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## GILLETT & JOHNSTON CROYDON, Surrey. BELLS, CLOCKS, CARILLONS.



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WOLFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,  
MESSRS GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 5th March, 1918  
Gentlemen.

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

I am authorized 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. BEEK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

## MODERN WORK

### WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.

The announcement that the ring at Westminster Abbey is to be restored and increased to the full octave will create a feeling of pleasure among all lovers of bells. The event is more than interesting; it is historic. Throughout the centuries this venerable pile, so intimately associated with the throne and the nation, a sacred shrine more hallowed in the thoughts of Britons than any other building, has been possessed of a most inadequate peal of bells, and, what is more, the bells that there were have for long been in a condition that, to say the least, was unworthy. There are few parish churches to-day where the state of affairs that existed at the Abbey would have been tolerated, yet at the most historic of all our national buildings dilapidation has been permitted to exist for years.

In view of the state of the bells, the mere fact that they remained only six is not surprising, though it has often been a matter for wonder among ringers that Westminster Abbey had nothing to vie with the noble rings to be found at St. Paul's, Southwark, and Bow. But a change is to be wrought at last. Hasty repairs were necessary to enable the bells to be rung for the Armistice, and this led to the opening up of the whole question. We learn that the Dean and Chapter were unable to accept, for want of funds, the estimate for the complete scheme that was put before them, but thanks to the magnanimity of an anonymous giver, not only are the bells to be rehung, but they are also to be augmented to eight. Three new bells are to be added in front of the existing back five, the intention being that the present treble, a relic of fourteenth-century bell founding, shall be preserved in the Abbey. This mode of dealing with so ancient a piece of craftsmanship is most praiseworthy.

Nearly three hundred and fifty years ago the Whitechapel Bell Foundry cast bells for Westminster Abbey. Those bells rung, probably, for the defeat of the Spanish Armada, for the victories of Marlborough and Wellington, and for the crowning of more than a dozen monarchs, as they have done for other great national events. They rang for the great victory of 1918, and now, in order that they may ring for the peace which we pray may be consummated in 1919, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry is to place other bells in the tower of that venerable building. That in itself is an event unique in history, for we doubt if any other firm in England is in existence to-day and carrying on without a break the same trade that it was three and a half centuries ago. There is a wonderful fitness in the selection of the Whitechapel Foundry for the carrying out of the present work, which, it can be depended upon, will fully uphold the long and honourable reputation which the firm enjoys.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIDOR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 7
ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. MESSE ... .. 8
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 10
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. 5	REDDEN SANDERS ... .. 11
ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.  
Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1919, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK PITSTOW ... .. 7
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 2	† WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... .. 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 9
WALTER S. WISE ... .. 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 10
* FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 11
EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 6	HARRY FLANDERS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Cinques on Tower bells. † First peal on 12 bells.  
The above was the first peal on the bells since their augmentation  
to 12 by Messrs. Taylor & Co.; it was also the first peal of Stedman  
Cinques rung on tower bells in Essex, and the first peal by the Essex  
Association in the county.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN BEAMES ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN CRAWFORD ... .. 5
CHARLES E. READ ... .. 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB ... .. 6
JOHN WYATT ... .. 3	ALLAN GOWER ... .. 7
THOMAS MILES ... .. 4	* FRANK OAKSHOTT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

\* First peal.

Conducted by ALLAN GOWER

ORAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTEAD ... .. <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... .. 5
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	JOHN SAUNDERS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON.

## THE FIRST TIME IN ENGLAND.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Poolstock, Wigan, on January 18th, 1919, composed and conducted by James W. Washbrook, contained no 4 bob sets, and had all the 6-7's brought up at backstroke. It was rung for the first time in England, having been rung only once before, at Arklow, Ireland.

