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Gentlemen,

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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, E. T. BUCK.

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

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THE BELL FOUNDERS.

An informal but noteworthy gathering took place in London on Saturday, when, for the first time in the history of the ancient craft of bell founding, the bell founders of England met round the social board. The event was unheralded by any flourish of trumpets—probably very few outside those specially concerned had any knowledge of it—and was marked by no formalities, but the proceedings were of the most cordial character. The bell founders of England are not a numerous body, and for the most part they are widely scattered; therefore, the party was not a large one, but under the roof-tree of the famous Cheshire Cheese, those who were privileged to be present made up in conviviality what was lacking in numbers.

The importance of the gathering lay in the drawing together of the various founders in friendly intercourse, thus marking the breakdown of the old traditions, under which trade rivalry kept them very largely at arm's length. Even those founders who were unable to be represented expressed their full approval of the gathering, which really originated in an idea to celebrate the return of the foundries to their customary vocation after the upheaval of the war. Small beginnings often have big developments, and the "Founders' Dinner" not only promises to become an annual affair, but may some day grow into one of the leading events in the ringing world. If it does, those who were present at the first dinner will remember with particular interest the first gathering of the kind.

During the war, of course, bell founding practically ceased, but there seems to be every prospect of a big revival when the country settles down to peace conditions and the cost of materials again approaches the normal. There are many inquiries by church authorities, and the present high cost is holding up jobs which otherwise would be taken in hand, particularly of new peals. But these will doubtless be forthcoming when the price of metals comes down to reasonable figures. In the meantime, the founders are being called upon to put in hand numerous restorations. The trade prospects are certainly good, but ringers themselves might, perhaps, help things forward still further by taking up with their church authorities the question of renovations wherever there is need for it.

The interests of the ringers and the founders are allied. There is no pleasure in ringing bad-going bells, and here, in their own interests, ringers can help the founders. On the other hand, the founders can best serve themselves by helping to maintain interest in the practice of ringing, and encouraging everything that tends to spread the art. The wider the practice of ringing grows the greater the activity that prevails in our bell foundries. Similarly, the more our foundries are able to do the more scope is there for ringers.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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

On Tuesday, February 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	*ALBERT E. NORMAN 7
*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 8
FREDERICK DICKENS 3	A. PADDON SMITH 9
JOSEPH FIGOTT 4	JOHN NEAL 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal on 12 bells.

Arranged for Mr. Cave, of Bristol, who was demobilised on this date.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
SAMUEL WESLEY 2	FRANK JACOBS 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	ARTHUR CRAVEN 8
*WILLIAM E. WHITE 4	WALTER ALLWOOD 9
JOHN FLINT 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

CHELMSFORD.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

*ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	*ARTHUR HEAD 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	ALFRED PYE 7
*WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	HENRY F. COOPER 8
*THOMAS LINCOLN 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

First peal in the method on the bells. It was arranged to ring Cinques, but, meeting short, the peal had to result in the above.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. W. WILKINS Treble	GEO. WHITE 5
*FRED G. BIGGS 2	R. H. BIGGS 6
P. BOREHAM 3	JOHN EVANS 7
E. MARKHAM 4	A. G. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

* 100th peal.

LEIGH.—Lancashire Association. — On Sunday, October 13th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: Hugh Watts 1, B. Allred 2, H. Smith 3, H. Allred 4, W. Hayes 5, R. Allred (conductor) 6, W. Smith 7, J. Watts 8. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, hail from Tyldesley, the rest are of the local company.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*GEORGE R. GIBBS Treble	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5
*GEORGE J. NICHOLLS 2	WILLIAM G. FOWLER 6
†EDWARD ETHERIDGE 3	THOMAS W. RADFORD 7
GEORGE TOMSETT 4	*OLIVER LONGLEY Tenor

Conducted by T. W. RADFORD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire with working bell.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.	
WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	ROBERT GOFTON 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON 7
R. ALDER GOFTON 4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

The ringers of the treble and 2nd. are the sons of R. Alder Gofton, aged 13 and 15 respectively, and this is their first attempt to ring a peal. Rung on the sixth anniversary of the opening of the eight bells.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... Treble	ALBERT E. NORMAN 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT 6
†EDWARD BREITTE 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
†WILLIAM COLEY 4	GEORGE PIGOTT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Victor White, one of the local band.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	EDWIN I. HARDING 6
PT. A. A. JONES, A.S.C. ... 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 4	WALTER G. ROWE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. C. H. Russell, of Winchester, whose death was reported in our issue of January 3rd, and who previous to the war was a frequent visitor at this tower, where he rang his last peal.

