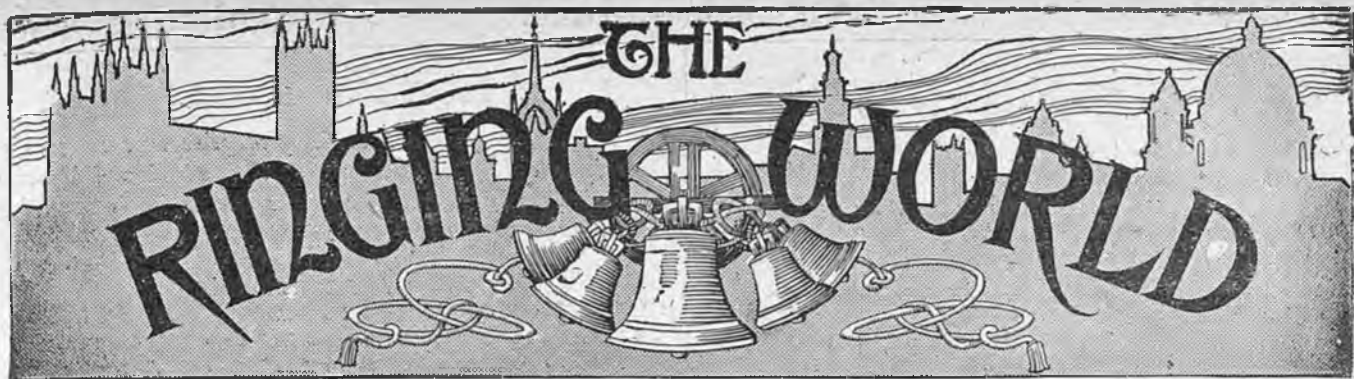




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The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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MODERN WORK.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

The publication of our roll of honour has elicited the fact that a very large number of ringers have realised their duty to their King and country in the present emergency and have joined the Forces of the Crown. The numbers who have gone have, we think, been highly creditable to the Exercise, for we must remember that the followers of our cult, unlike the participants in most pastimes, are by no means entirely young men. We have a good proportion of "young blood" it is true—it would be a sorry look-out were it not so—but ringing is one of the few pursuits in which there seems to be no "age limit." Consequently the proportion of those who are of military age is nothing like the same as, for example, that of footballers. Under the circumstances, therefore, ringers are, we think, showing themselves as patriotic in this respect as any other section of the public.

Of those who have given their services—and some, at least, have already given their lives—we who are, from various circumstances, compelled to remain behind are infinitely proud, and are anxious to do what we can to honour them. It is not much, perhaps, that we as ringers can do to mark our sense of the pride we feel in the sacrifice they are making, but there is one way in which we could put our appreciation on record, and that is by electing as honorary life members of our associations those colleagues who are serving the Crown. Many associations, doubtless, are compiling their own lists, and the new Lancashire Association report just issued includes a roll of honour. If this idea were adopted by all territorial societies and a list systematically compiled there would be for ever a record of the names of all who have responded to the call to arms. Then, too, for those associations who care to honour their members in the way we have suggested, there would be no difficulty in carrying out the proposal, for the complete list would be ready to hand.

The idea here outlined was laid before a district meeting of the Winchester Guild last Saturday, and the way in which it was received inclines us to the belief that it would meet with popular support among the members of the Exercise generally. We all feel that we cannot do too much to honour those who are prepared to sacrifice all for the Empire, and by making these ringers life members of associations we should be showing in some small way that we appreciate what they are doing, while that appreciation would also remain on permanent record. This is just one of those matters, we think, in which districts could well lend a hand. The roll of honour could be compiled through the districts if desired, and these branches could make their recommendation as to the life membership proposal if they support it.

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MUFFLED PEALS.

The following muffled and half-muffled peals were rung as a tribute to the glorious memory of those who have laid down their lives for land and sea in the war which is now being waged for right and liberty:—

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor about 14 cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble	HENRY DANIELS 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	SAMUEL NEWMAN 6
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 7
CHARLES DYSON 4	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of those fallen during the war, and especially of a son of Mr. William Savage, one of the local ringers, who died of wounds at the front.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Canterbury, New-castle, Lancashire, Stamford and Beverley. Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. PARR Treble	G. BURNHAM 4
H. GREAVES 2	W. H. TURTON 5
T. A. HOWES SMITH 3	C. SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of W. H. Hyde, a former ringer of the company who fell in action.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Grandsire, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RALPH COOK Treble	GEORGE STEERE 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	ARTHUR JORDAN 5
EDMUND ROBBINS 3	FREDERICK JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK JORDAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB CATERPS, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRANK JINKS Treble	FRANK COOK 6
JAMES HEMMING 2	FREDERICK JORDAN 7
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS 8
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 9
HERBERT JORDAN 5	WILLIAM WORKMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by H. MIDDLETON.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of those who have fallen in the war, on All Souls' Day, at the request of the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Walker),

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

PTE. JOHN SIDDALL Treble	GEORGE R. HARRISON ... 5
*COLIN GREYSTY 2	ERNEST E. FERRY ... 6
THOMAS R. PERCIVAL ... 3	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 7
ARTHUR PAYNE 4	CORPL. ARTHUR N. ADDISON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of those who have fallen in the present war, with the full approval of the Vicar, who voiced his appreciation from the pulpit on Sunday evening, Nov. 1st. The ringer of the treble hails from Matlock, Derbyshire, and the ringer of the tenor from Stockton-on-Tees.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM COLLINS Treble	GEORGE TOOTH 4
HYLTON TIDY 2	SAMUEL HEATH 5
PERCY TIDY 3	LEONARD TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TIDY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD FORSTER Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
JOSEPH LEIGH, JUNR. ... 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... 6
ALBERT RYDER 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 7
ARTHUR UNSWORTH ... 4	THOMAS HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. W. WILDE.

