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MODERN WORK.

RINGERS AND THEIR JOURNALS.

With this issue we complete the fifth year of publica-
tion, and at such a period one is inclined to do a little
"stocktaking." That, however, is not our purpose to-
day. Without being egotistical, we think "The Ringing
World" has fulfilled a useful roll in promoting the in-
terests of the Exercise, and its sole aim in the future will
be to further the art to the fullest possible degree. But
the occasion is not inappropriate to comment upon the
relations between ringers and the ringing Press. All who
have studied the question must, we think, frankly admit
that the progress which has been made in the past three or
four decades has been due, in no small measure, to the
stimulus given to ringing by the various journals which
have from time to time existed to assist in promoting the
art. But for the position which the ringing Press has
occupied by being, as it were, the centre of information,
and, to some extent, the driving force which has given
ringing organisations their impetus, the Exercise would
not have reached its present standard of efficiency.

The measure of support which has been accorded the
ringing journals of the past has been evidenced in the
length of their lives, although it has not always reflected
their respective merits. "The Ringing World" is now
alone in the field, and is doing its utmost to maintain, in
remarkably difficult times for journalism generally and for
papers of this character in particular, the interests of the
Exercise. On the other side of the account there is some-
thing due from the ringers. If they realise what they
owe to ringing journals there would not be any need for
the criticism justly levelled in the course of a speech at the
Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham last Sat-
urday. The principle which is followed at many towers
of having just one copy of the paper for the belfry, with-
out the individual members giving the journal their sup-
port, is one which must be condemned. If ringers want,
as they do, to have a paper devoted to their own interests
it is up to them, as it is to the bell founders and hangers
who thrive on the popularity of ringing, to give it all the
support they can.

Before we are completely through the present war crisis
it may be necessary to curtail the present size of this jour-
nal. The difficulties in regard to paper supply alone, to
say nothing of handicaps in other directions, may make
this imperative, but it should be realised that the wider
the support which is accorded us, the better we shall be
able, not only in these strenuous times, but in the days
to come, when, with peace, ringing will boom again, to
provide for the Exercise a journal which shall continue
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TEN BELL PEAL.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1916, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At St. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 45 cwt. in C.

ROBERT S. F. MURPHY ... Treble	RICHARD LYNCH 6
EDWARD LUTMAN 2	JAMES A. TOWNLEY 7
PTE. ROBERT TAIT, R.A.M.C. ... 3	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY 8
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	THOMAS GRANT 9
PTE. GEO. F. WILMOT, R.A.M.C. ... 5	JAMES W. TOWNLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

The bells were rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicountess Iveagh, the wife of the donor of the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 4, 1916, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qrs. 18 lbs. in F.

CHRISTOPHER BROWN ... Treble	HARRY WILCOX 5
TOM ROGERS 2	WILFRED WHITAKER 6
HARRY ROE 3	CHARLES LAW 7
STANLEY S. DUFFILL 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOLS, and
Conducted by JOHN HILL.

First peal of Major by the ringers of the treble, 7th and tenor, and first peal by all the rest. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. John W. Ackroyd, the donor of the new tenor, and Mr. William Laws, an old ringer of the above Church, on completing his 74th year. First peal on the bells since they were recast and a new treble and tenor added.

SIX BELL PEAL.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 27, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Each 720 being called differently.

JAMES TOMLINSON ... Treble	JOHN BARNES 4
THOMAS HOWARTH 2	JAMES HOULDSWORTH 5
JOSEPH RANCLIFFE 3	WILLIAM WHEWELL ... Tenor

The Conducting was done by

T. HOWARTH, J. RANCLIFFE and J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung as a farewell to J. Barnes, who is leaving to join the colours, and it was his first peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, March 1, 1916, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
In St. CHAD'S SCHOOLS, SHADWELL STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor, 17 size in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1—2	JAMES E. GROVES 5—6
THOMAS MILLER 3—4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 7—8
JAMES GEORGE 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Witness: WALTER GOSSAGE.

Mr. J. D. Johnson's first peal of Stedman. Rung on the 79th birthday anniversary of Mr. R. Faux, a Vice-President of this Guild.

CLUN CHURCH BELLS. HELPING THE RESTORATION SCHEME.

Just before war broke out a very pretty ceremony, it will be remembered, took place at Clun, Salop, where the bells, having been recast and augmented to eight were given a picturesque welcome on their return from the foundry. This incident is typical of the interest which the good people of Clun have manifested in the restoration of their bells. Various schemes had to be resorted to to raise the necessary funds for carrying out the work, and Mr. W. Mead, who is Churchwarden of Clun, and hon. secretary of the local ringers' society, has now added to the methods adopted, by writing a most interesting booklet on the history of Clun bells. It is capably written, and contains illustrations of the church and of the reception of the bells referred to above. The letterpress includes the story of the old bells, and their founders, extracts relating to the bells, taken from the ancient parish books, some mention of old parochial ringing customs and the old ringers, as well as the story of the new bells, and their welcome and dedication. There is a prefatory note by the Ven. A. L. Oldham (late Archdeacon of Ludlow), which very aptly introduces the succeeding chapters.

Clun Church tower was one of the very first in that part of Shropshire to be possessed of a set of bells, for in the Middle Ages it was allowed four at a time when only three, at most, were to be found in rural districts. The steeple with its four large bells was utterly destroyed by fire in the Civil War, and after it was rebuilt, John Martin, of Quaker's Yard, Worcester, cast five bells for the tower in 1668, and the treble was added by Thomas Roberts, of Shrewsbury, in 1681. The old bells had quaint inscriptions. In addition to the names or initials of the churchwardens, they bore the inscriptions as follow:—
"Treble: Pearte of this is the gift of Ioseph Iactson. 2nd: All Praise and Glory be to God for ever. 3rd: Iesvs bee our good speede. 4th: Sing wee merily. Peace bee to Clvn. 5th: Soli Deo gloria pax hominibvs. Tenor: God save the King."

Mr. Mead has gone to much pains to sift the history of the bells, and doubtless the parishioners will welcome the little book. Ringers who desire to assist in the good cause of helping to defray the cost of Clun's new 2nd bell can do so by purchasing a copy of the book, which is published at 6d., and can be obtained from Mr. Mead, the Market Place, Clun.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The account of the meeting of the Essex Association, held at Halstead, and reported in "The Ringing World" last week, needs a slight correction, respecting my remarks concerning the Roll of Honour. I was not alluding to ringers generally, but to members of our own Association, of which we have already printed a list, and I urged members to assist by sending names to the secretary, in order that our next record could be as complete and up to date as possible.

