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Gentlemen,

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

MODERN WORK.

THE EXPERT—PRESENT AND FUTURE.

The comments in this column last week upon the prospects of the future have drawn two interesting letters which will be found on another page, and, in so far as they take the optimistic view that the times will produce the men, we believe they express the opinion of the majority of ringers, for there is, we think, abundant evidence that the coming generation of ringers will find no lack of guiding lights. Moreover, those who follow in the footsteps of the present leaders will have all their knowledge to work upon. Many of those still living have been real pioneers in research work, and in regard to composition it is not infrequently said that, in many directions, what is worth getting has already been obtained. True, in regard to peals of ordinary length most of the popular standard methods seem to have been worn threadbare, but we should hesitate to say that some genius of the future may not yet light upon something original, and prove that there are still fields open to talent and enterprise.

One point of immediate interest, however, is raised by Mr. Proctor in his letter, and certainly deserves notice, for he raises the question as to whether the performances of some of the present-day experts, so far as they relate to actual peal ringing, are of real value. We think that, on reflection, most ringers will see that there is some benefit traceable to the numerous peals which certain men ring. Let us put it in this way: It is a well established fact that no man can make a good ringer without much practice, and it is only because of the practice they get, coupled with their natural gifts, that these men have gained the pre-eminence they hold. The fact that they are highly accomplished has resulted in many a score of ringers obtaining their first peals in advanced methods which, without the opportunity thus offered, they might not have attained for years, if at all. The stepping stones to the advance of the individuals have been the encouragement and stimulus they have received by the peals rung with bands more or less certain of reaching the desired goal whenever they meet. And the help and insight these aspirants obtain when ringing with the experts re-acts in other towers where this newly gained knowledge and experience is brought to bear by the man who has rung with others more advanced than himself.

Whether a peal of London Surprise rung by a band in constant and regular practice in the method, is as meritorious as, say, a first local peal of Grandsire, is another matter altogether, and does not affect the question of present or future experts. But we do think that the rapid strides made in the practical side of our Art in recent years is largely due to the efforts of those who, not infrequently, are looked upon as selfish by many in ignorance of the circumstances.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1915, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	SYDNEY KEIGHLEY 5
SAMUEL WHEATLEY 2	HARRY FOSTER 6
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HANDBELL PEAL.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 1-2	†FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 5-6
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4	†JAMES HEMMING ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: HARRY MIDDLETON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major in hand. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 16th birthday, and at the first attempt.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Owing to Good Friday falling in next week, the "Ringing World" will be published a day earlier.

All reports, notices, etc., for publication should therefore reach the Office not later than Monday next.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers are serving in H.M. Forces:—

T. E. Sone, of All Saints', Maidstone, R.A.M.C., now at Windsor.
C. H. Sone, junr., of Linton, Kent, R.A.M.C., now at Windsor.
Pte Fred Smith, late of Tunstall, Staffs, 5th Royal Fusiliers, now at Dover Castle, Northfall.

From St. Mary's, Brecon:—

Ven. Archdeacon Bevan (hon. member), Chaplain to 1st Brecknockshire (T) Battalion now at Aden.

Sergt. G. Hardwick, 1st Brecknockshire (T) Battalion, now at Aden.

Pte C. Powell, 2nd Brecknockshire (T) Battalion, now at South Hook Fort, Milford Haven.

From St. Maelog's, Llandefllogfash, Brecon:—

Capt. F. G. Dickinson, 3rd Battalion South Wales Borderers, now at Salisbury Plain.

Pte W. Williams, Army Service Corps (Motor Transport), with the Expeditionary Force in Northern France.

Pte A. Snelling, of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, B Company "The Buffs," at Canterbury.

O. S. C. Tribe, of St. Clement's, Hastings, Royal Naval Division, C Company Benbow Battalion, at Crystal Palace.

James Moorhouse, of Wakefield Cathedral, Army Service Corps, Transport Section.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

Amount already acknowledged	£	s.	d.
Ringers of All Saints', Arksey, Doncaster,	74	11	0
4th contribution (per Mr. F. Clarke)	0	5	0

Total £74 16 0

MODERN PEAL BOARDS.

THE QUESTION OF DURABILITY.

The desire to see a permanent record of one's achievements is common to all mankind. Shakespeare, ever true to human nature, chronicles the work of one of his characters concerning a certain action, "That it in golden letters should be writ." In every generation we find men have erected monuments to record their exploits, and as a memorial to coming generations of those who have gone before. Many and various have been the forms which these have taken from the rude mound of the Stone Age, which marked the prowess of some savage warrior, to the "Roll of Honour" which to-day records the names of those who have given themselves in the time of their country's need.

This practice of setting up a tablet as a memorial of past deeds is a perfectly natural and laudable one. Bell ringers have long made it a custom, and in many a belfry will be found tablets testifying to the fine work of the various bands who have visited the tower. We trust that the custom will long continue, and that every bell tower in the kingdom will have its quota of tablets recording the peals which have been rung on its bells.

