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Gentlemen.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BROOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

PUNCTUALITY AND ENTHUSIASM.

Writing the other day in a Bolton paper, a correspondent laments the unpunctuality on the part of ringers in that Lancashire town. Whether or not the complaint is justified we cannot say, but the public notice which has been directed to the matter shows that, even in these days, when those who are opposed to bell ringing say there is no need for the bells because clocks are universal, there are those who look to the bells to fulfil their time-honoured duty of announcing the approach of the hour of worship. Unpunctuality is a fault that is seldom excusable, but we are afraid it is one to which a certain class of ringer is somewhat prone. Often the full value cannot be got out of the practice hour because one or more members are behind time, and it is not infrequently the case that the start of service ringing is delayed because an expected ringer turns up a few minutes late. The author of the Bolton complaint pleads for punctuality, even if the claims of war render it difficult to have all the bells rung, and this is a plea which, extended to all ringers, we would endorse. Church-goers look for the pealing of the bells at a fixed time before the service, and it should be the aim of every tower to see that the ringing begins promptly at the appointed hour.

Much of the fault lies in the negligence of a minority of lukewarm ringers, and it is a pity that these men are not imbued with a little of the enthusiasm recorded of a ringer, who is now a member of the Army, and who walked seven miles to a railway station, and travelled a distance by train, in order to ring for service at Newcastle Cathedral, returning the same night. We do not say that the keenness which prompted this action is unique—we are glad to know that it is not—but it is a pity that some small portion of this enthusiasm is not spread among that minority which is so often responsible for unpunctuality in the ringing of the bells. If it were there would be no complaints like that from Bolton. It is not easy to find a remedy for the failing which mars the service of the unpunctual ringer, when that service is voluntarily given. As a rule any system of fines quickly becomes inoperative and cannot be enforced unless the ringers are paid. The only remedy seems to be moral suasion, and if this has no effect then a company is better without the man who cannot be relied upon. The enthusiastic ringer is always the punctual ringer, and where interest in the art can be quickened there is no need to fear slackness. Ringers must remember that their Sunday service ringing is not merely a pleasure, it is a duty, and the church-going public have as much right to expect punctuality from the ringers as they have from the clergy.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1918, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

FRED G. MAY Treble	CHARLES DYSON 6
MRS. E. J. WILSON 2	WILLIAM SHORT 7
JOHN AUSTIN 3	THOMAS NEWMAN 8
JESSE GILLET 4	ISAAC LONG 9
THOMAS BALDWIN 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival of the Abbey. Mrs. Wilson belongs to Portishead and this was her first peal of Stedman. Messrs. Austin, Gillett, Baldwin, Newman and Dyson belong to Gloucester; W. Short to Clent; F. G. May, I. Long and U. Braven to Bristol.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1918, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
JOSIAH MORRIS 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	CHARLES H. BRIGGS 7
REV. R. P. FARROW 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.
Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Arthur R. Aldham, who died on Saturday, Sept. 29th, 1917.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sunday, September 15, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

H. HOLIFIELD Treble	T. BULL 5
J. MONK 2	G. HOLIFIELD 6
G. A. KING 3	R. WHITE 7
FRED WEBB 4	GORDON CAULDWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of a stained glass window by the Bishop of Buckingham to whom the ringers were introduced after the peal by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. L. Newhouse).

First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble belongs to Abingdon, the ringers of the 2nd and 5th to Witney, of the 3rd and 4th to Kidlington, 6th and 7th to Appleton and tenor to Drayton.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26lbs.

ERNEST DUMPER Treble	HENRY W. WILKES 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	EDWIN J. HARDING 6
ALFRED A. JONES, A.S.C. ... 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Henry White of Basingstoke, one of the most enthusiastic and respected members of the above Guild.

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KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, July 21st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Woodberry 1, G. Davy 2, T. Elcox 3, K. Salter (first quarter-peal inside) 4, T. J. Salter 5, W. Short (conductor) 6, C. Beaman 7, J. Bennett 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, October 7, 1918, in Three Mows and Three Minutes, IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

ALF. PADDON SMITH... .. 1—2	ALBERT WALKER 7—8
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3—4	JAMES E. GROVES 9—10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: MR. J. GEORGE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques in hand.

