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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.

### SERVING THEIR COUNTRY.

The lists which we are publishing week by week of those members of the Exercise who have responded to the call of their King and country and have readily given themselves to the service of the Empire in its hour of need is a lasting proof of the spirit which animates our ringers, although it is only typical of the way in which the manhood of Great Britain and her children overseas have rallied to the old flag. To those who know the Exercise, of the brotherhood which exists among ringers, and of their devotion to the service of the Church and to their Art, the response which has been made from among our ranks must be extremely gratifying, and this and other matters have gone to show that ringers are not the least patriotic among the people.

With one accord, ringers have sacrificed the pursuit of their Art upon church bells, except so far as the requirements of church services are concerned, and in some cases the maintenance of practice. But peal ringing, which is, to some extent, the reward for the regular discharge of Sunday duties, has been abandoned because ringers recognise and feel that the merry ringing of church bells at such a time would be out of keeping with public feeling in a time of stress and anxiety. In many instances also social events have been abandoned. In other directions, too, pleasures have been curtailed, by the cancelling of district meetings, and, in the case of the Norwich Association, by abandoning even the annual meeting.

Moreover, ringers are showing themselves ready to bear their share of the burden in the relief of distress. Many towers have sent contributions to the National Relief Fund through this paper, and many others of whom we have heard have given to the local funds organised in their particular districts, some of them, as we have seen, foregoing their annual outing and devoting the money accumulated for the purpose to the public relief efforts. One feels proud to be associated with a body which, in all these directions, is showing its patriotism. Ringers are called upon at all times and upon all occasions to voice the public sentiments of national and local joy or sorrow. The mute church bells by their very silence express the feeling of the people, who have entered upon this Titanic struggle without any exhibition of jingo spirit, but grimly determined to see the business through to the end, cost what it may. And not only the bells, but the ringers are demonstrating their willingness to sacrifice all for their country. They are giving themselves and no man can give more. All honour to them.

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The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JOYCE... .. Treble	*ERNEST A. MURGATROYD ... 5
BALDWIN NORFOLK ... .. 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 6
*ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 3	BERNAL E. HOWE ... .. 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. J. Charlesworth, formerly sidesman.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(THE WIRKSWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER ... .. Treble	JOHN WARDMAN ... .. 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 2	GEORGE BOWMER ... .. 6
WILLIAM FOX ... .. 3	BENJAMIN GREATORIX ... 7
FREDERICK JOHNSON ... .. 4	BRIAN HILDITCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORIX.

## SIX BELL PEAL.

TAXAL, WHALEY BRIDGE.

On Saturday, October 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

Consisting of one 720 Merchant's Return, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, called differently.

J. W. HAMPSON ... .. Treble	EGBERT STAMPER ... .. 4
SYDNEY KIRK ... .. 2	HENRY KIRK ... .. 5
WILLIAM LONGDEN ... .. 3	J. R. BACKHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

Rung by the members of Christ Church, Burbage company, on the occasion of the visit by Mr. E. Stammers, a late member of the tower. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;**

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5-6
ERNEST PYE ... .. 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8

GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: B. S. THOMPSON.

G. H. Cross, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Norwich.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH,

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

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 1-2	*ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3-4	*JOHN BASS ... .. 7-8

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Umpires: W. A. PUGH and G. POPNELL.

\* First peal on handbells and first by the branch. It was rung at the first attempt for a peal and at only the second time of meeting.

## RINGERS AND THE WAR.

We continue to receive further subscriptions from ringers, towards the National Relief Fund, inaugurated by the Prince of Wales. The fund has now reached three million pounds, but the Prince, in a letter to the people, urges the need of continued support for the cause, the object of which is the alleviation of the distress which must inevitably follow in the train of the war.

We have forwarded to the headquarters of the fund a second remittance of £10, and we have to acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	20	2	0
Saffron Walden Society (per Mr. F. J. Pitstow)	0	10	6
Potton, Beds, Parish Church ringers (per Mr. G. W. Inskip)	0	9	0
Bushey Society, September collection (per Mr. B. Prewett)	0	4	6
St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich (per Mr. William Motts)	2	2	0
"Wanderer" (third contribution)	0	2	0
Mrs. "Wanderer" (second contribution)	0	2	0
Walton (Liverpool) Parish Church ringers (per Mr. J. Martin)	0	6	0
Mr. Albert E. Austin, Great Shelford	0	1	0
St. Peter's Church ringers, Ashton-under-Lyne	0	10	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

## RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

Appended is a further list of ringers who have responded to the call to arms:—

- R. E. Stavert, of Bushey, 3rd City of London Fusiliers (T.).  
 Ernest W. Hall, of Wrentham, East Kent Regt. (Buffs), now at Purfleet, Essex.  
 Pte F. C. Johnson, of Wrentham, 2nd Batt. Grenadier Guards, at the front.  
 Gunner R. Handley, of Middleham, Royal Marine Artillery, H.M.S. "Ajax."  
 J. Reeb, of Holbeton, Plymouth, R.F.A., now at Aldershot.  
 E. M. Atkins, of Isham, Kettering, and a well-known member of the Cambridge University Guild, has been given a commission in the Royal Engineers, and is now at Chatham.  
 Pte David Heathcock (12430), of Oldswinford, E Co. 3rd Battalion Durham Light Infantry.  
 Pte R. H. Jones, of Chorley, Lancs, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, now at Codford, Wilts.  
 Pte J. Robinson, of Chorley, 7th East Lancs ("Pals") Regt.  
 Pte R. E. Frost, of Burbage Buxton, 6th Battalion Sherwood Foresters, now at Harpenden.  
 Pte Alfred Brewer, of St. Weonard's, Herefordshire, South Wales Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, now at Hereford.  
 Frank M. Bressey, of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, formerly of Wansted, 72nd Canadian Highlanders, on his way to the front.  
 Sapper T. R. Dennis, of Cambridge, hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Guild, R.E. Reserve Signals, now at Aldershot.  
 Pte T. Hyde, of St. Peter's Co., Dorchester, 3rd Dorset Regiment, now at Wyke Regis.  
 J. W. Russell, of Ewhurst, Surrey, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.  
 John Chance, of Woburn, Beds, D Company 6th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.  
 William James, junr., of Woburn, Beds, City of London Fusiliers.  
 Horace Smith, of Husburne Crawley, Beds, Bedfordshire Regt.  
 Pte H. F. Cooper, of Chelmsford Cathedral, 5th Batt. Essex Regiment (T.).  
 William Pryce, of Stoke-in-Coventry, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.  
 John T. Clegg, of St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, and Harold Schofield, of St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, R.A.M.C., now at Aldershot.  
 Charles A. Ward, of Henley, Suffolk, 9th Royal Sussex Regt.  
 Alex Miller, secretary of the London County Association, has rejoined the London Scottish Territorials, and is now on active service in France.

