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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.

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 sudge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN

UNITED EFFORT NEEDED.

The unfortunate position of King's Cliffe, the little village near Peterborough, where the efforts of an enthusiastic young band of ringers to make progress in change ringing have been brought to an abrupt stoppage by the breaking of the tenor bell, is very much like that of Long Stanton just over three years ago, when the tenor at that tower cracked soon after five new bells had been added to the ring to make an octave. Long Stanton, at the time of its misfortune, still had the incubus of debt on the restoration upon its shoulders, and the raising of the additional money necessary to replace the damaged tenor was quite beyond its parochial power. Happily, when the position was put before the ringers of the country they, with characteristic readiness to help any good cause within the four corners of the Exercise, responded generously to the appeal that was made through these columns, with the result that, as recorded upon the new bell, it was "recast by public subscription."

Another opportunity now presents itself to ringers to do not only a generous but a worthy action, by coming in like manner to the aid of King's Cliffe, where the parishioners are faced with, for them, the impossible task of raising a sum of about £38 in order that the tenor bell may be replaced. It is another instance in which the local purse has reached its limit in providing bells, for it is only about eighteen months ago that the rehanging and quarter turning of the ring was carried out at a cost of nearly £190. Small villages like King's Cliffe cannot go on indefinitely raising money even for bells, and the untoward accident that has happened is a source of real grief to the parishioners, and especially to the Rector and Church officials, who so recently made such great efforts.

Ringers, wherever the art is practised, must also feel regret that misfortune should so soon have overtaken the church and this struggling band, but a little help is worth a lot of pity, and if all will put their shoulder to the wheel the success which attended the effort to assist Long Stanton may be repeated at King's Cliffe. While it is a fact that the present is a time for many and heavy calls on the purses of most people and that many ringers, who, under different conditions, would have been ready to help, are now away, there still remain enough at home to raise the sum which King's Cliffe needs. A whip round in every belfry next Sunday morning, for instance, even if it only meant the contribution of a shilling or two from each tower, would mean a substantial sum in the aggregate, and it might well be done if only as a thankoffering from those who are able to enjoy the privilege of still ringing the bells of our churches. The Rev. H. A. Orlebar will only be too glad to receive small as well as large donations, and they should be sent direct to him at King's Cliffe Rectory.

CHARLES GARR, LTB.



OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage, Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibra-tion of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum

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

Yours truly, CHAS. EDMUNDS, Vicar of Broomfield.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

HORWICK, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.
Titus Barlow Treble
Joseph Lowe 2
Thomas B. Worsley ... 3
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Thomas B. Worsley ... 3 GEORGE PINCOTT Tenoy JOHN EDGE Conducted by Benjamin A. Knights.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Ridyard.

MEMORIAL PEALS. LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1916, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat. P.C. HAROLD JENNY ...Treble | John Oldham 5 FREDK. H. DEXTER ... 2 LEONARD ALLEN ... 6
R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 7
WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor LOUIS ALLEN 3

HENRY BROUGHTON 4

Composed by F. H. Dexter, and
Conducted by William Willson.

Rung with clappers half-muffled, as a farewell tribute to the late

Sir Arthur Heywood, M.A., President of the Association, and of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. This was the first opportunity for the use of the bells. The composition, now rung for the first time, has the sixth 22 courses wrong, and her extent right, obtained by "real" double bobs and in two equal parts.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13th, 1916, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 223 cwts. WILLIAM E. WHITE Treble | JOSEPH LORD ALBERT COPPOCK ... 2 THOMAS SQUIRES ... 6 EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 3 PERCY PRICE *GEORGE NOWELL WALTER WHITETenor

Conducted by Edward C. Gobey.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., for 30 years President of the Association and of the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

SIX BELL PEAL.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 14, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor. Tenor 102 cwt.

*Pte. Cecil V. Ebberson Treble | John Spencer 4
Rifferman B Prewett ... 2 | Edward Nunn... ... 5 Norman R. Bailey 3 | Francis W. Nai Conducted by Francis W. Naunton. FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

• First peal in three methods. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Naunton on his 72nd birthday. He has been for 45 years and still is a ringer at the above church.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 13th, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 Size, in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER ... I—2 | JAMES E. GROVES

GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3—4 *J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...

JAMES GEORGE ... 9—10

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal in the method on handbells.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

There can be few towers that have supplied so many men to the army as that of the little village of Ecton, Northants, where there is a peal of six bells. No fewer than eleven men are now serving their King and country, some having joined at the outbreak of war, and others on reaching military age. Their record is a splendid one. The ringers and their regiments are as follow:—

rs and their regiments are as follow:
R. Elson, 3/4th Essex Regiment.
S. Johnson, 3rd Norfolk Regiment.
B. Johnson, Northants Yeomanry.
F. Johnson, Northants Yeomanry.
F. Harlott, Northants Yeomanry.
F. Pinney, R.A.M.C.
H. Tebby, A.S.C.
Fred Pinney, A.S.C.
J. Perkins, A.S.C.
B. Tebby, 4th Northants Regiment.
The Brown, 4th Northants Regiment.
The St. Mary's, Anstey Leicestershipe

From St. Mary's, Anstey, Leicestershire, five have gone:—
Pte F. Moore, 8th Battalion Leicester Regiment.
Pte F. Palmer, 2/4th Battalion Leicester Regiment.
Pte A. Mason, 3rd Battalion Leicester Regiment.
Pte L. Mason, M.T., A.S.C.
Pte J. Bottrill, M.T., A.S.C.

The three following belong to St. Martin's, Alfreton:—
Pte G. Radford, 1st Garrison Battalion Warwick Regiment, now at Khartoum.

at Knartoum.

Pte J. A. Kenworthy, 4th South Staffords, now in Jersey.
Spr. W. H. Peppar, R.E., now at Longmore.

From St. Mary's, Selly Oak:—
Pte W. Dowler, M.T., A.S.C., now at Osterley Park.
Gnr. E. Boylin, R.F.A., now at Winchester.

In sending on the names of the Alfreton ringers who are with the colours, our correspondent says "The Ringing World" is sent to each of them by their Guild, and if other societies did the same to their members on active service it might be the means of bringing ringers who are comrades in arms in touch with one another. Here is a hint that many towers might take, and their action would be greatly appreciated by their absent colleagues.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WALTHAMSTOW.—St. Mary's Society.—On Sunday evening, Marca. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes), in 48 mins.: H. T. Scarlett 1, C. T. Coles 2, G. Grimwade 3, R. Maynard, senr., 4, R. Maynard, junr. (composer and conductor) 5, J. C. Adams 6, H. J. Maynard 7, J. H. Wilkins 8, F. C. Maynard 9, A. Chapman 10. During the time the ringing was in progress the Bishop of Chelmsford, who was preaching in the district, sent to the ringers thanking them for their ringing, and stating that he was charmed with the bells.—On Easter Sunday, at 5.30 a.m., for the six o'clock service, 252 Stedman Triples: H. T. Scarlett 1, H. J. Maynard 2, R. Maynard, senr., 3, J. C. Adams 4, J. H. Wilkins 5, R. Maynard, junr. (conductor) 6, F. C. Maynard 7, H. C. Stubbs 8. At 10.30, 492 Stedman Caters: R. Maynard, junr. (conductor) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, G. Grimwade 3, Henry Rumens 4, R. Maynard, senr., 5, J. C. Adams 6, J. H. Wilkins 7, Albert A. Hughes 8, W. D. Smith 9, A. Chapman 10. For evening service, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. C. Maynard 1, J. H. Wilkins 2, R. Maynard, senr., 3, J. C. Adams 4, H. J. Maynard 5, R. Maynard, junr. (conductor) 6, H. T. Scarlett 7, H. C. Stubbs (first quarter-peal) 8.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—At St. George's Church on Sunday, April 9th.

