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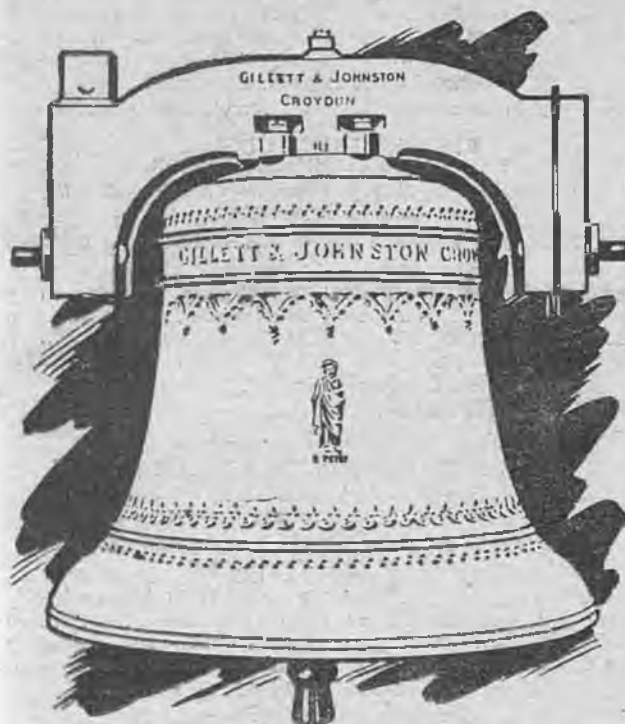
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The two bell openings which took place last week, the one at Westminster Abbey and the other at Clapham, are doubtless the precursor of many similar functions in the near future, but it was quite a fitting re-start of the post-war era that the important works of restoration should have been commenced at such a national monument as the Abbey. From a ringers' point of view the ceremony, important though it was as an historic event, had something lacking, for the hour was unusual, and the notice of the dedication was short, with the result that few ringers were able to be present. It would have been much more in keeping with the importance of the occasion if something on national lines could have been organised, but in that matter there was neither time nor opportunity. Had it been possible, the occasion might have been made one for a representative ringers' gathering.

One recognises that at such an event, and in such a place, the bells could not be rung by every ringer who might put in an appearance, but the importance of the occasion in ringing annals might have been emphasised by the sending of a representative, selected more especially for his ability as a ringer, from the leading associations of the country, because the bells in a tower like Westminster Abbey are a national and not a parochial or even a county possession. But while it may be regretted that there was no opportunity to make the gathering of ringers more representative of the Exercise at large, it is a sincere matter for congratulation that the greatest of our ecclesiastical buildings is now in possession of a peal of bells worthy of the ancient Abbey.

The dedication of the bells at Clapham was, by way of contrast, an event in which all who cared, had the opportunity of joining, and the enthusiastic Vicar of St. Stephen's found the ringing fraternity ready to gather round him and join with his congregation in celebrating an accomplishment of which the parish may be proud. The bells opened at Clapham are the first complete peal to be cast, hung, and dedicated since the conclusion of hostilities, and they are a very valuable addition to the bells of South London. Ringers who have the privilege of using St. Stephen's owe a debt of gratitude to the Vicar for the enterprise which has secured these bells, and to the devout lady whose generosity has made the accomplishment of the Vicar's designs so quickly possible. The completion of these two important works in London has given a lead to the rest of the country, and have shown what can be done when zeal and earnestness enter into the project in hand. Other dedication ceremonies of new or increased and restored peals will follow, but there is a special interest in the first events which mark the return of our bell foundries from a war to a peace footing.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, May 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

\*THOMAS LUFF ... .. Treble  
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 2  
ARTHUR ASHDOWN ... 3  
GEORGE LUFF ... .. 4

JESSE W. HARRISON ... 5  
WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... 6  
THOMAS ATTWELL ... 7  
ELGIOUS CARPENTER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

This was rung on the 25th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung on May 25th, 1894, conducted by Frank Bennett. Messrs. Attwell and Ashdown were the only ringers in both peals.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt.

LONDON.

