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MESSRS GILLET and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1918.  
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 gives 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. BROOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## MODERN WORK.

### UNITING IN ACTION.

In the history of ringing there are very few things that can be pointed to as having been accomplished by ringers as a whole. It is remarkable that, closely as they are drawn together by the attraction of the art which they pursue, they rarely act as a united body. It may be that it is due to the fact that the machinery which is supposed to link them together is in practice ineffective; it may be that it is the result of that indifference, which has been so often remarked upon. But it is nevertheless true that in extremely few instances has the Exercise (with a capital E) taken a step characterised by united action.

At the moment, however, there are two proposals before the ringing community which offer opportunity to the Exercise of uniting in common cause, and which are likely to commend themselves to a large majority of the members. The first is the suggested national memorial service for fallen ringers, the arrangements for which are going forward in London. All the Metropolitan societies have united to carry the proposal into effect and have appointed a Committee to arrange details. The date which has been tentatively fixed is February 22nd, and on lines at present proposed, the service will be of a deeply impressive character. It is hoped that every association will send at least one representative and more if possible. It cannot be expected that ringers in numbers will come from a long distance, but it is suggested, in order that as many ringers as possible may have the opportunity of joining in this national tribute to their fallen comrades, that in distant centres services may be held synchronising with that which will take place at St. Clement Danes, where, let us hope, every association will also be represented. If those organisations situated in remote parts of the country are unable to send representatives from among their officials or resident members, perhaps representation could be secured by duly authorised non-resident members living in or near London.

The second proposal to which we have referred is the suggestion that a loyal address from the Exercise should be presented to the King. As Mr. Cartmel pointed out in his letter last week, the proper authority to put this matter in hand is the Central Council. It is possible that there will be time for this to be done at the next meeting at Whitsun, as it is unlikely that peace will be formally concluded before then. The presentation of such an address to His Majesty will appeal, we are sure, to ringers, than whom there is no more loyal body in this country. But if the suggestion is carried out, we trust those responsible will see that the address is made representative of the whole Exercise and not of one section of it.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON, S.E.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 30, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS... Treble  
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER,  
R.N., A.A.C. ... 2  
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 3  
FRANCIS E. DAWE ... 4  
GEORGE R. FARDON ... 5

\* ALFRED A. W. DARLINGTON 6  
\* FLT. CDT. EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7  
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 8  
\* HENRY MANCER ... 9  
REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER, R.N., A.A.C.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

NEWGATE, CITY OF LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs. in D flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble  
FRANCIS E. DAWE ... 2  
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 3  
ARTHUR W. DAVIES ... 4  
SAPPER R. F. DEAL, R.E. 5

ALFRED B. PECK ... 6  
HENRY R. NEWTON ... 7  
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 8  
REUBEN SANDERS ... 9  
PTE. T. LANGDON, R.M.E. ... Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY WILLIAM HALEY.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of the Conductor, who was married 25 years ago at the adjacent Church of St. Bride, Fleet Street.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LEESON ... Treble  
JOHN WITHERS ... 2  
\* HUBERT SHEPHERD ... 3  
JAMES E. GROVES ... 4  
GEORGE PIGOTT ... 5

MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6  
WILLIAM KENT ... 7  
JOHN HEATON ... 8  
JAMES L. WELLS ... 9  
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... Tenor

Composed by EX-L. CPL. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, M.M.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung as a compliment to the composer on his 21st birthday. To the regret of the band he was unable to take part in the peal owing to the effects of the terrible wounds he received in France. The band was very kindly entertained to tea before starting for the peal by the Brothers Shepherd.

