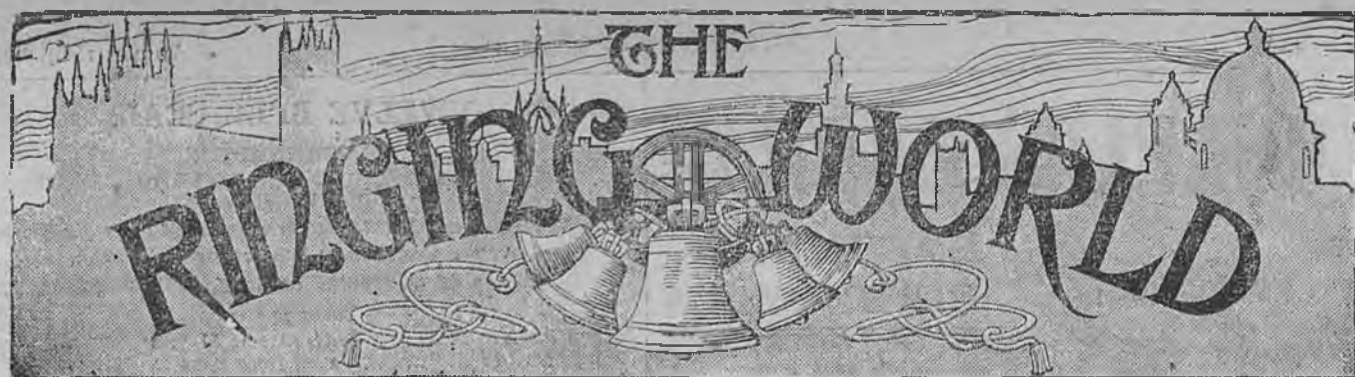




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Gentlemen,

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.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

CHIMING APPARATUS DANGERS.

Several times in this journal attention has been called to the danger to bells which arises from negligence in connection with a chiming apparatus. The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master of the Winchester Guild, in the last issue, once more returns to the subject, emphasising the danger by recording the fact that a valuable old 16th century bell has recently been hopelessly cracked. Such unfortunate occurrences are deeply regrettable, and every precaution ought to be taken to avoid them. Accidents, we know, will happen, but mishaps of this kind, whenever they occur, can generally be traced to forgetfulness or ignorance.

Suggestions have been made for securing the bells against damage from collision with the chiming hammers, and one of the most practical of the mechanical kind was put forward some time ago by Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, who suggested a locking arrangement, which would prevent the door enclosing the apparatus being shut when the hammers are in action. The Rev. C. E. Matthews suggests the adoption of certain fixed rules in all belfries where a chiming apparatus is used, and the issue of an order that bells should not be left up between services. It is quite certain that special care is needed in all cases where there are chiming hammers. A beginning, we think, might be made with the installation of the hammers, for we see nothing to prevent the fixing of the hammers in the majority of the towers in such a position relative to the bells that, when the former are left untouched, the bells could turn without coming into actual contact with the fixtures. Where such an arrangement is not possible—and these cases should be very rare—then a lock answering the purpose of that suggested by Mr. Jerram could easily be fixed.

As to bells never being left up, that is a counsel which is wise, but not altogether acceptable in towers where there are heavy peals. Bells, of course, cannot be chimed with the apparatus when they are up, which is proof that in the case quoted by the Master of the Winchester Guild, there must have been interference by some ignorant and, presumably, unauthorised person. This, of course, ought to be beyond the bounds of possibility in any tower. It is this interference by irresponsible people that leads to trouble, and is the thing which should be specially guarded against. In the case which has recently happened in the Winchester Archdeaconry the bell is to be recast. We often think that, where these bells of real antiquarian value come to grief, it is a pity they could not be saved from the melting-pot. It adds, we know, to the expense, yet an ancient bell recast, even if everything is a replica of the old one, has not the same interest and value in it, and, damaged though it may be, we should like to see such a relic of antiquity preserved in some honoured niche in the church where it has for so long done duty.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Monday, August 5, 1918, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDIRE CINQUES, 5103 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOSEPH FIGOTT Treble	CECIL MAYNE 7
GEORGE FIGOTT 2	JOHN BASS 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	WILLIAM FISHER 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH FIGOTT.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except 6 and 12.