An important point concerning the peal board, and one which is so often overlooked by the average ringer, is the question as to its permanency. A tablet which will only stand a few years and then becomes unreadable is perfectly worthless, and is dear at any price. Too often the work is given into the hands of the local signwriter, who may be skilful in turning out cheap sign boards which are not expected to last, but who has no experience whatever in making a tablet which is to form a permanent and lasting record. Often a soft grained wood is used in its manufacture, which, however well painted over, will in time rot with the damp. And even where a good solid oak board is used, the lettering is simply painted on, or gilded with an inferior gold leaf. The useful life of a tablet of this nature is always a short one. It may look very handsome while new, but sooner or later the colour will fade away, or the gold will tarnish, and the board remain an eyesore to all who see it.

Of late years a new material has been introduced for the manufacture of tablets which are required to be of a permanent character. Because of its similarity to marble, this material has been named "Marblette," but its lasting properties are far greater than either marble or granite. Anyone visiting a cemetery will observe how the face of each of these substances is affected by atmospheric conditions. "Marblette," on the other hand, has a highly polished flint-like surface, which is not attacked in the slightest by climatic changes. A peal tablet made of this substance will last as long as any church tower. A unique method, also, is used in lettering the material. Instead of the wording being merely written on the face, to peel off or be gradually rubbed away, it is actually engraved deeply into the surface of the material, so that it is quite indelible. It is then gilded with pure gold, producing a really handsome and striking effect. The material is made in two colours, black and white. The latter is being extensively used for memorial tablets, with the lettering and border in black, which forms a strong contrast to the pure white of the tablet itself.

Ringers who have seen any of the Marblette peal boards which have been erected will bear out our remark that their appearance is far superior to the old style of peal board. Taking this into consideration, as well as the fact of their great durability, we have no hesitation in recommending those who are considering the erection of a tablet, to insist on it being made of "Marblette."

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the South Western Division was held at Hornchurch on Saturday, and was attended by about 40 members and friends. Some excellent ringing was enjoyed, the methods rung varying from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise. Tea was served at the Bull Inn, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the District Master (Mr. E. J. Butler) presided, supported by Mr. H. Rumens, district secretary.—Three new members were elected, viz: Miss M. M. Jukes, and Mr. J. Wardley, of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, and Mr. W. Riches, of the Leytonstone Company.—Epping was selected as the place for the next meeting, but should Epping be unavailable the district officers were requested to make other arrangements.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Hornchurch for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Dale for making the arrangements for the meeting.

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EXPERTS OF THE FUTURE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I agree with you that your correspondent "Once a Beginner" need not worry himself about a due supply of ringing experts in the future. In most professions and occupations, as in every branch of science or art, there are generally "as good fish in the sea as came out of it," and there is always "room at the top" for aspirants to fame. I have never been an "expert" either in the science or the practice of ringing. But I have known something about the Exercise and about individual ringers for thirty years; and in that time I should say that the number of really good ringers and capable conductors has largely increased, and is year by year increasing. As for the bright particular stars to whom your correspondent alludes by name, even their places will in due course be filled. I have very little doubt, by those competent to follow in their steps. The scientific experts, "who give all their time to research and new methods," must always be few and far between. Like the poet, they are born, not made. But let every young ringer, who feels within him (or her) the call to composition and scientific study, qualify himself to follow it; and new composers, at present mute and inglorious, will arise for those who come after us.

St. Albans.

T. L. PAPILLON.

ARE THE PRESENT EXPERTS' METHODS RIGHT?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is cheering to find that your leading article of last week holds out brighter hopes for the future success of the Exercise than does that dismal letter penned by your correspondent, "Once a Beginner." With regard to compositions, we all admit that we owe a great debt for endless hours spent in the production of compositions to such men as the late Henry Johnson and Thomas Thurstons, etc., and to such present stars as Gabriel Lindoff and C. H. Hattersley, etc. The compositions produced for us by such men are masterpieces, and they will be well worth ringing for generations to come. But any young ringer who has watched the ringing papers for the last two years will find that even those present masters have been having a "go" at each other, all of them claiming the same particular composition, while, again, we have seen the figures of a supposed new composition appear in the "Ringing World" one week, only to find it claimed a week later by someone who has had it on their books, perhaps a dozen or more years. So young beginners in this particular branch of the art know beforehand that their labours will only result in them improving their own knowledge, and not benefiting the majority of the members of the Exercise.

"Once a Beginner," asks: "Have we got another William Pye to conduct our peals." Personally, I have no grievance against Mr. Pye or against the number of peals that he and his friend Mr. Alf. Grimes ring in a year, but here we have two men who, from a peal ringing standpoint, live in a favourable district, a district where a threepenny or sixpenny tram or bus ride will land you at the church at which to ring the peal.

Now, suppose the occupations of these two men had required them to reside somewhere in the broad acres of Yorkshire, or the fenlands of Lincolnshire, where eight-bell towers are very often twelve or even twenty miles apart, would they have been keen on attending the Guild meetings, or going miles to conduct for some struggling band their first peal of Minor, as is done by some of those "quiet experts" that reside in those counties?