First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs., in G.

*REV. V. A. CRESWELL ... Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER ... 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	JAMES E. GROVES ... 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	SAMUEL ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. This peal was rung after the dedication of the new treble and tenor cast and hung by Messrs. Barwell, Birmingham.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Residence of A. W. GRIMES,
405, KINGSLAND ROAD, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 1-2	*WILLIAM A. ALPS ... 5-6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8

ALFRED B. PECK ... 9-10
Composed by HENRY G. MILES, and
Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: J. BARRY.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the 277th Anniversary of the Society.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further donations have been received towards the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	46	18	6
Ringers of St. Andrew's Society, Derby (Messrs. C. E. Hart, H. Inckle, W. Wallace, E. Willis, A. Braines, E. Clarke, A. H. Ward, G. Ward, S. Maskery and B. Mitchell (per Mr. B. Mitchell)	0	10	0
"Thirteen Bells," Tong, Yorks	0	5	0
Worcestershire Association, Southern Branch, collected at meeting at Elmley Castle 13s., since collected 5s. (per Mr. J. Hemming) ...	0	18	0
Ringers of St. Nicholas Church, Newchurch, Lancs (per Mr. S. Lord)	0	5	0
Ringers of Beaconsfield Church, Bucks (per Mr. R. H. Young)	0	5	0
Ringers of Kingston Magna Church, Dorset (per Rev. F. L. Edwards)	0	3	0
Total	£49	4	6

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving with the Colours:—

From St. Mary's Cathedral Guild, Edinburgh:—

Sergt. Jas. McCracken, R.A.M.C.

Joseph Stannard, R.A.M.C.

Arthur Collinson, 6th Black Watch.

From Watchet, Somerset:—

Pte L. Binding, and

Pte F. Willicombe, 5th Battalion 2nd Somerset Regiment, en route to India.

Pte J. Bale, 5th Battalion, 2nd Somerset Regiment, now at Taunton.

From Sutton Coldfield:—

Pte Arthur L. Allsop, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, at Sherrington Camp.

Pte George Dayman King's Royal Rifles.

Pte Thomas Whittaker, South Midland Ambulance (T.).

From Eserick, near York:—

J. W. Dunn,

Ray Ellar and

Luke Dennison, Kitchener's Army.

From Glasbury, Hereford,

V. Burton, Kitchener's Army.

H. Davies, and

T. Vaughan, Breconshire Territorials, on the way to Aden.

E. R. Jones, Montgomeryshire Yeomanry, now at Welshpool.

S. Everitt, of Lindfield, 9th Sussex, now at Shoreham.

F. Remant, of Lindfield, 4th Sussex, now at Newhaven.

J. Bracewell, of St. Saviour's, Baccup, Lancs, R.G.A., now at Gosport.

Reginald Blake, of Barking, and formerly of Clandon, Surrey, Scots Guards.

Sergt. Chas. Blake, of Woodburn Green, Bucks, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, now at the front.

A. Austin, and

L. Wright, of St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, with the new army.

Driver G. Gibson, of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, R.H.A., now at Woolwich.

Corpl. F. Hutchinson, and

G. C. Stubbington, given last week as belonging to Wyke Regis are members of the Bishopstoke band, now stationed at Wyke Regis.

BARNES. — At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 11th, for the harvest thanksgiving services, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 44 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barnatt 2, S. Collins 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, J. Kent 6, E. Castle 7, C. Hunt (conductor) 8. — A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, E. Castle 5, H. Crook 6, C. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. Skinner 8.

STREATHAM, SURREY. — On a recent evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), on handbells: H. L. Garfath 1-2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3-4, I. Attwater 5-6, E. Attwater 7-8.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S STRONG POSITION.

Many an association would be glad to see the same interest taken in its affairs as is shown by the Guildford district of the Winchester Guild. The district meetings are always well attended, and the annual meeting never fails to bring together a large gathering of members. Last Saturday, when the district met at Guildford to transact its annual business, about 80 members, representing numerous towers, assembled and joined first of all in a service at St. Mary's Church. The usual form of service adopted by the Winchester Guild was used, but in place of the customary ringers' hymns, the following were sung: "O God, our help in ages past," "Fight the good fight," and "Eternal Father, strong to save." In addition, the Bidding Prayer was introduced, in the course of which the names of the following members of the district serving with H.M. Forces were mentioned: The Rector of the Parish (the Rev. E. C. Kirwan), C. H. Dobbie, J. Daniels and A. J. Whiting, Holy Trinity, Guildford; H. Goulding, Worplesdon; W. Denyer, Ewhurst; Albert Carr and John Titch, Dorking; E. J. King, Farnham; W. F. Lawes, Godalming; William Savage, Alfred Savage, Charles Savage, William Day and Reginald Blake, Clandon; P. Fowler, F. Clark and G. Chuter, Frensham; A. Norgate and W. Ellis, Binsted; W. Hitchcock and S. Overton, Rammore; G. E. Whealley, Chiddingfold; Sergt. G. Gilbert, Aldershot. The preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, who gave a characteristically forceful address.

After tea, at Brett's Restaurant, the annual business meeting was held, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn being voted to the chair.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, stated that five very successful meetings and a summer outing were held during the year. The district had sustained a great loss by the removal of Mr. C. Wiltshire, chairman of the committee, to Canada, and his genial presence would be greatly missed at the meetings of the district. At the annual meeting of the Guild at Winchester last June, he was unanimously elected a life member of the Guild. The Hon. Secretary added that the accounts were not yet complete, but he had about £15 in hand.—The Ringing Master (Mr. A. H. Pulling) reported that 35 peals had been rung by the district during the year, and specially mentioned as notable a local peal of Treble Bob at Farnham, a peal of Guildford Surprise at Holy Trinity, Guildford, and a peal of Minor at Shalford.

