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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. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

REACHING THE CLERGY.

A circular has been issued by the officers and committee of the Yorkshire Association calling the attention of the clergy in the county to the objects and work of the Association. We hope that this circular may have the effect of enlisting the sympathetic support of a much larger number of incumbents and other church authorities than at present give the Association their practical assistance. We have often felt that, not only the Yorkshire Association, but all our ringing societies might do something more than they do to gain a greater active co-operation of the clergy and churchwardens. In most of their parochial organisations the clergy are always ready to give their unstinted support, but even to this day the ringers may be taken as an exception to this rule, although, admittedly, a great advance has been made in the last two or three decades. Where the clergy are genuinely interested in their ringers it is usually found that they support the ringers' central organisation, but when we find that in a great county like Yorkshire there are less than fifty of the clergy who subscribe to the Association as hon. members, it is obvious that there is much room for improvement.

In approaching the clergy the Association puts forward several points upon which they in turn can be of assistance to church authorities in the preservation and good management of bells and belfries, being willing to advise on the general care of bells and the proper persons to call in to effect repairs, the formation of bands of ringers and the making of belfry regulations, to recommend, where desired, capable instructors, and to arrange for meetings of the Association in places where no change ringing is done. "The committee is anxious that all peals of bells should be properly rung, and will welcome any suggestion which will bring the authorities and ringers into closer touch, and also forward this important branch of church work." We note, too, that the work is specially recommended to the consideration of members of the C.E.M.S.

This latter suggestion, which, by a coincidence, we strongly urged a fortnight ago, is one which we are sure, if it could be brought effectively to the notice of the clergy, would have good results. The Yorkshire Association is taking a step in the right direction in combining an effort to obtain the further support of the clergy and at the same time putting in a word for securing practical co-operation with another church organisation that should prove of the utmost use in strengthening the ranks of ringers. The action taken by the Yorks Association might well be followed by others who feel that they are not receiving the support of the clergy to which they are legitimately entitled, and although the claims upon all classes of the community are necessarily great at this time, we believe good results would accrue.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS H. REEVES... ..Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
*GEORGE GARRISON 2	JAMES GEORGE 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	SAMUEL GROVE... .. 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	THOMAS MILLER 10
ALF. PADDON SMITH 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6	JOHN NEAL... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright, for many years a much esteemed member of the Guild.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERES, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAYTreble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
PERCY WILLIAMS 2	HENRY HOWELL 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
FREDERICK W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG 9
WILLIAM WHITE... .. 5	URIAH BRAVEN... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung with the bells muffled to the memory of Mrs. Bowen, the wife of the Vicar of St. Nicholas (Rev. T. J. Bowen), who was buried on this day.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

*HUGH WATTSTreble	†HARRY ALLRED 5
*JAMES ALLRED 2	†ROBERT ALLRED 6
†BENJAMIN ALLRED 3	HERBERT ALLRED 7
JOHN T. ALLRED 4	*JOHN HAMPSON... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method by the local band, all of whom are service ringers to the above church. Rung as a memorial to the late James Allred.

SIX BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 22, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. MORRISTreble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
WALTER HUGHES 2	JOHN TURNER 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3	JOHN ALLENTenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. P. F. Garnett, an old and esteemed resident of the parish.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At 58, MANOR STREET, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1-2	JAMES HUNT	...	5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	...	FRANK I. HAIRS	...	7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES	...		9-10	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

This was the conductor's 100th peal on handbells.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions to the Prince of Wales' Fund has been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	72	15	6
Ringers of Beaconsfield band, Bucks, further contribution (per Mr. R. H. Young)	0	5	0
Bushey Society, February collection (per Mr. B. Prewett)	0	4	6
"Wanderer," February contribution	0	2	0
"Mrs. Wanderer," February contribution	0	2	0
Total	£73	9	0

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M. Forces:

- H. Hampson, of Moorside, Oldham, 1st Manchester Regt.
- R. White, of Uxbridge Parish Church, Middlesex Regt.
- From St. Lawrence's, Surfleet, Lincs:—
- J. Lane Sansam and W. E. Burrell, Lincs Territorials.
- H. Tomlinson, Public Schools Battalion
- J. Madcalf, Kitchener's Army.
- C. W. Flowers, Royal Engineers.
- From Bakewell tower, Derbyshire:—
- Sergt-Major W. Barker, Transport Sergt. W. Hopkins, Pte H. Turner and Pte J. Wallace, 6th Battalion Notts and Derby Regt.
- From St. Lawrence's, Thanet:—
- P. Peley, R.N., S.B.R., at Chatham.
- S. Gibbs, East Kent Mounted Rifles, at Canterbury.
- F. Gibbs, Kent Cyclists Battalion, at Lydd.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Weston-super-Mare, some thirty-five members being present, representing Badgworth, Bristol, Burnham, East Brent, Congresbury, Enmore, Taunton, Weare, Weston-super-Mare, Winscombe, Uphill, Midsomer Norton, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church, and an excellent address given by the Rector (the Rev. Preb. Norton Thompson). Tea was partaken at Glass's Restaurant, after which the business meeting was held, the Rev. Preb. Norton Thompson presiding, in the absence of the President.—Twenty-five new members were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Congresbury on the third Saturday after Easter, and the intermediate meeting at Uphill.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed a satisfactory balance in hand. The Rev. Preb. Hayes Robinson was re-elected president for the year; Mr. G. H. Pruen, vice-president; Mr. J. Harris, hon. secretary; and Mr. G. Chamberlain, representative.

