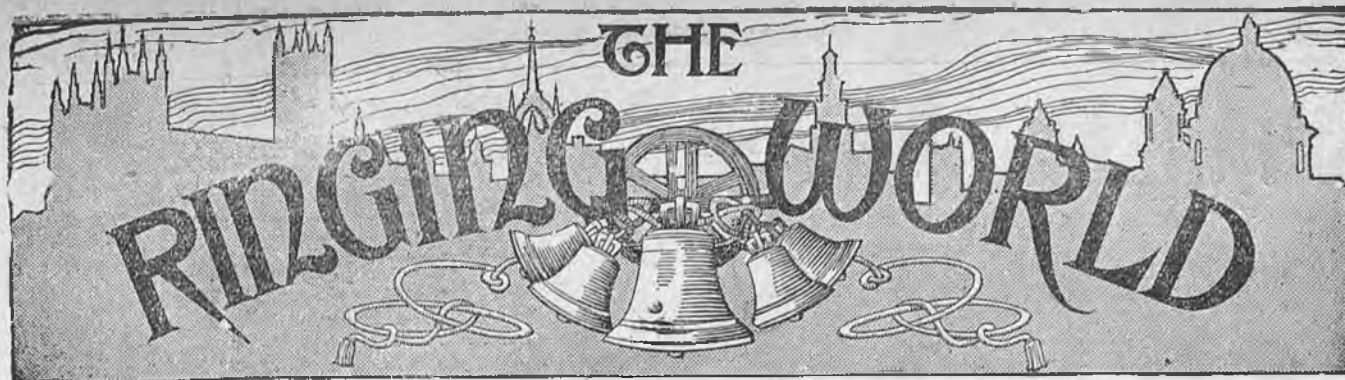




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Gentlemen.

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

MEETINGS.

The Easter holiday is one which is favoured by several associations for their annual meeting, and under pre-war conditions it was as convenient a day as could be found for those organisations who made up their accounts and reports to the end of the preceding year. Even in the two war years that have gone, Easter Monday gatherings have been attended by considerable success, but the prospects for the meetings to be held next week are less rosy. Since last year a great many more men have been drafted from the belfry into the service of the State, while for those who remain there is an increased handicap in the restrictions on railway travelling brought about by the raising of fares. These two things are bound to tell heavily against the various association gatherings this year.

Annual meetings of associations are more or less essential to the proper carrying on of affairs; but in view of the increased difficulties of members in travelling comparatively long distances to attend them, the necessity of maintaining the district and branch meetings becomes more important. In the case of the Winchester Guild the annual festival has been abandoned for this year, but in making this decision, the committee were emphatic in their desire that the district meetings should be continued. It is of real importance to the future of the Exercise that, in the stress of the present times, members should exert themselves to keep their meetings going; and while long journeys to a central gathering may be out of the question, men can usually find time to put in an hour or two occasionally at a district meeting—unless, of course, the imperative and paramount needs of the State make it impossible—and the best interests of ringing will be served if no effort is lost to make the smaller but more frequent district gatherings of real utility and complete success.

But while these Association affairs are of considerable importance to the maintenance of ringing, the meetings of the Central Council, under circumstances like the present, are on a somewhat different footing; and it was no surprise to learn last week from the Hon. Secretary that, by a very large majority, the Council had decided not to hold any meeting this year. That decision is unquestionably a wise one, for existing conditions would have made it extremely improbable that a representative gathering would have been obtained. As has been so often pointed out, the next meeting of the Council, whenever it is held, will be of much importance to the future of the body—as important to its own existence as any meeting held since its formation—and it is therefore all the more necessary to secure as full an attendance as possible. It will be far better to wait another year, and meet as an adequately representative body, than to attempt to settle important questions through the small proportion of members who would probably be able to attend such a gathering next Whitsun.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1917, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JESSE GILLET Treble	CHARLES DYSON 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	SAMUEL NEWMAN 6
EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 3	THOMAS NEWMAN 7
GEORGE CONDICK 4	*WILLIAM DRINKWATER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Pte. Joseph Devereux, who died in France from wounds received in action.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

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

On Tuesday, March 27, 1917, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Witness: MR. W. A. GREENING.