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SHREWSBURY.—Salop Guild and St. Chad's Society.—On Sunday, April 9th, at St. Chad's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. C. Brooks 1, J. Tudor 2, W. R. Stockdale 3, Pte T. M. Belton 4, W. Weatherby (Market Drayton) 5, A. E. Fullick 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Thursday, April 13th, after confirmation service, conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Leonard 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, F. Hedges 3, H. Morris 4, L. Meager 5, W. Mead 6, W. Sear 7, V. Sear 8. Before the service, a quarter-peal of Stedman was lost in the last part owing to a shift course.—On Easter Day, for evening service, also in honour of St. George's Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): E. Leonard (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, H. Morris (first quarter-peal inside) 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8. 7, V. Sear 8.

MARKET DRAYTON.—Chester Guild.—On April 15th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. T. Holding (Crewe) 1, H. Overton (Crewe) 2, G. H. Crawley (Crewe) 3, A. Crawley (Crewe) 4, R. T. Holding (Crewe) 5, C. R. Lilley (Shrewsbury), conductor 6, W. Weatherby (Market Drayton) 7, J. Clarke (Market Drayton) 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by Messrs. Overton and Clarke, also first quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, April 16th, at All Saints' Church, 1260 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, A. W. Davis 3, J. W. Driver 4, J. H. Payne 5, H. G. Miles 6, A. V. Selby 7, W. H. Hollier 8, A. F. Harris 9, F. Edwards 10.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's, for evening service, on Sunday, April 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from the "Original," in 43 minutes, as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Law and his wife: R. Fosdike 1, F. S. Bacon 2, F. W. Richardson 3, T. A. Easterby 4, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 5, W. J. Jeffries 6, Joseph Law 7, A. G. Bennington 8. Mr. Law is 74 years of age.

LONDON.—Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Sunday, April 16th, for evening service, at Shoreditch, 1187 Stedman Cinques: J. D. Matthews (conductor) 1, Edgar Wightman 2, B. Foskett 3, J. Hunt 4, Frank Smith 5, H. T. Scarlett 6, W. T. Powell 7, H. Flanders 8, G. Card 9, W. Berry 10, W. Shimmains 11, H. C. Stubbs 12.

HITCHIN.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. W. Day 1, A. Squires 2, J. Hare (conductor) 3, F. R. Bacon 4, L. Fidler 5, W. Croft 6, H. Day 7, H. Else 8.—On April 30th, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Day 1, A. Squires 2, H. Day 3, F. R. Bacon 4, W. Croft 5, J. Hare (conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, H. Else 8. This quarter-peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Randall, who had been a ringer at the church for the past 50 years.

LLANDUDNO.—On Sunday, April 16th, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Brighton (London), conductor, 1, Sapper J. Preece, R.E. (Staunton-on-Arrow) 2, E. King 3, J. Pritchard 4, R. W. Thompson 5, T. W. Dunn 6, S. Swan 7, T. Barrow 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. First 720 by ringers of 3, 4 and 5, of whom great credit is due, they having only rung the plain course three weeks previously.—On April 17th, 360 Grandsire Doubles: T. Barrow 1, Sapper J. Preece, R.E., 2, E. King 3, J. Pritchard 4, R. W. Thompson (conductor) 5, S. Swan 6.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, April 16th, at St. James' Church, a quarterpeal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Millard 1, T. Doble 2, W. Cording 3, J. Matthews 4, W. Evans 5, E. E. Burgess 6, J. Maddock (conductor) 7, W. Tarr 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the 2nd.

MIDDLETON.—At the Parish Church, on Palm Sunday, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Hollows 1, Wm. Berry (conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, T. K. Driver 4, Jas. Arrowsmith 5, T. A. Ogden 6, S. Holt 7, Wm. Hardman 8. For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Hollows 1, Wm. Berry (conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, T. A. Ogden 4, Jas. Arrowsmith 5, S. Holt 6. For evening service, 720 Minor: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, T. K. Driver 4, Wm. Hardman (first 720) 5, S. Holt 6.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Good Friday, for morning service, at St. George's Church, with the bells deeply muffled, a quarterpeal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, F. Banks (Leigh) 3, B. Allred 4, Harry Allred 5, J. T. Allred 6, Herbert Allred 7, R. Allred (conductor) 8.

LEICESTER.—On Easter Day, at St. Margaret's Church, 500 Grandsire Doubles: E. Smith 1, Pte E. Morris 2, A. Ballard 3, B. Kirby 4, J. Vernon 5, J. Morris 6, H. Mills 7, 5 and 7 covering. Conducted by Pte Ernest Morris, who was home on leave from Langwith, Derbyshire.

LONDON.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Stratford, 1312 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: A. Scambler 1. C. T. Cranfield 2. R. J. Turner 3, York Green 4, W. Truss 5, E. Hall 6, R. Sanders 7, H. Torble (conductor) 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, for matins and even-song, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples: C. Greenfield 1, S. Stone 2, Sergt. W. H. Hollman 3, P. H. Doick 4, G. H. Lee 5, S. W. Corden 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

GORSEINON, GLAM.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, in 65 mins., a date touch of 1916 changes of Grandsire Doubles, containing "extremes," each six-score called differently: G. Ellacott (conductor) 1, A. W. Dabbins 2, J. Williams 3, E. Hapgood 4, W. Dabbins 5, F. Webb 6. Longest length on the bells and by the band. It was also rung as a farewell to one of the ringers who was about to be called to the colours.

WHITCHURCH, Near CARDIFF.-At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evening service two 720's Bob Minor: Signaller F. J. Bailey (1/7th Welsh) 1, W. Biss 2, L. Wright 3, B. Chew 4, S. Dawe 5, F. J. Bailey, senr. (conductor) 6. Also Signaller F. J. Bailey 1, W. Biss 2, F. J. Bailey, senr., 3, T. Word 4, B. Chew 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

DEATH OF OLD MEMBERS.

