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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 SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Apart from the question of peal ringing, the effects of the war have varied considerably with the different associations. All, of course, have suffered from the temporary loss of members, but there are some who still are able to command a fair attendance at their annual meetings, and Surrey seems to be among the fortunate ones. When the Association met at Croydon the other day the number of members who put in an appearance was extremely gratifying, and although there were missing faces, the gathering was a surprisingly good one for a war-time "annual." True, Croydon offers many attractions for Surrey ringers; it is conveniently situated for many to reach, it has two capital peals of bells, and it is one of the modern centres of the bell founding industry. These facts all tended to make the annual meeting a success, but the sustained interest of the members in adverse conditions was doubtless the underlying factor which really counted. That Surrey ringers have been "carrying on" successfully despite all the handicaps was testified to by the Master, who, in his customary review, was able to show that Sunday service ringing had been well maintained, and that the financial position of the Association had been upheld despite the difficulties of the times.

The position of the Surrey Association is a somewhat peculiar one. Its "sphere of influence" does not cover the whole county, a considerable portion of the south-western area being within the well-established bounds of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, while in part of the London district which overlaps the northern edge of the county, the Association's hold is not very comprehensive. Thus its operations are considerably circumscribed; and while it lives in complete amity with its neighbours, there is little room for expansion. It has, however, been a matter for surprise that the Association has not pressed more persistently towards the Thames, as its neighbour in Kent has done, for, while an endeavour to embrace towers in the south-west of the county might be to tread on delicate ground, South London towers inside the Surrey border ought to be an open recruiting ground, just as much as towers on the other side of the river come into the Middlesex fold.

The fact that such societies as the College Youths, the Cumberlands, and the London County Association, extend their influence through this area ought to be no obstacle, for these three venerable organizations are looked upon in a totally different light to the ordinary, geographically defined association. The three London societies which are mentioned occupy a very special position, and are not likely in these days to resent the coming

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**OPINION OF OUR
MODERN WORK.**

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of a kindred association into their midst, so long as the new comer confines its activities to that area to which it is legitimately entitled. The South London Surrey towers might, therefore, offer a wider field for the expansion of the County Association than they have yet done, although, of course, the fact that the Surrey Association has been established nearly 40 years and has not yet embraced these belfries may be good evidence that such a policy is not advisable or practicable.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 2, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5003 CHANCES;*

Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY 1	CHARLES DRAPER 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JOHN FLINT 7
CHARLES E. HART 3	GEORGE HOLLIS 8
ALBERT H. WARD 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9
JOHN HOLMAN 5	FRANK JACOBS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLLIS.

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rang with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. David C. Parthing, for 48 years a ringer at the above Church, who died on January 24th and was interred on the 27th.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, January 24, 1918, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720s each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1—2	FREDERICK PRYKE 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3—4	STANLEY SMITH 6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of A. Symonds, which occurred on the previous day, when a 5040 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was unsuccessfully attempted.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Long Ashton on Saturday week. About 80 ringers (including nine ladies) were present from Portishead, Wraxall and Bristol. Before service, touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples were rung, and also some rounds, by eight ladies, this being the first occasion on which the bells have been rung entirely by ladies. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Young), who gave an excellent address.

The tea and meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Vicar. Perhaps some of the unfortunate ringers who have had to wait in queues for butter, may like to hear that this commodity was very much in evidence, thanks to one of the ringers being a farmer. Probably there would have been 100 ringers present had this fact been advertised in "The Ringing World."

It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Portishead. All the officers were re-appointed, the secretary, Mr. G. Yeo, for the fourteenth time.—Ten new members were elected, of whom eight were ladies.

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Portishead.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and giving the address, to the organist for his assistance at the service, and to all those who helped to make the meeting a success by supplying the provisions for tea and arranging all other details.

More touches were rung after tea, including Stedman and Grand-sire Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*CHARLES EVANS... .. Treble	THOMAS WALTON 5
THOMAS GRIFFITHS 2	HARRY JEAVOUS 6
WILLIAM MILLS, Jnr. 3	WILLIAM MILLS, Senr. 7
FREDERICK EVANS 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HARRY JEAVOUS.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Dr. Sumdell, on the completion of 30 years as Vicar of Sedgley.