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

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES J. TRICKER Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
THOMAS BEADLE 2	GEORGE SPENCER, R.N.R.T. ... 6
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 3	ALBERT BECKENSALH 7
EDWARD F. COLE 4	ALBERT SHEARD Tenor

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

Arranged for the ringers of the 6th and 7th, home on leave from the North Sea and France respectively.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

'ANNABLES.'

Tenor 23 cwt.

*JAMES WAGHORN Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH 5
L/CORPL. JOHN SINDEN, S.Y. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	*FREDK. J. LAMBERT 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	THOMAS HOAD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* Elected members of the Association previous to starting and hail from Horsmonden. Mr. Tribe is from Tenterden, Messrs. Booth, W. H. and T. Hoad, and Edwards from Salehurst. L/Corpl. Sinden (who very kindly stood in owing to band meeting one short) belongs to the local band.

EDMONTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. PARKER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt	
WILBY J. HAZELL Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER 5
GEORGE PAICE 2	HARRY FOWLER 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
CHARLES V. HARE 4	THOMAS MILES Tenor

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

Miss Parker's 50th peal as conductor

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED L. BROWN Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
THOMAS MILES 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
EDWARD T. GROVE 4	FRANK OAKSHOTT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 2	HERBERT HOLDEN 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

HOLBORN, CITY OF LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat.

THOMAS H. TAITENDER, R.N.,	HERBERT LANGDON 5
A.A.C. Treble	REuben SANDERS 6
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 2	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 7
GEORGE R. FARDON 3	FRANCIS E. DAWE Tenor
CHARLES S. BURDEN 4	

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector (Rev. Edwin C. Bedford) for his very cordial letter of welcome; also to Mr. J. P. Rayner, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in excellent order.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM WHITE Treble	JOSEPH MADDOCK 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	FRANK MILLARD 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	EDGAR E. BURGESS 7
EDWARD LLOYD 4	EBENEZER PRIDDLE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This peal was arranged for Pte. J. Thomas, R.A.F., of London, who was an inmate of the Taunton Red Cross Hospital.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.

HERBERT R. STEVENS ... Treble	CECIL RADNOR 5
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 2	ALBERT E. GRAY 6
DOUGLAS A. ROWE ... 3	REGINALD L. LATERCROFT ... 7
ALFRED WOODROW ... 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the ringers of the 5th and 7th, who, whilst employed on munitions in the district, have done good work for the Guild.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN WYATT Treble	FRED POLE 4
GILBERT JONES 2	ALBERT TOUT 5
WILLIAM CLAPP 3	* HERBERT V. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First attempt.

The ringers of 1st and 4th are from Fitzhead, and and 6th from Chipstable, 3rd from Halse, and 5th from Milverton. First peal on the bells.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY ... Treble	† BERTIE O. SODEN 3
* MISS LILY LAW 2	F. JOSEPH LANCASTER ... 4
THOMAS LAW Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS LAW.

* First peal.

† First peal of Doubles.

First peal by a lady member of the Northampton District.

HANDBELL PEAL.

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

On Thursday, January 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

JAMES E. GROVES 1—2	THOMAS RUSSAM 7—8
ALBERT WALKER 3—4	WILLIAM KENT 9—10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12

Composed by CHARLES HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: MESSRS. T. MILLER and J. PIGOTT.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A Guildford District meeting was held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday last, and was well attended by ringers from Aldershot, Dorking, Godalming, Shalford, Guildford, Chiddingfold, Worplesdon, Clondou, Cranleigh, and a number in khaki from various camps.

The names of the fallen ringers mentioned in the supplications were: A. V. Burdock, Guildford; R. W. Melville, Guildford; A. G. Boxall, Godalming; W. Lawes, Godalming; P. Fowler, Frensham; G. Fisher, Aldershot; A. Licence, Worplesdon.

Service was held in Bramley Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Green).

Tea was held at the Jolly Farmer Inn, over 40 sitting down. At the business meeting a number of new members were elected, including the Rev. A. B. Gwynne, Rector of Compton. His proposer (Mr. Fowler) mentioned that there would be a new peal of six at Compton shortly, and provision made for two additional bells at some future time.

The Ringing Master's report was, as usual, most interesting, and showed that new ringers were coming on in a number of towers.

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to the Rev. P. Cunningham, the preacher at the recent annual meeting, on the loss of his little daughter, the motion being carried by the members voting in their places.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Witley in April.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The members of the Winchester District held a quarterly meeting at Winchester on Saturday week. The Cathedral bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, and the members attended. Evensong was at 4 p.m. Tea was provided in St. Maurice Hall by the kind permission of the Rector of the parish, the Rev. W. E. Colchester. The Chairman of the district (the Rev. Canon Braithwaite) presided, and there were also present the Very Rev. the Dean, the Rev. Canon Madge, the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. Wilfred Andrews, Mr. W. H. George, Mr. W. Tucker, and members from various towers in the district.