Three ringers from Truro Cathedral have joined the Forces, viz.:  
 Percy Webb, 4th Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, now at Perham Down, Salisbury.

A. E. Mathews and I. W. H. Southard, 3rd Company Devon Royal Garrison Artillery, now stationed at Devil's Point, Stouckhouse, Plymouth.

The following three members of the Gainsborough Parish Church Guild have given their services:—

Pte Charles Leonard Coxell, II Company, 5th Batt. Lincolnshire Regiment (Territorials), now at Grimsby.

Lance-Corpl. Percy Ballance, C Company, 6th Batt. Lincolnshire Regiment, now at Grantham.

Gunner Walter Ayre, 1st N. Midland Brigade, 2nd Battery, R.F.A., now at Nether Crawley, Luton.

The following members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich, are serving in the Forces:—

F. H. Phillips (Ringing Master of the Guild), 3rd Norfolk's.

J. Lemmon, Norfolk Yeomanry, K.O.R.R.

W. G. Cutbrush, R.A.M.C.

A. Potter, Kitchener's Army.

Four members of the St. George-the-Martyr's Society, Southwark, have enlisted:—

F. J. Hardy, Dorset Regiment, now at Dorchester.

A. L. Gibbins, Royal Fusiliers, now at Epsom.

Arthur Hibbert, Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Arthur Hines, Royal West Surrey Regiment (T.).

The following from St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, are on service:—

Capt. L. B. Grant, officer in charge of A Company, 4th Batt.

East Kent Regt. (Buffs), at St. Peter's, Thanet.

Tpr. W. Burley, Royal East Kent Mounted Riflemen, and

Tpr. Lucy, Royal East Kent Mounted Riflemen, now at Northwood, Herne Bay.

### OXFORD GUILD'S ROLL.

The Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) is anxious to have a list of all Guild members who are at this time serving in any capacity in His Majesty's Forces. A circular letter has been issued asking for this information to be sent to the secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading, and also, any information that may be, from time to time, received respecting these members.

### COMMISSION FOR MR. E. M. ATKINS.

Many friends of Mr. E. M. Atkins will be pleased to know that he has received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, and is for the present at Chatham. Before leaving Isham a 720 of Ipswich Surprise Minor was rung by: W. T. Wilson 1, W. C. Lewis 2, F. Talbutt 3, G. A. Blaxley 4, E. J. Chapman 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6. Mr. Atkins was congratulated by all the Isham ringers, who wished him every success in his new sphere.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. B. C. DIXON.

#### NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD'S WEDDING GIFT.

At the annual meeting of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, at which Mr. E. Ferry (the hon. secretary) read an extraordinarily good and prosperous report, the Vicar (Canon Gough) being in the chair, Mr. Ben Dixon, the steeple keeper, whose wedding was announced in last week's issue, was presented by the active members of the Guild with a solid silver tea service.—The Ringing Master (Mr. C. L. Routledge), in presenting the gift, said Mr. Dixon was a good friend and ringer, and looked after their comforts in the ringing chamber. If Mrs. Dixon turned out half as good a wife as she shaped as a ringer, Mr. Dixon was to be congratulated on his choice. In making this present they came to a very right conclusion that what would please the bride would certainly please the bridegroom, and they had chosen the tea service accordingly. In the name of the Guild he wished Mr. and Mrs. Dixon long life and prosperity. The teapot is inscribed:—

"Presented to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Dixon on the occasion of their marriage by the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers as a mark of esteem and regard.

September 7th, 1914."

The sugar bowl and cream jug are inscribed with the date on one side, and a large D on the other. The whole is of the Georgian pattern.—A list of the subscribers was also handed to Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Dixon very feelingly responded, and thanked the members for their handsome gift. It would remind him and Mrs. Dixon of the very good friends they had in the belfry.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding.—In reply, he thanked the Guild for their splendid honorary services throughout the year, and for their efforts to make St. Nicholas' tower second to none in regard to equipment, bells, and ringing.

Mr. Bert Horton, late of Wood Green, was elected a member of the Guild.

GRAPPENTHALL, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 20th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, at the Parish Church of St. Wilfred, 501 Grandsire Triples: M. Lomas 1, J. Peters 2, Jos. Leigh 3, S. Horsfall 4, C. H. Wheeler 5, Geo. Williams (conductor) 6, J. E. Ashcroft 7, W. Leigh 8. Also 168 conducted by J. E. Ashcroft. G. Williams hails from West End, near Southampton.



## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES AND "METHOD."

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter which appears in this week's "Ringing World" is interesting, and touches on several points which I am glad to make remarks upon.

First of all the word "Method."

The "Glossary," when it came out, was of inestimable value, as it was the first attempt to deal with the nomenclature of ringing, which, up to that time, had simply grown up in practice and never been systematised; but, like all other scientific work, it is already out of date, and its definition of Method missed the point that change ringing has had from early times two distinct meanings for the word.

Method means—

(a) The system by which the changes are produced.