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

On Tuesday, May 27, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE,

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

LATES' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble  
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2  
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3  
\*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 4

WILLIAM BERRY ... 5  
PTE. MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6  
REUBEN SANDERS ... 7  
GEORGE HARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method. W. Berry's 100th peal.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

\*SAMUEL CARDELL ... Treble  
ALFRED BARNES ... 2  
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 3  
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. ... 4

\*TOM WILDE ... 5  
RICHARD F. DEAL ... 6  
HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7  
J. W. WASHBROOK ... Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

\*ERNEST E. JELLY ... Treble  
SIDNEY COX ... 2  
WILLIAM WEBB ... 3  
JOHN E. CLARK ... 4

WILLIAM H. B. MONDY ... 5  
HENRY BROWN ... 6  
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 7  
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal and elected a member prior to starting.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

L. W. COPESEY ... Treble  
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2  
EDWARD T. HOOPER ... 3  
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4

RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 5  
JAMES BLACKMORE ... 6  
ROBERT H. YOUNG ... 7  
WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the third, who attended at 3 hours' notice and rode 16 miles after being on duty all the previous night.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.  
\*GEOFFREY HEMMING ... Treble | FREDERICK JORDON ... 5  
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 2 | CPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 6  
HENRY J. PHIPPS ... 3 | JAMES HEMMING ... 7  
HARRY MIDDLETON ... 4 | GEORGE MOISEY ... Tenor  
Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal on eight bells.  
After the peal the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. G. Moisey, the visitors thanking them for their kind hospitality.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.  
GEORGE ROSE ... Treble | WILLIAM JUDGE ... 5  
FREDERICK WEBB ... 2 | JOHN MONK ... 6  
THOMAS BULL ... 3 | REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN ... 7  
\*ROBERT ROSE ... 4 | GEORGE BROOKS ... Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN MONK.

Rung on the occasion of the Branch's Spring Meeting at Woodstock, when the members were pleased to see the Master once more amongst them.

\* First peal. Messrs. G. and R. Rose are Woodstock ringers: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild, Caversham; F. Webb and W. Judge, Kidlington; T. Bull, G. Brooks and J. Monk, Witney.

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

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.  
GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5  
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 2 | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6  
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 3 | JONATHAN PRESTON ... 7  
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4 | JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor  
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

DEPTFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.)

On Tuesday, June 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt, 0 qr. 18 lbs.  
JOHN CROWDER ... Treble | \*THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 5  
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... 2 | ALBERT E. GODDARD ... 6  
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 3 | ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 7  
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 4 | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... Tenor  
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by an entirely local band. Rung in honour of the birthday of H. M. King George V.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.  
\*FRANCIS JELF ... Treble | GEORGE RADLEY ... 5  
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2 | \*ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 6  
GEORGE MAXIM ... 3 | WILLIAM SABAN ... 7  
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4 | WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor  
Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.  
\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.  
THOMAS BEADLE ... Treble | CHARLES S. BIRD ... 5  
ARTHUR MASON ... 2 | WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 6  
\*H. W. LEDBETTER ... 3 | FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 7  
FREDK. G. GODDARD ... 4 | MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES.  
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.  
\* First peal of Major. This composition is now rung for the first time and contains 62 bobs and 2 singles only.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 27 cwt.  
THOMAS HORTON ... Treble | MARK BEND ... 5  
\*ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 2 | JOHN W. KIRTON ... 6  
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3 | ARTHUR W. WARD ... 7  
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 4 | LOUIS J. ABBOTT ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.  
Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.  
Rung as a welcome home to Messrs. A. W. Ward and L. J. Abbott on their return to civilian life from active service.  
\* First peal in the method as conductor.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

LAMBERHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure & Plain Bob.  
RICHARD HOPE ... Treble | FREDK. J. LAMBERT ... 4  
GEORGE FULLER ... 2 | ALBERT RELFE ... 5  
JAMES WAGHORN ... 3 | HARRY PRICE ... Tenor  
Conducted by A. RELFE.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.  
WILLIAM OSTLER ... Treble | NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 4  
JOHN C. SELF ... 2 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5  
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 3 | JAMES WARDLEY ... Tenor  
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal on the bells. The ages of the ringers of the treble and 2nd are 70 and 69 years respectively.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob and Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each Kent and Oxford by:—  
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... Treble | CYRIL HERBERT ... 4  
DOUGLAS HARRISS ... 2 | WALTER CHIBNALL ... 5  
WILLIAM JAMES ... 3 | HORACE H. SMITH ... Tenor  
Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.