TEN BELL PEAL.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS
(Estab. 1686.)

On Saturday, August 10, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS 5021 CHANCES

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
WILLIAM HALE 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 7
JESSE GILLET 3	HUBERT SCRIVENS 8
JOHN AUSTIN 4	FRANK COLE 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS 5	ROBERT SHARP Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

The jubilee peal was rung by special request on St. Lawrence's Day, in connection with the special services which are being held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the reopening of the Parish Church in August, 1868, after being entirely rebuilt with the exception of the old tower and spire which dates back about 500 years. Also as a wedding peal to Sapper C. Austin, R.E., who was married at St. Michael's Church, Gloucester, on August 5th, all wishing them both long life and happiness.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1918, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH GARNETT Treble	W. ARTHUR HUDSON 5
EDWARD CRABTREE 2	FRANCIS BAKER 6
GEORGE BRITTON 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
HERBERT DRANSFIELD 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Joseph Garnett and Arthur Hudson.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 3, 1918, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs.

FRANCIS SMITH Treble	JOSEPH LOWE 5
REV. A. T. BERTON 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung as birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who received the usual congratulations afterwards.

GOOLE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1918, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

† AUGUSTUS HATFIELD ... Treble	* ROBERT B. SMITH ... 5
SERG. E. MORRIS, A.S.C. 2	† WILLIAM ARTHUR HUDSON 6
* WM. ARTHUR HALL ... 3	HENRY FAIRLAM ... 7
FRED CRYER ... 4	JOSEPH DRAKE ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by SERGT. ERNEST MORRIS, A.S.C.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the heroes of Goole who have fallen during the war. The ringer of 1st belongs to Hemingborough; 2nd, Leicester; 3rd, 4th and 7th, Selby; 5th, Howden; and the 6th to Birstall.

* First Peal. † First Peal of Triples.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1918, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE E. TURNER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 6
JOSEPH LOWE ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
PTE. H. R. PASMORE, R.A.M.C. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SIX BELL PEAL.

ARLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1918, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* KEITH SALTER ... Treble	ROBERT MOY ... 4
WILLIAM SHORT ... 2	CHARLES BEAMAN ... 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... 3	JOHN WOODBERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, August 9, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At 13, HARLESDOWN ROAD, FULHAM, S.W.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

* GEORGE M. KILBY ... 1—2	HERBERT LANGDON ... 5—6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3—4	WALTER S. WISE ... 7—8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: ARTHUR HOBBAARD.

* First peal in hand and first attempt.

THE MEETING AT BEDDINGTON.

Thirty members of the Exercise attended this meeting on August Bank Holiday, hailing from Crayford, Chislehurst, Bromley, Leatherhead, Epsom, Mitcham; St. Paul's, Putney; Kensington, Northampton, Tottenham, Bishopsgate, etc. This date was an old custom revived, but has lapsed lately, through various causes. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and all the touches (with one exception) were brought round in the following methods: London Surprise Major; a 500 Stedman Triples, conducted by E. Barnett, senr.; three touches of Stedman Caters (one & 500), conducted by W. Smith and E. Barnett, junr., respectively; a 500 Grandsire Caters and four courses, conducted by A. Dean and — Elson respectively; and 520 Kent Treble Bob Royal, conducted by A. J. Perkins; also a Plain Course. Beddington ringers would remind all ringers that the tower is open at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 7th, and every first Saturday in the month until further notice.

A. J. P.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT IPSWICH.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held at Ipswich on Bank Holiday, August 5th, the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's, St. Mary Quay, St. Matthew's, St. Lawrence, and St. Nicholas' Churches being available for the use of visiting members throughout the day. The usual service and luncheon, for various reasons, were abandoned, but about 70 members assembled for the annual general meeting in the St. Lawrence Parish Hall, under the chairmanship of the President of the Association, J. Laneroff Holmes, Esq. The Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich graciously attended the meeting to give members a welcome to the town. In a very happy speech, his Lordship expressed his pleasure at meeting so many members of the Association, and his desire to further in every way the cause of change ringing in his diocese.