This was Mr. Barber's second touch of Stedman Cinques on handbells, his first having been rung at Christmas, 1901.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOLIHULL GUILD.

On Sunday, October 6, 1918, in One Hour and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

HARRY BRAGG 1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3—4
CHARLES BRAGG 5—6	

Conducted by HARRY BRAGG.

Witness: D. MATKIN.

First peal as conductor.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting was held at Ashtead on Saturday week, and was fairly well attended; lady ringers especially turning up in strong force. Three of them scored their first touch of Grandsire Triples, and the whole eight bells were rung by them. Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Minor were also rung. Owing to the dearth of clergy, it was not possible to hold the usual service. Tea was held at The Rosary Tea Gardens, and at the business meeting votes of condolence were passed to the relatives of the late Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke, and Mr. R. W. Melville, of Guildford, the members rising in their places. Several present spoke of the loss sustained by the Guild by these two deaths—in the first case a gentleman greatly loved for his untiring energy and enthusiasm for ringing, and one who had done more, perhaps, than any other, from its earliest days for the Guild; in the second case, a young and enthusiastic ringer who had only been at the front for a few weeks before he paid the great forfeit. Much sympathy is extended to his parents, who are both ringers, and members of the Holy Trinity, Guildford, company.

The Ringing Master's report was received and adopted, and on his suggestion it was resolved to hold the annual meeting of the district at Guildford, on November 16th.

One new member was elected, and as 'Dora' put a stop to any more ringing, the party soon dispersed by road, rail and bus to their homes.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT.

A successful meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Horsell (Woking), on Saturday, ringers attending from Oatlands Park, Walton, Hersham, Guildford, Yorktown, Kingston, etc. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., touches of Kent Treble, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire being brought round. Cups of tea were provided by the Vicar of Horsell (the Rev. N. Pares), and these being supplemented by individual rations, an enjoyable tea was made.

Mr. J. J. Jones (the genial secretary of the Guildford District) presided over the business meeting, and was supported by Messrs. G. Miles (hon. secretary), F. J. Shepherd (acting secretary), W. Shepherd (Ringing Master), and C. Hazelden (Guildford).

The official business was prefaced by the chairman's reference to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke; also of young Melville, of Guildford, a promising young ringer, who had given his life for his country, and the meeting passed votes of condolence in silence, standing.

The following annual meetings were announced: Yorktown District, at Chertsey, on November 9th; and Guildford District, at Guildford, on November 16th; also a combined practice at Yorktown, on October 19th.

After touches on the handbells, a further move was made to the tower, where ringing was continued until 8 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

REV. H. J. ELSEE AN HONORARY CANON.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and President of the Lancashire Association, has accepted an honorary canonry offered to him by the Bishop of Manchester. This honour has been received with great satisfaction in Bolton, where the Rev. H. J. Elsee has endeared himself to all sections of the community by long years of devoted service, and it will give equal pleasure to ringers throughout Lancashire—among whom Canon Elsee is held in such high esteem. Commenting upon the appointment, the Bolton 'Evening News' says:—

'The Vicar of St. George's has been so long in our midst that we all have come to look upon him as a thoroughly established fellow-townsmen. There will be universal pleasure at the Bishop's recognition of his long and devoted services in this part of the diocese. For more than twenty years the new Canon has been an ideal parish clergyman in one of the most crowded parts of the town. His faithfulness and helpfulness in visitation have made him a man beloved among all classes; his preaching has been of a deeply spiritual and withal intensely practical type; his administrative polity in a difficult transition period at St. George's has been marked by comprehension, tolerance, and true wisdom. The reconstructed interior of St. George's Church is to some degree a result of his far-sightedness in counsel, and the whole town is under a debt of gratitude for the part he had in that enterprise. In wider spheres Canon Elsee has discharged highly important duties. As chaplain to the local Territorial battalions, he has ever been the soldiers' friend, and hundreds of Bolton homes feel immeasurably indebted to him for his patient kindness and deep sympathy. In the growing co-operation and inter-fellowship among the churches he has been a genuine force, and it is no secret that he has won the affections of Nonconformist ministers. We earnestly hope that he may be long spared to labour in Bolton, as his adopted town, where he has thoroughly earned the prestige so finely expressed by Chaucer in those famous lines:—

This noble ensample to his shepe he yaf
That first he wrought, and afterwards he taught.
But Christes lore, and His apostles twelve,
He taught, but first he folwed it himselfe.