\* First peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX ... Treble  
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2  
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 3  
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4  
JAMES SCHOLES ... 5

WILLIAM A. ALPS ... 6  
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 7  
CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 8  
EMANUEL HALL ... 9  
REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

This peal was first attempted on December 7th, 1918, as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hall and was eventually rung on the 70th birthday of Mr. Wm. Tanner, an old and respected member of the above Society and a local ringer at Stepney.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Hollows 1, J. Arrowsmith, sen., 2, J. Jacques 3, T. K. Driver 4, S. Holt 5, D. Renshaw 6, J. Harrison (conductor) 7, T. Walling 8.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1st, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                         |        |                         |       |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| HARRY CHAPMAN... ..     | Treble | THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. | 5     |
| FRANK STONELY... ..     | 2      | TITUS BARLOW... ..      | 6     |
| SAMUEL GREENHALGH... .. | 3      | JOHN POTTER... ..       | 7     |
| ROBERT DAVIES... ..     | 4      | AMOS TRIPPIER... ..     | Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LEE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

|                             |        |                            |       |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|
| JOHN CROWDER... ..          | Treble | ALFRED G. BENNINGTON... .. | 5     |
| FREDK. W. RICHARDSON... ..  | 2      | ERNEST B. CROWDER... ..    | 6     |
| EDWIN J. PANNETT... ..      | 3      | WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES... .. | 7     |
| WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN... .. | 4      | GEORGE H. DAYNES... ..     | Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

Quickest peal on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, January 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

|                   |        |                        |       |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| E. OLDFIELD... .. | Treble | FRED GRUNDY... ..      | 5     |
| A. RIDYARD... ..  | 2      | A. POTTER... ..        | 6     |
| J. HALL... ..     | 3      | P. H. DERRYSHIRE... .. | 7     |
| W. JONES... ..    | 4      | G. WAY... ..           | Tenor |

Conducted by A. RIDYARD.

The ringer of the treble hails from Eccles, 2 and 3 from Miles Plating, and 6 from Walkden, the rest are of the local band.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, January 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                            |        |                            |       |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|
| ALFRED B. PECK... ..       | Treble | ISAAC EMERY... ..          | 5     |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... ..  |        | SAPPER R. F. DEAL, R.E.... | 6     |
| R.N., A.A.C... ..          | 2      | LEONARD RODMELL... ..      | 7     |
| FREDERICK G. SYMONDS... .. | 3      | REUBEN SANDERS... ..       | Tenor |
| GEORGE R. FARDON... ..     | 4      |                            |       |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SAPPER RICHARD F. DEAL.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Colledge Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                           |        |                       |       |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| *RICHARD THOMAS... ..     | Treble | DAVID HORNE... ..     | 4     |
| CORPL. E. W. TURNER... .. | 2      | WILLIAM RANFORD... .. | 5     |
| CHARLES LAYTON... ..      | 3      | GEORGE JORDON... ..   | Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

\* First peal of Minor.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th (the festival of St. Michael and All Angels), at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, in 58 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): Jas. Megann 3, W. Fisher 4, E. Chance 5, T. Hammond, sear., 6, G. Fisher 7, E. Breeze 8, J. Martin 9, J. Turner 10, W. Davies (conductor) 11, J. Lamb 12.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Two Hours Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in E.

|                             |        |                          |       |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| CHARLES A. ROBINSON... ..   | Treble | MISS EVELYN STEEL... ..  | 4     |
| *MISS EDITH K. PARKER... .. | 2      | CHARLES WM. CLARKE... .. | 5     |
| E. MAURICE ATKINS... ..     | 3      | WILLIAM STAPLETON... ..  | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

\* First peal on six bells, by Miss Edith K. Parker.  
Miss Parker and Mr. E. Maurice Atkins were made members of the Association before starting.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Grandsire, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                          |        |                        |       |
|--------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| FRANK SPENCER... ..      | Treble | THOMAS H. KIRKBY... .. | 4     |
| WALTER WHITE... ..       | 2      | WILLIAM E. WHITE... .. | 5     |
| REV. C. J. STURTON... .. | 3      | THOMAS SQUIRES... ..   | Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to celebrate the great victory of the Allies and the signing of the Armistice.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sunday, January 12, 1919, in One Hour and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

consisting of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.

|                   |     |                         |     |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| HARRY BRAGG... .. | 1—2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD... .. | 3—4 |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|

CHARLES BRAGG... .. 5—6.