The Vicar of Halstead was also incorrectly reported, his suggestion was that the names of those ringers fallen in the war should find a place in our own Cathedral at Chelmsford.

I might add that a representative of a local paper (not a ringer) asked permission to attend the meeting, and it was he who wrote the report, which will, I think, easily explain how the error occurred.—Yours faithfully,
Baintree.

CHAS. H. HOWARD.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. John's Church, Devizes, on Saturday last, and was well attended by ringers from Trowbridge, Melksham, Holt, Westbury, Southbroom, Potterne, Bromham, Swindon and Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's). After ringing at St. John's and St. Mary's Churches the authorised Guild service was held in St. John's Church, the Rector (the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke) kindly officiating, and Mr. H. H. Baker, the organist, willingly giving his services. The lesson was read by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, the tower master of the church.—The Rector gave an instructive and interesting address based upon the text, taken from Zachariah, xiv., 20.

Tea was partaken of at Barter's Restaurant, in the Market Place, at which 28 sat down, the Rector occupying the post of honour at the head of the table.—A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Chairman of the Branch (Mr. Sidney Hillier), supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. secretary.

Two new honorary members were elected, one of whom was the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke, Rector of Devizes.—Three new ringing members were also elected (two from St. John's and one from Chirton). The places for the next three meetings were then discussed, and decided upon as follows: May 6th, Erehfont; June 3rd, Bradford; July 8th, Upavon.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and for the service in church, and to the organist for his services.

The ringers then dispersed to the two towers, where some good touches of Stedman, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and brought to a close a very pleasant and successful meeting.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD AT YORK

The district meeting of the Yorkshire Association at York on Saturday week was attended by twelve members of the Newcastle Guild. The journey between the Northern cities was enlivened by a dissertation on the splendid qualities of Scotsmen as soldiers by an army instructor, who had seen "some" service in his time. Though not a Scotsman himself he declared himself devoted to porridge, bagpipes, and "Scotch," and the time passed pleasantly listening to the account of his varied experiences.

That well-known sportsman and ringer, George Breed, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors at York, and provided a good meal at his hostel on their arrival. The ringing chamber of the famous Minster was eventually reached, and the Guild were honoured by the Yorkshiremen in being allowed to open the proceedings. Stedman failed to "go," but a touch of Erin Cinques was successfully brought round to the delight of all concerned. This proved to be the only touch brought round during the day, and is believed to be the first Erin on the bells.

For the service touch, with a mixed band, Billy Barber turned the tenor in to Kent Maximus, but the course was not completed, after going well for some time, much to the disappointment of all. Meanwhile several of the party visited the six-bell tower of Bishopgate, where a 720 was scored. The entrance to the ringing chamber here is rather curious, one having to bend double and go in backwards down two steps, and then straighten out very carefully to avoid damaging the masonry. The bells are by Pack and Chapman, and are well on to their 200th birthday.

The Lantern Tower Restaurant next claimed the attention of all, and thorough justice was done to an excellent tea, after which Mr. Routledge (President of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and Ringing Master of the Guild) thanked the Yorkshire Association for their hospitality and the warm welcome they had extended. He hoped that the visit would be returned, and said that a good reception would await them at Newcastle.

The rest of the evening was spent in social intercourse and handbell ringing at the hostel of George Breed, who revelled in treble-ten, and recollections of bygone days. The 9.13 train all too soon claimed the attention of the Newcastle men, and a number of Yorkshire friends gave them a hearty send-off at the station.

A RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

On Sunday last, before ringing commenced for morning service, at St. George's Church, Stockport, sympathetic reference was made by Mr. J. W. Bayley to the great loss sustained by Mr. James Booth, the secretary of the company, by the death of his wife, which occurred on the 28th February from pneumonia, after a short illness. Mr. Bayley paid a tribute to the character of the late Mrs. Booth, observing that she was ever ready to offer her services in any enterprise having for its object the promotion of the interests of ringers, and her loss would be keenly felt by all. A vote of sincere condolence was passed by the ringers rising in their places.

RINGING AT NEWCASTLE.

Sunday evening service ringing, at 5.30 p.m., has been resumed at Newcastle Cathedral. On Sunday a touch of Grandsire Cinques was rung by a band of local men, with the exception of Ptes. D. Pratt and E. Vallance, of Newcastle.

BURBAGE.—On Feb. 10th, at Christ Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. W. Hampson 1, Syd. Kirk 2, Lce.-Cpl. W. J. Smith (R.E.) 3, Wm. Moss 4, Henry Kirk (conductor) 5, J. R. Backhouse 6. Rung as a farewell to Lce.-Corpl. Smith, who hails from Bridgend, on his leaving the same evening for France.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Feb. 27th, after morning service, at the Church of Bishop Ryder, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: S. Coley 1, W. F. Webb (St. John's, Deritend) 2, J. Porter 3, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 4, J. D. Johnson (Hinton, Evesham) 5, J. George (composer) 6, J. B. Collett 7, W. E. Stratford 8. Rung as a farewell to W. E. Stratford, who has joined His Majesty's Forces under Lord Derby's scheme.

BURSTOW.—Recently, for morning services and practices, 720 each of Oxford, Woodbine and College Exercise: A. Wisdon 1, C. Varo 2, J. Sherlock 3, Rev. E. J. Teesdale 4, W. H. D'eith 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6.

ACTON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, Feb. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. W. Davis 1, W. Phillips 2, C. Edwards 3, J. W. Fruin 4, J. H. Payne 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, J. R. Sims 8. First quarter on inside bell by ringer of the 3rd, and for whom the quarter was specially arranged.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

By "BOB MAJOR."