* First peal.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	FREDERICK EVANS 5
FRANK BOUCHER 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
GEORGE COOKE 3	SIDNEY DAWE 7
ALBERT ADDICOTT 4	FRANK STEPHENS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal of Triples for the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th and tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of upwards of sixty men of this parish, and especially to Charles Mountstephens and Frederick Harford, ringers of this Tower, all of whom have fallen in the war.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH).

On Saturday, February 2, 1918, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At St. James' Church, MILNROW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDM. SCHOFIELD Treble	H. DEVONPORT 5
G. STAFF 2	J. GREENWOOD 6
WM. CRABTREE, R.N.A.S. 3	J. H. C. MASSEY 7
PTE. R. MACKRILL 4	H. BUCKLEY Tenor

Conducted by G. STAFF.

Rung as a welcome to Wm. Crabtree, who was home on leave. The ringer of the 3rd bails from Todmorden, and is now stationed at Plymouth, the 4th from Hammersmith, at present in Birch Hill Military Hospital, Diarney, Rochdale, the 5th from Todmorden, the 6th from Accrington, and the rest from Milnrow.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, February 2, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
JOSEPH FAULKNER 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 4	*ARTHUR GRAINGER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. A. Rowley, a much-respected member of the local band.

* First peal.

AN APPEAL.

A fund has been opened at Ipswich for the benefit of Mr. Daniel Prentice, who, owing to indifferent health, has had to relinquish work for some time past, and whose present circumstances are such that the many ringers who have known Mr. Prentice through his association with St. Mary-le-Tower Church can lend a helping hand at an opportune time. In former years Mr. Prentice took a prominent part in ringing in Suffolk, and was an able conductor, as well as ringer. Donations forwarded to Mr. William Motts, 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich, will be gratefully acknowledged.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North and East District was held, as in former years, on Saturday last, at Southgate. A capital attendance of members and friends made good use of the bells, when touches comprising of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich Major were rung. Service was held in the church at 6 p.m., and took the form of evensong and war intercession, after which all adjourned to the Cherry Tree, where a rationed tea was provided, "Nuttie" and "Billy" doing justice to the jam.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the President, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., supported by Mr. F. A. Milne, vice-president. The meeting learned with deep regret of the death of three members, Pte. L. G. Hicks, of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton; Lieut. C. J. W. Alderton, of St. James', Clerkenwell; and Mr. W. Childs, of Barnet. Votes of condolence were passed with their relatives.

The Hon. Secretary gave a short account of the district doings for the year, stating that six meetings were held, and were well attended, 22 new members were elected, while death claimed no fewer than eight, several of whom leave behind memories revered by all. Three fell on the battlefield. Some towers have been further depleted, and the war roll lengthened. Four members had accomplished noteworthy achievements, Mr. J. George on passing 600 peals, and Mr. E. Barnett, son-in-law, 500. Mr. J. E. Miller, of Southgate, completing 25 peals as a ringer there, and Mr. W. Pyle on raising £66 for the widow of the late Mr. A. Grimes.

The balance sheet presented was satisfactory, showing about £1 advance on previous years service.—One new member was elected.

Several suggestions were made for the place of the next meeting, and it was eventually left to the hon. secretary to make the best arrangements possible.

On the proposition of the president, the district officers were re-elected en bloc.

The meeting expressed their gratitude to the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow) for again allowing them to visit Southgate wishing him a complete and speedy recovery from his present illness; and to Mr. J. E. Miller for making the necessary arrangements.

The handbells were then brought into use, and so finished a pleasant gathering.