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Witness: D. MATKIN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, and also as a compliment to the ringer of the 5—6, whose birthday occurs during the week.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT 8, SANSON ROAD, LEYTONSTONE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

|                     |     |                        |     |
|---------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| GEORGE R. PYE... .. | 1—2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE... ..   | 5—6 |
| WILLIAM PYE... ..   | 3—4 | WILLIAM SHEPHERD... .. | 7—8 |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: E. J. BUTLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. Pye, son of the ringer of 3—4.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, January 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT 31, CANNON STREET, CITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;**

|                       |     |                       |       |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-------|
| A. PADDON SMITH... .. | 1—2 | GEORGE F. SWANN... .. | 7—8   |
| THOMAS RUSSAM... ..   | 3—4 | JAMES E. GROVES... .. | 9—10  |
| ALBERT WALKER... ..   | 5—6 | JAMES GEORGE... ..    | 11—12 |

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: MORRIS J. MORRIS and JOSEPH PIGOTT.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

Notice has been issued to the members of the Central Council that the second meeting of the tenth Council (27th annual meeting) will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 10th, at Gloucester. Notices of motion reports of committees and other official matter, should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Saturday, 10th May.

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## THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL SERVICE. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION'S RESPONSE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Rev. M. E. Thorold) desires to bring before the notice of all ringers in the Association area that a Memorial Service to ringers who have given their lives for their country will be held at St. Philips' Church, Bristol. This decision was arrived at on January 11th, but it was decided to wait for further particulars of the London Memorial Service.

Will all concerned watch the notices in 'The Ringing World' during the next few weeks for further particulars. For the time being the Master wishes to inform the Gloucester and Bristol members that he intends to hold the service at the same time and date of the London service.

EDGAR GUISE (Hon. Secretary).

## A SUGGESTION.

Dear Sir,—I am very glad to see that a memorial service for our brothers who have given their lives for us in the war is proposed. But is the one at St. Clement Danes far-reaching enough? What I should like to suggest is that each district of the various Guilds and Associations throughout the country should (all on the same date) as the London service, hold a similar gathering in a centre as convenient as possible for each district, with half-muffled bells and a special memorial service, and that on the following Sunday all bells should be rung at every church, half-muffled, for all services. Then we should all have an opportunity to show our respect for the departed brethren, and make it universal throughout the country.—Yours,  
Walton-on-Thames.

W. SHORTER.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The January meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Brierley Hill on Saturday last, between 30 and 40 members being present. Owing to the illness of the Rector, the Rev. D. J. Rowland took the service, which was very bright and hearty, and the address appealed very much to all those who were present. By the kindness of the Rector a splendid tea was provided by one of the local band (Mr. W. Potter), and every credit is due to him and his good lady for the unexpected treat which they put before the visitors.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the Schools, the Rev. D. J. Rowland presiding. In welcoming the Association, he apologised for the absence of the Rector, and on his behalf thanked Mr. Potter for coming to his assistance at so short a notice. He trusted that when the Association came there again they would be made even more welcome.

Northfield was selected for the next quarterly meeting, in June, and it was decided to revive the quarterly peal, this to be attempted at Brierley Hill, with Mr. H. Withers as conductor.

Six new members were elected.

To commemorate in some form, which is yet to be decided, the sacrifices made by members in the war, it was resolved to get a list of all members who had been serving in H.M. Forces, those who have made the supreme sacrifice, the casualties, and the honours won on active service, and the secretary (Mr. E. J. Dowler) requested all towers who have not sent in their lists to do so at the earliest opportunity.

Ringing was kept up in various methods during the afternoon and evening, a course of London Surprise being included.

## LITTLE MUNDEN RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of an old and respected Little Munden ringer, Henry Carter, who passed away on Saturday, the 4th inst. Deceased had been a ringer at Little Munden about 25 years, and was most regular in attendance, scarcely ever missing ringing for service twice on a Sunday. He had rung twenty-two peals in all, all being on the treble. Eighteen of these were rung at Little Munden, including a 6480 in nine methods, and a 7200 in ten. About two years ago he had a seizure, and has been unable to ring since, owing to it having affected one side, but he was able to get about, and until recently attended church. Although unable to take part in the ringing he would listen to the bells with great pleasure.