Among the new members elected were the Rev. A. J. Hamlyn (Rector of Ewhurst), the Rev. G. Askwith (Vicar of Woking) and the Rev. W. C. Bruce (Worplesdon), hon. members; and the Revs. E. L. M. Allen and E. C. Douglas, of Holy Trinity, Guildford, as ringing members.

Mr. C. Hazelden (Guildford) was unanimously elected chairman of the district, and Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford) was re-appointed hon. secretary. Messrs. R. Whittington (Ewhurst) and C. Edwards (Farnham) were re-elected to serve on the Central Committee, and Mr. Edwards was also appointed Ringing Master (vice Mr. A. H. Pulling, resigned). Mr. W. H. Tunnell (Morrow) was re-elected auditor, and the Rev. Gilbert Harding (Godalming), chaplain.

The proposal to establish a new district to be known as the Farnham district, and to include towers at present in the Guildford and Winchester Districts, was discussed.—The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the following were the towers which it was proposed to take from the Guildford District: Farnham, Aldershot, Seale, Frensham, Bentley, Binsted and Blackmore. A special committee of the Guild had been appointed to consider the question, but had not yet met, and he desired to know whether the towers concerned were in favour of the proposal.—Mr. Edwards stated that all were in favour.—The opinion was expressed that the special committee should be called together without delay, but no action was taken, pending their report.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) moved a resolution requesting the Central Committee of the Guild to consider the advisability of putting forward a proposition at the next annual meeting to elect as hon. life members all those members of the Guild serving with H.M. Forces. This proposal was seconded by the hon. secretary, and unanimously carried.

The question of future meetings was discussed, and subject to the consent of the Central Committee being obtained, it was decided to meet at the following places during the year: Farnham, Clandon and Morrow, Dorking, Woking and Leatherhead, and for the annual outing at Rammore, and the annual meeting at Guildford.

Votes of thanks were accorded to those who had arranged the service for the motion of Mr. C. Hazelden, and to the chairman for his address, and for presiding (on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dave).

LANCASHIRE VICE-PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

We much regret to announce the death, from pneumonia, after a short illness, of Mr. James Barratt, of Eccles, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, and one of its most enthusiastic workers for many years. He had been a member of the Association since 1877—almost from the inception of the organisation—and was, therefore, one of the oldest members. Last Saturday a meeting of the Association was held at the tower with which he had been connected for so long, and sympathetic reference was made to his illness, which was so soon to have a fatal termination.

DEVON PEAL RESTORED.

NEW TREBLES AT CULMSTOCK.

The complete restoration of the bells of the Parish Church at Culmstock, Devon, has just been effected by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the work has been carried out in the very satisfactory manner so characteristic of this firm. The original peal of six has been increased to eight, by the addition of two trebles, and the old second bell has been recast and the bells tuned on the Simpson principle. The tenor of the peal is about 18½ cwt., in E, and dates from 1661, while the 7th is an even older bell, dating from 1639. The new treble is inscribed: "In memory of Rosalie Collier, this bell was given by her son, Charles Collier, 1914." The second bears the inscription: "This bell is the gift of John Collier Knowlman, 1914." The bell recast, was provided originally by subscription in memory of F. M. the Duke of Wellington, who died Sept. 14th, 1852. The inscription on it contained the names of the then Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Karslake); Charles Corner, W. Pook Collier, churchwardens. The inscription on the recast bell is: "Re-cast in memory of Wm. Pook Collier and Frances Mary Collier, by their son, Charles Lindley Collier, 1914." The long association of the Collier family with the church and parish of Culmstock is instanced by the inscriptions on the various bells of the peal, no less than four out of the eight having either been given by a Collier or hung during the period of office as a churchwarden of a member of the family.

The dedication of the new bells was performed by the Bishop of Exeter, but the parish was under a cloud, by the death of one of its churchwardens, Capt. C. H. Chichester, who had been killed in action a few days previously.

A luncheon took place in the school prior to the ceremony, at which there was a representative gathering, but, in view of the death of Capt. Chichester, the toast list was dispensed with, only the loyal toast being honoured.—The Bishop of Exeter spoke of the terrible calamity which had overtaken Europe, and of the effect which it was having upon our whole national life, not only in the great places, but also down to the smallest towns and villages. The sacrifice that was called for had been brought home to them in that village by the fate of a gallant young officer, who was one of their churchwardens. They prayed God that the end of the war would be a lasting and solid peace.—The Vicar (the Rev. Tertius Poole) welcomed the Bishop to the parish, and afterwards the company proceeded to the church for the dedication service.

During the singing of the hymn, "We love the place, O God," the Bishop, clergy, churchwarden, sidesmen, and the donors of the bells gathered in the tower, where the ringers of St. Peter's Church, Tiverton, announced the dedication of the bells by a short touch.

The Bishop, in the course of an eloquent address, dwelt upon the important part bells played in the spiritual life of religious people. The parishioners could feel satisfaction at the addition to the beauty and dignity of the church by the new bells, and reflect with gratitude on the pious donors into whose hearts God had put it to present those great gifts to the church and fabric. But, above all, they had to remember the reason why the bells were there at all. It was to summon human souls to the foot of God and to worship and prayer. They were a signal to those who were ready to attend the church, and they were a reminder to those who did not, but who ought to, attend church and worship God. The very regularity with which the bells sounded from time to time in the service of the church was a witness in the ears of men of the importance of religious things, of man's duty to God, and his duty of worship to himself. So that just as the bells might be considered the voice, the tongue, and the lips of the House of God speaking to all, both far and near, they were also conveying a message of the real presence of God. We were engaged just now, continued the Bishop, in a sad and terrible war, but one waged, none the less, for truth and justice, liberty and right. Let them pray the time might soon come when their church bells would ring aloud to herald the proclamation of peace, not of a hollow and fragile peace, a prelude to a more terrible war, but a solid, lasting peace, solid in justice and permanent in securing the peaceful quiet and well-being of those who had suffered so cruelly from the arbitrary caprice, the mad ambition, which might be said to have brought about this war.