Rung in memory of the late Mr. A. E. Brightman (no tower bells being available).

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Pte J. Barnes, of Emmanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, 10th King's Liverpool Regiment.

Cadet W. Kingdon, St. Mary's, Harrow, R.F.C.

Pte Cecil Greenfield, St. Mary's, Pulborough, Sussex, Grenadier Guards.

WHERE IS LANCASHIRE'S OLDEST BELL?

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Jas. Houldsworth there are at least twenty bells in Lancashire older than the Flemish bell at Whalley, dated 1537. There may be more. Seventeen of these twenty bells are in thirteen churches, two are in private possession, and one (at Clayton Hall) belongs to the Corporation of Manchester. The oldest bell in Lancashire, and probably the oldest dated bell in the Kingdom, is at Cloughton, near Lancaster. It is inscribed ANNO . DNI . M . CC . NONOG . VI (i.e., 1296), and is 21in. diameter. A facsimile of the inscription is given in Mr. H. B. Walker's "Church Bells of England" (p. 22); G. S. Tyack's "Book about Bells" (p. 46); Axon's "Bygone Lancashire" (p. 114); and in the "Palatine Note Book," Vol. iv. (p. 121). The bell is referred to in Raven's "Bells of England" (1906), at page 63; and in Ellacombe's "Bells of the Church" (1872), at page 250.

The other mediæval bells in Lancashire so far noted occur at Aldingham (2), Bolton-le-Sands, Bradshaw, Brindle (2), Colton, Downham (2), Hulton (2), Longridge, Over Kellett, Roby (1512), St. Michael's-on-Wyre (1458), and Urswick. The two bells in private possession belonged to the Churches of Broughton-in-Furness and Samlesbury respectively.

A lengthy account of the Aldingham and Urswick bells will be found in "Furness Lore," being the Transactions of the Barrow Naturalists Field Club for 1900. The Brindle and Roby bells are described in Vol. xxxii. of the Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, those at Bradshaw and Clayton Hall, Manchester, in Vol. xxxiii. of the same Transactions, and that at St. Michael's-on-Wyre in Vol. xvi. of the Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. In all cases facsimiles of the inscriptions are given. The tenor at Ormskirk bears the date 1497, but also that of its recasting in 1576. As probably Mr. Houldsworth is aware, the Whalley bell is from the foundry of Peter van den Gheyn, of Louvain.

54, Sussex Road, Southport.
March 31st, 1917.

F. H. CHEETHAM.

CORRECTION.

In the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Earlsheaton, Yorkshire, and published in our issue of March 30th, the name of the ringer of the 3rd was Wm. Barton, and not J. R. Barton, as stated.

PROOF AND COMPOSITION OF TREBLE BOB METHODS.

By GABRIEL LINDOFF.

(Continued from Vol. XI, page 238.)

Setting out a three-part table differs but slightly to that of setting out a five-part, the only difference being that when you have extracted the M leads from the natural course-ends, place them all in the same column, downwards, instead of one in each column as in a five-part.

It will be found that three-part tables containing thirty course-ends are limited to two in number, and as both of these tables have been published I will pass on to two-part tables, they having been the least worked of any of the various tables in parts.

In selecting course-ends for two-part composition, it will be found that thirty course-ends are not available owing to the fact that not more than twenty-four can be got true in the same two-part relation to one another.

Below I append in full the twenty-four natural course-ends selected to build up our two-part table.

1A	2A	3B	4B	5A	6A
23456	25463	43526	45236	36245	53246
35264		32465	53462		34562
56342	2 B	26354	36524	5 B	46325
64523	36452	65243	62345		62453
42635		54632	24653	25346	25634

You will notice that these courses can be selected in pairs and will bear the same relation to one another, that relation being the 6th turned over with the 5th and the 2nd with the 3rd, the 4th being fixed. The partner for 23456 is 32465 and for 35264 is 26354.

