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MESSRS GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1919.
Gentlemen,

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

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The last issue of 'The Ringing World' completed the eighth year of the publication of this journal, and the passing of this 'milestone' has been an event marked by mixed feelings. Coinciding with it has been the presentation to the Editor of a gift which, by its kindly conception, its practical sympathy and its warm encouragement, is overwhelming in its expression of good-will. It shows, at a time when anxieties are great and the future to some extent uncertain, that the efforts which have been made to keep a ringing journal in existence have been widely valued. The kindly feeling towards the paper and its Editor which the presentation embodies is, we can assure our readers, deeply appreciated.

But, as we have remarked, the completion of another year's appearance has stirred mixed feelings, and our readers will perhaps forgive us if we indulge in just a little plain speaking—not in any sense in a spirit of ingratitude, but to show how utterly beyond the control of those who produce the paper are many of the things of which complaint is not infrequently made. We are only too painfully conscious of many of the paper's shortcomings, and no one will be better pleased when the days of the emaciated sheet are past. But the grumblers have no conception of the difficulties which have confronted the production of 'The Ringing World' through the latter years of the war: the paper restrictions; the enormous rise in the cost of paper; the great and not unjustified increase in the cost of labour; the falling off of support—much of it necessitated by the absence of men overseas. All these things made difficulties which, had one's own desires and interests been alone consulted, would have put an end to this, as it did to many scores of other journals serving limited interests.

An answer to the chief of the complaints against the paper will be found in a speech reported elsewhere, but let us say here that it has been the regulations of the Paper Controller which have limited the number of pages—and indirectly the quality of the paper—and it is this restriction which has caused all the trouble over the belated appearance of some reports. Not unnaturally, perhaps, every contributor thinks his contribution should have preference, but while the number of pages is limited, and the amount of matter received exceeds the space available two or three times over, something has got to be sacrificed, and somebody disappointed. No one, however, feels more concern on this subject than does the person who has to decide upon what has to be cast aside.

When, later on, the restrictions are removed, then, under one condition, we shall return to that former state of things which made 'The Ringing World' popular in the Exercise.

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We are ready and anxious to do our part, but if ringers desire a journal of their own, they must be prepared to do their portion also. To those who have, through good times and ill, steadfastly and loyally supported 'The Ringing World,' we return our grateful thanks, but the one condition upon which it is possible to go back to a larger paper is that the circulation shall be at least doubled. Is that too much to ask of the Exercise? We think not. If each reader would get one new subscriber the thing would be done, although of course there is every reason why the effort should not stop at one new supporter. We promise this, that the paper will progress in size and interest in proportion to the support given to it. Peace is bringing a revival in ringing, and its demands press heavier every week. The war killed one ringing journal; do not let peace destroy that which remains. The position can be retrieved in a month if ringers are sufficiently interested—if they are not, do they deserve a paper? They may love the art, but where would the art and half their interest in it be without a ringing journal? Let us have evidence of the desire of the Exercise and all will be well.

MEMORIAL PEALS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

HERBERT STANSFIELD Treble	TOM WILDE 7
CHARLES BOWER 2	JOHN LEIGH 8
HARRY HEAP 3	SAMUEL BOOTH 9
WILLIAM BRAMMER 4	BENJAMIN GILL 10
JOSEPH MELLOR 5	BENJAMIN THORP 11
JAMES SHAW 6	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of ringers fallen in the Great War.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES.

WILLIAM LEESON Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.	HUBERT SHEPHERD 6
STANLEY BRAGG 2	JAMES E. GROVES 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN 3	JOHN BRAGG 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	WILLIAM KENT 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	HARRY SMITH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of the ringers of the British Empire who have made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

A Memorial Service in the Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Harvey Brooks) after the peal, which the ringers attended.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble	REEVES' TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.	WILLIAM IRELAND 5
WILLIAM HALE 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 6	
CHARLES WEST 3	FRANK COLE 7	
WILLIAM HASTINGS 4	JAMES SINGLETON Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung with the bells muffled for all the ringers who have fallen in the Great War.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

FRANK OAKSHOTT Treble	EDWARD T. GROVE 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	THOMAS TUTTIE 6
JESSE BEAMS 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
THOMAS MILES 4	THOMAS A. SHRUBB Tenor

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, and
Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for departed ringers who made the supreme sacrifice, and for Mr. Collyer Jones, Churchwarden at the above church, who was laid to rest on this date.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST FLETCHER Treble	PERCY J. POLLARD 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	JAMES F. GEORGE 6
SAMUEL BURGOWNE 3	HERBERT TURNER 7
WILLIAM THORNTON 4	HARRY HARRISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.
* First peal of Major.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in honour of those fallen in the war.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 30½ cwt.

RICHARD F. LANE Treble	WILLIAM SMITH 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	CHARLES HARRIMAN 6
HORACE STUBBS 3	EDWARD READER 7
WILLIAM PERVIN 4	WILLIAM THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to those ringers who have lost their lives in the Great War. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells since they were recast in 1899.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS ROLLERSON Treble	GEORGE H. HARGREAVES 5
THOMAS COLLINGE 2	JAMES H. BANKS 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	JAMES ROLLERSON 7
JACK BRACEWELL 4	ALEX. RIDEOUT Tenor

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by JAMES ROLLERSON.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect for ringers who have fallen in the war. The 4th ringer hails from St. Saviour's, Bacup, the 3rd and 6th from Helmshore.

MALDON.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent, and 1440 of Oxford Treble Bob.