The annual report was read by the secretary, and formally adopted, and the re-election of the president, committee, and hon. auditor unanimously carried. Four nominations only were received for representatives to the Central Council, and these four—the Rev. H. Drake and Messrs. G. P. Burton, A. L. Coleman and J. Motts—were declared elected.

The President announced that Mr. Borrett had been compelled, by doctor's orders, to give up the secretaryship of the Association, which he had held for the last 16 years, and had placed his resignation in the hands of the committee. This, of course, the committee were compelled to accept, although they greatly regretted the cause. They were very desirous of showing their appreciation of all the work Mr. Borrett had done for them, and recommended that he should be elected a vice-president of the Association. — The President having formally proposed this, it was carried with acclamation, and Mr. Borrett feelingly acknowledged the great honour paid him, and thanked members for their many kindnesses shown him in the past.

The President said the committee were in the happy position of having found a gentleman willing to undertake the vacant office of honorary secretary and treasurer, and, on their behalf, proposed the election of Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, of North Walsham. — This was seconded by Mr. G. G. Burton, and carried unanimously, and Mr. Coleman was accorded a very warm reception on rising to acknowledge his election.

The President briefly placed before the meeting various recommendations of the committee—that meetings should be held on Easter Monday and Whit-Monday, 1919, at Diss and Beccles respectively, if the bells were available—that a further sum of £50 should be invested in War Bonds—and that a review and balance sheet should be printed at the end of the year and sent to members. These were all agreed to, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the clergy of Ipswich for the use of their bells, and to the President for coming, at some personal inconvenience, to preside over the meeting.

Mr. Coleman, the new secretary, was one of the founders of the Warwickshire Guild, and its first secretary, and, curiously enough, the godson and son of two of the founders of the Norwich Association in 1877—the Rev. G. H. Harris, of Tunstead, and the Rev. H. J. Coleman, of Westwick.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Henfield on August 5th. Ringing commenced at 12 o'clock (after the 'Angelus'), and at one o'clock an interval was taken for lunch. At 2 o'clock the bells were off again, the number present steadily increasing, and reached a total of 54. At 4 o'clock all attended a special service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Lea), the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee (Vicar of St. Philip's, Aldringham, giving a very appreciative address. The offertory was for the Benevolent Fund, and gave very gratifying results, the sum of £1 0s. 11d. being gathered in. A very enjoyable tea was provided by the local branch, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee, and wardens. Towards the end of tea, the Vicar had a scheme, to which he called attention in a very ingenious manner. He had a cake before him not sufficient to go round—better have a competition for it to benefit the Benevolent fund. Each had to think of a number—placed on the piano. The 'Central' did not get the cake, it has gone 'West,' and the fund benefited to the extent of another 10s. There was very little business beyond the reading of the minutes.—Mr. Merritt drew attention to the new rules not yet being all that was desired, and suggested that the members study them in readiness for the next annual meeting, to be held in May.—Votes of thanks were then passed to the Vicar, the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee, and also to the ladies who had kindly prepared tea. Music, including 'Sussex by the Sea,' followed by God Save the King, concluded the meeting. The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until 8.30, the methods rung during the day being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, on a very musical peal of eight by Messrs. Taylor. The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Cuckfield, Crawley, Ditching, Hcenc, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Lindfield, Pulborough, Shoreham, Steyning; also independent members and the local branch. The best thanks of the Association are due to the local branch who worked so wholeheartedly to make the meeting a success.

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DEATH OF MR. RICHARD FAUX, OF HANDSWORTH.

