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Yours faithfully, F. T. DEOK,  
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

### PREPARING FOR PEACE.

Throughout the land, when peace is declared, the people of this country will expect to hear their church bells rung. Ever since bells have hung in the "grey and ivied towers" of England one of their important functions has been to proclaim victories and peace, and, while in this great and calamitous war they have often been silent—for sympathy with those who have lost their nearest and dearest—when they might well have pealed forth to celebrate the success of our arms, there is likely to be no curbing of their iron tongues when at last peace reigns over the world. When that is likely to be no one can say, but it is not too soon for ringers to look ahead in order that arrangements may be made so that the ringing may be as adequate as possible.

Already in some areas plans are being laid in order that the bells in those towers where the ringers have been depleted by the great call for men, shall not hang idle, and we believe a scheme is on foot in London with the object of organising peace ringing in the metropolis. The great difficulty is going to be found in the shortage of ringers. Therefore, even at some inconvenience, those companies whose numbers have become so small that the bells have now perforce to remain unringed, ought to make a special effort to raise at once enough recruits so that, when the war ends, the bells may, at least, be rung in rounds. In some cases there may be men who, years ago, were ringers, but who gave up from some cause or another. An endeavour might well be made to induce these to return, if only temporarily, for they would not, at any rate, need quite rudimentary instruction, although, perhaps, some little practice might be necessary. In a large number of towers youths and ladies are being pressed into service, and Surfleet, with a goodly proportion of juveniles in the band, furnishes a splendid example of what may be done by teaching quite young boys to handle a bell. But, however a band is raised, the important point is to have enough ringers for the bells on the day when peace will be welcomed; and while each church can best decide how to find the necessary recruits to fulfil its requirements, there ought to be no place where the bells will remain silent merely for lack of foresight in obtaining enough ringers.

Then there is the question of the bells themselves. They need to be ready for the purpose in view, and doubtless there are many places like Tregare in Monmouthshire, where, we learn, special efforts are to be made to have the ring of five rehung to take their part in the rejoicings. But those who contemplate putting their house in order in this way must remember that there are now very few firms of competent bell-bangers able to undertake such work. All are more or less engaged on important national

## MODERN WORK.

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tasks, and delay in the execution of private contracts is therefore inevitable. It will consequently be of no use to leave restorations until peace is actually in sight. Like Tregare, those who intend having their bells put into proper trim, should take Time by the forelock, or they may find to their chagrin that they are "still waiting" when the peace celebrations do arrive. It is up to the ringers to keep this view of the matter before their respective church authorities.

### SIX BELL PEAL.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1917, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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ALFRED WILSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

Rung to welcome the Rev. A. D. Perrott, who has recently been inducted to the living of Allesley. The ringers were most hospitably entertained by the Rector after the peal.

### MILITARY RINGERS AT ALDERSHOT.

There are a number of ringers now stationed at the great military camp at Aldershot, and for practice, on June 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at the Parish Church, by: Pte R. George, A.S.C. 1, Corpl. J. T. Bartram, R.F.A., 2, J. Mann (conductor), 3, Trooper H. Hale, 4th Res. Cavalry, 4, Corpl. E. Bennett, M.F.P., 5, Pte H. W. Kirtton, A.O.C., 6.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, by: Pte Laphorne, A.O.C., 1, Corpl. J. T. Bartram, R.F.A., 2, J. Mann (conductor) 3, Trooper H. Hale, 4th Res. Cavalry 4, Corpl. E. Bennett, M.F.P., 5, Pte H. W. Kirtton, A.O.C., 6.

### ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, held at High Halden, was not very well attended, and the weather could not possibly be made the excuse on this occasion, unless it was a little too warm for some of the members. A 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung, muffled, by: R. Curd (Rye) 1, A. C. Thay (Ashford) 2, W. H. Lambert (Bonenden) 3, L. Hones (Biddenden) 4, C. Tribe, conductor (Tenterden), 5, and A. Blackman (Rolvenden) 6, as a last tribute of respect to one of the local ringers, H. Hawkins, junr., who was a member of the Kent County Association, and who died while serving his country. He was suddenly taken ill while on the Quay at Southampton waiting to go on board a transport for service abroad, and, although taken to hospital and an operation performed, he passed away in a few days, and was brought home and buried in the church, near which he had spent the greater part of his life.

The ringers' sympathy was conveyed to his parents.

A few more six-scores were afterwards rung, and the bells lowered in peal. The Vicar (the Rev. Gilpin) visited the belfry, and gave the members a hearty welcome.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting in July, at Ashford, when it is hoped the attendance will be more numerous.

### CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A special ringing meeting of the Northampton District was held at Cogenhoe, members being present from St. Peter's, All Saints', St. Giles' and Holy Sepulchre, Northampton; Weston Favell, Kingsthorpe, Boughton, Ecton, Moulton, and the local band, a very pleasant afternoon being spent, the younger members, including five ladies, being especially pleased. Nearly the whole available time was devoted to helping beginners over the first fence, which seems such a formidable obstacle to the would-be change ringer. Service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. F. Stebbins), during which a collection was made for a fund which it was decided at the annual meeting of the Association at Rothwell to establish, to be called the "Belfry Repair Fund."

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, 21 sitting down, and the Sec. announced that the amount collected during the service was 6s.—Mr. F. Hopper proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. J. Clarke (vice-president) in his illness, and the hope was expressed that he would soon be restored to his usual health. A donation of 2s. 6d. has since been received from Mr. Clarke for the belfry repair fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the service and the use of the bells, to the local ringers for having the bells in such good order, and to the ladies for the tea.

**OXFORD GUILD ACTIVITIES.****OPERATIONS IN E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS.**

The intimation in "The Ringing World" of one or two meetings at Whitsuntide was the means of helping visitors to attend practices in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and here is a brief record of what was done.

At Stoke Poges, on Empiro Day, May 24th, good practice was made in rounds, Doubles and Minor, with several "colts" and lady ringers taking part. This meeting was repeated on 31st inst., "Union Day, South Africa," when six ladies, representing four towers (Windsor, Burnham, Fulmer and Stoke), rang the six bells in peal without the aid of mere man. Miss Cooper also took a rope in Stedman, and Miss Bateman one in Oxford Bob Minor. A good evening's work was put in by the 14 members present, the conductors being Messrs. Parker and Gutteridge.

At Slough, May 26th, was the County of Bucks Red Cross Day, for which the local committee, under the presidency of Mrs. Herbert Eliot (wife of the Rector of Slough) made special efforts, the collections and sales realising nearly £180. The bells of St. Mary's were rung during the evening in Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major, some twenty ringers attending. Messrs. J. Bruce Williamson (I.O.W.) and Horace Thompson (better known as Thompson Major) were elected members of the Guild; Mr. and Mrs. Melville, of Guildford, paid a visit to the belfry on their way to see Mr. W. R. Melville, at Wooburn; Mr. C. J. Tricker, of Hounslow, cycled down for the evening; and Mr. E. T. Brown (Clewley) also paid a visit. Thanks to "The Ringing World," all these ringing friends were able to make their first acquaintance with the tower and bells of Slough. The following members who, in war time, may be termed the "old stagers" took part in the several touches. The Rev. J. Fraser Amies, the Misses Cooper, Gudgein and Bateman, Messrs. Blackmore, Horne, Alder, Henley, Smith, Leader, Hooper, Flaxman, Fussell and J. Brant, of Winkfield, the last named looking his old self again after a serious operation in Windsor Hospital early this year.