The hon. secretary (Sapper C. T. Coles) sent his best wishes to the meeting, and to all members of the Association.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO FALLEN RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Stinchcombe on Saturday week, members attending from most of the towers in the district. By the kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. Dr. Reynell Reynell) muffled ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and the Rector conducted a special memorial service for members of the Branch, who had been killed during the war, with prayers for those who are now serving their country in the army and navy. The very appropriate address of the Rector, and the able services of Mr. James H. Fussell at the organ, made the service most suitable to the occasion.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rector, who said it was through the co-operative system of the Stinchcombe ringers that they were able to provide a tea, as under the present war conditions he was unable to offer the members hospitality at the Rectory as he had done on previous occasions.

The Hon. Secretary read a report of the year's work, and presented the balance sheet, which was passed as most satisfactory. The receipts were £4; working expenses of the branch, £1 14s. 3d., leaving a balance of £2 5s. 9d. to be sent to the hon. treasurer.

Mr. H. W. Fussell was elected chairman of the branch; Mr. G. Sheppard, vice-chairman; Mr. W. A. Lewis was re-appointed as hon. branch secretary; and Mr. A. Burcombe elected representative on the management committee.

Wickwar was proposed as the next place of meeting, on the first Saturday after Easter.

Mr. F. K. Howell proposed a vote of condolence with Mr. Walter Woodward in the loss of another son, this being the second son Mr. Woodward has lost in the war, both of whom were members of the Association.—The motion was carried by the members standing in silence.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector, the Stinchcombe ringers, and the ladies, for their kindness that afternoon, and needless to say this was carried with enthusiasm.

CORRECTION.

The peal rung at Deritend, Birmingham, and published in our last issue, was the first peal of Grandsire by A. E. Norman, and not his first peal, as he has previously rung two peals of Stedman.

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WHAT OUR "LEADING LIGHTS" ARE DOING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—“Campano” is correct in his statement that our “leading lights” are not in the limelight to the extent that they were in pre-war times, but he forgets, or does not appear to know, that they are engaged to the utmost extent of their capacity. One-half are certainly either in khaki or on work which demands of them a greater toll of hours, and the other half have not got the opportunity to appear in the limelight because the limelight of ringing is not on top just now. We were asked to darken our lights as to ringing at the commencement of the war, and our leaders have loyally adhered to that stipulation, but they have by no means slackened their efforts on behalf of the art, but have redoubled their ardour and concentrated their efforts on the very limited opportunities that occur to them of demonstrating their love for and interest in the cause. In London and district, the limelight, as far as peal ringing is concerned, is off, but the leading lights are more in evidence than ever before at official and social meetings, and that in spite of the great call on their “spare” time. War work overtime and the necessity of producing food, limit their opportunities more than ever but the “lights” still shine with the old pre-war lustre, and each and every expert has in his own particular way earned a halo for his ungrudging help in keeping the flag flying over our citadel.

I have exceptional opportunities of seeing the condition of ringing in all parts of the land, and though far from being a “light,” I can only stand amazed at the enormous progress made in three and a half years. One must bear in mind that the field for recruiting is less than ever, probably over 50 per cent., but I am sure that the quantity of beginners is as great as, if not greater than, ever before. As to peal ringing, the amount of labour required to arrange a peal is many times greater than before the war. We have to contend with limited train service, increase of fares, inability to obtain a meal after ringing, and distance to be covered by those who turn up, as very few towers have a complete band left. But even after all these adverse conditions are taken into account, we still get some peals in our paper, and the name of one “light” or another appears with fair regularity. When we remember that our “lights” have not always received the encouragement they deserve from the rank and file, and that they have been often subjected to the worst of criticism through the columns of your and other papers by correspondents who don't know where criticism ends and vituperation begins, I think it is wonderful how well our “lights” keep on striving to help forward: not the individual, but the art they love so well. When this war is gone down to history we shall sit and wonder and devise schemes for honouring those whom we call our “lights,” who have worked so silently and uncomplainingly and yet so well, not for their own selfish vainglory as some would have us believe, but for the furtherance of the art and the helping of beginners.—I am, Sir, yours very truly,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

DEATH OF MR. D. C. FARTHING.

CHESTERFIELD'S OLDEST RINGER.

