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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. BROOK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK

WAR MEMORIALS.

Among the first to project a war memorial for fallen members, the Kent County Association has now decided upon its scheme and issued its appeal for funds. The proposals include the addition of two trebles to Canterbury Cathedral, to make the ring at the mother church of the Diocese into a peal of twelve; the erection of a memorial tablet in the nave, and also in the principal church in each of the five other districts of the Association; and the provision of a suitable card for each tower for the purpose of recording the names of the members of the belfry who have served in the war. The whole scheme is one which, without doubt, will commend itself to the members of the Association, and, although it will involve a considerable cost, there ought to be little difficulty in regard to funds, for the form of the memorial is worthy of the cause. It is particularly interesting to note that the principal feature of the scheme is the provision of two more bells for the Cathedral. Up to the present Kent has no church with twelve bells, its only peal of this number being in the Waterloo Tower at Quex Park.

Very few, if any, of the other Associations have yet decided upon the form in which they will commemorate the heroic men who went from their belfries and made the great sacrifice; but there are numerous annual meetings to be held at Easter and in the succeeding weeks, so that, doubtless, we shall hear much more of this matter in the immediate future. Each Association will follow its own inclinations as to the form of memorial to be adopted, and not all of them will be able to undertake something as ambitious as the Kent Association; but, wherever a scheme is put on foot, it should be one which is really worthy. The men who have died put no limit to the sacrifice they made, and their colleagues who remain will surely not hesitate in regard to the amount of their giving. There will be no differences of opinion as to the desirability of perpetuating the memory of those who will not return from the field of honour, but there may not be the same unanimity as to the method. Nothing can be more suitable, for instance, than the provision of bells; but bells are expensive, and the extent to which this kind of memorial can be adopted is limited, and it may in some cases lead to a division of opinion as to where the memorial should be placed. But in Kent the tower where the bells should hang was beyond question, and wherever there is a cathedral waiting for an improved or increased peal there should be no doubt as to the right situation for any such memorial. We hope we may see other Associations adopting schemes similar to that of Kent, which has in many ways in the past proved itself a progressive organisation.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

	Tenor 21 cwt.		
ARTHUR E. WILKINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. CAVE	6
WILLIAM THOMAS	2	HENRY T. HOWELL	7
RAYMOND J. WILKINS	3	WALTER FARLEY	8
CHARLES H. GORDON	4	JOHN BURFORD	9
JOHN BROWN	5	WILLIAM KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN BURFORD.

This peal was rung half-muffled on the occasion of the memorial service held at St. Phillip's Church for ringers who fell in the war.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

*VINCENT TIPTON	*Treble*	GEORGE DENT	5
HENRY F. COOPER	2	*STANLEY CLARKE	6
WILLIAM DELLAR	3	JOHN CORDELL	7
CHARLES PEACOCK	4	HARRY SMALE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. WILLSON.
Conducted by G. DENT.

* First attempt for a peal.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

	Tenor 21¾ cwt.		
JOHN MILLET	*Treble*	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.	5
THOS. B. WORSLEY	2	TITUS BARLOW	6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN.	4	AMOS TRIPPIER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, March 20, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S (transposed).

	Tenor 19¾ cwt.		
WALTER C. HUNT	*Treble*	WILLIAM KNIGHT	5
HERBERT H. TUCKER	2	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN.	6
*JOHN BROWN	3	JOHN A. BURFORD	7
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Major.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. H. H. Tucker, who was leaving Bristol for Liverpool.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
On Saturday, March 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.		Tenor 1 ton.	
*JAMES LLOYD	*Treble*	ALBERT WOODVINE	5
*WILLIAM WASE	2	CHARLES R. LILLEY	6
THOMAS ABBOTT	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
GEORGE LEONARD HEWITT	4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal and first attempt.

Other Peal reports are unavoidably held over.