In columns 2 and 5 you will notice I have selected in each case one from A and one from B that bear a two-part relation to one another as well as being true to one another.

The following table has been built up from these twenty-four course-ends:—

TWO-PART TABLE.

Col I.	Col II.	Col I.	Col II.
642 35	543 26	564 23	654 32
264 35	354 26	456 23	465 32
426 35	435 26	645 23	546 32
1 563 24	352 46	652 34	263 45
356 24	265 34	235 46	326 45
632 54	523 64	523 46	632 45
263 54	352 64	354 26	264 35
326 54	235 64	435 26	426 35
		543 26	642 35
342 56	243 65	245 36	346 25
234 56	324 65	524 36	634 25
2 645 32	563 24	452 36	463 25
563 42	652 43	6 623 54	365 42
356 42	265 43	532 64	256 43
635 42	526 43	236 54	325 64
		625 34	536 24
523 64	632 54	534 62	624 53
352 64	263 54	246 35	345 26
3 426 53	645 32	623 54	532 46
642 53	543 62	253 46	325 64
264 53	354 62	536 24	625 34
425 63	436 52	625 34	536 24
356 42	265 43	536 24	625 34
635 42	526 43	653 24	562 34
563 42	652 43	365 24	256 34
234 65	426 53	4 452 63	246 35
423 65	324 56	245 63	346 52
342 65	243 56	524 63	634 52
236 45	325 46	456 23	465 32
		645 23	546 32
		564 23	654 32

362 45	253 46	423 56	432 65
236 45	325 46	11 635 24	562 43
623 45	532 46	562 34	653 24
9 534 26	452 63	256 34	365 24
453 28	462 35		
342 56	243 65	326 54	235 64
234 56	324 65	12 465 23	542 36
423 56	432 65	542 63	458 32
			643 25
462 53	453 62		643 52
246 53	345 62		
10 365 42	534 26	256 43	624 35
536 42	625 43		
653 42	562 43		
364 52	254 63		

Missing Wrongs and Homes that are not included in the table, but can be used.

Wrongs.	Homes.
564 32	24536
542 36	52436
254 36	45236
425 36	45362
	34562
	53462
	34625
	63425
	46325
	46253
	24653
	62453

From this table the two following peals have been extracted. They constitute for the present the record length for a two-part.

7,616 Treble Bob Major.

23456	M	B	W	H
54326			2	2
26543	2		1	
45362	1		1	
32654	1		1	2
53624	1	—	2	
32546	2		2	
56423	2	—	2	2
25463	1	—	2	
25634	—		1	
25346	—		1	
54263	—			
32465	2	—	1	1
	Repeated.			

7,616 Treble Bob Major.

23456	M	B	W	H
54326			2	2
26543	2		1	
45362	1		1	
32654	1		1	2
25463	1		2	
25634	—			1
53624			2	
32546	2		2	
36245	2			1
64352	—			
56423	2		2	2
32465	1		1	1
	Repeated.			

If these peals are started below the underlined course the 6th will be extent H in each case.

Tracing these peals through the table will give one a greater insight into the working of these tables than anything I know of.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CEREMONY AT PENWORTHAM.

On Saturday week, a meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Penwortham Parish Church. Members were present from the surrounding towers, but, owing to the war and the increased difficulties of travelling, the attendance was not so large as usual.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the hanging on the wall of the belfry of a panel containing photographs of five members of the Penwortham band who are on active service abroad in His Majesty's Forces. The photos are beautifully mounted and fixed in a frame of dark oak, with the rank, name and regiment of each below. On the top is inscribed "Penwortham S. Mary's Society of Change Ringers," and below, "Members of His Majesty's Forces on Active Service, February, 1917." The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Young, Vicar of S. Paul's, Preston, who is an active member of the Lancashire Association. In a few well-chosen words he complimented the Penwortham band on the way in which they had commemorated their members' response to the call of "King and Country."

A vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Young was proposed by the Vicar (the Rev. O. Burton), and seconded by Mr. E. W. Hutchinson.

Several touches of Bob Minor, College Single and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon, after which the party were hospitably entertained by Mrs. Burton, whose kindness was thoroughly appreciated.

The Branch meeting was then held, and it was decided that Brindle should be the next meeting-place, in June.

Cordial thanks to Mrs. Burton and the Vicar brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL SPITTLE.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley. Although the weather was not all that could be desired, upwards of 70 members availed themselves of the opportunity of being present, and the ring of ten bells was available from 3.30 until 9 o'clock, a fact which was greatly appreciated. The service, which was fairly well attended, was conducted by the President of the Guild (the Rev. Dr. Gray Maitland, LL.D., Vicar of Dudley), who gave a very inspiring address from the words: "He being dead, yet speaketh." He made special reference of the loss the Guild has sustained by the death of its late Ringing Master, Mr. S. Spittle, dwelling upon Mr. Spittle's life's work as a churchman and ringer.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the School room, where tea was in readiness, which on such a wet and miserable day was much appreciated and enjoyed. Mrs. Gray Maitland, Mrs. Stuart-King, Mrs. Rawson, Mrs. J. P. Bill and Mrs. Tait presided at the urns, and among those present were the Rev. Dr. Gray Maitland, the Rev. C. M. Stuart-King; Messrs. J. M. Tait (people's warden), J. P. Bill (ex-warden), Councillor H. Wilkes, and Mr. Arthur Spittle. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Messrs. F. R. McDowell (Vicar's warden), T. Cooper, John Smith, W. R. Small, H. Mallin, and others. The following towers were represented: Blakenhall, Bliston, Coseley, Dudley, Sedgley, Tipton, Old Hill, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Smethwick, etc.

THE LATE MASTER'S SERVICES RECOGNISED.

Before commencing the business meeting, the President referred in very feeling terms to the loss the Guild has sustained by the death of their Ringing Master, who for 71 years was a faithful and devout servant of the Parish Church, and was foremost in the formation of the Dudley Guild and its Ringing Master until his death—a period of eighteen years. The Chairman added that he thought they would like to take that, the first, opportunity of expressing their sympathy and condolence to the widow and family of their late Ringing Master, and he believed the widow and family would appreciate that expression.

The motion was carried in silence by the members standing, and the secretary was requested to send a suitable letter.

The following Ringing Masters of Kindred Societies spoke in high terms of Mr. Spittle's work as a change ringer, and in connection with change ringing: Mr. A. E. Parsons (Worcestershire Association), Mr. J. E. Groves (St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham), Mr. J. George (Warwickshire Guild), Mr. J. Bradney (Archdeaconry of Salop), Mr. W. Fisher (Archdeaconry of Stafford), and Mr. H. Mason, the newly-elected Ringing Master of the Dudley Guild. Mr. Parsons spoke upon the work Mr. Spittle had done for the Worcestershire Association, and said that it was partly owing to the work of Mr. Spittle that the Worcestershire Association was formed. It was he who did a lot of spade work, and helped in the "polishing" later. The spirit shown by Mr. Spittle was magnificent, and in recognition of the valuable services which he had rendered to the Association they conferred upon him the honour of Vice-President, which position he had held ever since. The members of the Worcestershire Association revered him, and on their behalf he desired to express the feelings which they felt upon the loss the ringers had sustained by the death of Mr. Spittle, and the deep reverence which he personally held for the memory of the departed veteran.

After the other ringing masters had paid their tribute to Mr. Spittle's work as a ringer, Mr. Arthur Spittle (son), on behalf of the family, thanked the speakers for their kind and sympathetic reference to his father, and at the same time offered to present to the Guild for all time, in the keeping of the Vicar and churchwardens of Dudley, and the Ringing Master of the Dudley company, as soon as a deed of gift could be drawn up, a peal of 56 handbells which had belonged to his late father, for the use of the Dudley and District Guild, a gift which the President gladly accepted.

THE NEW MASTER.

The Secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard) then read his annual report, which, with the balance sheet, was passed, and ordered to be printed.

All the officers were re-elected, while Mr. Harry Mason, of Old Hill, was unanimously elected Ringing Master, and in him the members realise they have a worthy successor to the late Mr. Spittle.

Several new members were elected, including two ladies, and on the proposition of the Rev. Gray Maitland, seconded by Mr. Mason, Mr. Arthur Spittle and Mr. Councillor H. Wilkes were added to the list of Vice-Presidents.

At the close of the meeting, a vote of thanks was accorded to the President for conducting the service in church, presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the Schoolroom, tower and bells; to the deputy organist, and the choir boys, who had assisted in making the service bright and cheerful; to the donors to the tea fund; to the ladies who presided at the tables, to those who had prepared and served the tea, and had kindly looked after the comforts of those present; and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting such a great success.

HALF-TERM.

HOW THE MASTER AND HIS BOYS SPENT THEIR HOLIDAY.

I wonder if any of your readers remember the account of our tour in the Isle of Wight—"insolent" (In Solent) behaviour Mr. Boughey called it, but this is believed to have been a joke, and a watery one at that. Still, if there are any who remember us it may interest them to know that we are still going strong, although some of our members are no longer with us, having left in accordance with the natural law of schools. **Willis** is now at Clifton College, and the B.N. has departed to Cheltenham Town, where he is believed to be acquiring unthinkable knowledge in Latin and Greek. Still we have tried to fill their places, and are a merry little party, as you may see by the picture. Tommy major's smile is as broad as ever, and if Tommy

we caught the two o'clock boat to Hythe. "Some" boat, that; she has got paddle-wheels and two ends. Now don't begin to say, "Well, we knew that," because if you do, it shows you know nothing at all about it. She really has two ends, or rather a rudder at either end, and she clamps one rudder when she wants to steer with the other, so that it forms her bow. I wonder if that ship in which they went hunting the "Snark" was made on this plan! If so, that might account for the rudder and the bowsprit getting mixed. But our boat had no bowsprit that I could discover, and she carried us safely to Hythe without getting mixed in any way. A two-mile walk brought us to Dibden, where we met the Vicar, who gave us a hearty welcome. The local ringers, too, were very kind; they had raised the bells before our arrival. The party was joined by Mr. George Williams and Mr. Wilks, who had come with a motor cycle and sidecar. Mr. Chambers, also, had come from North Stoneham to assist us, and a very pleasant ring we had. In the evening we returned to Westend, and



ME.
L. B.

TOMMY MINOR.
JACKY.

JOHNNIE.
BIDDY.

TOMMY MAJOR.
PHIZ.

minor looks serious that is not his fault; the photographer made a weak joke, and "he always looks grave at a pun." I am hard put to it to find a title for this article; someone suggested "'Hims' Ancient and Modern," but I object to the ancient. Suppose we call it "Half-term," for it really is of Half-term that I am going to tell you. We started on Friday evening at 4 o'clock, when Mr. Andrew called for us with a "Tin Lizard," and we all managed to squeeze in—yes; all nine of us, that is, including Mr. Andrew—and made our way safely to Westend, where George and Mrs. Williams were awaiting us with a hearty welcome, and such a tea! Handbell ringing occupied our attention on the Friday night, our most ambitious performance being a 720 of Bob Minor, in which Tommy minor rang 1-2, and George Williams conducted from 5-8. The party then separated to the various quarters provided for them, some staying at the Fleming Arms, Swatling; a house which is not unknown to some of your readers.

On Saturday morning we started early for Southampton, where we spent the time in shopping and facing the camera, and after lunch

enjoyed another pleasant evening with the handbells and vocal music, in which Tommy major greatly distinguished himself.

On Sunday morning we attended service at North Stoneham, where we had a pull with the local ringers, and in the afternoon we visited St. Mary's, Southampton, having received a cordial invitation from Mr. Wilks, who was there to welcome us, as were many others. To all and each of the kind friends who helped to make our outing such a success we would extend our thanks, but above all to Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, who have done so much for us on this and many other occasions.

