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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

INTEREST THE PUBLIC.

We have dwelt from time to time upon the various methods which are open to ringers to recruit their strength for the belfry, and we do not hesitate to return to the subject, in view of the urgent necessity which has arisen in a large number of towers for replacing those men who have gone off to fight their country's battles. Much, in the way of filling gaps, can be done by individual effort, but in these days when the ranks are so sadly depleted, better results would, probably, be achieved by official steps taken by the church authorities. The great point is to get people interested in the subject, and that is not always easy. The idea is widely prevalent that the ringer's task is a monotonous and laborious one, and for that reason many do not give it further thought. They know nothing of the delights and fascination of the art—did they do so there would be no lack of members, and yet it is not easy to bring the attraction of ringing before the public.

One of the best methods is one which we have previously suggested, namely, that of getting the subject raised by a paper read before and discussed by, say, the parochial branch of the C.E.M.S. This society is a recruiting ground already partially prepared, for one of its objects is to bring its members into active touch with church work. In a few places this has been done, and those who have been responsible have been well rewarded by the increased interest in ringing which they have aroused. Only this week we record quite a successful venture of this kind at Daventry, where, by a paper read to the local C.E.M.S., Mr. Arthur Andrews was able to get steps taken to establish a change ringing band upon a workable footing. One of the difficulties of the general adoption of this course, however, is that not everyone is able or in a position to provide the necessary lecture. Indeed, it requires a good deal of time and ability to collect the information needed to make such a paper interesting and appealing in its nature.

Would it not, therefore, be worth the while of either the Central Council or the associations to provide the material for this kind of educative work. The Council has several able men who could prepare such a paper, which would then not only be of an authoritative kind, but also have a literary finish which one prepared in a more or less amateurish way might not have. Then, too, it might be illustrated by lantern slides, which, naturally, add a great deal to a subject of this kind. If the Council are unable to father a scheme of this kind to propagate interest in ringing, then some of the associations, who would, in the long run, benefit by increased membership, might try their hand. We want to get the public—or the right section of the public—interested, and the means we have suggested is, we believe, one way to that end.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1915, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

JOHN BUTLER Treble	*WM. PHILLIPS 5
TOM MORGAN 2	FREDK. ATWELL 6
*FRED CHURCHILL 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
*W. H. RICHARDS 4	*HARRY TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by F. ATWELL.

* First peal. Messrs. Butler, Phillips and Atwell hail from Newport, Sykes from Huddersfield. The rest are local men. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, who is shortly leaving the parish.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*C. W. CLARK Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
JOSEPH RIDYARD 3	JOHN POTTER 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 150th peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the tenor, who was married at St. Thomas's, Bolton, a week earlier, to Miss Olive Bradshaw.

SIX BELL PEAL.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, November 28, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

With the ten callings in Snowdon's book. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM E. MERRINGTON... Treble	ALBERT WOODVINE... .. 4
EDWARD WOODVINE 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5
JOSEPH HANLEY 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

First peal on the bells, which are considered the finest six in Shropshire. They are also the heaviest, and were given by the late Mr. J. J. Bibby, of Hardwick Grange, and his family in 1894, the founders being Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. E. A. Godson for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

*ARTHUR PAYNE... .. 1-2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4	JAMES E. GOFTON 7-8
*COLIN GREYSTY 9-10	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal on ten bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 24, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

At St. Michael's, Joseph Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17 in A.

CHARLES HAZELDEN... .. 1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5—6
MAURICE SMITHER 3—4	SGT. BENJ. S. THOMPSON 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. HAZELDEN, MRS. PULLING and MDLLE YVONNIE ELOIE-LELOUIE.

Sgt. B. S. Thompson, 16th Batt. Rifle Brigade, visited Guildford from Witley Camp, and it was his first peal of Triples in hand.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 26, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

IN THE BELFREY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1—2	GEORGE R. PYE 5—6
WILLIAM PYE 3—4	JAMES HUNT 7—8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 9—10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: C. T. COLES.

On November 26th, 1890, the conductor called his first peal, it being the second peal he took part in. He has thus taken part in 1,200 peals in exactly 25 years. It was arranged to ring Cinques, but Mr. A. W. Grimes was too ill to start and the above had to be rung instead.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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At St. Michael's, Joseph Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17 in A.

CHARLES HAZELDEN... .. 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER... .. 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	BERNARD CLARKE 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. CLARKE and MRS. HAZELDEN.

This was the conductor's 450th peal. Mr. Clarke hails from Fleet, and was a former member of the Holy Trinity Society.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers have joined H.M. Forces—

Gnr. J. Worthy, of Cricke, Derbyshire, R.F.A., now in France.

From Parish Church, Luton:—

Pte H. Walker, 3/6 Beds Regiment, stationed at Lowestoft.

Pte A. Rookwood, 3/5 Beds Regiment, stationed at Newmarket.

Pte J. Wing, H.A.C., stationed at Richmond.

From Sible Hedingham, Essex:—

R. Rayner,

H. Wiseman, and

C. Smith, King's Royal Rifles.

Tpr. G. Hasnip, of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, City of London

Yeomanry Rough Riders.

Spr. William Davies, of Aston Parish Church, Birmingham,

Royal Engineers.

From the Church of All Saints', Oakham.

Lance-Corpl. C. Ball, Leicestershire Yeomanry, now in France.

Corpl. H. Burbeck, Warwickshire, R.H.A., now at Leamington.