The deceased was borne to his last resting place by six of his brother ringers, who, after lowering him into the grave, rang the bells, muffled. He leaves a widow and large family, mostly grown-up, four sons being ringers at Little Munden.

## PEAL AT NORTHOWRAM.

On the new peal of bells at Northowram, near Halifax, hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, in 1914, a peal was rung on the 11th inst. to celebrate the 71st birthday of that respected member of the Exercise, Mr. J. Barraclough. It was his 81st peal, and he received the hearty congratulations of the band. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and were greatly pleased with the 'go' of this new ring.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.****THE JOHNSON DINNER.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at St. Martin's Hotel on Tuesday, the 14th inst. under the chairmanship of the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.

The Guild's officers present, in addition to the chairman, were Vice-Presidents W. H. Godden, J. H. Shepherd, W. Kent; Deputy Ringing Master, James E. Groves; Past Deputy Ringing Master, A. Walker; trustee, Charles Dickens; auditors, G. F. Swann and J. L. Wells, and A. Paddon Smith honorary secretary. About fifty members, including two ladies, who despite the wretched weather conditions had come in from Solihull, were present, and the Guild also welcomed a guest, in the person of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna, Dorset, and hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Before the business meeting, the reverend gentleman had taken part in a touch of Stedman Cinques on the tower bells, and later was a very keen auditor of a touch in the same method on handbells. An apology was read from Mr. Harry Mason who regretted his inability to be present owing to the fact that he was busy sunning himself at Bournemouth. Oh, these 'bloated capitalists!' Mr. Mason promises, however, that he intends to be present at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, and for reasons which will be stated in the 'Ringing World' in due course, he would be well advised to book his seat early. The Chairman, at the outset, alluded to the lamented death of Thos. Verry, late towerkeeper at Handsworth Old Church. The secretary having already sent a letter of sympathy to the widow, those present stood for a moment in silence as a mark of respect.

The next item was a proposition by Alderman Pritchett, seconded by Mr. James George, and supported by Mr. Godden, that the unanimous and hearty congratulations of those present be sent to that hale old youngster, Mr. William Rock Small on the attainment of his 80th birthday. The Alderman added that the secretary should also advise Mr. Small that the two ladies present sent him fraternal (or was it loving!) kisses. The secretary was momentarily under the impression that these oscillatory salutes were to be given to him to convey by proxy, but this turned out to be a misapprehension. Truly this is a perverse world.

Then followed the election of officers for the ensuing year, and Mr. Godden proposed that they be re-elected en bloc. This was seconded by Mr. F. Dickens, and carried unanimously, with the addition of Mr. Thomas Russam to the number of vice-presidents, on the suggestion of Mr. Walker. This is a well-merited honour, Mr. Russam having been a stalwart supporter of the Guild for the greater part of his life. For many years he was steward at Aston tower, and on giving this up he became a trustee and a member of the Sunday ringing band at St. Martin's. Always punctual and reliable, his presence in a peal band is an accession of strength no matter how good the band may be, or whether the attempt is to be on tower bells or in hand. May he live long to carry his new dignity!

The balance sheet for the year ending November 30th last was duly approved, and showing as it does an increase in the assets amounting to nearly £3, it must certainly be regarded as satisfactory for the troublous times in which we live.

Many tower elections were ratified, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Northfield, in April.

The 31st annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held in March, on a date to be announced subsequently, and by a stroke of great good fortune it has been possible to arrange for this to be provided at the low cost of 3s. 6d. per head. In view however, of the high and increasing cost of living, of which we are all (or most of us, I forgot the 'bloated capitalists'!) painfully aware, it was unanimously agreed to increase the subscriptions of the active members of the Guild, and in future these will be as follows: County Members 1s. 6d. per year; Full Ringing Members, 1s. 6d. per quarter, the latter carrying with it the privilege of attending the dinner.