J. H. WALDOCK Treble	G. W. MANSFIELD 4
A. SOUTH 2	H. J. MANSFIELD 5
*A. J. PEAKE 3	F. CHALK Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

*First peal. -Rung with the bells muffled to the memory of three Maldon ringers, Alfred Gozzett, Russell Claude Finch and Thomas Pettit, who have fallen during the war.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

HORACE BEDINGFIELD Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	NORMAN BAILEY 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH 3	FREDERICK J. H. SARA 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung with bells half-muffled in honour of fallen Ringers in the Great War, particularly Corporal H. P. (Bertie) Bonney, 2nd Essex Regt., one of the Framlingham company, killed in action, July 1st, 1916, near Colincamps, France.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HORACE HUTLEY Treble	HERBERT HAIGH 5
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
WILLIAM JOYCE 4	JOHN JOYCE Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.
Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in connection with the National Memorial Service for fallen ringers, also for Miss Nettleton, only daughter of Mr George A. Nettleton, who died on Thursday, February 20th.

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

On Saturday, February 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS',

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*THOMAS H. BICKNELL Treble	WILLIAM G. ANKER 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
†HERBERT C. SPENCER 3	WILLIAM J. MEERS 7
*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of all those who have fallen in the war.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANCES

Tenor 52 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 8
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 9
HENRY R. PASSMORE 4	THOMAS LANGDON 10
HENRY G. MILES 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 11
HERBERT LANGDON 6	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

Rung on the occasion of E. Horrex's 81st birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. James' Guild.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

EDGAR GUISE Treble	EDWARD J. RIDLER 6
ALFRED PEARCE 2	ARTHUR WALLACE 7
GILBERT PEARCE 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 8
EDWIN J. BROWN 4	*GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... 9
HARRY WAY 5	WALTER WALLACE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

Conducted by GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.

* First peal as conductor.

The band wishes to thank the Vicar (Rev. E. E. Neep) for the use of the bells, and also Mr. F. Jewell for having the bells ready and refreshment after the peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At St. Mary's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WALTER S. WISE Treble	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
CHARLES DEAN 2	JAMES PARKER 7
LIEUT. E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3	SERG. H. L. GARFATH ... 8
DAVID WRIGHT 4	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 9
CHAS. V. HARE 5	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday. First peal of Caters by C. V. Hare, who, with J. W. Hazell, was elected a member of the Association.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5555 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	TITUS BARLOW 7
GEORGE HOLLIS 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	WALTER ALLWOOD 9
FRANK JACOBS 5	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a welcome home to Signalmen W. H. Peabody, R.N., a late member of the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRIMSBY.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Thursday, February 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID SEAMER Treble	RALPH S. LONG 5
JOHN W. SEAMER 2	*PERCY H. PIGG 6
JOHN B. KENNINGTON 3	WILLIAM H. HUGHES 7
ALONZA W. LONG 4	EDWARD BROWN Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal in method.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Princess Patricia of Connaught to Commander the Hon. A. Ramsay, D.S.O. It is twenty-nine years since the treble man rang a peal.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY DURLING Treble	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
GEORGE DURLING 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
JAMES FORD 4	*THOMAS PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON Treble	LEONARD A. PYE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALFRED PYE 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	HARRY F. DAWKINS 7
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING Treble	JOHN LYDDIARD 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
ALBERT E. NEWICK 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
GEORGE F. JAMES 4	WILLIAM LYDDIARD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung as a welcome home to civilian life of J. Lyddiard, of the local band, after active service in France.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CPL. F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	*GUNNER EDWARD MILLS ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOAD 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
TRAYTON BOOTH 4	JAMES GOODSSELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to welcome home to civil life Cpl. F. J. Lambert (5th Buffs), of Horsmonden, Kent, and Gun. E. Mills (R.G.A.), of the local band, after over four years and two years respectively of military service. Cpl. Lambert was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for peal.

* First peal on eight bells.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES Treble	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
ALBERT DISERENS 3	JAMES N. FROSSELL 7
JOHN HOWES 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung as a welcome peal to the new Vicar.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

On Saturday, March 1st, a district meeting was held at Sawston, the following ringers being present: Messrs. D. H. Elliott, Great Henny, Sudbury; E. W. Beckwith, Coggeshall; A. Mason, London, E. Finch, and A. E. Austin, Great Shelford; Sgt. H. Beavis, R.F.C., and A. Truelove, Stapleford; J. F. Penning, Saffron Walden; P. Webb and F. Bowtell, Ickleton; E. G. Hibbens, Cambridge; F. Matthews and S. Nunn, Sawston. Despite the small attendance some very fair ringing was obtained, consisting of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Triples on the tower bells, and Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples on the handbells. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Nattress), who gave an interesting address.

Tea was partaken of at the White Lion, and at the conclusion the business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. Eight new ringing members were elected, six from Fulbourn and two from Stapleford. The Rev. R. Nattress was elected as an honorary member.

A discussion took place as to what could be done to advance change ringing in the Association. The Acting General Secretary suggested that a number of towers should be grouped, and combined practices held on Saturday afternoons at each tower in turn.—The meeting agreed that an attempt should be made to carry out this suggestion.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, expressed his pleasure in meeting the ringers, this being his first parish in which there were any bells. He said he had been asked by his wife to invite the ringers to pay another visit to Sawston later on, when they hoped to be able to entertain them at the Vicarage.—After the meeting further ringing took place until about 8.30 p.m., thus ending a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday last at the Church of All Saints, Sheffield. Upwards of fifty ringers attended, representing fifteen towers, and the ring of eight bells were kept going in various methods from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until about 8 o'clock in the evening.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Morgan), assisted by the Rev. W. P. Wright, an active member of the Association. In the course of his address, the Vicar extended a sincere and hearty welcome to the members, and gave an interesting account of the history of church bells, revealing very many facts hitherto unknown to many of his listeners. Taking as his text the words of I. Corinthians x. 31: 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God,' the preacher reminded his hearers that they were ministers in God's House, and remarked that though the people outside the church might not hear the preacher's voice, yet they heard the sound of the bells and the message they conveyed.