At Beaconsfield, on Whit-Monday, there was another good muster, 18 being present. Three Triple and Major methods were practised, and the bells kept going from 7 till 9 p.m. Most of the band had spent the afternoon at High Wycombe, and after a long cycle run were glad to partake of tea at the Plough Inn. Those taking part included the Misses Gudgein, Cooper and Bateman, and Messrs. Alder, Horne, Blackmore, Barnes (Great Missenden), Phil Evans, Hooper, Henley, Williamson, Thompson, Gutteridge, W. Bateman, Fussell, J. L. Kirk (Cookham), F. J. Reeve (of Tring), who cycled in Bucks just T'-ring, and the Rev. J. F. Amies, of Chalfont.

Nineteen ringers attended the practice at Chalfont St. Peter's, on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing began at 4.30, and there was an interval at six o'clock for tea, served in a large room adjoining the Churchyard. The practice was continued until 9 p.m. Doubles and Minor in two methods each were rung by mixed bands, a full team of local ringers was furnished for one spell of six scores, although the local society has sent three or four men to join up "elsewhere," where the practice is mostly "doubling." Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar. The Rev. C. S. A. Whittington, who also presided, the company greatly appreciating his thoughtful refresher on a hot summer's day, and the Branch Secretary voicing their thanks to the donor. It was interesting to learn that the Vicar made some progress with double-handed change ringing whilst at the Wells Theological College, and that his forefathers claim descent from Sir Richard Whittington, thirce Lord Mayor of London. There were present Messrs. C. Chapman (Chalfont St. Giles), Barnes, Williamson, Thompson, Gutteridge, E. Harding (Fulmer), Horne, Blackmore, Fussell, the Misses Bateman, Cooper and Gudgein—and the Rev. J. F. Amies, with Messrs. Stone, Bolton, Burnham, and Winkfield, local men. Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, arrived in time to take a cup, a pull, and the tenor's diameter, and has added yet another tower to the 1248 already invaded by him. Readers will be happy to learn that Mr. Whittington, of Cranleigh, is somewhat better, after a severe illness, brought on by war work at Ipswich.

Being a royal parish, the King's birthday was observed at Farnham Royal, June 4th by the ringing of the church bells in honour of the event. June 4th is also the day of days at Eton College, where the Eton students formerly celebrated an ancient custom, "Collecting Salt" (money) for special use of the Collegers. Exactly a century ago, £821 was raised, the King and Queen contributing £80 of this sum. Long since discontinued, the festivities were held at a place near Eton, known as "Montem," giving the name of Salt Hill to a part of Slough which is still visited by Old Etonians. A round dozen members attended Farnham Royal for this meeting, three methods being rung. The numerous friends of the under-mentioned members of the branch serving in H.M. forces will be glad to hear that recent letters show them to be fit and well: A. Bateman and R. Buckland, R.N.A.S.: A. Elburn, P. Jones, G. Martin, R.E.'s: W. Burden, G. Cutts, Royal Berks: W. Welling, G. F. Williams, R.G.A.: E. Hancox, Middlesex: J. H. Cropley, R.A.M.C. W. H. F.

**QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.**—On Sunday, 20th May, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Wood, junr., 1. E. Wellard 2, Sergt. B. Thompson (Rifle Brigade), conductor, 3. J. Spooner 4, R. Staines 5, W. Wood, senr., 6.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday week, at Barnsley, where a good company assembled from Sheffield (Cathedral and All Saints'), Doncaster, Rotherham (Parish Church), Wortley, Bolsterstones, Horhury, South Kirkby, Ecclesfield, Penistone, etc. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and the methods rung included Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, etc. The visitors were provided with a splendid tea during the afternoon, Mr. C. D. Potter, of the local company, very kindly bearing a big percentage of the cost. Following this, the tower was again visited, and good ringing was enjoyed until 7.30 p.m., when, owing to service being held, it had to be curtailed.

A short business meeting was afterwards held in the churchyard, Mr. J. Willey (the newly-appointed vice-president) being in the chair.