The spring quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Walthamstow on Saturday week. Many members were present and enjoyed the afternoon at the historic part of the suburb, which constituted the ancient village. The bells of St. Mary's were kept going to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Superlative Major and Plain and Treble Bob Royal up to 6 p.m., when some 30 members adjourned to the Nag's Head, where Mr. Rumens, the secretary of the local band, had very kindly arranged for tea. The hostess provided a very enjoyable spread, and had prepared some homemade cake and pastries, which the members did justice to.

The Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) presided over the short business meeting which followed, at which the ratification of Mr. F. Wilford as a member was passed, and Messrs. E. J. Butler and E. A. Lebbon were elected. The question of electing a new treasurer was referred to the annual meeting.

The Master then brought forward the saddest part of the day's busi-The Master then brought forward the saddest part of the day's business, and in proposing a vote of condolence with Mrs. Dains, the wife of the late Mr. Henry Dains, for over 40 years a member of the society, said it wanted no words of his to carry the deep feeling and sense of loss that the society had suffered by his death. He (the Master) and the secretary had already written Mrs. Dains immediately upon receiving the sad news, and he felt sure that the members would confirm their action. Mr. Dains was known, and is now mourned all over the country, and his place in the ringing circles would be hard indeed, if it ever became possible, to fill. The Master said he would



The late Mr. George Smith, of Walsall, a former prominent member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, who met his death by accident on April 15th.

also like to propose a vote of condolence to the relatives of the late also like to propose a vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, the President of the Central Council, and also that their regret at the loss to the Exercise should be recorded on the minutes of the meeting. Yet another death it was his painful duty to mention, viz., that of Mr. George Smith, who had been killed whilst at work. He was known to many Cumberlands, and had rung many times with the late Mr. Dains, and he (the Master) believed that his last peal was rung in London about 20 years ago, when he rung in a peal in which the late Mr. George Newson took part. The master's words were endorsed in silence the members standing words were endorsed in silence, the members standing.

Mr. Rayner then presented the society with two photographs to be hung in the tower of Shoreditch, consisting of the band who rang the long peal of Superlative, and also the long peal of Double Norwich in which Mr. Dains and Mr. George Newson took part.

The Master, in thanking Mr. Rayner for his gift, said the society were very grateful to him for the pictures, and it came as a touching tribute, following upon the vote of condolence which had just been passed.

A vote of thanks was very heartily carried to Mr. Rumens, the local secretary, for making such excellent arrangements for the society's comfort, and to the steeplekeeper for having "all ready" in the tower, and to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the society the use of the bells.—Mr. Rumens expressed his pleasure at the visit of the society, and said that the Vicar had also charged him to convey to the meeting his (the Vicar's) heartiest welcome.

A few airs on handbells by Messrs Scarlett, Lucas and Stubbs, and a few touches also on handbells brought a very enjoyable afternoon to

SALISBURY GUILD.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT WARMINSTER.

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan-Guild was held at Warminster on Tuesday of last week. Owing to the absence of nearly 200 members on active service and the shortage of hands for work at home, coupled with the fact that the weather was wet and cold, the attendance was much smaller than usual, about 40 being present.

the attendance was much smaller than usual, about 40 being present. But if the meeting was small the ringing was above the average, for it is seldom that at an annual meeting in this diocese. all the standard methods are rung, as was the case this year.

The business meeting was held in the Minster vestry, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. Tilney Bassett) presiding, supported by the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. T. Hervey Beams), three of the branch secretaries, Canon W. Jacob, the Rev. A. E. Peters, etc.

The officers were re-elected, and a proposal to sub-divide the Marlborough branch was referred to a committee.

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ing with the King's Forces.

A resolution of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, and of those members of the Guild who had fallen in battle or lost their lives in the King's service.

Divine service was afterwards held in the grand old church, the Vicar, the Port County Locals and the grand old church, the Vicar,

the Rev. Canon Jacob) taking the office, and the singing being led by the boys of the choir. Canon Jacob preached from the text, "A golden bell and a pomegranate," and pleaded that nothing short of the best change ringing should be the aim of all who rang for the church services.

THE RINGING. During the day many well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on the fine bells of the Minster, and also a course of Kent Treble Bob, as well as rounds and plain courses for beginners. Advantage was also taken of kind permission to ring for beginners. Advantage was also taken of kind permission to ring at Heytesbury (where six heavy bells, with a magnificent tenor, are pulled by eight men!) and other neighbouring towers which were reached by motor. Probably the last ringing of the day took place at Salisbury, where, at St. Martin's Church, a mixed band from Dorchester and Bournemouth rang two or three good touches. Salisbury is about 22 miles from the place of meeting, but a good car eliminates

distance.

Although the meeting was small, it provided a most enjoyable day for the faithful ones who made the effort to be present.

The annual report for 1915, which was circulated, stated that there was little to record for the year. The roll of honour had been considerably augmented by the enlistment of many more members in the Army and Navy, bringing the number up to 202, or about 26 per cent. of the total membership, while the Guild had to lament the loss of several members who had during the year given their lives in the cause of King and Country. The secretaries of the Sarum and Dorchester branches were still on active service. Throughout the Diocese generally, ringing on Sundays and festivals had been maintained, though branches were still on active service. Throughout the Diocese generally, ringing on Sundays and festivals had been maintained, though naturally under difficulties, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Central Council. In some districts Guild meetings had been held; the Devizes branch especially had succeeded in keeping things alive. The ringing of the mid-day "Angelus" either daily or on Wednesday and Friday had been general, and muffled peals were widely rung on the Day of Intercession, in conformity with the Archbishop's recommendation. The death of Dr. Hill had deprived the Guild of a valued supporter. By the removal of Canon Mansel-Pleydell from Sturminster Newton, the Wimborne Branch had lost a chairman to whose kindly interest and devotion the work of the Guild in East Dorset owed much of its vitality.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week a quarterly meeting of the Kettering district was held at Gretton, about 25 members being present from Cransley, Desborough, Northampton, Harringworth, Isham, Rothwell, Kettering, Stoke Albany, Uppingham, and the local band. A service was held, at which an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Armitage). Tea was served in the Schools, and kindly provided by the Vicar and

Mrs. A. L. Armitage.

At the meeting which followed, the Vice-President (the Rev. R. Copeman) presided. Kettering was proposed for the next meeting Copeman) presided. Kettering was proposed for the next meeting early in July, which will be the annual meeting of the district.—Mr.
T. Harris, of Kettering, was elected a ringing member, and the District Secretary said he was sorry to report that they had lost another member, namely, G. Holland, of Cransley, who had been killed in

Mr. F. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. A. L. Armitage for providing tea, and to the ladies and local ringers for making the meeting a success.—Mr. W. T. Wilson said how pleased he making the meeting a success.—Mr. W. T. Wilson said how pleased he making the meeting a success.—Mr. W. T. Wilson said how pleased he he making the meeting a success.—Mr. W. T. Wilson said how pleased ne was in these times to see a fair number of members present to help the effort of the committee in that part of the district.—The Rev. A. L. Armitage, in replying as an old hon, member of the Association, said he was very pleased to do what he had done.