EASTER MEETINGS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available from 10.30. Dinner 12.45. Service at Cathedral (Lady Chapel) 2.30. Tea 3.30, followed by business meeting. Charabanc leaves Bristol 8.30 a.m. Will members please notify me for tea and dinner before April 13th, and about charabanc before April 12th?—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15, Service in the Cathedral at 4.15, with address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea at 5.15 for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 16th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints' (10), Hallow (8), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas' (6), St. John's in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, reports obtained, etc., in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 and 12.30.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing can be had at the Cathedral and St. Peter's from 12 to 1, and again from 2 p.m. Those wishing to ring earlier at the six bell towers should communicate with me. There will be Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. G. Ward, Vicar of North Mimms. Tea and annual business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. sharp. Dear fellow-ringer, if you are coming, please let me know not later than Easter Monday morning, to save confusion at tea table. All ringers welcome.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Windsor on Easter Monday, April 21st, 1919. Service at the Parish Church at 5 p.m., when the Very Rev. The Dean of Windsor has kindly consented to address the members. Tea for those who notify the Secretary in good time will be provided at the Church Rooms at 5.45, and the business meeting will follow. His Worship the Mayor of Windsor, Canon Drummond, and Canon Coleridge have expressed a wish to support this gathering. St. John's bells will be available 3 to 5 o'clock, and the following towers have been placed at the disposal of members and friends during the morning: Slough and Old Windsor from 10 to 11; St. Andrew's, Clewer, 12 to 1. —W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, Farnham Royal.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday in St. Paul's Mission Room, All Hallows' Lane, Bedford, at 2 o'clock. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available after 11 a.m. All visitors and friends and lady ringers welcome.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, at Huntingdon. Service will be held at All Saints' Church at 12.30, preacher the Venerable the Archdeacon of Huntingdon. The business meeting will take place at 3.30, followed by tea at four o'clock. The bells of All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (8), and Godmanchester (8) will be available during the day. Ringers are asked to make their own arrangements for lunch.—A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hill's View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The April meeting of this Society will be held at Worksop Priory Church on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. G. A. d'Arcy), the bells (8) will be available from 1.30 to 9 p.m., or earlier by appointment. At 5 o'clock tea will be provided in the Priory Gate House at a nominal charge of 6d. per head to all those who notify Mr. H. Haigh not later than 16th April (*this is important*), whose address is 103, Gateford Road, Worksop. As this meeting will give us an opportunity of meeting and making some slight recognition of our ringing V.C., a large attendance is to be desired.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Woodston (one mile from Peterborough) on Easter Monday. Service at 4; tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Room. The bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) available during the day. Those requiring tea please let me know early. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Diss on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available for ringing at Diss and Palgrave. Committee meeting at 12 o'clock noon and general meeting at 2.30 in the Church Hall.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at Epsom on Easter Monday. The bells will be open from 3 o'clock. Special Service for the ringers at St. Martin's Church at 5.30. Further particulars next week.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The six-bell contest will be held at the Thornhill Parish Church on Easter Monday, April 21st. The draw will take place at the 'Alma Inn' at 11 a.m., and ringing will commence immediately after the draw. Tea, 1/6 each, provided for those who notify me before the 14th of April. — W. Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Monday, April 21st. Bells ready at 2. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to the Secs.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday (April 21st) for election of officers of Division, etc. Tower open 11-1 and 2-4; short Service 4; tea 4.30, in Church Hall, meeting to follow. Half railway fare. Tea 1/- each to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 16th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16 Belgrave Street. Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone on Easter Monday by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Tindall). Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock; special service in the church at 5.30; tea, at 6 o'clock, in the Woodward Hall (near the Church), to be followed by a short business meeting. As it is very necessary to know the number requiring tea, will all members acquaint me of their intention to be present not later than Tuesday, April 15th?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

