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Gentlemen,

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

I am 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,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

It is not surprising to learn that the Central Council meeting, which was to have been held at Plymouth, has been abandoned for this year. The step was taken by the Standing Committee on the ground that: "In the present pressure of the war and its accompanying burdens, the likelihood of the attendance of a reasonable number of members at so distant a place as Plymouth is very remote." The action of the Standing Committee is certain to find endorsement among the members, to many of whom the sterner calls of duty at the present time would prove an effectual bar to a trip to Plymouth. Moreover, with the more serious work on hand, the affairs of the Council are unlikely to suffer by postponement, and, as at present proposed, the arrangements for meeting in the western town will stand for next year.

The advisability of going so far afield as Plymouth at a time when the war claims almost undivided attention and travelling facilities are much curtailed, was discussed in London last year. Some nearer venue was suggested, but it was considered that it was Plymouth's turn, and so Plymouth had it. Had the advocates of Bath, or some other town more easily accessible, been successful in their appeal, the possibility is that there would not have been need for postponement, but there is no need to quarrel with the decision that was then come to or to regret that there is to be no meeting this year. As a matter of fact, the various committees can have had time for very little work, and, as Mr. E. H. Lewis mentions in a letter elsewhere in this issue, the proposed new publications, which have been in contemplation for the last year or two, are held up in consequence of present conditions. When the war is over, as everyone fervently hopes it may be before next year's Council meeting is due to be held, and when we have passed through victory to peace, the Council can return with renewed interest to its affairs. Nothing will be lost by this interregnum, while the expense saved to the associations in sending representatives will not be unwelcome, at a time when finances are none too flourishing, and many organisations can hardly make ends meet.

The abandonment of this year's meeting is the first break in the annual deliberations of the Council, which was established 26 years ago to draw together the various ringing organisations throughout the country, and to watch over the welfare of the Exercise. During its existence the Council has done a great deal to raise the standard of ringing, and it has also been the object of much criticism. Its utility has more than once been questioned by ringers who feel that its deliberations lead nowhere, but, with all its faults, its purpose is an important one, even though the results of some of its meetings have hardly shown its usefulness.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Saturday, March 18, 1916, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	JAMES L. WELLS 7
CHARLES DICKENS 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 8
JAMES E. GROVES 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
FREDERICK DICKENS 4	JESSE SCREEN 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
A. PADDON SMITH 6	*GEORGE YENDALL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

* Proposed a member previous to starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled and in the inverted titlums and handstroke home positions, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Alderman T. Underhill, aged 92, "Father of the Town Council," and for 45 years a worshipping at this church.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART REVERSED. Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

JOHN MARSDEN Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
BENJAMIN ALLRED 2	PETER CROOK 6
HERBERT ALLRED 3	FRED RIGBY 7
TOM LOFTHOUSE 4	*JAMES HOPWOOD Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd hail from Tyldesley, the 6th from Bolton, and the rest belong to local band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, March 13, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. WALKER,
81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 5-6
THOMAS RUSSAM 3-4	ALBERT WALKER 7-8
JAMES GEORGE 9-10	

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

Witness: MRS. WALKER.

Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mr. T. Russam's first peal and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Groves. First peal of Caters "in hand" as conductor.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 15, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT 1-2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5-6
FRANK SMITH 3-4	WILLIAM J. POWELL 7-8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Witness: W. A. GREENING.

First peal of Treble Ten "in hand" by all. It is believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob "in hand" by Royal Cumberlands. The peal was rung at the third attempt.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 15, 1916, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 11, FISHER ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM J. THYNG... .. 1—2	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN 3—4	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 7—8

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. CHECKETTS,
59, WINDSOR ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 1—2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON... 5—6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3—4	HARRY MIDDLETON ... 7—8
JAMES HEMMING 9—10	

Composed by FRED G. MAY, and
Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Witness: HARRY CHECKETTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The composition contains the 6th its extent behind the 9th and 8th in the tittums and handstroke home positions.

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A CONTRIBUTION FROM AMERICA.

Dear Sir,—Please accept the enclosed cheque for 15s. as my individual donation to the National Relief Fund. My reason in sending it is this: Had I been home in Manchester, the above would just about be the amount it would cost me for the peal attempt at the Town Hall on "Dick Newton's Birthday," February 14th. It comes with a feeling that our fortunes in the war are about to take a great change, and although we are not amongst the fighters in the trenches, we are doing useful work here, raising money for the war relief fund. Three of us ringers are on Relief and Entertainment Committees, the profits of all concerts, balls, etc., going to the fund. I am pleased to say I am in the best of health, and hope this finds you and all my ringing friends the same.—Yours very sincerely,

RICHARD NEWTON.

54, Copeland Street, Roxbury, Boston, Mass.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with the Forces:—

Pte. H. E. Tomkins, of All Saints', Calverton, 9th Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, now at Bovington Camp, Wool.
Pte. W. J. Grove, of Tring, Northamptonshire Regiment, now at Chatham.

