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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

MODERN WORK

ASSOCIATION SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The war has had its effect upon ringing in more ways than one. Not only have heavy losses been sustained in the personnel of the Exercise, progress been retarded and activity curtailed, but the funds of many of the associations have suffered, through the falling off of subscriptions. In many instances there has been a serious depletion in honorary members' contributions, while in nearly every society the absence of ringers on war service has relieved them of the necessity of maintaining their subscriptions with consequent loss to the funds. It has only been by the exercise of the strictest economy that the associations have been able to make ends meet, and now that the time for development has come, they will have to be prepared to face an increased expenditure. As an example one may quote the printing of Annual Reports. In the last two or three years very few of the associations have issued anything as voluminous as their pre-war Reports, and they have been able to effect a most substantial saving. With the return to greater activity, Reports more or less upon the old lines will be wanted by members, and this, which has usually been the heaviest single item of expenditure, will reappear. It will not, however, be at the old figure. The cost is bound to be more, and this will not be the only expenditure which will show an increase.

It may be argued, therefore, that the majority of the societies have got to find a means of increasing their income if they are to keep themselves solvent. Not many ways of doing this are open to them, and it is a case of falling back principally upon the subscriptions of the ordinary members. Already some societies are considering this. As it is the ordinary member who gets the benefit of whatever there is going, he, after all, should be the one prepared to pay for it—and we think he is. At any rate, we have seen recently that the members of that very live organisation, the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, have quite readily accepted an increased impost, and we believe that this spirit would characterise the members of other societies if they understood the position. The question which influenced the St. Martin's Guild decision was that of maintaining the traditions of the Johnson commemoration dinner, and it would have been more than a pity had the consideration of a few pence per member per annum been allowed to stand in the way of maintaining at its past high level this gathering which ranks as one of the foremost annual events connected with the Exercise. But the same motives that prompted the ready acquiescence of the St. Martin's Guild—the good of the Society—would, we are quite certain, influence the members of any other ringing organisation which found it necessary to ask for a larger yearly contribution.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.	
GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
WILLIAM HALE 2	WILLIAM HASTINGS 7
CPL. WILLIAM IRELAND ... 3	EX-SERGT. JOSEPH WILLIAMS 8
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	HUBERT SCRIVENS 9
FRANK COLE 5	ROBERT SHARP Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, January 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
GEORGE PINCOY Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	AMOS TRIPPLER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.
200th peal by Titus Barlow and 50th peal by Thomas B. Worsley.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBELAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 3152 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.	
JOHN FOREMAN Treble	BENJAMIN C. DIXON 5
PTE. ARTHUR SMEATHERS 2	BERT HORTON 6
ASA HOLMES 3	WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... 7
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method.
Pte. A. Smeathers hails from Finedon, Northants, and was elected a member of the above Association before starting. He was invalided to Newcastle after being wounded in France.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
* FRANK OAKSHOTT Treble	EDWARD T. GROVE 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	THOMAS A. SHURR 6
JOHN WYATT 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
ALFRED L. BROWN 4	WILLIAM COOK Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.
Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

* First peal away from tenor.

DERBY,
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 25, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 3.	
Tenor 18 cwt.	
G. H. ROBINSON, JUN. ... Treble	JOHN ELCOCK 5
GEORGE FREEBERRY 2	G. H. ROBINSON, SEN. ... 6
* WILLIAM J. WILKMAN ... 3	BART. MITCHELL 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	† GEORGE F. LEE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBERRY.

* First peal with a Bob-bell. † First peal.
Rung in honour of the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Hunt, who, with the best wishes of all his parishioners, is leaving the parish after 17 years faithful service, the bellringers wishing him "God-speed."

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At DEANE CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; J. HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ASTLEY JOHNSON... .. Treble	THOMAS LINGARD 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	PETER CROOK 6
TITUS BARLOW, SEN. 3	JAMES H. COLLIER 7
WILLIAM PENNINGTON 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

Ringers of treble and 7th hail from Flixton, 5th and tenor from Pendlebury, the remainder belong to the local band.

NUNEATON. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

E. MAURICE ATKINS Treble	WILLIAM J. SMITH 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. 6
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON 3	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 7
WALTER HORTON 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed and conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
CPL. E. GIBBS, R.A.V.C. 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
JAMES R. NEWMAN 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Cpl. E. Gibbs, who was home on leave from France.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION (THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(Being seven 720's, each called differently.)