This course of action was rendered necessary by reason of the wish of the whole of the members that the 'Johnson Commemoration' should not fall away from the high standard attained in pre-war days, and for which it had become justly famed among ringers in every corner of the Kingdom.

A. P. S.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Bedford district was held on Saturday last at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, by kind permission of the Vicar (Canon Speck). The bells were raised by three o'clock, and kept going until about 8.30 p.m.

The business meeting was held for the election of officers, Miss E. Steel being in the chair. The committee was appointed as follows: Miss D. Steel, Messrs. Stapleton, H. Tysoe, E. Tungey and V. Cooper; secretary, Mr. H. L. Harlow.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Biddenham on Saturday, February 8th or 15th.—A vote of thanks was passed to Canon Speck for the use of the bells, and allowing the lady ringers to take part in the ringing for the first time at this church.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.****NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.**

One of the most enjoyable and successful meetings ever held by the Northampton District took place at Weston Favell on Saturday last. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and for two hours the five bells were kept going to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, also in rounds for the learners who were well looked after by Mr. B. Sothen, who was appointed Ringing Master for the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Wilson, who gave a most interesting address. The collection for Belfry Repair Funds amounted to 9s. 7d.

Tea was served in the Schools, 50 sitting down. The Rev. H. E. Wilson presided, supported by the Vice-President (Mr. F. Hopper), general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), Mr. J. Houghton, Irthlingborough; Mr. G. Basford, and brothers Ette, of Finedon. Members were also present from St. Peter's, St. Giles', St. Edmund's and All Saints', Northampton; Flore, Pattishall Ecton, Cogenhoe, Braxfield, Moulton, Boughton, Kingsthorpe, Harlestone, Hardingstone, and the local ringers. After tea, the Rector having to leave, owing to another appointment, expressed his pleasure at meeting such a splendid gathering of ringers, and said how well the ringers tried to keep the bells going during the war, although so many of their bellfries were short-handed. They had helped each other, and even the ladies had nobly come forward to help them.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for conducting the service and presiding at tea, and in his reply he expressed a wish to become an hon. member. This was quickly gratified at the meeting which took place, with Mr. F. Hopper, vice-president, in the chair.—A vote of condolence to the widow of the late Mr. A. Andrews, of Daventry, was passed, by the members rising in silence.—One hon. member and seven ringing members were elected, and the election of one member confirmed. Duston was chosen for a special meeting, on March 1st, and Collingtree for the quarterly meeting, in July.

The Association's Certificate was presented by the General Secretary to Messrs. J. W. Haines and C. J. A. Burge for ringing their first peal on a working bell.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the churchwardens for the use of the bells and the school, also the local ringers and their wives for the splendid tea.

Hand and tower bell ringing were kept up until 8 p.m.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting was held at Ilkeston on Saturday last. The bells, a tuneful ring of eight, were utilised to the full in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and London. Members were present from Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Cotgrave, Etavall, Bottesford, and Mansfield.

After tea, the business meeting was held, with Mr. John W. Taylor, the president, in the chair. He particularly urged members to endeavour to get more young men to take an interest in change ringing, in order that they might to some extent replace the heavy losses that the Exercise has sustained in the war. In a few well-chosen remarks, Mr. Taylor paid a well-deserved tribute to the pertinacity of the 'Ringing World,' and emphasised the need for the whole-hearted support of the paper by the ringers.

The next business was the election of new members, which was carried out in Mr. White's businesslike way, after which the election of auditors came before the meeting, as Mr. E. D. Taylor wished to resign.—Mr. E. I. Stone proposed, and the Rev. C. J. Sturton seconded, that the auditors should 'carry on.' However, as an amendment, Mr. Denison Taylor proposed that the Rev. C. J. Sturton should be elected. This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Oldham, and it was eventually decided by the meeting that the Rev. C. J. Sturton and Mr. C. Draper should be the auditors for the ensuing year.

A question, raised by the president, as to the advisability of raising the annual subscription was deferred to the annual meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local men for their excellent arrangements, the Vicar and Mr. E. C. Gobay responding.