The Master (the Rev. C. E. Mathews) and Ven. Archdeacon Robinson regretted being unable to be present.

On the proposition of the District Secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins) a vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Sergt. Russell, who was assistant secretary of the district, and a very promising member of the Guild, both as peal ringer, conductor and composer. Canon Braithwaite, in alluding to the beautiful and solemn service held in the belfry in memory of Mr. Russell, said he hoped other bands of ringers might also hold such a service in memory of their fallen comrades.

The memorial service to be held in St. Clement, Danes, on Feb. 22nd, was considered, and the Dean said the Guild ought certainly to be represented at that service, and it was resolved to send a representative.

The Dean also readily agreed to the suggestion that a service for the Winchester Diocese should be held on the same day, and at the same time in Winchester Cathedral, on the proposition of the Rev. W. C. Colchester. Mr. G. Williams (general sec.) and Mr. J. W. Elkins were deputed to make the necessary arrangements. It is hoped every tower in the Guild will be represented at that service.

In responding to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells the Dean said he was always glad to be of any help to the church bell ringers.

STAVELEY VETERAN'S DEATH.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the oldest ringer at Staveley, in Mr. Walter Worthington, who passed away in his 74th year. He had been a ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 50 years, was always punctual in attendance, and in his younger days could always be depended on on the practice night. He gave up ringing about twelve months ago, through loss of memory in regard to ringing. In his younger days, if he was not in the belfry he was a free and competent critic of the striking, and when a peal was on the board he could always be depended on to be there, and be trusted to make no mistakes. He rang his first peal in 1873, and up to that time had rung 40 peals, made up of 25 Kent Treble Bob Major (including 6240); eight Grandsire Triples, two Kent Treble Bob Royal, two Grandsire Caters (including 6080), one Plain Bob Major, and two on six bells.

The interment took place at Staveley Cemetery on Saturday week. Deceased was borne to his last resting place by six of his oldest fellow ringers, namely, Messrs. S. Smedley, senr., A. Craven, W. Duffin, F. E. Parsons, H. S. Snowe, and W. T. Palmer. At the conclusion of the last rites, which were performed by Canon Molineux, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by: W. Allwood 1—2, A. Craven 3—4, A. Knights 5—6, W. Palmer 7—8.

A peal was attempted the same evening, but came to grief after ringing an hour.

DALTON-IN-FERNES.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday Oct 20th, for evening service, 688 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, W. H. Dennison 5, T. Smart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES.

A National Service for Ringers who have fallen in the War will be held (p.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 organ recital will commence at 3.30 p.m., and all should endeavour to be seated by 3.45 p.m. The committee and stewards will please attend at 3 p.m. The basement of the 'A.E.C.' Co.'s Depot, opposite the Church, is reserved at 5 p.m. for ringers who may desire to avail themselves of it and will please show their tickets. There will be half-muffled ringing at several London churches at 7 p.m., preceded shortly before by the tolling of the tenor in each case. The list (subject to revision) is as follows:—St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Andrew, Holborn, and St. Botolph, Bishopsgate. (See notice to be posted in porch of St. Clement's.) 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. — 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. — 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.

KING'S NORTON GUILD.—A Memorial Service will be held in the Parish Church, King's Norton, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m., in memory of those ringers who have fallen in the war, especially Frank Wilthers. At 4.30 p.m., a peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar. Members of St. Martin's Diocesan Guild and other local Associations are cordially invited to attend.

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.

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A memorial service for ringers who have fallen in the war will be held in Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, February 22nd, at 4 p.m., simultaneously with the service in London. Muffled ringing, beginning at 3 o'clock.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Estab. 1755.—As a token of respect to the ringers of England who have laid down their lives for their country during the Great War, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques will be attempted at the Parish Church of Birmingham (St. Martin's), on Tuesday next, Feb. 25th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary.

We published last week the arrangements for the National Memorial Service at St. Clement Danes. We are asked to call attention, however, to the fact that the organ recital will commence at 5.30, and that all should endeavour to be in their places by 3.45.

The music is to be a feature of the service, and by kind permission of Col. Pratt, C.B., C.M.G., the band of the Royal Artillery will assist.