From St. Mary's, Chiddingfold:—

Pte. G. E. Wheatley, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. "Canada."
Pte. A. G. Fitchett, 3/5th Queen's, R.W.S. (T.F.).
Pte. T. Spirit, 9th Reserve, Queen's, R.W.S.
F. W. Hill, Inns of Court O.T.C.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 19th, 1916, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. Seeley, A.S.C. (of Bushey) 1, H. Warnett 2, J. Crowder 3, E. J. Pannett 4, C. H. Walker 5, H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. W. Fox.

TWO NOTABLE PEALS OF THE PAST.

Next Monday is the anniversary of two noteworthy peals. The first is the 12,000 of Treble Bob at Shoreditch, which terminated the long rivalry for the record length between the College Youths and the Cumberlands. It is recorded in the belfry as follows:—

"Saturday, March 27th, 1784, the Society of Cumberland Youths rang in this steeple a compleat peal consisting of 12,000 changes of Treble Bob Royal, with 60 courses, and was performed in 9 hrs. and 5 mins. The length of time and the masterly manner in which it was rung, will remain a surviving honour to the performers. It is allowed by all competent judges in the noble art to be the greatest performance ever done on ten bells. The performers were: Geo. Gross 1, James Barnard 2, Francis Nay 3, Thos. Reeves 4, Isaiah Bray 5, James Patrick 6, William East 7, Abraham Smith 8, Malachi Cannon 9, Allen Grant 10. Composed and called by George Gross, senr."

John Tichborne, a prominent Cumberland of the time, wrote the following lines upon the performance:—

"Come, ringers all, and view this church, within the steeple door
Twelve thousand Oxford Treble Bob was rung in eighty-four,
In hours nine and minutes five, the Cumberlands did compleat,
And on the twenty-seventh day of March, the College Youths they beat.

Success unto the Cumberlands wherever they do go

That they may always have success to beat their haughty foe!"

This peal was not beaten until two or three years ago, when 14,000 Treble Ten was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne.

The other noteworthy peal, of which March 27th is the anniversary, was a 10,080 Grandsire Caters rung at New College, Oxford, in 1815. This occupied 6 hrs. 42 mins., and was rung by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Durham and Newcastle Association has decided not to issue this year the customary annual report, but a short statement has been circulated to the members. In deciding to defer the printing of the report, it is stated that the items of interest which could be inserted were very meagre, and that as the cost of printing would be much greater than usual and subscriptions in many cases were in abeyance on account of the war, the Association was not justified in incurring heavy expense at the present unfortunate time. By next year, it is hoped, the national anxiety and trouble will be over, and an account for the two years would then be issued together. During the year ended on September 30th, 1915, six peals were rung; two on tower bells (Stedman), and four on handbells. Of the former, one was rung at Whitley Bay, the other at Sunderland, with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Lieut. C. O. Sayer, 7th Durham Light Infantry. The handbell peals were rung at Whitley Bay, viz., three of Bob Major and one of Stedman Caters. Only 16 belfry returns were sent in in connection with Ferry's list. In accordance with the resolution at the annual festival in 1914, the six-bell towers were put into a section by themselves, and the eight, ten and 12-bell towers into another, and two certificates only awarded in each class. The results are:—

Six-bell Towers: 1st, Benfieldside, St. Cuthbert's, 1030.48 points; 2nd, Darlington, Holy Trinity, 212.27 points.

Eight, Ten and 12-Bell Towers: 1st, Sunderland, St. Ignatius, 1423.41 points; 2nd, Whitley Bay, St. Paul's, 898.34 points.

The balance sheet showed that the balance in hand with which the financial year was commenced was £4 1s. 2d., but the expenditure exceeded income by £5 3s. 9d., leaving a balance due to treasurer of £1 2s. 7d.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North and East district of the above Association was held at Hornsey on Saturday last, and was attended by about 36 members and friends. There was a short service at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Rector (the Rev. B. Spink), who spoke of the duties of a ringer as a Churchman.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting. The Rector presided, and was supported by the Revs. E. F. Blenkin and R. Ridge (curates), Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O. (president), Mr. F. A. Milne (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. Armstrong (Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. J. R. Sharman, etc.

Four new members were elected, and a statement was made by the Hon. Secretary on the arrangements being made for the forthcoming annual general meeting, which is to be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on April 29th.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Hornsey for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells, and also to the good ladies who had so well provided tea.—The Rev. B. Spink replied, welcoming the Association to Hornsey, and thanking the president and the members for their vote of thanks.

Afterwards another visit was paid to the belfry until 8 o'clock. During the day touches were rung in many methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Stedman, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY "BOB MAJOR."