Further touches on the tower bells and on handbells brought to a close a very successful meeting.

**DEATH OF A HYTHE RINGER.**

The Hythe, Kent, band regret to record the death, from pneumonia, at the age of 53 years, of Arthur White, who passed away on Nov. 15th. Although through physical disability he never rang a peal, he was a regular and enthusiastic attendant at service ringing and other meetings, and his loss is a great blow to the band, who are very short in numbers owing to the prevailing conditions.

The last rites took place at the Cemetery at Horn Street, the band being represented by Messrs. S. A. Gower, P. W. Cruden and A. R. Manning. A wreath bearing the inscription: 'In remembrance of Arthur from his brother ringers at home and abroad,' was placed on his grave. In the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells fully muffled, by Messrs. W. J. Prebble, F. Adams, W. Beckley, A. R. Manning, P. W. Cruden, R. F. Rumpham, S. A. Gower, C. Clements.

## NOTICES.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Estab. 1875.—The annual meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on Saturday, January 25th, 1919. For full particulars see circular to all towers.—H. Williams, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, New Wortley Cemetery, Leeds.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. Special service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Room at 5.45. As it is intended that this meeting shall take the form of a thanksgiving for the conclusion of hostilities, it is requested that members will make every effort to take part. The Vicars of St. Martin's, St. Bride's, and Shoreditch will be in attendance. Visitors specially welcome.—James Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*

**SALOP GUILD.**—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Ringing at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m., preacher, the Ven. the Hon. Archdeacon Lambart, M.A.; tea in St. Alkmund's Parish Room at 6 p.m.; business meeting 6.45.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (Christ Church) on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. A. W. Boulden (Vicar) at 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding. Subscriptions are due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clutton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business at 5 p.m. All ringers, whether members of the Association or not, will be heartily welcomed.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 25th. Service 5.30, tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Intending visitors please write G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Terrace, Burnham-on-Sea.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock, Divine Service at 4, tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock.—Geo. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A special meeting of the Branch will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells of St. Nicholas Church (6) will be open for ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. Service in the Church at 4 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting in the Village Hall.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rossendale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, to-morrow, Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due, reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The Committee will meet at Maidenhead on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1919, in the Vestry of All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, at 6 o'clock. A representative of every belfry in this branch should be present. Business: Inspect accounts for 1918; suggest annual meeting 1919; recommendations to Diocesan Guild, war service and roll of honour. Evensong at 5.30 p.m., with the Vicar. The President is hoping to be able to attend. Bands will make their own arrangements for ringing at a neighbouring tower during the afternoon, All Saints' bells being unringable.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m., service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringers cordially invited. Those intending to be present will oblige by sending a card not later than Jan. 28th.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Kettering District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all who intend being present kindly communicate with me as early as possible?—Walter T. Wilson, District Secretary The Pines, Isham, nr. Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—A practice meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock, service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 for those who notify me not later than the previous Wednesday. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James's Society.—Estab. 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, E.C. St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be open, ringing at both towers from 4 to 6.30 p.m., followed by a business meeting at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey. It is hoped that members will make special endeavours to attend. All ringers will be welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FALLEN RINGERS**

This service will be held (D.V.) at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd next. The original limitation to the London District is abandoned, and the Rector's invitation is a general one to ringers. Provincial associations who desire to be associated in any way, either by the presence of members or of delegates only, or by holding a synchronised service, might kindly communicate with the Hon. Sec., E. Alex. Young, 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at St. George's Bristol, on Saturday, January 11th, with what was probably a record attendance. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 when a short service was held in the church, the Rev. T. C. Fowler (priest-in-charge), and the Rev. M. E. Thorold (Master of the Association) officiating. After service, a substantial tea, provided by friends of the local members, was partaken of. The business meeting then followed, and although the agenda was rather a long one, it was got through in good time, and the rest of the evening was taken up with music and dancing until 10 p.m., when a very pleasant and successful meeting terminated.

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