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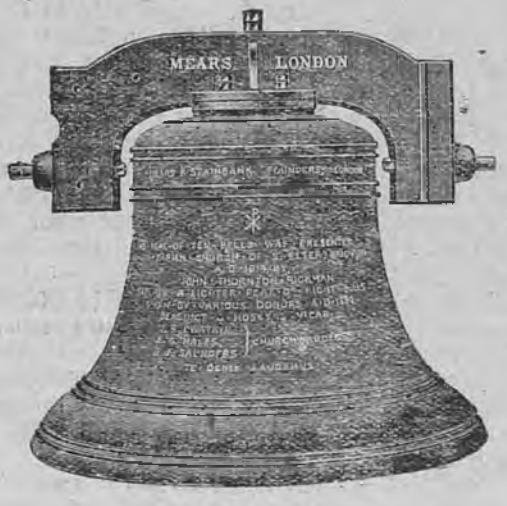

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It must be a rare occurrence for father and son to ring their first peal of Double Norwich together, but this was accomplished at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on March 29th, by Mr. Harry Briggs and his son. Great credit, indeed, is due to the former for the very able manner in which he rang the method, especially considering that he is in his 69th year, and the opportunities for practice are very rare.

A good many husbands and wives now ring together. Mr. and Mrs George Williams were the first to ring a handbell peal together; Mr and Mrs. R. Whittington the first to take part together in a peal on tower bells, and, incidentally, to repeat the performance as grand parents. Now Mr. and Mrs. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, have rung peals both on handbells and in the tower together—the first married couple to accomplish this, we believe.

Oxford Treble Twelve is not so easy as some people may imagine. If you don't believe it, ask the band that met at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on Saturday week.

The Southwark Cathedral band have obtained the Rector's kind consent to occasional practices upon the bells of All Hallows, Lombard Street. This fine-toned ring of ten bells, too long silent, was formerly in the tower of St. Dionys, Backchurch, pulled down some 40 years ago. One wonders what became of the peal boards—if any!

The ringers' hymn, composed by the Rev. Pennington Bickford, and used at St. Clement's Memorial Service, is very suitable for services in connection with unveiling of tablets and other memorials. The Rector will be glad to supply copies at cost, 2s. 6d. per hundred, if desired. The Rector is a well known musician.

The rehanging of St. Clement's bells will be proceeded with at once by a well known firm of London bell founders. The total cost, with work to the carillon and tower, will be close on £1,000. Collecting cards for £1 each have been circulated amongst the leading societies of England and Wales, so that a wide field may be reached in respect to the rehanging of these bells of 'Oranges and Lemons' fame.

THE KENT WAR MEMORIAL.

TWO MORE BELLS FOR CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

In an appeal for contributions which has been issued by the Kent County Association, the following particulars are given of the memorial for those members who have fallen in the war.

It is proposed, say, the circular, to add two trebles to the existing ring of ten bells in Canterbury Cathedral. The Dean and Chapter have given their ready consent to the scheme and also permission to place a tablet in the Nave.

It is also proposed to erect a memorial tablet in the principal church of each of the other five districts, into which for Association purposes the county is divided, viz., Ashford, Lewisham, Maidstone Rochester and Tonbridge.

In order to carry out these projects a considerable sum will be wanted; but the Committee appeal with confidence to all members and friends of the Association to make generous contributions towards the requisite amount. With so large a membership, eleven hundred in 1914, they feel that there ought not to be very much difficulty in obtaining sufficient funds to carry out the whole scheme.

It may be added that every band of ringers in union will be supplied at the expense of the Association with a suitable card, to be hung on the wall of the ringing chamber, on which may be inscribed the names of their members who have served in the great war.

RINGING FOR SERVICE IN GERMANY.

Feeling that demobilisation was in my bones, and a consequent release from army life to the old pacific routine, including ringing, I thought a little practice at the rope end would do me no harm, so I strolled into the belfry at Lechenich to-day in time to ring for afternoon service. There are two bells now in this tower. Originally there were four, but two have been given up for the 'Vaterland.' I noticed the empty cages when I got up among the bells (for a suit of khaki gets you undisputed admission anywhere here in reason) and made inquiries as to the reason. The hour bell is a good one weighing about 14 cwt., hung in the old-fashioned way with a straight wood stock and cannons. The propellant is a crank, with a very heavy rope encased in leather at the ringing end. I took the big bell and both were rung about frame high, the two German ringers one, of course, idle, marvelling at the ease with which I handled both bell and rope, and the way I followed the treble. Our conductor called 'finish,' and my bell was at once, without my feet even shifting, while he, with a much lighter bell was having joy rides up and down for a few seconds longer. He came across to me, and noticing the harp on my sleeve, exclaimed: 'Ah, musick,' which probably accounted to him for my proficiency in handling a bell. It would be a fierce tower from a ringers' point of view, there being a good 50 feet drangle without a guide. Hoping to trouble the peal columns shortly. Yours,