I seem to be coming in for shock after shock. First I learn that old John Holt was by no means the man we have thought him to be, and that his "Original" is not likely long to occupy the position it now holds as the blarney stone of the Exercise. Then came an eminent authority to cast suspicion on the actual bona fides of Holt. I had hardly recovered my breath after this second shock, when I got a letter from a correspondent who signs himself "Grandsire," and who writes "Dear Bob Major—Here's another 'staggerer.' We have been taught to believe that good old Fabian Stedman was the inventor of Change Ringing, but in an interesting article on 'Bells and Bell Ringing' in the 'Millgate Monthly,' for April, 1915, the writer mentions that Pythagoras, a Greek scholar, writing about 500 B.C., says: 'Change ringing is the science of numbers,' which goes to show that our art is by no means so modern as we have been led to believe, but that it had reached an advanced stage of perfection, even at that early date. Poor old Fabian Stedman!"

DIGGING UP HISTORY.

Yes, indeed, poor old Fabian Stedman! This puts him absolutely out of the running for the honours. As I sat in my arm-chair and pondered upon this letter, I wondered whether, in that dim and distant past, when Pythagoras, athlete, poet, philosopher, musician and mathematician, flourished, the ancients had not done some peal ringing, and had anticipated us modern mortals by some thousands of years. Thus musing, I betook myself to the British Museum, and to my unbounded delight, came, in my search, upon a record, engraved on a big brick, which was, I suppose, the ancient form of peal book.

YE ANCIENT RECORD.

The egmatice inscription was translated for me by a hoary looking old fossil. The date seemed a bit obscure, but apparently it was in the 62nd or 63rd Olympiad (about 526 B.C.), and what the ancient tablet recorded was this:—

Know All Men By These Presents.

That I, Pythagoras, whose knowledge of that mysterious art known as change ringing is far beyond the conception of any other man, called together all those skilled in the ringing of bells and here in this tower did perform, with the assistance of those whose names are mentioned below, the most marvellous peal known to the wit of man. It was composed by me, none other could have done it, and the bobs were called by me. The changes numbered 9999. I gave the order to begin at noon, and the sun was low in the western sky ere the peal was finished. I place on record my recognition of the services of the two first mentioned whose great age might well have excused them from taking part in so great a performance.

Simonides (of Cos)	Treble
Xonophanes (of Athens)	2
Anacreon (of Teos)	3
Thespis (itinerant actor)	4
Polycrates (of Samos)	5
Hipparchus (of Athens)	6
Miltiades (of Athens)	7
Pythagoras (who composed and conducted this peal)	Tenor

THE AWAKENING.

When this ancient record had been read to me by my venerable looking guide, I stood and wondered. Why was it this ancient brick, bearing the names of men more famous than any who have adorned modern ringing history had not been made known to us before? What was Jasper Snowdon thinking about to overlook this extraordinary and unique thing? I turned to my guide, but he had slipped away, and a voice said, "If you want to sleep why don't you go to bed." I had been dreaming!

THAT MUFFLED RINGING.

I am not surprised that someone should take to task the writer who suggested that "during the war" we should ring our bells muffled every Sunday. That would, unquestionably, be carrying the thing to an absurd extreme, but there will be few of my readers who will agree with the Rev. H. Law James that the universal muffled ringing on January 2nd was a desecration of the Sabbath. I am not going to enter upon any argument on the subject, it was sufficient for me, as it was to thousands of other ringers, that an opportunity presented itself of honouring the memory of those who have fought and died for the country, for me and for the Rev. H. Law James. There was no sickly sentimentalism about that, and, so far as I was concerned, the sanction of two Archbishops and over a score of other prelates was sufficient guarantee that we were doing nothing to desecrate the spirit of Sunday. But, of course, we ought to have consulted Mr. James.

COLEMAN STREET.

The history of Coleman Street bells in last week's "Ringing World" recalled to my mind two performances which were accomplished there—at least, I believe they were. The anniversary of one was on St. Patrick's Day, for it was on that day, about a dozen years ago, that the first peal by the Irish Association rung out of Ireland was scored at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street. Some few years before that, history was made in the tower by the ringing of the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London. This was put to the credit of St. Peter's Society, Brighton, then at the zenith of their fame. They possessed at that time more than half a band of Georges, for there were five of them: George Attree, George Baker, George King, George Smart, and, last but not least, George Williams. What changes time works. The band at St. Peter's reached absolutely the top of the tree, but dispersal put an end to an almost unchecked career of progress. I am told, however, that after the war we shall hear more of St. Peter's Society, for, although there is "nothing doing" in the peal ringing line at present, the band are not letting the grass grow under their feet. More power to their elbows!

C.B.