The secretary's report for the year was very satisfactory. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Preb. Norton Thompson for the use of the bells, arranging service, and presiding at the meeting.—The Rector suitably responded. During the afternoon and evening some good touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Bob Major, were rung on the bells which have recently been rehung, and two new bells added.

A HANDBELL CENTURY

Another ringer has reached his century on handbells, Mr. Will Shepherd, of Horsham, a member of a well-known ringing family, having reached this noteworthy mark on Saturday with a peal of Stedman Caters conducted by him at Clapham, and recorded elsewhere in this issue. Those who have previously accomplished the performance are: Messrs. W. Pye, E. Pye, G. R. Pye, C. Glenn, A. H. Pulling, J. Hunt, M. Smith and F. Blondell.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association, held at Tonbridge, was well attended, nearly all the towers in the district being represented. A special service was held in church, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Vicar of Shipbourne, an hon. member and also a member of the Central Committee of the Association) officiating. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, followed by the general meeting, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber presiding. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Lieut.-Col. Warner (churchwarden) and from Miss R. Macalpine-Leny.

The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, in which he said there were now 20 towers in union, an increase of one, Hawkhurst band having joined. Twenty-six new practising members had been elected, amongst them being Miss Kate Lambert, of Horsmonden, she being the first lady member resident in the district to be elected. The total number of practising members in the district was 185, two of whom were old age pensioners, and, therefore, exempt from paying subscriptions. He regretted to have to report the loss, by death, of Mr. Conrad Wilkinson, a life member, and also of Admiral Bosanquet, an hon. member, both of Seal Chart, and also of the Rev. A. S. C. Gayer, Vicar of Lamberhurst, an hon. member. The death of the latter was a great blow to the Lamberhurst band, coming as it had while the scheme for rehanging and augmenting the bells there to a peal of eight was pending, as the late Vicar had, of course, a thorough grasp of the situation which it must take a new-comer some time to obtain. He had heard, however, that the Vicar-elect was very much interested in bells and ringing, so he hoped that something more would be heard from that tower shortly. The number of hon. members was 18, a decrease of one.

The Chairman, in commenting on the report, congratulated the members on its excellence, but said one thing struck him and that was the small proportion of hon. members to the number of practising members. He thought the work of the Association ought to be better supported by the authorities of the church. On behalf of his fellow members, he extended a hearty welcome to Miss Kate Lambert (who was present), and hoped her example would be followed by others.—Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst, were unanimously re-elected district secretary and district representative respectively.

A discussion took place as to the desirability of holding district meetings during the war, two of the meetings last year having to be abandoned. It was ultimately decided to hold two instead of the usual four, these to be held at Speldhurst and Penshurst in the summer. The next annual meeting was fixed for Marden, and it was decided that the district secretary be empowered to arrange other meetings, should occasion arise.

The usual votes of thanks brought the proceedings to a close, and the members then adjourned to the tower.

DEATH OF A WALKDEN RINGER.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William Denner, of Walkden, Lancs, after a long illness. Deceased had been a ringer at Walkden for 39 years, being one of the first band of six when the bells were put in in 1876. He died on Wednesday of last week, and the funeral took place on Saturday. Deceased was carried to his last resting place by his brother ringers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Mower-Smith), and the hymn, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was sung in the church.

After the funeral an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made with the bells deeply muffled, but unfortunately it came to grief, after an hour and a quarter's very good ringing, owing to a change course. The following were the ringers: T. Barlow (Deane) 1, A. Potter (Walkden) 2, T. Worsley (Bolton) 3, J. Lowe (Pendleton) 4, J. Welsby (Walkden) 5, W. Pennington (Bolton) 6, J. Ridyard (Worsley), conductor, 7, A. Burton (Walkden) 8.

Afterwards a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1344 changes) was rung in 50 mins., by: W. Pennington 1, J. Potter 2, T. Worsley 3, J. Lowe 4, J. Welsby 5, T. Barlow 6, J. Ridyard (conductor) 7, A. Potter 8.

The deceased had taken part in 32 peals, viz., Kent Treble Bob, 12; Stedman Triples (on tenor), 7; Grandsire Triples, 4; Bob Major, 3; Bob Triple, 2; Double Norwich, 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; seven minor methods, 1.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the quarterly meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Springfield, and twenty-four members attended from Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Writtle, Widford, Braintree, Totham and Springfield. By the kind permission of the Vicar, the bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and the methods rung included New London, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Prittlewell.—Three ringing members and one honorary member were elected.—It was hoped to compile a role of honour of the members of the Association who had answered the call of the country.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for officiating at the service, and for his excellent address.

THE JOHNSON DINNER.

BIRMINGHAM'S ANNUAL GATHERING.
INTERESTING SPEECHES.

"RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

The annual gathering organised by the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, which is held to keep green the memory of the late Henry Johnson, took place at Birmingham on Saturday, when despite the fact that the war practically monopolises the attentions of everybody, a company of a hundred foregathered at the Old Royal Hotel. Birmingham is a great centre of activity in the manufacture of munitions of war, and a large number of ringers are "doing their bit" in the city in this important national service, but they managed to snatch a few hours for the purpose of attending the Johnson Dinner, although in the ordinary course the workshop claims them for long hours on week-days and Sundays alike. One of the characteristics of this dinner is the number of old friends who meet, and this year the "old brigade" were again in evidence, although there were a large number of younger men assisting in the commemoration who could never have known the famous Birmingham worthy whose memory they were delighting to honour. Birmingham has had many Rectors, but never one who took so much real interest in the ringers as the present occupant of the office, Canon J. W. Willink, M.A., and St. Martin's Guild counts itself fortunate indeed in having at the head of the mother church one whose sympathies are so wholeheartedly with the ringers and their objects. Canon Willink presided over the gathering last Saturday as he did a year ago, and his great geniality combined with his inspiring speeches did much to make the success of the evening what it was. The Rector was supported by Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Master of the Guild, the Revs. E. G. Elliott and R. F. Diggle (curates of St. Martin's), Messrs. J. J. Kendall (churchwarden), J. W. Taylor (Vice-President of the Midland Counties Association), A. E. Parsons (Master of the Worcestershire Association), James George (Master of the Warwickshire Guild), H. Mason, W. H. Godden (vice-president), C. Dickens and T. Russam (Trustees), Heaton, Tilley, and A. Paddon Smith, the enthusiastic hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, who was largely responsible for the admirable arrangements. Among those also present were Messrs. J. E. Groves (Deputy Master of St. Martin's), John Carter, and, of course, many other Birmingham ringers, W. R. Small (Tipton), H. Middleton (Master of the Southern District of the Worcestershire Association), W. Fisher (Master of the Archdeaconry of Staffs Society), and B. Gough (Coseley), F. J. Cope and J. H. Galleymore (Lichfield), C. Jones (Worcester), W. Short (Clent), T. Salter (Kidderminster), A. Jones (London), J. Timms and Chaplin (Tamworth), etc. Apologies for absence were received from Sir Arthur Heywood, who wrote that he had too many anxieties at the present time to allow of his accepting any social invitations, but wishing success to his many friends of the St. Martin's Guild; Mr. C. H. Battersley, who was indisposed; Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Handsworth), the oldest member of the Guild in point of years and membership; Mr. J. Jagger (Oldbury) and Mr. W. T. Pates (Cheltenham). At the conclusion of a bounteous and admirably served repast, the Chairman submitted the toast of "His Majesty the King," and incorporated in it, in a speech a deep and true patriotism the toast of "Our Country, our Army and our Navy." Never, perhaps, at a ringers' gathering has this toast been so full of meaning, and it was honoured by the fervent singing of the National Anthem, and made the more impressive by the Rector's appeal at the close for a moment's silence, while every heart was lifted in prayer to God "for King and country and for all those who loved and served the dear motherland."

Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed the toast of "Church and State." He was one of those, he said, who believed the Church and State must never be separated. The Church, if ever they were separated, would do well without the State, but the question was, would the State do as well when the Church was divided from it? The State must have some religious ground upon which to found its actions and thoughts. The duties of the State were now exceedingly difficult, and they must give those in authority every latitude, and must not attempt to criticise them. Although there were many things which the public would like to understand and know, they must trust those who they had placed in charge of affairs to carry the war to a successful conclusion. He hoped it would not be long before they saw the enemy driven out of the fair lands of Northern France and Belgium. When that had been done they would be able to take breath. As one who had spent many happy hours among the towers and carillons of Belgium and Northern France, he felt it exceedingly that such magnificent buildings and bells should have been wantonly destroyed by the Huns, and that they would never be seen and heard again and enjoyed by future generations.

AN HONOURED NAME.

Canon Willink, whose name was coupled with the toast, said they would all feel there was something singularly appropriate in the fact that the toast should have been proposed at that dinner by one who bore the honoured name of Taylor, of Loughborough (applause). For five generations that well-known firm had upheld the honour of the bell world, and had raised it to a singular pitch of excellence. The name of Taylor on a bell or the knowledge that a peal had come from their works was sufficient to stamp it with the hall mark of perfection, and he thought they were highly favoured in having with them the head

of the firm. By the work that was a bond of sympathy between them, and drew them there that night, revealed them without imposing any test upon their principles, as a body of loyal Churchmen (applause). They did not exclude others, and if there were any there that night they extended to them the hearty right hand of fellowship and goodwill. It was a joy, as they could well understand, to one like himself, a keen and convinced Churchman, to feel he was among brothers, and that he was speaking to those who by association with those holy Houses of God, that were the glory of our land, were among the earnest and God-fearing sons of the Church. He thought there was something wonderful of their intimate association with those buildings of which he spoke with such reverence and love. There were modern churches, of course. Thank God the race of church builders had not died out, and the race of men and women who gave of their substance to the service of God was as much with them to-day as ever in the past, but when they thought of bells, and of church bells particularly, their thoughts inevitably centred round those time-honoured fanes that had stood as the representative of our English Christianity for centuries past.

A BOND OF UNION.

Their association with these ancient churches, and the knowledge that they were serving the God of their fathers in the same way that they themselves in their day and generation served the same God, was a wonderful link and a wonderful bond of union and sympathy. They were there representing in a very special way, therefore, the Church of the land, and they were representing also the State. As Mr. Taylor had said, might there never be a divorce between Church and State. The link which subsisted between them was much more than a link, it was a vital union, for the Church was a pioneer in England long before the State took its present form, and if, as Mr. Gladstone said in one of his great orations, they took out the story of the Church from the story of the State, they left behind but a lacerated mass, without shape or form, or continuity. Church and State must stand together, must be two complements of one whole if the country was to go forward as all true patriots desired. It had been so for many, many generations in our rough island story, might it be so to the end of time. He did not forget that there were other religious bodies in that State, and that they too were helping to build up the body politic, and it was a great joy to him personally to be able to assure them that the relations between the Nonconformist bodies and the Church of England in that City of Birmingham was strong and true (hear, hear). He for one would rejoice when all the bitterness of late legislation had died away, and the unity for which they longed, the unity of the spirit, could rule supreme throughout this England. Church and State must ever go hand in hand together, and he could not help feeling that the wave of bitterness and all misunderstanding had already spent themselves. He believed that after the war was over, and we had come forth in the larger liberty and truer brotherhood, they would look at these things from a true point of view, and that Church and State would go forward on their appointed way, each to help and strengthen the other, each to supply what the other could not supply to carry our English nation and our English name to higher heights of nobility and grandeur (applause).