ALBERT COPPOCK,
Bandsman, 2nd D. [illegible].

Lechenich, Germany.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SMALL ATTENDANCE, BUT GOOD RINGING AT ANSTON.

The quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Anston on Saturday week. This is generally a favourite meeting place, the picturesque situation of the village within easy walk of two railway stations, the excellent 'go' of the bells, and the hearty welcome always extended by the local company all combine to draw a goodly number of ringers to Anston. Perhaps, the cold windy day, with a slight sprinkling of snow, deterred men, especially wheelmen, on this occasion; anyhow the attendance was below the average. What, however, was lacking in quantity was amply made up for in the quality of the performances. At quarterly meetings, when the ropes are handled by mixed bands, including generally some of the younger members (whom the old hands are always willing to encourage), breakdowns are not infrequent. At this meeting no such mishap occurred, and some of the most beautiful striking was executed. Four 720's were completed in succession without a hitch, in addition to other smaller touches.

The first 720 was Kingston Treble Bob, rung muffled, as a mark of condolence with the relatives of the late Rev. Canon Gray, Rector of West Retford, who was vice-president of the Association for 32 years, and invariably presided over the annual gathering at East and West Retford, and also as a tribute of respect and sympathy to the relatives of Tom Laking and Horace Unwin, of Harthill, late members of the Association, who fell in the great war.

The other methods included 720's of London Scholars Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, and London Surprise, as well as 360 London Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Kitchener's Surprise; and every ringer who attended had the satisfaction of ringing a 720 in one of these methods.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Stanton, the Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) made allusion to the loss the Association had sustained by the death of the Rev. Canon Gray, and the members passed a vote of sympathy, by rising in silence for a few moments.

It was unanimously decided to make a grant to the Goldsmith testimonial.

The next meeting will be the annual gathering, and will take place at Retford. It will be arranged by the committee after the declaration of peace.

Votes of congratulation were passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to the Rev. Canon D'Arcy and the Rev. Canon Darby (vice-presidents) upon the high honour and dignity conferred upon them in their being made Canons of Southwell and Sheffield Cathedrals respectively.

Just before the conclusion of ringing the Vicar of Anston visited the belfry, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the ringers to Anston. He had been delighted to listen, at a distance, to the most beautiful ringing.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Anston company concluded the proceedings. Ringers were present from Harthill, Killamarsh, Treeton, Worksop, Shireoaks and Anston.

A BELFRY MEMORIAL.

An interesting little ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Luke's Church, Silverdale, Staffs, on March 23rd, when Mrs. Buckwell, wife of the Vicar (the Rev. S. L. Buckwell) unveiled the framed portraits of the ringers belonging to the tower who had taken part in the great war.

The ceremony was opened by prayer, and after the unveiling, the Vicar pointed out that picture would always remind them of three things: first, the debt of gratitude which those who had returned safely would always owe to God for His care and protection; secondly, it would remind them that the call to duty was a thing not to be lightly regarded; and, thirdly, that one face in the group, viz., that of John Fernyhough, who had fallen, would always remind them that they must be prepared to make the highest sacrifice in the fulfilment of their duty.

The singing of the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' and the Blessing, brought the simple yet touching ceremony to a close.

Afterwards Mrs. Buckwell entertained the ringers and their wives to tea at the Vicarage.

Dear Sir,—Now that hostilities have ceased, and peace has once more descended upon us, I think that the time has come when we should consider and formulate some scheme for preserving, for the benefit of future generations of ringers, the names of those who have fought in the war, and helped to bring it to a successful conclusion.