Gunner S. B. Higgs, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Leith.

BELL POETRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—With reference to "Bob Major's" query in last week's "Occasional Notes," as to who has the best collection of verse concerning bells, I may say that I have a very large collection of all classes of "Poetry and rhymes on bells," which for the last few years I have made a hobby of collecting, and, as he remarks, they form a most interesting addition to other classes of literature which I also have collected, such as "old ringer's rules; Legends and traditions; History; peculiar uses; and other many and varied curiosities concerning bells," which cover several volumes. At the present time I am engaged in trying to revise and bring up to date, North's "Church Bells of Leicestershire," giving full particulars as to the history, inscriptions, and where possible, a list of all peals rung, at each individual church, something similar to one or two articles which have already been published in these columns, by yours truly.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

A LETTER FROM THE TRENCHES.

RINGERS' PART IN BIG ATTACK.

Two members of the Spitalfields Foundry Staff and Guild, G. Austin and R. N. Runham, who are serving in France with the 1st Batt. Coldstream Guards, have written to Mr. R. Warner, and their many friends in ringing circles will be glad to learn that both are well. Pte Austin, in his letter, speaks of the part they took in the recent great advance. He says: "Since receiving your letter we have been taking part in the advance, and when that was finished we had the job of holding some parts of the new line."

"We started back from our rest a few days before the attack began, and we were held in reserve close by the firing line. I think the 'clerk of the weather' thought we had had enough of dry weather, for, as soon as we started our march, it began to rain, and kept on during the whole time our march lasted, and, for three days and nights we were wet through to the skin. On the Saturday, while we were on the road some of our cavalry overtook us, so we had to stand on the side of the road, while they passed. They came past at the trot. You should have heard us boys 'who were all wet through,' cheer them, amid shouts of 'Leave us a few,' and 'Save us a helmet,' for, if we were wet, our spirits were high, and we were not 'down-hearted,' even if we were tired."

A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK.

"The end of the third day brought us to our old trenches. It was Sunday, and so our side had advanced some distance. Already there was a lot of difference in the way we moved up to the firing line. We moved up the road that leads to Vermels in brigades; before the advance we used to go up about a dozen at a time in single file. On both sides of the road the cavalry were 'standing to' ready to move if they were required. We stopped in a field just behind our trenches, and had our tea. Later on we had the 'rum' served out, and we were glad of it, for it was cold, and it did warm us up. Early next morning we moved up and took over the old German trench, which had been badly knocked about by our artillery. All over the place lay German rifles, equipment, and ammunition while inside the trenches were a large number of various sorts of bombs. We stopped in the trench till tea-time, when we had the order to get dressed, as we were going to attack. I got through this all right, except for knocking a few inches of skin off my leg, caused by falling off the top of the trench when getting out to start on the attack. The attack was a success, and later on in the night we had to dig ourselves in. As soon as we began to dig it began to rain, and so it was not long before we were wet through and covered in mud. We stopped in these new trenches four days, during this time we had bully beef, biscuits, jam, a small bit of bacon and cold water for rations. All the time we were wet through, and unable to get any sleep, so none of us felt very grand. On the second day in the trenches we made another attack, during which we lost a lot of officers and men, but both R. Runham and myself came through safely. The end of the fourth day we were relieved, and when some distance from the trenches our 'band' met us, but even with their help the lads could not march, we were all too much 'done up.' I, for one, would have laid down on the side of the road and had a sleep, but they don't let the 'Guards' do things like that. After a few days' rest we went up to another place where there was 'bags of work' to do, but we had no trouble here, except for a few 'coal-boxes' that dropped by our trench. After five days in the trenches we went for a few days' rest."

GRUESOME WORK.

"The next time we went up we went to a redoubt, which our side captured. It had been taken and retaken a few times, and when we got there we found it in a nice mess. Most of the trenches had been blown in, and so we had to dig them again. During this job we came across a lot of bodies of men who had been buried alive, and also parts of bodies which had been blown to pieces. We were all glad when we finished this job; as it was, it turned a lot of us off our food during the time we were there."

"While in these trenches I had a narrow escape. I had been sitting down in the trench, and for some reason I moved further down the trench. About half a minute after a small German shell blew the trench in where I had been sitting. I have the 'nose-cap' of this shell for a souvenir. Shortly after this, while a young chap, who had just come out, and myself were mending the trench, our artillery started bombarding, but there was something the matter, for their shells were dropping by our trench. I told my mate to come along with me out of the way. We went some way down the trench and joined some other fellows who were talking together. We had only been there a few seconds when one of the shells dropped a couple of yards behind us, blowing all the sand-bags in the air, but before these fell we were all up the trench out of danger. One man was wounded in the arm, another had his leg hurt with a falling sand-bag, and two more went to hospital suffering from shock; I got off with a slight shock and a lot of 'music in my ears.' We stopped in these trenches eight days, and now we are having a rest. I am glad we have not been in the trenches during the last week, for it has been pouring with rain all the time, but I expect we shall be in again before long."

"By-the-way, I have joined the bomb throwers, and while in the trenches the last time we made a successful bomb attack on the Germans. R. Runham and myself are both quite well and getting on all right."

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

There was a very good attendance at the annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, which was held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday week. The bells were available from 2.30 until 6 p.m., and touches in various methods were rung.