(b) The rules by which these changes are rung.

Imagining eight men in the tower ringing eight bells. The man ringing the treble knows how to Plain Hunt, and can do nothing else; the man ringing the second can do the same and no more; the man ringing the third knows that when the treble turns him from lead he must make thirds and lead again, he then counts his bells before he meets the treble, one more after and dodges; the man ringing the 4th passes the treble 3-4 up and dodges 6-7 up, etc.; the man ringing the 5th picks up two and the treble and dodges 6-7 up, etc.; the man ringing the 6th picks up two and the treble, picks up 3 more bells, takes the 3rd and 4th, 1st treble 2nd, 3rd and 4th and leads, etc. (this is called 1st and 2nd Method); the man ringing the 7th is the same as 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th, and the man ringing the tenor can only cover.

Here are eight men ringing by six different Methods, using the word as in definition (b), but they are all ringing Grandsire Triples, which is the Method definition (a).

Now, when we speak of a Method we always use the word as in definition (a), and your correspondent "Hodge" has written his letter with (a) and (b) confused.

Turning to Stedman, what is usually rung and called Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques is not Stedman at all, it is not even a principle. Stedman is a real legitimate principle, and must consist on 7, 9 and 11 bells of the same elements as Stedman's own six-score, the six-score consists of quick sixes, which are equivalent to bobs; slow sixes, which are equivalent to plain leads; and singles, which cause three bells to make places in 1-2-3 in the middle of a six.

Lastly, laws. The three laws given by your correspondent are positive laws; they have been made by the consent of the Exercise, and no one will contest any of them; but when this is once admitted other laws grow out of them quite naturally, which force us to say that Bob Major lead ends and all that they imply are absolutely necessary to all Principles and Methods.

This statement I have proved in the pages of the ringing papers at great length during the last 20 years, and the only answer to my proofs from all quarters has been prejudice.

I cannot repeat the proofs, it would fill up too much space, but I would once again ask the Exercise to put prejudice aside and study the proofs, and, while I hope to go on ringing Norwich Stedman Triples and consider it well worth ringing, I can never admit that it is really Stedman Triples at all.—Yours truly,

H. LAW JAMES.

### METHOD EXTENSION.

Dear Sir,—"Hodge," in his letter in your last issue, recalls the elaborate argument by the Rev. H. Law James a few months ago in favour of accepting Shipway's extension of Superlative Surprise Major to Royal. I may point out, if anyone had explained the differences in the work of the bells in the Major and the Royal Methods in question, a stronger argument could have been produced in the opposite direction.

"Hodge" is correct when he tells us Superlative is a double method. It is even more than that, for the back change of every lead has the beautiful music to be found when the treble is behind in Bob Major. Couple this with its Bob Major lead ends and we get the superb method Superlative. Shipway's Royal, although condemned, retains these back changes, the first of them being as follows:—

x896745231

8x69472531

The Royal Method by "Hodge" does not retain these splendid musical back changes, but are as follows, which I give for comparison:

768x945231

67x8492531

In this reason alone this method is not acceptable as a correct extension. "Hodge" also tells us he finds no guidance in the "Glossary," for extending methods. Well, that is not what the work was written for. The only guide in that direction is to be found in the old methods—Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, etc. These are good and wonderful examples, and at the same time we may say, almost, that they are plain methods. It is much more difficult to extend a complicated method correctly than it is those mentioned, while an approximate extension is not acceptable.

The reason of this is that compositions, either of peals or methods,

have to contain the whole and not a part of it—a definition which is, perhaps, not very clear, and I will, therefore, give an instance or two by way of explaining this point more clearly.

(1) A peal in any method contains 5,000 or more changes—4999 is not enough. It is one short, and the performance of such a composition would thus be disqualified in consequence.

(2) When a peal of Treble Bob is given as containing the 6th the extent in all positions, it must have the 12 8-6's, 8-6-7's and 6-7-8's, and should this composition have only 11 of the 12, it would not hold up to the qualities stated, and would thus be disqualified.

(3) When a peal of Double Norwich is given as containing all the combinations of 4-5-6, none of these bells may be brought into or removed from its position by means of a "five-lead" course, as this cuts out some of the changes of the combination, and the peal would contain only a part and not the whole of the combinations.

Some of your readers, perhaps, may ask what these particulars have to do with method extension. My reply is they have all to do with it, and when properly grasped and their meaning understood, and you again go over the Royal Methods in question and fail to find the work of the Major Method in it, you will say with me this method is not Superlative Surprise.

When extending Major to Royal, you get an additional block of four changes with the treble dodging in 5-6, as mentioned by "Hodge." Here you may use one or a pair of qualifying places while the work must be similar to what is used in the other blocks, and in fact no new work is allowed to be used in any of the blocks, and if any new work is introduced, this will disqualify such an extension.

Personally, I say nothing against the Royal by "Hodge" or Shipway, and if "Hodge" has proved this method and finds it runs true in composition, I should advise him to get it rung by all means; that is to say, if it is properly constructed in other respects; for as he only gives half a lead I have not gone into that point of the method, as there is no authority to prevent him so doing. Finally, I say, have another shot "Hodge," and I wish you success.—Yours faithfully,

HY. DAINS.

### NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL'S "MIDDLE EIGHT."

The new bell designed to make a middle eight from the peal of twelve in Newcastle Cathedral was dedicated by the Vicar, Canon Gough, D.D., on Wednesday of last week, at 12 noon. The bell is a beautiful casting in C flat (or B natural) by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and is hung directly over the present sixth, whose place it takes in the "Dixon peal of eight," the rope coming down in the ringing chamber about nine inches in front of the 6th rope. The bell is 2 feet 11 inches in diameter, and weighs 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. The ring of eight is made up by using the 2nd of the twelve as the treble, omitting the existing 6th and having the 9th (17 cwt. 0 qrs. 16 lbs.) as the tenor, the octave being in G flat. On the new bell is the inscription: "The gift of Alice Margaret Dixon, in loving memory of her brother, Matthew Carr Dixon, of this City, who died October 19th, 1913, aged 83 years, and of her sister, Mary Stobart Carr Dixon, who died December 16th, 1905, aged 68 years. 'In memoria vivere non est mori.'" A free translation of the Latin phrase is: "To live in the memory of those we leave is not to die."