Most of our belfries, which have members who have served, have their own roll of honour, but I should also like to see a complete list of ringers who have served, published either in the form of a pamphlet, or as a supplement to our ringing paper. Ringers have played a great part in this fight for freedom, and the 'roll of honour' would show the country how well that part was played.

The Central Council is the body which should take the matter up, and should this suggestion be carried out I am sure that the booklet would not be the least interesting of their list of publications.—Yours sincerely,

'YOUNG RINGER.'

RINGERS' SOCIAL AT MIDDLETON.

On Saturday evening, the ringers of the Middleton Parish Church held a very successful social gathering as a re-union and a welcome home to three fellow members who have now been demobilised, viz., Messrs. W. Berry, F. Berry, and J. Arrowsmith, junr. This pleasant function took place in the Free Library, and was presided over by the oldest ringer, Mr. J. Arrowsmith, senr., who said he thought they all ought to feel very proud and thankful that their three soldier members had safely come through the dangers and hardships they had been called upon to endure in the service of their country. He suggested that it would be a good idea to hold similar social gatherings annually, and this was afterwards agreed to by the members. He also suggested a trip during the summer months.—Dancing was afterwards indulged in, being interspersed by songs and recitations contributed by Mr. and Mrs. T. Ogden, Miss Halliwell, Mr. J. Arrowsmith, junr., and Mr. W. Hardman. Refreshments were served, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the committee, their wives and the secretary (Mr. J. K. Driver) for their painstaking labours to make the effort such a huge success.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the chairman, the pianist (Mr. J. Butterworth) and the artistes for their kindly services.

NORTH STONEHAM RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place at Southampton Hospital, on March 5th, of Mr. William Rowe, at the age of 65 years. Mr. Rowe had been a ringer at North Stoneham Parish Church since the bells were hung in 1893. He took great interest in change ringing, and was very regular in his attendance.

A large congregation attended the funeral service, which took place at North Stoneham, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. I. Salmon, M.A.). The hymns, 'Peace, perfect peace,' and 'They whose course on earth is o'er,' were sung, the 'Dead March in Saul' being played as the mourners left the church. 'Now the labourer's task is o'er' was also sung at the graveside.

After the funeral the ringers rang the whole pull and stand 65 times (to correspond with the deceased ringer's age), with the bells half-muffled, followed by 336 Bob Major: E. Mundy 1, E. Dumper 2, G. Williams 3, W. G. Edwards 4, C. J. Fray 5, Pte. A. A. Jones, A.S.C., 6, A. Marks 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8. On the following Wednesday an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Bob Major came to grief after two hours' ringing.

AWAKENING INTEREST IN CARMARTHEN.

A party of ringers of St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, South Wales, recently visited St. Peter's, Carmarthen, under their captain (Mr. W. Dobbins), to endeavour to re-arouse interest in the art of change ringing in the town. In the morning touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and Stedman Doubles were rung, and in the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was brought round by: H. Edwards 1, A. Sluman 2, H. Willis (conductor) 3, W. A. Dobbins 4, W. Dobbins 5, Rev. M. Davies 6, J. Coleman 7, W. Webb 8. The ringing was very well performed, and the townspeople were much delighted with the ringing. Although the bells had not been 'rung' for about ten years, their condition was found to be remarkably good. It is hoped that the ancient art will now be revived in Carmarthen so that when the lads return from foreign fields the bells of St. Peter's will welcome them.

OLD SHEFFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Midgley, of St. Maries' (R.C.) company, Sheffield who passed away on March 29th. Deceased was a member of St. Maries' belfry for about 40 years, and a life member of the Yorkshire Association. He took part in over 20 peals, and among his performances rang the tenor at the Cathedral to Stedman Caters and Cinques, conducted by the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley.

Of a very retiring disposition, the deceased unfortunately fell a victim to cancer, and succumbed after much suffering. The interment at the City Road Cemetery was attended by a goodly number of relatives and ringers. Representatives from the various towers rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave as a last tribute of respect.