Tea was partaken of at the Nag's Head, and much credit is due to Mrs. Walford, the hostess, for the admirable way in which the catering was carried out, although a larger number of members attended than was expected. Tea finished, the business of the meeting was proceeded with. The district master (Mr. E. J. Butler) presided, supported by the district secretary (Mr. H. Rumens). There were no new members for election.

The retiring master and hon. secretary were re-elected, the members evidently being quite satisfied with the officials who have held office together for the past two years. It was reported that district meetings were held during the year at Hornchurch, North Weald, Dagenham and Walthamstow, and all were well attended.

The Master proposed that Saturday afternoon practices should be arranged at the various towers during the coming winter months, and it was decided to make arrangements accordingly, and to publish notices of such practices in the ringing papers. It is hoped to hold these practices about every month, and that the members will do all in their power to make this new departure a success by attending as frequently as possible.

The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. E. A. Davies, of Barkington, who was a former master of the district. He was well known amongst Essex ringers for the good work he had done for the Association, and by his death the Association had lost one of its most ardent supporters.—A resolution was passed, tendering the members' heartfelt sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Davies in her bereavement, the hon. secretary being instructed to write to Mrs. Davies accordingly.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. H. D. Lampen) for the use of the bells, to Mr. F. Rumens for making the arrangements, to Mr. J. C. Adams for having everything in readiness, and to Mrs. Walford for the excellent tea provided.

As the tower bells were not available after dark, the members spent the remainder of the evening in handbell ringing and music. Mr. R. K. Knight is to be thanked for his kindness in allowing the members the use of his handbells. Mr. Richardson's playing at the piano was thoroughly enjoyed, and the songs by Mr. H. S. Waddington and Mr. O. L. Twist were much appreciated.

Amongst the visitors present were Staff-Sergt. W. C. Wakley, 2/6 North Staffs, and Sergt. R. Pickering, 2/6 South Staffs, who are at present stationed at St. Albans.

PERFORMANCES OF THE PAST.

Last Saturday was the anniversary of one of the only three peals recorded to have been rung by the London Scholars, who flourished nearly 200 years ago. This was a peal of 6204 Grandsire Cinques rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on November 27th, 1729.

November 27th is also the anniversary of a peal of Oxford Treble Ten rung by the Cumberland Youths at All Saints', West Ham. This peal was rung in 1758, and consisted of 5400 changes, "being the greatest performance ever completed in this method on ten bells." The band was: John Sibery 1, Natl. West 2, John Frazier 3, Thos. Burrell 4, Francis Wood 5, Thos. Haydon 6, John Purlewent 7, Saml. Wood 8, John Harris 9, Robt. Wight 10. Samuel Wood called bobs.

In 1735, on November 28th, a peal of 6012 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 4 hrs. 45 mins.

To-day is the anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung on handbells. This was achieved at Sheffield in 1811 by that famous old band, of which the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley's grandfather was one.

To-morrow is an interesting anniversary for the College Youths, for it was on December 4th, 1803, that they rang their first peal of Stedman Triples. This was at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

MR. J. POTTER'S 150 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Stedman Triples	68	37
Stedman Caters	4	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	28	7
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	1
Grandsire Triples	12	6
Grandsire Caters	1	
Bob Major	8	2
Bob Triples	2	
Superlative Surprise	7	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	6	2
Duffield Major	3	2
Darlaston Bob Triples	2	1
7 Minor Methods	2	1
4 Minor Methods	1	1
3 Minor Methods	1	1
Total	150	cond. 64

FELSTEAD BELLS.

PARISH CLERK'S BEQUEST.

The deficit upon the Felsted Church Tower and Bell Restoration Fund has been cleared by a generous bequest of £300 by the late Mr. Elias Taylor, who was for 51 years parish clerk of Felsted, and who passed away recently at the age of 93 years.

It will be remembered that the tower has been restored at considerable expense, and the bells were recast and made into eight by Messrs. Warner and Sons, with very satisfactory results. An appeal was issued through our columns for support for the restoration fund, and several very welcome contributions were obtained in that way. We are asked to state that the Vicar and churchwardens are extremely grateful for the assistance given by members of the Essex Association, and that no further subscriptions are now needed.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT.

The annual report of the Lancashire Association has just been issued, and shows that the present membership of the association is 1416, made up of 85 hon. life members, ten hon. members, 371 life performing members, 811 performing members and 141 non-resident members. Last year the total was 1,359, but the report points out that the increase may be more apparent than real, as, in the special circumstances of the year, very few names had been removed from the books. Ten members had been lost by death. The income of the Association was £41 11s., and the expenditure £51 9s. 7d. A sum of £20, formerly in the Savings' Bank had been invested in the new War Loan. During the year 21 peals were rung, made up of Grandsire Triples 9, Stedman 3, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Guildford Surprise Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 2, Bob Minor 1, in three Minor Methods 1, in five Minor Methods 1, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1. The comparatively small number of peals rung, says the report, needs no special explanation. The fact that 15 of the peals were rung muffled is sufficient to explain the gravity of the situation. It is abundantly clear that there are times when sweet music seems to jar the ears; and ringers, even in the few towers where they have a peal band left, have had no inclination for it during the past year. The report concludes with thanks to the secretaries of the various branches, to whose energetic services the Association owes so much.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Wickwar on Saturday week. The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung until 5 o'clock, when the Rector (the Rev. T. A. Garnett) invited the ringers to tea at the Rectory. Some 28 members, representing ten towers, were present, and were joined by Mr. Ansell, churchwarden, who takes a great interest in the ringers, and who attended all the meetings of the Association held at Wickwar.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, the Rector presiding. One new lady member was elected, making the sixth lady ringer the branch has added to its membership this year.—It was proposed to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Stone on December 18th.