After tea a good number of the members availed themselves of the opportunity to have a pull on the handy ring of six at Harringworth.

EASTER MONDAY EXCURSION.

FOUR COUNTIES IN ONE DAY.

A majority of the members of the St. Mary's, Slough, Society, having thought a friendly visit to the neighbouring towers would also be appreciated by residents and others, as well as themselves (and a few old friends who were asked to join them), set about arrangements, hence the following programme for Easter Monday, which was drawn up under the auspices of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The route and times proposed were practically adhered to, so I append the list, adding the remarks of the respective incumbents who very kindly sanctioned the ringing.

Slough, St. Mary's.—9.30 to 10.30. "A little ringing Easter Monday would be nice."

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Wraysbury, St. Andrew's.—11.0 to 12.0. "I think we may fairly make an exception at Easter."

Old Windsor, St. Peter's.—1.0 to 2.0. "You are welcome to the use of my tower."

Egham, St. John's.—3.0 to 4.0. "The tower and bells will be at your pleasure."

Staines, St. Mary's.—5.0 to 6.0. "I think an hour's ringing would be good for us all."

Fortunately most of our East Berks and South Bucks "boys" are keen cyclists, and such a "round of belfries" was easily overcome by them, but, a difficulty arose with our "ineligibles," who could not walk the distances in the time available, and whom war enonomy forbade the luxury of hired conveyances. Mr. Stillwell, however, came to our help with his side-car, by taking the Ealing pair to Wraysbury, while the London G.O. Company's extra 'buses enabled Messrs. J. and W. Evans, E. Flaxman and G. T. Leader to reach Old Windsor in good time. Here an excellent snapshot of the whole company was kindly taken by Mr. Lawrence, after a ringer's wedding, in celebrating which the visitors assisted.

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The outing did not partake of the usual Bank Holiday character, as times are too serious both from pecuniary and patriotic motives, to indulge in unnecessary joviality, but everyone quietly enjoyed themselves, whilst giving pleasure to hundreds of others—the tired war worker, the active soldier or sailor home on leave or invalided, and the numerous visitors from town, in the several parishes where the church bells of late have been so seldom heard for the want of bell men

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We little dreamed in our peaceful wanderings into four fair counties abutting the beautiful valley of the Thames, that such tragic and deplorable incidents were taking place on the banks of the River Liffey, and the day's close found us all fit and well, free from pains and penalties for bell ringing after dark or excessive lighting of tower or bike, such as our Manchester and Dunmow friends have had to endure under the recent anti-aircraft war regulations.

We were also honoured in the knowledge that His Majesty the King was in residence in our midst for the Easter recess, and although it may not be generally known that His Majesty, early in the war, most thoughtfully decreed that no bells should be employed to celebrate the royal birthdays or announce State functions during the war, we know he would be one of the first to approve of the Church observing one of the most beautiful Festivals of the King of Kings.

A repetition of names and touches is undesirable with the present dearth of paper—we must consider the "Lilleys how they grow," a floral decoration most prominent in our Churches at this spring season of the year—so I will only give you a condensed report.

At Slough: Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, conducted by E. T. Hooper, and bells lowered "in peal." Mr. G. Martin found the tower nest empty, owing to delay through tyre puncture, but, with his friend, Mr. A. Wiggins, from Reading, he overtook the flock at the second tower.

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Wraysbury: Touches of Grandsire and Double Norwich, conducted by G. Martin, our old friend, Mr. Burley, the steeplekeeper, coming to fulfil his duty of tolling the noonday "intercession bell." All the local men of this tower, who were under instruction in change ringing a year ago, have "joined up" for war, and three or four bells only are now chimed for the weekly services.

Further progress was here barred by an ever-flowing stream. A well-worn ferry boat furnished the crossing from Bucks to Berks. Now that we Britishers possess a few such contrivances as aero-seaplanes, perhaps someone will build a road water cycle, because a boatload of bicycles is about the most incongruous cargo possible.

For men may come, and men may go, But I go on for ever,

says Tennyson, and more than one reader will recall his crossing here, and many more have passed over since Harry Passmore made his Tri-London record. Musing as the boat swayed us across, I noticed the growing piscatorial denizens of the stream darting by swifty, wagging their propellers as much as to say: It's too soon for summer picnics and the Pyes, and when will they come to ring the "Bells of Ousley"?

At Old Windsor: Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, conducted by W. Welling. The motor party having

joined forces with us, we were able to comfortably pack the potting sheds of the Priory Gardens previous to the wedding, by kind permission of Mr. Jos. Gutteridge. Non-treating orders and restricted hours failed to deprive the homely sandwich lunch of its tonic—forewarned is forearmed and some potting sheds have mysterious bulbs stored away in boxes which bloom with a fine head when the neck is twisted.

twisted. The camera "grouping" took some time—not Lord Derby's grouping—as well as the acquisition of a bouquet for the solitary lady member of our company—Miss Welling-Fuller—the first probably to ring in five towers and four counties in one day. Some of the men had not quite recovered their equanimity after witnessing the impromptu drilling of some 30 boys from a neighbouring institution, when one little straggler ran up calling out: "Drill me, sergeant!" However, they lined each side of the church path in their grey capes, like a young regiment, and it then came across my mind in what regiment and in what part of the Empire will many of them stand when they come to man's estate? to man's estate?

Another quandary arose at this stage, how to reach Egham by the hour named, but our organiser solved it by enticing a willing chauffeur to return with his car for more guests than he had bargained for. Thus our men from Ealing, Hughendon and Slough were egged on to further scenes and changes across the smiling Egham meads dotted with motor-cars and bikes, whose jaded owners were enjoying the country quietude and the fresh air of Runemede whilst picnicking.

At Egham: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, a good course of London Surprise Major and bells lowered in peal; conductor John Evans. Mr. George Gigg, steeplekeeper, met us and finished the day with us. Our ancient Flaxman found a surprise in his sister's welcome. Having

Our ancient Flaxman found a surprise in his sister's welcome. Having heard the Slough ringers were coming, she stood at the door to receive him. Another branch of the London Road car services took our ineligibles into Staines, enabling everyone to go the round without undue fatigue. The Bells Inn was made our rendezvous, and the last tower found us punctually at the rope end, we being met by Mr. Davis, in the absence of the steeplekeeper, and Mr. W. E. Butter. At Staines: Touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob, conducted by W. H. Fussell: a good course of Superlative Surprise, the fall in peal omitted, as one of the ropes slipped wheel towards the end of a touch of Oxford Bob. Mrs. Gavin, our landlady, made extra accommodation for our increase of numbers, seating 21 together by the judicious use of side tables. The tea hour—6 to 7 p.m.—passed very quickly, what with another cup, another chat and another slice. An end of a real good day's relaxation came at 7.30, the G.W. Railway conveying the Elders home in respectable hours, the remainder cycling back without further adventure worthy of note. Among those not already menfurther adventure worthy of note. Among those not already mentioned who were present were Messrs. W. Bateman (Stoke), H. Cropley (Datchet), G. Gutteridge (Fulmer), W. Burden (Old Windsor) and T. S. Smith, G. Bedford, P. Jones and George Beeby, of Slough.