I suppose I ought to begin my notes this week by lifting my hat (if I may be pardoned what appears to be very much like an Irishism), for the implied compliment in "Midlander's" letter the other day. After declaiming against the publication of lots of small and, except to the ringers, uninteresting touches, which occupy much valuable space in "The Ringing World," he asks "Why not let Bob Major use it?" We all like to think that our own special contributions are appreciated—I expect that is why some correspondents send up so many insignificant touches—and when I read that letter I began to think that, at any rate, somebody thinks well of my chatter. I have set down here, gentle reader, what I think I ought to say in the circumstances. But second thoughts, which, despite what the copy-book maxims may tell us, are not always best, have somewhat subdued me. "Midlander" may, after all, only have been "pulling my leg," for it may be that of two evils he would choose the lesser, and that of two inflictions he would rather suffer that of "Bob Major" than the records of courses of Grandsire or Stedman rung at—well, "somewhere in England." But there, I must not allow my second thoughts to lead me away, even though they are sometimes best—as my friend, Mr. George Clayton, apparently thinks when he contemplates giving up the construction of methods for the construction of verse.

A GREAT TRIO.

Despite the fact that we live in times of war, I have no doubt the Johnson dinner at Birmingham last Saturday went off with all its usual success. Years ago I had the pleasure of attending one of these functions, and I was never among a more genial party. I should go again if I could only raise the railway fare, but since that one visit I have had to content myself with reading the report and imagining the rest. If only the St. Martin's Guild, out of their great wealth, would include travelling expenses in their charge of half a crown, we would all go. Perhaps they will consider the matter at their next meeting. Henry Johnson, whose memory is kept green by this annual reunion, was unquestionably one of the marvels of his age; one of those men who could do in his head, what some of us would require reams of paper to work out. In his day there was a great triumvirate—Johnson, Haley and Cox—and on the virtues of these three men our old friend, Frank Dawe, is ever ready to dilate. I have heard it said that the Exercise has never had in its ranks at any other one time three such great men as these. About that, however, I have my doubts, but that does not detract from the fact that they were a wonderful trio.

THE TRIUMVIRATE.

The highest ambition of many a man
Is shattered on difficult rocks,
When he tries to follow such eminent men
As Johnson, and Haley, and Cox.
There are Lindoff and Knights, and Carter as well,
And Trollope and Dains and lots
I could, I think, mention, but where are the men
Like Johnson, and Haley, and Cox?
We have gone a long way since Annable's day—
Our peals would have given him shocks—
And much of the progress is due, without doubt,
To Johnson, and Haley, and Cox.
With this wonderful trio few can compare,
Their knowledge much mystery unlocks,
And just for this reason we'll join in the praise
Of Johnson, and Haley, and Cox.

LAPPING.

No doubt many of you were interested, as I was, the other day to read of the fact that Haley in his youth "lapped" a considerable number of peals. There was much more "lapping"—of both kinds—done in the old days than now among ringers, and, for the on-looker, who knows nothing of the scientific side of ringing, the lapping of handbells makes a very effective display. I have tried lapping, and my experience is that when you get off the simple methods it wants a bit of doing. For instance, Double Norwich is by no means so simple as it looks, and in Stedman the ringer concerned with the two front bells has to be very wide awake. So while peals that are lapped don't count, they are by no means easy performances. I have not read in recent years of peals being lapped, but particulars have been passed on to me of a peal of Grandsire (Holt's ten-part) which was completed by this method in 1899. The band was a tune-ringing company, made up of Messrs. Wm. Lawrence, Willie Hickman (since dead), Jack Durham and Harry Osman, the three last-named knowing nothing of change ringing proper. They, however, lapped this peal of Grandsire, in two hours and a half and in the presence of an umpire, as clean as could be (I mean the peal was clean, as well as the umpire). The band tried many times before they were successful, and on several occasions got near the end, when "something went wrong with the works"—it doesn't take much to cause that, by the way, and a mistake can seldom be put right—so, as may be imagined, the band were rather proud of their performance.

THE PANCAKE BELL.

How many of you heard the Pancake bell rung on Tuesday? Most of you enjoyed your pancakes, I'll warrant, but few heard the survival of that ancient Shrove Tuesday custom, the ringing of the Pancake bell. At one time its use was more or less general, for it originated, we are told, as a summons to confession on the day before Lent. Later, however, it became the signal for all sorts of feasting—including the eating of the pancake. In some places, I believe, it is known as the "Batter bell," being rung in the morning to tell the housewives to commence the making of batter for pancakes. Among the places where the pancake bell is rung is Morpeth, where the bells are chimed for morning and evening service at least a mile from the church. The Watch Tower, where the bells are situated is famous, and an old couplet runs:—
"Did'st ever hear the Morpeth wonder
Church and steeple a mile asunder."

The bells at Morpeth, being in the market tower, are under the care of the Town Council. The Angelus survives there, but I am afraid few give a thought to its original purpose. It is now only an intimation to workmen to cease work. There are also the fire bell and the market bell, as well as the Pancake bell.

IRISH QUITE.

When opening these notes with an Irishism, I was reminded of a very good story in connection with the building of a belfry over in Erin's isle. Its truth I cannot actually vouch for, but it was given to me as gospel, and there is some circumstantial evidence to bear out the tale. The church is a well-known one, with a more than passable peal of bells. There is a stately tower of considerable height rising above the roof of the main building, and when it was completed and while the internal scaffolding was still in position the bells were hung. A ringing floor was put in, and, when all was finished aloft, the scaffolding was removed. Then it was discovered that the staircase had been forgotten! The difficulty was eventually overcome by providing an iron spiral staircase, which still stands as the evidence above referred to. And of this staircase, by-the-way, one gentleman not unknown in Birmingham has vivid recollections. I am told that if he had to climb the rigging of a schooner in a gale he could hardly have been more nervous.

AN EARTHQUAKE.

It seems to me that I let poor old John Holt in for something when I innocently took up the cudgels for him in my last notes, for here comes the Rev. E. Banks James, who, by-the-way, knows as much about Grandsire as most people, not to shake our trenches with a puny mine, but to engulf us with a veritable earthquake. Was Holt a "peal pirate"? If the reverend gentleman could prove his insinuation, with what a crash would our idol fall! In Holt's day there was no "Ringing World" in which he and Annable could hammer out their grievances, and yet, it seems to me that, if there was anything to substantiate the idea, there would most likely have been something to be found either in the old records or in the tradition which has been handed down, to throw discredit upon Holt's peals. Still it is strange, when you come to think of it, that Holt only produced three peals. Any proof of Holt's piracy is out of the question now, unless—ah! unless any of the present generation of ringers are interested in spiritualism and can get into touch with Annable in the spirit world! What an article that would make for our only ringing paper!

JOHN WAS IN THE OTHER PLACE.