Mr. F. K. Howell (Master of the Association) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Garnett for providing such an excellent tea. He also thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, which he said were in splendid going order. The only fault he could find was that there ought to be eight bells in the tower instead of six.—The Rector, responding, remarked how pleased he would be to extend a similar welcome to the Association when the time came round again for them to visit Wickwar, which he hoped would be during the summer-time (applause).

A short special service was afterwards held in the church, conducted by the Rector, and was rendered the more enjoyable by the assistance given by the organist, to whom thanks are tendered.

The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going in several methods by the various bands till 8.30 p.m., all enjoying the splendid tone and "go" of the bells, and appreciating the great interest taken in the meeting by the local ringers.

SWINDON BRANCH MEETING.

The members of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a meeting at Wroughton on Saturday week. Although the gathering was a small one, those who attended spent a pleasant time. The Rev. A. C. Clarke-Kennedy readily granted permission to use the bells, and also arranged a service during the afternoon, at which he gave an address. Special hymns were sung, and the organist and choir boys rendered valuable assistance in the singing. An excellent tea was provided at the Church Institute, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The church bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

A short business meeting was held in the belfry, at which Mr. W. Cook presided. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wamborough on Saturday, December 4th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. C. Clarke-Kennedy for the use of the bells and for the service. A similar compliment was paid the organist and choir boys for their kind assistance at the service.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

The November meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild took place on Saturday last at Wittersham, Kent, where there are five bells. The local men turned up in full force, and visitors came from Fairfield, Hawkhurst, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden. Bob Singles, Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and the ringing concluded at about 8.30 by the lowering of the bells nicely in peal.

An adjournment was then made to the Queen's Head for the business meeting. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs) read letters from Mr. G. Johnson (Appledore), and Mr. J. Nash (Iden) returning thanks to the members for their messages of sympathy, Mr. Johnson having had a son killed in France, while Mr. Nash has a son a prisoner of war in Germany.

The Hon. Secretary then briefly addressed the members, informing them that he was taking his departure from Rye, having accepted a better situation at Ashford. In consequence of this, his new abode would not be so conveniently situated to conduct the work of the Guild, and he thought that a secretary should reside in as central a spot as possible, thereby giving him easy access to all towers. He felt that a secretary should endeavour to attend as regularly as possible, and as he did not think he could be with them so frequently as in the past, he asked them to accept his resignation that evening. He would continue being a member and come whenever he could. He thanked all of them for their kindness, co-operation and assistance during the time he had been secretary.

THE GUILD'S LOSS

Mr. C. Tribe voiced the gratitude and thankfulness of the members to Mr. Youngs for his services, and warmly praised Mr. Youngs for the energetic manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Mr. C. W. Player and Mr. G. Billewess also testified to Mr. Youngs' valued services. The Hon. Secretary suitably acknowledged the remarks of the speakers, and announced that the Guild had a balance in hand of about £3 5s.

The resignation of Mr. Youngs is a great blow to the Guild, but the members are exceedingly pleased to know that he has secured a more lucrative post than he had at Rye. He took great pains in attending to the Guild's correspondence, and everything was done thoroughly and willingly. While his successor will have a hard task to fulfil the office so efficiently, yet he will know that his predecessor set him an excellent example, for he brought the society's affairs up to a high standard. One could say much about the sterling qualities of Mr. Gilbert Youngs, but the Exercise will realise from the above remarks that the Romney Marsh Guild have had a very energetic secretary, whose sole aim was to raise and maintain its efficiency, and in this he succeeded.

The question of a new secretary was the next consideration. Mr. Tribe proposed, and Mr. Player seconded, that the matter be left over until the annual meeting, in January, and requesting the Master (Mr. G. Billewess) to attend to the correspondence in the meantime, which course was agreed to. Mr. Tribe moved, and Mr. Youngs seconded, that the next gathering be the annual meeting, and that it be held at Appledore, on Saturday, 15th January. This was carried, and likewise the proposition that the tea be defrayed out of the Guild funds.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector (the Rev. A. Howell Smith) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Addy, one of the local ringers, for approaching the Rector and securing permission for the Guild to come to Wittersham.

DONCASTER RINGER'S DEATH.

Death has removed an old and much esteemed member of the St. George's, Doncaster, company, in the person of Mr. Robert Bayles, who was a ringer at the Parish Church almost from boyhood. He died at the age of 55 years. He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1879, and had rung five peals for that society, his first having been in the year of his election, with the late Mr. Thomas Hattersley.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, and in addition to the family mourners, there were present the churchwardens, representatives of the ringers and a large gathering of the deceased's fellow workmen and friends, some of whom carried him to his last resting place.

In the evening the bells of the Parish Church, which he loved so well, were rung, muffled, and touches of Stedman Triples, aggregating about 1,500 changes, were rung by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Lieut. J. H. R. Frechorn, H. G. Wilson, H. Brock, H. Fevre, A. Ashe, G. Clow, F. Ashe, C. Armitage, C. Scott, J. Holmes and G. Halksworth.

WINCHESTER GUILD MEMBERS' PRACTICE.