A VICE-PRESIDENT OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward;
Never doubted clouds would break; never dreamed though right were
worsted

Wrong would triumph; held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake.—Browning.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Richard Faux, which took place at his residence, 43, Murdock Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, at mid-day, on Wednesday, July 31st. Mr. Faux had passed the Psalmist's fourscore years, his 81st birthday being on March 1st, and he died what was in every sense of the word a "natural" death, continuing active until a few months ago, and possessing all his faculties until the very end. Of a studious nature, he was always a great reader, and when he was at last confined to his house as a result of a slight stroke, he kept himself well informed as to current events, and followed the war news very closely until a week or so ago, when, realising that he was not much longer for this world, he abandoned the newspapers and all other secular reading, giving himself up entirely to the study of the Scriptures and the book of Common Prayer.

This was typical of the man. All his long life he had made it a practice not to worry himself with things that did not concern him, but went straight on, happy, contented, placid, at peace with himself and all around him. It required no effort on his part to detach himself from mundane affairs, and to concentrate on the higher life, to which he looked forward with confident and abiding hope.

Deceased was born at Handsworth, and lived in the parish all his life. He had been a member of the Handsworth Old Church belfry for more than half a century, and for many years was a staunch supporter of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, of which he was a vice-president at the time of his death. He had never been enthusiastic about peal ringing, but was very keen and punctilious about ringing or chiming for Divine service. He had rung about a dozen peals, mostly Grandsire Triples, but what he enjoyed most of all was to listen to a well-struck peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, which, he used to say, was as great a musical treat as the finest orchestral concert at the town hall.

Mr. Faux was good company, and when in reminiscent mood could tell some amusing tales of Handsworth ringers of sixty years or more ago. One of these related to the ringing in of the New Year, which had been a custom at Handsworth, perhaps, for centuries. On the occasion referred to, there had been some dispute, and while the Rector remained neutral, the wardens forbade the ringing at midnight. The ringers were not to be disposed of so easily, however, and not having the key when the time arrived, a ladder was procured and entrance obtained through the belfry window, which is about 30 feet up. As the clock finished striking twelve the wardens presumably were astounded to hear the bells start off, and they proceeded to the church in all haste to investigate. However, they omitted to bring a key themselves, and either were afraid to mount the ladder or did not see it. After a time the key was procured, and they ascended to the belfry in high dudgeon determined to assert their authority and to stop the bells instantly. But by this time the bells were up, and as the ringers showed no inclination to stop, and the ropes seemed to rattle up and down rather bewilderingly, at times coming too close to them to be pleasant, they beat an ignominious retreat, uttering grievous threats the while. Nobody was hanged, however, and when the parishioners heard what had happened a nice little sum was subscribed for the ringers!

Another tale related to one of the ringers who lived in a small cottage opposite the church gates. (This cottage is still standing, and inhabited.) He would oversleep himself on a Sunday morning, and had frequently been awakened by the other ringers at a few minutes to ten, when he would jump out of bed, and hastily pulling on his trousers and slippers would run across in that guise to save his fine!

Our old friend was also musically inclined, and possessed a sweet, but rather light tenor voice, which he used with good taste.

The funeral took place at Handsworth Old Church on Saturday, August 3rd, the remains being followed to the grave by members of the family, including the widow, and many relatives and friends, testifying by their presence to the respect in which Mr. Faux had been held.

The beautiful burial service of our church was read by the Rector of Handsworth, the Rev. Canon H. G. Daniell-Bainbridge, and six of his fellow ringers, Messrs. J. E. Groves, A. P. Smith, R. Speakman, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, and T. Verry, acted as bearers.

After the coffin had been lowered, a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave by Messrs. A. Walker, T. Russum, J. E. Groves, T. Miller and A. Paddon Smith. There is something peculiarly solemn about the ringing of handbells at the graveside; it is one of the most touching of all ceremonies. The open grave, the ringing of the trees, the silent sobbing of the mourners, the hush of the churchyard, even the very birds seem to twitter softly, and over it all the music of the bells. It is a beautiful custom, far more impressive in its simplicity than the pomp and tinsel often associated with the funerals of members of friendly and other societies. And as the course runs home, followed by a few slow, well struck rounds,

and the lingering hum at last dies away, it is pardonable to hope, or even perchance to believe, that the departed brother may hear and appreciate; who knows?