**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****THE EASTERN DIVISION.**

Members turned up in goodly numbers at the annual meetings of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association which took place on Saturday, May 31st, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Eastbourne. Canon Stratfield, with his usual kindness, placed the beautiful bells at the disposal of the members, arranged a special service (which he himself conducted), and provided a bountiful tea, which was served in the Pitman Institute, and to which about 40 members sat down. The Vicar presided, and upon his having to leave to take the customary Evensong, a hearty vote was accorded him for his kindness. The Canon, in reply, thanked the members for their vote, and trusted the Association would come again—but not to wait another seven years as he thought 1912 was the last time his tower was visited. The Rev. Canon Whelpton, of St. Saviour's, and his band, were thanked for their kindness in granting the use of their peal. At both churches during the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were brought round.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Rev. C. H. Clarke, M.A., Vicar of Chiddingfold, was voted to the chair.—The Divisional Hon. Secretary made touching reference to the passing of Mr. A. Watson, the late general hon. secretary of the Association, and mentioned that through his foresight and guidance the Association had been enabled to stand the financial strain, and was to-day paying members half rail fares when attending meetings, although this was about double pre-war rates. There being no new members to elect, the election of officers was then proceeded with.

Mr. G. H. Howse was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and in thanking the company for his re-election, said he had hoped someone else would have taken the post—he had been secretary for 11 years, and thought it was time new blood was infused into the offices of the Association. He however, appreciated their confidence, and would continue in office one more year. There were four nominations for the seats on the Association Committee, viz., Messrs. Franks, Stokes, Livermore and Miles.—On a vote being taken, the first three were declared elected.

The first quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingfold, by the kind invitation of the Rev. C. H. Clarke, on July 19th.

The members who attended from each of the three county divisions spent a very enjoyable (if brief) time in Eastbourne, which just now is looking its best.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.****MEETING AT NETHERTON.**

A very interesting and successful quarterly meeting of this Guild was held in ideal summer weather at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, when a goodly number of members attended from Bilston, Coseley, Dudley, Tipton, Old Hill, Blakenhall, Sedgley, West Bromwich, Handsworth, Stourbridge, Wollaston, etc. The eight bells were at the disposal of the ringers from three o'clock until service time at 4.30, when service was held, the Guild form being used. The Vice-President (the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar of Netherton) officiated, and an admirable and inspiring address was given by Mr. T. Cooper, ex-parish warden, who chose as his text, Zechariah xiv. 20: "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord." At the close of the address the Doxology was sung, followed by a verse of the National Anthem.

The ringers then adjourned to the Church House, where tea was in readiness, to which upwards of 50 sat down. The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. H. Mason), Mr. J. Shaw, people's warden, and Mr. T. Cooper.—The Vicar gave the members a hearty welcome again in his church, and it was proposed to attempt a quarterly peal for the Guild at Netherton, the arrangements as regards the method, etc., being left in the hands of Mr. A. Greenfield.—Several new members were elected, including two life and two honorary members.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Penn, near Wolverhampton, on August 30th, subject to obtaining the consent of the Vicar and local ringers.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his great kindness in conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, for the use of the tower and bells, and the Church House; also to the wardens (Messrs. E. Frost and J. Shaw) for their support, regret being felt at the absence of Mr. Frost through indisposition, and wishes being expressed that he would soon be well again. Mr. Cooper was thanked for his able and interesting address, which was greatly appreciated, and thanks were also accorded to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies who undertook to prepare and serve it. The members also wish to thank sincerely the members of the local band for making the necessary arrangements for so successful a meeting.

A verse of the National Anthem brought the gathering to a close, and the bells were kept merrily going in various methods till nearly nine o'clock.