A number of towers have been secured for half-muffled ringing at 7 p.m. Among them (subject to any notice that may be posted in the porch at St. Clement Danes), St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Martin-in-the-Fields; St. Margaret's, Westminster; St. Andrew's, Holborn; and St. Botolph's Bishopsgate.

The service at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, will be on the following lines:—

Bells will be rung for service by discharged and demobilised ringers. The National Anthem.

Hymn: 'Let Saints on earth.'
Sentence, Confession, Absolution, and Lord's Prayer. Psalms 23, 121.
Lesson: 1 Thess iv. 13 to end.

Nunc Dimittis.

Prayers: 1. For sick and suffering. 2. For the sorrowing and bereaved.
Anthem: 'What are these?' (Stainer).

The Roll of Honour will be read.

Two Collects from the Burial Service.

The 'whole pull and stand' (seven times).

Hymn: 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul.'

Address: Right Rev. Bishop Clifford.

Hymn: 'Brief life is here our portion.'

Blessing. The Last Post (by buglers).

'Whole pull and stand' as congregation leaves (23 times).

There is to be muffled ringing on Saturday at High Wycombe.

A muffled peal attempt will be made at Newcastle on Saturday, and at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Tuesday. A memorial service will be held at Newcastle in March.

As will be seen from notices elsewhere, other services will be held at—

Sheffield Cathedral.

Winchester Cathedral.

Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton.

St. Paul's, Bedford.

Nuneaton Parish Church.

Bucklebury Parish Church.

King's Norton, Parish Church.

At various churches in the Salisbury Diocese there will be services and muffled ringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Attention has been drawn recently in your columns to action which might or should be taken by the Central Council of Ringers about two matters—the proposed memorial service for ringers, who have fallen in the war, and a loyal address to the King on the cessation of the war. And the friendly advice has been given by one correspondent, 'Wake up Central Council.'

May I be allowed to assure your readers that the officials of the Central Council have not ignored these matters?

Everyone will see on reflection that it is impossible to summon a special meeting of the Council at short notice. Even a meeting of the Standing Committee did not seem feasible in the middle of winter with the present difficulties of travelling. So the secretary of the Council and myself some while ago ventured to take action which we hope our brother ringers will approve.

To the authorities who are kindly arranging the memorial service at St. Clement Danes on February 22nd we have expressed, on behalf of the Council, our warm gratitude and hearty co-operation. The secretary has intimated his intention of being present there. I should much like to be present myself also, but I fear that in my case it may not be possible for several reasons; one being that I have to arrange, and if I can to attend, a simultaneous service in Cambridge for ringers of this diocese.

With regard to the other matter—an address to the King—soon after the Armistice was announced, Mr. Cartmel was good enough to write to me, asking if I could undertake to send a suitable letter to His Majesty. With some trembling (for an address to the King is a formidable affair) I drew up a draft letter and sent it to the secretary for criticism and improvement, which he kindly supplied. By that time, however, we came to the conclusion that the address had better be postponed till peace had actually been declared and signed, mainly for two reasons: One, that the war was not definitely over (and the latest utterances to-day of Marshal Foch and M. Clemenceau warn us that there may yet be more fighting); the other, that the meeting of the Central Council at Whitsuntide may possibly be earlier than the peace, in which case the Council could discuss the address and give it additional weight if it sanctions it.—Yours faithfully,

A. H. F. BOUGHLEY.

Cambridge, Feb. 11th, 1919.

President of the Council.

WEDDING GIFT TO PRINCESS PATRICIA.

CROYDON FOUNDRY'S FIRST PEACE TIME CLOCK.

Not the least of the Hun crimes in Belgium was the robbery of the church bells, and it is interesting to know that the Belgians are turning to this country for their replacement. What is believed to be the first order received from Belgium after the signing of the Armistice was for a bell for an Ostend church, placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

This firm, who, as we have already recorded, intend to bring back to this country the high-class household clock trade, on which the Germans had so firm a hold before the war, have laid down special plant for the purpose, and the workers are joining with the principals in subscribing the cost of the first clock thus made as a wedding gift to H.R.H. Princess Patricia. The Princess's father, the Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied on the occasion by Princess 'Pat,' recently opened a canteen built by the firm for the use of the employees, and it is pleasant in these days of Labour unrest to hear that the workers have just entertained Mr. Johnston and his family as a mark of gratitude for his care of them during those strenuous years of war work when they turned out fuses by the hundred thousand.

DEATH OF MR. F. DAVIS.

A ringer well known in and around London passed away last month in the person of Mr. Frederick Davis, who died after undergoing an operation in University College Hospital, at the age of 45 years. The deceased, who was a brother of Mr. James E. Davis, C.Q.-M.-S. of Royal Engineers, now in France, was a member of several societies, although he did not so in largely for peal ringing.