In any case it is a very fitting farewell for a ringer, and so we bade farewell to Richard Faux, leaving him to sleep with his fathers, within a few yards of the church he had served so long and so faithfully.

Later, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the tower bells, half-muffled, by: A. Walker, J. Pigott, G. F. Swann, T. Russam, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, J. George, J. E. Groves, and A. P. Smith, conducted by J. E. Groves, followed by the whole-pull and stand, to the number of the deceased's years, by the above with Mr. S. Smith in the place of Alderman Pritchett. A. P. S.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the above took place at Ashford, on Bank Holiday, August 5th, and although the weather conditions were none too favourable, a good number of members attended, about 40 in all representing the following towers in the district: Ashford, Appledore, Brabourne, Hythe, Headcorn, Mersham, Rolvenden, Stone, Teuterdon, Woodchurch, and Willesborough. Ringing commenced soon after two o'clock, and continued till 4, when some well-struck touches were brought round in the four standard methods. An adjournment was then made to Passmore's Restaurant, as the guests of the Vicar (the Rev. T. K. Sopwith) where a substantial tea was much enjoyed, the Vicar presiding, as also at the general business meeting which followed, at which the district secretary, Mr. C. Tribe, and district representative, Mr. G. Paine, were re-elected. Several new members were proposed and duly elected, and the following chosen as the places for future meetings: Mersham, in September; Headcorn, March, 1919; Folkestone, Whit-Monday, 1919; and Ashford, Bank Holiday, August, 1919. A proposition as to the best way of organising the ringing for peace (when it comes) was referred for further consideration to the next meeting, at Mersham in September. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his generous hospitality, for permission for the meeting, and for presiding at the tea and meeting, and carried with acclamation, to which the reverend gentleman suitably replied. — A cordial welcome was given to the following visitors from other districts, viz., W. Haigh, Clitham; E. G. Allen, Rochester; W. Spice, Sittingbourne; H. Claywell, Dover; P. Fairbeard, Adisham; and A. E. Edwards, Salehurst (Sussex). The members then attended evensong in the church, which was taken by the Vicar, and the appropriate hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' was heartily sung. The tower was again visited, and several more touches brought round till about three o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. It was worthy of notice that most of those present were beyond the calling-up age as at present fixed, but will be quite ready to fall in and answer the call when the old age pensioners are called up.

PETERBOROUGH and DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting was held at Peterborough on August Bank Holiday. The bells of the Cathedral, St. John's, St. Mary's and Woodston, were available all day.

The service was held at St. Mary's Church, the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Neeby) officiating.

The address was based on the words from Ecclesiasticus xlv. 9. 'And he compassed him with pomegranates of gold, and with many bells round about, to send forth a sound as he went, to make a sound that might be heard in the temple, for a memorial to the children of his people.'

The business meeting was held in the Schoolroom, when the president, the Very Reverend the Dean of Peterborough, presided, supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, Notts.

The accounts presented by the secretary showed a balance of £5 12s.

Fourteen new members were elected, including eleven ladies, seven of which were from St. Mary's and four from Woodston. After Mr. Narborough's report of the Central Council's meeting, some discussion took place on Mr. Lewis's suggestion, of providing (by the ringers of England) some memorial in Belgium. The meeting generally were in favour of the idea.

The officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. A. Holland (Crowland) on the committee.

The bells were kept going until dark, everyone agreeing it was a very successful meeting. Amongst those present were Messrs. W. E. and W. White (Cotgrave, Notts), J. W. Clarke (Bedford), S. Proctor, W. G. Thorpe (Grantham), York Green (London), Messrs. Creasy and Jesse Pulett (March), Narborough (Wisbech), E. Jones (Easton Maudit), etc.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.—On Whitsun Monday, 1216 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Bennett 1, J. Garnett 2, B. Thorp 3, J. Hutchinson 4, J. Hewitt 5, J. W. Dews 6, F. Barker 7, Joe E. Sykes (composer and conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. E. Sykes' mother. This contains all the 4—6—8's and 6—4—8's possible in this number.