What about those men who never call a composition more than twice or thrice? Take Stedman Caters, for instance, and you find Mr. Pye's band has rung a 5043, composed by Mr. C. Charge, over and over again. The conductors of the band must know every change in the peal by this time. And again, notice the peals of London Surprise Major rung by the same band—nearly always the same men in the peal, fifty per cent. of whom could call the peal from any bell in the tower, providing they knew the figures. Undoubtedly Mr. Pye's band contains some remarkable men, but I, like 95 per cent. of the "present-day beginners," fail to see how such performances as these benefit the learner. I think that "The Ringing World" makes far too much fuss of those present-day "experts." We know from history that Lord Nelson was the greatest admiral of his time, but we require a far greater man to successfully guide our Navy in the present war, at a time when the enemy can strike under the water, on the water, and in the air at the same time.

And so it is with our art, the experts of the future will have to be much greater men than we have at present. If we want to carry the Exercise on successfully, the future experts will be the men who can find a means of limiting the number of peals rung in thickly populated districts, and, above all, the experts of the future will be those who can more successfully carry out the main object for which our associations are formed, namely, to encourage Sunday service ringing, and, by their advice and practical help to those on the lower rungs of the ladder, gain the respect and admiration of the majority of the members of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

Grantham.

S. PROCTOR.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association and St. Mary's Guild.—For morning service, at St. Mary's Church, on March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, H. Holloway 2, H. Noakes 3, R. H. Boddington 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, C. Edwards 8.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. G. J. CLARKSON.

A FOUNDER OF TWO NORTHERN ASSOCIATIONS.

The many friends of the late Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton-on-Tees, will be sorry to learn of the demise of that gentleman, at the age of 61 years, death having taken place suddenly on Sunday, the 14th instant. Mr. Clarkson had not done any ringing of late. He was a native of Suffolk, his father being Vicar of the little village of Walsham-le-Willows, where he first learned to ring. He migrated to Stockton-on-Tees in the early seventies, and there built up a flourishing business as a patent agent, having clients in every quarter of the globe. At the church tower he found things not at all to his liking, "stone" ringers, six bells out of tune, the two trebles with no stays, and striking on the wrong side. These two bells when set had to be fastened by the ropes to strong wooden brackets bolted to the belfry wall, which brackets still remain and make capital clothes pegs. The tuning and stays were soon corrected, but the striking on the wrong side continued for many years.

This did not affect the local men much, but visitors soon got into difficulties. The "stone" men, some of whom were aged, did not take kindly to method ringing, and dropped out as younger hands came on. Nothing but the very best would suit Mr. Clarkson; he was one of the few that could ring as well by ear as by eye. Progress was fairly rapid, and soon peals followed, and in Jubilee year the first 5049 in seven Surprise methods was rung, being the first of the kind within the county.

A LASTING MEMORIAL.

Getting to the top in Minor, Mr. Clarkson turned his attention to something higher. He initiated a scheme to augment the old peal of six to ten by the addition of four larger bells, one of which he presented himself, and is suitably inscribed. This now forms one of the most pleasant rings of ten in the northern counties, and is a fitting and lasting memorial to his memory.

He was one of the small company who met at Durham in August, 1877, and set afoot the Durham and Newcastle Association, of which he was the secretary and guiding star for many years doing a tremendous amount of spade work. He was also one of the founders of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, being president for a number of years. He was quite an authority on all matters appertaining to bells and ringing, and was quite at home even at bell tuning on the "Simpson" principle. As before mentioned he has done no ringing of late, but his memory will long linger tenderly with many of his old associates. His one motto was: "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

His mortal remains were laid quietly to rest in the Oxbridge Cemetery on Wednesday of last week amid signs of deep sympathy. The two associations named were represented at the funeral. May he be at rest.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Bolton, near Bradford, on Saturday last, when a good number of members attended, representing 15 towers. During the afternoon and evening the bells were well utilised. A short service was held in the church, and was well attended. A substantial meat tea was partaken of in the schools.

The business meeting was afterwards held, with the vice-president (Mr. G. B. Bolland) in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. P. Gower-Roes, Vicar of Bolton; Mr. P. J. Johnson (Ringing Master), and other officers.—Mr. G. B. Bolland was unanimously re-elected Vice-President for the next three years, and the nine retiring committee-men were again elected, two of them, Messrs. J. Broadley and H. Williams, to serve also on the Central Committee.—No invitations being received for the June meeting, the venue was left to the committee to select.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Bolland, and seconded by Mr. J. Lawson, was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the short and bright service.—The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Bolton, and hoped it would not be long before they came again.—Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed, and Mr. Elliott seconded a vote of thanks to the local company, the organist, and the ladies who helped at the tea-table, and this was acknowledged by Mr. A. Gill.—It was decided to have a practice meeting at Holbeck, at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 17th.—Handbell ringing in a variety of methods terminated a very pleasant meeting.

A CENTENARY COMMEMORATED.

Quite an interesting centenary has just been celebrated at Nutfield, Surrey, where, on March 18th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church 720 Double Bob Minor was rung, in 23 mins., by: J. Tassel 1, W. Beeson 2, A. Wood 3, W. Cheesman 4, E. Snelling 5, F. Hawkins (conductor) 6. The touch was rung to commemorate the centenary of 720 in the same method on March 18th, 1815, the following having been the ringers, according to a board in the belfry: Wm. Fuller 1, Thos. Tidy 2, Wm. Tidy 3, Richard Tidy 4, Jas. Tyler 5, Rt. Roffey 6. Conducted by Wm. Raffey.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original, in 43 mins.: G. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, T. Taylor 4, H. Warnett senr., 5, H. Warnett, junr., 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. Goodwin 8.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A MEETING AT NORTHIAM.