It is astonishing what some people will do for a bit of ringing. In the old days it was nothing for a man to walk a dozen or fifteen miles to practise Grandsire Triples, and now that bicycles, to say nothing of railway trains and the greater luxury of motor-cars, extend the radius of action, why, a ringer will think nothing of a thirty or forty mile evening journey for a bit of his favourite method. And some men will also risk the ruffling of the waters of the domestic mill pond for "just one more touch," which will delay his arrival home at the appointed hour. But the latest incident which has come to my notice is the penalty which befel a well-known Essex ringer, who, while on week-end leave with orders to report on Sunday night, found a quarter-peal arranged for him for Sunday evening service. He could not resist. The quarter was rung, the train was lost, and there was a man missing at roll call. He arrived at his quarters on Monday morning. Result: 7 days' C.B. But, he said, the quarter-peal was worth it.

NEW MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The "New Double Method," published by you last week, was inserted in the C.C. Collection during the early summer of 1914. It was subsequently published by Mr. Trollope in "Bell News" of June 13th, 1914, under the name of Mancroft. It has been provisionally selected for printing as "Double Mancroft Bob," together with the single variation.

I feel confident that there are no new plain Major Methods, having regular lead-ends, and having no seventh's places except under the treble, other than the 828 methods, which are in the C.C. Manuscript Collection. The methods selected for printing would have been in type many months ago if it had not been for far more useful work which requires to be done in these times.—I am, yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Waygateshaw, Carlisle, Scotland.
March 15th, 1916.

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A PRISONER OF WAR.

Lieut. John Grant Stilwell, of the 4th Batt. Hampshire Regt., whose photograph we give this week, was a most promising young ringer, who received his introduction to the Art at Yately, Hants. He is the eldest son of Lieut.-Col. G. H. Stilwell, V.D., late commanding the 4th Batt. Hampshire Regt., and grandson of Mr. J. P. Stilwell, J.P., of Yately. The latter is the esteemed President of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and Col. Stilwell is a life member. Lieut. Stilwell, who is an excellent musician, took a keen interest in ringing, and was making rapid progress when war broke out. He is a member of the Yately band and a life member of the Winchester Guild. He was born at Windsor in 1895, and educated at Hillside School, Godalming, and the Rev. F. P. David's House at Winchester, where he took a keen



LIEUT. J. G. STILWELL.

interest in the O.T.C., in which he formed one of the winning team for the House Drill Cup in 1911. In October, 1913, he proceeded to Magdalen College at Oxford, and rowed on the river in the College 2nd eight which made three bumps in the "Eights week" races in May, 1914. In July he rowed in his College four at Henley for the Wyfold and Visitors Challenge Cup. On the 17th July, 1913, he was gazetted as Second-Lieutenant in the 4th Batt. Hampshire Regiment, and at his first training at Blandford he distinguished himself by coming in 11th out of 240 starters for the Marathon race for the Mayor's Cup. On the outbreak of the war he was promoted to Lieutenant, and proceeded with his battalion to India and the Persian Gulf. He took part in the trying march to Awaz and was invalided to India suffering from blood poisoning and heatstroke, and returned to rejoin his battalion at Amara just in time to take part in the fighting, in which he was wounded and left a prisoner in the hands of the Turks.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THIS YEAR'S MEETING ABANDONED.

The Standing Committee of the Central Council has decided to abandon the annual meeting of the Council this year, and the following letter has been sent to the members:—

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Glos.,
18th March, 1916.

Dear Sir,

At the instance of the President, the Standing Committee has been consulted as to the advisability of holding the usual annual meeting this year. In their replies the members of the committee are unanimous in their opinion that it will be best not to hold it, on the ground that under the present pressure of the war and its accompanying burdens, the likelihood of the attendance of a reasonable number of members at so distant a place as Plymouth is very remote. The meeting for this year is, therefore, abandoned.

Hoping, however, as we most earnestly do, that a brighter prospect is in store for us in 1917, members of Council, hon. secretaries of affiliated associations, and all whom it may concern, are asked to be kind enough to accept the present intimation as notice of the next meeting to be held (D.V.) at Plymouth, on Whitsun Tuesday, 29th May, 1917. Notices of motion, reports of committees, and other official matter should reach me not later than Saturday, 28th April, 1917. Full notice of the meeting, with list of Agenda and any other necessary particulars, will be sent to you on or before 15th May, 1917. As the notices usually sent out in January will not be sent in January next, you are particularly requested to keep this for reference until you receive the list of agenda, etc., in May next year.

All affiliation fees paid for 1916 are valid till 31st December, 1917.—I am, dear Sir, yours very truly,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Hon. Secretary.

MUFFLED RINGING.

A VOICE FROM THE TRENCHES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice in your issue of the 3rd inst. a letter suggesting the permanent adoption of half-muffled ringing for the duration of the war. Now, I do not know whether "H" is voicing the opinion of ringers generally with his suggestion or not. If he is, then I am very sorry, for you must be getting very down-hearted in old England. I feel sure that ringers over here would strongly oppose such a suggestion. We are certainly labouring in solemn times, and this war is an awful business, suffering and death being everywhere rampant, but do we not believe that the cause is a worthy one, that we are fighting and dying to crush militarism, and that out of this horrible chaos will come a glorious and lasting peace?