ROCHDALE BRANCH MEETING.

The usual monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at Newhey Parish Church on Saturday last, and was attended by about twenty members, many of whom had brought their wives with them. The ringers present represented Newhey, Milnrow, Middleton, Heywood, Oldham, Glodwick, and Todmorden parishes. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, and at five o'clock all adjourned to the Schoolroom to participate in a 'tea party' that was being held for the benefit of the Prisoners of War fund. A remarkable feature of this party was the plentiful and varied supply of eatables which made one wonder how they could have been obtained during the present period of shortage and food rationing. However, on expressing surprise to some of the good friends assembled, it was found that members of the congregation had very generously given part of their rations in order to ensure the evening being a success. Every credit is due to the ladies of Newhey for their efforts, as it was 'some' tea, and everyone did ample justice to the spread.

Subsequently the business meeting of the branch took place in one of the classrooms, and was presided over by Mr. S. Stott (branch president). It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Moor-side, on Saturday, November 2nd, and it is earnestly hoped that every member of the Rochdale branch will keep this date open, as an exceptionally good attendance is desired, there being business of importance to transact.

A resolution was passed to the effect that for the future any member who attends the meeting at any time during the afternoon or evening shall have his attendance marked, whether he has been present during the whole of the meeting or not. This new arrangement will stand for twelve months.

The Secretary (Mr. T. K. Driver) then suggested the advisability of the Branch holding an annual general meeting in August, so that a report of the year's work and a balance sheet could be presented.—A resolution in favour of this was unanimously passed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the tower and bells; also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and the business meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. S. Stott for presiding.

Owing to D.O.R.A. no ringing was done after the meeting.

The secretary, we are informed, is very pleased with the promptitude with which life members are paying their yearly subscriptions, in accordance with the Association's decision to suspend Rule 6.

LOWER BEBINGTON.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On July 23rd, at the Parish Church, G. R. Newton's date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins.: T. Golding 1, W. Edge 2, F. Jones 3, E. Counce 4, J. Martin 5, J. Dillon 6, E. Breeze (conductor) 7, H. H. Barker 8.—On August 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1920 changes), in 48 mins.: J. W. Bell 1, G. R. Newton 2, W. T. Robson 3, E. Counce 4, H. H. Barker 5, J. Dillon 6, J. Martin (composer and conductor) 7, T. W. Gilmour 8.

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LIEUT. HARRY WASHBROOK KILLED.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to Mr. J. W. Washbrook upon the loss of his third son, Second-Lieut. Harry Washbrook, of the King's Liverpool Regiment, who gave his life for his King and country on August 22nd while leading his men in an attack on an important position.

Lieut. Washbrook joined the ranks of the Manchester Regiment in September, 1914, and served in France in the years 1915-16. After fighting on the Somme front he was invalided home last autumn, and was granted a commission.

He was naturally proficient in the art of change ringing, and had rung many peals in standard methods. He was also an accomplished tone ringer on handbells.

After Lieut. Washbrook went to Manchester he rang ten peals with the Lancashire Association. He had also rung peals with the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent Societies, as well as with his father in Ireland.

This is the second son Mr. J. W. Washbrook has lost in the war, Sergt. W. R. Washbrook having been killed at Loos, while his eldest son, J. W. Washbrook, was maimed in the right arm at Gallipoli. Such ringers as these young men will be a great loss to the Exercise, and it will be hard to fill their places in the Lancashire and Stoke Associations.

A younger son of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, Mark Washbrook has just got a commission.

RAISING AND LOWERING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to make a complaint, and also suggest a reform with reference to the raising and lowering of bells. Although we have practised standard methods in change ringing all these years, there is yet no method of raising and lowering bells. In a few towers the bells are sometimes raised and lowered 'in peal,' quite all right. But where this is not done, why not raise and lower the bells each one singly, commencing with the treble and finishing with the tenor, instead of the haphazard fashion?

The change ringing itself between the raising and lowering of the bells may be faultless as regards striking, but is absolutely marred by a bad start and finish. Ringers to-day generally aim at ringing the most musical compositions, then why not practise the most musical methods in raising and lowering bells, as it should be remembered the sound is not confined to the ringer, in the belfry, but has to be inflicted on a sometimes unsympathetic public.