It was unanimously decided, following upon the discussion at the last meeting, that a payment of 1s. be granted to the steeplekeeper of the tower visited on the occasion of all meetings.

A resolution was passed requesting the hon. secretary to write to Mr. C. D. Potter, intimating how very sorry all the members were that he could not be present at the meeting, to which he had looked forward for a long time. Mr. Holmes, who was present on behalf of Mr. Potter, said that he was at present suffering very acutely from rheumatism, and Mr. L. Brightman (district secretary pro tem.), who had visited Mr. Potter during the afternoon, conveyed the latter's very kindest wishes to the members for a successful gathering.—All present wished Mr. Potter a speedy recovery, and expressed their gratitude for his generosity and for undertaking the arrangements.

A very hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for carrying out all arrangements. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Richardson (steeplekeeper) were specially mentioned, as they spared no effort throughout the visit to ensure everything running smoothly and comfortably for the ringers.

Three new members were elected from Rotherham, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wentworth, near Rotherham, if permission were granted, and that the date should be either September 8th or 22nd.

**SOUTH BARROW BELLS REDEDICATED.**

The beautiful little Somerset Church of St. Peter, South Barrow, which dates from the 15th century, has recently had its bells tuned, quarter turned and rehung. This important and necessary work was made possible by a generous bequest of the late Rev. George Mills who for thirty years was Vicar of South Barrow, and also Rector of North Barrow, and through his munificence the bells in both towers are now in splendid order. The work in both churches was entrusted by the executors to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and that firm carried the work through with completeness and perfection.

Great interest was shown in the ceremony of dedication, which took place recently at Sunday service. So full was the church for the occasion that it was not possible to take in another dozen people. Parishioners of North and South Barrow, and friends from other parishes, constituted a congregation as large as the old church had ever held before. The ceremony of dedication was performed by the Rev. H. E. Wake, Vicar of Castle Cary, and Rural Dean, and accompanying him were the Rev. H. A. Boys (Rector of North Cadbury) and the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Dobie). The authorised service for the dedication of the bells was gone through in the belfry, and at the request of the Rural Dean, the ringers from North Barrow "opened" the bells by ringing a short joyous peal. Evening service followed, and the special Psalms and hymns were heartily joined in by all, the lessons being read by the Rev. H. A. Boys. An admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. H. E. Wake.

After the service the bells were sending their sweet notes over hill and dale for a long time, and great admiration was expressed at their rich tones. One bell is of the date 1620, while the others are pre-Reformation. The church of South Barrow deserves notice, and a visit by anyone going to the neighbourhood, as it contains some ancient carved oak panels to the pews, Jacobean altar rails, an old oak pulpit, and a curious brass dated 1594, which, formerly in the aisle, is now mounted on oak, and placed on the north wall of the nave.

**DEATH OF A STOKE RINGER.**

The death took place on Thursday of last week of Mr. G. Woods, who passed away at the age of 62 years. He had been a ringer at Stoke-on-Trent just over ten years, and was well known in the Midlands, having been a ringer at Burton-on-Trent. He had taken part in about 30 peals.

The funeral, which took place at Hanley Cemetery, on Sunday last, was attended by the ringers from Stoke belfry, and Mr. D. Preston from Bucknall. Four of the deceased's brother ringers acted as bearers, viz., Messrs. G. Bloor, C. Page, F. Landon, J. Simister. A floral tribute, in the shape of a bell, was sent from the members of the Stoke tower, whose deepest sympathy has been extended to the bereaved family.

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### SUSSEX ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING.

#### WESTERN DIVISION SUPPORTS CENTRAL DIVISION'S PROTEST.

A quarterly meeting was held at Hoene on Saturday week, when a good number of members were present from Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Aldrington, Shoreham, Steyning, Shipley, Pulborough, Angmering, Tarring, and the local band. Touches of Steadman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative, and Bristol Surprise Major were rung, and Mr. J. H. Shepard, of Swindon, arrived just in time for London Surprise.