After the dedicatory prayers, Miss Alice Dixon started the raising of the new bell, and then a plain course of Stedman Triples was rung on the eight—the new bell proving an excellent "splice." A short touch of Stedman was afterwards rung, and the bells lowered in peal before the War Intercessionary service, which was held at 12.30. It was hoped to attempt a peal of Major when this bell was put in, but until peace is declared this will hardly be possible.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held on Saturday at the beautiful old Church of St. Leonard, Keovil, where 19 ringers from the towers of Secod, Potterne, Trowbridge, Southbroom, Holt, Keovil, Devizes, Westbury, Market Lavington, and Midsomer Norton, duly assembled, and soon after three o'clock the bells were raised, and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were soon in full swing. Tea was partaken of at the Beach Arms Inn, and was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. J. A. Surton, Vicar of Market Lavington), supported by the Rev. F. M. Weller, the newly-appointed Vicar of Keovil, and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, hon. branch secretary.—Mr. West proposed, and Mr. Hector seconded, the election of four new life ringing members.—Mr. West also proposed, and Mr. Ludlow seconded, the election of the Rev. F. M. Weller as a ringing member—a proposition which was carried with great applause.—After some little discussion, the three next meeting places were decided upon, viz., November 7th, Erchfont; December 5th, North Bradley; and January, 1915, being the annual meeting, Devizes.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Keovil for the use of the church bells having been accorded, the ringers moved off again to the tower, where a little more ringing was carried out before the visitors dispersed, after having enjoyed a very pleasant and sociable meeting.

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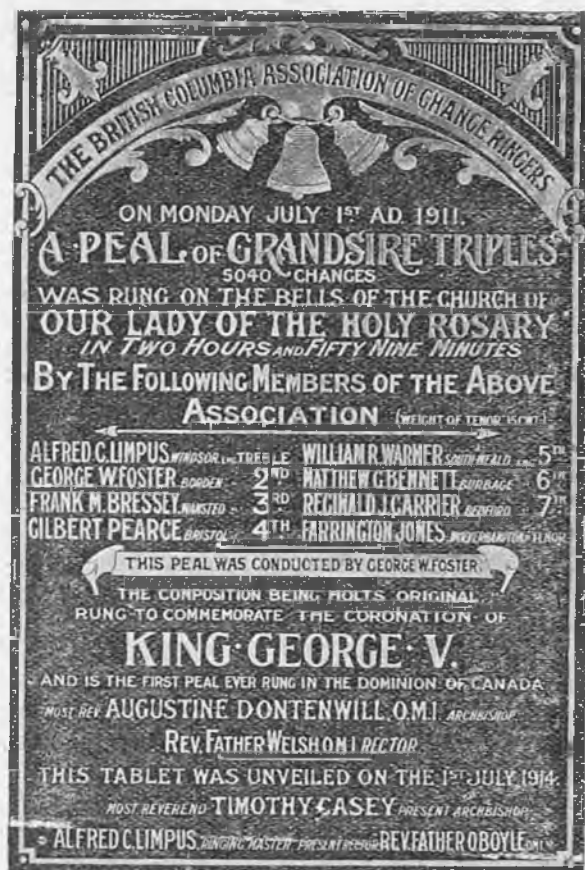
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## THE FIRST PEAL IN CANADA. COMMEMORATIVE TABLET UNVEILED.

Many of our readers will remember the ringing of the first peal in Canada, which was achieved on July 1st, 1911, at Vancouver. This memorable performance has now been fittingly recorded by the erection of a handsome marble tablet, in the belfry of the R.C. Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, where the peal was rung. Mr. A. C. Limpus, who is known to many ringers in England, sends us the following account of the unveiling ceremony:—

Just at this time, when our Empire is plunged into the greatest war in the world's history, and, therefore, rightly much curtailing the ringing of peals, perhaps you might be able to find room for a little history of our doings in its most western extremity. Precisely at 7 p.m., on Sunday, the 6th August, our belfry was entered by the Rev. Father O'Boyle, O.M.I., the bells, which, at the time, were being rung in rounds, being brought to a stand. The Rev. Father, pulling at cord, released the fastenings of a couple of Canadian flags which rose, curtain fashion, and revealed what is perhaps one of the most hand-



some peal tablets erected beneath any peal of bells in the world. After declaring the tablet unveiled, the Rector addressed a few very kindly words to the ringers, thanking them for their unfailing interest in ringing for service, even though they were mostly non-members of the congregation. It was, he said, his most earnest desire soon to be amongst them again to unveil a tablet recording a peal rung to commemorate the conclusion of peace.

The Ringing Master made a short reply, heartily thanking the clergy for their magnificent gift of the tablet, and also for the use of the bells, which had been given with such willingness on every occasion when asked. The Rev. Father Thayer, O.M.I., who accompanied Father O'Boyle, and who hails from Boston, Mass., U.S.A., then presented the ringers with a box of cigars. This concluded the first ceremony of its kind ever held in British North America, and will no doubt be long remembered by those who were able to be present.

Unfortunately two incidents slightly marred the gathering. Firstly, the tablet was not in place on the day expected, owing to the instructions as to shipment having been lost on the ill-fated "Empress of Ireland," and, secondly, three members who took part in the peal were absent; the ringer of the third being on his way with the 72nd Highlanders of Canada, to fight for King and Empire, the ringer of the 5th unavoidably at work, and the ringer of the 7th at his home in

Victoria. The last-named, however, was represented by his brother, Mr. B. Carrier, who is also a member of the band.