The peal was also the 50th peal of Stedman by Mr. B. A. Knights, whose half century in this method includes the world's record length on tower bells and the heaviest peal of Triples yet rung by eight men only, viz., at Manchester Town Hall, on April 27th, 1912, the tenor being 52 cwt.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	† JAMES RAMPLEY... .. 5
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 2	ALFRED WATSON ... .. 6
WALTER CURTIS... .. 3	FRANK DAVEY ... .. 7
* L/OPL. E. H. SPICE ... .. 4	CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

† First peal. \* First peal of Major. Lance-Corpl. Spice, of the Middlesex Regiment, was elected a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association previous to starting.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... .. 5
HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 2	FRED H. DEXTER... .. 6
JOHN H. CHANDLER ... .. 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN... .. 7
WILLIAM T. COX... .. 4	ALFRED HANCOCKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

This peal is a variation of Thurstans' four-part by F. H. Dexter.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 2	PYE. WILLIAM HUBBLE ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 3	HARRY FLANDERS ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

NEWPORT, MON.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS, NEWPORT, MON.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

(TAYLOR'S)

JOHN GODDARD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR BROOKS ... .. 5
FRED. ATWELL ... .. 2	JOHN BUTLER ... .. 6
TOM J. BUTLER ... .. 3	JAMES PIPPIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. 4	FREDERICK STANSBURY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BUTLER.

First peal as conductor. This peal was rung as a welcome home to our prisoners of war from Germany.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 5
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
SAPPER ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells, and it was also Sapper Alfred Davies' 100th peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Oct. 4th, for the harvest festival, 938 Grandsire Triples, composed by John Carter, in 32 min.: Wm. F. Merrington 1, E. Allaway 2, I. Hewitt 3, A. Woodvine 4, R. Jones 5, Wm. Saunders (conductor) 6, C. H. Watts 7, J. L. York 8.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 6, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	JAS. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5
FRANK STONELEY... .. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
PERCIVAL W. GAVE ... .. 3	WALTER C. HUNT ... .. 7
FREDERICK PAGE... .. 4	† WILLIAM SEDDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT

† First attempt for a peal by W. C. Hunt, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Nottingham.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE ... .. Treble	GEORGE JONES ... .. 5
* THOMAS NEWELL ... .. 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT ... .. 6
EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 3	ERNEST CHANNELL ... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	GILBERT GERRARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal with a bob bell.

G. Gerrard returned home from service on this day.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS M. WHITFIELD ... Treble	BERT HORTON ... .. 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 2	ALFRED F. MILLER ... .. 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM STORY ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Rung as a welcome home to Joseph A. Gofton, who returned on January 7th, 1919, having been a prisoner of war in Germany since April, 1918.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM E. MERRINGTON... Treble	RICHARD JONES ... .. 5
GNR. EDWARD V. RODEN-	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 6
HURST, R.G.A. ... .. 2	LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 3	JACK ASTON ... .. Tenor
JAMES L. YORK ... .. 4	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, who was home on leave after 2½ years on the Macedonian front.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. JENKINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN ROLLINSON ... .. 5
WALTER KNOTT ... .. 2	WILLIE THOMAS ... .. 6
ALBERT ARMITAGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. FRITH ... .. 7
HARRY NUTTON ... .. 4	JAMES EDGAR CARTER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. E. JENKINSON.

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### THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The memorial service at St. Clement Dunes, on Feb. 22nd, will commence at 4 p.m., and the Bishop of Sheffield will give the address. It is hoped to arrange for a number of London towers to be open for muffled ringing, including, perhaps, two if not three twelve-bell towers. Association secretaries are asked to get into touch with Mr. E. A. Young, 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sure that you are expressing the heart-felt wish of the Exercise, that our heroes should be honoured by muffled ringing; and your correspondents are to be thanked for the interest they have shown; but I consider that this being a national duty it should be arranged by the Central Council as representing the whole of the country. Wake up! Central Council.—Yours faithfully,  
Saffron Walden. J. F. PENNING.