About 20 sat down to tea, kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Fallois), and at the business meeting Mr. K. Hart was voted to the chair.

Mr. Lindup, on behalf of the Rector, gave the members a hearty welcome, and he also undertook to thank him for his kindness in providing the tea and granting the use of the bells.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously: "That this meeting strongly opposes the decision of the general secretary and officers of the Association in discontinuing the annual meetings until after the war; that the officers have no power to overrule the resolution of the annual meeting of 1916; that the annual meeting be held on August Bank Holiday, at Brighton, and that this meeting hereby requests the general secretary to arrange the same."

It was suggested that the next quarterly meeting be held at Steyning in September, and there will be a combined practice at Shoreham on Saturday next in the afternoon.—Mr. K. Hart was thanked for presiding.

The members then again visited the tower, and some also went to Tarring, to ring Cambridge Surprise, etc.

#### CENTRAL DIVISION SECRETARY'S REPLY TO MR. FRANKS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Franks' letter, in your last issue, the reasons the Central Division decided to withhold its balance until notice of the annual meeting is given are:—

1. Because the general secretary and treasurer are starving the Association in order to hoard. They wish to rake in the subscriptions and give nothing in return.
2. Because they usurp the rights of the members in not carrying out the rules and resolutions. Therefore, the division must retain its own funds and cater for itself until the reckoning comes.
3. The members of the division are not content to pay in their subscriptions merely to be handed over to the treasurer, they want some return for what they pay.
4. The balance really withheld is only just over one-half, the other part having been paid to the treasurer last year.

We know quite well that two wrongs do not make a right, but is it wrong for the Division to safeguard its own interests?—Yours faithfully,

A. D. STONE.

Hon. Sec., Central Division.

#### HANDBELL RINGING OVERSEAS.

##### INTERESTING PERFORMANCE BY SERVICE MEN.

On Wednesday, 29th June 1917, at "An Overseas Port," 720 Grand-sire Doubles, each six-score called differently: Lance-Corpl. Claude I. Davies (1st Monmouths), 1—2, 3rd Writer Clement Glenn, R.N. (conductor), 3—4, Sergt. Herbert Blake (12th W. Yorks), 5—6. Credit is due to the ringers of 1—2 and 5—6 for their good striking and few faults, this being their first 720 "in hand," especially as opportunities for practice have necessarily been very irregular and few in number. The name or locality of the "overseas port" cannot, for obvious reasons, be given at present, and, whilst nothing in the way of a "record" is claimed, it is anticipated that the above will prove to be at any rate the "longest length" yet rung in the country referred to. On one or two occasions, when Pte. Arthur Hague, R.A.M.C., of one of H.M. Ambulance Transports, has been able to be present, courses and short touches of Grand-sire Triples and Bob Minor have also been rung.

#### RINGING AT NEWPORT.

Owing to the very serious illness of the Vicar there will be no practice for the next few weeks at All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon. The bells were idle last Sunday week, and the Vicar, ascertaining the cause, asked that the bells be not stopped for him, especially for the Sunday services. Sergt. Frank Morgan, being home on leave, a touch of 336 Steadman Triples was rung for the evening service on June 24th by the following: T. Ford, F. Morgan, J. Rullen, M. Selby, H. Morgan, C. Greedy, H. Ridout and J. W. Jones.

The practice night at All Saints' is Monday, and at St. Woolos on Tuesday. Visitors are always welcome at either tower.

#### TO PREPARE FOR PEACE.

An effort is being made in the agricultural parish of Tregar, situated in North Monmouthshire, to have the five bells rehung so that when peace is declared they can take their share in the rejoicings.

**KILLED IN ACTION.****PTE. D. I. BREARLEY, OF BOLSTERSTONE.**

Another of our fine young fellows has paid the supreme sacrifice, David Ivor Brearley, the third son of Mr. David Brearley, of Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, having been killed in action on May 14th, in France. The deceased joined the forces in March, 1916, and belonged to the 2/4 Yorks and Lancaster Regiment. He was drafted to France last January.