The tablet itself is a very fine piece of work by Messrs. Caspar and Co., of London. It is of black polished marble, with hand-engraved and gold leaf lettering, and is practically imperishable.

As suggested by the Editor of the "Ringing World" at the time the accomplishment of the peal was announced, that it might be interesting to know what difficulties had to be overcome in ringing the peal, I would say they were, indeed, many, but they are so wrapped up in the history of the bells themselves, which would make quite a chapter by itself, that I feel I should be infringing on valuable space should I recite them now, and will leave the story for another issue, when I will explain how the first peal in Canada was recorded with the consent of his Most Gracious Majesty King George V.

## MR. JAMES GEORGE, OF RUGBY. PRESENTATION FROM OLD COLLEAGUES.

As we announced a few weeks ago, Mr. James George has recently retired from the service of the London and North Western Railway Company at Rugby, where for many years he had been engaged in the Estate Office. He formally severed his connection with the company on July 31st, and thus brought to a close a career as varied as that seen, by most men in the service, and as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by those with whom he was officially connected, his colleagues of the Estate Office have made a presentation to him.

A brief sketch of Mr. George's railway career may, perhaps, be of interest to his friends in the Exercise. He first joined the L.N.W.R. as junior goods clerk at Harrow, on December 7th, 1869. On June 28th, 1871, he was removed to Wolverton in a similar capacity. There he remained only a short time, and on February 1st, 1872, was transferred to the Telegraph Department at the same station. Within a month he was removed to Leighton, and after only three weeks at that station he was, on March 26th, 1872, appointed clerk in charge of the telegraph office at Tring. There he remained until July 1st, 1878, when he was transferred to Broad Street as clerk in charge of the Carriage Telegraph Department. On August 1st, 1879, he entered the stationmaster's office at Euston, and on April 1st, 1881, he was sent to Aylesbury as booking clerk, being promoted only three weeks later to the position of collector in the Estate Department at Rugby, where he remained until his retirement at the age of 60 years.

In recent years Mr. George has been well known in the Midland District, and more particularly at Wolverton, where the company own a lot of cottage and other property, as well as a public market, and where, in consequence, his duties frequently took him. In one way or another, it may almost be said he came in contact with practically the whole population of this flourishing little town and the neighbouring village of Stantonbury. In such places as these his genial smile will no doubt be greatly missed. His duties were frequently arduous, but he applied himself to them most assiduously, and, in the somewhat unenviable role of collector, he was highly successful.

In private life he has but one hobby, that of bells, and throughout the Exercise, it is safe to say, few names are better known than that of "James George, of Rugby." He has travelled far—his opportunities in this respect having been unique—and has rung in a great number of towers. He has taken part, too, in many notable performances, including that of ringing the tenor at Ashton-under-Lyne to the record peal of Maximus. He has close upon 550 peals to his credit, and still, happily, endowed with full vigour, he hopes to ring many more.

The presentation took place on Saturday week in the Estate Office at Rugby. Mr. Hatley, his late chief, in a few well-chosen words, thanked Mr. George for the assistance he had always received from him, and briefly referred to the excellence of his work as collector. He then presented to him a handsome travelling bag, which had been subscribed for by past and present members of the staff of the Estate Office at Rugby.

A few remarks were also added by the chief clerk (Mr. Parsons), Mr. George's successor (Mr. Barnwell), and other members of the staff.

Mr. George, who was deeply affected, suitably replied, and said he should always look upon the time served with Mr. Hatley and his other friends in the Estate Office as the happiest days of his life. The present they had given him would be greatly treasured, both for its usefulness, and as a constant pleasant reminder of those times.

## MILITARY RINGERS AT SITTINGBOURNE.

By the list of ringers published, who are serving with their country, it must appear that ringing in places must be very limited. But this is not the case at Sittingbourne, as since the beginning of the war that town has been "reinforced" by about 7,000 lads in khaki (Territorials). They include the 9th and 10th Battalions of the Middlesex Regiments, 4th Borderers, 4th Shropshire, and companies of R.A.M.C., R.F.A., etc.

As was expected amongst so many visitors there proved to be several ringers, and by invitation from the Vicar at their church parades, they were extended a welcome to the tower. Special practices have been arranged for every Tuesday evening, when methods from Grand-sire to Cambridge Surprise are rung by ringers hailing from the four corners of England.



## A RINGER'S WAR EXPERIENCES. WITHIN AN EIGHTH OF AN INCH OF DEATH.

A recent issue contained a brief intimation that Sergt. George Mackman, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, and a ringer at St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln, had been wounded in the fighting in France. He is now in the Military Hospital at Devonport, and, we are glad to say, is progressing favourably, although he has been within an eighth of an inch of death—quite close enough to be pleasant. Sergt. Mackman is wounded in the head, and is also suffering from a wrenched knee, his injuries being sustained while fighting on the 14th Sept. In a letter to Mr. J. R. Mackman, his brother, who is also a ringer, and resides at Southall, the wounded sergeant tells the story of his exciting experiences in the matter of fact way, which is characteristic of "Tommy," who is everybody's hero, just as if such things were an every-day occurrence. Describing his injuries, he says: "The bullet caught me on the bone just behind my right ear, and glanced off and went through the ear. It was a most marvellous escape, for, another eighth of an inch and I should not have been here. But, there, that is the fortune of war. It was a bullet from a Maxim gun 800 yards off."

Describing the circumstances, Sergt. Mackman says: The Lincolns were retiring at the time. It occurred about 11.30 on Monday (Sept. 14th), and we had been on outpost duty, within 1,000 yards of the German position. As soon as day broke they let us have it—shrapnel included. We had no artillery whatever and only one Maxim gun, so we were in a hopeless position, and could not get any reinforcements up. The Germans worked round on our right flank, and they gave it us hot. Then, of course, we showed them we could shoot. I fired about 320 rounds. We got the order to retire at 11 a.m., the enemy being only about 400 yards off, and, roughly, 8,000 of them. As I got out of my trench my rifle and bayonet were knocked out of my hand by a piece of shell, and the butt of the rifle simply smashed. I did not wait long to look at it, but thought I had better be off with the remainder. We left about 300 in the trenches, dead and wounded, and were told to look after ourselves.