At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rawmarsh, on June 21st.—The Vicar was elected as an honorary member of the Association, and four ringing members' elections were confirmed by the meeting. There being no other nominations the three retiring committee-men were re-elected en bloc.

After the usual votes of thanks, the handbells were requisitioned and touches of Grandsire Triples rung.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Western Branch was held at Powick. A variety of methods were rung, as well as rounds by the young ringers, several of whom were present.

A climb was made by a number of the visitors to the top of the tower, from which a large expanse of water could be seen, as both the Severn and Teme were in flood. The Vicar conducted service, and gave a practical address. The organist and choir led the singing, and thus greatly added to the brightness of the service.

The Vicar had kindly provided a tea, which was partaken of at the Coventry Arms, about 30 members being present.—At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, it was decided to attempt a quarterly peal at Powick, Mr. G. Checketts to be conductor; and to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hanbury.

Three young bands from Madresfield, Castlemorton and Powick, were elected, totalling two honorary and 20 performing members, thus showing a very healthy sign for this neighbourhood.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for all the good things he had done that day, and another move was then made to the tower, where Treble Bob and plain methods were rung, and thus completed a successful and enjoyable meeting.

FUNDS WANTED.

The peal of six, at the ancient Church of Stanton-on-Hine-Heath Shropshire, having been in a bad state for several years past, it has been decided to have them relung and put into good going order. A sum of about £50 is required, of which £20 has been raised up to the present. Before the war there was a promising Bob Minor band here, but no ringing can be done until the bells are put right. Funds are urgently required, and would be gratefully received by E. V. Rodenhurst, Heath House, Stanton-on-Hine-Heath, Shropshire.

JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

The thirty-first annual 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner was held at 'Ye Olde Royal' Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, and once again was attended with great success. This dinner, which despite the war, has been carried on without a break, since the 80th birthday of Johnson, always brings together a representative gathering of ringers, and many associations were represented on Saturday. For the 6th time, Canon Willink, the popular Rector of Birmingham, presided, and under his genial guidance the evening passed most pleasantly. He was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mr. John Taylor (President of the Midland Counties Association), Mrs. Taylor, Dr. Malins (churchwarden of St. Philip's), Mr. Albert Hughes (Master of the College Youths), Mr. A. E. Parsons (Master of the Worcestershire Association), Lieut. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. F. E. Dawe (London) and Mr. A. P. Smith (hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild). Among those present were Mr. C. E. Borrett (Vice-President of the Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. James George (Master of the Warwickshire Guild), Mr. W. E. White (hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association), Mr. C. Dean (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (of the 'Ringing World'), Messrs. J. Carter, W. H. Godden, J. H. Shepherd, W. Kent and T. Russam (Vice-Presidents of St. Martin's Guild), J. E. Groves (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mrs. Groves, Messrs. G. F. Swann and J. L. Wells (auditors), E. Horrex and A. Diserens (London), W. Idle (Dewsbury), and ringers in numbers, including about 20 ladies, from Crewe, Coventry, Derby and all the towers in and around Birmingham, the company altogether numbering about 125. An excellent repast was served, and the tastefully got up menu card and toast list was once more a treasured souvenir, for it was again freely interspersed with apt quotations, from Shakespeare to Asquith, for the unearthing of which Mr. Secretary Smith was as usual responsible.

A WELCOME.

After the loyal toast had been enthusiastically honoured, the Chairman said they welcomed among them that night Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who they were glad to see after his long and trying illness. They were also pleased to welcome the representatives of three of the greatest bell founding firms in the world. In Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, with his wife, whom they also gladly welcomed, were old friends. It would interest many of those present to know that to the Loughborough Foundry had fallen the very high privilege of receiving an order to instal in the Rotterdam Town Hall the most perfect carillon that he supposed there would be in the world. Nearly 50 bells were included in the order, and when it was completed by the end of the year, he thought they would all wish to go to Rotterdam to hear the commencement of their tuneful melody. They heartily congratulated Mr. Taylor upon it, and were delighted to know England was able to keep up her end in this way. They welcomed also Mr. Hughes, the proprietor of the ancient firm of Mears and Stainbank, and Mr. Johnston, of the firm of Gillett and Johnston. He felt the Guild were much to be congratulated on having these world famed bell founders in their midst, and if there was one other to whom he might extend a personal greeting, it was Mr. Horrex (applause), a veteran who was 81 on the previous Saturday, and who had been ringing in St. Paul's Cathedral ever since the bells were put there. In addition, they had with them about 20 ladies. Year by year they became a more and more important feature of that gathering, and they welcomed them most warmly.

Dr. Malins, in an interesting speech, proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' From time immemorial, he said, there had been union between them, and to-day the union was stronger and firmer, and more determined than ever, and more filled with the prospect of hope for the future of the many problems they had to meet at the present time. He touched upon the trials and the triumphs of the State, and upon its future under democracy. Turning to the Church, he said the old order had changed, and the Church needed to adapt herself to the requirements of modern times.

HENRY JOHNSON.