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS MARY HULL Treble	*MISS LILY C. GEARY 4
*MISS BEATRICE M. EVEREST 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
*MISS CECILE HEPBURN 3	WALTER T. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal * First peal 'inside'

The four ladies started ringing only 14 months ago, and it is largely due to their efforts that the bells have been rung three times every Sunday since. This is the third "Victory peal" to be rung on these bells by the local Society.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in Three Hours,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS ETHEL BATES Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS 3
MISS MAUD CLARKE 2	HARRY PATRICK 4
THOMAS ABBOTT Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

This is the first attempt for a peal by the two ladies.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HORBURY.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. The bells, a nice ring of eight, were well utilised during the afternoon and evening, while the peals at Wakefield Cathedral and Osett were also available during the day. The audit was carried out by two of the local company, Messrs. Brook and Hunt, who found everything in proper order. A committee meeting was held during the afternoon. Divine service (choral) was held at Horbury Church, the sermon being preached by the Vicar (the Rev. J. B. Hill). The preacher took for his text Psalm 150, ver. 5: 'Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.'

After service, tea was partaken of in the Schools by upwards of 150 members and friends, representing 30 towers.

The annual business meeting followed, with the President (the Rev. C. G. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the Rev. J. B. Hill, Vicar of Horbury; Councillor F. Hampshire (churchwarden), Mr. B. Wilson (an hon. member), Mr. Frank Willey (vice-president), and other officers of the Association. Letters of apology were read from Messrs. Bolland, Williams and Raw.—The Chairman gave a brief report of the year's work, saying that this was the first meeting since hostilities had ceased, and as a loyal body of citizens their thanks should be expressed in the minutes of the Association to those that had won the war. He asked those present to stand for a few moments in silence to the proud memory of their own members who had fallen during the war. He hoped they would be able to perpetuate their memory in some way by a roll of honour. He asked the tower secretaries to help in compiling this by sending to the district secretaries the names of all those that had served, and to make special mention of those that had fallen. Referring to the fact that there was to be no annual report this year, the President said the cost of printing was too expensive, but they hoped to issue a full and complete edition next year. With last year marking time, he hoped next year would be one of going ahead.

Mr. Jas. Cotterell was re-elected hon. treasurer, on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. F. Willey, special mention being made by both as to the good work that Mr. Cotterell had done for the Association; also the thorough manner in which the books were kept.—In the absence of Mr. Cotterell (who had to leave early), the Chairman presented the balance sheet, which was adopted.

A proposal moved by Mr. F. Willey, seconded by Mr. H. Dransfield, that a payment of 1s. should be made to steepkeepers at each tower visited on the occasion of Association meetings, for services rendered, was thoroughly discussed, and on being put to the meeting, was lost only three voting for it.

Messrs. North, Watson and Senior, of Batley; Wright, Kershaw, Crossley, Farrar and Jarner, of Northowram; and Miss E. Brown, of Guiseley, were elected members of the Association.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, choir and organist for the beautiful service that had been enjoyed.—The Vicar, in replying, said how delighted he was to welcome the members to Horbury, and made special mention of the former meeting there (which was a record in numbers for the Association). The present one was a very creditable gathering, for it was the first since hostilities had ceased.

Mr. Elliott proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for arrangements made; also to the ladies who attended to the tea.—This was seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who remarked how pleased he was to see the donor of two of Horbury bells amongst them.—The Chairman also added a word of appreciation, and the vote was replied to by Mr. Wilson, who said it was the third time he had welcomed the Association to Horbury, and it would afford him the greatest pleasure to meet them yet three times more.—Mr. Jas. Smith, secretary of the local band, also spoke.

A motion was read proposing an alteration to subscriptions, which will be discussed at the next annual meeting.

Mr. Frank Willey gave a very descriptive report to the members upon last Central Council meeting. Several questions were asked by members, and answered satisfactorily by Mr. Willey.

The Chairman called the members' attention to the leading articles in the 'Ringing World,' with regard to a memorial service to be held in London for ringers fallen in the great war, and it was proposed by Mr. F. Willey, seconded by Mr. Broadley that, in the event of no one being also to represent this association from Yorkshire, that Mr. W. T. Cockerill, of the College Youths (who is a Yorkshire member), be asked to represent Yorkshire at the service.

Handbell ringing in various methods brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting, reminiscent of the grand old Yorkshire meeting held prior to the war.

DEDICATION FESTIVAL TOUCH.