### HIS "LITTLE BIT."

During the retirement the firing was worse. Men were falling all over the place, and it was marvellous how so many got away untouched. I was only 150 yards from a railway cutting when I received my little bit. I wondered what was up when I picked myself out of the hedge, for it bowled me over a treat. I think it was then that I wrenched my knee. I was silly for a bit, but managed to get under cover, and as we were crossing that dreadful bridge reinforcements were just coming up to help us—four hours late. The Lincolns formed up again in the railway cutting, and there were only 100 of them untouched. They went out again with the 7th and 8th Brigades, and the wounded were told to stop in the cutting until dark, when an ambulance would come for us. It was not very safe up to help us—four hours late. The Lincolns formed up again in the railway cutting, and there were only 100 of them untouched. They went out again with the 7th and 8th Brigades, and the wounded were told to stop in the cutting until dark, when an ambulance would come for us. It was not very safe up to help us—four hours late.



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there, for our artillery were behind it, and when the Germans shelled them, half the shells dropped among us, and then we had to "duck" our "nuts." There were two killed and several more wounded while in there—it was awful. I shall never forget that hanging on watching the skies and asking the time. Eventually dusk came, and we prepared to move. The lame we left in a cottage near by, and those who walked scouted for another house. My house was two miles away, and I was done up when I got there. Anyhow, we had enough strength to make some tea, and had a good rest after the doctor had been. He told us an ambulance would be round at 5 a.m. We were up by then and waiting patiently, but it did not come until seven o'clock.

Before we were in it a shell from the enemy came. A piece went through my coat, and the chimney pot and roof were blown off the house—so we had another narrow squeak. We simply galloped three miles through woods, and the roads were awful, owing to the three days' continuous rain. We arrived at the Field Ambulance at Braine, where we were dressed again, and waited till about 4 p.m., when we were put in a hospital train, in which we remained for 38 hours, and eventually arrived at Rouen. Down the line we were treated like kings by the French, who gave us everything one can imagine. . . . When we got to Rouen the slightly wounded were sent to the hospital there, and the more serious to the hospital ship "St. George," in which, after a six hours' river journey, we crossed the channel, and had a very rough passage. We were landed at Southampton, and sent on here. There were crowds at the station to meet us, and I imagined I was the Lord Mayor as I drove along in a motor from the station to the hospital. Since we have been in here we have been petted up and looked after like babies. But isn't it different to last Sunday morning! By now (9.20 a.m.) we had marched 12 miles on an empty stomach.

## OXFORD GUILD MEETING.

### STIRRING SPEECH TO BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held for the first time at Goring, on Saturday week. Owing to several members being absent on account of the war, the numbers present were not so large as usual. The Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Dams) conducted the service, and the Rev. R. Wickham Legg, Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading, preached on "Brotherhood," from 1 St. John, iii. 14. After service 56 sat down to tea in the Village Hall, under the presidency of the Rev. J. B. Burne.—The Secretary (the Rev. H. C. Wilder), in making his report, said that the numbers, owing to the inclusion of Whitechurch in the branch had risen to 101. The balance in hand was much the same as last year. It was decided if possible to hold a summer meeting at Burghfield, and a winter meeting at Whitechurch.

### A VAST STRUGGLE.

After the customary votes of thanks to the preacher and the Vicar, the members were privileged to hear a most inspiring address from Dr. Parkin, C.M.G., who is well known in connection with the Rhodes Scholarship Trust. After describing his own childhood in Canada within the sound of Cathedral bells, and how much they influenced his life and that of his children, and how everywhere in the Colonies bells are wanted, he said that Cecil Rhodes once declared that it was the village church which made England what it is, the place where people meet and get their moral and spiritual life. What was it that touched the hearts of people so much? To many a dying soldier came at the last the thought of the church bells in his native village. Never in the thousand years of our history had we so much need of self-sacrificing patriotism as to-day. This war was different from anything that had gone before. Rudyard Kipling had said to him: "I have given up trying to imagine the vastness of what is going on." There were to-day 20 armies in the field as big as that with which Napoleon staggered the imagination of the world a hundred years ago when he made his famous campaign against Russia. Twelve million men were in arms on the frontiers of Europe. We could only send 150,000 to uphold the honour and interests of this country. They had fought magnificently, but were too few for the work they had to do. So we were getting half a million more ready as soon as we could. They would all be needed in the Titanic struggle that had been forced upon us. Meanwhile our sailors commanded the sea, and it was due to their courage in facing strange and sudden perils that we lived in comfort while other lands were desolated.

### AN APPEAL FOR MEN.

Lord Roberts saw this danger coming, and said, after his South African experience, that it was a wrong thing to send untrained young men to fight with trained soldiers. But English people as a whole would not listen to him. The people who opposed him were honest but mistaken. He said the other day to Lord Roberts: "Do you know what I think one of the finest things about this war?" Lord Roberts said: "What?" He replied: "That you have never said, 'I told you so!' " Those of them who supported Lord Roberts would feel it their duty to send their sons. Those who had opposed Lord Roberts should in honour be the first to take their place in the front rank and face the chances of war that that would bring. There would be much for which they would have to brace themselves up, and the greatest sacrifices would be demanded. All must take their share in forming a strong and determined public opinion. Ringers in their several villages could do a great deal to help recruiting and bring home to people the greatness of the need for men at the present time.