After the singing of the hymn, "When morning gladdens the sky," the Bishop pronounced the Benediction, after which the whole congregation sang the National Anthem.

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL BAISS.

The mortal remains of the late Mr. Samuel Baiss, of All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon., were laid to rest on Saturday week in Newport Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Charles Bennett). It was attended by a number of ringers from both All Saints' and St. Woolos Churches, some of whom acted as bearers, while beautiful floral tributes were sent by the ringers and also by the choristers and church officials of All Saints' Church.

In the evening, as a last tribute to the memory of the deceased, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on All Saints' bells by: T. Max 1, H. Morgan 2, J. Bullen 3, A. B. Morgan 4, V. Morgan 5, C. Greedy 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Pippin 8. The deceased had been a regular ringer at the church ever since the bells were put in twelve years ago.

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AN ACTIVE DISTRICT SECRETARY.

Mr. John J. Jones who, on Saturday, was elected for the twelfth time hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, is one of the oldest officers of the Association. In the county town of Guildford Mr. Jones is a much-respected inhabitant, and in the Exercise he is esteemed by a wide circle of friends. He began his ringing just 30 years ago, when a new band was started at St. Nicolas Church, Guildford, under Mr. Frank Bennett, and for five years there was an uphill struggle, Mr. Jones being one of the few who continued in the art. He joined the Winchester Guild in May, 1885, and 10 years later became local secretary.



MR. J. J. JONES.

When the area of the Guild was reorganised into districts

under the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. Jones became the secretary for the Guildford District, and thanks to his continued and energetic efforts it has risen to be one of the strongest in the Guild. It covers a wide area—there is now a proposal afoot to divide it—and there are over 30 towers and more than 300 members affiliated, with a strong list of over 40 hon. members, whom Mr. Jones seems to have a perfect genius for "roping in." He is enthusiastic in the work of advancing the Guild, and the organisation owes a great deal to him.

Since he rang his first peal on May 27th, 1889, called, by the way, by the present Hon. Sec. of the Guild (Mr. G. Williams), Mr. Jones has rung 130 peals in 12 methods.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

On Saturday last the members of the Manchester Branch met at Eccles for the usual monthly meeting. There were present about 50 representatives from the various towers, and much regret was felt at the very serious illness of Mr. Jas. Barratt, vice-president of the Association, who lives close by the church. No ringing on the tower bells was indulged in. At the kind invitation of the local ringers tea was provided in the Mission Room.—At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar of Eccles (the Rev. W. Wilkinson, M.A.) presided, and gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, remarking that it was the determined intention of the authorities in the near future to have the bells overhauled and made worthy of such a noble church. The Vicar and the Rev. Lavers-Kemp were elected hon. life members, and Mr. F. Barlow, an ordinary member. A vote of condolence was passed with the widow of Corpl. Ernest Barton, of Ashton-on-Lyne, who was killed in action at daybreak on October 23rd, near Lille.—The Rev. A. T. Beeson read a very interesting letter which had been received from Pte J. T. Bottrill, of the Royal Marines, stationed at Stonehouse Barracks, Plymouth.

Manchester Town Hall was chosen as the next meeting-place.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the local ringers, and the ladies, for ministering to the comfort of the visitors.

The intercessory prayer meeting in church was then attended, and more ringers having by this time assembled, an adjournment was afterwards made to the Oddfellows' Arms, where a very enjoyable time was spent in handbell ringing and songs. Refreshments were supplied by the local men.

BIG CLOCKS FOR THE COLONIES.

Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Clock Works, Derby, have recently completed the erection of two large turret clocks, and also the bells and Cambridge quarter chimes for the Union of South Africa New Government Buildings at Pretoria. A large Cambridge quarter clock has also been sent to New South Wales, Australia. Amongst other clocks they are now making is the new great clock and chimes for Queenstown Cathedral.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Newcastle on Saturday week, as briefly reported in our last issue. In spite of the miserable weather conditions there was a good attendance, but, owing to the war, there was no ringing, the meeting being a purely business one. Service was held in the Cathedral, and it was pleasing to have an active member of the Association to address the gathering.

PRACTICAL HINTS FROM THE PULPIT

The Rev. A. W. Lister's sermon was based upon Genesis xxviii. 16-17. He said they met that year under circumstances which they prayed God might never occur again, and he felt sure the members agreed that their president and committee had done the only proper thing in deciding that there should be no ringing. They felt that the ringing of bells might raise in some men's minds false hopes of victory, or might harass the feelings of the anxious and the bereaved. The members would also, he thought, agree with the decision of the executive that it was better to hold the service as usual, in order that they might be reminded that their Association had a close and intimate connection with the Church. There was, he feared, a danger of forgetting this and of thinking of bell ringing more as a hobby than as a part of a religious service. Because ringers did not put on cassocks and surplices and walk in procession through the church and sit in conspicuous seats, they and the congregation generally failed to realise that ringing was as much part of their worship of God as was the singing of hymns and chanting of psalms. They were not seen in most belfries, but they were heard. Let them, therefore, make themselves heard to good effect. For instance, there was the time of starting. In how many parishes could the parishioners set their watches by the church bells? And yet what would be said and thought if the clergy and choir turned up five or ten minutes after the time fixed for beginning service and then sat in the vestry discussing various topics of interest? Let them make a point of being in their places at the time fixed for starting, for, if they regarded bell ringing as part of the church services, they would agree that it ought to begin punctually. Then there was the question of striking. Very often, in their anxiety to ring a certain number of changes, the bells were rung much too quickly and their beauty was quite spoilt. Much better attempt less and ring it well. People who were listening and who might be quite ignorant of the number of changes or the method rung, could yet appreciate good striking. He believed that bells which were well-tuned and well-struck might have as great an influence on those that heard as the singing. Let them try and realise as they rang, that they were sending out, in His name, an invitation to all who heard to come to God's House, and that they themselves were taking part in the worship of that House.