The toast of the evening, 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' was entrusted to Mr. F. E. Dawe, who made a characteristically felicitous speech, which was all the more acceptable for the personal recollections of the departed veteran, which he was able to relate. Those, he said, who never knew Henry Johnson had missed one of the privileges of life, and one of the joys of existence, for he was a strong personality. Although 53 years separated the birthday of Henry Johnson and his (the speaker's) own, they were the greatest of chums, and whenever he visited Birmingham in those days he never went there without visiting the old man. A ringing poet had written of the virtues of Halevy, Johnson and Cox, and the men who rang peals with those three illustrious ringers were necessarily few. He believed he was safe in saying that he was the only one left alive who enjoyed that wonderful privilege. They were all three wonderful men. They came there something like 110 years ago; they all lived to a good old

age, and they died about the same time. They had no education, but they were born mathematicians, and certainly Henry Johnson was the grand old English gentleman of them all. He lived in the middle of Birmingham, and, oddly enough, he lived in a wood, for he was the manager of a timber yard (laughter). When they met Johnson, they did not receive the usual salutation: 'Let's go and have a drink but he would say: 'Well, we can't stop and talk here, let's go and have something to eat' (laughter). Johnson had no enemies; he was the friend of all, and he was a marvellous old man in every possible way. With silvery hair and a bloom on his face, he was always smiling, and however disagreeable a man might feel, he could but be pleased when he met Henry Johnson. Mr. Dawe related the story of how, on the occasion of the dinner to celebrate his 80th birthday, Johnson was given the figures of a peal of Twble Bob, which were purposely false, and the falseness of which he at once observed. When asked how he did it, Johnson answered: 'I don't know how I does it but I does it' (laughter). He (Mr. Dawe) had heard Mr. Johnson speak of the illustrious men who had preceded him, and the pictures which he used to draw of them, brought those who knew him into touch with men who actually lived 180 years ago. Johnson was a ringing jewel of the first water. Nothing but the most rigidly accurate would satisfy him. He was just in every way; he was always ready to give credit and honour where it was due, and to assist anyone. He rang altogether 150 peals, the most noteworthy of which was probably on his 72nd birthday when he rang 9,238 Stedman Cinques. He conducted 50 peals, but he did not aspire greatly to bell calling, preferring to let that be done by anyone else who wished to do it. The speaker concluded by asking those present to drink in silence to the immortal memory of an illustrious man.

The toast was honoured in silence.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

Alderman Pritchett proposed 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' and in accordance with his usual custom gave a survey of the year. He first referred to the losses the Guild had sustained. One was, he said, their dear old friend and vice-president, Mr. Faux, who passed away on July 31st, 1918, and some of them were privileged to be present at the graveside, and to listen to the beautifully struck touch on the handbells, the music of which they hoped and believed he heard, and which must have rejoiced his spirit. He was, indeed, a good-old man. Another whom they had lost during the year was Mr. Thomas Verry, the worthy son of a worthy father. He passed away in September. With regard to the war, 37 of their members had served. Six of them would never come back. One of them had come back decorated with the Military Medal—Mr. E. C. Shepherd—who was with them that night (applause). Their friend, Mr. Taylor, he (the speaker) learned for the first time that night, had lost three of his four sons. He, indeed, had made sacrifices for King and country. He had their most earnest sympathy. Three of England's best had gone in those three sons; they hoped the fourth would long be spared to comfort him (hear, hear). It had been pointed out in an excellent article in 'The Ringing World' that that gathering had been held with increasing success throughout the war. That was quite true. It was the only gathering that had carried on through the war, with ever-increasing prosperity. The College Youths had to abandon their annual dinner, but they all hoped it would be resumed this year. That was the 31st anniversary dinner in connection with the Johnson commemoration, the first one, of course, having been held to celebrate his 80th birthday. There was at least one gentleman who had been one of the company on each of those 31 occasions and that was Mr. Tom Russam (applause), while Mr. John Carter had only missed one.

With regard to the work of St. Martin's Guild during the year there had been nothing very special; no record peals had been rung but throughout the war it had not only held those annual dinners, but had also held its usual quarterly meetings, and had always met with very great kindness and much hospitality. In particular they were indebted to their friend, Dr. Malins, for the very cordial welcome and great hospitality shown them on the occasion of their last quarterly meeting at the Imperial Hotel (applause). When the spire of St. Martin's Church was repaired they got up a little subscription among themselves, and realised the handsome sum of £26 11s. towards the work. They regretted that Mr. Rock Snall was unable to be with them, but at his great age of 80 years they could hardly expect him to come so far. On the other hand, they had with them Mr. Thomas Horton, who they congratulated upon his apparent complete recovery from his serious illness of a year or so ago. At King's Norton they had recommenced Sunday morning ringing, and on the preceding Saturday they unveiled a memorial tablet to the late Mr. William Palmer and Mr. Frank Withers, the latter being the only ringer the tower had lost in the war. Coming back to the Johnson dinner, the speaker said it was unfortunate they were unable to get a room to accommodate the ever-increasing demand. Some 40 applications for tickets had to be declined with great regret, but he hoped there would be no misapprehension about the matter, and that their friends in the country would bear them no ill-will, but would renew their applications next year when they were assured that accommoda-

tion would be found for all, even if the Town Hall had to be engaged (applause). He must again congratulate Mr. Paddon Smith, their secretary, upon the work he had done for the Guild, and the success of his arrangements for that dinner. He (the speaker) attended many public dinners in the course of the year, but he had never seen one managed so well. He thought last year's could not have been excelled, but he really believed Mr. Smith had excelled it (applause). He asked them to drink to the continued prosperity of St. Martin's Guild, with which he coupled the name of Mr. Smith.

(To be Continued.)

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICES.

SALISBURY GUILD.