HENRY JOHNSON.

To Mr. W. H. Godden was entrusted the toast of "The memory of the late Henry Johnson," and he spoke with a depth of feeling only possible to one who had been on terms of intimacy with Birmingham's grand old man of ringing. He said that in these times of stress of war, and the most colossal forms of arrogance, bluster, lies and frightfulness, it was quite a relief to look back upon the memory of that simple hearted genius, the late Henry Johnson. If he was known for anything it was for his simple-heartedness and his lack of anything like that which was called nowadays "swank" (laughter). Although to his (the speaker's) own knowledge, he carried on correspondence with some of the highest intellects in the country they might sit in conversation with him a whole evening and not hear as many big "I's" as they would find in somebody else's conversation in the course of two or three minutes. He could give them a very good illustration of that. In 1889, when Sir Arthur Heywood gathered together all that was finest and best in the ringing science in England in honour of Mr. Johnson's 80th birthday, it came to Mr. Johnson's turn to say something. What was it he said? It was very short, "God bless you all; God bless your wives and families." Then he sat down. If ever a man had an opportunity to laud himself it was at that gathering, but such was his modesty and simplicity of mind that he did not do so. That, he (the speaker) thought, was one of the reasons why they who had known him honoured Mr. Johnson so much, and it was a very happy thing for the St. Martin's Guild that they had decided year by year to hold that gathering at which one could meet friends, whom one did not, perhaps, meet at any other time in the year, on that common ground to honour the memory of Henry Johnson (applause).

The toast was drunk in silence, the Chairman afterwards remarking, that although he did not know Mr. Johnson, the feeling that was held for his memory was sufficient to prove that he was a remarkable man, a man of standing among his fellows, one whose memory was honoured. They were told that the memory of the just was blessed. He thought Mr. Johnson could be summed up in that word "just," for his memory was blessed among his fellows. They thanked Mr. Godden for the words he had spoken, for the tender reverence that he showed a dear friend.

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DEATH OF MR. ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

A WELL-KNOWN MIDLAND RINGER.

Midland ringing circles have sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourn, Staffs, who passed away on Friday, after only a few days' illness at the age of 55 years. Mr. Cartwright caught a chill, which, pneumonia supervening, proved fatal. A pathetic coincidence is the fact that his brother, Mr. Gregory Cartwright pre-deceased him by only two days. In the Wolverhampton district where Mr. Cartwright is well known to a large circle of business men, as well as throughout the Exercise, his death is much regretted, and the deepest sympathy goes out to the widow and six daughters left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Rowland Cartwright belonged to a very old Wombourn family, his father having been for many years a farmer in the village. For a period of 37 years Mr. Cartwright had been engaged at the Wolverhampton Goods Department of the London and North Western Railway, and for the last eleven years had filled the important post of chief collector, in which capacity he was brought into intimate contact with business men of the town and district, by whom he was greatly esteemed.

Mr. Cartwright had two great hobbies—bell ringing and poultry breeding. In the latter direction he was an acknowledged expert, while as a ringer his name has been prominently connected with acti-



THE LATE MR. ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

vities in the Midland Counties for a long period. He has done much spade work, and for years—the actual time we cannot say, but it would have been sufficient to have discouraged most men—he laboured to raise funds for the addition of two bells to increase to eight the old six in Wombourn tower, and eventually had the pleasure of seeing his efforts crowned with success. Another of the ambitions of his life was realised when the peal of twelve at Wolverhampton was completed. Capable both as a ringer and conductor, his services were always readily given, and the Exercise is the poorer to-day by his death. For many years Mr. Cartwright represented the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs on the Central Council, and he was a member of all the Midland ringing organisations.

ALD. PRITCHETT'S TRIBUTE.

Speaking at the St. Martin's Guild's Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday, Alderman J. S. Pritchett made feeling reference to the sad event. He said: Only yesterday the hand of death smote another old member of the Guild, Mr. Rowland Cartwright, who was also a member of the Central Council, and a very well known ringer. I remember him for many years. He died at the age of 55, from pneumonia, after three days' illness. I used to think, when I looked at him, that I never saw a more handsome-looking young man in my life than Rowland Cartwright. It was a pleasure to know him; he was as kind as he was handsome. I remember him going over to Wombourn, where he lived, some twenty years ago to call my first peal of

Stedman Triples. Mr. James George was with us, and he took part in the peal. We had a pleasant afternoon, and I think Mr. Cartwright provided us with the finest dish of ham and eggs I have ever tasted in my life (laughter). Peace be to his memory. We are sorry we have lost him, and it adds to the sadness of his loss that at the time he died his brother was lying dead awaiting burial.

The funeral took place at Wombourn on Tuesday.

"SPY" IN A BELFRY TOWER.

STEEPLE KEEPER HELD UP BY ARMED GUARD.

The steeple keeper of St. George's Church, Stonehouse, Devon, has just been the innocent cause of alarming some people in the neighbourhood of the church, who were led to suspect the tower was being used to further the machinations of an enemy spy. A local paper thus describes the incident:—

"Some people at Stonehouse were alarmed on Saturday evening by a statement that night signalling was being carried on from the tower of the mother church of St. George's, and that the delinquent had been captured and was in military custody.

"For some weeks the fine peal of bells of the church have been silent, owing to the indisposition of some of the ringers, and of others in the Government employ.