THE SHEFFIELD and OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

This year's six-bell meeting on Saturday, August 3rd, was allotted to Killamarsh. The meeting was considerably spoiled by the rain, which never ceased during the whole day. The few that put in appearance got a bigger share of the cake than would have been the case if 60 or more had been there, as our Killamarsh friends turned up in force, and were the means of giving one or two visitors some satisfaction, notably among a variety of methods being a well-struck 720 Cambridge Surprise; also a good 720 of London Surprise. Altogether six towers were represented, viz., Anston, North Wingfield, Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham (St. Stephen's), Worksop, and Killamarsh.

The Rector (the Rev. J. S. Powell, M.A.) very kindly pointed out the principal features of the church, which is the successor of older ones; the present tower is the oldest part of the present structure, dating from the 15th century, some stones built into the principal entrance being undoubtedly Norman, while in the churchyard stands an Anglo-Saxon font, a stained glass window in the chancel representing the Virgin and Child, being both curious and interesting.

THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT HERTFORD.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting was held at Hertford on Bank Holiday, when the ring of ten at All Saints' were kindly placed at the disposal of the meeting from 2 till 8, and they were kept merrily going in various methods during the whole of the time with the exception of the interval for tea, which was prepared at the Castle Cabin, Maidenhead Street. About 30 members and friends attended during the afternoon, and 24 sat down to tea. Several well-known faces from the Metropolis appeared, including Messrs. W. Doran, R. Saunders, E. F. Pike, Scarlett, Twist, and others, besides one or two in khaki, one being Mr. Phillips, of St. Peter Mancroft, who is at present at the N.C.O.'s School at Hertford.

The business meeting was afterwards held, when the Bennington veteran, Mr. S. Page, presided. — The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and others were duly proposed and seconded, and the minutes of the last meeting held at Bennington were read by the District Secretary, Mr. W. N. Lawrence, and passed. The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until 8 o'clock, all having spent an enjoyable time.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

A combined practice meeting was held at the Priory Church, Christchurch, on Saturday, August 3rd. The following members of the Guild turning up about 4.30: Messrs. G. Williams (hon. general sec.), W. T. Tucker (North Stoneham), M. Stewart (Ferndown, Wimborne), C. W. Goodenough (Bournemouth), L. W. Wiffen (Wyke Regis), Q.-M.-S. W. Cave, R.E. (Chatham), Rev. —, Whitford (Southbourne), G. Preston (district secretary), S. Best, E. Street, F. Sparshott, of the local band, and Mr. W. Ledbetter, of Isleworth, who happened to be on holiday in the district.

The bells were kept busy (with a short interval for tea) till 8 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich Major and Stedman Caters brought round, the ten being lowered in peal. On Sunday, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine service at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Stedman Triples: G. Williams (conductor) 1, T. Green 2, F. Phillips 3, H. Forfit 4, E. Waters 5, C. W. Goodenough 6, M. Freeman (Stoke Coventry) 7, — Harris 8.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

Favoured with glorious weather, on Saturday, August 10th, the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held their second practice meeting at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton.

Ringings commenced shortly before four o'clock, the ladies opened the proceedings by 'manning' the ropes themselves, a notable feature being the creditable manner in which a tiny tot of only ten summers handled her bell after only a fortnight's training. Afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung by mixed companies, and an all men's touch of Stedman Triples, in which Mr. J. E. Groves rang 3—4, concluded the tower bell part of the programme. Thirty members and friends sat down to an enjoyable tea at Povey's Cafe. The handbells were then requisitioned, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung by Messrs. Groves, Walker, Pigott, Jones and Preston.

The thanks of the company were tendered to Mr. Dan Jones for his excellent arrangements, all agreeing that the meeting had been most enjoyable.

The next meeting takes place at Erdington, on Saturday, September 4th. Will members and friends please note?

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION AT CHIDDINGFOLD.