It is with regret we have to record the death of Chesterfield's oldest bell ringer, in the person of Mr. David Christmas Farthing, who passed away on January 24th, at the age of 71. He had been in failing health for some time, but had been a regular attendant in the belfry up to Christmas, and had also taken part in the ringing. Mr. Farthing was a native of Oakley, Suffolk, and came to Chesterfield at the age of 18. He had been connected with the belfry for nearly 50 years. Although not a great peal ringer, having rung about a dozen peals for the Midland Counties Association, he was always enthusiastic, and for several years had not once been absent from Sunday ringing. He always looked forward to his quarter-peal on his birthday, Christmas Day, which rarely came to grief, and for nearly all the peals that have been rung at Chesterfield in recent years David acted as “official timekeeper.” Any dispute in the belfry as to time was instantly settled by David's “old Turnip.”

He was laid to rest on Sunday, January 27th, in the churchyard of Christ Church, Stonegravels, the first portion of the burial service being taken in the Parish Church by Archdeacon Crosse, and the committal service by the Rev. W. Ducker. His brother ringers acted as bearers, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. Hollis, Knights, Thyng and Allwood. The bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled during the day, and on Saturday last a peal of Grandsire Caters, which is recorded elsewhere, was rung to his memory.

A CARSHALTON PEAL BOARD.

A peal board to commemorate Johnson's 17 course peal of Treble Bob (5088), rung in the Oxford variation, has recently been installed in the tower of All Saints. This board is practically the gift of some Leatherhead friends, and the peal was rung under the auspices of the Surrey Association; conducted by A. J. Perkins, of Reddington.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CROYDON.**

The annual general meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Croydon on Saturday week, when between 60 and 70 members were present from Ashford, Burstow, Beddington, Cheadle, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Godstone, Epsom (St. Martin's and Christ Church), Horley, Horsham, Leatherhead, Mitcham (St. Peter's and Christ Church), Streatham (St. Leonard's and Immanuel) and Wimbledon, as well as several visitors.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Ten, with some elementary ringing for junior members, were rung at the Parish Church (8) and St. Peter's (10) during the afternoon. It will be remembered that the latter ring were recast and increased to ten some few years ago by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and on that occasion the firm emphasised their connection with the Borough by bearing the cost of one of the additional bells.

Shortened evening prayer was conducted at St. Peter's by the Vicar (the Rev. Arthur Reeve), who gave an appropriate address.

Considerable difficulty had been experienced in making any provision for tea, but it had been overcome by the hon. secretary of the Association, Lieut. Cyril Johnston (Grenadier Guards), who, perpetuating the generosity of his late father's firm, invited the members to tea at the works in Whitehorse Road, the newly-erected canteen of these (now) munition works being admirably suited for so large a gathering.

At the business meeting, the chair was occupied by the Rev. Arthur Reeve, who was supported by the Rev. Donald McDonald, Vicar of Christ Church, Mitcham, and the Ringing Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett), of Mitcham (Surrey C.C.). Mrs. A. A. Johnston, Miss Johnston and Miss Carlson honoured the Association by their presence. Letters of apology for absence were read from Canon L. J. White-Thomson, Vicar of Croydon, and the Revs. G. E. C. Hoare (Godstone), R. J. Woodhouse (Merstham), Mr. C. Dean, of Croydon, and Mr. H. Ewins.

THE PAST YEAR.

In spite of a heavily depleted membership roll and correspondingly decreased receipts in subscriptions (service members being excused), the treasurer's account showed a balance in hand of some £35. The Western District (Mr. W. Shepherd, hon. secretary and treasurer) also showed a balance on the right side. In the Southern District (of which Mr. H. Ewins, of Reigate, is hon. secretary), where enlistments have almost depleted the towers, the receipts and payments alike have been nil.