The interment took place in the family grave, at Camberley Cemetery, Honor Oak.

LONDON.—London County Association. — At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, on Sunday, Dec. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.; Pte. S. Meadows, A.S.C., 1, W. H. Stevens 2, H. Barrett 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, W. H. Wood 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. Dyas 8.

BELL FOUNDERS AT DINNER. UNIQUE GATHERING IN LONDON.

Last Saturday evening, a unique gathering took place in London, when the bell founders of England met to celebrate their return from war to peace occupation. The first bell founders of England were the monks, who plied their craft a thousand years ago, but never before in the whole long history of this ancient trade have the founders of this country endeavoured to come together in a spirit of cordial good fellowship. The first suggestion for this interesting meeting came from Lieut. Cyril Johnston, and it was most readily taken up by Mr. Albert Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who, being 'on the spot,' undertook the task of organising the little gathering. The bell founders are few, and are scattered all over the country, but all of them expressed approval of the idea, though not all were able to participate in the proceedings. It was fitting that the representatives of so ancient a craft should hold their meeting under an ancient roof, and the selection of the world-famed Cheshire Cheese in Fleet Street was most appropriate. Many of the celebrities of this and other countries have dined at this ancient hostelry, the haunts of which have included Dr. Johnson and Charles Dickens, but among all its varied gatherings it has never before housed one quite like that of Saturday. The license of this famous inn goes back to the 12th or 13th century, and the present building was erected on the site of the one destroyed by the Great Fire of London.

Up in a little parlour, where Dr. Johnson's chair is the chief show-piece, a table was set for eight, and though one place was destined to be left vacant, a merry little party spent a pleasant evening. Mr. Albert Hughes was by unanimous request placed in the chair, and at the opposite end of the table was Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough. The other present were Lieut. Cyril Johnston, head of the Croydon Foundry; Mr. Duncan Christy, well known in connection with the firm of Warner and Sons, whose chief was that very day being demobilised from the Navy; Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich; Mr. Argett, of Chingford, Devon; and the Editor of the 'Ringing World,' Mr. F. Webb, of Kidlington, who was to have completed the party, but at the last minute wired regret at inability to be present. Others who had been invited but were unable to attend were Mr. Fred Day, of Eye, who is unwell; Mr. W. H. Godden, of Birmingham; Mr. Doble, of Taunton; and the firm of Llewellyns and James, of Bristol.

The repast which the Cheshire Cheese had to offer consisted of fare which has had much to do with making its fame as a catering establishment. First the waiter, whose rotund figure and shining visage are known to folk throughout the world, brought an appetiser which is one of the secrets of the Cheese. Soup and fish were followed by the wonderful pudding which more than anything else has spread the fame of this Fleet Street inn, and which is the amazement and admiration of foreigners and the envy and despair of all rival taverns and restaurants in London. 'How do you make it?' once asked Mrs. Chamberlain of mine host. 'That, madam,' replied Boniface, 'is a secret worth just twice my freehold.' Suffice it to say, that on Saturday the pudding, compounded of beefsteak, larks, mushrooms and kidneys (so we have read) was the piece de resistance. The good things that came after, were all in their way admirable, but all who have sampled the pudding know the satisfied feeling that remains when one has encompassed the liberal helping that is considered requisite to the feast.

The post-prandial proceedings were quite free and easy, and the speeches very informal. The chairman spoke of the excellent spirit which resulted in the gathering, and congratulated the founders upon the fact that after the disturbance of the war they would now be able once more to devote themselves to the craft of their choice.

Mr. John Taylor was warmly eulogistic of the scheme for drawing the members of the bell founding trade together. Although there was necessarily business rivalry between them, there was no need, he said, why they should always give one another the cold shoulder. He hoped that small beginning would lead them to meet again in a similar way in the future, and, as they were small in numbers, he thought it would add to the pleasure of the proceedings if they brought their wives.

This suggestion met with cordial approval, and Lieut. Cyril Johnston said he hoped that they would make the dinner an annual one. He thought it would help to establish a good feeling in the trade, and help them to know one another better.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he felt he was there, to some extent, as the representative of the bell ringers of the country, and on their behalf he congratulated the founders on being able to turn once more without restraint to their ancient calling. He hoped the future held out great things for them, and that success and prosperity would attend the efforts of them all.