No, to muffle the bells (except for special occasions) would, I think, be a great mistake. Then again, what would be the feelings of a fellow coming home for a short furlough, after months of this hazardous work, if he heard his favourite bells muffled? I cannot conceive it.

Blackburn, Lanes, now "Somewhere in France."

A. T.

BELL RESTORATION AT HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.

The ring of six bells in Heversham Parish Church, Westmorland, have been undergoing restoration, and have now been completed to the greatest satisfaction of all concerned. The bells have been rehung and the whole of the framework has been strengthened by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, who have fitted them with their patent self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil ring bearings, under the supervision of the firm's representative, Mr. Frank Smith, the well known change ringer. The weight of the tenor is 14½ cwt., in F, and after ringing 720 Plain Bob Minor the ringers expressed their views, and all were delighted in the change which had taken place for the better with regard to the "go" of the bells. The 720 was rung by: H. Varley 1, R. Sisson 2, W. G. Wilson 3, W. Thompson 4, P. Birkett 5, F. Smith 6. In addition to these, the following ringers from Milnthorpe also took part: W. Scott, C. E. Mashiter, G. Wilson, W. Garnett and J. Moss. The bells, which were given by the late Margaret and Mary Woods, of Elm Lawn, Heversham, in 1870, bear the following inscriptions:—

"Treble: Let him that is athirst come; 2nd: Whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely; 3rd: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever; 4th: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; 5th: Praise the Lord O my soul and forget not all his benefits; 6th: Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

BELLS OF MANCHESTER TOWN HALL.

BY ERNEST MORRIS.

Manchester possesses some magnificent public buildings, but the most important is the Town Hall, completed in 1877 at a cost of £1,053,264. It covers an area of about 8,648 square yards, and has more than 250 apartments. The principal tower is 286 feet high, and contains a splendid carillon of 21 bells, probably the heaviest set of its kind in the world. They were cast in 1877, and each bears the founders' name on the waist:—"John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, MDCCC LXXVII." On the opposite side are the initials of members of the Corporation at that time as follows:—

		Weight			Note.
		cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	
1.	"J.G.L."	6	3	14	F sharp
2.	"J.K."	7	1	5	F
3.	"B.N."	*7	2	7	E
4.	"P.F.W."	7	3	14	D sharp
5.	"J.M.B."	*8	2	9	D
6.	"W.B."	8	3	0	C sharp
7.	"J.G."	*9	3	14	C
8.	"J.B."	*10	0	14	B
9.	"J.J.H."	*14	1	3	A
10.	"J.T."	16	0	6	G sharp
11.	"G.B."	*17	1	7	G
12.	"J.W."	21	1	7	F sharp
13.	"J.A."	*23	0	11	F
14.	"J.C."	*27	0	4	E
15.	"C.S."	31	2	0	D sharp
16.	"J.M."	*39	0	0	D
17.	"J.L."	43	2	0	C sharp
18.	"J.H."	*52	0	0	C
19.	"W.H.T."	71	0	0	B
20.	"M.C."	100	2	0	A
21.	"A.H."	162	3	0	G

Total 686 . 1 . 3

Those marked * are hung for change-ringing, and used to be rung twice weekly, on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons, by members of the Police Force, who constituted the official band, but, owing to the war, this practice is now discontinued. Besides bearing the above initials and founders' name on their waists, the bells have round the shoulder, lines from the late poet laureate, Lord Tennyson's "Ring out Wild Bells," as follows:—

- (1) Ring in the Christ that is to be.
- (2) Ring out the darkness of the land.
- (3) The larger heart the kindlier hand.
- (4) Ring in the valiant Man and free.
- (5) Ring in the thousand years of peace.
- (6) Ring out the thousand wars of old.
- (7) Ring out the narrowing lust of gold.
- (8) Ring out old shapes of foul disease.
- (9) Ring in the common love of good.
- (10) Ring in the love of truth and right.
- (11) The civic slander and the spite.
- (12) Ring out false pride in place and blood.
- (13) With sweeter manners, purer laws.
- (14) Ring in the nobler modes of life.
- (15) And ancient forms of party strife.
- (16) Ring out a slowly dying cause.
- (17) Ring in redress to all mankind.
- (18) Ring out the feud of rich and poor.

- (19) For those that here we see no more.
- (20) Ring out the grief that saps the mind.
- (21) Ring out the false ring in the true.

In 1882 the tenor was recast, the previous bell being 6 tons 9 cwt., while the present one is 8 tons 2 cwt. 3 qrs., and is in height 6 feet, with a diameter of 7 ft. 7½ ins. Up to the present time twelve peals have been rung on the bells, viz.:—Grandsire Triples 1, Caters 7, Stedman Triples 1, Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2.

