffiths 7, W. Mead 8.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Second-Lieut. James Lunn, another member of the Clun band, was reported missing, but has written saying he is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Lance-Corpl. C. J. Matthews, of the 8th Battalion East Surrey Regt., son of Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Cumberland), was taken prisoner in the early days of the recent offensive, somewhere in the vicinity of St. Quentin. The young soldier, who was a very capable handbell ringer, was a member of the Putney Guild and the Cumberland Youths. He was also well known in the district of Plymouth, where he spent some time.

REDEDICATION OF RAWMARSH BELLS.

A YORKSHIRE VILLAGE RESTORATION.

For over twenty years the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Rawmarsh, hung silent in the tower, which is the crown on the Rawmarsh Hill. Once again, however, they are in proper ringing order, and on St. George's Day (April 23rd) the Bishop of Sheffield dedicated the recast peal, which are a very nice, handy little ring of eight, with a tenor of 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs. The work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The service commenced with the processional hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' followed by the National Anthem. A shortened form of evensong was used with special psalms xxix., cxlii., cl. During the singing of the hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' the clergy and choir proceeded to a place under the tower, where the Bishop proceeded to rededicate the bells. The following ringers from Sheffield Cathedral then rang a few rounds on the new peal: Sam Thomas (Ringing Master) 1, William Bugar 2, William Lomas 3, Leonard Charlesworth 4, George Holmes 5, James T. Rew 6, Sam Seed 7, Alfred T. Baker 8. During the ringing, the clergy and choir returned to their places in the chancel, and after the hymn, 'Christ our corner stone,' a very suitable address was given by the Bishop from Ps. lxxxix. 15. During the singing of the hymn, 'Thy hand, O God, has guided,' the offertory was taken in aid of the Rawmarsh and Parkgate Red Cross Ambulance. The service concluded with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God.'

As the congregation left the sacred edifice, the bells pealed forth again into song, this time to the tune of Stedman Triples, by: George Holmes 1, William Bugar 2, William Lomas 3, Leonard Charlesworth 4, Sam Thomas (conductor) 5, Haydn Thorpe 6, John Thorpe 7, Alfred T. Baker 8. A start was made for a quarter-peal, but this had to be cut to eleven courses (924 changes), owing to a message from the Bishop, that he wished to address a gathering of the parishioners who were on the rectory lawn near by.

The Rector (the Rev. F. G. Scovell), during the interval, entertained the ringers, together with the wives of several of them to tea in the schoolroom, which was highly appreciated by the visitors. A return was made to the tower, the sound of the bells being eagerly awaited by the parishioners, the young (in hundreds) and the elder ones (in goodly numbers). The occasion will doubtless be remembered as a Red Letter Day in the lives of the children of Rawmarsh, for never before had they heard the sweet music of bells emitted from this majestic and hallowed pile of their inheritance. Their delight was unbounded to hear such sweet and resonant sounds bursting out overhead from this 'pulpit of stone in the upper air.' What is the message to these little ones? 'To call the flock to church in time, "We Chime." When from the body parts the soul, "We Toll." When mirth and joy are on the wing, "We Ring."'

One cannot express the looks and feelings of the elder portion of the listeners, proud to possess this noble church tower, from which after a lapse of over 20 years the bells had again found their tongues, 'sounding aloft without crack or flaw, shriller than trumpets under the law.' Over the silent graves in the churchyard the bells were again pouring forth their music. As the writer stood and listened, one of the parishioners (who was guarding the tower door to keep back the throng of eager listeners from climbing up that spiral staircase to the ringing room) was so filled with emotion that tears actually rolled down his face when those bells rang out. Why? One cannot answer. Perhaps he recalled some happy day, now far distant, or maybe the memory of the past was one of sadness! One is left to surmise the rest. But in a village like Rawmarsh are not the bells the very heart-beat of the parish? When it mourns, the bells send forth the sad tidings in the plaintive music of the muffled peal or of the solemn knell. When it rejoices, out burst the bells in joyous music, like clashes of heavenly artillery. No wonder these parishioners are filled with emotion, for as they stand and listen to the bells pealing out their message of hope, doubtless they think of sons and fathers of Rawmarsh who will never return to their native village; but are sleeping (not in this peaceful God's acre which surrounds their Parish Church), in the blood-soaked fields of war and tumult. Others look forward to the time when these bells will ring out for peace, and will 'ring out the thousand wars of old'; others to the time when those brave lads that are spared return to their homes and friends in England.