CLERGY NOT FREE FROM BLAME.

How easy it was to forget that the belfry was part of the church. In that matter, he feared, the clergy were by no means free from blame. Apart from a few exceptions the majority of clergy seemed to take no personal interest in the affairs of their belfries. Was it not often a case of "out of sight, out of mind"? Again, did they ever see an advertisement asking for a curate who could ring? He had looked closely, and never yet seen one. "Able to intone," "good preacher and visitor," "Boy Scouts and Girl Guides"—these qualifications were asked for—never a knowledge of bell ringing. Personally he considered bell ringing a very valuable qualification in the assistant clergy, and thought a curate might often be better employed in learning to ring or in helping others than in attending women's meetings. But if the clergy forgot the steps which led to the belfry, that was no reason why ringers should forget the door that led to the church. Many of their ringers, they were glad to know, not only attended church regularly, but also sang in the choir or held the office of churchwarden, or sidesman, or Sunday School teacher. But there was no hiding the fact that many ringers regularly passed the church door, and not only neglected the means of grace themselves, but, by their example, misled others also. It was a splendid thing to find in some churches special pews for the ringers, but were these pews always occupied? There were cases where a ringer had to go from one belfry to another, or perhaps to take his place in the choir of another church, but, except in cases of that kind, they ought to feel it the natural and right thing to go straight from the belfry to their pews in the church. For himself he knew of no better preparation for a church service than a well struck touch on the bells, and if they approached their work in the right spirit they would, he felt sure, benefit not only in body and mind, but also in spirit. Only let them remember, while in the belfry, "The Lord is in this place." There was a time when they would have been obliged to continue, in the words of their text, "I knew it not." But now, through the work of their Association, they had learnt, he believed, that the Lord was in the belfry as much as in the rest of the church. Ringers had become more reverent; belfries were better kept. But let them not be weary in well-doing. Let them continue their work of reform, so that, on entering any belfry

in their district the thought might come into their minds, "This is none other but the House of God." Dare they continue the quotation and say, "This is the gate of Heaven"? It would depend upon the spirit in which they entered upon their work. Let them look upon their work as part of the worship of God. Let them in their Sunday ringing and in their practice strive after what was best, not merely for love of their Art, but much more for the glory of God. Then he believed they could honestly say of every belfry where they rang "This is none other but the House of God, and this is the gate of Heaven."

A collection was taken at the close of the service on behalf of the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund ("Ringing World" contribution), and realised £1 4s. 6d.

At the tea, which was subsequently held at the County Hotel, 62 members sat down, and the business meeting followed. The loyal toast was duly honoured, and the National Anthem sung.—The President (Mr. C. L. Routledge) proposed the "Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses," which was responded to by the Rev. H. S. Stephenson, who said the bells of the country voiced national joy and sorrow, and he hoped they would ring soon throughout the land to announce a great national victory. — The Rev. H. H. Barff also suitably responded.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr. R. Stephenson) presented the 37th annual report, from which we take the following: "Many of our brother ringers who might have been with us to-day have nobly answered 'the country's call,' as also have others from kindred associations throughout the length and breadth of the land. We take our hats off to these noble fellows—they are ringers of whom we are proud. They go with all the good wishes of those they have left behind, and none will regret their departure more than they, who would like, but are unable to do likewise. Their thoughts will be with us to-day, surely ours will be with them."

After sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. T. Hudson, senr., of Sunderland, formerly hon. secretary of the association, and of Canon Ross-Lewin, Vicar of Benfieldside, an hon. member for 29 years, the report continued: "It will be noticed our balance is just half the amount of last year, viz., £4 1s. 2d., as against £9 1s., due to unpaid subscriptions, fewer life members' payments and extra printing costs. However, as we have finished on the right side let us be thankful. I did anticipate an adverse balance, but members have come forward at the eleventh hour and saved us this calamity. Do members really realise what it is to run an association of our magnitude? I can't think they do, or they would be more prompt in their payments. Money is a very necessary affair with us, especially at the beginning and end of the year when heavy accounts have to be faced. It is a matter of very great regret that there are so many outstanding subscriptions, and those who are in arrears should realise this and forward them to the treasurer without delay. Local secretaries should bear in mind that subscriptions become due on October 1st of each year, and impress this fact upon each member of his belfry. Our honorary lists are not nearly large enough. As a matter of fact they are decreasing instead of otherwise. Are there not a few of our many performing members who could come forward and swell these lists?"

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

The long desired wish of our Association to have a peal of twelve bells is now an accomplished fact, and our grateful thanks go out to the donors (Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe) for their handsome gift to Newcastle Cathedral. The two new bells were dedicated on Easter Sunday, and since that time another bell has been added; the gift of Miss Dixon, in memory of her brother and sister, which was dedicated on September 30th, 1914. This allows of a middle peal of eight. Nineteen belfries have made returns as to Sunday service ringing this year as against eighteen last. This increase is very pleasing, and if it is only kept up, we shall know this scheme is working with good results. The average points per belfry is 638; slightly lower than last, but not enough to comment on. The first three places are taken by:

1st Benfieldside (St. Cuthbert), 2801.8 points.

2nd, Sunderland (St. Ignatius), 2692.9 points.

3rd, North Shields (Christ Church), 1185.8 points.