The members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild held their March meeting at Northiam, Sussex, on Saturday last, but unfortunately the attendance was small, Fairfield, Hawkhurst, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden being the only towers sending representatives. The local ringers turned up in practically full force, but as yet have not turned over a new leaf, and abandoned call changes for method ringing.

Northiam bells were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston towards the end of last year, and the treble, second, third and tenor were recast. The work seems to have been carried out very satisfactorily, the "go" of the bells being excellent, while the new ones appear to be nicely in tune. The bells are in capital ringing order, and the work reflects great credit on the firm, especially when taking into consideration that the peal swing in the old frame. We append herewith the inscriptions:—

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3.—R. Phelps, London, fecit 1737. This ring of six bells was rehung by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, with new fittings, and No. 1, 2, 3 and 6 were recast November, 1914.

4.—R. Phelps, London, fecit 1737

5.—R. Phelps, London, fecit 1734

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The belfry is on the ground floor, and there is a long stretch of rope, but not too long to make it uncomfortable for ringing. The ceiling of the belfry is, as it were, the floor of the bell chamber, and in the course of rehanging it was necessary to make new rope holes, while the old ones have not been stopped up. The result is that the bells are much too noisy. Undoubtedly the diseased holes want filling in, and further improvement might, perhaps, be effected by other measures to deaden the sound.

The Rector (the Rev. Augustus Frewen Aylward) paid a visit to the belfry early in the evening to welcome the visitors.

At the business meeting, on the proposition of Mr. T. Ashenden, seconded by Mr. J. Blake, it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Rye. This will probably take place on Saturday, April 24th.—Mr. G. Billenness moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for extending a cordial welcome to the members.—This was seconded by Mr. T. Ashenden, and unanimously carried.

Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung during the evening. It was the first meeting at Northiam, and the first time change ringing has been practised there since the rehanging. The Guild hope to visit the church again, and hold a bigger meeting, for the first 720 on the bells still remains to be rung. While we say this we do not mean to infer that futile attempts were made at the meeting. Everything went off as satisfactory as could be expected. The members tried to create a favourable impression, and all touches attempted were brought round.

YOUNG STAVELEY RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Jonathan Thompson, of Staveley, at the early age of 23. He was a hard worker at whatever he set his hand to do, and his death came as a great surprise to even his own people, so quick was the decline to which he succumbed. He had only been totally confined to his bed for three days before the end came. He had been a member of the Staveley Ambulance Brigade for the past four years, and so recently as New Year's Day volunteered for active service in ambulance work at the front, but was rejected on examination. His illness dates from that day, it being generally thought that he caught a chill, which caused him to contract influenza, the forerunner of the rapid decline which caused his death.

The interment took place at Staveley Cemetery. He was borne by members of the Ambulance Brigade, with full honours, to the Parish Church, where a full choral service ended with the Dead March in "Saul" being rendered on the organ. The whole service was very impressive, and was conducted by the Rector (Canon Molanieux). The service at the graveside was taken by the Rev. Lumley (curate), after which the "Last Post" was sounded by his bugler comrades: Messrs. P. and J. Hay and Master Hay. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was then rung by: J. R. Brookes 1—2. W. Allwood 3—4. A. Craven 5—6. and G. Hollis 7—8. A muffled peal of Bob Major was afterwards rung at the Parish Church, which will be reported in its proper column. The deceased's life was work. He commenced ringing in 1910, and had four peals of Treble Bob Major to his credit. May he rest in peace.

A. C.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, at Christ Church, for evening service, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, J. H. Odey 2, R. W. Hyver 3, D. W. Jackson 4, E. Bishop 5, G. W. Town send 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

KING'S NORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

BY ERNEST MORRIS.

The Church of St. John the Baptist, Norton-by-Galby, Leicestershire (otherwise known as King's Norton) possesses a fine peal of eight bells, bearing the following inscriptions:—



KING'S NORTON CHURCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

- Treble.—"OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI" (Do all to the Glory of God).
 2nd.—"PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD."
 3rd.—"STATUTUM EST OMNIBUS SEMEL MORI. MORTE BEATA NIHIL BEATIUS. GLORIA DEO SOLI. THOS. EAYRE 1760." (It is appointed unto all men once to die. Nothing happier than a happy death. Glory to God alone).
 4th.—"IHS: NAZARENVS: REX: IVDEORVM: FILI: DEI: MISERERE: MEI. WA 1641 RBC ∩ ." (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, O Son of God, have mercy on me).
 5th.—"LAUDATE DOMINUM CYMBALIS SONORIS. CÆLORUM CHRISTE PLACEAT TIBI REX SONUS ISTE 1760." (Praise the Lord on the loud cymbals. Be Christ the King of Heaven. Pleased when this sound is given.)
 6th.—Same as 3rd but dated 1761.
 7th.—"T. EAYRE ST. NOETS. FECIT IN ANNO DOM 1764."
 Tenor.—"OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. JOSEPH EAYRE ST. NEOTS HUNTINGDONSHIRE. FECIT 1764."