**A HIGH WYCOMBE MEMORIAL.****TABLET UNVEILED.**

On Empire Day a double ceremony took place in the belfry at High Wycombe, viz., the presentation of a handsome clock by Mr. C. E. Skull, J.P., one of the churchwardens, and the dedication of a tablet to the memory of deceased members of the belfry. The oak clock—which is a useful acquisition to the belfry—has been designed after the Jacobean period by Mr. W. T. Barnes (Messrs. W. Skull and Son), and it bears on a brass plate the inscription:—'Presented to the belfry by C. E. Skull, J.P., Churchwarden, Empire Day, May 24th, 1919.' The memorial tablet is also of oak, the design being carried out by Mr. Barnes, while the execution of the work was in the capable hands of Messrs. J. Carpenter and Jas. Young, who gratuitously gave their services, the bell ringers themselves helping to defray the cost. The tablet is inscribed:—'Jesu, Mercy. To the glory of God and in memory of Benjamin Page, William Phipps, and William T. Horne. Requiescat in pace.'

Many members of the congregation and others attended the belfry, and after the dedication they had the privilege of ascending to the top of the tower, where a really charming view of the surrounding country was obtained; Messrs. John Gransbury, Ed. Markham (Deputy Foreman), and Geo. Twitchen fulfilling the duties of guides, while Mr. Ralph Coles carried out the arrangements in the belfry. A collection box was placed in the belfry, and all who availed themselves of the opportunity were asked to place donations in the box for the special fund which is being raised for the recasting of the sixth bell.

The presentation of the clock was made by Mr. Skull, and the gift was received in a graceful speech by the Vicar, who referred to the fact that efforts were being made to raise funds for the recasting of the sixth bell, which was cracked. Through the zeal and activity of the ringers he believed that nearly half of the money required had been raised for the work of recasting the bell. That day they were making another effort on behalf of the same object. The ringers had chosen a very happy, appropriate, and auspicious occasion, Empire Day.

The Vicar then dedicated the memorial tablet to the departed ringers by saying appropriate prayers.

Mr. Ralph Coles (Foreman), on behalf of the ringers, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Skull, observing that this was not the first time he had shown his appreciation of the ringers' efforts. They were very grateful to him. He should like to couple in the vote the names of Mr. Barnes for designing the clock and tablet, and of Mr. Jas. Carpenter and Mr. Jas. Young for the work they had gratuitously carried out in connection with the memorial tablet.—Mr. George White seconded the proposition.—The vote was carried by acclamation, and it was briefly acknowledged by Mr. Skull.

In the evening there was an interesting organ recital in the church by the talented organist (Mr. Geo. F. Andrews, A.R.C.O.), the collection at this service being also devoted to the special fund for recasting the sixth bell. The service, which was well attended, was conducted by the Vicar.

During the afternoon and evening much ringing was done on the bells, there being a number of visitors present, in addition to the local ringers.

**THE PEALS ANALYSIS.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—In looking through the Peal Analysis for 1918, in your last issue, I have noticed a slight error. Kent County Association is credited with one peal of Minor, and it states lower down that it is in three methods. You will find in the November 22nd issue of 'The Ringing World' a peal at Milton-next-Gravesend in four methods. That is either left out or credited one method short. The reason I call your attention to this is that the ringers of this peal look upon it as one of their best performances, inasmuch as it was rung by the band that had managed continuously to keep the bells going all through the war, while seven of the band was serving King and country.—Yours,

FRED. M. MITCHELL.

**LADIES AT ST. PETER MANCROFT.**

On the evening of May 20th, writes a correspondent of the 'Eastern Daily Press,' a good muster of ringers turned up for the weekly practice at St. Peter Mancroft tower, Norwich. There were more ringers than ropes; and for the first time since Armistice Day the twelve bells were rung. In each of two plain courses of Grandsire Cinques a lady took part—Miss Helen Bill in the first and Miss Frances Bill in the second. The scientific ringing record at St. Peter's is a long one, and the tablet on the belfry wall to a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1715 is said to be the earliest account of a peal extant. With this long record the name of Miss Helen Bill will go down to posterity as the first lady to ring Cinques at St. Peter Mancroft. There are now a number of lady ringers in England, but very few who are capable of taking part in a 'touch' on twelve.