It will be noticed there is no change from last year, only in the huge increase of points, which goes to prove that they have been going the pace. The performance of Benfieldside is excellent, and they fully deserve our very hearty congratulations. They have scored in 13 Surprise Methods, ringing no fewer than 104,840 changes, and having missed ringing for one service only. They have won this certificate three times in the last six years, and although not entitled to it by rule, it will now become their own property. This is a gift from our president in appreciation of their most consistent ringing for the last six years. Sunderland (St. Ignatius) again come very close, and are no less worthy of our congratulations. Considering this is their first full year with eight bells, it is very much to their credit that they are able to take second place. They have rung, in four methods, 95,884 changes, and missed ringing for two services only. The second certificate becomes their own property, as they have now won it three times in five years. Our thanks go to Mr. Todd, who has offered us a new certificate. North Shields are third again

this year with an increased number of points. We must admire their persistency in remaining near the top, and congratulate them at the same time. Since the inauguration of the scheme they have never been below third place, so they have every reason to be proud of themselves. This is the third time in six years they have won this certificate, and as our president has offered a new first certificate, I should like to offer a third, and beg your acceptance of it. This may induce North Shields to buck up and take first place for a change. The next three places are taken by Whitley Bay with 989 points, Hurworth, 633 points; Newcastle Cathedral, 608 points. They take the same places as last year, but with a decreased number of points, Bishop Auckland take 7th place, Darlington (Holy Trinity) 8th, Sunderland (Holy Trinity) 9th. The other returns do not call for much comment beyond the fact that West Hartlepool (Stranton and S. Aidan's), have come in for the first time.

POORLY-ATTENDED MEETINGS.

The meetings which have been held during the year have not been the success which they ought to be, and it would scarcely be policy to pass over this very regrettable fact without some comment. The number of ringers who attended these meetings, from which you may form some idea of their success, were: Pre-Lent meeting at Crumlington, 19 members; Whitsuntide meeting at Shildon, 20; summer meeting at Allendale, 8. Making all allowances for non-attendance, and taking into consideration we have a membership of nearly 600, what conclusions do you come to? Are we carrying into effect one of our greatest aims, i.e., "To unite the various companies of ringers into one Association, so that by meetings and friendships with one another, they may be stimulated to a friendly rivalry in the prosecution of their art"? We cannot honestly say we have done this, and if we wish to make progress as we should do, it behoves each one of us to make a special endeavour and so make these meetings the success which they ought to be. The result of these meetings in the past has allowed us to make progress and rise to the very height of the ringing world. We must not forget this fact, and it should be an incentive to do greater things in the future. The district secretaries' reports are not as cheerful as they might be. The sub-division of the districts has had the serious consideration of the committee during the year, and the conclusion came to is that the western district should be sub-divided and formed into two sections with two secretaries and one vice-president; Chester-le-Street to leave the Eastern for the Western district; West Hartlepool and Stockton to go into the Eastern district. The change is not very great, but let us hope it will improve the working of these districts.

THE PEALS.

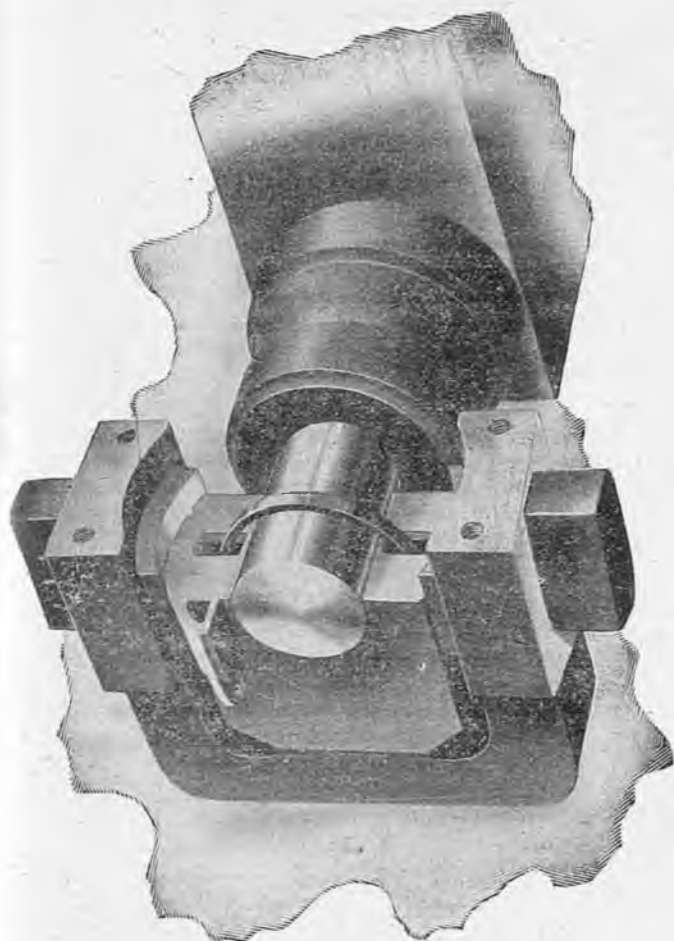
In the Central Council Analysis for the year 1913 the Association comes 22nd on the list, with an average of 22.23 points per peal. Nineteen peals have been rung during the year 1913-4, as against 27 last. The decrease accounted for no doubt by the outbreak of war, also that we have had no Central Council ringers amongst us. The peals have been rung in six methods, and the average works out at 22.47 points per peal. The methods are: Stedman Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 6; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 5; Minor, 2. These peals have been rung in eleven towers. J. W. Parker heads the list of conductors with six to his credit; W. H. Barber has 4; J. A. Gifton and R. A. Gifton 2 each; E. E. Ferry, R. L. Patterson, F. Barron, J. E. R. Keen and W. H. Porter, 1 each. F. Barron conducted his first peal. Sixty-four members took part in these peals. J. E. R. Keen and A. F. Hillier heading the list with nine each. The peal of Surprise Minor rung at Benfieldside was the first peal of Surprise by all the band, and on the bells. The peal of Minor at Benwell was also the first on the bells. Special mention must be made of the peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at St. Ignatius, Sunderland. It was the first peal of Surprise for all the band, except the conductor, who are regular service ringers at the church, and the first for the Association by an entirely local band. Individual belfry reports are on the whole more cheerful than last year. Many members have joined the forces, and naturally weakened their respective companies, nevertheless none seem to be downhearted, but mean to persevere. The West Hartlepool St. Oswald's Guild, have six very keen lady ringers making excellent progress, and who hope to become members of our Association.