A very successful combined practice was held at Curdridge, Hants, on Saturday last, when Messrs. Andrew Mears and Ryves, of the local band, rang their first touches of Double Norwich Major. Those attending, besides the local band, were Messrs. G. Williams, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker (North Stoneham), L. H. Page (Titchfield), the Rev. E. Bankes James, Messrs. J. B. Williamson, Thompson, White, C. Wilkins (Lee-on-the-Solent) who are all practically attached to the Titchfield tower. The next meeting for practice will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, December 11th, at 6.30 p.m., instead of at North Stoneham.

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Second-Lieutenant A. G. Shorter, Durham Light Infantry, who was captain of the belfry at Christ Church, Consett, Co. Durham, and a very safe and steady ringer in the Standard Methods, joined the Royal Field Artillery as a private on September 3rd last year. He was promoted to bombardier in October, 1914, and was given his commission in the 7th D.L.I. on March 10th, 1915. In a letter to the writer he says: "At present I am training recruits, and so far have been successful, my men proving good soldiers in every respect, and I am perfectly happy in the knowledge, that although not actually fighting, I am rendering useful service. Last week I lost the 'pick' of my men, who have been transferred to an Expeditionary Force company, preparatory to going to the front. These men had only three and a half months' service, and so long as old England can produce such stuff I have no fears of her future. It is a grief to lose such men, but I hope to meet them at the front in a month or two."

Lieut. Shorter has done good service for many years in

the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. He is a good ringer and a good comrade, and we all hope he will return safely to his family and his belfry with honours which he has well deserved.

Second-Lieut. G. R. Goodship, though not a very prominent member of the Exercise, has been a ringer at St. Giles' Church, Reading, for the past 11 years, and is a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the outbreak of the war he joined the Berks Yeomanry as a trooper, and was soon raised to the rank of sergeant. He would have been with them in their brilliant charge in the Dardanelles had he not received his commission last May. He was then attached to the 8th Royal Berks, but at the departure of that battalion he was transferred to the 3rd (Regular) Battalion Royal Berks, which is now stationed at Portsmouth.

Previous to the war he had been a member of the Territorial Force.

GRANDSIRE COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Pitman's letter last week he either does not, or does not want to, understand variation. The peal under discussion was first composed in 1893 in six-part formation. Then I found it would run in twelve parts. This peal contains the following structure: 15 leads which form the Bob and Single peal and five "B" Blocks, and as long as this structure remains in 12-part form the peal is bound to be the same or a variation, no matter how it is arranged. For further information I refer Mr. Pitman to Grandsire reprint.—Thanking you in anticipation,
Sutton, Macclesfield.

W. MATTHEWS.

WEDDING BELLS AT BOLTON.

Recorded in another column is a peal rung at Bolton to celebrate the wedding of one of the ringers, Mr. Amos Trippier, who was married to Miss Olive Bradshaw at St. Thomas's, Bolton, the week before. After the peal the ringers were invited to the Swiss Hotel, of which Mrs. Trippier is the hostess, there to drink the health of the happy pair. A splendid tea was provided for those who had taken part in the peal, and other ringing friends, and afterwards a pleasant evening was spent with handbells and songs. The thanks of the company was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Trippier for their hospitality and good wishes expressed for their future happiness.

LAVENHAM RINGER'S WEDDING.

The wedding took place at Buxhall, Suffolk, on November 15th, of Mr. T. Garrard, a member of the Lavenham company, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Garrard, of Lavenham, and Miss B. Mitson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitson, of Lefty Hall Farm, Buxhall. The Rev. E. Coppinger Hill officiated, and the bride was given away by her father. The hymns, "Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us," and "O Perfect Love," were sung, the organist being Miss Mitson, sister of the bride. After the service the bells were rung, and Plain Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round. Mr. R. Steed, Buxhall, and Mr. W. Mead, Stowmarket, took part in the Plain Bob and Grandsire, and the Stedman was rung by A. Symonds, E. Welham, Finborough, S. H. Symonds, H. Crick and W. Fayers. The ringers were entertained at the residence of Mr. Mitson on their way home, and in the evening, at Lavenham, 1280 of Bob Major was rung to celebrate the event, by: S. H. Symonds 1, A. Symonds 2, H. Smith 3, W. Head 4, T. Hollocks 5, H. Crick 6, L. Leeks 7, W. Fayers 8.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

As Mr. Garrard, junr., was leaving the district he entertained the ringers of Lavenham (of which company he had been a member for about six years) to a farewell supper on November 8th, an excellent spread being provided at the residence of Mr. T. Garrard, senr., who presided, the vice-chair being filled by Mr. Garrard, junr. After the cloth had been removed, Mr. Garrard, junr., proposed the toast of "Absent ringers of Lavenham, who are serving their country," and wished them a speedy and safe return. Music and handbell ringing afterwards sped away an enjoyable evening. Songs were contributed by Mr. T. Garrard, senr., Mr. G. Bird, Mr. B. Garrard, Mr. L. Leek and Mr. H. Crick, Miss K. Garrard and Miss B. Mitson (of Buxhall) acting as accompanists. Miss K. Garrard tapped off on the piano in fine style a course of Bob Major, specially arranged by Mr. S. H. Symonds, and Miss B. Mitson rang the 4th to touches of 240 and 360 Bob Minor on handbells, her instructor having been Mr. T. Reed, of Hadleigh. Selections of airs were tapped on handbells by Mr. S. H. Symonds, and were much appreciated, and, in addition, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung "in hand." Mr. A. Symonds, on behalf of the ringers, took the opportunity to present Mr. T. Garrard, junr., as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services in the tower, with an enlarged and framed photograph of Lavenham Church, asking him to accept with it their best wishes, and hoping it would for many years remind him of the happy times spent in the tower with them.—To this Mr. Garrard suitably replied, and Mr. Garrard, senr., also thanked the ringers for presenting his son with such a fine photograph of the grand old tower and church of Lavenham.