After good touches in the following methods, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the bells were lowered in peal. And even then, as the ringers made tracks for home, the people of Rawmarsh still stood in clusters listening, perhaps, to catch the echo of those evening bells.

The former peal of eight were put in some 60 years ago by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The recast peal reflects credit on the Loughborough firm. The framework and castings of the bells are perfection, and Rawmarsh may well be proud to possess such a ring.

CAMPANILE.

CUBITT TOWN.—At Christchurch, Cubitt Town, for morning service, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (1260 changes): C. Clark 1, A. Beer 2, I. Geo. Shade (conductor) 3, E. T. Richards 4, I. T. Lamb 5, H. Hawkins 6, T. Jakeman 7, D. Hodgson 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TO MEET IN LONDON AT WHITSUN.

Notice has been issued that a meeting of the Central Council is to be held on Whitsun Tuesday. It is three years since the Council last met the meetings in the intervening years having been abandoned owing to the war. The forthcoming meeting will be the first session of the Tenth Council, and in accordance with custom will be held at the Church House, Westminster. The gathering is to be held in the Upper House of Convocation, reached from the Great Smith Street entrance. The Standing Committee will meet at 9.45 a.m., and the Council at 11 o'clock, and the following is the official agenda:—

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
5. Introduction of new Members to the President.
6. Members Deceased.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees: and to re-appoint or alter the constitution of the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—

- (a.) Peal Collection.
- (b.) Literature.
- (c.) Legitimate Methods.
- (d.) Peals' Analysis.
- (e.) Towers and Belfries.

To discuss the following:—

9. What are the means most likely to conduce to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council, and, if thought desirable, to move a resolution thereon.
10. To consult the Council as to the best way in which to help in the Restoration of some of the bells lost by Belgium in the War, and to pass any necessary resolutions on the subject.
11. That the Council desires to draw the attention of the Exercise to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal, as a result of which a large proportion of Ringers do not acquire the necessary skill to enable them to take part in this ancient and musical practice.
12. To fix the place of Meeting for next year.
13. Other business, if any.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The 36th annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday last. Arrangements for ringing had been made at St. Paul's Church, but news having been received that Captain Philip L. Stockley, son of the Vicar, had been killed in action, the usual ringing was out of the question, but by the Vicar's kindness the bells were rung half-muffled for about an hour after the meeting.

The general meeting was held in St. Paul's belfry, the President, Mr. John W. Taylor, taking the chair, supported by Messrs. J. Griffin, E. J. Stone, W. E. White (hon. secretary), and others, to the number of about 20. There were representatives from the following places: Colgrave, Derby, Ilkeston, Orston, Ripley and Uttoxeter, in addition to one or two local ringers.

The treasurer's balance sheet to the end of 1917 was presented to the meeting, showing a balance in hand of £27 17s. 2d., as against £20 6s. 11d. at the end of 1916, and was passed, on the proposition of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. E. J. Stone. It may be mentioned in passing that the financial statement showed a very considerable falling off in the amounts received in subscriptions both from ordinary and honorary members, more than can be accounted for by the absence of members serving with H.M. forces, whose subscriptions during their absence is excused, and the question naturally arises, 'What is the reason?'

The number of peals rung during the past year was two of Grandsire Triples and one of Stedman Triples, being the lowest number rung in any one year since the formation of the Association.

Eleven new ringing members were admitted, and the following representatives were elected to serve on the Central Council for the ensuing three years: Mr. Joseph Griffin, Rev. C. J. Surton, Mr. John W. Taylor and Mr. W. E. White.

The places chosen for the next three quarterly meetings are Quorn, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Ilkeston, the next annual meeting going to Nottingham by rotation.

The retiring officers were thanked for their services during the past year and unanimously re-elected.

The President mentioned the death of Captain P. L. Stockley, and proposed that the secretary should send a letter of sympathy to the Vicar of St. Paul's.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making the arrangements, terminated the meeting.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY RINGING. 1918, 8 LADIES RING TO WELCOME THE QUEEN.