MEMORABLE PERFORMANCES OF THE PAST.

Last Monday was the anniversary of a peal of 12.096 Grandsire Caters, rung in 7 hrs. 50 mins., at Fulham in the year 1837, by the St. James's Society. At that time it was claimed to be "the greatest

Caters, rung in 7 hrs. 50 mins., at Fulham in the year 1857, by the St. James's Society. At that time it was claimed to be "the greatest amount of changes ever performed by ten men only, the truth of which is attested by several of the ablest judges of the art, who witnessed the whole performance, and which can only be equalled by the same ability and persevering exertions." Unfortunately for the ringers, their claim to the longest single-handed peal was a false one. Owing to the lack of information at that time, they were unaware of a peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters rung at Painswick just 20 years before. In that great struggle for supremacy between the College Youths and Cumberlands in the latter half of the eighteenth century, when Shoreditch was the great centre of their activities, two long peals were rung in the month of May, 1777. The first was by the Cumberlands who rang 10,200 Treble Bob Royal on the 10th of May, and the second by the College Youths, who achieved a 11,080 on the 19th.

The anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in London; and by some presumed to be the first true peal in the method ever accomplished, occurs on the 22nd inst., the peal having been rung at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on May 22nd, 1799. The tablet records: "This intricate but truly admirable composition for a series of years being industriously pursued by all composers of eminence in this noble science, and by all pronounced impracticable, was at length, with 732 bobs and 22 doubles, acquired by the celebrated John Noonan, who bobs and 22 doubles, acquired by the celebrated John Noonan, who conducted the above unparalleled masterpiece of Campanistanean Fame." Noonan, by-the-way, did not ring in the peal, but called it from manuscript.

RINGER AND THE "ZEP."

Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., a well-known Chatham ringer, is serving on board H.M.S. "Phæton," which was one of the warships concerned in bringing down the Zeppelin L7, in the North Sea last week, We hope he will have many more such experiences.

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FAMOUS BELFRIES.

ST. MARY'S-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The recent fire at the belfry of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, recalls the fact that much ringing history has been made upon these celebrated bells, which include one (the seventh) cast by Miles Gray.

Previous to 1844 the steeple contained a peal of eight bells, of which the present eleventh was the tenor. In 1845 two trebles were added, the old fourth and eighth (now fifth and ninth) being recast to bring them in tune.



S. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

Thus the present peal of twelve was made up. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

+ Cantate Domino Cantico Hovo + 1866 [i.e. "Sing unto the Lord with a new song"].

Second.

JOHN TAYLOR & SON, LOUGHBOROUGH, FOUNDERS. JULY 15th, 1845.

Third.

GEORGE TAYLOR, JOSELYN & EDWIN BROOK, CHURCHWARDENS. 1844.

Fourth.

CHRISTOPHER HODSON MADE ME. 1688. R. M. T. S.

Fifth.

+ Laudate Dominum In Cymbalis Renesonantibus + 1866.

[i.e. "Praise the Lord with the well sounding cymbals"].

Sixth.

IOHN DARBIE MADE ME. 1671.

Seventh

MILES GRAYE MADE ME. 1607.

Eighth.

IOHN DARBIE MADE ME. 1671.

Ninth.

- En Resono Reparata María Decora Vocata - CAST BY JOHN WARNER & SONS, LONDON. 1866. [i.e. "Lo! having been recast I sound again, I am called comely Mary"].

Tenth.

IOHN DARBIE MADE ME. 1671,

Eleventh.

MILES GRAYE MADE ME. 1610.

Tenor.

+ Tripler Dersona Trinitas Hunc Taudia Dona + CAST BY JOHN WARNER & SONS, LONDON. 1866. [i.e. (Holy) Trinity, Three Persons, now grant joys.]

The tenor is 58 inches in diameter; weight about 32 cwt.

In the inventory of 1553 we find that there were five bells and a sanctus bell.

A large number of peals have been rung on these famous bells, nearly 150 having been placed to the credit of the Norwich Diocesan Association alone. Such names as Motts and Catchpole have been household words among ringers for a generation, and one has only to note some of the performances accomplished in this tower to realise the lead which it has given in advancing the art. For the Norwich Association the first peals of Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Bob Royal and Maximus, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, Double Norwich Royal and Maximus, and Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus were rung at St. Maryle-Tower, the Cambridge Maximus being the first ever rung in this method in any tower.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Maidstone district was held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday week. The bells were set going about 3 p.m., by which time a good muster of members were present. A short service was held, at which the Vicar gave an address on the use of the bells in the Middle Ages, and also referred to rules and fines that were in use at that time. "A jug of beer," was, he said, one of the fines for breaking a stay.

About 70 sat down to tea, at which a collection was made on behalf of the Association Benevolent Fund, and amounted to £1, and for-

warded to the general secretary.

Mr. S. Hayzelden was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. Mannering district representative.—Six new members were added to the roll. This being the first meeting of the Association since the death of Sir A. Heywood, a vote of condolence was passed to Lady Heywood and family.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Boxley.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

BIG GATHERING OF MEMBERS AT EALING.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, at Ealing on Saturday, was an extremely success ful gathering. Despite the number of members who are now away serving their country there were well over a hundred members present, and they found enjoyment during the afternoon in ringing on the bells of St. Mary's and St. Stephen's Churches. The methods practised varied from Grandsire Triples to Superlative, London and Bristol Survive Major and at 6 pm the prince property of the prince of prise Major, and at 6 p.m. the ringers assembled in St. Stephen's Church prise Major, and at 6 p.m. the ringers assembled in St. Stephen's Church for special service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Halliwell Thompson, LL.D. The service opened with the National Anthem, and the hymns also included, "O God, our help, in ages past," and the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God, Who livest." The Vicar preached a practical sermon based upon the words: "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord," Zac. xiv, 20. He pointed out that the two great principles underlying the Prophet's words were that in asympthing websther were that in asympthing websther were Lord," Zac. xiv, 20. He pointed out that the two great principles underlying the Prophet's words were that in everything, whether we considered it great or small, important or unimportant, there should be holiness unto the Lord, and that in the sight of the Lord there was nothing great and nothing small. All things were equal, and what nothing great and nothing small. All things were equal, and what really mattered was the spirit in which a thing was done. The service of the ringers in the belfry might be even greater than that of the priest in the chancel, if in the work of the one there was reverence and the spirit of holiness unto the Lord, while with the other there was a mere mechanical recitation of prayers into which the heart did not enter. They needed lowliness, meekness, forgiveness, forbearance, but they also wanted behind those things strength and determination. In all things there should be holiness unto the Lord.

After the service a photograph of the members was taken outside the

church.