"The handyman of the campanologists obtained the keys of the tower early on Saturday evening and repaired thither with the object of oiling the swivels, and overhauling the ropes connected with the bells. There is a gas jet in the belfry, and the windows admit air which causes the light to flicker. The attention of a pedestrian was attracted to the light, and he hurried to the Signal Station at Longroom. Telephone messages presumably passed from there to the R.M. Barracks, with the result that armed Royal Marines were soon surrounding the tower of St. George's.

"Having finished his task, the bell ringer emerged from the entrance at the base of the tower, oil can in hand, only to find himself surrounded by an armed party demanding 'whys and wherefores.' He, however, was ready to give reasons for his presence in the tower, and was speedily once more enjoying the warmth of his own hearth."

FORMER RIPLEY RINGER DEAD.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Francis H. Kay, of Moorwood Moor, South Wingfield, Derbyshire, who passed away on the 22nd ult., after only 15 days' illness. He leaves a widow to mourn her loss.

Deceased was 50 years of age, and had been a ringer for 30 years, having been associated with Ripley, Derbyshire; Girtou, Lincoln; Swanwick, Derbyshire, and, lastly, South Wingfield. He had rung 31 peals for the Midland Counties and East Derbyshire Associations in the following methods: Bob Minor and Major, Kent Minor and Major, Grand-sire Caters and Triples, and Stedman Triples. He was always willing to help in ringing, and would walk miles to help young ringers; in fact, he taught the Selston, Notts, ringers method ringing.

He was laid to rest in Ripley Cemetery on Thursday of last week, being carried to his last resting place by four brother ringers, viz.: Messrs. T. Stimpson (Swanwick), G. Brown (Crich), W. Booth and W. Hawksley (South Wingfield), Messrs. W. Piggim (Crich), H. George and H. Day (Ripley) also attended to pay a last tribute of respect to one who will be sadly missed. Many floral tributes were sent, including one from the past and present ringers of Ripley Parish Church.

The bells of Ripley Church were half-muffled throughout the day on Sunday, and several touches of Stedman Triples were rung by the following old comrades: H. Day, A. Bowmer, C. Pileher, J. Bourne, F. W. Hill, F. Hill, A. Hutchison, S. Sander.

THE BAND AT DAVENTRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With your kind permission I should like to point out one or two statements in your report of Daventry's broken bell in your issue, which are rather misleading.

The first one is that the band at Daventry was a "stoney" one, but when Mr. Andrews came here he knew we could ring Grand-sire Doubles, and by method. The second one is that they had no ambition to improve themselves. Now, I can prove that to be wrong, for when I joined them about three years ago they had started on Bob Triples, but I (a ringer of 30 years' standing, and having rung peals of all the Standard methods on 5, 6, 8 and 10 bells) persuaded them to give that up and start on Grand-sire, and we were beginning to get on very well with Triples, when we had the misfortune to lose no fewer than four men in twelve months, two of them to serve their country, which brought us down to start at the bottom of the ladder again.—Yours truly,
A. MOORE.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On January 25th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Page 1, H. Badcock 2, W. H. Carr 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, A. E. Austin 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge Surprise by W. H. Carr, and first inside by A. E. Austin.

BELBROUGHTON.—Worcestershire Association.—On January 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. G. C. F. Toden (first 720) 1, H. Martin, jun., 2, H. Martin, sen., 3, A. Pardoe 4, G. Popkin 5, W. Short (conductor) 6.

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THE DEATH OF MISS SAMPSON.

Ald. Pritchett submitted "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild," and in doing so passed, as usual, the year in retrospect. He said he was afraid the gloomy events of the year were much more numerous than those that would excite their pleasure. Still, such were the chances and changes of this mortal life. They could not always be happy, and they must try to bear their troubles with as much patience as they could. He had to allude first to the great loss which the Guild and the ringing Exercise in general and the ranks of all good women had suffered in the death of Miss Margery Sampson, at the early age of 24. There were not many examples in history of men, and fewer still of women, who had died at the age of 24 or before, and who had left a name behind them. Miss Margery Sampson would leave a name behind that would last as long as the ringing Exercise was cultivated in this or any other country. While at Tamworth she got into touch with the Erdington ringers, and profited in a remarkable way by her opportunities—opportunities which could only be obtained by great self-sacrifice, by great diligence and great exertion. During the course of her short ringing career she rang in connection with that Guild seven peals, one of Stedman Cinques. She was the second lady to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, the first being Miss Parker. Miss Sampson rang the second bell in St. Martin's Church tower to that peal—a remarkable achievement for a young lady. Her other peals for the Guild were three of Stedman Triples, two of Grand sire Triples, and one of Bob Major. Those peals were or would be duly recorded in their peal book, and would hand her name down to posterity. She rang five of the peals with the Erdington band. They would all be glad to do what they could to keep her in remembrance, and fortunately they had an opportunity of doing something in that way. Her father had been good enough to send as a present to the Guild, through Mr. James George, a framed portrait of Miss Sampson, which, with the Rector's permission, would be placed in the tower of St. Martin's Church, and would always be contemplated with pleasure and with sadness by those who remembered her extraordinary abilities and those who lamented her early decease.

ALDERMAN PRITCHETT'S REVIEW.