I should be glad to know other views on the matter, at the same time hoping ringers in charge will carry out this suggestion.—Yours, truly,
F. W. RICHARDSON.

UNPUNCTUALITY IN RINGING.

The following paragraph appeared in a recent issue of a Bolton newspaper:—

I am constantly noticing the unpunctuality of the ringing at some of our Bolton churches. Time was when we did not find it necessary to look at the clock when the bells began to ring; we knew it was 12 o'clock or six o'clock, as the case might be; but now we might as well do without them; they are certainly no use as "time markers." Bell-ringers who cannot keep time are an annoyance to the punctual churchgoer, and in most cases, when they begin to ring after the proper time, they are "tinkling" on when they should be silent. Now, ye bell ringers, even if it is war-time and your numbers are depleted, if you cannot keep up the old-time excellence of your efforts, at least begin and end your ringing punctually, and if you are supposed to indicate the time, then do it in a proper manner, and you will cease to vex the soul of the man who values punctuality.

VETERAN DERBYSHIRE RINGER.

Mr. George Ford, who rang the bells at Chapel-en-le-Frith when peace was proclaimed after the Crimean War, is still a regular attendant at the belfry at the age of 86.

Mr. Ford became a ringer at the Church of Chapel-en-le-Frith, says the 'Manchester Daily Dispatch,' when just turned 20. He has been vice-president of the Association of Ringers covering parts of the counties of Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, and Derbyshire, and is believed to have taken part in more change ringing during the last 60 years than any other man in the Midlands. More than 150 ringers have come and gone at Chapel-en-le-Frith during his long career. He is still an enthusiastic ringer, and hopes to ring the joybells when peace comes.

ENTHUSIASM!

At Newcastle Cathedral, on Sunday evening, Sept. 29th, for the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, 759 Stedman Cuters were rung by: C. L. Routledge 1, A. Dalton 2, W. Sinclair 3, J. McKean 4, Pte. A. Seviour (Bristol) 5, B. C. Dixon 6, A. F. Hillier 7, J. E. Keen 8, R. Richards (conductor) 9, J. Foreman 10. As an instance of enthusiasm in ringing it is worthy of mention that Pte. Seviour (of Bristol) walked from Blyth to Whitley Bay, seven miles, taking train from there to Newcastle, and did the return journey the same evening.

LEAD ENDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Time with me is very fully occupied, and I fear it will be impossible for me to reply to all correspondents if they multiply indefinitely. For the letter of 'H' I can only thank him. On Mr Clayton's letter I will make a few remarks, jotted down as his words suggest them.

1. I do not understand what he means by directing us to prick Bob Minor going off with rounds, 'as Stedman made it to go off.' What has or had Stedman to do with Bob Minor?

2. I quite agree to the division between the leads in the Plain Bob Method, as suggested by Mr. Clayton. He places it where it is—just as I have always said, between the handstroke and backstroke leads of the treble, because it is there and nowhere else.

3. He then says that every lead is a hunting cycle. Quite so. But what of that? It is merely another way of stating that the only places made in Plain Bob are lead-linking places. This feature is peculiar to the Plain Bob Method. It is what makes the Method to be Plain Bob. It is found in no other method. Insert internal places and Plain Bob vanishes. Another and different method is then and thereby created with its own peculiar properties, lead-heads, lead-ends, and other features, and to attempt to jam any other method into the strait-jacket of Plain Bob is illogical and monstrous. To argue that because Plain Bob produces certain lead-ends, therefore all other even-bell methods ought to produce the same lead-ends, is like arguing that because the turning of a certain handle produces sausages, therefore all machines with a turning handle ought to produce sausages.

4. Concerning Grand sire, where did I say that the 'go off' was not from rounds? No one in his senses would go off from anywhere but rounds. What I did say, and say again, is that the division between the blocks (or leads) is between the treble's blow in 2nds and her handstroke blow at lead. It is there, and no amount of fanciful or other imaginary lines or divisions can make it fall anywhere else. We all know that in actual ringing, the block containing rounds has to be forcibly broken into two fragments, its last twelve rows (speaking of Triples—in Doubles 8, in Caters 16, and so on) coming first, and its first two rows coming in at the end.