The Vicar and churchwardens very kindly entertained the members to tea in the Parish Hall, Mrs. Thompson and other ladies officiating at the tables, whilst Miss Edith Jones and Messrs. W. Lawrence and W H. Fussell gave valuable assistance in attending to the wants of the

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At the business meeting which followed, the President (Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O.) occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs, F. A. Milne (hon. treasurer), W. Pye (Master), T. Beadle and J. Armstrong (District Masters), C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler (hon. secs.), J. Waghorn, James Parker, J. R. Sharman, S. Wade, etc.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) mentioned that he had received letters regretting inability to attend from the Rev. C. J. Sharp, of St. Mary's, Ealing; Rev. W. Templeton King, of Christ Church, Ealing, and from Capt. J. H. B. Hesse, one of the vice-presidents, on active service, who sent good wishes to all his friends of the Association

THE REPORT.

The annual report stated: "During the year 1915 the continuance of the war, with all its sadness, has shown us a bright side. It has revealed to us unexpected depths of earnestness and self-sacrifice which stand out in sharp contrast to the attitude of a comparative handful of persons who persistently refused to share in the plain and manifest duties of our British manhood. To such an extent have the ranks of ringers been depleted by the war, that it has become a matter of increasing difficulty to get the ringing done for the Sunday services of the church. Our ringers have answered the call of duty nobly. They have shown themselves eager in every direction to fill up the war roll, and we have reason to be proud of them. Our report may be shorn of much interesting matter in consequence; but we are sure that our members would be disappointed if we failed to place on record the continuity of our work as an Association, if only by way of showing those who are fighting our battles abroad, and by way of encouragement to those who are too old for active service, to do their utmost to keep the ranks of ringers filled. The continued interruption of the work of the society by the war showed itself in a very marked fashion in the past year, as during 1915 only 21 peals were rung, and all, with one exception, on handbells. The number of new members elected during the year was, as might have been expected, much smaller than usual and for the first time for many years the lose by deaths. reof much interesting matter in consequence; but we are sure that our ing the year was, as might have been expected, much smaller than usual, and for the first time for many years the loss by deaths, resignations, etc., exceeds the number of ringers who joined the Association. Whilst the new-comers totalled 18, the membership at the end of the year amounted to 695, as against 735 at the end of 1914.

"During the year 1915 we have had to mourn the loss of an unusually large number of members. Some have yielded up their lives in the content of their country, and their King, while there have

in the sorvice of their country and their King, while others have completed a lifetime of faithful service in the parishes to which they belonged; but all have left behind them a valuable example, the rebelonged; but all have left behind them a valuable example, the recollection of which we do well to note and to cherish. The members who died on active service included Capt. H. J. Sudell, A.S.C., of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton; Lieut. W. D. James, R.G.A., and Lance-Corpl. L. E. Alford, of the Sunbury band. Other deaths recorded included Mr. W. H. Tubb, nearly 50 years a ringer at Finchley; Mr. E. E. Huntley, of Bushey; Mr. E. Pye, and Mr. A. R. Barker (an hon. member)." The report added: "Beyond slight repairs to one or two bells at St. James', Clerkenwell, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, we have

nothing to record in the way of bell restoration. The energies of our great bell founders are at present being put to making munitions of war, but we hope the time is not far distant when we shall be able to record a return to the work of the making and hanging of bells. We must, however, mention that the two additional bells placed some time ago in the tower of St. Mary's, Willesden, were decicated at midnight on Christmas Eve by the Vicar. The Willesden ringers have now the privilege of ringing upon a nice peal of eight bells, which cannot fail to encourage them to make further progress in the Art, of which they have already proved themselves to be able exponents. We should like to mention just one other important matter. With so many members away serving their country, whose subscriptions are excused, it is all the more necessary for those who remain behind to make every effort to keep up their payments. In the spirit of brotherhood to those who are serving, and to save our finances, we should like to suggest that some of our members might voluntarily raise their subscriptions, for as the days go by, the numbers going off to fight will increase, and it is due to them that we should endeavour to keep the Association alivo in their absence. So let us all do our best in whatever way we can and save our honorary secretaries and treasurers many anxious record a return to the work of the making and hanging of bells. and save our honorary secretaries and treasurers many anxious moments, and much troublesome correspondence by at least paying promptly. Bis dat qui cito dat! Above all, it would be an excellent way of showing our appreciation of the admirable work which is always being done by our joint hon, secretaries."

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The Hon. Secretary, in presenting the report, drew special attention to the paragraph that those members remaining at home might increase their subscriptions in order to maintain the finances of the Association. He pointed out that with the calling up of so many men under the Derby Scheme and Military Service Act a serious loss of income would result, as men who were away fighting were excused their subscriptions. He appealed to those members who could afford it to help in this matter, as the report suggested, by voluntarily raising their subscriptions. The Hon. Secretary also drew attention to the war roll, on which there were now 122 names. Three members had died for their country, as mentioned in the report; many had been wounded; Lance-Corpl. F. T. Martin had been missing since July, 1915, and there was, alas! reason for fearing the worst had many had been wounded; Lance-Corpl. F. 1. Martin had been imissing since July, 1915, and there was, alas! reason for fearing the worst had happened. Two of their one-time very active members had been invalided home from Gallipoli, Pte R. E. Stavert, of Bushey (3rd City of London Fusiliers) and Sapper A. R. Macdonald (Royal Engineers). The latter had sufficiently recovered to be with them that day, and he (the hon. secretary) was sure they were all glad to have Mr. Macdonald with them again (loud applause).

The balance sheet of the Central Fund showed a loss on the year's working of £2 0 2d., the balance in hand being £15 17s. 6d.

The President moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet, and endorsed the remarks made by Mr. Coles as to the subscription. He said another good way for members to help would be by paying the small sum of 2d. for their reports; this would help the Central Fund in a very trying time. Of course, any such payment would be quite voluntary, but they had to keep the camp fires burning.—Mr. J. Armstrong seconded the motion for the adoption of the report and balance sheet, and it was carried unanimously

Eighteen new members were elected, including eleven members of a newly-formed band at St. Mary's, Hornsey, under the leadership of Mr. J. R. Sharman, who was being ably assisted by Mr. S. Wade.—One

old member was re-elected.

PRESIDENT'S RE-ELECTION.