Have you heard that little story about the lady who once attended a seance in the hope of being able to speak to her departed husband?—I don't think he could have been a ringer. It was some time before the medium was able to get on to the right telephone number, so to speak, and when the old man had been rung up, he could only be got to answer in monosyllables—I suppose it's difficult to do more than that by rapping the table. One knock was for "No" and two knocks for "Yes." "Is that you, John?" asked the lady. "Yes," replied John, by knocking twice. "Are you happy?" inquired she. "Yes," came back the answer. "But wouldn't you like me to be in heaven, too?" queried the widow. "Yes," was the reply once more. Then, as if a doubt crossed her mind, the lady asked, "I suppose you are in heaven, John." But John only knocked once and then rang off.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A NEW DISTRICT SECRETARY.

A meeting of the Canterbury district was held at Lyminge on Saturday last. The attendance was decidedly poor, only eleven members being present from Brabourne, Canterbury, Chatham, Elham, Lyminge, Wickhambreaux and Hendon (Middlesex). Before the service, which was conducted by the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), a little ringing was done, but nothing to call for remark.—The Rector (the Rev. A. F. Rutty) kindly entertained the members to tea.

By way of business, one new member was admitted, and the Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, of Elham, was elected to the office of district secretary, which has been vacant since last May.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kind hospitality.

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY MEMORIAL TABLET.

On Saturday afternoon, in the presence of numerous visitors who had come to Birmingham to attend the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, the Rector of Birmingham (Canon J. W. Willink, M.A.) formally unveiled a marble tablet erected in St. Martin's belfry to record a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques rung on November 9th, 1915, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley.

The Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., J.P., gave a brief resume of Mr. Hattersley's career, and remarked on the singular coincidence of the deceased ringing his first and last peals of Stedman Cinques in that tower, on May 23rd, 1878, and November 22nd, 1910, respectively, the latter being also conducted by him. Mr. Hattersley was a frequent visitor to Birmingham, and had rung and conducted peals in almost all the local towers. He had often been heard to say that although he was a Sheffield man, he had rung more twelve-bell peals in Birmingham than out of it. He had been a ringing member of the St. Martin's Guild for over forty years.

The Rector said that he had listened with deep interest to Mr. Pritchett's words, and singularly enough, while he had been talking, his, (the Rector's) eyes had alighted on Mr. Hattersley's name on the stone tablet opposite, on which is recorded the 9238 of Stedman Cinques rung on Feb. 28th, 1881, which was then the longest length. He was glad to be there that day to perform the solemn duty of unveiling the tablet in a belfry which was already embellished with tablets beyond any other he knew, and thought it was quite right and proper that the memory of one who had been so loved should be perpetuated in this manner.

Canon Willink then uncovered the tablet and read the inscription, afterwards offering up a prayer appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. Wm. Rock Small said a few words, recalling how the deceased and himself had been almost life-long friends.

The tablet, which is of heavy plate glass, with incised gilt lettering at the back, on a black ground, reads as follows:—

"St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham (Established 1755).—On Tuesday, November 9th, 1915, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Charles Henry Hattersley, for over 40 years a member of this Guild, who died on October 21st, 1915, a peal of Stedman Cinques (5007 changes) was rung in this tower with bells half-muffled, and in the inverted tittums and hand-stroke home positions, in 3 hrs. and 47 mins.: Thomas Russam treble, Charles Dickens 2, James L. Wells 3, Thomas H. Reeves 4, Albert Walker 5, A. Paddon Smith 6, Thomas Miller 7, John Carter 8, Ernest Mansell 9, James George 10, James E. Groves 11, John Neal tenor. Composed and conducted by John Carter, was also generously defrayed the cost of this tablet. Rev. Canon J. W. Willink, M.A., Rector. J. J. Kendall and F. W. Blake, Churchwardens."

It will be seen from the inscription that it is the gift of Mr. John Carter, and the members of the Guild are indebted to him for a very handsome addition to the old belfry.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOHNSON DINNER.

I have attended one or two Johnson Dinners in years gone by; they have been both impressive and bright. The one held last Saturday, if I may be allowed to form an opinion, almost surpassed its predecessors.

The memory of the late Henry Johnson strikingly lives, and the holding of these dinners truly cements the good fellowship and unity of purpose among ringers. It should be borne in mind that the object of holding these anniversary dinners is not merely to revive the sentiments of the time in which our late respected brother lived, but to promote a stronger brotherhood amongst the living, who are left to carry on the work into which he partially initiated us.

The atmosphere in Birmingham, especially in the elements of ringing, is always decidedly entertaining; it is without question as good ringing as well as a good "striking" neighbourhood to any who are disposed to pay their respects, and they are at the same time heartily welcome. There is a solid determination in the inner circle not to despoil the good reputation which has been handed down from generation to generation.

THE GUILD'S OWN RECTOR.

An acquisition of the first water to St. Martin's Guild is worthy of special note. I refer to the Rev. Canon Willink, the Rector of Birmingham, a man whom the ringers adore. They may well be proud of their head. Being an old associate of St. Martin's, I can assure the reverend gentleman that he has really good "boys" under his jurisdiction. He has nothing to fear by way of insubordination; the "boys" will be most loyal.

And now for a "some" dinner. It is common to all to experience a feeling of joy in renewing old acquaintances. One hundred and twenty-one of us sat down to partake of the good things that were put in front of us. Being accustomed to but one plateful in my daily routine of life, I had perforce to "settle to" with several, and survived the ordeal with some degree of comfort—you see I was not down on the programme, therefore I hadn't to consider a reserve vacuum. You

perhaps, dear reader (if you have had to inflict a song on your company) have experienced the pain in standing erect, giving voice to a song all the while the pianist is pressing the double pedal with the remark that "You are out of puff."

Reverting to the number present, viz., 121, a pleasant little episode appeared on the scene, which I should like to quote. The chairman—or someone—I forget exactly who—put the suggestion that all those should stand up, who were acquainted with Henry Johnson. It was strange that these should total 21, showing that there were 100 present, to say nothing of the hundreds without, who would gladly have been present if circumstances permitted, who were paying tribute to a man they did not know in the flesh, and it was evidence of the significance of the object. Regrets for absence were numerous, which further presses home the magnificent interest in the event.

THE SPEAKERS.