Mr. Hughes was heartily thanked for the efforts he had made in connection with the gathering, and the remainder of a pleasant evening passed all too quickly with the relation of anecdotes and reminiscences, which ranged from experiences in Ireland to incidents at Bethnal Green, from quaint Devonshire epigrams to wanderings among the bells and foundries of Belgium and France. The gathering was one to remember.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION. A SPLENDID GATHERING AT CROYDON.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Croydon, on Saturday, February 8th, there being present members from Ashted, Beddington, Benhilton, Burstow, Carshalton, Chislehurst, Croydon, Camberwell, Deptford, Dorking, East Molesey, Ewell, Epsom, Guildford, Horley, Isleworth, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Merton, Merstham, Reigate and Wimbledon. Owing to sickness near the church the members refrained from ringing at St. John's, but the beautifully toned ring at St. Peter's was set to Grand sire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and London Surprise Major during the afternoon.

The Master and members attended a special service at five o'clock at St. John's Church, the Rev. D. L. Lycett officiating and giving the address.

At the invitation of Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston upwards of 150 of the members and their friends partook of tea in the new canteen in connection with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Clock Factory and Bell Foundry, and this was followed by the usual business meeting of the Association.

An attempt had been made to gain the attendance and interest of those in whom the care and custody of the bells is vested by specially inviting the clergy and churchwardens of the 31 towers affiliated to the Association to this meeting. Letters of apology for absence were received from 13 Rectors and Vicars—the remaining 18 were not present, and the churchwardens were represented by one each from Beddington and Christ Church, Mitcham.

The Ringing Master (Mr. J. D. Brewett, C.C., of Mitcham) was elected to the chair, and in a short address, urged the attendance of members at the Memorial Service for ringers fallen in the war at St. Clement Danes Church on the 22nd February, and made sympathetic reference to the death during the past year of the late Vicar of Kingston—the first and only treasurer of the Association for 33 years—of another old honorary member, the late Canon Wilson, of Mitcham; of Samuel Greenwood, of Streatham, one of the few remaining foundation members, and of other performing members who had made the supreme sacrifice in the war. At the mention of one name the meeting rose in silence to testify their sympathy with the Master in his bereavement in this direction.

A return from 19 of the towers showed that 96 ringers had served in the war with 27 casualties, including 20 deaths. The members resolved that to perpetuate the memory of all those ringers of the affiliated towers who had joined His Majesty's Forces since August 1914, a 'roll of honour' should be entered in the illuminated post-record volumes of the Association, and that, if possible, printed and framed copies be hung in each of the 31 towers.

The Treasurer's account showed a considerably reduced income, due in part to members on service being excused payment of subscriptions, but, as no meetings had been held during the year, the expenses were small and the credit balance had been increased.

Peal ringing, which had been in abeyance since the outbreak of hostilities on grounds of sentiment, as well as for practical reasons, was reported to have recommenced since the signing of the Armistice, the first celebration of this event being at Christ Church, Epsom, followed at St. Giles, Ashted, on St. Paul's Day, and at St. Martin's, Epsom, on the 1st inst.

Two new honorary members were elected—the Vicar of Wimbledon and Mr. Vincent Iveson, the acting churchwarden of Beddington, and a large number of performing members were added to the roll, including several lady ringers who were well represented at the meeting, and who included Miss Edith K. Parker, the secretary of the Ladies Guild.

The President (the Lord Bishop of Southwark), the Master, the three District Secretaries, the auditors, and the five honorary members of the committee were all re-elected. The office of treasurer was accepted by Lt. Cyril F. Johnston, who for the past eight years had acted as hon. secretary, and at whose instance the Southern and Western Districts had been created, but whose professional responsibilities had of late so increased, consequent upon the death of the senior partner of the firm of Gillett and Johnston, that it was no longer possible for him to carry on the detail duties appertaining to the office. No other volunteer being forthcoming, the secretarial duties were accepted, with the applause of those present, by the previous holder of the office for 16 years, Mr. Chas. Dean, captain of the belfry of St. Peter's, Croydon.

Two members brought before the meeting the desirability of introducing and fostering in the district the little heard but most musical and vital art of raising and falling the bells in peal.

Captain J. H. R. Freeborn (of Sutton) voiced the sincere appreciation of all the members by moving a well-merited vote of thanks to Lieut. Johnston for the hospitality again extended to the Association in receiving and entertaining them at their annual general meeting for the second year in succession, thus cementing the kindly feeling that has always existed between the old firm of the Croydon Bell Foundry and the Surrey Association.

Votes of thanks were also heartily accorded to the Rev. D. L. Lycett for the service and his address—to the Vicars and churchwardens of both churches for their ready assent to the use of the bells, to the

respective steeplekeepers, and to the Master for the conduct of the meeting.