## DEATH OF MR. J. W. TAYLOR.

### PASSING OF HEAD OF FAMOUS FIRM.

The news of the death of Mr. John William Taylor, head of the famous Loughborough Bell Foundry, will be received with deep regret by members of the ringing Exercise throughout the world, and to the many to whom he was so intimately known there will be a deep feeling of personal loss. Some weeks ago Mr. Taylor underwent a serious abdominal operation in a Nottingham Nursing Home, and was afterwards removed to the Loughborough Nursing Home. His condition never ceased to give cause for anxiety, and, although at one period there was every hope of his eventual recovery, this hope was not realised, and he passed peacefully away on Wednesday, June 4th, at the age of 66 years.

By his death the Exercise loses a well-known figure, and the craft an enterprising and honoured member. Born on May 23rd, 1853, at



Taylor was educated at the Loughborough Grammar School. --e then entered his father's business, to which he devoted all his energies. Realising the importance of a bell founder being a practical ringer Mr. Taylor set about acquiring the art, and it is no exaggeration to say that in the prime of his manhood he was one of the finest ringers in the Midland counties. Ringers always found in him a warm friend, ever ready to extend hospitality to those who visited Loughborough, but his intimate acquaintances found his geniality infectious, and his conversation and fund of anecdote not only entertaining, but instructive and interesting. He had travelled widely on the Continent, and his knowledge of the carillons of Holland, Belgium and France was unsurpassed by anyone on this side of the Channel.

His business had taken him to almost every corner of the British Isles, and probably no man was better known in connection with church bells. As the head of the Loughborough firm Mr. Taylor was naturally deeply interested in all that appertained to the progress of church bell ringing, indeed, cradled as he was among the bells, they had been his life-long study, scientifically and mechanically, and change ringing was his principal hobby, although in his younger days he was a keen follower of hounds. He was also an enthusiastic amateur photographer, and one of the pioneers of motoring in Lough-

borough. In this latter connection Mr. Taylor, as a member of the Royal Automobile Club, has rendered great personal service to the country. Placing himself and his car at the disposal of the military he acted as a staff driver to one of the important home commands, and in this capacity drove over ten thousand miles on military duty. His family, indeed, set a great example of patriotism. Four sons served in the fighting forces, and three of them made the supreme sacrifice on the fields of France, while the fourth was wounded. Miss Taylor took up Red Cross nursing, and also served overseas. The loss of three of his sons told heavily upon Mr. Taylor, and he was never able to shake off the burden of sorrow which accumulated by the successive deaths of three gallant sons.

In the councils of the Midland Counties Association Mr. Taylor has long held an honoured place. He joined the organisation in 1883, and for many years was a vice-president, until at the death of Sir Arthur Heywood in 1916, he succeeded to the presidency. Mr. Taylor was seldom absent from a meeting of the Association, and for over 25 years represented that body on the Central Council. Last year he was elected on the Standing Committee of the Council.

In his younger days Mr. Taylor was very active in peal ringing, and rang over 160 peals for the Midland Counties Association alone. The most noteworthy of these was the 8,800 of Superlative Surprise at All Saints', Loughborough, on May 15th, 1894, occupying 6 hrs. 16 mins., in which Mr. Taylor rang the tenor.

In addition to change ringing, Mr. Taylor took a special interest in carillons, and had visited almost every famous carillon on the continent. He placed a carillon in the Loughborough foundry, and upon these bells the famous carillonneur of Malines, M. Josef Denyn, had played several times.