Nichols, the historian of Leicestershire, informs us that Wm. Fortrey gave a peal of ten bells to this church when he rebuilt it, but, finding the weight dangerous, he re-

duced them to eight. The present 4th is, of course, one of the previous ring. This Mr. Fortrey was an enthusiastic admirer of church bells, and did much towards encouraging improvements in the rings of different parishes in Leicestershire. He rebuilt the Church of Galby, and placed in it, in the year 1741, a peal of six bells. He did the same at King's Norton, hanging a peal of ten—preserving one of the old bells—since reduced to eight, as explained above. In 1738 he gave two new trebles to St. Margaret's, Leicester, making them ten, and bore the greater part of the expense by rehangng them. In 1771 he gave a treble to Houghton-on-the-Hill, and his name is mentioned in connection with other bells in the county. His memory is still cherished by the old ringers of Leicester, who speak of him as "Squire Fortrey." Nichols says of him:—"William Fortrey, Esqr., of Norton-by-Galby, made it his business all his life to enquire into these matters (i.e., bells and bell ringing). He was possessed of all the anecdotes that remain relating to the founder of the old bells in that steeple—St. Margaret's, Leicester—(Hugh Watts, once Mayor of Leicester) and was himself the patron and director of Thomas Eayre, late of Kettering."

In 1753, when John Holt published his "broadsheet" of peals (which contained the treble leads of his six and ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples, his six-part peal of Union Triples, and his three-part peal of Plain Bob Triples without a single) Mr. W. Fortrey, of Galby, Leicestershire, is there shown as a subscriber for four copies.—[See Snowdon's "Grandsire"].

Squire Fortrey died at his seat at Norton on December 11th, 1783. About three weeks before his death, as he was going into his garden before going to bed, he fell down a flight of stone steps in the front of his house, and, not being able to recover himself, and the only servant that slept in the house having gone to bed, he lay out all night, and was found in the morning by the servant, but not quite dead. From that time, however, he languished for the short period mentioned.

Only one peal has been rung on this fine peal of bells at Norton-by-Galby, as is testified to by a board in the belfry, dated Tuesday, June 4th, 1816, and recorded by the "Leicester Chronicle" of June 8th, 1816:—

Ringng.—Tuesday last, being his Majesty's birthday, the Leicester Scholars met at Norton in this county, by particular desire of the Norton and Gaulby Scholars, to strike off the musical peal of eight bells of that place; they rang a true and complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in a masterly style, in 3 hrs 29 mins., by the following persons, viz:—

Jonathan Haywood	Treble	George Harris	5th
John Clarke	2nd	Lawrence Stains	6th
Thomas Clarke	3rd	William Reeves	7th
James Gill	4th	William Wood	Tenor

The peal was called by Wm. Reeves.

After it had been rang the Leicester, Norton and Gaulby Scholars partook of an excellent dinner, and the day was completed by ringing several courses of Grandsire Caters on the handbells.

The bells are still as they were originally hung, in their massive two storey oak frame, without stays or sliders. They go rather heavily—the local ringers only ring the back six occasionally. Surely, however, there could be found in Leicester a hand willing to go to a little trouble and patience, and give to this magnificent peal the attention it deserves, and, with pluck and endurance, at least equal the performance of our forefathers, whose feat has remained unchallenged for nearly a century. On September 28th, 1907, a party from Leicester visited the church, and rang 168 and 350 Grandsire Triples. Who will go for a 5000?

NEW BELLS AT BUCKLEBURY.

DEDICATION OF TWO TREBLES.

Bucklebury folk are very proud of their ancient parish church, which has lately been enriched with the gift of a beautiful east window, the subject being the Crucifixion, the work of Frank Brangwyn. And now the hearts of our ringers have been gladdened by a gift of two new bells, presented by Mrs. G. W. Palmer, in memory of her husband, the late Right Hon. G. W. Palmer. Not only have these two new trebles been given, but also a new steel frame has taken the place of the oak frame (300 years old), which was in a very bad state. The work has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, and pronounced excellent. The tone and "go" of the bells leave nothing to be desired. Mr. Howell has contrived an excellent circle in the ringing chamber, and is to be congratulated on his work. Monday, March 8th, was the day chosen for the dedication of the bells. In spite of the inclemency of the weather, ringers from Aldermaston, Beenham, Bradfield, Chieveley, Compton, Hampstead, Norris, Midgham, Newbury, Theale and Yattendon, and last but not least the popular Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), with a band of eight Reading ringers, came to support us. After the blessing of the bells, the Reading men rang them round while the clergy returned to the chancel.

RINGERS' HIGH VOCATION.