The re-election of Mr. King, as President, was carried with great enthusiasm, on the motion of Mr. F. A. Milne, seconded by Mr. G. B. Lucas.—Mr. King thanked the members for the very kind way in which they had re-elected him, and said that if there had been a which they had re-elected him, and said that if there had been a diminuendo in his physical activity there had been a corresponding crescendo in his affection to all his friends who delighted to honour him with their confidence. The President added: Our presence here reminds me of the fact that it was in an adjoining parish that the ringers of this county on Whitsun Monday, 1897, united in forming this County Association, over which it is my pride and privilege to preside, so that we shall be shortly entering on our 20th year of existence. We started, doubtless, with many imperfections, but our aims were honourable and good in so far as we desired to be better men as ence. We started, doubtless, with many imperfections, but our aims were honourable and good, in so far as we desired to be better men as well as better ringers. We have also learned in the course of our experience that there are two sides to membership; first, the natural happiness that every ringer finds in extending the circle of congenial surroundings; and, secondly, the desire on the part of everyone, grow-incomes that every to put something into his membership for the benefit ing year by year, to put something into his membership for the benefit of his fellows, that is to say: Let every man get as much pleasure as he can out of his membership; let those who are gifted experts give as much as they can of their knowledge in helping things along for the benefit of other people. There might be more of this unselfish goodness displayed with advantage, for, like Shakespeare's quality of mercy, "It blesset him that gives and him that takes."

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The President proposed the re-election of the other officers: Mr. William Pye as Master; Mr. F. A. Milne as hon, treasurer; Messrs. H. C. Chandler and C. T. Coles as hon, secretaries; and Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth as hon, auditors.—Mr. J. Armstrong seconded,

and the motion was carried.

Mr. King also nominated Mr. F. A. Milne for the North and East

district, and Capt. J. H. B. Hesse for the South and West district as vice-présidents.

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The President referred to the great loss the Exercise had sustained in the death of Sir A. P. Heywood. Mr. King said that as soon as be heard the news he took upon himself to write to Lady Heywood, conveying the sympathy of the members of the Association, which had been acknowledged. Mr. King briefly spoke of the good work done by Sir A. P. Heywood, and asked the members to endorse his action in sending the letter of sympathy, which was done by the members all standing.

Mr. King also proposed a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. Henry Dains, referring to the very useful work done for ringers at large by that great composer. — Mr. James Parker seconded, and the vote was passed in silence, and the Hon. Secretary instructed to convey the same to the widow of the deceased ringer.

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The President next referred to the Central Council. He said he was quite in sympathy with the Worcestershire Association that the Exercise might take a greater interest than they did in the work of the Council, by bringing forward and discussing at their meetings fit subjects for the consideration of the Council. He continued: "I would ask those who are only too ready to find fault with our proceedings to moderate their criticisms and make them less personal. So long as we have a scientific as well as a practical side, we must have discussions of both kinds-cand I am sure that the members of the Council we have a scientific as well as a practical side, we must have discussions of both kinds—and I am sure that the members of the Council would resent being exclusively scientific, or on the other hand, exclusively general. We must, however, move with the times, though we are at all times crippled with the financial question as to the funds, out of which our representatives can have their expenses paid. Some can afford to pay their own—others can't—with the result that we have fewer attendances. I am not quibbling over the selection of Plymouth as a place of meeting, but it is a long and expensive journey from the Northern Counties, and few Associations could bear the expense of sending their full number of representatives. Still, if we think it out calmly and don't quarrel over it by passing resolutions to end the Council, which with all its shortcomings has done much excellent service, which is forgotten in the turmoil caused by a sudden desire for change, we shall get along and still be of some use in our day and change, we shall get along and still be of some use in our day and generation.

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A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. W. Halliday Thompson, LL.D., for the service and very excellent sermon, and for the use of the bells, and also, coupled with the churchwardens, for the great hospitality shown to members in providing tea; also to the Rev. C. J. Sharp (for St. Mary's bells), to Mr. W. Laurence for his great efforts and excellent arrangements to make the meeting a success, to Mr. E. J. Watson for arrangements at St. Mary's, and to the ladies who had helped at tea.

Immediately after tea a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. W. Shepherd, G. R. Pye, W. Pye, J. Thomas, and C. H. Horton. Handbell ringing also took place after the meeting.

WANTED: A LORD HIGH EXECUTIONER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Under ordinary circumstances I should not have troubled you with this letter, but everyone is talking about the Central Council, and I have a brilliant idea. What the Central Council wants is ginger, and I think that Mr. Joseph W. Parker should be appointed Lord High Executioner with plenary powers. In an unofficial capacity, Mr. Parker has wielded the executionary axe with marked ability, and quite a number of campanological malefactors have experienced its shortening effect, the last to suffer being the President Pearce of the Exercise, Mr. George Baker. For several of Mr. Parker's victims I have had considerable sympathy, but for Mr. Baker I confess that I have none. No one knows better than he that the peculiarity of Stedman is that it combines the virtues of Plain Bob and Duffield, inasmuch as it keeps the dodging and hunting principles inviolate, and yet, not in it keeps the dodging and hunting principles inviolate, and yet, not in ignorance, mind you, but with malice propense, he straightaway goes and violates both. Now, sir, men that do these things ought to be made to feel that the way of transgressors is hard, and I agree with "Bob Major" that the punishment should be made to fit the crime. Fortunately, owing to Mr. Powley's vigilance, we demage of military im-Major" that the punishment should be made to fit the crime. Fortunately, owing to Mr. Parker's vigilance, no damage of military importance has been done. But it might have been otherwise, for although Stedman ringers are very wary birds, and they have hitherto declined to be caught with golden corn, Mr. Baker, if-his malevolent designs had not been nipped in the bud, might have caught them with his chaff, and the whole of the Stedman section of the Exercise would have been in open rebellion.

And now sir I have a little grow to pull with you. I have never

have been in open rebellion.

And now, sir, I have a little crow to pull with you. I have never seen you ring except once at St. Paul's, and no one can generalise on that, but I know that you think you can ring, and, this is what I am coming to, you ought to have known that that peal was false. In fact, you did know, it being turtle to tripe against it; and working in collusion with Parker, like some Sawney Bean or Eugene Aram—I forget which gentlemen it was you kidded your Beken into appliching it. which gentleman it was—you kidded poor Baker into publishing it.
Yours, etc., GEORGE T. CLAYTON

Yours, etc., Walthamstow, May 13th, 1916.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at Sedgley on Saturday week, when the following towers were represented: Bilston, Birmingham (S. Martin's and Bishop Ryder's), Bradley, Coseley, Dudley, Tipton, Walsall, West Bromwich (All Saint's and Christ Church), Wolverhampton (S. Luke's and S. Peter's).

A short service was held in the church, with a helpful address given by the Vicar (Rev. T. G. Swindell, D.D.). Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, to which 34 sat down.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Mr. George Smith (of Walsall), and Mr. William Painter (ex-chief detective inspector of Birmingham); also to the Rev. W. T. de Vine R.D. (of Tipton), who has recently lost his son (the

W. T. de Vine, R.D. (of Tipton), who has recently lost his son (the Rev. H. B. St. John de Vine) at the front, the secretary being instructed to forward an expression of condolence to the respective

The date of the annual meeting is fixed for June 24th, at Tamworth. In reply to a vote of thanks for his address, the use of the bells, etc., the Vicar expressed his feelings of great joy in meeting the members. In reference to the war, the reverend gentleman said the people of England will have to be brought to their knees—there being at the present time too much Germanism in the country.