Mr. Taylor was twice married, in 1884 to Annie Mary Bardsley, who died in 1904, leaving four sons and three daughters. Mr. Taylor married the second time in 1909, and Mrs. Taylor and her two children, a son and daughter, are left with the surviving members of the first family, to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place at Loughborough on Friday, the first portion of the service being held in the Parish Church.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Whatton on Saturday week and was well attended, ringers being present from Bottesford, Bulwell, Cotgrave, East Bridgford, Long Bennington, Nottingham, Radcliffe-on-Trent and Orston in addition to the local company. Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Court and Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were successfully brought round.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, the Rev. C. J. Street taking the chair.—It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, June 28th, providing the quarterly meeting of the Association is not arranged for the same day.—On the motion of Mr. Walter White, seconded by the Rev. A. D. Hill, the following resolution is to be brought forward at the next quarterly meeting of the Association: 'That a letter be sent from the Association to Mr. W. C. Wakley thanking him for his past services as hon. treasurer, from which position he retired last Easter through leaving the district.' Mr. White said Mr. Wakley and his father had held the office practically since the Association was formed.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and local ringers for the use of the bells.

### CHURCH BELL RESTORATION IN DEVON.

The bells of All Saints' Church, Highweek, near Newton Abbot, having been returned from the foundry, the tower now possesses a fine ring of eight. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Aggett and Son, of Chagford. The bells are hung on massive iron frames, constructed on the firm's own design, and their patent adjustable bearings have been used.

Messrs. Aggett and Sons have just received orders for the restoration of Seaton bells by recasting the present second and adding two new trebles to make a fine ring of six. They are also about to restore the famous peal of 14 bells in St. Mary's Abbey, Buckfast, Buckfastleigh. The Abbey dates back to the 10th century, and the general work of restoration to this fine old pile still continues. The bells are a grand peal, the tenor being about two tons in weight, and they were presented to the Abbey about nine years ago by a gentleman in memory of his wife. They are the only peal of the kind in England. The bells are to be hung in massive oak frames on oak beams, with all new fittings. General Birdwood, commanding Australian Forces, recently visited Chagford and inspected Messrs. Aggett's works, and was highly interested.

Messrs. Aggett and Sons hope to complete Barnstaple bells after the completion of the work at Highweek.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The report of Tuesday's meeting of the Central Council at Gloucester will appear in our next issue.





## THE NEW PEAL AT CLAPHAM.

### DEDICATION AND OPENING OF ST. STEPHEN'S BELLS.

While many parish authorities are still discussing the form which their peace memorial shall take, the Rev. G. H. Ensor, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, has had the satisfaction of bringing to completion his efforts to celebrate, in advance, the peace which we all believe is so near to accomplishment. It is true that in this he has been helped by a very earnest and generous Christian lady, 94 years of age, who, as the donor of the beautiful peal of bells installed in the church on Saturday last, wishes to remain anonymous, but within a fortnight of the Armistice the Vicar had taken steps to obtain the funds necessary to provide for commemorating the coming peace. Among other improvements to the church a new ringing gallery has been erected, the organ is being restored and enlarged, a new Holy Communion rail is being provided, and two beautiful tablets, containing the names of the fallen members of the congregation, have been completed.

of congratulation from their Royal Highnesses, the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert, who had expressed their deep regret at being unable to be present on account of longstanding previous engagements, but stating that they were delighted to hear of the progress and success of the work in connection with St. Stephen's. A telegram expressing regret at his absence had also been received from Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, and letters from the Bishop of Kingston, the Bishop of Woolwich, and the Chaplain-General of the Forces. The Vicar also announced that he would be extremely grateful for any assistance that ringers could give until his own band, which was training, was competent to take charge of the ropes.

To the singing of the hymn, 'The strife is o'er,' the clergy and choir, accompanied by the churchwardens, the architect (Mr. Forsyth) and Mr. C. F. Johnston (head of the firm of Gillett and Johnston, the founders), proceeded to the west end of the church, beneath the ringing gallery, where Prebendary Webb-Peploe read the dedicatory prayers.



ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.

Inset—(top), The Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Ensor; (bottom), Mr. Herbert Langdon, who is to be the conductor and instructor at the belfry.