On the occasion of the Dedication Festival at Christ Church, W. Brownish, on Sunday, January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung before evening service by Edward Reeves (first quarter-peal) 1. T. Horton 2. H. Howl 3. S. Astbury 4. J. Walker 5. J. Screen (conductor) 6. Rev. C. H. Barker 7. R. Hall 8.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR FALLEN RINGERS

This service will be held (D.V.) at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd next. The Service will be at 4 p.m., and the address will be delivered by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Sheffield. The original limitation to the London District is abandoned, and the Rector's invitation is a general one to ringers. Will Secretaries of Associations embracing London and the surrounding district kindly forward me the names of fallen ringers for the reading of the "Roll of Honour"?—E. Alex. Young, Hon. Sec., 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Memorial Service for all ringers of the Association who have given their lives in the war will be held at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church on Saturday, February 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Preacher: the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol. Roll of Honour will be read. Names (with regiment, etc.) should be sent in from all towers which have not previously made their returns, to the Master, Rev. M. E. Thorold, St. Philip's Vicarage, 24, King Square, Bristol. Ringing from 2.30 and again from 6 till 9. Tea at 5 o'clock, 9d. per head. All ringers and their friends invited to attend. Please notify me before February 17th. — Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Saturday, Feb. 22nd, a memorial service will be held at the Cathedral, Winchester, at 4 p.m. This has been arranged to take place simultaneously with the London service at St. Clement Danes, to enable members of the Guild in the South to attend such a service who would not be able to get to London. Muffled touches will be rung on the Cathedral bells before the service, and tea will be provided at St. Maurice's Hall, at 5.15 p.m., for members who let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 19th. — George Williams, Hon. General Sec., West End, near Southampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—A memorial service for those ringers who have fallen in the service of their country is to be held in Sheffield Cathedral, to synchronise with the National service in St. Clement Danes, London, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m. Address by the Archdeacon of Sheffield. All ringers and their friends invited. The peal of 12 bells will be available for muffled ringing from 5 to 7 p.m.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A memorial service for ringers who have fallen in the war will be held at Nuneaton Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock; service at 4. It is hoped that all members and friends will endeavour to attend. Hinckley Branch Midland Counties Association please note. — Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's, Bedford, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, for ringers who have given their lives for King and country. Service at 5 o'clock; bells at 3 o'clock, which will be rung muffled before and after service. Preacher: Rev. Canon Speck. All ringers and friends invited. — H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A commemoration service for fallen ringers will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m. Order of service similar to that to be

used at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Half-muffled ringing after the service. The combined practice arranged to take place that day at Coseley will thus be cancelled. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. A memorial service will be held at Bucklebury on Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m.—Rev. E. M. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ST. CLEMENT DANES.

The arrangements for the memorial service at St. Clement Danes, on Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m., for ringers who have fallen in the Great War, are well in hand, four meetings having already been held by the Committee, which is constituted of the following: College Youths, Messrs. C. F. Winney, F. E. Dawe and C. Burken; Cumberland Youths, Messrs. B. Fiskett, Berry and Smith; London County Association, Messrs. T. Walker, Reeve and W. Matthews; Middlesex Association, Messrs. W. Lawrence and W. H. Oram; Kent Association, Mr. T. Groombridge; London (unattached), Messrs. Lovatt and Marsh; for the Rector, Mr. E. A. Young.

Mr. Young has been appointed hon. secretary, and has issued a circular to all Parish Church incumbents and to all 'ringing' churches, also, in London, and for 15 miles round. The secretaries for all the provincial associations have also been approached with a view of the attendance of delegates, and of holding other local services on the same day.

The outline of the service is as follows:—

ORDER OF SERVICE.

The congregation are asked to be seated 15 minutes before the service during the rendering of special music.

Opening Hymn.—(1) 'O God, our Help in Ages Past.'

(2) 'God Save the King.'

Psalms.—23rd and 121st psalms.

1st Lesson.—To be taken from Tennyson's 'Golden Legend,' concerning bells and their symbolism.

Hymn.—Mission hymn, A.D. 281, 'Gospel Bells and Ringing.'

2nd Lesson.—Book of Wisdom, III. to v. 9.

Prayers.—Special prayers: (1) For sick and suffering; (2) for sorrowing and bereaved; (3) for fallen bell ringers.

Between the second and third prayers, the 'Roll of Honour' of London and District ringers will be read. After the third prayer, the 'whole pull and stand' will be rung seven times, the congregation still kneeling.

Hymn.—No. 193, 'Jesu, lover of my Soul.'

THE ADDRESS.

Hymn.—No. 437, 'For all the Saints.'

(During the singing of the hymn, a collection will be taken by the stewards, for an approved charitable object associated with ringers, after the expenses of the service have been defrayed.)