August Bank Holiday being the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. A. Ashdown, one of the local ringers, Mr. Bartlett, also of the local band, arranged a band for an attempt for Stedman Triples at the Parish Church. After one or two false starts the bells were soon tapping the method in good style, but in the 21st course a trip lead to a shift course and stand was called, much to the regret of all. A quarter-peal of Bob Major was suggested, and the result was a well-struck 1,248, the band being stationed as follows: A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold), W. G. Brockhurst (Chiddingfold), W. Shepherd (Hersham), T. Mack (Haslemere), Sergt. R. Carrier (Witley Camp), W. Charman (Craneleigh), T. Attwell (Chiddingfold), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Taddington). Mr. Bartlett was the composer, and Mr. W. Shepherd conducted. Mr. Ashdown entertained the local band and visitors to a knife and fork tea at the Swan Hotel, and during the meal it was found that it was also Mr. T. Mack's silver wedding day.

After the repast, Major Hesse voiced the thanks of those present in a few well-chosen words, and Mr. Ashdown suitably replied, thanking the ringers for the ringing and for their company. Handbell ringing was then indulged in until 7 p.m., when the party dispersed, all voting the time spent most enjoyable, notwithstanding the loss of the peal.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.

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On Thursday evening, the 8th inst., six members of the St. George's Society, Clun, cycled to the village of Clunbury, where hangs a nice ring of six bells, augmented from three by Messrs. Warner and Sons as a jubilee memorial of Queen Victoria's happy reign, the object of the visit was to try and again rouse the band there in half-peal ringing, permission and arrangements had been kindly made by Mrs. Bevan, wife of the Vicar, who is on active service doing duty for King and country.

On arriving at the tower, the bells were raised in peal.

After adjustment of ropes, etc., the bells were soon going to the old familiar tune of Grand sire Doubles, several well-struck six-scores being rung by the following: F. Wolley, Rd. Morris, Rev. H. J. Scott, W. Mead (conductor), and F. A. Watkins.

On conclusion of the ringing, they were met at the door by Master Tom Bevan, who conducted them to the Vicarage, where Mrs. Bevan most kindly had coffee and cake ready, which, needless to say, was much appreciated and enjoyed. The visitors were thanked by the ladies for their beautiful sweet ringing. It transpired that two of the visitors (Messrs. Roberts and Mead) were among the invited ringers who took part in the dedication of the bells thirty years ago. The ringers wish to heartily thank Mrs. Bevan for so kindly entertaining them, and for making arrangements for the visit which was so much enjoyed.

RINGER'S MILITARY HONOURS.

LIEUT. J. W. RUSSELL GAINS THIRD DECORATION.

Mr. F. E. Dawe writes: All friends of John William Russell, late of Ewhurst, will be pleased to hear of the excellent work done by him at the front, where he has been for about three years. During the past year he has gained the Military Medal and the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and followed this up by obtaining a commission on the field in the regiment he voluntarily joined at the outbreak of war, viz., the signalling section of the Royal Engineers. Now comes the news that he has been awarded the Military Cross. Lieut. Russell will be well remembered in the district as a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and also the Ancient Society of College Youths, being a skilled and most reliable change ringer. He was also a well known and enthusiastic cricketer in all parts of Surrey. His younger brother, Charles, has also been busily engaged at the front for the last three years in the field ambulance of the R.A.M.C. He was a member and assistant master in the local troop of Boy Scouts. The four sisters and both parents are engaged in work of national importance.

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DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 47 mins.: W. J. Wileman 1, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 2, C. E. Hart 3, B. Mitchell 4, S. Maskrey 5, W. Wallace 6, E. Willis 7, J. Page, (composer and conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—(Estab. 1755.)—Special notice.—The Rector of Birmingham and Mrs. Willink extend a hearty invitation to members of the Guild and their wives to spend an hour or two with them in the Rectory garden on Saturday, August 17th. Meeting at 4 o'clock. Light refreshments will be provided.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, August 17th. Tower opened for ringing at 4 o'clock.—J. Parker, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson), at Hurlington on Saturday, August 17th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. If possible tea will be arranged. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Seagrave on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3; service at 4.30. Arrangements will be made at 5 o'clock for a cup of tea, but please bring own rations.—Walter T. Wilson, District Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, A-bford, Kent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30—4 and 6.30—8.30. By kind invitation of the Lord Bishop of Winchester, the Castle Grounds will be open to members at 4 p.m. Service will be held in the Castle Chapel at 5; tea to follow. It is imperative I should know by August 21st how many will be present. If you don't reply, please don't come.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Oxford Street, W., on Saturday, August 24th, from 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C. 4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Poges Church on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Bus leaves Slough station about 2.45. Service at 5 p.m.; followed by tea at 6 p.m. Will all those