St. George's Day was celebrated at Windsor this year, and the King and Queen took special interest in the proceedings. The bells of the Parish Church and the Curfew Tower took their part in the proceedings as in days of yore, but a new feature of the ringing was the fact that for the first time in the history of Windsor, either on the bells of the Parish Church or on those of the Curfew Tower, the entire peal of eight bells was rung by eight ladies during part of the time the Queen was driving through the town. The ladies were from Windsor and places round, some of the Windsor ladies being prevented from attending owing to business ties. The day was also marked by the fact that it was the first meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild since the bellfry of the Parish Church has been affiliated to the Guild. All the Windsor ladies, with the exception of one, have only been training since January.

When the Queen stopped in the Market Place, the Mayor extended the thanks of the Borough to their Majesties for the interest they had again shown in the proceedings, and informed the Queen that the bells were being rung at that moment by eight ladies.

During the day, touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bow were rung, also a course of Treble Eight, and some 'call changes.' Those taking part in the ringing were the Misses S. Cowley, E. Sword, H. Roe, C. Farr, E. Dance, E. Potbury and C. Digby (Windsor), G. Bateman, C. Shaw-Crisp (Stoke Poges), B. K. McKrell (Chalfont St. Peter), W. Cooper, F. Gudgin (Fulmer), N. G. Williams (Hillingdon), E. Jones (West Ealing); Messrs. A. Pake, A. H. Higgs, T. Smith, Rev. G. S. Deacon, H. P. Hunt, C. Farr and J. W. Croft (Windsor), W. G. Bedford, G. T. Leader, E. Hooper, J. J. Parker, J. Eldersfield, W. H. Fussell (Slough), J. Brant (Warfield), W. Henley (Stoke Poges), W. Laurence (West Ealing), Rev. J. P. Amies (Chalfont St. Peter), and Mr. H. Nix (Egham).

A number of the ringers were entertained to tea by the Mayor.

The 'Windsor Express' of one hundred years ago, records that St. George's Day, 1818, was celebrated with eclat, and says, 'The morning was ushered in by a general ringing of bells, standards were displayed on several of the church steeples and other public buildings, and a double royal salute fired from the Park and Tower guns.'

RUMNEY LADIES' QUARTER-PEAL.

The first quarter-peal rung for the Llandaff Diocesan Association by a band entirely of ladies, was achieved on April 25th, at St. Augustine's Church, Rumney, when, in 45 minutes the following rang 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Millward 1, Mrs. A. Thompson 2, Miss F. Millward 3, Miss M. Dunn 4, Miss B. M. Pacey (conductor) 5, Miss H. Howells 6.

A CARDIFF MEMORIAL.

On Sunday week, at All Saints' Church, Cardiff, two tablets were unveiled by the Rural Dean, erected to the memory of the late Vicar (the Rev. Chas. Bennett). The first was a beautiful marble tablet over the altar stalls, the inscription being as follows:—To the glory of God, and in affectionate remembrance of the Rev. Charles Bennett, M.A., who died September 9th, 1917, aged 66 years. Curate of Chapel-town, Sheffield, 1875-6. Vicar of Cambo, Northumberland, 1876-9; Vicar of St. John's, Barnsley, 1879-1891. C.M.S. missionary in China 1891-1901, and for 16 years a faithful Vicar of this parish. 'His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face.'—Rev. xxii. 3, 4. This tablet was erected by parishioners and friends.

The second tablet, of handsome design, made by Messrs. Caspar and Co., records the ringing of a memorial peal on Saturday, September 15th, 1917, in three hours and thirteen minutes, on the bells in the tower, of a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. C. Bennett, by members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association and All Saints' Guild.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP.

Our readers are reminded that, for the assistance of the widow and young family of the late Mr. Alf. Grimes, five bound volumes of 'The Ringing World,' which belonged to Mr. Grimes, are to be disposed of, and tickets (6d. each) may be obtained from Messrs. A. A. Hughes, Master of the College Youths (Whitechapel Foundry), W. Pye, Master of the Middlesex Association (8, Sansom Road, Lansdown Road, Leytonstone), C. F. Winney, W. Hewett, A. S. Pettitt, T. Walker, hon. secretary of the London County Association (10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate), R. Sanders, T. H. Taffender (Master of the London County Association), and W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary of the College Youths (32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4).