After the Collects, a special hymn for bell ringers will be sung kneeling. Following the Benediction, the buglers will sound 'The Last Post,' 'The Dead March' in 'Saul' will then be played and the Hallelujah Chorus sung.

The bells will resume the 'whole pull and stand' whilst the congregation are leaving, at about 5 p.m.

It has been deemed desirable to retain at least the church door for ringers and relatives of the fallen. To do this effectually means the issue of tickets of admission. These are already being distributed, and can be had of the hon. secretary or any one of the delegates. The service, which will shortly be advertised to in the general Press, may on account of its musical features (which are still being arranged) prove attractive to the general public. It is proposed to place the latter in the galleries, but in any case every effort will be made by the stewards to see that ringers are preferably served, whether they have tickets or not. It is trusted, however, that they will provide themselves with tickets in case the church may be too overtaxed to accommodate all, though it is one of the largest in London.

OTHER SERVICES.

To synchronise with the service in London, a special service, arranged by the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society, of which Mr. Sam Thomas is hon. secretary, is to be held at Sheffield Cathedral, and Archdeacon Grestford Jones will be the preacher.

As already announced, a similar service, arranged by the Rev. M. P. Thorold, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, is to be held at St. Philip's Church, Bristol, on the same day.

For ringers living in the Winchester Diocese and the South of England, and unable to reach London, a service has been arranged at Winchester Cathedral. This will take place at the same hour as the London service.

A similar service at Bedford is announced. This will be held at St. Paul's Church, Canon Speck being the preacher. The hour of the service is 5 p.m., but the bells will be rung, muffled, from 3 o'clock.

The Warwickshire Guild have arranged a memorial service at Nuneaton, to which Hinckley Branch members of the Midland Counties Association are specially invited.

A simultaneous service will be held at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, and half-muffled ringing will take place afterwards, and an Oxford Guild service is announced at Bucklebury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Association took place on Saturday last, at the 'King of Denmark,' Old Bailey, E.C., an ancient gastelry that had for its opposite neighbour until recent years, the prison walls of that grim city prison Newgate. Close by are St. Sepulchre's and St. Andrew's Churches, the ten and eight bell towers of which used to salute each other across the intervening valley of the River Fleet, and here ringing took place for an hour or two before the business meeting.

The attendance, unfortunately, was somewhat limited, due largely to the 'Tube' strike. All were, however, glad to see the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) back again to the chair and civil life, and looking all the better for his spell of naval duty.

Having elected the following new members, viz., Messrs. W. Ayre, St. John's College, Battersea; F. A. Smith, Harlow; D. D. L. Ayre, Acton; R. N. Sinclair, Southampton; R. Marshall, Deptford; and J. Armstrong, Southgate; and also ratified the election of Mr. L. Rammell, of Sutton-on-Trent; and Capt. Freeborn, of Kidlington, Oxon., the meeting received the hon. secretary's report for the year.

This stated that during 1918 very successful meeting had been held at Southwark Cathedral, Hockney, Hammersmith, Crisplegate, Northlake, Walthamstow, Isleworth, St. Andrew's, Well Street, Fulham (2), Highgate, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Croydon (joint), Putney, and Bishopswate (16 in all). Peal ringing had been restricted to two, one of Superlative at Beddington and one of Treble Bob Royal at St. Giles, Camberwell. The association had to mourn the loss of further well known and valued members, viz., the previous holder of the secretaryship, Mr. F. J. Hardy, and Mr. W. H. Taffender, both killed in France. Also Mr. F. S. Morley, who died in England after having been badly gassed. The latter had won the military medal with bar. In the deaths also of Messrs. J. Barry and W. Truss, the association had lost old and valued members. Turning from those lost, he was glad to add that nine new members had been made, covering a wide field, viz., Messrs. C. P. Pinhorn, I.O.W.; H. Prior, Leyton; M. Penson, Hornsey; W. J. Elford, Finchley; E. V. Elberson, Fakenham; P. Crook, Bolton; C. C. Mayne, Becclesfield; and C. P. Duffield, Long Stratton, Norfolk.

The auditor produced the balance sheet, which showed an increase of some 17s. on the year.

It was almost unanimously felt desirable to retain all the outgoing officers, again, they having brought the association through the stress of war time, and they were re-elected, and a vote of thanks passed for their valued services. They are: Master T. H. Taffender; hon. secretary, T. Walker; treasurer, W. G. Matthews; stewards, A. P. Reeve (senr.), and H. Dyns, junr.; trustees, T. H. Taffender and R. A. Daniel.

The Master referred to the coming memorial service, to be held at their headquarters church. The three delegates were confirmed in their provisional appointment, and it was hoped the service would be successful in every way.

