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GILLETT & JOHNSTON CROYDON, Surrey. BELLS, CLOCKS, CARILLONS.

ASSOCIATION FUNDS AND WAR LOAN.

The controversy which has just been stirred up under the heading of "Patriotism and Profit," is more directly concerned with the action of the Essex Association in taking funds from the Post Office Savings Bank and re-investing them in War Loan, but it applies also to several other ringing organisations. Since the Government have floated great loans to meet the expenditure of the war, most of the ringing societies with nest eggs in the Post Office or elsewhere have taken what they felt to be the patriotic line, and transferred their funds to Government securities, and there is no doubt that where the money was moved from the national savings bank to war loan, it was moved with the most honest of intentions—not to make money out of the country's necessities by getting a higher rate of interest, but because of the belief that while in the savings bank the money was not at the service of the country for war purposes.

That is a view which has been widely held among the public, and it was because it had never been, so far as we are aware, publicly contradicted that we wrote to the Controller of the Savings Bank in order to get an official statement. We may add that before doing this we consulted a highly placed postal official, who was unable to give any definite information. If a person in a responsible official position was unable to clear up the point as to whether or not there was an advantage to the Government by the transfer of the funds, there is an excuse for outsiders. The Government have known of the wholesale transfer of deposits from the savings bank to the war funds, with the resulting increase of expense to the country by way of interest, yet they do not seem to be taking any steps to advise people generally. The Essex Association and those other ringing societies who have transferred funds were, we feel sure, animated only by the desire to help, even though, as it turns out, the result has been to improve the rate of interest at which the funds are invested, without assisting the country. We seriously doubt if the question of profit entered into the consideration of any one of them; at any rate we feel certain, if it did, it was only a secondary influence.

Where, however, there are associations whose reserve funds are not already invested with the Government but merely lie at interest with some joint stock bank or similar concern, it is not only right, but a duty, that these funds should be invested in war stock, for the need of "new money" is as great as the need for men and munitions. Every pound, just as every man and every shell, helps, and we hope that by this time there are no association reserve funds which are not "doing their bit."



St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5th, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. ODY Treble	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER	5
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	LOUIS A. WILSON	7
EX-SERGEANT J. WILLIAMS ... 4	CHARLES MUSTOE	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

This peal was arranged for Ex-Sergt. Williams, who was on a visit to his native home, and was rung after meeting short for Major, Mr. C. Mustoe kindly standing in and ringing the tenor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, August 3, 1916, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size, in B flat.

FRANK W. FERRENS... .. 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES	7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	ALBERT WALKER	9-10
THOMAS RUSSAM 5-6	JAMES GEORGE	11-12

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: MR. GEO. WALKER.

First peal of Cinques as conductor.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 5, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 1-2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON... ..	5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4	HARRY MIDDLETON	7-8
JAMES HEMMING 9-10		

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON.

Umpire: HARRY CHICKETTS.

First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung on the third anniversary of the composer's and conductor's first peal.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The President of the Hertfordshire Association, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, has been appointed a temporary Chaplain to the Forces, and is stationed at Clipstone Camp, Mansfield.

Leonard J. Wyman, of Thrapston, Royal Engineers.

Farrier Albert Feist, of St. Mary's, Billingshurst, Sussex, Royal Field Artillery.

ANOTHER RINGER KILLED.

Much regret was felt in Long Ashton, Bristol, when the news came that Lance-Corpl. Wm. Butler had given his life for his country. The news was conveyed to the deceased's parents from the chaplain that he was seriously wounded in action during the night of July 19th, and died a few hours after on the 20th. Lance-Corpl. Butler enlisted in the 6th Gloucestershire Territorial Regt. in the latter part of October, 1915. He was a member of the local band of ringers, and also of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. He had rung one peal of Grand-sire Triples. On Sunday the bells were rung muffled to his memory.

KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

The subscriptions towards the recasting of the cracked tenor bell at King's Cliffe, near Peterborough, now amount to £9 15s. 6d., the following amounts being acknowledged by the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Orlebar), to whom contributions should be sent: Linslade, 1s.; St. Peter's Guild, Chatteris, 5s. About £38 is needed, and ringers are earnestly invited to assist the fund, as without outside help, the parish is unable to meet the expense of replacing the bell.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

Solihull has ever been a popular rendezvous of Birmingham ringers, and a summer meeting there is always an assured success. It is a lovely old village just about seven miles from the city in a south-easterly direction, towards the Forest of Arden, well into "leafy Warwickshire," and not many miles from Meriden Cross, which marks the reputed centre of England. It is a famous place for roses, the air and the soil being particularly suitable, so that several of the ringers, who are also enthusiastic rose growers, have generally something to "bragg" about. The main street is a very wide thoroughfare, with shops—some large and modern—standing shoulder to shoulder with old half-timbered houses, one of the latter being dated 1573. Here also is the George Hotel, with its famous bowling green, said to be one of the oldest in England. It is supposed to have been laid by the Monks—Solihull was the seat of a Monastery in the dim and distant past—and the same gentlemen are credited with shaping the yew trees that stand round the green into peacocks and other bird resemblances.

But to ringers the chief attraction is, of course, the church and its bells—indeed it has to be when one is attending a meeting, and in an official capacity, too—but the writer must plead guilty to a longing for an hour or so on the green, and it was perhaps with just the faintest tinge of regret that he wended his way to the tower, and left the sunlight.

However, the massive central tower of Solihull Church contains a musical ring of ten bells, tenor about 20 cwt., and when these got going to Stedman Caters, thoughts of the bowling green gradually faded away.

A substantial tea was provided by Host Walker at the Mason's Arms Hotel, to which about 40 members, with their wives—and in one or two cases families as well—sat down. Everyone was soon busy "ample justice-ing," and it was a long time before instructions could be given for a slackening in the bread and butter cutting department.

The business meeting followed, with Mr. Vice-President Faux in the chair, when five new members were elected and it was decided to hold the next meeting at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, to the great delight of the Rector, who is very fond of them, but has not had the chance to hear much of them lately, owing to the fact that most of the members of his band have joined the colours.

The thanks of the members are due and are hereby tendered to the Rector for the use of his bells, and to Mr. Stanley Bragg, the genial towerkeeper, for the preparations he had kindly made for our visit.

These remarks ought not to close without mentioning how much the company of the ladies is appreciated on these occasions, and perhaps special mention may be permitted of Mr. Charles Williams' two daughters, girls of 18 or 19, who literally bubbled over with fun and were the life and soul of the party all the afternoon. A. P. S.

RINGERS' OUTING.**A LONG AND DELIGHTFUL MOTOR TRIP.**

On Saturday week the ringers of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, and a few friends, numbering 27 in all, had what will ever remain in their memory as a red-letter day. Although several rambles and smaller outings during the summer months had been greatly enjoyed, the trip on the above date which took them to the renowned Dukeries was the best of all. There had been great speculation as to whether the meteorological elements would be favourable for many a week, but as the time drew nearer the weather began to improve, and by the day of the outing was superb. The party left the church at 12.25 p.m. on their long motor char-a-banc tour, and proceeded through Mottram, leaving the beautiful and famous church on the right, a truly prominent landmark for miles around. Leaving Dinting and Glossop behind, they began a long steep ascent, until they reached the summit of the hill, from whence they viewed the lovely country for many a long mile. Arriving at the Snake Inn, a halt was made to refresh the inner man, after which they passed through the beautiful and peaceful villages of Bamford, Ashopton, Hope, Bradwell and Hucklow. Tideswell, with its beautiful and ancient church, truly named the Cathedral of the Peak, was reached at 3.45. Here arrangements had been made to have a ring on the bells, and the visitors were met by the leader, Mr. L. Chapman and his band of ringers, who gave them a hearty welcome. A good many people had assembled at the tower to see the Ashton ladies ring on these bells for the first time. After leaving Tideswell, the party passed through Millers' Dale, so sweet and peaceful in comparison to the roar of cannon and the booming of guns over yonder where the boys are fighting. Buxton, the goal of the journey, was reached at 5.55 p.m., and what ravenous appetites had been created en route! After full justice had been done to the good things provided by the hostess of the "Wilferforce" the party had a "free and easy," some taking a stroll along the beautiful esplanade, and others viewing the charming sights of Buxton from high vantage ground. The time for the return journey came all too soon, everyone feeling loth to leave such an enchanting place. The return was commenced at 8 p.m., and the journey home was made via Whalley Bridge, Disley, Hazel Grove, etc., Ashton being reached about 10.45 p.m. The party desire to express their thanks to the Vicar of Tideswell for granting them the use of the bells, also to the Rector of Burbage, near Buxton, who had kindly placed his bells at their disposal, but the time proved too short in which the visitors could avail themselves of the opportunity.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT MEETING.**