In toasting to "The Church and State," Dr. Malins made a very bold and effective speech. Did space permit, I should like to have dealt with some of his points, but I must pass these by, merely emphasising the fact that the impression made is scarcely likely to be eradicated from the mind. We had an ideal chairman in the Rev. Canon Willink, the Guild's own Rector—"One of themselves," as it was roundly expressed. If not a bell ringer he is a valuable adjunct in the belfry. "We could not do without him," was the opinion voiced. If all of us could experience rectors gifted with such enthusiasm towards ringers, the rally towards incumbents would be stupendous. Ringers, as a branch of Church workers, are less troublesome to the authorities than any other, although the clergy don't seem to realise it in many instances. The Rector on Saturday was a worthy man in a worthy position.

In Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Presiding Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild has an exceptional leader, whose fitness could rarely be equalled. He is sincerely appreciated among the members, for they realise that his civic and legal work claims much of his time, and they are honoured by having him at their head. His speech on the doings of the Guild and its more prominent members during the year was in his usual happy vein. Mr. W. H. Godden, a pillar of the Exercise in the Midlands, is, despite his age, as enthusiastic as ever when speaking on ringing subjects, and in toasting kindred ringing societies he spoke with much earnestness. Mr. Alf. Paddon Smith, whose enthusiasm and energy in the service of the Guild are unbounded, struck an important note in proposing "The Ringing World." He urged ringers to give their only journal the fullest support, and I should like to echo his sentiments when he took to task those numerous towers throughout the country, which had one copy of the paper among the whole band. Now, "brother strings," let us get into action, and change this state of affairs.

No Johnson dinner would be complete without Mr. Harry Withers, the mysterious and incomparable, and his equally famous dulcimer. We were all delighted with his patriotic selection, and I was specially interested in listening to his course of Erin Caters. I have noticed that he has no understudy, but if he is looking for one I am prepared to lend myself for the purpose. I envy this accomplishment. I called him "mysterious" because his genius is weird, and he is incomparable because he stands alone. No one else seems to have reached his stage of perfection. To be able to listen to Stedman Cinques rung on hand-bells as I heard it at Birmingham is a great joy, and the performers also rendered tunes in brilliant style for the good ear of the company present. The last and least on the programme was the writer, as foretold, but self-contained. H.

RINGER'S LECTURE ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' INTERESTING EVENING.

On Tuesday week, at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on the occasion of the fortnightly meeting of the College Youths, the members present were entertained by one of their number, Mr. E. A. Young, F.R.I.B.A., to a most interesting and instructive lantern lecture on a subject which should be of natural interest to all Church bell ringers, i.e., "English Church Architecture." A splendid collection of slides was thrown on the sheet, illustrating the four styles of Gothic Architecture (Norman, Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular) at our principal Cathedrals. The development of one style from another, and the progressing knowledge of the early architects from age to age on the laws of stresses and strains, was very clearly explained.

The lecture lasted an hour and a quarter, and the amount of ground covered in the space of time was surprising. It was a pity that it could not have been given to a much larger audience, as the subject is of more than ordinary interest to ringers.

With just a little knowledge on the subject, as gained by this lecture, it is wonderful what a great amount of historical information can be unearthed when visiting Parish Churches, Abbeys, and Cathedrals in our vocation as ringers.

Mr. Young was heartily thanked for his lecture.

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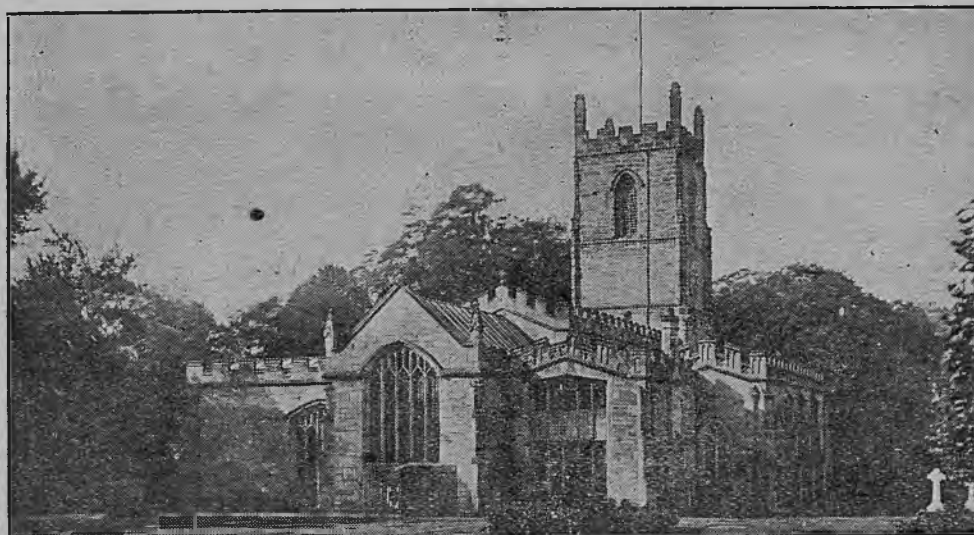
BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

In 6 Edward VI (1553) the church of St. Helen, Ashby-de-la-Zouch contained "fyve belles and a hande belle." Very little is known of the early history of the ring, but the ancient tenor bell, dated 1571, weighed 14 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs., while the present one, recast in 1849, weighs 17 cwts. 3 qrs. The present eight bells are inscribed :—

new iron A frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and were rededicated by Bishop Mitchinson on October 28th of that year. The first peal after rehangng was on January 1st, 1887, being 5040 Stedman Triples by the Burton-on-Trent Society, and conducted by J. Griffin. At this time the Ashby Society was formed, with Mr. J. Jaggar as instructor, and in 1888 he called their first peal—Holt's 10-part—on April 30th, and, on November 29th, 1888, Holt's Original was rung, these being the first peals by all except the conductor. On February 6th, 1889, the Rev. F. E. Robinson rang his 200th peal at this church,



THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN, ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

Treble and Second.

"The two treble bells were given, by voluntary subscription in commemoration of the peace of 1814. John Briant, Hertford. Fecit, 1814."

Third.

"Gloria Deo Soli. T. Eayre. The gift of the inhabitants of Ashby, 1741." [Glory to God alone.]

Fourth.

"J. Briant, Hertford. Fecit, 1817."

Fifth.

"God save His Chvch. John Dickinson, Warden, 1698."

Sixth.