The Bishop, who performed the ceremony, preached an appropriate sermon, which he prefaced by saying that his remarks would be chiefly directed to the members of the guild of ringers. In the 150th Psalm, they read: "O praise God in His holiness; praise Him in the firmament of His power. . . Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord," and eight instruments of music were mentioned whereon to praise God—the same number as were now their complete peal of bells. But such instruments of music and peals of bells were unable of themselves to praise God. They were instruments for the praise of God which responded according to the skill of the player, and led up to the last verse, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Only they who had breath could praise the Lord, so they would see what a high vocation they had chosen in becoming bell ringers. Like the instruments of music mentioned in the Psalms, so this peal of bells had the effect of bringing people into the church to praise God. He could imagine each ringer with the rope in his hand, and as he pulled it Sunday after Sunday, singing, or rather praying silently to himself, having remembered the words of the Psalmist, "Let everything that hath breath." Each man should say let this always be the desire of my heart that they who hear my bell should come to church to praise the Lord. That bell of which each ringer was so proud and grateful, if rightly rung, was always a sermon to themselves. As soon as the service of bell ringing was over, they should go down and join with the others, so that everything that hath breath could praise the Lord. Then, whatever the bells were rung for, whether for church or for a marriage, or for a funeral, or for a passing knell; whether peals of joy and thanksgiving, or muffled peals of sorrow and sympathy, the peal rung would always be an acceptable service, bringing happiness to others and blessing to themselves.

After service there were some delightful touches. We are looking forward to the time that, when peace is declared, our bells shall speak with no uncertain sound, and we shall take our part in heralding in the glorious news, and still more glorious shall have the privilege of welcoming home once more the men who through perils of war are serving this nation. The new bells bear the following inscription:—

Treble: Righteousness and Peace;

2: Mercy and truth;

while the old treble, which has been recast, has the following inscription:—

DUM INVOCAREM (Hear me when I call).

E. M. S.

YOUTHFUL MERIT.

The ringing genius of the children of Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton, Worcestershire, has often been commented upon, and two of them have just added another to their noteworthy performances. "Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 16th birthday" reads the footnote to a handbell peal recorded in this issue. When it is observed that this peal was one of Bob Major, that the youthful conductor rang 3-4, and his sister, younger than himself, 1-2; that it was the first peal of Major that either of them had rung, and that neither of the other two members of the band—Mr. F. J. Johnson and Mr. J. Hemming—had rung a peal of Bob Major on handbells before, the merit of the achievement is obvious, and the young folks deserve congratulations.

RINGER IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

One of the members of the Benenden, Kent, company, Mr. R. Williamson, had a narrow escape in a motor accident at Iden Green, on Wednesday week. Mr. Williamson is a chauffeur, and when driving a car, the motor, owing to the sudden development of a mechanical defect, swerved across the road and ran into a hedge. Mr. Williamson's head and arms went through the wind screen, but, fortunately, with the exception of a scratch or two, he was not injured.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DAGENHAM.—Essex Association.—On Feb. 16th, 720 London Surprise Minor: G. Chaplin 1, D. Hawkins 2, A. Chaplin 3, E. J. Butler 4, G. Playle 5, E. Pye (conductor) 8. First 720 of London Surprise Minor by all excepting the conductor.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 21st, 720 of Double Court Minor: Miss C. Playle 1, Str. A. Playle, R.N., 2, G. Playle 3, J. Baker (Malden) 4, A. Chaplin (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6.

KETERING, NORTHANTS.—Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 14th, for evening service, 704 London Surprise Major: W. Hardon 1, A. E. Payne 2, W. R. Hensher 3, J. E. Chapman 4, R. F. Turner 5, C. W. Bird 6, F. W. Sawfoot 7, D. J. Nichols (conductor) 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Feb. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. A. Lambert 1, J. D. Drewitt 2, D. W. Drewitt 3, Pte B. Morris (Coldstream Guards) 4, W. H. Joiner 5, A. Calver 6, T. Langdon (conductor) 7, W. S. Smith 8. For evening service, on March 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. A. Lambert 1, T. Langdon 2, D. W. Drewitt 3, R. Prethbridge (first quarter of Stedman) 4, H. Langdon (conductor) 5, T. Steers 6, R. Grimwood 7, W. H. Joiner 8.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On February 21st, after evening service, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 31 mins., with 7-8 covering: F. G. Semper 1, F. S. W. Butler 2, J. C. Tinker 3, C. H. Baker 4, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 5, H. Torr 6, A. H. Curtis 7, Pte F. W. Sykes (K.O.Y.L.I., Osset) 8. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the seven soldiers of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry billeted at Gainsborough, who lost their lives the Friday previous in a drowning fatality, while practising poutoon building on one of the Gyms between Gainsborough and Walkerith.

GULDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, Feb. 21st, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: B. Chorley 1, C. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, Pte W. Smith (Loughborough) 4, M. Smither 5, J. T. Lee 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, C. Hazelden 8.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 21st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Bennett 1, J. Day 2, G. Spencer 3, C. Nash 4, W. Nash (conductor) 5, A. Groom 6.—On March 1st, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. C. J. Ward (first 720) 1, J. Day 2, F. Bennett 3, C. Nash 4, W. Nash 5, A. Groom (conductor) 6.

WEST RETFORD.—North Notts Association.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung in 45 mins. at St. Michael's Church, West Retford, as a farewell to Mr. F. A. Blagg, a member of the tower, who left Retford the same evening to take up a position in London: C. Blagg 1, F. A. Blagg 2, J. Segar, junr., 3, G. Turner 4, R. Potter 5, L. L. Blagg (conductor) 6. Mr. J. Segar, junr., a member of the East Retford tower, very kindly took part in the above, as two members of the local tower, Messrs. W. Gibson and F. Wilson, are serving with H.M. Forces.