THE DANIEL PRENTICE FUND.

Contributions to this fund should be sent to Mr. W. Motts, 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich, who makes an earnest appeal on behalf of this old Ipswich ringer. The sum of 2s. 6d. from Mr. W. Pye (Leytonstone) is acknowledged.

NOTICES.

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

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne to-morrow (May 11th) instead of on May 4th, as advertised last week, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and until dark. Tea will be provided at the Welcome Temperance Rooms. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society)—Established 1824.—A meeting will be held at the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, E.C., on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 3 to 6.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, May 11th, 1918. Tower open at 3; service at 4.30; tea at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Members intending to attend must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 7th. Subscriptions are now due and should be either sent to the District Sec. or paid at the meeting.—W. Lather, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice, on May 30th, and for general business on the 21st, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting for business will be held in the Vestry of St. Thomas' Church, Salisbury, on Thursday, May 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Short Service of Intercession in the Church at 12.45. St. Martin's bells (8) available, also St. Thomas' conditionally.—F. Li. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Raunds on Whit-Monday, May 20th, 1918. Tower open at 12 noon, earlier if sufficient members are there to ring. Committee meeting at 1.30. Service in Church at 2 o'clock, meeting to follow. Tea will be provided, but members must bring their own food and sugar.—Fred Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held on the Monday in Whitsun week, May 20th, at Margate. Further particulars in next week's issue.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, District Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Poolstock on Whit-Monday. Bells ready at 2; service at 5; meeting at 5.30. Members intending to be present should send word to Secs.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Saffron Walden on Whit-Monday. Service at 2 p.m., address by Rev. L. Hughes, Vicar; business meeting to follow. The ring of twelve at the Parish Church will be available for ringing all day.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 20th, 1918. Short service at 4 o'clock, address by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon F. D. Pierce), Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in Parish Room, adjoining Church. Half railway fares without limit. Towers open as follows: St. Nicholas, 10.30 a.m. to 12, 6.30 p.m. to 8; St. Peter, 2 p.m. to 4, 6.30 p.m. to 8.—H. R. Butcher, Gen. Hon. Sec., 2, Kent View, Crowborough, Sussex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Whit-Monday. The following towers will be available for ringing, viz.: Headcorn from 8 till 10; Biddenden from 10 till 2; and Tenterden from 3 till 8. A train leaves Headcorn for Biddenden at 10.15, another leaves Biddenden for Tenterden at 2.15, and one leaves Tenterden for Headcorn at 5.30 and connects with trains for London or Dover. Owing to the Food Control difficulty members are advised to bring their own nosebags. Tea will be obtainable at Tenterden especially if members requiring same will notify me not later than Wednesday, May 15th.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Huntley on Whit-Monday. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. till dusk. Business meeting will be held. Tea will be provided if obtainable. Subscriptions now due.—Joseph Williams, Hon. Sec., Glen Holm, Newent.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the Midland District will be held at Solihull on Saturday, May 25th, when it is hoped all ladies in the district will make an effort to attend. Bells (10) available at 3.30; service at 5.30. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head to all who notify me by Tuesday, May 21st, which will be followed by business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Miss S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Many circumstances militated against the quarterly meeting of this society, held at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday week, being the success that it deserved to be. In the first place, as a result undoubtedly of the critical times in which we are living, the notice of meeting failed to reach the office of this journal, as a consequence of which the notice did not appear in our advertisement columns until April 26th. Then, again, the time for ringing was earlier than usual, which prevented members from putting in an attendance; whilst, in addition, other meetings in the outer suburbs proved more attractive to some. However, the fine peal of twelve was kept going for about two hours to the tune of Treble Ten, Stedman Caters, and Stedman Cinques.

At the subsequent meeting, held at the society's headquarters, a resolution was carried in the usual way, specially conveying, through the medium of the "Ringing World," the sympathy of the society to all the relatives and friends of those ringers whose names have appeared in the casualty lists.

Business was very brief, it being decided, if possible, to hold the summer quarterly meeting at Lewisham.

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