Death, continued Ald. Pritchett, had taken away from them one of their most distinguished members in the late Mr. Samuel Reeves. He was a worthy man; he was a Johnson sort of man in his simplicity of character, his amiability and his uprightness. He was a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youth, and for some time President of that Guild before they succeeded in obtaining their former distinguished Bishop as their President, and at the time of his death was one of their vice-presidents. Those who knew Mr. Reeves would remember him with affection, and respect his memory as long as they lived. Shortly after his death, his partner of a lifetime also passed away, and they now lay in the same grave. After a reference to the death on Friday of Mr. Rowland Cartwright, which is reported elsewhere, Ald. Pritchett went on to say that of notable events during the year there had necessarily been few. The only one he need mention was the muffled peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the Guild to the memory of that grand old veteran, Lord Roberts. In deference to the general feeling, the Guild voluntarily offered to forgo their Tuesday evening practice at the tower of St. Martin's when war broke out. They hoped to resume them after they had rung their peals of rejoicing for the permanent conclusion of the war and a glorious peace. He took the opportunity of mentioning that the old custom of ringing at nine o'clock on Sundays at King's Norton was still continued, except that the hour was altered to ten to fit the service, and they would be delighted to see any ringer there. If they came he hoped they would stop to the service in the grand old church.

"HIGH OLD TIME" TO COME.

Some of their members, continued the speaker, had gone to serve their King and country, and they had one present with them that evening, Mr. Sidney Jessop (applause), who was in the Warwickshire Territorials, and who would do himself and them credit. They looked forward to his speedy promotion. Another matter to which he wished to refer was that they had elected two vice-presidents at their last meeting, their old friends Mr. Faux and Mr. Painter. Mr. James George had left Rugby (A Voice: "Shame," and laughter). He was no longer "James George of Rugby," he was now "James George of Birmingham" (hear, hear). Rugby's loss was Birmingham's gain, and he would be most welcome at the tower of St. Martin's. His ringing career unfortunately had been most seriously interfered with by the war. They hoped he would have completed his 600th peal this year, but he had had to stop at 547. When peace did come he would set to work again with renewed energy, and they trusted he would in due time reach his thousand. He (the speaker) called his 250th at King's Norton, and if he was alive and well he would like to have the opportunity of calling his one thousandth. Mr. John Carter was with them that night. He (Mr. Pritchett) did not know what he could say new about him. He had said all he could in his praise, but that was not nearly enough. He had, however, learnt a secret about him. He could not tell them what it was; all he could say was that if they did know it they would know something that would give them a still higher opinion of him. It might become public some day, and they would then be astonished at a

most noble instance of generosity. They looked forward, the speaker added, to a high old time when peace did come. Their members would soar to infinite heights, they would ring countless peals of rejoicing, and they would have a dinner after it such as they had never had before. St. Martin's Guild would, doubtless, soon make up for the peals which they had been unable to ring during the war, and the young men who were members of the Guild would in the future look back to that wonderful period in our history, when for a year or more peal ringing was suspended in this country. He trusted it would be the boast of every one of them that they took part in one or more peals to celebrate the peace (applause).

AN APPROACHING CENTENARY.

The toast was cordially honoured, and Mr. A. Paddon Smith responded. He said in looking round at such a good gathering that night he felt it was something to be proud of. It showed quite clearly that those who were at the annual meeting gauged the feeling of the members quite correctly when they reckoned there was not sufficient reason to break the continuity of those annual dinners. They were all doing their best in different ways, and they thought there would be no great harm in holding the dinner. The presence of so many and of their Rector in the chair confirmed the view they took (hear, hear). Mr. Pritchett mentioned that they had voluntarily given up their practice nights at St. Martin's. He felt that that was the correct thing for them to do, but in glancing through their peal book he found that their predecessors of 100 years ago did not take themselves quite so seriously. He was not quite sure whether they abandoned their practice nights, but they did not give up peal ringing, for on June 12th, 1815, which was exactly six days before the Battle of Waterloo, they rang a peal of Grand sire Maximus, the second ever rung and the first rung out of London. That was rather an interesting thing to remember, and he did not know whether as the day came round events would have taken so favourable a turn at the front that they might approach the Rector to ring a centenary peal. Continuing, Mr. Smith said that was the third year they had had the Rector with them, and the first time in the history of the Guild that they had had one Rector with them on three successive occasions, while never until last year had a Rector taken the chair at that gathering. With the presence of the two curates they had with them that night the whole clerical strength of St. Martin's (applause).

Mr. T. Russam, in submitting "Kindred Societies," said he was old enough to remember the inception of the great ringing associations, and to his mind they had done a wonderful work in combining men together. The old societies were all very well in their way, but the friendly rivalry of to-day was much different to that of the old days, and he did not think that in those times anyone would have dared to stand up to propose success to kindred societies. That they did so now with right goodwill showed the change that had come over ringers. He hoped all the ringing societies in Great Britain and beyond the seas would prosper, socially and financially (applause).

PRIVILEGES AND AN OBLIGATION.

Mr. A. E. Parsons proposed "Success to the Ringing Papers," and spoke of their inestimable value to the Art. Without them the ringing Exercise would be in a chaotic state. In order that they might appreciate the privileges which they bestowed they should try to imagine, if they could, what the conditions would be without them. The task of officials would be infinitely greater, and he doubted very much if the Central Council would exist. But the privileges which the papers afforded them carried with them obligations on the part of the ringers. They should give the papers whole-hearted support, and see that every member took a copy of one or both.

Mr. J. E. Goldsmith, Editor of "The Ringing World," responded to the toast.