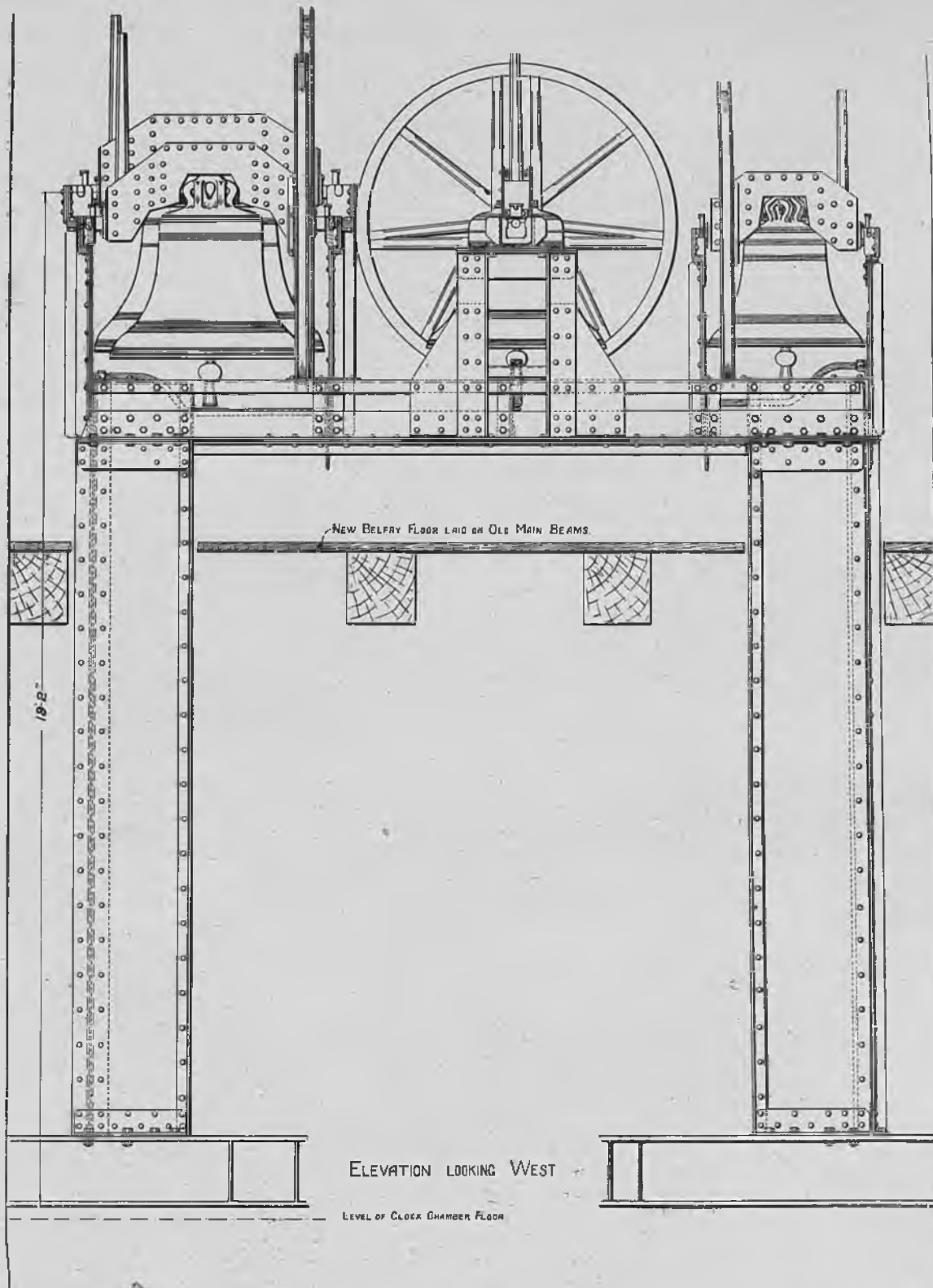
THANET.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Feb. 23rd, three separate and differently called 504's Grandire Triples: (1): E. Gibbons 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, P. Finch 3, P. Petley 4, W. Birch 5, A. E. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8. (2): P. Finch 1, S. G. Twyman 2, P. Petley 3, W. Birch 4, W. J. Jarman 5, A. E. Jarman (conductor) 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8. (3): E. Gibbons 1, S. G. Twyman 2, P. Finch 3, W. Birch 4, A. E. Jarman 5, W. J. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman (conductor) 8. All are members of the local band except Mr. Finch, who hails from Birchington.

EPSOM.—Surrey Association.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 25th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. W. H. Corbett, a much-respected member of the choir, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Mann 1, T. Goff 2, H. Corbett 3, T. Miles 4, J. Crawford 5, T. Tuttle 6, C. Read (conductor) 7, R. Etherington 8. Also 280 Grandire Triples.