He belonged to the Bolsterstone Company, being the youngest of three sons of Mr. David Brearley, the captain of the tower. Deceased's eldest brother Archie has been in France since April, 1916. Pte D. I. Brearley was of fine physique, being six feet two inches tall, and, in the words of one of his officers, in a letter to his father, was a fine soldier and a favourite with both officers and men.

The bells of Bolsterstone tower were rung, muffled, on Sunday last as a tribute to his memory. He will be greatly missed by the ringers, and, needless to say, his death is a sad blow to his parents. Before joining the army he assisted his father in his business of builder and contractor.

**FREDERICK GILBERT, OF TENTERDEN.**

The ringers of St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden, rang the bells muffled, on Wednesday week as a last tribute of respect to one of their number, Pte Fredk. Gilbert (more familiarly known as "Wiggie") who was killed in action in France recently, and who is the first to meet death on the field of honour, out of the eight who have joined up from this tower.

It was intended to ring a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on this occasion, but as in the case of so many other towers, the Tenterden band are shorthanded, and three friends who were to have helped them were prevented owing to the weather, so that only rounds and the whole pull and stand could be rung. A note conveying their deepest sympathy has been sent to Pte Gilbert's sorrowing mother and sisters, who are left to mourn the loss of a good son and brother.

**PTE. H. HAWKINS, OF HIGH HALDEN.**

Although not killed in action, Pte H. Hawkins, junr., of High Halden, Kent, and a member of the Kent County Association, has died in the service of his country. While waiting at Southampton to embark on a transport for service overseas, he was taken ill, and removed to hospital, where he passed away a few days after an operation. He was buried at High Halden, near the tower in which he had spent so many happy hours, and at the recent meeting at that church of the Romney Marsh Guild, 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung to his memory, with the bells half-muffled.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.****CONTEST AT HEPTONSTALL.**

The annual meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at St. Thomas-a-Beckett's Church, Heptonstall, on Saturday week, when the bells and schools were kindly placed at the disposal of the Association by the Vicar and churchwardens. Only two companies entered for the contest, Earlsheaton and Halifax, each company ringing 800 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major; the judges for the day being Mr. Broadley and Mr. Robertshaw.

The annual meeting was held in the School, after the close of the ringing, the President (Mr. Cotterell) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar and the society's officers.

The balance sheet, which was adopted, was presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. S. Ambler), and showed a gain on the year's working of £1 3s. 4d., which, in view of the times through which we are passing, was considered fairly good. There is now a balance in the bank of £24 14s. 9d.

On the recommendation of the committee, the officers were re-elected en bloc.

When the meeting was called upon to decide the place of the next contest, it was moved that all contests be stopped till after the war, but after discussion it was decided to hold the next contest in due course, but in the meantime to notify the members that the question of abandoning them until peace is restored would be brought up at the next meeting.

The judges' decision was then announced by Mr. Broadley, Earlsheaton being again declared the winners.

The Vicar, in presenting the cup to Mr. Hardy, said he had listened with pleasure to the ringing, and had also been interested in the way the judges put the faults down. He was very pleased that they had decided not to abandon the ringing, because, as ringing was supposed to frighten the devils from the church, he hoped they should be able to frighten the Hun "devils" from our land.

A vote of thanks to the officers and the judges brought the meeting to a close.

**ST. PAUL'S GREAT BELL.**

It is reported that the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's do not see their way to allowing the great bell of the Cathedral to be rung as a warning to Londoners of any impending air raid.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****PROPOSED AUGMENTATION OF WHITCHURCH BELLS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Whitchurch, near Cardiff, on Saturday last, when a good muster of members from the various affiliated towers were present, while the visitors included Mr. Booker, of the St. Patrick's Cathedral band, Dublin. The bells were raised about 3.30, and kept going until five o'clock, when an excellent meal tea, very kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was served in the Church Room.