### MUFFLED RINGING IN EVERY TOWER.

Dear Sir.—It is with great interest I have read the recent leading articles in your paper referring to the memorial service proposed by the Rector of St. Clement Dunes. I trust it will not be confined to London. As there is not a village however small, that has not lost some dear one in the great war, I think the proposal should be carried out in every bellry throughout the country on the day appointed, and the ringing should be fully muffled. I feel sure every ringer would respond to the call. We have a fine peal of ten in our bellry at Reigate, and should be pleased to see any ringer coming this way on the day of the service.—Yours faithfully,  
ARTHUR LORKIN.

### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS ANNUAL MEETING.

Simply to say that the annual meeting of this society at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday last was a success would scarcely be doing justice to the occasion. In the words of one who has evidently been in recent contact with our cousins from across the pond, it was 'some' meeting. It is doubtful if the old tower has ever before housed so many ringers at one time, and the Church Room was taxed to its utmost capacity for the 'afters.' A very few minutes after three found ringers present from, among other places, Redhill, Guildford, Slough, Ashton-under-Lyne, Dagenham, Crayford, Leatherhead, etc., including representatives in khaki and blue, in addition to others who had recently returned to 'civies,' and at least a couple but recently returned from Germany. Touches in various methods whiled away the time until service at five o'clock, at which the lesson was read by the Vicar of St. Martin's, and a homely address delivered by the Vicar of St. Martin's. About a hundred were present in church.

In addition to the clerical gentlemen already mentioned, the Vicar of Shoreditch was also present at the subsequent tea and meeting, at which the opportunity was taken of presenting their framed certificates of membership to the Vicars of Shoreditch and St. Bride's. Each gentleman suitably replied, embellishing his remarks with some interesting stories. The Vicar of St. Martin's also expressed his gratification at so fine a meeting, and his hope that the society would go on and prosper still further.

Respect for space—so valuable under the present circumstances—prevents any detailed report of the remarks of these gentlemen. A committee was appointed to co-operate with the officers with regard to a roll of honour, and the steepage was raised 50 per cent.

The report revealed that six peals had been rung during the year—two of Grandsire Caters and two of Bob Royal on handbells, and one each of Stedman Triples and Cinques on tower bells.

Subject to the necessary consent, the next quarterly meeting was fixed for Walthamstow.

Officers were elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; secretary, Mr. H. J. Bradley; senior steward, Mr. F. Smith; junior steward, Mr. H. T. Scarlett; treasurer, Mr. B. Foskett.

Handbells filled up the remaining time until ten o'clock.

### A MEMORIAL QUARTER-PEAL.

With the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of two of the local band who have made the supreme sacrifice for King and country in France (W. Woods and A. Knapp), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 52 mins. at St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, on December 21st, by: G. Pearce 1, Pte. H. Gould, R.A.S.C., 2, Sergt. W. Nye (2nd Battalion Canadians) 3, H. Stapleton 4, T. Gould 5, Francis 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, H. Berry 8.

### THE LAST 1918 DATE TOUCH.

At St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith, on December 31st, 1918, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes) was rung in one hour and 18 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, to mark the close of the year: H. Dyas 1, M. Jacobs 2, H. Barrett 3, H. Cook 4, Pte. E. R. Mackrill B.R., 5, F. Skevington 6, G. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. H. Wood 8.

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.****RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION TO EIGHT.**

One of the most interesting as well as one of the most important bell restorations for a long time past is now announced. After many years in a condition of dilapidation the bells of Westminster Abbey are to be once more put into repair, and, what is more, are to be augmented to eight.

It has always seemed to ringers an anomaly that our most historical ecclesiastical building should have for so long had only a ring of six bells, and, what is worse, that they should for so long have been in such bad ringing order.

All the bells, with the exception of the treble, were cast at the famous Whitechapel Foundry, the tenor in 1738, the 5th in 1598, the 4th and 2nd in 1743, and the 3rd in 1583. The treble is an early 14th century bell, cast probably by Richard de Wymbish, who was founding in the adjoining parish of Aldgate, at the end of the 13th and beginning of the 14th century. The treble and 3rd bells must, therefore, have rung for the great victory in 1588 over the Spanish Armada, which was a very significant factor in the growth and development of the British Empire, and they and the rest of the peal have since doubtless rung for many victories, and are now to be rung to celebrate the greatest victory in history.