The West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild came into line with many other Guilds by holding a memorial service to those who had given their lives in the recent war. On the outbreak of hostilities there were thirteen towers in affiliation with this branch, and from these towers alone no less than 137 answered the call of duty—a remarkably high average for any district. Of these, no less than 18 paid the full price of their loyalty. Thus, upwards of 13 per cent. of those who enlisted will never return. This, too, is a very high figure. But then the 'Dorsets,' in which the majority enlisted, has been one of the regiments to suffer most, whether in Flanders or Mesopotamia.

The service to the 18 fallen heroes took place at Bradpole on Feb. 22nd. The proceedings commenced with half-muffled ringing till 4.30 when the service was conducted by the Rev. S. Forster-Brown (Vicar). Other clergy present were the Revs. J. W. Coulter, J. A. Simmonds, A. Nedham and A. B. Hutton, together with a most representative body of ringers from the majority of the affiliated towers.

Tea and a business meeting followed the service; while more ringing brought a successful though sad meeting to a close.

TAUNTON DEANERY.

A memorial service to ringers of the Taunton Deanery who have fallen in the war was held at St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, and was attended by a good number of members of the Bath and Wells Association. The Rev. S. W. Payne conducted the service, and gave an appropriate address, in the course of which he paid a tribute to the men who had been their fellow-ringers, and whose loss in the war they mourned that day. He read the names of seven members of the deanery branch who were being specially commemorated. These were Harry Van Truim, William Fowler, William Fudge, Sidney Phillips, Harry Webber, Fred Norman, and William Weaver. The service included the hymns, 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul,' and 'They whose course on earth is over.' In the absence of Mr. Jakoubt, Miss Van Truim presided at the organ, and at the close of the service played the 'Funeral March' from 'Samson' (Handel).

The bells in nearly all the churches in the district were rung, muffled during the afternoon and evening.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE SERVICE.

The Memorial Service, held at St. Paul's, Bedford, by the Bedfordshire Association on February 22nd was attended by ringers from nearly all over the county. The service included hymns 165 and 193, Psalms 23 and 121. The first lesson was from the Book of Wisdom, 3rd to 9th verse. Prayers for the sick, bereaved and those who have died, were offered, and the Rev. Canon Speck delivered a short and impressive address, which was followed by the hymn, 'For all the Saints.' A special prayer for the ringers was afterwards sung, the congregation meanwhile kneeling. The 'Last Post' was sounded, and was followed by the 'Dead March in Saul' and the National Anthem. Muffled ringing took place both before and after the service, and was continued before the Sunday evening service.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

In memory of ringers who have fallen in the war, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Stebbing, Essex, were rung, half-muffled, on Saturday evening, Feb. 22nd, to accord with the arrangements made in London. At 6 p.m., a date touch of 1919 changes was rung in the following Methods: 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, 360 Double Court, and 119 Plain Doubles, by: A. Barker 1, E. Hynds 2, H. C. Young 3, H. P. Emery 4, J. T. Barker 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6. The bells were also rung half-muffled for the services on Sunday. For morning service 720 Double Oxford, and for evening service 360 Plain Bob were rung, the ringers standing as above. The Stebbing company have lost one member in the war, a promising young ringer, Pte. Edward Harry Emery, 15th Essex Regt., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Emery, of Stebbing. Pte. E. H. Emery joined up in the autumn of 1914, and was eventually sent to Egypt. He was in the first battle of Gaza, March 26th, 1917, after which he was reported missing. His parents were eventually officially notified that he was killed on March 28th, 1917. The loss of Pte. Emery was a blow to Stebbing company, as he was a keen ringer. He was also a member of the St. Mary's choir. Mr. H. P. Emery and family have the sincere sympathy of his fellow ringers in their bereavement.

BELFRY SERVICE AT ILFRACOMBE.

At Ilfracombe Parish Church, on February 22nd, muffled bells were rung from 3 to 4 p.m. in memory of the fallen ringers. The Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Johnson, conducted a short service in the belfry during an interval. After a Collect, the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' was sung, and Psalms 23 and 121 read. The lesson, taken from Wisdom iii. to verse 9, was read by the Rev. H. L. Pigot, of Atherington, and prayers for the mourners and bereaved were offered. The roll of honour, which was read, contained the names of Reginald Chapple, George Richards, Frank Dodds, Walter Phillips, and James Harris. After the Lord's Prayer, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung seven times, and the service concluded with the hymn, 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul,' and the Benediction.

At All Saints' Church, Martock, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung for the first time on the bells, and muffled touches were also rung.

On Feb. 22nd and 23rd, various touches, with bells half-muffled, were rung on St. Mary-le-Tower bells, Ipswich. It was originally intended to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques, but owing to the ill-health of five members this idea had to be abandoned.

At Godalming Parish Church, Surrey, on Saturday evening, Feb. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: C. Bish 1, W. Clissold 2, W. Hooker 3, V. Smith 4, C. Childs 5, J. Bartlett (conductor) 6, W. Fowler 7, E. Wood 8.

At St. Martin's, Caerphilly, on Saturday, Feb. 22, seven-6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung, half-muffled, in 35 mins.: H. Casel 2, W. Pike 3, A. Addicott 4, G. Cooke 5, P. Jones 6, F. Boucher (conductor) 7, T. Love 8. Rung after meeting one short for Triples.

At All Saints' Church, Eastbourne, Sussex, on Feb. 22nd, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins.: J. Newman 1, W. D. Smith 2, E. W. Bray 3, W. Jenner 4, G. W. Stokes 5, B. Hobbs (conductor) 6, A. Reid 7, T. H. Deadman 8.