The first peal was on January 14th, 1888, being 5169 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours 35 minutes, composed by H. Hubbard, and conducted by Samuel Wood, who also called the first of Royal on the bells on May 20th, 1899. The only peal of Stedman Caters rung here was on September 13th, 1905, in 3 hours 45 minutes, composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William Pye. The last peal was Thurstans' four-part of Stedman Triples, on April 27th, 1912, in 3 hours 40 minutes, and is the heaviest peal of Triples yet rung single-handed. It was conducted by B. A. Knights.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN MULLIGAN.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. John Mulligan, a well-known Sheffield ringer, who passed away on Wednesday, March 8th, at the age of 60 years. Deceased had been in indifferent health for a considerable time, but had only been off work about four weeks, consumption being the cause.

His ringing career commenced at Norfolk Row, on the old peal of steel bells in 1874. He joined the company when the present peal were hung in 1875, and it was here that he conducted his first peal. He afterwards became a member of the Ranmoor company, where he called several peals of Grandsire Triples, and of late years was a member of the Sheffield Cathedral Society, resigning a few years ago on account of his health.

The funeral took place at Intake Cemetery on Monday, the 13th, in the presence of a large number of his fellow ringers, a course of Grandsire Triples being rung over the open grave by Messrs. Bugar, Holmes, Thorpe and Thomas.

Mr. Mulligan had placed some 60 peals to his credit, the majority of them being rung with the Yorkshire Association (of which he was a life member), his last being one of Kent Treble Bob Major at Norton on the 30th September, 1907. R.I.P.

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. W. MOORHOUSE, WAKEFIELD.

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256347 — — — —
354267 — — — —
543267 — — — —

453276 2
523476 1
352476 — — — —
532467 — — — —
342567 — — — —

653247 3 — — — —
534276 — — — —
345276 — — — —

563427 3 — — — —
325674 — — — —
425376 — — — —
435627 — — — — 8

345627 1 — — — — 8

4 times repeated.

"H" indicates in and out of Hunt at number of leads specified.

First rung at Sheffield on March 15th, 1916, on handbells, conducted by Clement Glenn.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Sunday, March 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Firth 1, W. Clark 2, T. Hepworth (1st 720) 3, G. Williamson 4, C. H. Thorley 5, J. Clarke (conductor) 6, Gunner H. Taylor 8 (covering).

THE OLDEST BELL RINGER.**DEATH OF A SOMERSET WORTHY.**

Death has just removed one who was probably England's oldest bell-ringer, in the person of Mr. Thomas Hawkins, of Street, Somerset. Born at Street on November 22nd, 1822, he had passed his 93rd birthday, and during the whole of his long life he had never permanently resided away from his native village. He began ringing at the age of 17 years, and celebrated his 90th birthday by taking part in a few rounds on the bells of his parish church. He was married in 1843, and resided until his death in the same house that he moved into at that time.

Mr. Hawkins had rung in most of the towers in the neighbourhood, tolled the bell at West Pennard, where he happened to be working, at the time of the death of the Duke of Wellington. He once climbed to the top of the pinnacle of the tower of St. John's, Glastonbury, to remove the weather-cock, and he refixed it again after it had been regilded. He also helped to fix the tenor at this church after it had been recast. Once, while working at Windsor, he had the privilege of talking with Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's Consort, although at the time he was unaware of his identity.

Mr. Hawkins had enjoyed very good health until a few years ago, but latterly he had suffered from severe bronchial colds. He was medically attended about a fortnight ago, but was well enough on Friday week to be able to walk to the Post Office to draw his old-age pension. On the following morning, about 6.30, however, he was seen by a passer-by on the pavement outside his front door in his night attire, and his daughters, Mrs. Dowden and Mrs. Grant, who live near by, having been promptly fetched, he was put to bed, where he expired shortly afterwards.

The funeral took place at Street Churchyard on Wednesday week, the Rev. R. M. Gibbons (assistant curate) officiating in the unavoidable absence of the Rector. Four of Mr. Hawkins' old comrades of the belfry—Messrs. Harry Griffin, George Richards, Hugh Marsh and Fred Marsh—acted as bearers; and after the interment muffled ringing took place on the bells of the parish church.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough district of the Northern Branch was held at Brigg on Saturday, and was well attended by ringers from Gainsborough, Scotter, Bigby and Scunthorpe, in addition to some of the local company. The bells were available during the afternoon and early part of the evening, and kept going to the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tea was provided by Miss Spencer, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby) presided. The Chairman made touching and sympathetic reference to the recent death of the Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke (Vicar of Caistor), who for several years was a honorary member of the Northern Branch, and a vote of condolence with Mrs. Westbrooke and others who were left to mourn their loss was unanimously passed by all present standing in silence.—The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

During the proceedings the Vicar of Brigg (Canon Claye, D.D.), who had been previously detained, entered the room and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, expressing pleasure at seeing such a good number present.