The Abbey bells are chiefly only rung on special occasions, either in connection with the Throne or for some great National event, and it was when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were asked to put them in order at very short notice for ringing to celebrate the Armistice that their condition was brought again before the Chapter Clerk (Mr. A. E. Knapp-Fisher). Very keenly interested in the Abbey and its bells, Mr. Fisher asked for a full report, with an estimate of the cost of putting them in order. The matter was then brought before the Dean and Chapter, but they were not in a position to undertake so large a scheme. Fortunately a benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, was found, and who undertook to bear the cost of the complete restoration and augmentation of the peal to eight.

It is very pleasing to record that the old 14th century treble is to be put aside in the Abbey, to remain for all time a cherished relic of that far-off ago. A new bell is to be cast in its place, two trebles added, and the whole peal rebung with entirely new fittings and framework.

Ringers throughout the country will, we feel sure, rejoice that the bells at the Abbey are thus to be restored, and will congratulate Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, not only upon being entrusted with the important work, but with maintaining their connection with the Abbey after nearly 350 years. The old bells are now being removed, and it is hoped to complete the work by the end of April or beginning of May.

The Abbey tenor weighs about 30 cwt., and, therefore, when complete, the ring, appropriately, will be the heaviest eight in London.

**1918 RECORDS AT LEYTONSTONE.**

The Leytonstone (Essex) company and friends rang 23 720's in the following methods during 1918: Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 9, Oxford Treble Bob 5, London Surprise 2, Wells, Durham, Lincoln and Cambridge Surprise one each. The ringers were: G. Dawson 23, A. Prior 21, W. Miller 19, J. Mould 19, W. Riches 17, E. Smith 11, E. Gowers 7, W. Theobald 6, G. Hayden 5, H. Torble 3, E. Lebbon 2, J. Austin (Gloucester) 1, J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon.) 1, E. Plummer 1, R. Sanders 1, G. L. Joyce 1. The conductors were: W. Miller 12, J. Mould 8, G. Dawson 2, R. Sanders 1.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE AT WINCHESTER.**

On Wednesday evening of last week, in the ringing chamber of Winchester Cathedral, a unique war memorial service was held. It was the last tribute of respect by the Cathedral band of ringers to Sergt. C. H. Russell, 14th Hants Regt., whose death took place at Salonika, from pneumonia. The solemnity and beauty of that service will never be forgotten by those present. The Dean, Canon Braithwaite, and the Archdeacon of Surrey participated in the service, as also did the Rev. C. E. Colchester (Rector of St. Maurice), for not only was the deceased soldier a keen bell ringer, but he was also an esteemed member of St. Maurice Choir. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell (father and mother), and Mrs. Lessiter (sister); Mr. Edgar Newham, Mr. Ernest Lampard, and Mr. H. W. Smith were amongst the fellow workers of the deceased at Messrs. Thomas and Co.'s works, and Mr. G. H. Hitchin regretted that he was unable to attend; Lieut. Green, a visiting ringer; 'Capt.' Bennett, of the Church Army Hostel; and several friends. The service opened with a brief prayer, offered by the Dean, followed by some simple rounds, the bells being half-muffled for the occasion. The Cathedral ringers taking part in the ringing during the evening were: Messrs F. Smith, J. W. Elkins, G. Noyce, T. Parrotti, G. Prileaux, the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Messrs. E. G. Lampard, W. H. Loveland, Wilfred Andrews (captain of the band) and Mr. C. Russell. The service of united and thankful commemoration of those who in the last four years have laid down their lives in the service of their country, as used at Evesoug at the Cathedral on December 29th was followed. Mr. J. W. Elkins leading the singing of the hymns with his violin. The hymns chosen were: 'O valiant hearts, who to your glory come,' and 'Let Saints on earth in concert sing.' The Rev. Canon Braith-

waite delivered a brief but touching address.

At the close of the address, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 31 times, and the Dean then pronounced the Benediction.