In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary thanked all who had given him a helping hand in his work, and expressed the hope that those who were fighting our battles against the common foe, might be spared to them, and that a year hence they might meet under very different circumstances.

The District Secretaries' reports were afterwards read, and all the reports were adopted.

The election of officers then took place as follows: President, Mr. C. L. Routledge; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Ferry, J. Pallister, Rev. A. W. Lister and Mr. R. Stephenson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. T. Potter (Mr. Stephenson having resigned); auditor, Dr. M. C. Potter.

It was arranged that the next annual meeting be at Darlington. Hitherto the annual meetings have been held alternately at Newcastle and Durham, but it has now been found desirable to abandon Durham on account of the lack of ringing accommodation. After the meeting handbell ringing was indulged in until 9 o'clock, and altogether the day's proceedings proved very enjoyable.



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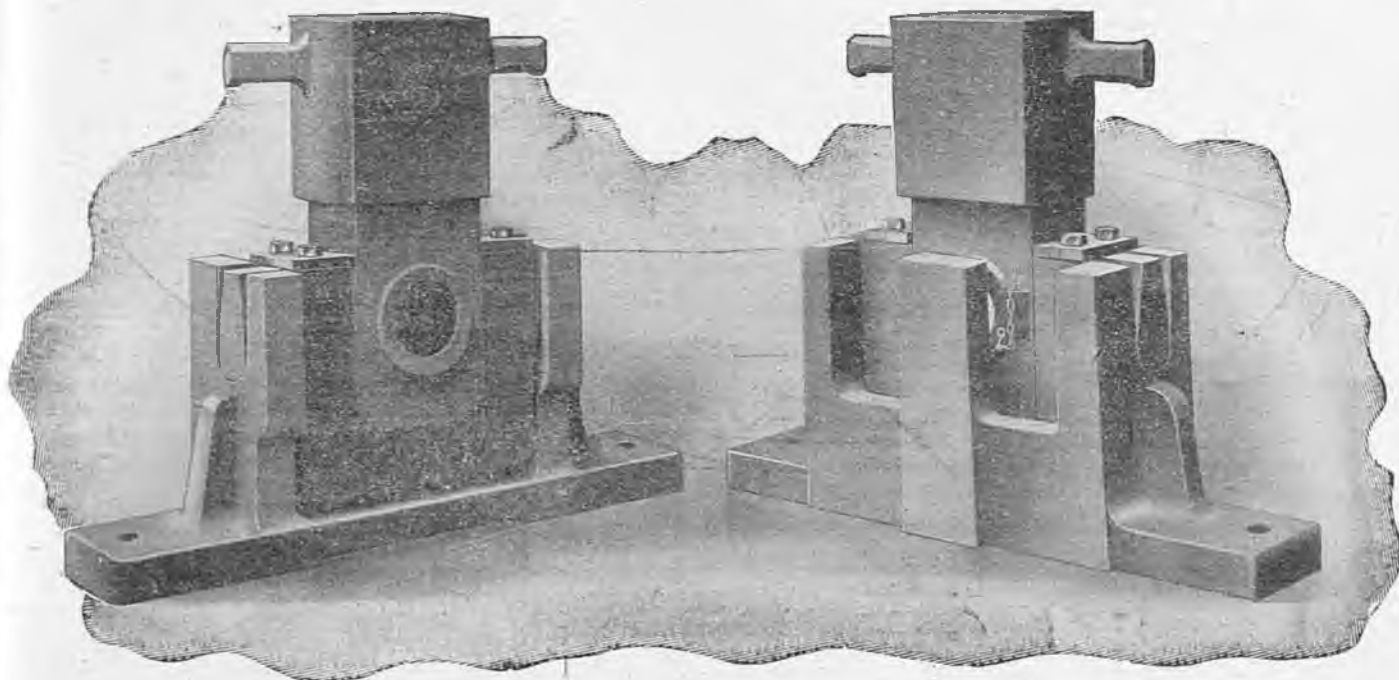
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THE SERVICES PEAL BOARD.

SERGT. GILBERT BUSY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of your valuable paper, point out a slight error that has been made in connection with the report of the unveiling of the Services peal board, probably through my heavy duties preventing me from taking part in any ringing lately (as much as I love it). I am reported as serving at the front with the Expeditionary Force, but, although I have not lost the opportunity of going, I have, up to the present, not left Aldershot. I am at present training any amount of men for the purpose of giving the Germans "a ticket to dreamland." This is vouched for by those whom I have had the pleasure of meeting in "Service Rifle Competitions," and I sincerely hope my system of training will tell, and, in its little way, help to draw the uncomfortable business that we are at present engaged in to a close. It is not so much "Tommy" that suffers, but those who are near and dear to him and who eagerly scan the casualty lists in every paper, half afraid of finding his name amongst the fallen. I shall, therefore, be indebted to you if you will publish this letter for the information of the many friends I have in the ringing world, and with whom I have been unable to correspond since war broke out, owing to my having to work at high pressure (Sundays included); work which has prevented me from even Sunday ringing at our own "parish church," which should explain how busy we really are here at Aldershot. Moreover, I am not desirous of receiving honour that is not due to me. I hope and trust the time is not far distant when we soldiers and sailors will again meet to ring a "thanksgiving peal" to celebrate the settlement of peace.—Yours,

GEORGE GILBERT, SERGT., R.E.

Aldershot, November 7th, 1914.

[His many friends in the Exercise will congratulate Sergt. Gilbert upon the promotion he has earned since last we heard of him in ringing circles, when he appeared as Corporal.—Ed.]

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT KILDWICK.