SOUTHGATE.—Middlesex Association.—On Feb. 25th, a plain course of Bristol Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, F. G. Tegg 3, E. G. Tomlinson 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, C. T. Coles 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. First by all except the ringers of 6 and 8.—On Feb. 28th, for morning service, 576 Superlative; for evening service, 384 London Surprise.—On March 4th, two plain courses of Bristol, being the first by G. Bester, H. Miller and S. Wade.—On March 11th, 576 Bristol Surprise: A. R. Glasscock 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, F. G. Tegg 3, E. G. Tomlinson 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, S. Wade 8. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.—On March 14th, for morning service, 1280 London Surprise, in 49 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, J. Armstrong (conductor) 3, E. G. Tomlinson 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, F. G. Tegg 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3, 6 and 8.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On Feb. 28th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, 1260 Stedman Caters: W. E. Judd 1, A. Cutmore 2, A. W. Davis 3, A. B. Bennett 4, J. H. Payne 5, P. G. Miles 6, W. E. Garrard 7, A. V. Selby 8, C. Charge (conductor) 9. G. Hannell 10.

FOLKESTONE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 28th, in honour of the 89th birthday of Mr. S. Barker, who for many years was a member of the local band, 89 treble leads of Grandire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: E. L. Dale 1, J. Henley 2, F. Jordan 3, G. Ford 4, H. Croucher 5, W. H. Wood 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.



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NOTICES.

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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.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Siddans) on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3.30. Ringing at St. Mary's, Walthamstow from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Will all those requiring same kindly inform me by the 24th inst., so that arrangements may be made? Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 27th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at St. Albans, Easter Monday, April 5th, when the four towers of the City will be open for ringing at 2 o'clock. Choral Evensong in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address to ringers by the new Dean of St. Albans. 5.50 p.m., tea at the Abbey Institute, Romeland Hill entrance, followed by annual business meeting. In order to arrange satisfactorily for tea, I should be grateful for a postcard by Easter Monday's post notifying attendance. — G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—ALTERATIONS TO PREVIOUS NOTICE. — The 8th annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Warwick on Easter Monday, April 5th, at 2.15 p.m. The towers of All Saints', Emscote (8) and St. Mary's (10) will be open for ringing, All Saints' from 11 a.m. and that of St. Mary's from 6 p.m. Committee Meeting will be held in St. Mary's Vestry at 12.30. Dinner can be provided at the Globe Hotel at 1s. 6d. per head, if members let me know of their intention to be present, by April 1st. Tea will be provided free at Emscote Vicarage at 4 o'clock for all members who let me know by March 30th. Further particulars next week.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Cottage, Allesley, Coventry.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Barmouth, N.W., at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tea will be provided in Church Hall at 4 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. Mocke, Maindee House, Barmouth, a week previous. Bells available all day.—H. Moore, 16, Poplar Road, Wrexham, Honorary Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Central District.—The Easter meeting of the Central District will be held on Monday in Easter week, April 5th, at the Parish Church, Banstead. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea (members 3d., visitors 9d.), and short business meeting 5.45 at the Church Institute. Members of the Southern District and visitors will be welcome; please notify intention to be present before Thursday, April 1st to Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1915. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, at 2 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Claughton. Tea will be provided free in the College Hall, at 5.15 p.m., for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 31st, 1915. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10) 11 to 12; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, expenses received, and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1. Peal Book on view.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at schoolroom at 5. Short service at 7 o'clock. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by March 30th. — J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, 9, Colenso Road, Fareham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Dinner at St. Mary's Schoolroom at 1, meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's and St. Peter's will be available. —A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Easter Monday. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Members intending to be present please inform me by Thursday, April 1st. — H. Evans, Northbrook, Goring, Wokingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—ALTERATION OF ARRANGEMENTS for the annual meeting at Derby on Easter Monday, April 5th. The Committee will meet in St. Andrew's Church Schools at 3.45, general meeting at 4.30, at the same schools, for the election of officers, representatives to the Central Council and other business. The arrangements for the tea are cancelled, and there will be no church bell ringing.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, April 10th, 1915. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 6d. each. Intending visitors please advise early.—H. Brownlee West, Honorary Branch Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on April 8th and 22nd, and for business on the 13th and 27th; all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m.—W. T. Cockerell, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 17th annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (by kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Birch), on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. G. Langdon, M.A., Rector of Great Mundon, Herts. Tea at 6 p.m., 7d. each to those who inform either of the honorary secretaries by April 7th of their intention of being present. Business meeting to follow, for election of officers, Central Council representatives, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Leonard's from 3 to 5, and after the meeting; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 7.30 to 9.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, April 17th, 1915. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock at George Inn. Business to follow. Association ringers are invited.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Arthur Craven is now Netfetherthorpe Lane, Staveley.

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WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 7th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples and 72 in the same method: R. Wood 1, F. W. Edwards 2, F. G. Radley 3, T. Lincoln 4, R. Edwards 5, Pte V. Bennett 6, W. Lincoln 7, W. E. Emery 8. For evening service, 408 Stedman Triples: R. Wood 1, F. W. Edwards 2, F. G. Radley 3, W. G. Sorrell 4, H. Head 5, Pte V. Bennett 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

NEWCHURCH, LANCs.—Lancashire Association, Rossendale Branch. — On Sunday evening, Feb. 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins., in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Newman: James Taylor 1, Lawrence Taylor 2, James Ashworth 3, Samuel Lord 4, Algernon Newman 5, Walter Taylor (conductor) 6, John W. Wright 7, John W. Dunerod 8. At the close Mr. Newman was heartily congratulated by the ringers. The marriage was solemnised at St. Michael's Parish Church, Workington, Cumberland, on February 6th, 1890.

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