During the evening touches of Grandsire Galers were rung, conducted by W. Andrews, E. G. Lampard and J. W. Elkins.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.****WEST BROMWICH WAR BELLS.**

Another successful meeting of members of the above Society was held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday week, when upwards of 50 were present.

The bells have recently been recast, and the tone and 'go' of them gave general satisfaction to those present. The inscriptions are as follows:—

- Treble.—When Nations strive the Mastery to gain,  
Then Right, not Might, shall ever be my strain.  
2nd.—To right the wrong and to protect the weak,  
This is the note my tongue shall ever speak.  
3rd.—When peace returns to bless this world of strife,  
I'll tell of Union, Brotherhood and Life.  
4th.—In days of old, I bore St. Clement's name.  
A richer title now All Saints' I claim.  
5th.—With holy fear I daily summon all  
Before the Majesty on High to fall.  
6th.—His Presence true in Sacrament profound  
A Mystery, I proclaim, to all around.  
7th.—As passing souls retreat behind the veil,  
I bid you pray their faith may never fail.  
Tenor.—O Mourners! Hope! Your grief shall turn to praise:  
I sound—Christ comes the Blessed Dead to raise.

This peal of eight was recast and rebung during the Great War by John and Denison Taylor, of Loughborough. Anno Domini 1918.

M. MITCHELL CONNOR, M.A., R.D., Vicar, and Prebendary of Sandiacre in Lichfield Cathedral.

ARTHUR ERNEST COTTERILL.

GEORGE GRIFFITHS, Churchwardens.

The weight of the tenor is 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., while the old one weighed only 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs. The aggregate weight of the new peal is identical with that of the original.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, through sickness, the service was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Barker (who has recently been relieved of his duties in France), and an address given by the Rev. R. W. Wardle, who took for his text St. Paul's warning: 'Lest having preached to others I myself might be a castaway.'

A nice tea was provided in the Schoolroom, which was done full justice to.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the church, bells, etc., together with an expression of sympathy in his sickness; to the Rev. R. W. Wardle for his address; to the organist and choir for their assistance at the service; and to Miss Connor and her lady helpers for attendances at the tea tables.—Alderman J. S. Pritchett supported the motion, which was carried with applause.

The next meeting is to be held at Bloxwich, on April 26th. Combined practices (fortnightly) are being arranged for Saturday afternoons as follows: January 25th, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; February 8th, Walsall; February 22nd, Cosely; March 8th, Willenhall; March 22nd, Penn; April 5th, Wednesbury—all at 4 o'clock.

**GLoucester AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Dursley on Saturday week, 28 members representing the parishes of Berkeley, Dursley, Cam. Cotley, Stinchcombe, Stone, Slimbridge, Thornbury, Munchinhampton, Lydney and Newport (Mon.), attending. Some good touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung during the afternoon, and members attended service, at which the Association form was used. The Rector (the Rev. Dr. C. C. Mills, R.D.) officiated, and gave a most excellent, and instructive address to the members, who were afterwards invited to tea.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector, who said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Dursley.—The Hon. Branch Secretary presented the accounts for the year, which were passed as most satisfactory, and also read a report of the year's work. He said nine meetings had been held during the year, with a fair attendance at each meeting. Seven new members had been elected during the twelve months.

The following officers were re-elected unanimously: Mr. H. W. Fussell chairman; Mr. G. Sheppard, vice-chairman; Mr. W. A. Lewis hon. branch secretary; and Mr. A. Burcombe, representative on the General Management Committee.—Wotton-under-Edge was proposed as the place for the next meeting, on February 15th.

Mr. F. K. Howell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for the splendid tea which he had given them.—Needless to say this was carried unanimously.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until late in the evening, all enjoying the splendid 'no' of the bells, and appreciating the great interest taken in the meeting by the local ringers.