The subsequent business meeting was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. Hy. Williams).—The question of instruction at Llangoyd was discussed, and Mr. Pitman, of Aberavon, promised he would go there as instructor.

Mention was made by the hon. secretary that one of the members, Mr. Tucker, of Caerphilly, had recently won the Military Cross.

The next Monmouthshire meeting will be held at Chepstow, and it was decided to hold a ringing meeting at Llangoyd.

Mr. Dawe gave notice that he would, at the next annual meeting, move that the rule referring to meetings be amended, so that in future there should be four quarterly meetings exclusive of the annual meeting, two to be held in each Archdeaconry.

New members were elected from Whitchurch and Llangoyd.

A presentation was then made to Mr. A. Chew, a member of the local band, and took the form of a framed photograph of the ringers, suitably inscribed. The Vicar made the presentation, which Mr. Chew felicitously acknowledged.—A vote of thanks, which was heartily carried by acclamation, was accorded the Vicar and the churchwardens for their kindness and their hospitable welcome, and to the ladies who so ably attended to their wants.—The Vicar replied by saying that, if at any future time the Association visited Whitchurch, he would be pleased to give them a similar welcome. He then mentioned that the question of completing the octave by adding two more bells had been brought to his notice, and he promised that, when the war was over, he would do his level best to have the suggestion carried out.

The tower was afterwards again visited, and some of the members went back to Cardiff for a pull on St. John's bells, which were available for one hour's ringing.

The meeting proved a great success, and the best thanks are due to Mr. J. Bailey, the local leader, for his personal efforts.

**WINCHESTER GUILD.****YORKTOWN DISTRICT'S RECORD MEETING.**

A successful gathering of ringers took place at Hersham, Surrey, on Saturday, when the members of the somewhat scattered Yorktown District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting at this tower, where there is a delightful little ring of eight. Upwards of fifty ringers were present (a goodly sprinkling consisting of ladies) from London, Hersham, Guildford, Chertsey, Otlands, Walton, Epsom, Isleworth, etc., and at 3.30 p.m. the bells were going to the tune of Stedman Triples, followed by Double Norwich, Treble Bob, etc.

A special service for the ringers was held at 5 p.m., and the attendance of the organist and choir was greatly appreciated.—The Vicar of Hersham (the Rev. E. P. Pelloc, M.A.) officiated, and, in the course of an interesting address on bells and bell ringers, besought ringers to be worthy of their calling. He also laid stress on the great difference between ringers of bygone days and the modern ringers, who, he thought, were better Churchmen, and realised how high a calling theirs was.

Fifty sat down to tea in the Church House, and all enjoyed the refreshing cup and the viands.—The Rev. E. P. Pelloc presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the Vicar of Otlands (the Rev. de V. Leigh), Mr. W. A. Wigrain, Mr. F. L. Vaux, Mr. L. Felgate (Horsham), Mr. G. Miles (secretary), Mr. F. J. Shepherd (assistant secretary), and Mr. W. Shepherd (Ringing Master). After courses of Stedman and Grandsire Caters on the handbells, the Vicar stated that after enjoying the excellent tea provided, they must thank the one who had gone out of his way to secure it for them, viz., Mr. F. J. Shepherd. It was not an easy matter in present times, especially when it was in addition to his other duties in organising the meeting, Mr. Miles (the secretary) having joined the army in April last. He (the Vicar) welcomed that gentleman there with them that day, and wished him a safe and speedy return from active service.

The Assistant Secretary proposed that the two officers who were now in the army, Mr. Miles (secretary) and Mr. W. A. Woodrow (auditor), be retained in their posts for the present, and that deputies be found to carry on their work until they returned.—It was unanimously resolved that Mr. F. J. Shepherd carry on the secretarial work and that Mr. A. Woodrow be deputy auditor.