At the close, the members were further entertained at a vocal and instrumental concert at the instance of Miss Nora Johnston, who was assisted by Captain Freeborn, Messrs. Wright and Waller, and the Misses Jeffries and Scott, while Captain Kingston presided at the piano.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Derby District was held in St. Andrew's belfry (Derby), on Saturday week, members being present from Darley Dale, Duffield and Derby, and visitors from Burton. The following district officers and committee were elected: Chairman, Mr. W. Wallace; committee, Mr. A. C. Wright and Mr. T. White; secretary, Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, Derby.—Nominations for general officers of the Association: President, Mr. J. W. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. R. B. Chambers (Derby); treasurer, Mr. W. C. Wakley (Burton).—Delegates to Central Council: Mr. J. W. Taylor, Mr. J. Griffin (Burton), Mr. Willson (Leicester), Mr. A. C. Wright (Darley Dale).—A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ACTIVITY IN NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Nottingham on Saturday week. The ten bells at St. Mary's Church were kindly placed at the disposal of the Association for the occasion by the Rev. Canon Field (Vicar). Members and friends attended in goodly numbers, and thoroughly enjoyed the privileges of ringing on the peal. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Previous to an adjournment for tea, the business of the day was transacted, the Rev. C. J. Sturton presiding, and the following committee being elected: Mr. E. R. Cobbin (chairman), Messrs. E. C. Ghey and C. F. Vickers, with Mr. Thos. H. Kirkby as local hon. secretary.

With a view to awakening interest in change ringing and in the Association, it was decided to hold monthly ringing meetings at various towers, St. Mary's, Bulwell, being chosen for the first meeting to be held on Saturday, March 1st, if possible. It is proposed to advertise these meetings through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' and the 'Ringers Corner' in the 'Nottingham Weekly Express,' and to make a small collection at each meeting to defray expenses, such as postages, honorarium to steeplekeeper, etc. It is hoped that these meetings may be well attended, and that they may be a means of establishing change ringing in towers where up to the present nothing of the kind is seriously attempted, and, incidentally, bringing new blood into the ranks, thus helping to carry out the objects of the Association.

W. E. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A well-attended meeting of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. The bells, a fairly easy-going peal of eight, were set going shortly after three o'clock, the ladies opening the proceedings by manipulating the ropes themselves. Various short touches were afterwards rung by mixed companies until 4.30, when a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. E. Badger), who extended a very hearty welcome to the Guild.

Adjourning to the Schoolroom, an excellent tea, provided by Mr. James George, was in readiness, to which about 50 members and friends, presided over by the Vicar, sat down.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the service and presiding at tea; also to Mr. George for making such excellent arrangements and providing tea.

This part of the programme being over, the sterner sex again visited the tower for a touch of Double Norwich, whilst the ladies proceeded with their meeting. It was decided to change the place for the half-yearly business meeting to a more central position, King's Norton being the place selected.

Several new members were elected.

Ringing was indulged in by mixed companies, until about eight o'clock, when the visitors began to disperse for home, after another enjoyable meeting.

BROTHERS MEET.

At Selby Abbey, on Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Caters, was rung by: Pte. J. W. Hall 1, Corpl. G. Morley 2, J. Jackson 3, Pte. H. Morley 4, E. Storr 5, W. A. Hall 6, E. Cryer 7, W. Hinton 8, H. Fairman (conductor) 9, G. Rippon 10. For evening service, 576 Grandsire Caters was brought round by the same band. These touches were rung to celebrate the meeting of Pte. H. Morley (returned prisoner of war) and Corpl. G. Morley (who is home on leave). These two ringers are brothers, and this was the first time they had met since 1914.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

AXMINSTER BRANCH FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Burnham-on-Sea. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, and a choral service, at which the Association form was used, was held at St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. Preb. G. L. Porcher and the Rev. A. St. John Gray officiating. The choir led the singing, and the lesson, from Numbers x., was read by Mr. C. E. Montgomery. The address was delivered by Prebendary Porcher, who reminded the ringers of their important and sacred calling, and said they had to thank God for a better standard of bell ringing now than in the past, not only in the quality of the ringing, but in the tone of the ringers. There was a real spirit of service among the ringers, who put a very real spirit of reverence into the work they did.