Wednesday week was a "red-letter" day in the history of Kildwick, Yorks, when the peal of eight bells was dedicated by the Bishop of Knaresborough in the presence of a large congregation. The original peal consisted of six bells, which were cast at the Whitechapel foundry by Messrs. Pack and Chapman in 1780.

Through the generosity of Mr. T. W. Ackroyd and Mr. James Banstow new tenor and treble bells have been added, and the work has been done by Messrs. John Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, in the most satisfactory manner. A new chiming apparatus has also been installed, and the bells are now hung in a steel frame. The tenor has been given in memory of the late Mr. R. B. Ackroyd, of Crosshills. Canon Griffin, the Rev. J. W. Rhodes (Vicar), and the Rev. E. W. Brereton (a former Vicar) took part in the dedication service. The Bishop preached from the text, "There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them." He said there were two ways in which man might communicate with man—by articulate words and inarticulate ways. Men communicated with each other by words when they expressed their thoughts and desires in speech, and they communicated with each other without words, by looks, gestures, signs, and many other ways. God gave His messages to His children in both those ways. He gave His messages to His children by means of words in the utterances of the great inspired prophets, and in the writings of inspired men. But God also spoke to His children without words—by means of nature, by signs and tokens which came to all in the varied activities of life. They might think of the church bells as inarticulate messengers and ministers of God. The message which the bells rang in the tower of the church sounded far out into the world around. The bells would remind them of God, that they were His and that they would have to render to Him an account of their lives. To the sorrowful and suffering they would speak messages of comfort, and to the wicked they would be constant reminders of their wrong-doing.

At the conclusion of the service the bells rang out merrily, and were much admired by the parishioners.

A "TRIAL TRIP" AT WARMINSTER.

On Thursday evening of last week, a band of ringers visited Warminster, Wilts, for the purpose of trying the bells previous to the opening, which took place on Sunday. The bells have been rehung in a new steel frame by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and it was at his invitation that ringers came from Trowbridge and Midsomer Norton, "just for his own satisfaction," as Mr. Bowell expressed it. If the "go" and handiness of the bells are any criterion, the well known bell hanger is to be congratulated on a splendid piece of work. Not only that, to the uninitiated, it appears marvellous, in the comparatively small tower, that such a heavy peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.) can be hung on the level, and at the same time present a good circle of ropes. The Trowbridge contingent, supplemented from the barracks in the person of Pte Willshire, of Chippenham, arrived in all the luxury of a landau. The two representatives of Midsomer Norton came on push bikes (it was chiefly push, by-the-way) after 17 miles of uphill and downpour. Arrived at the tower, the bells were raised,

and 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. Hector, of Trowbridge. Other touches followed, including two courses of Bob Major and 224 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Messrs. Dyke and Chivers respectively. The extreme noise in the ringing chamber is unavoidable in a low central tower. The local ringers expressed their entire satisfaction with the exception of one, who wanted a brake on his bell. It "went" too easily for him. After a very pleasant evening, the party broke up and went their several ways. It is rumoured that one section did not get home until Friday morning. It is quite likely.

NOTICES.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—In order that the ringing of church bells after dusk may not be a possible assistance to the enemy's aircraft in locating our cathedrals and churches, it has been decided that the usual practices be suspended. Meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m., and each fortnight until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th. Tea at 5.15 in the Deanery School Rooms, and business meeting immediately after. Only handbells available. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by November 11th.—Jas. W. Elkins, Honorary District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6 o'clock.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmshore, on Saturday, November 14th, 1914. Bells ready at 3.30; meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kewstoke on Saturday, November 14th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea 6d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James's Society), Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, November 21st, at St. Mary's, Battersea. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 21st. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage at 6. Handbells only will be in use.—Reply to Rev. F. G. Hume, Oakley, Basingstoke.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at St. James's, Bolton, Bradford, on Saturday, November 21st, 1914. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the Bolton Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District).—The annual meeting (postponed from September) will be held at St. Margaret's, Ransham, on Saturday, November 28th, 1914. Service and tea. Particulars of these later. — Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary District Secretary.

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

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.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

RINGERS and visitors to Matlock will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. H. Paulson's, Beech House, Church Street (private house).

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.

Splendid set of twelve handbells by Shaw; very little used; £4, or nearest offer.—L. Longney, Hawford, Worcester.

MUFFLED TOUCHES.

The following, among other touches, were rung with bells muffled to the memory of those who have died in the service of their King and country:—

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT. — On Oct. 29th, at St. Thomas's Church, 350 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, Sergt. C. Blake (Royal Warwickshire Regiment) 2, W. Upton (conductor) 3, T. Scamell 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott 6, H. Jennings 7, J. Leah 8. Also 112, with S. Moody 1 and H. Phillips 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Prince Maurice of Battenberg, son of the Royal Governor of the Isle of Wight, who died of wounds. The bells were also rung half-muffled on All Saints' Day.

CHERTSEY.—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 runs, with the bells half-muffled: A. Hiscot 1, W. Parker (St. Peter's, Staines) 2, H. R. Stevens 3, G. Warinton 4, J. B. Hessey 5, W. E. Butler (St. Peter's, Staines) 6, A. E. Gray 7, W. Charge 8.

Muffled ringing also took place at the following towers on either All Saints' Day or All Souls' Day:—

Glasbury, Herefordshire
East Hagbourne, Berks.
Watchet, Somerset.
Heywood (St. Luke's), Lancs.
Anstey (St. Mary the Virgin's), Leicestershire.
Rushbury, Staffs.
Rugeley, Staffs.
Yoxall, Staffs.
Farnham Royal, Bucks.
Fulmer, Bucks.
Stoke Poges, Bucks.
Elford, Staffs.
Rushall, Staffs.
Shenstone, Staffs.
Stafford, Staffs.
Tipton, Staffs.
Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul), Kent.
Bromley (St. Luke's), Kent.

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