Various methods were rung upon the bells during the afternoon and

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week the Manchester branch held a very successful meeting at Swinton, no less than sixteen towers being represented.—
The Vicar (the Rev. B. O. F. Heywood, M.A.), cousin of the late President of the Central Council, presided over the meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to all present.—A vote of condolence and sympathy with Lady Heywood and family in their bereavement was passed in silence.—Fixton was chosen as the next meeting place.—Mr. Collier, of the Swinton company was closed as two problems of the Association. sinence.—Firston was chosen as the next meeting place.—Mr. Collier, of the Swinton company, was elected a member of the Association, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding and granting the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having things in readiness.

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The usual monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Leesfield last Saturday, members being present from Oldham, Glodwick, Milnrow, New Hey, Middleton, etc.—The Milnrow ringers gave the branch a special invitation to held the next meeting at Milnrow on June 3rd for the unveiling of a double peal board containing the records of a muffled peal in memory of those who had fallen in the war, and the other as a welcome to the new Vicar.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the ringers for having everything in readiness. — Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major were rung during the day.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EFFECT OF THE WAR.

In the 31st annual report of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, which was circulated among the members at their meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, occurs the following: Everyone feels compelled to look at events during the past year from the standpoint of what one has done to help toward a satisfactory peace, and of the effect the war has had upon one's work. In regard to our association, we must feel proud of those of our members who are doing their uterate by injuried the arrange and applied to produce material. we must feel proud of those of our members who are doing their utmost by joining the army and navy, or by helping to produce material, and we pray that those serving in H.M. Forces may, by God's mercy, be spared to share in the joy of celebrating peace. When we turn to the effect the war has had upon our duties as ringers, we see bands struggling to teach beginners to take the place of those that are fighting, and of whom they are most proud, and we find them doing all they can to keep in practice ready for the celebration of peace and for ringing for Sunday services; in this our association is doing as much as possible by holding its usual meetings and by carrying out its work as far as possible.

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The report goes on to express deep regret at the death of the Rev. Canon Claughton, who had been an honorary members since 1884, and became a vice-president in 1886. The banch meetings had again been successful and well attended, and there had been no change in the branch officers. The balance sheet, considering the war, was satisfactory, and £30 had been transferred from the Post Office Savings Bank into the War Loan. The first grant from the Belfry Repairs Fund had been made, two guineas having been given towards the rehanging of the bells at All Saints', Worcester. As one would expect, there had been but few peals rung on tower bells, but the number of handbell peals one would have liked to have seen larger. The total was: On tower bells, 15; on handbells, 9. The report goes on to express deep regret at the death of the Rev.

"ALL WELL."

"All Well," is the message dated May 9th, which we have received from Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, of Dublin, and which his many friends in England will be delighted to learn after the recent tragic happenings in Ireland. Many ringers have happy memories of visits to Dublin and the kindness with which arrangements for their pleasure have been made by Mr. Lindoff.

NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Painswick to-morrow. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea in Mission Room at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Secretary, 46, Goddard Avenue, Swindon, Wilts.

A RINGERS' MEEEING will be held at Oakford (8) on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3. Service and address by the Rector at 4.30. Tea (6d.) in the Parish Room at 5. Names of those requiring tea to be sent to me not later than Tuesday, May 16th. Oakford is 4 miles from Bampton and Dulverton stations.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton. Devon.

LL'ANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberavon (Port Talbot) on Saturday, May 20th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided free.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.— The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3.30 to dusk.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.
—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday,
May 20th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 6. Business
important. A good meeting is requested.—Walter
Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hayfield on Saturday, May 20th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF. BIRMINGHAM, Established 1755. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3.30. The Guild's form of service will be held in church at 5.30, the Rector giving the address, and every member is specially invited to be present. Tea will be provided free in the Church House for those who advise me, not later than the 17th inst., of their intention to be present. Business meeting afterwards.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. —G. Miles, Honorary Secretary, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. A practice meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. All will be welcome. — E. J. Butler, Shadwell Heath.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, Established 1637.—A Meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on May 23rd for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held on May 27th at Wotton-under-Edge. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Visitors heartily welcomed. Kindly notify by May 24th to W. A. Lewis, Ham, Berkely, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission the half-yearly meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, May 27th, when All Saints' and St. James' bells will be available from 3.30.—W. H. Shuker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District).—The annual meeting of the District will be held on on Saturday, May 27th, at Faversham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (3d. a head) in Queen's Hall. Business after tea. Members attending must send their names to me not later than Wednesday, May 24th; anyone neglecting to do this must not expect a place at the tea. Subscriptions must be paid before or at the meeting.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—A meeting will be held at Bennington on May 27th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening until 8.30. Tea will be provided free by the Rector, Rev. Canon Mills, 5.30, in the Parochial Hall. All members and friends will be made welcome. A card from those who can notify me will oblige.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 27th. East Retford (10 bells), West Retford (6 bells), Ordsall (6 bells), will be available from 2.30 p.m. until sunset. Divine Service, 4.20 p.m., Parish Church. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m., to be followed by a Business Meeting immediately afterwards. Tea 9d. (half-price) to members, 1/3 to non-residents, and 1/6 to all others. Vice-Presidents free. A hearty welcome will be extended to members of kindred associations.—J. C. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, Dist. Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors, at 5. Service at 6.30, conducted by the Rector.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the Society will be held at Tong on Saturday, May 27th, 1916. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—W. Barton, Hon. Sec., 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.— Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bitton on May 27th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Visitors welcomed. Kindly notify by May 23rd to Arthur W. Seviour, 5, Brunswick Street, City Road, Bristol.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Shenley, Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—T. Best, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Ripponden on Saturday, 3rd June. Bells (8) available from 2.30. in Schools 5 p.m., 1/- per head to all sending in to Mr. A. Carter, Jubilee Buildings, Ripponden, before Tuesday, May 30th. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 3rd. The bells (12) will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Penny (Rector). Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road,

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. -The next meeting will be held in Milnrow on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. This meeting is by special request of the Milnrow ringers for the unveiling of a Peal Board. A good attendance of members is requested.—Secretary, T. K. Driver, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

ASSOCIATION.—Southern YORKSHIRE trict.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston (Bus 2d. from Rotherham) on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea provided (1/each) for those who notify W. Warburton, Meadow View, Whiston, near Rotherham, by Tuesday, May 30th. Business meeting in Church Institute after tea.—Leonard Brightman, 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham (District Sec. pro tem.).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North-Western Division).-A District Meeting will be held at Matching on Saturday, June 3rd, 1916. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the Marriage Feast Room, next the Church, at 5.30 p.m. Those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, May 31st. All subscriptions for 1916 are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, Barnes, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, P. H. Smith 4, C. Hunt 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8, NORTHAMPTON.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at all Saints' Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: H. Blundell 1, A. P. Hensman (conductor) 2, J. T. Hensman 3, T. Law 4, H. Rainbow 5, W. Farey 6, W. J. Allen 7, J. White 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. the conductor.

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