Mr. S. H. Symonds then thanked Mr. Garrard, junr., for providing such a capital spread, and also Mr. and Mrs. Garrard and family for their kindness during the evening.

The happy proceedings then terminated with the National Anthem.

THE PEAL AT WHITWICK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—The peal of 5056 Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Whitwick, Leicestershire, on November 20th, and published in your last issue, was composed and conducted by Ernest Morris, not Edward, and the following are the figures:—

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WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov 14th, for afternoon service, 216 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 120 College Single, and 216 Canterbury Pleasure, the following taking part: G. Bertram, J. Spencer, E. Chatten, W. Mellin, L. Naunton, Rifleman B. Prewett (London Rifle Brigade), F. Naunton (conductor).

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On October 24th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: P. Webb (conductor) 1, A. Starr 2, E. Webb 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, A. Lilley 6. Rung as a farewell for P. Webb.

ROTHERHITHE.—On Oct. 24th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 756 Stedman Triples: R. F. Deal (conductor) 1, F. Davis 2, C. H. Hughes 3, F. Renton 4, C. H. Pullen 5, T. Walker 6, T. H. Taffender 7, G. Harman 8. Mr. R. F. Deal has recently returned from Sydney, Australia, to join the Royal Engineers.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. E. Norman 1, A. Lawrence (conductor) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, J. H. Odey 4, D. W. Jackson 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, G. W. Townsend 7, T. Robinson 8. This was the first quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, whose age is 13 years.

WITNEY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Oct. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Monk (conductor) 1, A. Brooks 2, T. Bull 3, W. Cox 4, G. Brooks 5, Sergt. Rice, M.T., A.S.C., 6, J. Brooks 7, H. Snell 8. Messrs. Cox and Snell hail from Yarnton, and this was their first quarter-peal.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas', on Oct. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Radford 1, E. Etheridge 2, H. Mason 3, E. Raddon 4, T. Lee 5, S. G. Steer 6, T. W. Radford (conductor) 7, E. Heather 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—For evening service, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Southover, on Sunday, October 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Richardson 1, R. Hyde 2, F. Sturt 3, G. Sturt 4, G. Piper 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, Chas. Errey 8.

BENHILTON, SUTTON.—At All Saints' Church, on October 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by Cornelius Charge: A. Winch 1, A. J. Perkins 2, W. H. Joiner 3, C. Dean 4, J. Webb 5, W. R. Grimwood 6, W. S. Smith (conductor) 7, H. Bryant 8. Rung after meeting short for London Surprise Major.

BUSHEY.—Hertfordshire Association.—On Oct. 31st, for morning service, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans, 288 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Parslow 1, R. Darlow 2, A. Andrews 3, Rifleman B. Prewett (conductor) 4, W. J. Oakley 5, F. Edwards 6, F. A. Smith 7, M. F. R. Hibbert 8. Also 448 Kent Treble Bob Major and 93 Stedman Triples: P. Parslow 1, M. F. R. Hibbert 2, A. Andrews 3, R. Darlow 4, W. J. Oakley 5, F. Edwards 6, F. A. Smith 7, Rifleman B. Prewett (conductor) 8.

BRECON.—Hereford Guild.—On Sunday evening, October 31st, at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Hargest 1, S. Watkins 2, G. Giblin 3, R. Kinsey 4, C. Beech 5, W. Evans 6, A. Matthews (conductor) 7, S. Brooks 8. Rung as a farewell to R. Kinsey and A. Matthews, who, having answered "the call," left Brecon the following morning, (their brother ringers wishing the "God-speed" and a safe return.—On November 9th, during the installation of the new Mayor, Councillor Gwilym T. Jones, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering: C. Beech 1, S. Brooks 2, S. Watkins 3, G. Giblin 4, W. Hargest 5, W. Evans (conductor) 6, W. Griffiths 8.—On Sunday afternoon, November 14th, for the men's service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Trooper E. Davies (Glamorgan Yeomanry) 1, C. Beech 2, G. Giblin 3, S. Watkins 4, W. Hargest 5, S. Brooks 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8. For the evening service, 630 and 168 Grandsire Triples: Trooper E. Davies 1, W. Hargest 2, C. Beech 3, S. Watkins 4, G. Giblin 5, S. Brooks 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8. Rung as a farewell to Trooper Davies, who hails from Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, and who has been training at the local camp, but has now left for Dublin.