DINGY BELFRIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having rung in a number of belfries in my time, I have often wondered why the belfries should be allowed to get so dingy and dull in appearance. I think they should be made more decorative and inviting. I have seen large cobwebs, and dust so thick on the seats, in some belfries, that one could hardly find a place to sit down. To me the belfry is as sacred as any other part of the church, and is entitled to its rights as well as its duties.

I think those that take office in the church fail in their duty in not seeing to this. I have always been given to understand that this is part of the duty of the parishioners' churchwardens, and one upon which they should be appealed to. I am not speaking of all belfries, there are exceptions.

Then there are the bells which are often sadly neglected, thus making ringing hard work.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR LORKIN.

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NOTICES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham, on Saturday, April 12th, being the fifth anniversary of the ring of 8. Service 4.30, followed by tea at the 'White Lion,' at moderate charge, 5.30.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham, on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Aldenham on April 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock.—F. Smith, 82, Glencoe Road, Bushey, and F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Joint Secs. (*pro tem.*).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A district meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30. Tea and business meeting at the 'King's Arms' Hotel. Election of officers for the Western Division. — A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the Tower at 5.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian's on Saturday, April 12th, bells ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Sec., Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready for ringing at 3 o'clock; meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due; reports to hand. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, April 12th, 1919. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Memorial Service for those Ringers in these Dioceses who have sacrificed their lives for King and Country, 1914—1918, will be held at St. John's Church, Grainger Street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3.30 p.m. (Address by the Rev. A. E. Cormbin, Vicar of St. John's). A peal of Stedman Triples will be attempted on the bells, muffled, before service. All ringers, with their relations and their friends, are invited to attend and pay this humble tribute of respect and gratitude to our fallen heroes. The bells of the Cathedral and All Saints' will also be muffled for ringing after the service.—G. T. Potter, Hon. Sec., 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 22nd, and Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held at Far Headingly on Saturday, April 26th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) the bells of St Chad's will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Committee meeting in the Parochial Hall at 6 p.m., and the annual business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society.—Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will take place on Saturday, April 26th, at Southwark Cathedral at 4 p.m. There will be half an hour interval for tea. A business meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the 'Southwark Tavern' (close by). Ringers and friends welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, 26th inst. Tower open at 2.30; service at 4.30; tea at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Ringing again afterwards. 6d. allowed to members for tea on sending notice to me not later than 22nd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Ashton-under-Lyne Society (annual) on Saturday, April 26th, at St. Michael's Church. Bells (12) available from 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft and C. Bower, Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shedfield on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge for those who let me know not later than Tuesday, 22nd.—E. J. Harding, District Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock. Tea can be arranged for those who let me know not later than Monday, April 21st. Business meeting after tea.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3; Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, M.A.; tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Fulmer, Bucks. Fuller particulars next week.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th. Full particulars next week.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, May 3rd. Service at 4 p.m.; tea and business at 5. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers, whether members or not, will be heartily welcome.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton Bath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on May 10th. Further particulars later. Members and Secretaries of towers please note that all subscriptions for 1919 are now due.—H. R. Butcher, General Hon. Sec., Crowborough, Sussex.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — Mr. A. Mason has removed from 120, Llanover Road, to 29, Pembroke Road, North Wembley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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LATE EASTER MEETING NOTICE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing at St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's, and All Saints' Churches from 10 a.m. Committee meeting 3 o'clock, general meeting 3.30 in St. Peter's Parochial Rooms. Tea at 4.30, 2/- each, at the Derby Co-operative Society, Albert Street. Will those who intend being present at tea please notify Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, by Monday, April 14th.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec., Cotgrave, Notts.

THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

I thank the secretaries of associations and members for the tangible manner in which they have so far helped in the above testimonial.

The fund is still open, and the date for returning the lists is extended to April 19th, 1919. There are still a considerable number of lists out, and I shall be very glad if those who have the lists will kindly return them to me, with every line filled up if possible, on or before April 19th, 1919.

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