At Portishead, Somerset, on Feb. 22nd, the bells of St. Peter's Church were rung, half-muffled, in memory of fallen ringers. After the whole pull and stand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by E. J. Goldstone 1, Miss N. Gillingham 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, T. Wyatt 4, F. W. May 5, Miss E. M. Hole (conductor) 6, W. Gillingham 7, J. Nisbet 8.

At All Saints' Church, Wokingham, on Feb. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: E. Clark (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Lush 2, G. Cole 3, W. J. Paice (composer and conductor) 4, W. Brooks 5, J. French 6, J. F. Mattingley 7, E. Brant 8. The Rector (the Rev. B. Long) conducted a short service in the belfry before the commencement of the ringing.

In connection with the National Memorial Service, the bells of Havant (St. Faith's) were rung, half-muffled, in the evening, two touches of Grandsire Triples being brought round, conducted by P. Hasted. The following ringers took part: F. W. Rogers, E. J. Harding, senr., E. J. Harding, junr., S. J. Harding, J. J. Symons, F. Burnett, R. Haster, W. Tate (Sunderland), R. Hopkins.

At Borden, Kent, on Feb. 22nd, after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung, and also 720 of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: W. Tassell 1, E. J. Dobbie 2, T. Dobbie 3, W. Spice (cond.) 4, Thos. Jull 5, J. Peck 6, W. Culmer 7, B. Peck 8. The ringers from this tower who have made the great sacrifice are M. Stains, F. Stains and George Mills.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HALLOW.—On Sunday, Dec. 1st, for evening service, a date touch of 1918 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins.: T. Lane 1, C. Bowkett 2, J. Batchelor 3, G. Checketts (conductor) 4, L. Clay 5, T. Bullock 6, G. Hinton 7, G. Jacob 8. Composed by Mr. George Hayward (Bromsgrove), and containing the 6th and 7th their extent together the right way.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, Dec. 1st, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 1080 Bob Royal: F. W. Neate 1, J. Morris 2, W. Powell 3, G. Hinton, senr., 4, G. Hinton, junr., 5, G. Checketts 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, W. C. Jones 8, W. H. Johnson 9, W. Edgington 10.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 12th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: T. Brown 1, E. Youngs 2, A. Oakes 3, J. Cutting 4, E. Poppy 5, W. Burrows 6. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble who had never attempted any change ringing beyond set changes previous to December 1st.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. R. Simmonds 1, O. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, H. Warnett, senr., 4, H. Warnett, junr., 5, Lieut. E. F. Blackwell, R.E., 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Arranged for Lieut. E. F. Blackwell, R.E., who was home on leave from France.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Christmas morning, at 6 a.m., 720 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. M. Spice 1, Pte. Wassby 2, G. H. Spice 3, Pte. Grove 4, W. Spice 5, Pte. Woolley 6. Also another 720 for Divine service at 11 a.m.

'THE RINGING WORLD' AND ITS EDITOR. PRESENTATION TO MR. J. S. GOLDSMITH.

A remarkable expression of sympathy and kindness towards the Editor of 'The Ringing World' was manifested at the Jonsson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday last, when Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was made the recipient of a handsome cheque, from the proceeds of the testimonial fund, organised by Mr. James George (who has kindly acted as non-secretary and treasurer), and subscribed to by ringers throughout the country.

Included in the toast list was 'Success to "The Ringing World," which was proposed by Mr. A. E. Parsons, Master of the Worcestershire Association, who congratulated the Editor upon having piloted his ship, or their ship, through the troubled waters caused by the war. They ought, he said, to congratulate themselves also that they still had 'The Ringing World' to give them information as to the progress of the art and the doings of their singular community. All papers had been reduced in size owing to the exigencies of the war, and 'The Ringing World' had not escaped, and he was also sorry to say that many who ought to support it had fallen away. Any one of the five parts of the paper he would mention was worth the twopence that was charged for the paper. He would challenge any ringer to say that the front page article every week, with its thoughtful suggestions or criticism was not worth the twopence. Then were the peal columns. Did ringers realise what a privilege it was to see their names figure in the peal columns, and how much time and expense this saved them in communicating with their friends to tell of their successes? Next there was the correspondence column. Even if they did contain letters from experts which everyone did not fully understand, a ringer with only elementary knowledge could gain from them some things which were most helpful to him, while frequently interesting questions were asked and answered. Then there were the reports of meetings and other gatherings which they were all interested in reading, and lastly, the notices. Without this facility for advertising their meetings secretaries would be put to great labour and associations to great expense; indeed it would be difficult, if not impossible to carry on. Every one of these sections of the paper was fully worth the twopence that was charged for the whole. It was estimated that there were 20,000 ringers in the United Kingdom. What a splendid paper they would get if every one of these 20,000 subscribed to it? He knew Mr. Goldsmith well enough to be able to say that they would get a full return for all the support they gave him, and he appealed to those who were present to go back to their towers and impress upon the ringers who did not now take the paper, the privilege they would get if they would only support it.

The toast was very cordially honoured.

The Chairman (Canon Willink) then remarked that they had come to a very interesting part of their proceedings. Mr. James George had originated a scheme which that night came to fruition, and he (Mr. George) felt, and legitimately felt, proud of its success. He had undertaken to raise a fund as a recognition of Mr. Goldsmith's work, and as an expression of their sympathy with him in his recent serious illness. As the matter was so closely connected with the paper it could not go through the paper, as it would have done had anyone else than the Editor been concerned, and Mr. George had, therefore, written literally hundreds of letters, and he was entitled to their warm admiration for the way he had worked upon this labour of love (applause).