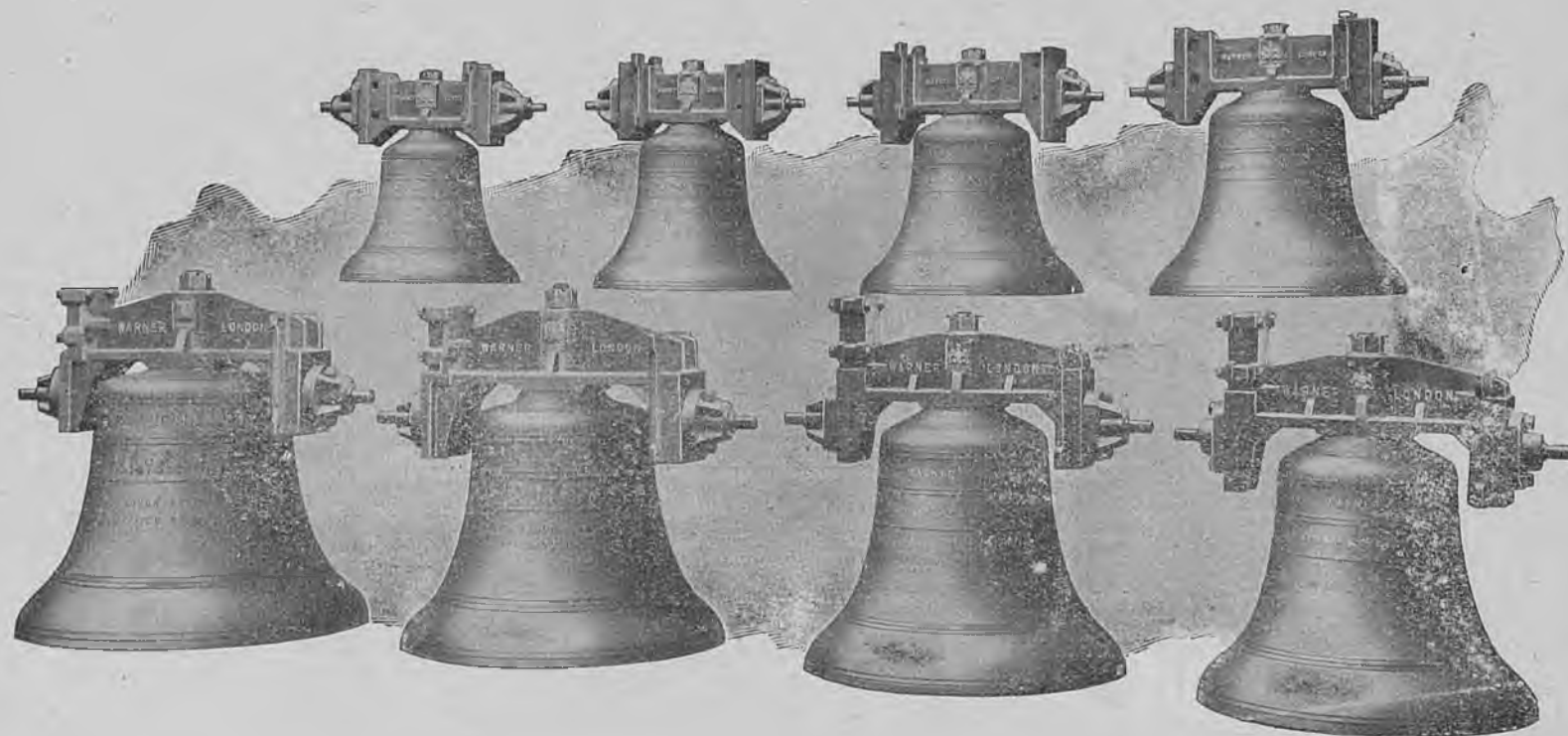
HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At All Saints' Church, on the Eve of All Saints' Day, for evensong, 1308 Stedman Cinques, in 62 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, E. R. Coles 2, R. Coles 3, G. White 4, C. C. Mayne 5, F. K. Biggs 6, W. Horne 7, G. Twicken 8, E. Markham 9, J. Blackmoore 10, J. Gransbury 11, F. W. Boxell 12. First quarter-peal of Cinques by Messrs. E. R. Coles (aged 17), Horne and Blackmoore.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on the eve of All Saints' Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes): J. Dean 1, A. Hensman 2, H. Blundell 3, J. Metherell (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, H. Rainbow 5, W. Farey 6, J. Hensman 7, W. Allen (conductor) 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On All Saints' Day, Nov. 1st, in 46 mins., at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): Henry Reader (first quarter-peal) 1, Walter Orton 2, Thos. W. Chapman 3, Roland Pollard 4, Thomas Dickinson 5, James Clarke, senr., 6, James Clarke, junr. (conductor) 7, Alfred Hancock 8.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 1st, 720 Bob Minor: F. Moore 1, Wm. Short 2, J. Parton 3, A. Pardoe 4, Geo. Popnell 5, H. Martin, senr., 6. Rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the Rev. J. H. Eld, late Rector of Belbroughton, who died on October 29th, as the result of a burning accident, at the age of 92.—On Oct. 10th, 360 Bob Minor: Geo. Hubble 1, H. Martin, junr., 2, J. Parton 3, A. Pardoe 4, Geo. Popnell (conductor) 5, H. Martin, senr., 6.

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On November 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Marsh 1, A. White 2, F. Trustler 3, G. Steele 4, W. White 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6. First in the method by all the band, and first on the bells.—On November 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Marsh 1, G. Steele 2, F. Trustler 3, A. White 4, R. Stredwick 5, F. Steele (conductor) 6.