"† I. H. C. Nazarens Rex Ivdeorvm" [Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.] This bell was cast by Newcombe of Leicester.

Seventh.

"The Rev. Wm. MacDouall, Vicar: J. Tompson and Wm. Devenport, C. W. J. Briant, Hertford. Fecit, 1822."

Tenor.

"† Sonoro: Meo: Sono: Resono: Deo:
Jo. Taylor and Son, Bellfounders, Loughbo. in the year of our
Salvation 1849."

[With my sonorous sound I sound to God.]

In 1816 the Leicester change-ringers rang on April 26th a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 20 minutes, viz. :—

Thomas Stringer	Treble	Lawrence Staynes	5
Thomas Clark	2	William Reeves	6
John Clark	3	Thomas Sibson	7
James Gill	4	John Maslin	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Sibson.

In 1886 the bells were tuned, turned, and rehung in a

5024 Superlative Surprise Major, conducted by W. Wakley, this being the first in this method in the county.

On February 19th, 1889, the Ashby Society rang the first peal of Bob Major on the bells, conducted by J. Jaggar, whilst the next week they rang the first peal by an entirely local band—Holt's 10-part, called by W. Canner. Since then about 30 peals have been rung, mostly Grandsire and Stedman Triples, including one conducted by Miss Edith K. Parker.

In 1912 the bells were all taken out and thoroughly cleaned and the iron work painted, and the tower repointed.

There is a tradition relating to Ashby bells which says that a former inhabitant of this place, having lost his way, was, after wandering about the whole night, and when nearly exhausted, enabled to find his way home by hearing the sound of the clock of St. Helen's Church. To mark his gratitude for this deliverance, he conveyed to the trustees to the Grammar School certain property, since called the "Day-bell Houses" upon trust, among other things, that they should cause one of the church bells to be rung for a quarter of an hour at four o'clock every morning. This direction was carried out, and the "four o'clock bell" was heard regularly every morning until the year 1807, when, upon the authority of a Decree of the Court of Chancery, this custom, "useless and annoying" to the inhabitants, was discontinued. Instead of this early bell, one is now rung daily at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. for the purpose of assembling the boys in the Grammar School, for which the masters pay the church authorities a certain sum annually.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By GEORGE BAKER.

After the discoveries made during the past three years arguments are superfluous, consequently I have no intention of arguing with Mr. Clayton, or anyone; the figures of the round block of Stedman Triples that I gave a fortnight ago—if examined—will verify what I have written.

By the use of Reciprocal Proof we can now find out whether any Method or Principle is perfect in construction. By Equivalent Proof, using the pivot bell as the guide, we can find the false course-ends of any Method or Principle.

An easier way of proving seven-bell principles, provided that the seventh is a fixed bell, is by proving each division head by the natural false course-ends of the principle. Below I give the proof of the round block of Stedman Triples that is perfect in construction, and which has only the two natural false course-ends when 6-7 are fixed bells.

1234567	6317452	5162743
3124567	1637452	6512743
2314567	3167452	1652743
5264137	4357612	7142563
6524137	5437612	4712563
2654137	3547612	1472563
4653271	7541326	2476135
5463271	4751326	7246135
6543271	5471326	4726135
2673451	3521746	1436275
7263451	2351746	3146275
6723451	5231746	4316275
		7165324

The only way of finding out the total number of false course-ends against the plain course is by transposition, but if we dissect the above proof—as below—by placing the seventh in each position in separate blocks, we shall be able to see at a glance that the sixth is never in a position which will produce any extra false course-ends with 6-7 fixed.

1234567	6317452	5162743
3124567	1637452	6512743
2314567	3167452	1652743
5264137	4357612	3521746
6524137	5437612	2351746
2654137	3547612	5231746
4653271	7541326	2476135
5463271	7142563	1472563
6543271	7263451	2673451
1436275	7246135	5471326
3146275	7235614	2375614
4316275	7165324	1675324
		6715324

If it is possible to obtain peals of Stedman Triples with one bob only to the division of twelve changes, the fresh round block is much more likely to achieve that result for several reasons, the chief of these being as follows:—

- (1) There is one less false course-end to the course with the 6th bell fixed.
- (2) The pivot bell is not interfered with by bob or single until the work incidental to a pivot bell has been completed.
- (3) The bells in 6-7 are not interfered with by bobs or singles, consequently no fresh false course-ends are introduced in any division.

Following is the table of course-ends—bobs only—with the seventh a fixed bell.

123456	3	4	6	7	Will run
135426	—	—	—	—	3 Courses
431526	—	—	—	—	5 "
165432	—	—	—	—	2 "
132546	—	—	—	—	2 "
461532	—	—	—	—	4 "
432156	—	—	—	—	2 "
163542	—	—	—	—	2 "
463152	—	—	—	—	2 "
421356	—	—	—	—	3 "
461325	—	—	—	—	3 "
425136	—	—	—	—	2 "
462135	—	—	—	—	4 "
163425	—	—	—	—	3 "
162345	—	—	—	—	5 "
125346	—	—	—	—	3 "

Singles can be made at five division-ends, i.e., 3-4-5-6-7, without altering the seventh as a fixed bell. At a single the bells in 4-5 lie still, the bell making the 3rd's place link between the two divisions is unaltered by a single.

A STEDMAN METHOD ON EVEN NUMBERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I send you particulars of a method I have worked out in the hope that it may be considered of some slight interest, even if not very original. It is based on the Stedman principle, but is for an even, instead of an odd, number of bells. Instead of being divided into sixes, with three-bell changes going on in front, it is made up of eights, with four-bell changes in front. There are "slow" eights and "quick" eights alternately, corresponding to the slow and quick sixes in Stedman. These are illustrated below:—

Slow Eight.	Quick Eight.
12345678	12345678
21354768	21354768
2315	1253
3251	1523
3521	5132
5312	5312
5132	3521
1523	3251
12537486	23157486

The bells behind make triple dodges in 5—6, 7—8, etc., up and down, instead of the double dodges in 4—5, 6—7, etc., in Stedman.

It will be seen the slow work in front is symmetrical, and is similar to Stedman (except that fourth's places are made instead of third's) with certain additional work before the "first whole turn" and after the "last whole turn."

Bobs are made in the same way as in Stedman, but, of course, one place later, that is, by the 5—6 up bell in Major, the 7—8 bell in Royal, and so on. The other bells behind continue dodging an extra eight for each bob called. A single is also made as in Stedman but again one place later.