The Ringing Master, in his address, referred to the losses sustained by the Association and its members during the past year in those brave souls who have bled and died in the Titanic struggle for righteousness, and the sympathy he expressed was silently endorsed by those present, amongst whom were many sore hearts. Whilst ringing for Sunday services had been generally maintained throughout the district, the Master added that peal ringing had been impossible from a practical as well as from a sentimental point of view, but he referred to a peal-board, presented by anonymous friends at Leatherhead, and, fixed, with the consent of the Rector, in the tower of All Saints', Carshalton, for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung in that tower by the Association in 1913, conducted by Mr. A. J. Perkins. Mr. Drewett expressed, amidst a chorus of applause, the gratitude of the Association to Lieut. Cyril Johnston for his hospitality, and recalled the two previous occasions in 1909 and 1911, when the Surrey ringers had been welcomed and entertained in the bell foundry.

All the old officers were re-elected, including the hon. treasurer, the venerable Vicar of Kingston, who has filled that office since the founding of the Association, some 34 years ago.—Seven new members were elected, four from Christ Church, Mitcham, and one from Streatham, and Messrs. G. M. Kilby (Willesden) and W. H. Hewett (Camberwell) unattached.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting be held (subject to consent) at Kingston, and a suggestion was made that a quarterly meeting should be held at Reigate on Monday in Easter week.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of both the Croydon Churches for the use of the bells; to Mr. Reeve for the service and address, as well as the conduct of the business meeting; to the organist and choir boys of St. Peter's, and to the respective steeple keepers, were unanimously and enthusiastically carried, as was also a special and well-merited eulogium to Mr. J. Beams, of Ewell, for his completion of the 5th volume of the society's illuminated peal records. These handsome and valuable books are deposited in a glass-fronted oak case in the tower entrance of the Croydon Parish Church, and may be inspected on application to the vergers.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

After the business meeting, the members were conducted over the works by Mr. Johnston and some dozen of the pre-war staff, who had at one time been engaged in the manufacture and installation of church bells in the church towers of the country. The ringers saw much to interest them, as it was a few years since they last had visited this birthplace of bells, and it was not easy to recognise in this factory, that had suddenly expanded to four times its original size, and was replete with the latest and most perfect machinery that

America and England can produce, the old bell foundry and clock factory of three-quarter's century standing, that had been well known to them in former days.

At the conclusion of the inspection, a pleasant surprise had been most kindly provided by the host and Miss Johnston in a vocal and instrumental concert, and this unusual, unexpected and most pleasurable termination to the gathering was much appreciated. The artistes who so kindly seconded the efforts of the host and hostesses to make this meeting the most memorable and enjoyable annual gathering were Mrs. Kimber, Miss Cameron, Miss Onslow, Miss Doris Vane, and Messrs. Thurst, Higgetty, Isitt and C. F. Johnston. A course of Grandsire Caters in hand by Messrs. L. Atwater, Kilby, Perkins, Hewett and Clark, and of Stedman Triples by the last-named four, were amongst the items. The night-shift of fuse makers had long started to work the clock round again before "that's all" was called, and, as Mr. Pepys wrote, "so home and to bed," tired out, virtuous, and well content.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT HEADINGLEY.**

In spring-like weather the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Headingley on Saturday week. The official headquarters for the day were the Parochial Institute, Bennett Road, and here the officials met at one o'clock, together with the auditors, who went carefully through the books and vouchers, and finally signed the treasurer's balance sheet as correct.

During the afternoon visitors arrived from many parts of the county, the Eastern, Southern and Western districts being well represented. The bells of St. Michael's and St. Chad's (both peals of eight) were at visitors' pleasure, and were kept going until dusk.

The service, which was choral, was held in St. Michael's Church. The lessons were read by the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall, M.A.), Vicar of St. Chad's, who also read out the names of members serving with the forces, and conducted the intercession. The address was given by the Vicar of the Parish (the Rev. G. A. Hollis, M.A.), from Acts ix, 11: "And the Lord said unto him, arise and go into the street which is called straight, and inquire in the House of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold he prayeth." He pointed out that the great lesson of Saul's life was to obey the dictates of conscience and to stand up boldly for the right.

Tea was served in the Institute to about 60 visitors, and the Vicar who had to leave early, gave a very hearty welcome to all, and said how pleased he should be to welcome a much larger gathering in happier times at the conclusion of peace.