THE LATE MR. JAMES GRATRUX.**PRESTWICK LOSES AN OLD RINGER.**

On Tuesday, March 7th, was laid to rest in Prestwick Churchyard, all that was mortal of the late Mr. James Gratrix. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1887, and was an eager peal ringer, in those days when peals were worth having, being always willing, when his duties as warden in H.M. Prisons allowed him to take a rope. He rang altogether 45 peals, in Kent Major and Royal, Bob Major and Royal and Grandsire Triples and Caters.

Only a few ringers attended the funeral, chiefly owing to short notice, and to the fact in these days it is difficult to be excused work. Among those who gathered round the grave were four members of the family in khaki. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells deeply muffled, both before the service and after returning from the grave, two ladies and two wounded soldiers taking part. The deceased was 76 years of age, and had been in receipt of a pension for 22 years. Letters and telegrams of sympathy were sent to the family from friends who could not attend, and there was also a large number of wreaths.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, January 2nd, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Corporation to the church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Argent 1, H. Holden 2, G. Jones 3, G. Morrad 4, F. Hayes 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, January 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Argent 1, F. Hayes 2, G. Jones 3, G. Morrad 4, H. Holden 5, J. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BROOMFIELD.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, January 9th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Clark 1, C. Parsons 2, G. Parsons 3, Pte. F. Smith (Oxford and Bucks L.I.) 4, H. Bradley 5, Q.-M.-S. Hedges (Oxford and Bucks L.I.), conductor, 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—On January 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): *E. Wallace 1, N. H. Widdowson 2, R. A. Hickton 3, R. Drage 4, R. Hickton 5, H. Green 6, *T. Hutchinson 7, J. Bailey (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

HIGHAM, KENT.—On Sunday morning, January 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire: J. Avis, H. Holden, G. Jones, G. Morrad, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). First 720 in both methods on the bells, the old five having recently been rehung and a new treble added by A. Bowell, Ipswich.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On January 24th, a date touch of Bob Major (1916 changes), in 1 hour and 13 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 4, W. Hardman 5, T. Ogden 6, T. K. Driver 7, S. Holt 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 27th, for morning service, 1008 Double Norwich: W. W. Bailey 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, G. Wilson 3, A. Keeble 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, J. M. Bailey 8.—On March 5th, 1008 Bob Major, and on March 12th, 1056 Bob Major: W. W. Bailey 1, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, E. S. Bailey 5, G. Wilson 6, J. M. Button 7, J. G. Rumsey. Great credit is due to Mr. J. M. Button, who will be 78 years of age next month.

NUNEATON.—On Feb. 27th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, two courses of Cambridge Surprise Major, and for evening service, 704 of Cambridge Surprise: W. Martin 1, R. Pollard 2, H. Argyle 3, W. Horton 4, D. H. Argyle 5, J. F. Clarke 6, J. F. Clarke, senr., 7, W. Chapman 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—Recently, for evening service, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): C. Millward 1, W. Sharpe 2, F. Wilford (conductor) 3, S. J. Lawrence 4, R. W. Rogers 5, H. Key 6, Pte. O. Sippetts 7, W. Rogers 8, G. Flavell 9, E. James 10. Specially arranged for Pte. Sippetts, of the Royal Sussex, who is billeted in Northampton.

STANSTED.—Essex Association. — On March 3rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): *W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, T. J. Watts 3, *R. Law 4, F. Bird 5, A. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, *H. W. Watts 8. * First quarter-peal. On Sunday, March 5th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, R. Law 3, T. J. Watts 4, H. W. Watts 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, A. Jordan 8. This makes the conductor's 2,450th 720.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Saturday, March 4th, at St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 minutes: J. H. Ridyard 1, J. Ridyard 2, W. Jones 3, W. Oakes (age 18) 4, F. Grundy 5, J. Lowe (conductor) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, W. Grundy (age 17) 8. Rung immediately after Confirmation service, at which the Lord Bishop of Manchester officiated.

SWANSEA.—On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: E. Brooks 1, B. Clarke 2, L. H. Page 3, F. B. Stedman 4, A. Prince (conductor) 5, G. Alder 6, J. Eldridge 7, S. Cotterill 8. B. Clarke and L. H. Page are from Winchester Guild; G. Alder and J. Eldridge from Oxford Guild.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, before evensong, on Sunday, March 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the local band except the tenor man, who hails from Radstock: Percy Speed (aged 13 years) 1, S. Freke 2, F. Chivers 3, I. B. Holmyard (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, J. Hambleton 5, F. Speed 6, W. Keevil 7, T. Griffin 8.