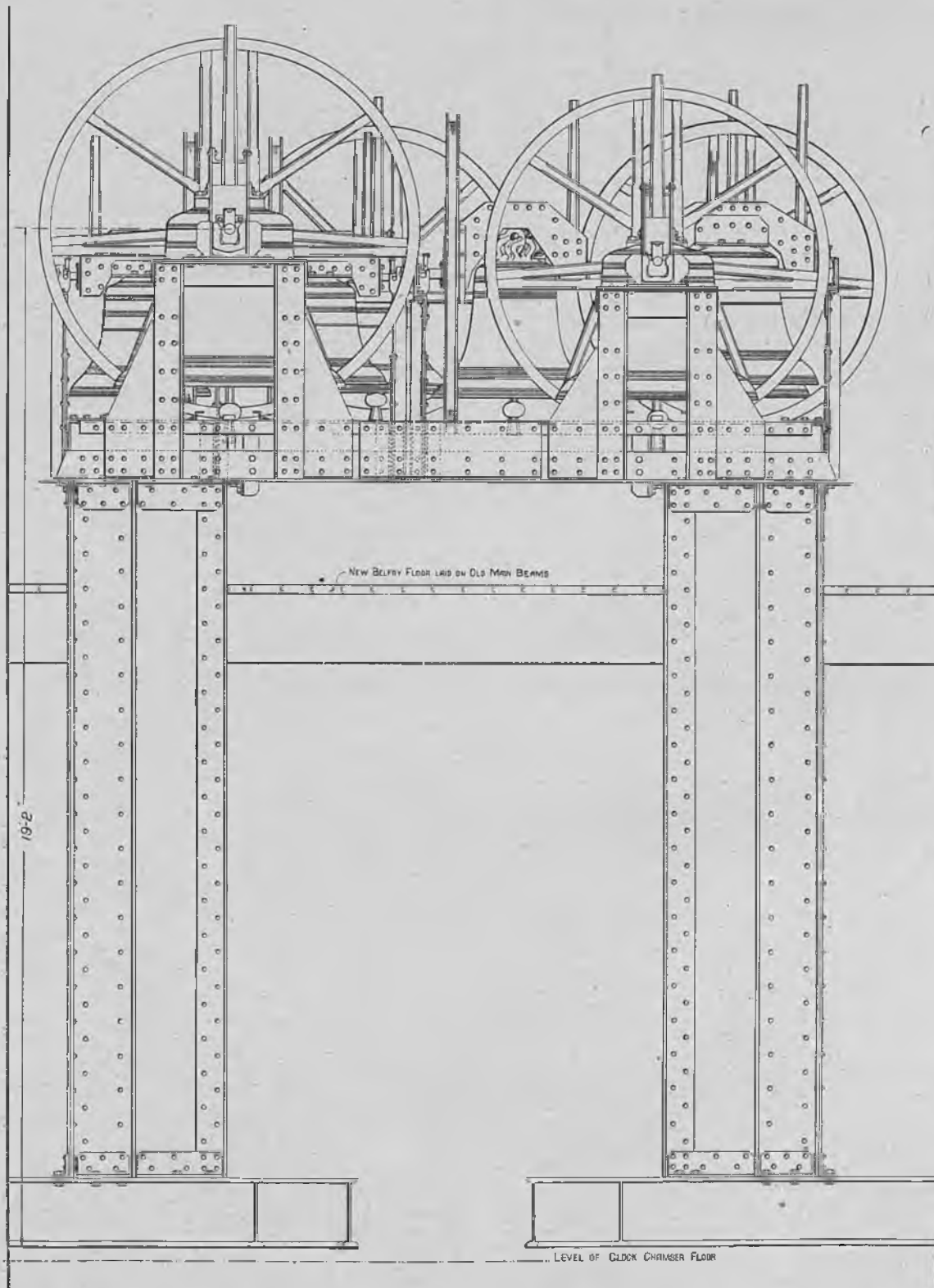
Mr. J. S. Pritchett submitted "The Chairman," and mentioned that the Rector had no less than 32 relatives by blood and marriage serving their King and country in this war.

The Rector's brief reply concluded the toast list.

The musical programme was such as to delight the heart of ringers. Mr. Harry Withers, the inimitable, was there with his dulcimer, and, despite the presence of many other good things in the programme, provided the "star" turn. He started with a course of Carter's Principle, which he tapped with marvellous accuracy; afterwards he showed his versatility by some beautifully played Welsh airs, and he also tapped Stedman Caters and Double Norwich, which was all really very wonderful. Mr. A. E. Parsons provided the only song of the evening, "The Skipper"; Messrs. Lafin, Carter, Miller, Russam, Groves and Smith rang an excellent "double-handed" course of Stedman Cinques, and a course of Caters followed later. The splendid handbell tune ringing, in which Messrs. Walker, Withers, Miller and Hunt took part, went to complete a musical programme of the most pleasurable kind.

During the afternoon the towers of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) were open for ringing, and full advantage was taken of the opportunity. A very fine new tablet, recording "the 100th peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the bells, and the first century of twelve-bell peals in any method ever rung in one tower" (rung on February 24th, 1914) was on view in St. Martin's belfry for the first time.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—Winchester Guild.—On December 2nd, 1909 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Roy Linter (age 14 years), first 720 in the method, 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishley 3, Walter Linter 4, W. Harris 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6.