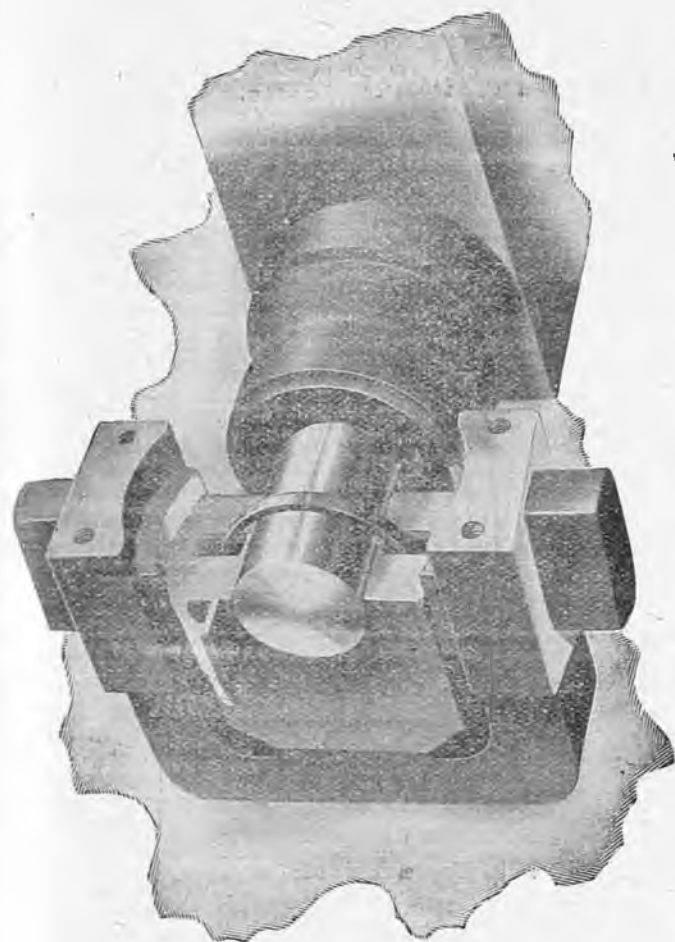
Dr. Parkin's speech was received with loud applause, and he was warmly thanked for having been present.

### A PRACTICE MEETING.

A most successful meeting of members of the Oxford Guild for combined practice took place on Saturday week, at Fulmer, Bucks. The Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was present, together with ringers from Ammersham, Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Peter, Chalfont St. Giles, Farnham Royal, Old Windsor, Stoke Poges, Swindon, Uxbridge, and the local band. During the afternoon and evening touches were rung in nine different methods. The company, numbering 25, sat down to tea kindly provided by the Rector of Fulmer (the Rev. S. T. Bridges), after which Mr. J. J. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. S. T. Bridges for the tea, and for kindly granting the use of the bells, the motion being carried unanimously.—A short service was held in the church at six o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and in the course of which the reverend gentleman, with a few suitable remarks, unveiled a new tablet recording a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, rung upon the Fulmer bells by an entirely local band.

BECCLES.—Nerwich Diocesan Association.—On Wednesday evening, Sept. 16th, for the harvest festival and intercession service at St. Michael's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: T. Holmes 1, H. Reynolds 2, C. Parnell 3, G. Baxter 4, R. Goale 5, E. Elderidge 6, H. Ling (conductor) 7, R. Freestone 8. Also after the service, 504 Grandsire Triples, standing as before.





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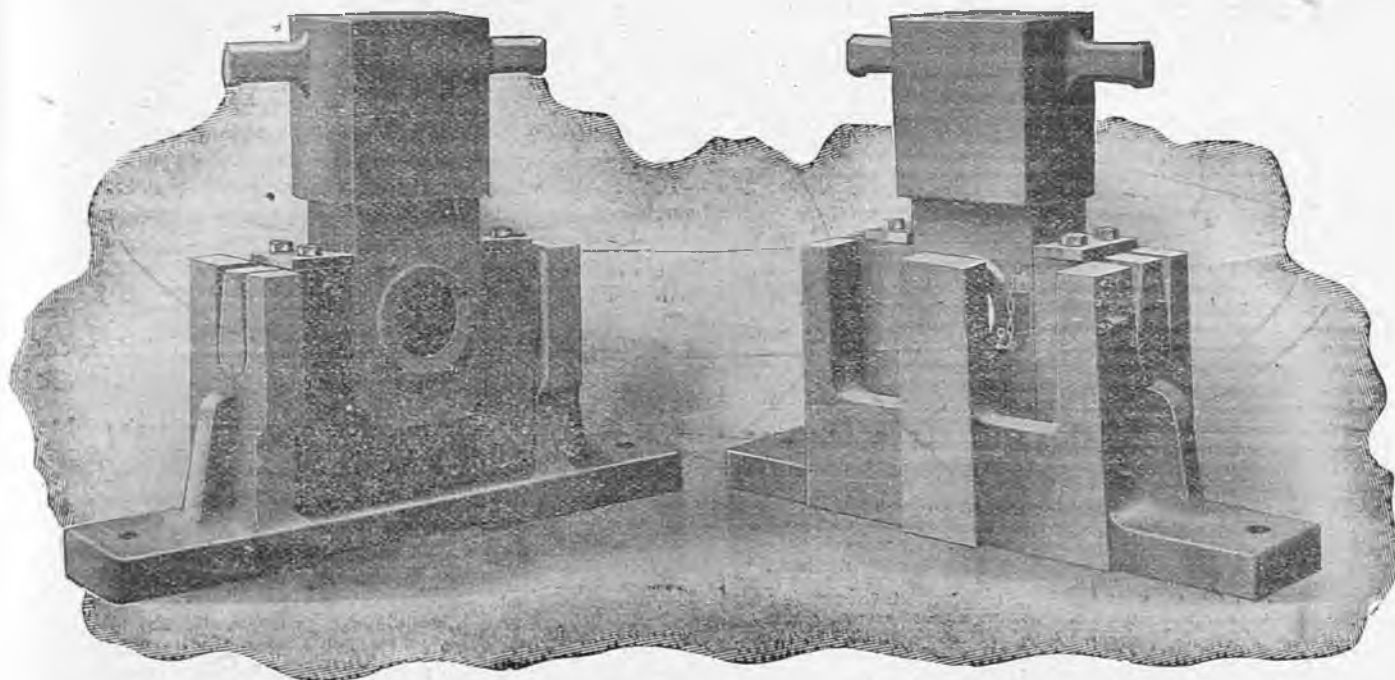
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## NOTICES.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 13th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**PRESENTATION.**—The presentation to Charles Henry Hattersley, Esq., will take place at the Cathedral Church House, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914, at 6.45 p.m. The Venerable Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. H. Gresford Jones) will make the presentation. The Cathedral Church House is in St. James' Street, close to the Cathedral. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—Frank Willey, Secretary, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bearsted, on Saturday, October 10th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, to be kindly provided by the Vicar.—District Secretary, Rev. K. A. Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, October 10th. Bells at 4. Meeting in schoolroom at 7 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A special general meeting will be held at Christ Church Rooms, Union Street, Coventry, on Saturday, October 10th, at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Important business.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Owing to the country being in a state of war the committee of this district consider it advisable to postpone the meeting at Sutton on October 10th, 1914.—Thomas Smith, District Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Denholme on Saturday, October 17th, 1914. Ballot for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those sending in their names by October 12th.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elmley Castle on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Tea and business meeting to follow. All intending to be present at tea please let me know by the Wednesday previous. A good meeting is desired, as branch officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available for service, and the question of further ringing will be decided at the meeting.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 1914, at St. Mary's, Islington. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome.—L. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, N.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ardleigh on October 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, with address, 4.30. Tea at the Lion 5.15, 6d. each, to all giving notice not later than October 20th.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Kingswood Hall, provided by the Rector, for those who send their names to me, not later than Tuesday, October 20th. Business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, October 24th. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Countess Beauchamp, in the Recreation Room, Madresfield Court, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. As this is the meeting for election of officers, it is hoped a good number will attend. The bells will be available for ringing. All who attend *must* send their names to me, by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Will members kindly note that as I have joined the Sheffield City Battalion, I should be glad if they would for the present communicate with the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. Hollis, 37, Reservoir Terrace, Chesterfield.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—The general committee have decided that it is not desirable to hold the annual concert under the present National circumstances.—T. H. Taffender, Master, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**SHOREDITCH CHURCH.**—Practice night altered to every Monday at 8 o'clock.—H. J. Bradley, Steeplekeeper.