5. Mr. Clayton's next paragraph is a fair specimen of the method of argument pursued by his side in the controversy. He says that it is 'reasonable to suppose' that P.B. lead-ends are more valuable. This is an attempt to evade argument and to employ 'supposition' in its place. If it is 'reasonable' I demand to be told the reason. To assert that the magic lead-ends are more prolific of methods than the others is of no argumentative value. A wasp's nest is, I believe, more prolific than a swan's nest.

6. Mr. Clayton then goes on to the question of 'symmetry,' and in this connection has recourse to Mr. Trollope's charge of ignorance, even adding to the offensiveness of it by saying that I am 'willingly ignorant.' In commenting on this paragraph of his it is only necessary to quote two of its own sentences. In one he says that I am 'willingly ignorant of the weighty arguments that have been urged in the advocacy of symmetry,' having only five lines earlier made the felicitous (and perfectly true) remark, 'But, speaking of symmetry, nothing in the nature of proof has at any time been forthcoming, or indeed can be.' I leave the appreciation of this to others!

7. Readers will kindly note Mr. Clayton's unreserved admission, that for P.B. lead-ends 'no sufficient reason has ever been adduced, though words without end have been used in the attempt.'

8. Mr. Clayton's floundering fairly reaches a bathos in saying that my rules for the regular succession of positive and negative rows rule out Duffield.

I should have thought that before venturing to make such an assertion on a matter of fact he would have had the common prudence to assure himself of the fact. After this, I should seriously advise Mr. Clayton not to say much more about 'ignorance.' I am not, nor was Sir Arthur Heywood, quite as ignorant as that.

9. In his remarks on my use of Holt's singles in the peal of Surfleet, Mr. Clayton only gets deeper into the mire. He seems to be 'ignorant' of Mr. Thompson's researches to which I refer him as also to the 'Report on Calls, 1894.'

There are still other mistakes in Mr. Clayton's letter, but this reply of mine is already longer than I wished. It is necessary, however, for the instruction of those who have not studied the subject, and who, if I were to leave the fallacies of the other side unanswered, might imagine that I found them unanswerable. Quite the reverse.

Just as I am finishing, it occurs to me that I have omitted to notice what I suppose is intended by Mr. Clayton as an attempt to answer my demand for reasons why Union is wrong. (1) He says it is ugly. I say the reverse. These are two opinions, the one as good as the other. Let them cancel each other. (2) He says it is not symmetrical. Of that he himself disposes when he truly says that nothing in the nature of proof of it has ever been forthcoming, nor indeed can be.

Will it surprise Mr. Clayton if I tell him that Grand sire is not symmetrical?—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

'H' writes on the subject of his letter in the last issue, that in matters where there are so many technicalities involved, which concern only two or three persons, the discussions should take place first of all by direct communication, and the results of their arguments placed before the Exercise. This would dispense with unnecessary controversy, which is sometimes foreign to the point at issue.

THE LATE MR. HENRY WHITE.

CLOSE OF AN ACTIVE CAREER.

As recorded in our last issue, the death took place on Friday week of Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke, at the age of 61 years. Although never robust in health, Mr. White was of a most cheery nature, and by his death the Winchester Diocesan Guild has sustained a heavy loss. He was one of the oldest surviving members of the Guild, which he joined in 1884, and from that time onward he was an enthusiastic and assiduous worker in the cause of change ringing. About thirty years ago he was appointed sexton of Basingstoke Parish Church, and was the first to introduce change ringing to Basingstoke, his first peal being rung there in 1885 by the St. Lawrence's (Reading) ringers and himself. He and the local ringers also introduced change ringing in many neighbouring and more distant parishes; and as a member of the Committee of the Winchester Guild, of which body he was also auditor, and as one of the representatives of the Guild on the Central Council, he was widely known and greatly esteemed.

When Lieut.-Col. J. May presented All Saints' Church with a set of nine bells he entrusted to Mr. White the whole responsibility of carrying out the necessary negotiations with Messrs. Meary and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and it was, therefore, most fitting that honour should have been paid to Mr. White's memory by half-muffled ringing on the bells of the new church. A like tribute was paid to their departed captain by the St. Michael's ringers on the day of the funeral.