E. B. J.

P.S.—Last Sunday was Tommy minor's 18th birthday. We tried for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the handbells, but came to grief in the 4th six-score. However, he succeeded in ringing the treble for his first six-score for morning service at Titchfield, and we made no mistake about the birthday tea—Buttered eggs, potted lobsters, birthday cake; all the course ends came up true; or, should I say, went down?

PRESENTATION TO LLANDAFF DIOCESAN SECRETARY.

A presentation of silver, suitably inscribed, was made on Tuesday evening of last week in All Saints' Church Belfry, Newport, to Mr. J. W. Jones, the conductor of All Saints' ringers, and honorary secretary to the Llandaff Diocesan Association ringers. The presentation was made by the Rev. Charles Bennett, on behalf of the Newport ringers, All Saints' Church officials and friends, as a mark of esteem in which Mr. Jones is held, the occasion being Mr. and Mrs. Jones' silver wedding.

CROYDON, SURREY. — At the Parish Church, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): H. W. Willis (first quarter-peal) 1, W. S. Wise (conductor) 2, J. Rumbold 3, C. Dean 4, J. Talbot 5, W. Groves 6, F. Holder 7, W. Pope 8.

THE LATE MR. A. W. GRIMES' HANDBELLS.

In order to assist the widow and young family of the late Mr. A. W. Grimes, the deceased ringer's fine peal of 18 handbells are being disposed of. It is much to be hoped that a good sum will be raised by this means, and those who are willing to try and dispose of tickets, which are 3d. each, should communicate with Mr. W. Pye, 8, Sanson Road, Lansdown Road, Leytonstone.

ACTON.—On February 28th, 336 Grandsire Triples, by: Miss Edith Jones (conductor) 1, H. Stevens 2, Staff-Sergt. E. T. Verrels 3, C. Edwards 4, H. Chaffey 5, J. Fruin 6, W. Lawrence 7, A. Davis 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Annie Bolland, whose marriage to Mr. Fredk. Romain took place the previous day at St. John's Church, Devizes. The bride, who is an enthusiastic change ringer at St. John's, is a schoolfellow and friend of the conductor.