The annual business meeting followed, with the president in the chair. New members were elected, including the Vicar and the senior churchwarden (Mr. C. F. Letley, M.A.), as well as the curate (the Rev. G. A. Hillier), who was admitted as a ringing member.

The balance sheet, alterations to rules and regulations, and the president's and secretary's reports on the year's work were passed, special mention being made of the fact that the committee were marking this the fourth and most serious year of the war by not printing the annual report.

No nomination having been received for the office of president, it was proposed by Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. H. Williams, and supported by Mr. F. Willey, that the Rev. C. C. Marshall be re-elected president for the ensuing three years, and this was carried by acclamation.

The President, in acknowledging his re-election, expressed his pleasure at the members' continued confidence, and concluded a happy speech by saying that his best services were at the Association's call.

Votes of thanks were passed to both Vicars for the use of the peals of bells, also to the local company for their hospitality, and to the ladies who presided at the tea tables.

The secretary was instructed to write letters of sympathy and hope to two members reported ill, and the president promised to visit another unfortunate local brother.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a very pleasant meeting.

Many courses and touches were rung on the handbells during the afternoon and evening, and a finish was given to these performances by four members ringing a well-struck course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

THE PEAL AT LLANBRADACH.

The Vicar of Llanbradach was good enough to arrange evening two hours earlier to enable the peal recorded in another column to be rung. The tenor ringer is of the local band, and chiefly owing to his efforts the company at Llanbradach are now practising change ringing. The band includes several ladies who have taken the place of those gone to the war. The ladies are most enthusiastic and heartily congratulated the band at the end of the peal. Opportunity is now taken of thanking them for their kind hospitality in providing tea. Mr. Dawe belongs to Llandaff Cathedral band, Mr. Jones to Newport, the others to Caerphilly.

DEATH OF MR. A. WARD, OF UFFORD.

The death of Mr. A. Ward has taken place at the Lion Hotel, Ufford, near Woodbridge, Suffolk. He was a life member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, as well as a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and he was always a welcome visitor to St. Mary-le-Tower belfry, where he was much liked for his genial and courteous manner. The deceased, who was 62 years of age, leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss.

On the occasion of the funeral, on Saturday week, the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang at the Tower Church various touches of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Ward.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul's) on January 19th, and quite put one in mind of pre-war times, for between forty and fifty ringers put in an appearance. The following towers were represented: Beckenham, Bromley (Parish and St. Luke's), Chislehurst, Crayford, Deptford (St. John's), Erith (St. John's), Eynsford, Hayes, Lewisham, and unattached members from London and Croydon. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative were rung, a course of London Surprise failing.

At the service, the Association form was used, and a short address was given by the Rev. J. K. Wilson (Vicar). Tea followed in the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Seven new members were elected, and Crayford was selected for the next meeting-place on the last Saturday in April.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and organist, brought the meeting to a close, the rest of the evening being spent with the handbells.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

READING.—At St. Giles' Church, on January 13th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Batten 1, A. Osborne 2, G. Cook 3, N. Cox 4, H. Egby 5, Miss E. Goodship 6, A. Wiggins (conductor) 7, A. Philipps 8. Also 504 in the same method, for evening service: Miss D. Batten 1, A. Osborne 2, G. Goddington 3, N. Cox 4, G. Cook 5, Miss E. Goodship (conductor) 6, H. Egby 7, A. Philipps 8; and on Wednesday, January 23rd, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Goodship (conductor) 1, G. Boddington 2, A. Wiggins 3, H. Egby 4, N. Cox 5, G. Cook 6, A. Osborne 7, A. Philipps 8.—On January 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Batten 1, G. Boddington 2, H. Egby 3, A. Wiggins (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, Miss E. Goodship 5, G. Cook 6, A. Osborne 7, A. Philipps 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 27th, for evening service, 640 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss E. N. Stuart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, W. H. Dennison 5, T. Stuart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church 504 Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday, January 27th: W. Hibbert (conductor) 1, H. White 2, F. G. Wilson 3, C. T. Hansford 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, J. E. Ballard 7, F. J. Paice 8.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on February 21st, and for general business on the 12th and 26th, all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1/8 which entitles members who have not attended twenty meetings in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Pendleton, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting for practice will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. till 9 o'clock. Tea cannot be provided owing to food restrictions.—James W. Elkins, Dist. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society—Established 1824).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing will take place as follows: Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and 4.15 to 5 p.m.; St. George's, Southwark, 3.30 to 6 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., will be held at the Southwark Tavern at 6.30 p.m. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to be present.—Ringing friends invited. T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting, 6.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (12) at 3. Committee meeting in vestry, 4.45. Short service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. Basil G. Nicholas). Tea if possible (1/-) in the Parish Room at 6. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 12th.—Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, Hon. Treas., 57, Lodge Road, West Bromwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Leesfield, Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock till dusk; meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting for handbell practice, etc., will be held at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey, E.C., on Saturday, Feb. 16th, at 6.30 p.m.—J. Parker, Hon. Sec., *pro tem.*