Mr. James George, called upon to make the presentation, said he had been very pleased to hear what Mr. Parsons had had to say. He (the speaker) had, since the war, again been exploring the country, and what he had found—and it was borne out by the voluminous correspondence—was that in many towers only one paper was taken and passed round, and it was usually from these towers that the grumblers came. He hoped the cap did not fit anyone there that night; if it did, he trusted they would mend their ways. He hoped that those who took a copy of the paper would refuse to pass it round, so as to make the other ringers take it if they wanted to read it. With regard to the testimonial scheme to the Editor, it had been marvelously responded to throughout England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and volumes of sympathy had been expressed with Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith. He thought Mr. Goldsmith was to be congratulated, in such times as they had passed through, upon keeping the paper going at all. Mr. George then read a letter from the Master of the Essex Association, who, in sending a donation to the fund, suggested that Associations might do as the Essex Association had done for some years, go to 'The Ringing World' for the printing of their reports, etc. Continuing, Mr. George announced, amid applause, that the amount subscribed up to date to the testimonial was £160, and there were still many lists out. These, he hoped, would be returned to him promptly. Mr. George then handed to Mr. Goldsmith a cheque on account for £100, with an expression of the good wishes of the Exercise, and bringing the amount given to him up to £125.

Mr. Goldsmith, who was warmly received, expressed his sincere thanks to the members of the Exercise for their great kindness, for the sympathy which he had received on all hands in his illness, and for the remarkable expression of goodwill which had been shown that night. He was more touched than he could say, but he asked the

Exercise to believe that the kindness shown was greatly appreciated. Turning to the question of 'The Ringing World,' he dealt with some of the difficulties which had had to be faced through the war, and while regretting that the paper was not what anyone desired, pointed out that the position was brought about by exigencies beyond control. The size of the paper was limited, he said, by the restrictions on the amount of paper that might be used under the Paper Controllers' Orders, and this in turn affected the prompt appearance of many contributions, as it limited space, and there was always far more matter than could be accommodated. The quality of the paper was also a matter for which the restrictions were responsible, as printers had had to take what paper was offered them, whenever it was available, and at whatever price was asked. Then there was the question of distribution. He was proud to say that not once during the eight years of publication had the printers failed to deliver the paper promptly to the stipulated time, and the principle causes of delay had been the dislocation of train services throughout the country, coupled with a scarcity of labour. However, he hoped these difficulties would quickly disappear, but the anxieties were not past, for the cost of labour and materials would remain high, and the expense of production showed no signs of coming down at present. Coupled with this was the greater demands on space made by the revival of ringing, and he appealed to ringers to give the paper all the support they could in order that it might be made worthy of the Exercise. The future of the journal was in the hands of the ringers. In conclusion, Mr. Goldsmith again thanked the subscribers for their great kindness, and specially thanked Mr. George not only for the kindly thought which prompted the inception of the testimonial, but also for the infinite labour he had put into the work which he had carried out with such characteristically painstaking effort.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. MEETING AT DORE.

A meeting of the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Society at Dore was favoured with fine weather and a good muster of ringers. The bells, a handy good going set of 11 cwt., were raised shortly after three o'clock, and kept going in various touches until eight, the methods including Erin, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Duffield and Double Norwich Major, with a few courses of Bob Minor for the local youths, members of a new band who enjoyed a bit of open practice which the presence of more experienced hands made possible. The visitors included representatives of the following towers: Anston, All Saints, Sheffield; Handsworth, Norton, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, and Staveley. One new member was elected, and a vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens.—It was also resolved that the Memorial Service held in Sheffield Cathedral be recorded in the minute book.

THE LADIES' GUILD. WESTERN DISTRICT.

On Saturday, March 1st, a very enjoyable meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Weston-super-Mare. Sixteen ladies were present from Bristol, Bleadon, East Brent, Portishead, and Tickenham; also a number of gentlemen from various towers. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and tea was followed by a short meeting, at which Mrs. Wilkins presided.—Several new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the June meeting at Portishead, also to have a practice meeting at Thornbury in April.

The Rev. Norton Thompson (Rector) conducted a short service at 5.30 p.m., at which the Bath and Wells Association forms of service were used, and the Rector also gave a very interesting address.—The belfry was again visited afterwards, and ringing continued until 7.30 p.m.

HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the St. Albans District was held on Saturday, March 1st, at Luton, and members attended from St. Albans, Harpenden, North Mimms, Dunstable, Leighton, Sunbury, London, and the local tower. During the afternoon and evening, the following methods were rung: Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Major.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, and presided over by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the general secretary of the Association.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells.

MR. E. HORREX'S THANKS.

Mr. Edwin Horrex asks us to convey to his friends in London and the provinces his grateful thanks for their kind gift on the occasion of his 81st birthday, and for the congratulations and good wishes expressed towards him on that occasion.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—For evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 16th. 720 Bob Minor: G. H. Footitt 1, Miss Ida B. Thompson (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, Walter White (conductor) 3, William E. White 4, T. H. Kirkby 5, T. Squires 6.

MEMORIAL TABLET AT BATH.**UNVEILING CEREMONY IN ST. SAVIOUR'S BELFRY.**

The 28 years of faithful service as tower master at St. Saviour's Church, Bath, by the late Mr. James Fussell has been commemorated by a tablet erected in the belfry. The late Mr. Fussell was for 12 years local secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, and died in January, 1916, at the age of 57 years. The tablet erected to his memory is of carved oak, and is a handsome piece of work, executed by Mr. F. W. Cannings. Inset is a portrait of Mr. J. Fussell, and on it is the following inscription:—

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.—In affectionate remembrance of James Fussell, for 28 years tower master of this church. On January 20th, 1916, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following members. John Taylor 1., Frederick G. Rich 2., Albert E. Alexander 3., Charles Goodenough 4., William J. Prescott 5., Herbert E. Holder 6., Charles W. Bell 7., William Hayward 8. Conducted by C. W. Bell.—Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector; Lieut.-Col. Leigh, R.P.P., and C. J. Calvert, Esq., Churchwardens; James Tucker, Clerk.