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## HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

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**NOTICES—continued.**

RINGERS and visitors to Matlock will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. H. Paulson's, Beech House, Church Street (private house).

**DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.**

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Harry Whitehead, who passed away at Langley Green, Oldbury, Birmingham, on Wednesday, Sept. 30th. The deceased (who had for the last four years lived at Langley Green with his eldest son, Mr. William Whitehead), was born at Marchinton, Staffordshire, on Sept. 6th, 1842, and had thus passed his 72nd year. His early ringing was done at the Parish Church, Uttoxeter. In 1862 he went to Burton-on-Trent, and was leader of the band at Horninglow, on the bells being put in the new church. These bells, which are a ring of six, are made of steel. In 1873, on the erection of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Mr. Whitehead was appointed the first captain (an honour which few, today, are aware that he received), but he gave up the office to go back to his old place at Horninglow. Mr. Whitehead never rang in a peal, but took part in scores of quarter-peals of Triples at St. Modwen's, and a great many 720's at Horninglow, Winshall, Sudbury, and the surrounding villages. Mr. Whitehead was much respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves two sons and four daughters to mourn their loss.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

Although the attendance was not so large as usual, the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association held at Llantrisant on Saturday proved a most pleasant and successful one. Prior to the business proceedings the bells were raised, and various methods rung. The Vicar presided at the meeting, and welcomed the Association to his parish, commenting upon the good work which was being done.—Instructors' reports were received, and showed satisfactory progress.—The place for the next quarterly meeting was deferred until the annual meeting, which takes place at Llandaff on Boxing Day.—Several new members were elected.

The Vicar next very kindly invited all present to the Church Room to tea, where the ladies of the parish were waiting with an excellent "knife and fork" repast.—At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded both the Vicar and the ladies for their hospitality.

One of the hon. secs., the Rev. Connop L. Price, was unable to be present, he being away doing duty as chaplain to the Territorials now in camp at Northampton.

**HERE AND THERE.****COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER ABANDONED.**

We are asked to state that owing to the war, the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths will not be held this year.

**THE LATE MR. S. REEVES.**

The following contributions towards the memorial tablet to the late Mr. S. Reeves are acknowledged with thanks: Messrs. A. Madeley and J. Neal, 2s. 6d. each; "an old friend," 1s.; total amount received up to date, £4 12s.—Hon. Treasurer, Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

**BELLE VUE "BATTLE OF BELLS."**

In connection with the recent handbell competition at Belle Vue, Manchester, an account of which appeared in our last issue, it is of more than passing interest to note that all the five prizes went to bands of ringers using modern sets of bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. These sets consist of as many as 170 bells, and in some cases even more than that number. As the points which count for prizes are awarded not only for manipulation, but for tune and tone also, a band with poor bells, might lose even though their playing might have scored full points. It is a remarkable fact that for the past sixteen years the first prize has gone to bands using Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's bells, and on fourteen of those occasions the second prize also.

**THE THREE "LAWS" OF RINGING.**

In his letter in our last issue, "Hodge" referred to the three "laws" of ringing, and, quoting from the Rev. H. L. James's explanation of Superlative Surprise Royal, asked which of the three laws referred to at a former meeting of the Central Council was responsible for the word "must" which appeared. It may be interesting to our readers to recall the three laws referred to. It was at the Council meeting in 1912, and the Rev. H. L. James defined two of the laws as positive laws and natural laws. The third was added by a member who interjected: There is also Law James—and the meeting was convulsed with laughter.

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