After tea, at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Prebendary Porcher presided at the annual meeting of the branch, being supported by Mr. G. Chamberlain, hon. secretary; two lady ringers from Bleadon, and members from Burnham, East Brent, Bridgewater, Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare, and Berrow, and by Mr. A. E. Webster, and Mr. J. Prior, churchwardens of St. Andrew's Church.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Gerald Steer, George Steer, Forest Bird, Leslie Ham and Albert Stone (Brent Knoll); Miss N. Teek, Miss N. Hill, Miss P. Perkins and Miss C. Flower (Cheddar); Miss L. F. Scolchmer and E. N. Baily (Bleadon); Messrs. Philip Johnson and William Colem (Berrow); Miss K. Bailey, Miss D. Bryan, Miss G. Spratt, Messrs. Anthony Body and Henry Bailey, junior (Badgworth).

The Secretary (Mr. G. Chamberlain) presented the annual balance sheet. The receipts for the year totalled £9 16s. The expenditure was £4 18s. 10d., the balance on the year being £4 17s. 2d.

The Secretary submitted his report for the year. They, by the death of their hon. president, Preb. R. Hayes Robinson, had a great loss in July, when almost suddenly he died. He had been their president four and a half years, and as was his habit with all things with which he was connected he took the keenest interest in the work. The year had been very successful as regards meetings and attendance. The annual meeting was held at Burnham, 31 members were present. The quarterly meetings were held at Uphill, Cheddar, and Weston-super-Mare, with an average attendance of 32. He thought that a very good average considering so many of their members had been serving with the forces or on work of national importance. He hoped they would soon see the members again in their places in the towers to which they belong. They were deeply indebted to the ladies who had given so much time to learn to ring, and who had filled the places of men who were called up. He was very pleased to see the ladies had made very good ringers during the year. Five honorary members were elected and seven probationary members. They might congratulate themselves that they had been able under most trying circumstances to hold together, and he trusted they would soon be able to ring for the declaration of peace, and that each band in the Deanery would do their best to make the branch even more successful during 1919 (applause).—The report was confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF A PORTRAIT.

The Chairman said he thought it might interest all the members to know that he had received from Miss Hayes Robinson, sister of Preb. R. Hayes Robinson, the late president of the Axbridge branch, a portrait of her brother. He read a letter from Miss Hayes Robinson, in which she stated that the order for the portrait of her brother was given some time ago, and she had only just received it that morning. It seemed strange that it should be delivered on the same day that they were holding the festival of the bell ringers. She asked him, the Vicar, as coming from her to give the portrait of her brother to the bell ringers.

Mr. G. Chamberlain received the portrait, which was much admired and gratefully accepted by the Branch.

The Rev. Preb. G. L. Porcher was elected president, and Mr. G. Chamberlain was re-elected hon. secretary.—The Vicar and churchwardens were cordially thanked for their kindly reception of the Association, for the service, and for the use of the bells. Thanks were also accorded to the organist, and to the host and hostess.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting should be held at Brent Knoll.

FOR FALLEN HEROES.

On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service at the Parish Church of St. Martin's Church, Tipton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1259 changes) was rung in 48 mins., by: H. P. Smith 1, J. Smith 2, J. Small 3, W. R. Small 4, T. W. Cattel 5, H. S. Smith 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, G. William 8. This touch was rung with the bells half-muffled for a memorial service held in the above church for those fallen in the war, and especially those belonging to the above parish,

NOTICES.

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

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.

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.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Hon. Sec.

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.*)

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Etab. 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. Practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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', Pendleton, Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m.; business meeting 5.30 p.m. The tower of St. Mary Magdalene will also be open.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bulwell Parish Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, District Secretary.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Silverdale, on Saturday, March 1st, 1919. Please notify Mr. T. Birch, Chapel Street, Silverdale, of how many intend to be present not later than February 26th.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 51, Dunrobin Street, Longton.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on March 1st, when the bells will be open from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Green Dragon at 5.15, 1s. 3d. members, non-members 1s. 6d.; business meeting after, at which the Vicar will preside. Short service in Church at 6.45. All members and friends will be made welcome. Will all who possibly can, notify me of their intention to be present?—W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Herts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hon. District Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wellingboro' District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock; service at 4.30; tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 8th, 1919. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m., or any hour after 10 a.m. if pre-arranged with the Secretary of the Association. The Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Morgan, M.A., has very kindly consented to hold a short Service in the Church specially for ringers and friends. The usual

business meeting will be held in the schoolroom, and the election of three committee-men. Messrs. Cockey, Dronfield and Panther are retiring, but are eligible for re-election. All members who are entitled to the new emblems may have the same on notifying the Secretary, and producing their entrance fee certificates.—Frank Willey, Sec. *pro tem.*, 11, Petre Street, Sheffield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Widford, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available 3.30. Particulars re tea next week. Please notify me before the 5th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice at St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

ACTON, LONDON, W.—Practice at this Church has been altered from Wednesday to Thursday, 7.30 till 9 p.m.

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