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INTER - AFFILIATION.—WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Will the secretaries of those Associations and Guilds in favour of Inter-affiliation kindly communicate with me, as the Committee of this Association wish, with their co-operation, to put this into operation, if possible.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on March 16th and 30th; for handbell practice on the 11th and 25th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow on Saturdays at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The March meeting of this Society will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. The members of the committee are requested to meet in the Church Institute at 5 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, *pro tem*, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Norton, on Saturday, March 6th. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 14, West Street, Milton.—J. Johnson, Rev. J. Reay, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Tower open for ringing at 4 o'clock, service in St. Thomas' Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland (Vicar of Dudley). Business meeting after tea. All contributions should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle Le Woods on Saturday, March 13th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Tyldesley on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pibcott, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Southern District will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, March 13th. The bells of the Cathedral will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow in the Montgomery Hall. Business: Election of officers. A good meeting is expected. All ringers welcomed.—A. Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Armley on March 13th, 1915. Bells available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the White Horse Hotel.—Wm. Barton, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready at 5.30. Meeting held at 7 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Secretary, 31, St Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

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

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

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

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ST. WEONARD'S.—Hereford Diocesan Guild. — At St. Weonard's Church, on February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, ten callings, half-muffled, in 50 mins.: Rev. V. A. Creswell (conductor) 1, Arthur Brewer 2, H. Weale 3, T. W. Rowley 4, F. A. Oakley 5, T. Amos 6. This quarter-peal was rung in honour of Gunner George Williams, the first from this parish to volunteer for the front. He fell in action on January 25th, whilst serving his gun.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, N. Tickner 2, W. Tickner 3, G. Tribe 4, W. Savage 5, O. Sippetts (Crawley, Sussex) 6, G. Neve (conductor) 7, A. Field 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, Feb. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrell 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.

GOOLE.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 14th, 720 Bob Minor: Pte Jones (National Reserves) 1, H. Ward (aged 13 years), first 720 with a bob bell, 2, L. Drake 3, T. Smith 4, M. Tato (conductor) 5, R. Davis 6, J. Drake 8 (covering).

SWANBOURNE, BUCKS. — On Saturday, January 30th, six six-scores Grandsire Doubles: J. Harding 1, W. Sear 2, J. Price 3, H. Sear (conductor), E. Price 5, J. Sheffield 6.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Cyril Woodridge 1, S. Chapman 2, J. Abery 3, C. Hunt 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 17th, for morning service, 240 Bob Minor; for evening service, 360 Bob Minor.—On January 13th, 720 Canterbury Minor: J. Passey 1, H. Lambert 2, R. Bethel 3, W. Watkins 4, W. Mantle 5, A. Tomkins (conductor) 6. First in the method for all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

FOLKESTONE.—Kent County Association. At the Parish Church, on Nov. 17th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original: G. Miller 1, J. Henley 2, G. Foord 3, S. Binfield 4, H. Croucher 5, F. Jordan 6, W. H. Wood (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Field-Marshal Earl Roberts, V.C.—On November 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: S. Bluffield 1, P. H. Pierce 2, F. Jordan 3, C. R. Millway 4, W. H. Hollier 5, E. Cheeseman 6, W. H. Wood (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.—On Sunday, Dec. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. Henley 1, H. C. Saywell 2, G. Foord 3, H. Whitehead 4, H. Croucher 5, F. Jordan 6, W. H. Wood (conductor) 7, T. Farley 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 29th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Floyd 1, C. Golding 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, K. O. Wightman (of St. John's, Kennington), 6th London, R.F.A., 8.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association and St. Mary's Guild.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Holloway 1, Gordon Mackman 2, R. H. Boddington 3, C. Hes 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, C. H. Paine 8. Mr. Gordon Mackman is on a visit from America.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on December 6th, on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Rochester, for morning service, 544 of Double Norwich Major: A. James, senr., 1, A. E. Newick 2, W. Smith 3, G. Durling 4, S. Marshall 5, G. Huxley 6, E. G. Filtness 7, I. Emery (conductor) 8. For Confirmation service, in the afternoon, 1056 Bob Major: A. James, junr., 1, A. E. Newick 2, E. G. Filtness 3, G. Durling 4, I. Emery 5, G. Huxley 6, A. James, senr., 7, S. Marshall (conductor) 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Belsey 1, A. James, senr., 2, G. Durling 3, Driver G. Gibson, R.H.A. (first 500 with a bob bell) 4, I. Emery 5, G. Huxley (conductor) 6, S. Marshall 7, C. Austin 8.

HARPENDEN.—At the Parish Church, on December 6th, 1264 Bob Major, in 52 mins.: A. Day 1, H. Coburn 2, G. Newson 3, R. Coburn 4, H. Day 5, W. Hill 6, H. Jarman 7, B. Jarman (conductor) 8.—On December 7th, for the choir festival, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Dellar 1, H. Day 2, W. Hill 3, R. Coburn 4, H. Coburn 5, H. Jarman 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, B. Coots 8.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS. — On December 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Plain Bob: W. H. Carr 1, A. E. Austin (first as conductor) 2, *F. White 3, *T. Finch 4, F. Nunn (first 720) 5, *C. Peters 6. *First 720 on an inside-bell.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bedford district was held on Saturday last at St. Peter's, Bedford, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. J. E. Gilbert). The bells were utilised during the afternoon. The Rector and Mr. C. N. Peacock (churchwarden) visited the tower, the latter, in a few well-chosen remarks, opening the meeting, and the Rector, with a short prayer, unveiling a marble peal tablet, made by one of the St. Peter's company, Mr. W. Fineden, to record a peal of Surprise Minor rung by: C. A. Robinson, P. Cooke, G. W. Clarke, C. Stapleton, H. Sharp, W. Stapleton (conductor). After tea the election of officers took place, the Vice-President, Miss E. Steel, presiding. The bells during the day were kept going in Surprise, Treble Bob and Plain Methods, members being present from St. Paul's and Peter's, Bedford; Turvey, Elstow, Clapham, Biggleswade, Husborne Crawley, Bromham, Woburn, Sharnbrook and Wellingboro'.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bromham on Saturday, March 27th.

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