As secretary for 26 years of the Loyal Wellington Lodge of Oddfellows Mr. White gained the fullest confidence of the brethren. He resigned this post only when he realised that his life's work was done. All who were brought into contact with him in this capacity will deeply lament the loss of so capable, trustworthy and cheerful an officer, brother and friend. Mr. White was instrumental with others in extending the work of the Manchester Unity in many places now embraced in the Reading district. He served as Provincial Grand Master of the Reading district for the year 1896. He was appointed a District Trustee in 1916, which office he continued to hold till his death; and on several occasions he had the honour of representing the district at the annual conference of the Order.

Mr. White was for many years associated in a clerical capacity with the Basingstoke Horticultural Society and with many of the village flower shows, round about, his methodical assistance being greatly valued.

The funeral, as already recorded, took place on Tuesday in last week at St. Michael's Church, the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Boustad), assisted by the Rev. J. E. Fuller (All Saints') and the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Winchester Guild), being choral. The hymn, 'God of the living, in whose eyes' was sung, and, as the cortege left the church, the organist played the air, 'O Rest in the Lord.' After the committal, the Oddfellows special form appointed to be used at the burial of a member, was read by the Grand Master of the Reading district. In addition to those mentioned last week the following ringers were present: Mr. A. A. Hughes (Messrs. Meary and Stainbank), Mr. F. Bennett (Brighton), Messrs. J. Ballard, A. Knight and F. Wilson (who took part with Mr. White in the first peal rung by the Basingstoke ringers in 1890), Messrs. J. Ward (vice-captain), A. Burgess, G. Paice, V. Jennings, H. Horue, W. Mooney, J. Cooper, P. Knight, A. Hepworth, R. Preston, R. Flew, F. Smith, and C. Burridge, of the local band.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from members of the Winchester District of the Diocesan Guild; members of the Basingstoke Society (the flowers being arranged in the shape of a bell); the Bramley ringers; R. T. and E. R. Hibbert and Will; Mr. and Mrs. Mooney; Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

A half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung on Saturday at North Stoneham as a tribute to the memory of Mr. White. It was conducted by Mr. George Williams, one of the deceased's oldest ringing friends. It is a coincidence that this peal was rung the day before the first anniversary of a peal, also rung at North Stoneham, in memory of the late Mr. J. W. Whiting, and both of them at the period of the year when in normal times a 'Hampshire week' in so many of which Messrs. Whiting and White took part, was usually in progress.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S RECORD

TOLLED THE KNELL FOR 370 DEATHS.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. secretary of the Essex Association, has resigned the living of Great Totham, Essex, which he had held for 41 years, and on Monday evening of last week he received a parting gift from the parishioners of £121 18s. 3d., and an illuminated album containing the names of subscribers, which comprised every parishioner.

In thanking the parishioners for this handsome gift, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre said there had been 370 funerals at Great Totham during his long vicariate, and he had tolled the death bell for each person, as well as tolling the funeral bell, and that, he believed, was a record in the Church of England.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre's services to the Essex Association will not be lost. He is going to retire to Witham, which is on the G.E. Railway, and will continue as hon. secretary of the Association.

NOTICES.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m.; short service at 5. Half railway fares paid up to 2/.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The half-yearly business meeting of the above will be held at the Old Church, Smethwick, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock; service in the church at 4.30; tea at 5.15, followed by the business meeting. It is hoped all members will make a special effort to be present. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edmonton on Saturday, October 12th. Ringing from 3 to 6 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Ringing from 3 p.m. till dusk; business meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3.30 till dusk; meeting to follow.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS—(Estab. 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on October 17th and 31st, and for general business on the 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 4.30; tea (2/- each) can be arranged for those who notify me not later than October 14th; business meeting after tea.—J. H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. John's (Lewisham High Road) on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m.; service and address by the Rev. W. F. Jepson (Vicar) at 6 p.m.; business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. M. Eyton Jones), at St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. sharp. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk; tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, 85, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts, and F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts, Joint Secs. (*pro tem.*)

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Chedzoy on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available 3 p.m.; service 4 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow, 5 p.m.—A. E. Moulton, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone, Isle of Oxney, Kent, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock until sunset.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Ashford, Kent.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Ashwick (near Shepton Mallet) on Saturday, October 26th. The bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock; business meeting in the tower after ringing. It is hoped that members will make a special effort to attend, as this will be the final meeting at the tower until the spring.—F. W. Edwards, Writtle.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—A by-meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Church of All Saints, Fulham, S.W. Ringing from 3 p.m. till dusk.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

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

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The autumn meeting was held at Kingswinford, on Saturday week, when a goodly number of members attended. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Massiter), the Rev. W. Hemingway conducted the service, officiated at the organ, and delivered an admirable address. Through the energy of Mr. H. Morgan and friends a capital tea was provided—though it was not generally known until the day of the meeting that anything in that way could be obtained.