GARGRAVE, Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on November 3rd, in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Preston, the former having been sexton of the above church for over 40 years a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Beazley 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, A. R. Jones (conductor) 3, W. Bradley 4, C. Langstroth 5, G. E. Wane 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 6th, 1915, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Speed 1, S. Freke 2, J. Hambleton 3, E. Chivers (conductor) 4, A. Speed 5, I. B. Holmyard 6, Wm. Keavill 7, G. Seymour 8. Rung to welcome Lance-Sergeant Oliver Brooks, V.C. hero, on his return home from the front for a few days' leave.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties' Association. — On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service, at St. Michael's Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. A. G. Lound, who was interred on the previous Tuesday, at Sapcote, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 50 mins.: Edgar Chamberlain (Sharnford), first quarter-peat, 1, Henry Briggs (Stoney Stanton) 2, Nunn Walker (Stoney Stanton) 3, George Wood (Sharnford) 4, Thomas Wright (Stoney Stanton) 5, W. Hyde Inglesant (Broughton Astley), conductor, 6, Charles H. Briggs (Stoney Stanton) 7, William Jones (Stoney Stanton) 8.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On November 7th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Lasbury 1, F. Wines 2, B. Davies 3, H. Page 4, G. Wines 5, W. Page 6, J. Cross 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. For evening service, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. Page (conductor) 1, F. Wines 2, F. Lasbury 3, B. Davies 4, W. Page 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page 7, J. Cross 8. First touches in the methods by all and first on the bells.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Nov. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, after an attempt for a quarter-peat of Double Norwich Major, for evening service, a 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Bailey 1, W. H. Fussell 2, G. Gutteridge 3, C. Mayne 4, W. Welling 5, J. Blackmore 6, R. Buckland 7, J. C. Truss (conductor) 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, Nov. 7th, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peat of Bob Major, in 52 mins.: H. Lucas (first quarter-peat in the method) 1, O. L. Twist 2, G. W. Cooper 3, W. J. E. Jones 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. F. Hull 6, Corpl. F. W. J. Butler, R.E., 7, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 7th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Leeson 1, A. Chambers (composer and conductor) 2, Stan Bragg 3, H. Shepherd 4, R. Bragg 5, Sam Bragg 6, J. Withers 7, J. Bragg 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On November 7th, for evensong, at St. Thomas' Church, the last 742 of Holt's Original: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. For morning service, three six-scores Stedman Doubles: T. Scammel 1, W. Chambers 2, A. Callaway 3, W. Scott 4, W. Upton 5, J. Leal 6. Two called by W. Upton and one by T. Scammel.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 7th, for morning service, as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, on his return after three months' illness, 336 Grandsire Triples: A. Towers (first touch of Triples) 1, T. Law 2, A. Andrews 3, A. Moore 4, F. Hopper (conductor) 5, J. Dean 6, A. J. Mawby 7, A. Clark 8. Also touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by W. J. Allen. Messrs. A. Towers, Moore, Andrews belong to the local band, the rest to Northampton.

A LECTURE ON BELLS.

On Friday evening of last week, at the monthly meeting of the C.E.M.S., at Daventry, Northants, a paper was read by Mr. Andrews on "Bells and Change Ringing." The history of bells was traced from the early ages down to the present day. The art of change ringing and the brotherhood of change ringers was compared with the un-musical call changes of the "Stoneyites," and the lack of fraternity amongst them. The condition of ringing matters in Daventry (possessing a fine ring of eight bells in splendid ringing condition) was compared with other towers where change ringing is done. The concluding remarks were on "the management and care of bells, and the responsibilities of the church authorities with regard to bells and ringers; and the duties of the ringers themselves." The bells and fittings, etc., were explained by means of a working model.

Discussion followed, in which the Chairman (the Rev. C. J. Millar), Ald. Wykes (churchwarden) and others took part. It was suggested that a committee be formed, responsible for the care of the bells; that belfry officers be elected, and steps taken to have a change ringing band established; and it is hoped, in time, to have better ringing and striking for service on Sunday.—A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Andrews for his paper, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Thursday, December 16th and 30th, for handbell practice, and on Tuesdays, 7th and 21st, for business; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1915. Bells available from 3.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division. The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, December 4th, 1915. Bells available from 2 till 6 p.m. Short service at 6 o'clock. Tea, 6d. each, at the Infants' School, 6.30 p.m., followed by meeting for election of officers and other business. — William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Conisborough (8 bells) on Saturday, December 4th, bells available 3.30-7.30.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Leyland, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. Reports ready. — A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Burley on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Parochial Room at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting for practice will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock to 6 p.m. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend in order to make this new departure a success.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horbury, via Wakefield, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available 3 to 8 p.m. Tea provided, at 5 p.m., in school, near church (at 1s. head) for those who notify J. Smith, 38, Medlock Road, Horbury, not later than Tuesday, December 7th. A good attendance is desired.—Leonard Brightman, District Secretary pro. tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at St. George's (6). Bells open at 3; service 4.30. Tea, meeting and social to follow. Friends gd. Subscriptions now due. Visitors welcomed. Kindly notify by December 7th to G. W. Tomkins, 22; Court Road, Horfield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Keighley on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m., in the Vestry, to all giving notice to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 42, Aireworth Street, Keighley, not later than Tuesday, December 7th.—P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 4.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, December 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wick St. Lawrence on Saturday, December 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, meeting to follow. Bells available 3 o'clock.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, December 18th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, December 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. Annual reports will be ready for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Sergt. Fred Holden, R.M.L.I., is now serving on H.M.S. "Manzanita," and his address, with the name of the ship, is c/o G.P.O., London.—The address of T. K. Driver, secretary of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association, is now The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

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