The dedication ceremony on Saturday afternoon brought together a congregation that completely filled the commodious and picturesque church, and the special form of service was that generally used on such occasions in the diocese of Southwark, and was the same as the Westminster Abbey service earlier in the week. The Vicar officiated, and the curate, the Rev. J. C. Green was also present. The service began with the National Anthem, and this was immediately followed by an address given by Prebendary H. W. Webb-Peploe, Vicar of St. Paul's, Onslow Square, who brought home the three points: that the bells were first a memorial peal for those who had laid down their lives in the war; secondly, a thankoffering for the close of hostilities in view of the signing of peace; and, thirdly, that they had been presented by an aged lady as a thankoffering for a long life.

After the address, the Vicar announced that he had received letters

A few rounds were then rung on the bells, and the procession returned to the chancel during the singing of the hymn, 'For all the Saints.' The Benediction closed a short but impressive service, and the rich and melodious tones of the new peal were then heard over the district in a quarter-peal of Stedman, rung to perfect time, and faultlessly, by J. N. Oxborrow 1, W. E. Garrard 2, A. B. Peck 3, 1, Attwater 4, H. Pasmore 5, T. Langdon 6, W. T. Cockerill (conductor); 7, C. S. Burden 8.

Afterwards a touch of 308 Grandsire Triples was rung by a complete band from the Croydon Foundry. Thereafter the bells were rung by bands made up from the numerous ringers who had journeyed to Clapham to take part in the opening. The methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, and everyone was delighted with the beauty of tone and the magnificent 'go' of the bells, which,

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being hung below the louvres are heard outside the tower to great advantage, and without the distressing noise which is too often a fault when new bells are erected in a tower. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated upon an excellent piece of work, and St. Stephen's parish upon the possession of a very fine peal of bells.

The Vicar, who is a keen sportsman and still holding his own with many younger men on the football and cricket fields and on the tennis and badminton courts, owes his own practical knowledge of the bell ropes to the celebrated veteran, Mr. Edwin Horrex, the oldest member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who has taken the greatest pains with his clerical pupil.

The St. Stephen's ringing band is composed of both ladies and gentleman, and Mr. A. Langdon, the well-known ringer and member of St. Paul's Cathedral band, has been engaged as conductor and tower instructor. Any London or provincial ringers desirous of ringing a few touches on the bells on any Sunday should communicate in the first place with the Rev. G. H. Ensor, St. Stephen's Vicarage, Clapham Park. It is hoped that for several months this beautiful peal will be rung for both services on Sundays by the many visitors who will doubtless wish to prove the merits of the bells for themselves.

The following are the details of the bells:—

	Note.	Inscription.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	E	Cast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon	5	0	5
2	D sharp	ditto	1	3	3
3	C sharp	ditto	5	1	11
4	B	ditto	6	0	17
5	A	ditto	7	3	24
6	G sharp	ditto	8	3	12
7	F sharp	ditto	13	2	8
Tenor	E	ditto	17	1	10
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### THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

To enable me to bring this successful and interesting scheme to a close, I shall be glad if those who still have lists and amounts in hand will kindly forward these to me with as little delay as possible.

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MILES PLATTING (LANCS).—On Tuesday, May 20th, at St. John's Church, 405 Grandshire Triples, conducted by W. W. Wolstencroft. Also 504 Stedman Triples: J. Hall (first in the method) 1, J. W. Washbrook, sour. (conductor), 3 and 4, W. H. Shaker 5, J. Harrison 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, A. Grippier 8.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Steeplekeepers are asked to make known to their members the following fixtures for combined practices during the month of June.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—Saturday, June 14th, at 5.30 p.m. Tea by notifying Mr. J. J. Parker, 'Ellismere.' The 42nd anniversary of the opening of the ring of six bells.

STOKE POGES and SLOUGH.—Saturday, June 21st, 3 to 5.30 and 7 till 9 p.m. respectively. The Leytonstone Society's day in Bucks. Tea at Mr. Lidstone's, High Street, Slough, at 6 o'clock (1s. each), by sending him notice direct.

COOKHAM-ON-THAMES. — Saturday, June 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service at 5.30; tea, by invitation, at 6 o'clock. Social and ringing afterwards. The Master of the Guild is hoping to be present. Those attending will please inform the Hon. Secretary.

W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, nr. Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury (8 bells) on Saturday, June 14th. Evensong 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Will intending visitors kindly notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 9th?