NOTICES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The district meeting for the South Eastern Division will be held at All Saints', Writtle, on Easter Monday. Bells available 2.30. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Iron Room. Tea, ninepence each. F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.—Subscriptions for 1917 are now due.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Easter Monday. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available for ringing at 11 a.m. The bells of Holy Trinity, Watermoor (8), will also be open for ringing during the day. All ringers are cordially invited.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 46, Goddard Street, Swindon, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 9th. Ringing at St. Martin's and St. John's from 11 a.m. Tea (1/- each) at 4.15 p.m. at the 'Granby' Restaurant, near the G.P.O. Committee meeting same place at 3.30 p.m. Will those persons who intend being present for tea kindly notify Mr. W. Willson, 23, Hopefield Road, by the Thursday evening previous, as a guarantee must be given to the caterers?—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Mytholmroyd on Easter Monday, April 9th. Draw for order of ringing in the school at 10.45 a.m. The bells at St. Thomas a Beckett's, Heptonstall, will be open for ringing from noon till dusk.—F. Salmons, Sec., 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 9th, 1917. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 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 Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea will be provided at the Angel Hotel, Tidbury, at 5.15 p.m. Bells available:—Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), Hallow (8), St. Helens (8), St. Nicholas (6), St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). These bells will be available for short touches until 9 p.m. 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, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on Easter Monday. Bells available from 1.30 p.m. until dusk. Any party of ringers desiring to ring in the morning should communicate with Mr. H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Emscote (Warwick) on Easter Monday. Bells available, St. Mary's, Warwick (10), 6 till 7 p.m., Leamington (8) 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., Emscote (8) all day. Service at All Saints', Emscote, 3 o'clock. Committee meeting 3.30, followed by business meeting in Emscote schools. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—J. H. White, 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, Bedford, on Easter Monday, at 3.30. Committee meeting at 3, same place. The bells at St. Paul's and St. Peter's will be available.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Cathedral belfry open from 12—1, and again at 2 p.m. St. Peter's at 1.30. Those who would like a pull on St. Stephen's or St. Michael's bells, a letter to me stating time and number of ringers would be forwarded to the respective conductors. Choral evensong at Cathedral, 5 p.m. (please don't be late), with address by the Rev. C. F. Ayerst, Vicar of Watford. Tea at Abbey Institute, 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify attendance not later than Monday, April 9th, so that ample arrangements can be made for tea.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., "Duffield," St. Albans.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on April 10th and 24th, and for handbell practice on the 19th. There will also be ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday the 15th at 6 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The General meeting of the above Society will be held at Headingley, St. Chad's, on Saturday, April 14th, 1917. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Parish Room after the bells are ceased. The election of officers will take place.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Sec. 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on April 14th. Unveiling ceremony of tablet to the late Mr. Fred Derbyshire by Rev. H. J. Elsee M.A., at 3.30. Meeting to follow. The bells will be available for ringing afterwards.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, established 1824).—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, on Saturday, 14th April. Ringing from 3.45 to 7.45 p.m., followed by a business meeting at the Devonshire Arms, Queen St. Ringers and friends welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate, E.C. (2).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 19th annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, W.C., on Saturday, April 14th, 1917. The service will be held at 3.15 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall, for which a small charge of 6d. each will be made. Owing to the size of the hall, it will be necessary to have relays at 5.15 and 6.15 p.m., and those who intend to be present are requested to send a notification by postcard, not later than Tuesday, April 10th, to Mr. W. H. Oram, 25, Crown St., Harrow, as tea will only be provided for those who signify their intention to be present. Members should send in their notices early to prevent disappointment. At the business meeting the President will take the chair. The following towers will be open for ringing, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 4.15 to 7, except 6 to 6.30, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 4.30 to 6.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown St., Harrow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesday on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3. Service in Church at 5.15, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. T. P. H. Hyatt). Tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 10th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Stapleton on Saturday, 14th April. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying by 11th instant.—Chas. J. Walton, 4, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson) at Heston, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by invitation at 6. Members please note that subscriptions are now due.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, Saturday, April 21st. Ringing from 4 to 7. Meeting afterwards, at which important business dealing with the rules will be brought forward.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DONCASTER.—On Sunday evening, February 24th, for a memorial service, for Capt. Dr. Sandford, son of Archdeacon Sandford, Vicar of Doncaster, who was killed in France when leading his men, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 55 mins.: H. Fèvre 1, F. Ashe 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Scott 4, G. Clarke 5, A. Ashe 6, G. Halksworth (conductor) 7, W. Howard 8.

PLYMOUTH.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday, Feb. 24th, for evening service (in 46 mins.), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Kentfield 1, Pte A. Croucher (Aldershot) 2, W. Hobbs 3, W. Richards 4, W. Rundle 5, J. Woodley 6, Pte W. Malins, Rugby (conductor) 7, G. Kerswell 8.

GORING, OXON.—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 26th, for divine service, 360 Grandsire Minor: L. R. Hayward 1, J. Bower 2, W. Aldridge 3, J. Carter 4, W. Napper (conductor) 5, G. Wilson 6.—On March 1st, 480 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Napper 1, J. Bower 2, W. Aldridge 3, J. Carter 4, G. Wilson (conductor) 5, G. Goodall 6; and in the evening 720 Grandsire Minor and 720 Bob Minor: G. Goodall (first 720 and first attempt) 1, J. Bower 2, W. Aldridge 3, J. Carter 4, W. Napper 5, G. Wilson 6, W. Napper conducted the Grandsire Minor, and G. Wilson the Bob Minor. This was the first ringing done in the evening at this church for a long time, owing to the restrictions of the use of church bells after dark.—On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor, and 360 in the same method for evening service, both conducted by W. Napper.

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