Saltburn.

G. A. PECK.

CELEBRATED PERFORMANCES OF THE PAST.**THE FIRST PEAL OF TREBLE TWELVE.**

To-morrow is the anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus ever rung, a 5040 in the method being accomplished by the College Youths at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 12th, 1758. The tablet recording the peal runs thus: "The Society of College Youths rung in this steeple on March 12th, 1758, a compleat peal of 5040 Treble Bob, 12 in, in 4 hrs. 12 mins., being the greatest peal ever done before on twelve bells: John Underwood treble, John Coxon 2, Robert Butterworth 3, George Meakins 4, James Darquitt 5, Thomas Bennett 6, William Lovell 7, Stephen Pickhaver 8, William Moss 9, Robert Bly 10, Robert Mortimer 11, Joseph Monk tenor. The peal was call'd by Mr. G. Meakins."

Twenty years afterwards, on March 16th, 1778, a peal of 6240 in the same method, was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and placed to the credit of the Cumberland Youths. It is recorded in the latter's peal book as follows: St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich.—Monday, March 16th, 1778. The society rang a peal of 6240 changes of Treble Bob Maximus in 5 hrs. and 22 mins., being the greatest performance ever done by any society: Thomas Barton 1, Jno. Peak 2, Jno. Havers 3, Wm. Warner 4, Jno. Read 5, Chris. Lindsay 6, Jno. Dixon 7, Jas. Watling 8, Simon Watling 9, Jno. Dye 10, Jas. Vines 11, Jno. Frowse and Jas. Frowse 12. Composed and conducted by Mr. Thos. Barton.

On March 13th, 1733, one of the earliest peals of Grandsire Triples was rung. This was at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, and is recorded as a peal of "5040 Grandsire Tribbles," in the peal book of the Eastern Scholars, now in the British Museum.

The first peal rung on the twelve bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was performed on March 14th, 1727, a 6006 Grandsire Cinques. On the following day, March 15th, 1727, a peal of 6314 Grandsire Cinques was rung in the same tower by the College Youths. This latter was called by Benjamin Annable.

An interesting record from Great Baddow, Essex, has been sent us by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association. It was copied by him from a print pasted in the belfry, but the original, he fears, was probably lost at the time of the restoration of the tower: "March 7th, 1819. Great Baddow, was rung in this tower a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 10,080 changes, in 5 hrs. 50 mins., by the following: John Reeves 1, Joseph Howard 2, John Baker 3, James Carter 4, Robert Thornback 5, Robert Low 6, James Rowland 8. Joseph Howard called the bobs." It will be noticed that the peal is described as a "quarter," the view taken by the ringers evidently being that a whole peal of Major was 40,320.

LLANFAFF ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week a meeting of the Llandaff Association was arranged for practice at Bouvillstone Parish Church, where there is a ring of six bells. A party left Cardiff by brake, and were met on arrival by the Vicar (the Rev. D. F. Thomas), who tendered a hearty welcome to all the visitors. Standard methods were rung, young hands were given great help by the innovation, and all spent a useful time in trying to fill up the gaps caused by the trying times we are passing through. Cardiff, Newport, Llandaff Cathedral and Peterson were represented by members, and the Master of the Llandaff Association (Mr. William Biss) and the hon. sec. (Mr. J. W. Jones) were also present,

A NEW DOUBLE METHOD.

By GABRIEL LINDOFF.

12345678
21435768
24137586
42315768
24351786
42537168
24357618
23456781
32547681
35246718
53426178
35241687
53214678
35126487
31524678
13254768
13527486
Bob
12357486
Single
13257486

Any peal of Bob Major runs true to this method.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION AT A YORKTOWN DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild took place in Hersham on Saturday. Some good touches were brought round, of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Major, and members were present from Greenwich, Deptford, Camberwell, Chertsey, Guildford, Ewhurst, Isleworth, Richmond, Bromley and Yorktown were represented, as well as eleven of the local band.

Tea was held at the Church House, the Vicar presiding. He was supported by Mr. W. A. Wigram (hon. member), the Rev. J. C. Tratter, who is taking an active interest in the practical part of bell ringing, and Mr. Miles (the newly-elected secretary of the Yorktown district).

At the meeting, the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd) read his report, and four lady ringers were made members of the Guild.

After the general business was concluded a pleasing ceremony was performed by Mr. Wigram, who on behalf of the district presented a small brief bag and war bonds to the late secretary, Mr. George Edser, as a token of the members' respect and admiration for the devoted attention he had given to the work of the district in bringing it to the present state of efficiency, both as regards numbers and finance. In making the presentation, Mr. Wigram, knowing the difficulties of secretarial work, expressed the regret of the district in losing so apt a worker.—Mr. J. J. Jones, secretary of the Guildford district, said that he and Mr. Whittington had been appointed delegates at the Winchester meeting held on Wednesday, March 1st, to express the high esteem and respect in which Mr. Edser was held by the whole of the Guild.—Mr. Edser, in thanking the members for their gift, said that as he was living in London and could not attend the meetings in the diocese, he felt he could not do justice to the work, but was sure the new secretary would carry it on ably and well.

Two touches were afterwards rung on the handbells, and ringing in the tower continued until 8.30 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Shipley on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Brighton, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Steyning, Worthing, and the local band. Touches of Stedman Doubles, Kent, Oxford, Violet, London Scholars Pleasure, Cambridge, Carlisle and London Surprise Minor were rung.—At the business meeting, after tea, owing to the absence of the Rector, Mr. P. Doick was voted to the chair.—One new member was elected, viz., Pte. Jacques, stationed at Brighton. Owing to the number of members who have joined the colours, and to the fact that ringing is not allowed after sundown, it was suggested that members should meet on Saturday afternoons for combined practice at different towers, to be arranged by the secretary.

The members wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rev. A. G. Baker for granting the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Bowell for making all arrangements.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

ANNUAL GATHERING AT DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday week. With snow about twelve inches deep on the ground, and still falling, it was not surprising to find so few turn up. The bells (ten) were only available from three o'clock until service time at 4.30, all ringing after sunset having been suspended since the air raid.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, and President of the Guild, and a very interesting address was given by the Rev. Wilson P. De Vine, M.A., R.D., Vicar of the Parish Church, Tipton, from Micah vii., 3, "With both hands earnestly." In the course of his remarks, he applied these words to the patriotism, zeal, and endurance of our sailors and soldiers who are engaged in the defence of this country and empire, doing their duty with both hands earnestly. He also appealed to his hearers to do their duty diligently and cheerfully, always remembering their sacred position as church workers and using that privilege to God's glory with both hands earnestly.