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.; tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, on Saturday, June 14th. Service at 6 o'clock. Bells available afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar (Rev. H. South).—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Stapleford, Cambs (Shelford Station), on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock. Short Service at 5; tea at 5.30. Will those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon, Mon., on Saturday, June 14th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) available.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A "missionary" meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15th, starting from Kelvedon 9 a.m., via Inworth, Gt. Totham, Goldhanger, Tollesbury, and Tolleshunt D'Arcy. I shall be glad to hear from members who intend taking part as soon as possible, so that final arrangements can be made.—B. Redgwell, Dist. Sec., Rayne.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 26th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—An evening meeting will be held at Acton on Wednesday, June 18th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Festival at Hereford, Thursday, June 19th, 1919. 10.30 a.m., Divine service at All Saints' Church. 11.30 a.m., business meeting in All Saints' Parish Room; 1 p.m., dinner, 3s. 6d. (including beer), at Imperial Cafe. Neighbouring towers will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Among other matters to be discussed, is a proposal to organize the Guild in districts. Owing to the difficulty in procuring supplies, members who intend being at dinner must notify the hon. sec. not later than June 11th, otherwise provision cannot be made for them.—James S. Roper, Hon. Secretary, Quatt Rectory, Bridgnorth, Salop.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 21st, at Hillingdon, both towers open. Will members who intend to be present please notify me by the 18th?—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.6.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, 21st June. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. in schools to those who notify Mr. Charles Law, Main Street, Kildwick, near Keighley, not later than Monday, June 16th. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE 'ND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those who let me know on or before Wednesday, June 18th.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield, on Saturday June 21st. Bells ready 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea will be provided at a charge of 6d. each, those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than June 18th. Through the kindness of the Rector (Rev. F. G. Scovell) the Rectory grounds will be open for the use of ringers and friends. Rotherham and Mexbro' cars pass the church.—Arthur Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society, Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary's, Putney, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 21st. As this marks the resumption of the Southern District meetings, the officers and members are requested to attend, particularly the business meeting after the practice.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30 p.m., the Vicar will preside.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Next meeting will be held at Barkway and Royston on Saturday, June 21st, 1919. A motor lorry will meet the down train arriving at Royston 1.55 p.m. to convey ringers to Barkway (8 bells), and will return to Royston for tea and business meeting at The County Dairy. The return motor journey will be 2s. 1d., and the tea 7d. to members. Visitors 1s. 3d. tea. Will those who can, notify me of their intention to avail themselves of the motor service and tea so that provision can be made?—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin, Herts.

**SONNING, BERKS.**—This fine peal of bells will be open for ringing on Wednesday, June 25th, between the hours of 12 (noon) and 2.30 p.m., being the occasion of a Missionary Gathering at which Canon Coleridge will preside. Ringing visitors will be welcomed.—C. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.** Established 1623.—Great ringing day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. Visitors welcome. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Will those wishing to partake of dinner kindly let Secretary know? If visitors, wishing to make a week-end, will kindly inform the Secretary, he will arrange for ringing on the Saturday and Sunday.—R. A. Strong, West Road, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Biggleswade (G.N.R. main line), on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m.; Service, 4.30. Tea in Vicarage Gardens, by kind permission of Rev. Rolf, at 5 p.m. Visitors cordially invited.—Edward P. Duffield, Hon. Sec., Sharnbrook, Beds.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (Forest Row Station), on Saturday, June 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 25th?—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (Cathedral) available from 3 till 3.55, and at St. Mary's during the afternoon and evening. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. Preb. Paice, M.A. (Vicar). Tea and general meeting at Seagrave's Restaurant at 5.30. Tea, 1/- to fully paid members, to others 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, 24th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—**Rochester District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at **Shorne** on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. in the belfry.—**E. A. G. Allen**, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill St. Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, London, on Saturday, July 5th. Full particulars next week.—**E. K. Parker**, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—**Northern District.**—The tower of St. Mary, Islington, is open for practice every Friday evening at 7.30 p.m.—Hon. District Sec., **F. G. Symonds**.

**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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