intending to be present for tea kindly notify Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Strawberry Cottage, Fulmer, Slough, *not later than* August 21st?—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7; business very important. A good attendance is requested from all towers.—J. H. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock till dusk; business meeting at 6 p.m.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

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INTERCESSION SERVICES AND DAY OF REMEMBRANCE.

FAKENHAM, SS. Peter and Paul.—A peal of 1260 changes of Bob Major was rung on the bells before morning service: G. Beverley 1, C. S. Tutthill 2, W. E. Bason 3, C. Wybrow 4, A. W. Baldwin 5, J. Godfrey 6, P. Cooke 7, R. Cooke (conductor) 8. Time 47 minutes. Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Sunday, August 4th (Commemoration Day), at the Parish Church of St. Mary, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: A. Morton 1, J. T. Frenchum 2, Gnr. R. Wood (Billingshurst, Sussex), 3, Gnr. W. Welling (Old Windsor) 4, R. J. Todd 5, Pte. M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor, Bushey), 6. Rung on the back six, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to all those who have lost their lives in the great war.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on August 4th, Remembrance Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Shaw 1, F. Hunt 2, T. Blackburn 3, A. King (conductor) 4, H. Wood 5, J. Rookwood 6, L. A. Good-enough 7, Second-Lieut. J. B. Jones, R.F.A., 8. The ringer of eight is from Rickmansworth, and is stationed at the Biscot Camp, Luton.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 4th, for the Intercession and Commemorative Service, at which Bishop Abraham preached an eloquent sermon on the objectives of the war, and at which nurses from hospital and wounded soldiers, V.T.C., etc., attended in large numbers, the church being crowded. A 558 of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, H. Turner 2, J. Fearn 3, A. G. Wallis 4, T. Clarke 5, W. Smith 6, W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, T. Howard 8. The treble and 7th are from Ashton-under-Lyne.

CARDIFF.—Llandaff Association. — A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), at the Church of St. John's, in 50 mins., for evening service, on Sunday, August 4th: Samuel Williams 1, John Harris 2, Harry Day 3, Clarence O. Hobbs 4, William B. Biss 5, William Coombe 6, Sidney Dawe 7, Allen Rowley 8, William Bolton 9, Seymour R. Barker 10. Conducted by William Bolton. First quarter-peal of Caters as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of the declaration of war, and the first visit of Petty Officer Clarence O. Hobbs, after two years at sea. Also for evening service, 188 of Stedman Triples: William Biss (conductor), Clarence O. Hobbs, Harry Day, John Harris, Sidney Dawe, William Bolton, Allen Rowley, Seymour R. Barker.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM ROBERTS, NORTHAMPTON.

The death has occurred of Mr. Wm. Roberts, on July 25th, at his residence, 54, Craven Street, Northampton, at the age of 61 years. He had been in business in Northampton many years as a wheelwright and smith. He was for many years a ringer at St. Giles', Northampton, and took part in the first peal on the ring of ten in 1898. He also took part in the first peal of Double Norwich rung by a local band.

His list of peals are: Doubles, 1; Bob Minor, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 3; Grandsire Caters, 4; Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich, 2; Bob Royal, 1; total, 19.

He was a respected member of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell Ringers.

He was buried in Northampton Cemetery on July 27th, the service being conducted by the Rev. T. Hands, Vicar of St. Lawrence. In addition to the family mourners there attended Mr. F. Hopper (vice-president) of the Northampton District of Church Bell Ringers; Mr. S. J. Lawrence, Messrs. W. Faroy, W. Rogers, E. James and H. L. Key, acting as bearers.

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