On a proposal as to the placing of a tablet or other memorial to fallen members, Messrs. Taffender, Walker and Young were elected to consider and report upon the same.

An announcement being made of the death of Mr. F. Davis, of Kingston, it was desired to express to the widow the sympathy of the meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Sepulchre's and St. Andrew's Churches for the use of the bells that day, and to Messrs. W. Lovatt and J. Rayner for their kind arrangements.

The formal business being disposed of, some touches were brought round on the handbells, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse. It was pleasant to see such a veteran member as Mr. Rayner, sitting almost beside the junior member, still in his 'teens.' Also, remembering the idea underlying the foundation of the association (then the 'St. James' Youths'), to see in the room the Masters of the 'College Youths' and the 'Cumberland.' It is also interesting to note that the association reaches its 95th birthday this month.

THE MUFFLING OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—I have listened to several half-muffled peals being rung of late. Each time I have noticed the bell 123 in the peal could not be heard on the muffled side, which makes the ringing sound peculiar. Should not bells be muffled according to size? I should like to hear what other ringers have to say. As there will be a great number of half-muffled and muffled peals being rung in a few days' time, I think the matter is worth notice.—Faithfully yours,

ARTHUR LORKIN.

NOTICES.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; Service at 5 p.m.; tea at 5.45; business meeting after. All members intending to be present must inform me not later than Monday, Feb. 10th, and oblige S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea and meeting at 7.30. Members intending to be present please send word to Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. A special Service will be held in the Church at 5 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Meeson Hall 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. — E. Butler, 3 Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, February 15th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Relton), at Isleworth, on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 1919. Bells available from 3 o'clock; short service at 5.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at the London Apprentice at 6. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend, as important business will come before the meeting.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Secretary, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided.—A. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 5 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. Tramcar 'D' to Astley Street.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—United practice will be held at Burnham on Saturday, February 15th, and at Bray on Saturday, March 1st, both at 4 p.m. Visitors will be welcome. Messrs. Kirk, Truss and Evans have kindly consented to represent this Branch at the Ringers' Memorial Service in London on 22nd inst. The Annual Branch Meeting is proposed to be held at Windsor on Easter Monday; full particulars will follow.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Feb. 20th, and *St Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, all at 3.30 p.m. *Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Berkhamstead, Herts, on Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting at 5.30.—F. Smith, 82, Glencoe Road, Bushey, and F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Joint Secs. (*pro tem.*).

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.; tea at Messrs. Brown's Café at 4 p.m.; Divine service at 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the previous Thursday?—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, March 1st. Eight bells (tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3 o'clock. All ringers invited.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston (Whittlesford Station) on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting to follow. Members are earnestly requested to pay their subscriptions as soon as possible.—A. E. Austin, Acting General Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A district meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting to follow in the Cricket Pavilion. Will members and friends intending to be present kindly notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 25th?—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Perleton, Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, March 1st. Bells of Parish Church (8, tenor 21 cwt.) open from 2 p.m.; tea at Bridge End Hotel 5 p.m.; Committee meets before tea, 4.15 p.m., same place. Replies for attendance at tea to be in by February 25th to G. T. Potter, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 31st Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 8th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to fully qualified members, to other members and friends 3s. 6d. each. Owing to the difficulty of catering it is regretted that the number of tickets issued has to be limited to 120, and these will be allotted strictly in order of application. Only those applications accompanied by remittance will receive attention. It is also necessary for every full member to be clear on the books and to notify the Secretary of his intention to be present, not later than Saturday, March 1st. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at All Saints' Church, Clifton, on Saturday, Feb. 1st to reopen ringing tower, after a silence of nearly nine years. The attendance was not so large as could have been wished for, owing to bad travelling. The district being scattered, most of the members had to cycle, very few being able to use the railways. Short touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, the 'go' of the bells not being any too good after their long rest, but they will probably improve with use. An item of the afternoon's programme much appreciated by the company was the tea provided by the Rector and churchwardens, and arranged by Mrs. and Miss Dodd. After tea a few more short touches were rung, and then votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the churchwardens and the ladies for the tea, were passed, and brought the meeting to a close.

YORK.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 6th, at York Minster, 557 Grand-sire Caters: T. Haigh 1, F. Earnshaw 2, W. Fountain 3, G. Horner 4, H. N. Imeson 5, E. Rickett 6, A. C. Fearnley 7, T. Hodgson 8, A. Haigh 9, Sergt. E. Morris, A.S.C. (conductor), and A. Horner 10.

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