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The first quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 16th, at Henbury. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.—W. Stafford, Hon. Secretary, 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual district meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Relton) at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Ringing from 3 to 6, followed by short service. Tea will be provided if necessary arrangements can be made. Members please note that all 1917 subscriptions should be paid by the date of the meeting.—H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's Church, Newent, Glos., on Saturday, 23rd February, 1918. Service in the Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at the Parish Room by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Connor (if obtainable). Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. till 9.—Joseph Williams, Hon. Sec., Glen Holm, Newent, Glos.

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DEATH OF AN OLD SALEHURST RINGER.

The death of Mr. J. C. Peacock, an old Salehurst ringer, and a respected inhabitant of Robertsbridge, took place at Fair Lane, Robertsbridge, on January 25th, after a long and painful illness, patiently borne. Deceased, who was 67 years of age, was by occupation a farm labourer, and worked on the Salehurst Abbey Farm for over 40 years. He joined the Salehurst ringers about 34 years ago, and learnt to ring by the old card system, which was in vogue at Salehurst at that time. On the Salehurst bells being rehung about 12 years ago, change ringing was introduced, and deceased, although not learning the working of an inside bell, blossomed forth into an excellent cover man, and no one could fail to notice the enjoyment he received, when the bells were properly struck to the tune of Grandsire Triples. Deceased had never taken part in a peal, but had stood in several quarter-peals. Owing to his health, however, he had been unable to take part in ringing for several months, his last performance being to ring the tenor to an excellent quarter-peal of Grandsire, with bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Lord Kitchener.

The funeral took place on Monday week, at Salehurst Church, amidst every sign of respect, the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward) officiating. Messrs. L. Franch and W. H. Perry (local ringers), A. Weston and T. Oliver (fellow workmen) acted as bearers. Pte. G. C. Peacock, Tank Corps, deceased's only son, who was home from France on leave on account of his father's illness, was present, with other relatives, and the remains were laid to rest under the shadow of the tower. Several floral tributes were sent.

Owing to the ringers not being able to get a band to ring for the funeral, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Salehurst, were rung, half-muffled, as a token of respect to the deceased for Matins, on Sunday, February 2nd. A well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was brought round in 47 mins., followed by the usual whole pull and stand, the following ringers taking part: J. Goodsell 1, W. Franks 2, W. H. Perry 3, J. Blake 4, T. Booth 5, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 6, W. Hoad 7, S. French 8. Messrs. Franks and Blake hail from Battle and Hawkhurst respectively.

OLDHAM.—On January 27th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): H. Wright 1, J. Cox 2, S. Stott (conductor) 3, A. Waite 4, W. Hodgson 5, S. Butterworth 6, C. Marsland 7, J. Garlick 8.

WINDSOR.—At the Parish Church, on January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Bateman 1, Miss G. Bateman (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, G. T. Leader 3, T. S. Smith 4, A. Mason 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6, W. T. Hooper 7, C. Farr (first-quarter) 8.

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