The tablet was unveiled by the Rev. Wilkinson Markby, the Rector, in the presence of ringers representative of many of the churches in Bath. Among those present were: Lieut.-Colonel Leigh (churchwarden) ex-P.S. Fussell (brother of the late Mr. James Fussell), Messrs. R. Wake (towermaster of the Abbey), C. W. Bell (towermaster of St. Saviour's), T. Grant, H. Holder, G. Temple, G. Harding, F. Cannings, H. Alexander, F. O. Rich (hon. secretary of the local branch), J. Bell, G. James, J. Crocker, C. Goodenough and J. Taylor. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. J. Calvert (churchwarden), the Rector of Bath, and the Rector of Corston (Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers).

The Rev. Wilkinson Markby remarked upon the strong link between himself and the bell ringers of that church. They had been the first collective body in the church to shake hands with him, for immediately after his induction service he had gone to the belfry and met them. It was to him, therefore, a privilege and a pleasure to be asked that evening to unveil the tablet to one who for such a number of years had been the towermaster. The speaker referred to the tremendously improved ringing of late years throughout the country, and also to the spirit of esprit de corps that existed between ringers from belfry to belfry. The late Mr. Fussell, a man of splendid character, always, even in his last illness, took the keenest interest in everything connected with the church, particularly in the bell ringing. They felt it only suitable and right that his memory should be perpetuated. Those who had been privileged to have worked with him could only have derived benefit from the contact, for he always displayed the spirit of comradeship, of brotherhood, and of welcome. The tablet, said the speaker, was a great credit to the one who designed it, for it was a beautiful piece of workmanship.

Mr. Fussell thanked them for all the kindness and sympathy they had shown. His late brother was a man who loved his church and who had loved bell ringing.—The Rector was thanked for being present.

FORMER SHEFFIELD VICAR'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the Rev. Charles F. Knight, M.A., Rector of Frinton, and formerly Vicar of All Saints' Church, Sheffield. He was born in Tasmania, in 1856, and came to England in his early youth. After being educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, he took up a curacy in the Isle of Man, and subsequently at the Sheffield Parish Church, now the Cathedral. On the resignation of the late Rev. H. J. Shaw, M.A., he accepted the living of All Saints' Church in the year 1898. He joined the Yorkshire Association as an honorary member in the year 1900, and took a devoted interest in the welfare of his ringers. As far as his clerical duties allowed he also studied change ringing, although he never attained to a proficiency which enabled him to attempt peal ringing. His philanthropy endeared him to a large and influential congregation, and many hearts have been made lighter by his parochial visitation and his spiritual advice. While Vicar of All Saints', when the late Rev. F. Swainson was curate, his church could claim to have the largest Bible Class for men in Great Britain. It was no unusual thing to get a gathering of upwards of 1,000 men Sunday by Sunday, when the Rev. F. Swainson (who was the conductor of the class and one of the curates), was speaking on a topical subject. The deceased passed away on January 31st, after a short illness, and was buried at Frinton Church, the living of which he accepted in the year 1911. The Rev. W. S. Morgan, M.A., Vicar of All Saints', Sheffield, conducted the funeral service, and was assisted by the Rev. C. N. De Vine, M.A., and the Rev. C. R. Taylor, former curates under the deceased.

The ringers of All Saints' Church rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to his beloved and cherished memory: C. T. Ryder 1, W. Hammond 2, P. Gledstone 3, F. Shackleton 4, W. Stubbley 5, A. W. Gledstone 6, F. Willey (conductor) 7, T. Rew 8.

THE FOUNDERS' DINNER.

The name of Messrs. Chas. Carr, Ltd., bell founders, of Smethwick, should have been included among those who, while unable to be represented at the recent Bell Founders' Dinner in London, were fully in sympathy with the spirit of the gathering.

NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge branch will be held at Cam on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short Service at 4.30.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4 o'clock, which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A. Business meeting after tea. It is hoped that all outstanding arrears will be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, 15th March. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m. in Schools. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 20th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, 22nd March, bells available at 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 7, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, at Milnrow Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A memorial service will be held at St. Nicholas on Saturday, March 22nd, for ringers fallen in the war. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5.30. The Lord Bishop of Liverpool will preach. All ringers and friends welcomed.—Rev. E. C. Collier, Walter Hughes, Secs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting of this Society will be held at Armley, on Saturday, March 29th, 1919. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the White Horse Hotel at 7 p.m. for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. This meeting is important, and all members are asked to attend if possible. Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824.—A meeting for practice will take place at All Saints Church, Fulham, on Saturday, March 29th, at 4 p.m. A tea at moderate price will be provided in the adjoining kiosk, for which please notify the Hon. Sec., T. Walker, 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Chester Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 7, at which a peal board will be unveiled by Canon Elsee, M.A., President.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Will members please watch this column for further particulars?—E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Horbury Branch.—There will be a practice every Thursday at 8 p.m., also on the third Saturday in each month at 3.30 p.m., when all ringers will be cordially welcomed. All standard methods rung.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the subscription for 1919 is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Non-resident members and others are reminded that subscriptions should be paid at once to the respective District Secretaries, or to G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nominations for the election of general officers to be held at Easter should reach me by March 30th, in accordance with rules. Hon. Treas. is perforce retiring.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

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