## NOTICES.

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

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The Committee will meet at Maidenhead on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1919, in the Vestry of All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, at 6 o'clock. A representative of every belfry in this branch should be present. Business: Inspect accounts for 1918; suggest annual meeting 1919; recommendations to Diocesan Guild, war service and roll of honour. Evensong at 5.30 p.m., with the Vicar. The President is hoping to be able to attend. Bands will make their own arrangements for ringing at a neighbouring tower during the afternoon, All Saints' bells being unringable.—W. H. Russell, Hon. Sec., Farnburp Avenue, near Slough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m., service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringers cordially invited.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. *pro tem*, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Kettering District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all who intend being present kindly communicate with me as early as possible?—Walter T. Wilson, District Secretary, The Pines, Isham, nr. Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—A practice meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock, service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 for those who notify me not later than the previous Wednesday. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 4th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 11th, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters. —William F. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual district meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Belfry, Derby, on Saturday, February 8th, 1919, at 3 o'clock.—I. Lord, Local Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Croxdon on Saturday, February 8th. The 8-bell tower of the Parish Church, St. John the Baptist, will be available from 3.30 till 5 and from 7 till 9, St. Peter's, South Croxdon (10-bell) from 3 until 4.45, and again after the meeting. Special Service at the Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Tea, at the invitation of Lieut.

Cyril F. Johnston, at The Foundry, White Horse Road, at 5.45. Admission by ticket only, to be obtained on or before Wednesday, Feb. 5th, from the undersigned. Business meeting to follow tea.—Ch. Reading, Asst. Hon. Sec., 6, Whitford Lane, Mitcham, Surrey.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A practice meeting will be held at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 5 p.m. Strong muster wanted.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; short Service at 4.30; tea and meeting to follow.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Bridge Street, Raunds.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Feb. 8th. The Cathedral belfry will be open at 2 o'clock; Evensong at 4; tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5.15.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James's Society.—Estab. 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, E.C. St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be open, ringing at both towers from 4 to 6.30 p.m., followed by a business meeting at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey. It is hoped that members will make special endeavours to attend. All ringers will be welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas (City) on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Secretary, 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday, February 15th, 1919. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service will be held in Bramley Church at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—J. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., Guildford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; Service at 5 p.m.; tea at 5.45; business meeting after. All members intending to be present must inform me not later than Monday, Feb. 10th, and oblige S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FALLEN RINGERS**

This service will be held (D.V.) at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd next. The Service will be at 4 p.m., and the address will be delivered by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Sheffield. The original limitation to the London District is abandoned, and the Rector's invitation is a general one to ringers. Provincial associations who desire to be associated in any way, either by the presence of members or of delegates only, or by holding a synchronised service, might kindly communicate with the Hon. Sec., E. Alex. Young, 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.



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**A LIVERSEDGE BIRTHDAY PEAL.****DOUBLE PRESENTATION.**

Ringers from Liversedge, Almondbury and Huddersfield, rang a peal on Saturday week in honour of the 78th birthday of Mr. John Wilson, who is still an active member of the Liversedge band. After the peal, a pleasant party met at the Star Hotel, Liversedge, where over 20 sat down to a splendid tea. Afterwards, the handbells were brought out and some good courses were rung by the Almondbury, Birstall and Liversedge ringers on 10, 8 and 6 bells, respectively. Mr. J. E. Carter rendered some good songs. During the items a break was made to present both Mr. J. W. Laing and Mr. W. Collins (his ringing 'mate') with a silver-mounted walking stick each. The sticks had been subscribed for by a few of their ringing friends, old churchwardens and the Vicar, as a small mark of the esteem in which they are held, and it was hoped they would be spared for many years to come.

Mr. J. W. Laing and Mr. W. Collins suitably thanked all who had subscribed to the gifts.—A pleasant evening was spent, the time passing all too quickly.

**BEDDINGTON RECTOR'S LOSS.**

The Rector of Beddington has suffered a severe loss by the death of his wife (Mrs. Hodgson), after a painful illness, and on Sunday, Jan 12th, the day following the interment, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on St. Mary's bells, by: A. J. Plowman 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, A. Arnold 3, F. Ford 4, J. Trappitt 5, C. Gordon 6, Capt. J. H. Freeborn 7, C. Wiffin 8.

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