At the close of the service, which was made bright and cheerful through the kindness of Mr. B. H. Cutler (assistant organist) an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where tea was in readiness, which on such a cold, miserable day was much appreciated and enjoyed. Mrs. A. Gray Maitland, Mrs. J. P. Bill and Mrs. Wilkes (wife of Councillor H. Wilkes) presided at the urns. Among those present were Rev. Dr. Gray Maitland, Messrs. J. M. Tait (people's warden), J. P. Bill (ex-warden), and Councillor H. Wilkes. Apologies were received from the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Mr. Harry Mason, Mr. F. R. McDowell (Vicar's warden), and Mr. T. Cooper. About 40 members sat down to tea, representing Brierley Hill, Blakenhall, Coseley, Clent, Dudley, Old Hill, Sedgley, Tipton, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, etc.

Before commencing the business meeting, the Rev. Dr. Gray Maitland, who was in the chair, referred in very feeling terms to the loss the Dudley band had sustained through the death of Mr. John William Mills, who for upwards of 50 years had been a regular attendant to his duties as a bell ringer and a devout worshipper at the services in the church. He felt sure he was voicing the feelings of that meeting when he said their sympathy went out towards Miss Woodall in the loss she had sustained by the death of her uncle. He also wished to mention the name of Mr. Jacob Williams, of the Brierley Hill band, who had lost his life fighting for his King and country.—These names were received in silence, the members standing.

The officers were elected as follows: President, the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley; vice-presidents, Col. Sir Arthur G. Boscawen, M.P., Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., R.D. (Vicar of Netherton), Rev. J. A. Price (Vicar of Coseley), and Mr. Harry Mason (Old Hill), and on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by the Ringing Master (Mr. S. Spittle), the Rev. W. T. De Vine was added to the list; Ringing Master, Mr. S. Spittle; hon. secretary, Mr. Herbert Sheppard (Dudley); hon. treasurer, Mr. William Rock Small (Tipton); hon. auditors, Mr. B. Gough (Coseley), and Mr. John Smith (Tipton).

The Secretary then read his annual report, which, with the balance sheet, was passed and ordered to be printed.

Wolverhampton (St. Peter's) was the place selected for holding the next quarterly meeting.

At the close of the meeting hearty votes of thanks were passed to all the officers for their services during the past year, to the president for conducting the service in church, and for the use of the Schoolroom, and especially to the Rev. W. T. De Vine for his great kindness in coming on such an inclement day to address the members, to the assistant organist, to the donors of the tea, the ladies who presided at the tables, and those who prepared and served the tea and looked after the wants and comforts of the members, and to all who in any way had assisted in making the meeting a happy and enjoyable one.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild and St. Chad's Society. On Sunday, Feb. 19th, at St. Chad's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 51 mins.: W. J. Taylor 1, W. C. Brooks 2, G. Jones 3, Private T. W. Belton 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6, A. E. Fullick 7, H. Jones 8.—On Feb. 26th, 207 Stedman Cateters: Second-Lieut. F. White (Oxhey, Herts) 1, G. Scarratt 2, J. Tudor 3, W. Brooks 4, W. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, C. R. Lilley 7, W. Weatherby 8, A. E. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10. Also two courses of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. G. Byolin.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 27th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Middleton 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, T. Wood 4, B. Chew (first 720 on an inside bell) 5, F. J. Bailey 6.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Herbert Allred 1, J. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, Harry Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, R. Allred (conductor) 6, P.C. Peter Crook 7, J. Watts 8.

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It will be noticed that this peal is reverse to the first and contains the 24-67's at back stroke.

MUFFLED RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir, — The letter signed "H" in this week's "Ringing World" is the last drop which fills the cup to overflowing, and I can keep silence no longer.

The Book of Common Prayer declares that every Sunday is to be kept as a feast day, and this is in keeping with the universal custom of the whole Catholic Church of Christ, and could not be altered even by a general Council, and to ring muffled bells on a Sunday is secretly striking at some established doctrine (to wit, the Resurrection of Our Lord), or laudable practice of the Church of England, or indeed of the whole Catholic Church of Christ.

The sickly sentimentalism of the whole movement is bad enough, but the desecration of the 2nd Sunday after Christmas was far worse and enough to make one wonder if there was any real Christian Faith left in England at all.

Surfleet Vicarage, March 4th.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting of the Southern District will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (12) available 3 to 7 p.m. Business meeting 7.15 p.m. in Wolstenholme Hall. — Leonard Brightman, District Secretary pro. tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready at 4, till dusk. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions due. Reports can be had on application; to life members 6d. each.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Subscriptions received and reports issued at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, March 11th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on March 14th and 28th for business and on the 23rd for handbell practice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tytherington on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify not later than Wednesday, March 15th, to W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Secretary, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 18th, 1916. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wedford on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available 3 o'clock till 7. Service 5 o'clock. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 15th. Subscriptions for 1916 are now due.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Brook Road, at 5.30, 6d. to members who advise me by Wednesday, the 15th inst. No ringing after 8 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1916 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 19, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Newington, on Saturday, March 25th, 1916. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares allowed up to 2s. Subscriptions for 1916 should be paid on or before that date.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—Will members and friends kindly note, that during the absence of the Hon. District Secretary (Mr. H. Rumens) on Military Service, the secretarial duties will be undertaken by the undersigned, to whom all subscriptions and communications should be sent. — Ernest J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

SUTTON COLDFIELD. — In consequence of re-arrangements in the management of the Sutton Coldfield Parish Church tower, all communications with reference to ringing matters should, in the first instance, be made to Mr. F. Dickens, Walmley Road, Reddicap Heath, Sutton Coldfield.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE WILLIAM SNOWDON.—The Members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers propose to erect a Memorial to the late William Snowdon in the form of a Brass Tablet in Ilkley Parish Church, near to the Ringers' Window already erected to the memory of his brother, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. Will any person wishing to be associated with this movement kindly communicate with the Treasurer to the Fund, Mr. H. Williams, New Worthy Cemetery, Leeds, Yorks.

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