HAWKHURST.—On Sunday evening, March 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, W. Billenness 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8.—On Sunday evening, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. W. Fox 1, J. Crowder 2, C. H. Walker 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, E. J. Pannett 5, H. Walker 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung as birthday compliment to Mr. H. Warnett, senr., also to Mrs. G. R. Simmonds and her son.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, March 12th, for Confirmation service, 288 Kent Treble Bob, 504 Stedman Triples, and 356 Double Norwich, the following taking part: F. Thompson, G. Hardy, W. Drew, J. Aviss, Lieut. J. C. G. Haggard (6th Batt. Suffolk Cyclists), A. Keeble, G. Wilson, E. S. Bailey, C. F. Bailey, J. G. Rumsey, J. Titterton. Conducted by C. F. Bailey and G. Wilson.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 12th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, F. Skevington 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Barrett 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, March 12th, at 405, Kingsland Road, Dalston, a 504 Stedman Triples, on handbells: T. Langdon 1-2, J. Hunt 3-4, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 5-6, R. W. Green 7-8. In the evening, on handbells, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 504 Stedman Triples: T. Langdon 1-2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3-4, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 5-6, W. Hewitt 7-8. Both touches were rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Grimes, mother of the conductor.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Monday, 13th Mar., 1916, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: C. Remnant 1, H. Mullard 2, T. Luff 3, G. Luff 4, T. Attwell 5, W. G. Brockhurst 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, Pte. A. G. Fitchett 8. Rung as a farewell to Pte. Fitchett, who was home on his final leave.

STREATHAM.—On March 19th, at St. Leonard's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: G. Barrington 1, J. C. Mitchell 2, H. Pates 3, J. Lee 4, C. Lewry 5, F. A. Smith (conductor) 6, A. Walton 7, B. Smith 8. First quarter as conductor.

BRAINTREE.—Essex Association. — On Sunday, March 19th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 768 Kent Treble Bob and 168 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Hammond 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Lindridge 3, W. H. Hammond 4, W. H. Dyson 5, E. J. Butler (Romford) 6, E. F. Slade 7, H. J. Collins 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1248 changes), rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters: A. W. Davis 1, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 2, J. J. Pratt 3, E. Hancox 4, W. Horne 5, W. Lawrence 6, A. Harding 7, H. H. Chandler 8.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, March 18th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Tester 1, J. Hart 2, W. Booth 3, G. Ades 4, H. Butcher 5, Sergt. W. Farley (N.S.Y.) 6, H. Statham (conductor) 7, G. Sharman 8. Rung after meeting late for a peal.

ALMONDBURY, YORKS.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Robertson 1, A. Walker 2, F. Blakeborough 3, H. Nutton 4, J. E. Carter (conductor) 5, J. E. Sykes 6.

TENBY, SOUTH WALES.—On Sunday, March 19th, after evening service, 1064 Grandsire Triples: T. John 1, T. Griffiths 2, J. Evans 3, W. Jenkins 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Richards 6, R. Jenkins (conductor) 7, Second-Lieut. E. V. Rodenhurst 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Knowling.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Floyd 1, C. Golding 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd, senr., 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, G. Sells 8. Arranged for G. Sells and C. Golding.

PULBOROUGH.—On Sunday afternoon, March 19th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Chichester to hold a Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Greenfield 1, S. Stone 2, R. Wood 3, J. Burdfield 4, G. H. Lee 5, S. W. Corden 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

A GOOD TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if these are the figures for the 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Streatham, on Feb. 6th, and published in "The Ringing World" for March 3rd? If so I was lucky in pricking them out "on the first time of asking." The qualifications given are, calls at every position of tenor, in four courses, with 6-4 and 6-5 in 5-6 full bobs at "home" and the 6th at "home" two courses.

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32546		4th & In.		
23456		In & 5th's	1	2

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Newington, on Saturday, March 25th, 1916. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares allowed up to 2s. Subscriptions for 1916 should be paid on or before that date.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, March 25th, 1916. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Reports are ready. Tea will be provided in the Schoolroom at 8d. each for those sending in to Mr. J. Rollerson, 70, Schofield Road, Rawtenstall, not later than 23rd.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided at a small charge at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on March 28th, for business. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available from 3.30 to 7.30 p.m. The members of the Committee are requested to meet in the Church Institute at 4.30.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. The next meeting will be held on April 1st at Oldham Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. to dusk. Business meeting 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the society will be held at Idle on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (new peal of 8, tenor 16 cwt., by Taylor) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m., in the White Bear Hotel. — Wm. Barton, Honorary Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, April 1st. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Branch Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—Will members and friends kindly note, that during the absence of the Hon. District Secretary (Mr. H. Rumens) on Military Service, the secretarial duties will be undertaken by the undersigned, to whom all subscriptions and communications should be sent. — Ernest J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE WILLIAM SNOWDON.—The Members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers propose to erect a Memorial to the late William Snowdon in the form of a Brass Tablet in Ilkley Parish Church, near to the Ringers' Window already erected to the memory of his brother, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. Will any person wishing to be associated with this movement kindly communicate with the Treasurer to the Fund, Mr. H. Williams, New Worthy Cemetery, Leeds, Yorks.

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