A vote of sympathy was passed, and requested to be forwarded to the Vicar—who had recently undergone a serious operation—accompanied with the hope that he would soon be nursed back to convalescence.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. W. Hemingway for his services in church, and to Mr. H. Morgan and friends for the catering.

The bells (six), which are an interesting collection, were made good use of in the standard methods during the afternoon and evening. The dates of the bells are: Treble, M. Bagley, 1687; 2nd, J. Rudhall, 1797; 3rd, 4th and 5th, Henry Bagley, 1687; tenor, Lester and Pack, 1760 (the weight—11 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.—being cast on the bell).

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKS.—On Tuesday, July 23rd, for practice, touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, by: H. Holderness, W. Meak, F. Hedges, F. Whitehead, H. Sear, E. Marks, F. Stanton, A. G. Crane, E. Nichols, A. Crane. These touches were arranged for A. G. Crane, of Christ Church, Southgate.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 28th, 1918, for morning service, a 1260 of Minor, in three methods: A. Tyler 1, J. Howell 2, W. Lewis 3, W. Page 4, J. Warman 5, W. Ranford (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by W. Lewis, and first as conductor by W. Ranford.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Brown 1, C. Edwards 2, J. W. Fruin 3, W. H. Hollier 4, G. Vickery 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, W. Lawrence 8.—On Sunday, Aug. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: O. Roote 1, C. Edwards 2, G. Harbour 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, Robt. Holloway 5, W. H. Hollier 6, A. W. Davis (conductor) 7, C. Brown 8. Rung as a compliment to J. H. Hunnisett, who joined the colours on Wednesday, August 14th.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, in 48 mins.: A. Outmore 1, A. Darlington 2, A. W. Davis 3, C. H. Gutteridge 4, W. H. Hollier 5, E. G. Miles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. C. Iles 8.

LONDON.—The London County Association.—On Sunday, July 28th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. E. Davis, T. H. Taffender (conductor), H. N. Davis, E. Fenn, G. C. Iles, W. J. Eldred (first quarter-peal in method), W. A. Alps, E. A. Young.—On Sunday, July 28th, at St. Ann's, Highgate, N., for evening service, 1280 of Kent Treble Bob Major: F. G. Symonds, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. E. Martin, F. Smith, W. G. Matthews, W. J. Eldred, G. R. Fardon, M. Fensom.

BROXBORNE.—Herts Association.—For evening service, on Sunday, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Proctor (conductor) 1, W. Mumford 2, G. Maxim 3, F. Jelf 4, A. C. Darnell 5, S. Knights 6, G. Radley 7, C. W. Halfhide 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—The Lancashire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 28th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major: A. Jackson 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. Stuart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. A. Jackson was on a visit from Liverpool.

BRITH.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, July 28th, for morning service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Avis 1, G. R. Ambrose 2, H. A. Holden 3, G. Hayes 4, F. Hayes 5, F. M. Mitchell 6, T. Groombridge, junr., 7, T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor), 8. This quarter-peal, in three courses, was composed by A. J. Perkins, and rung on F. Hayes' 57th birthday.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins.: Gr. A. Bannister (1st 720 of Kent) 1, A. Morton 2, J. T. Frensham 3, Gr. W. Welling (cdr.) 4, R. J. Todd 5, Pte. M. F. E. Hibbert 6. On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 minutes: Gr. W. Thomas (1st 720) 1, A. Morton 2, J. T. Frensham 3, Pte. M. Hibbert 4, R. J. Todd 5, Gr. W. Welling (conductor) 6. Any ringers stationed in the camps at Richmond and Catterick will be heartily welcome at St. Mary's Church, Richmond, Ringing for services on Sunday, at usual times, at other times by arrangement.

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