After the remainder of the business had been disposed of, the Vicar, organist, choir, etc., were thanked for services, and a further visit was paid to the tower, the bells being kept going in various methods until 8.30 p.m.

This meeting provided a record attendance for the Yorktown Branch of the Guild, and many new members were made at the meeting, including the band of new lady recruits now in training at Otlands, and also the Vicar of that pretty little village.

## NOTICES.

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

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beeston on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3 until 8 o'clock (excepting during tea and meeting). Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by general meeting, all in the church schoolroom.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Castle Heddingham on June 30th. Bells, 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. Short service, with address by the Rev. E. N. Powell, Bishop, at 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, at the Bell Inn (Castle Heddingham), 1/3 per head. The bells of Sible Heddingham will also be open for ringing. I shall be pleased to receive subscriptions for the current year.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selly Oak on Saturday, June 30th. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided on the vicarage lawn if fine—in the schools if wet—at 5.45. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Wolverhampton on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available at 3. Short service in St. Peter's Church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. Preb. Penny, M.A. (Rector). Meat tea at the Seven Stars Hotel, John Street, at 5.30 (1/- to fully-paid members; to others, 1/6), followed by the general meeting.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (North and East District).—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service and address by the Vicar (Rev. O. R. Dawson) at 6 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. Any ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 25, Crown St., Harrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgewater Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at North Petherton on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Kettering district will be held at Kettering on Saturday, June 30th. Bells open from 3.30 until 7.30. Meeting in belfry, 5.30. Election of Officers.—Robt. F. Turner, Hon. Dist. Sec., 160, S. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Crosby on Saturday, June 30. Bells ready at 4.—Rev. E. C. Collyer, Walter Hughes, Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, July 1st, and every first Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.; and at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on July 3rd, 17th and 31st, for general business, also on the 12th and 26th for handbell practice, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells), on Saturday, July 7th. By kind permission of Canon Boden the Vicarage grounds will be open to ringers for games, etc., during the afternoon. Clay Cross station, Midland railway.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Haslington, on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at a nominal charge at 6. All ringing friends welcome. Members intending to be present kindly notify me seven days prior to meeting.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Festival will be held at Woburn, on Saturday, July 7th. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service in the Church at 4. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Parr. Tea at 5 at King's Tea Rooms.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The meeting members are invited by Mr. Young for a handbell practice at 277, Stanstead Road, Forest Hill, S.E., on Saturday, July 7th, at 4 p.m. Car service 5s (by the door) or 6s.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting of the S.E. Division will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available, 3.30. Service, 5.30. Tea, 1/- per head, at the Six Bells, at 6 p.m., followed by meeting. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 11th, first post.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Boughton, Saturday, July 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m., service 5 p.m., tea 6 p.m.—T. Law, Dist. Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.—The 50th anniversary of the present peal of bells of St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, which were augmented to 12 in 1867, will be celebrated on Saturday, July 7th. The bells will be available from 3.30 until 5.30 p.m. A meat tea at a nominal charge will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Ringing friends should notify me of their intention to be present by Tuesday, July 3rd.—William Motts, Secretary, 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Ewhurst on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 5.15. Tea at "The Crown Inn" at 6—6d. to members, visitors 1s. 3d. Will those intending to be present at tea kindly drop a postcard, not later than July 3rd, to Mr. R. Whittington, Winterfold, Cranleigh?—J. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., Bridge Street, Guildford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on the 7th July. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., to those notifying by 3rd July.—Chas. J. Walton, 4, Jamaica St., Bristol.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Barming on Sat., July 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m.; tea provided by churchwardens at 5.45. All ringers welcome. The Secretary would be glad to know of those who intend to be present not later than Monday, July 9th.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary, Lower Street, East Farley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 14th. Service at 3.30. Meeting in St. John's School at 4 p.m. Tea at Maynard's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Bells available from 1 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

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