To have shady nooks in which to rest and roam on a hot day in August is always pleasant. Some of the members of the Middlesex Association and their friends experienced this on Saturday last, when nearly 40 attended, and a South and West District meeting were privileged to enjoy the well-timbered and spacious lawn of the Vicarage of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, which the Vicar (Rev. H. Vincent) had placed at their disposal for the afternoon. The Vicar, unfortunately, was away from home, but he had thoughtfully made arrangements for everything to be done for the enjoyment of those assembled. The ladies were, as usual, energetic and looked after the wants of the members at tea-time, and some enjoyed their tea in picnic fashion on the grassy slopes of the lawn, as every seat in the room was occupied.

After the tea Mr. Charles Woodbridge (churchwarden), on behalf of the Vicar, gave the guests a cheery and hearty welcome.—Mr. W. Lawrence replied, and in thanking the churchwarden for his kindly words, asked him to convey the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar for the use of his bells, and for entertaining them all so hospitably; and added how pleasant it was to have so many ladies present. These he thanked for their kind assistance.—The motion was seconded by the District Master, Mr. T. Beadle, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he was the bearer of sad news, for he had to inform the meeting that Mr. Arthur Hughes (head of the well-known Whitechapel Bell Foundry) had, a few days since, passed to the "land beyond."—The District Master proposed that a message of condolence and sympathy should be extended to the relatives, and the members concurred by standing in silence.

Everyone heard with regret of the continued serious illness of Mr. A. W. Grimes.

An appeal was made for funds to send a parcel of "goodies" to the lads of the "St. Andrew's Church Brigade," to which the members cheerfully subscribed. Sunbury was suggested as the next place of meeting by Mr. H. C. Chandler, district hon. secretary, and the selection was favourably received.

Six new members were elected: Miss Fuller, Rev. R. A. Hodges, and Messrs. E. Foster, R. Hughes, J. Milner, and A. Marsh. Five lady ringers were present at the meeting, the Misses Feltham, Fuller, Gorham, Honor and Williams, and in addition Mrs. and Miss Elson took tea with the party. Members and friends also attended from Acton, Camberwell, Ecclestone, Fulmer, Heston, Hillingdon, Harrow, Isleworth, Mitcham, Norwood Green, Old Windsor, Putney, Sunbury, Tottenham, Tunbridge Wells, Uxbridge, Walthamstow, Willesden and West Ealing.

Some of the party in the evening went to St. John's Church, where arrangements for the use of the bells had been made by Mr. J. J. Pratt. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, and some "rounds" for the juniors, a very promising one coming from Sunbury.

SALISBURY GUILD.**ENJOYABLE MEETING AT UPAVON.**

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on Saturday last at the venerable old Church of St. Mary, Upavon, and, it being a glorious summer day, was well attended by members from Devizes, St. John; Westbury, Trowbridge, Southbroom, Chirton, Upavon, Fittleton, Holt, and Beecingstoke, besides several ringers from the Central Flying School at Upavon. The Westbury contingent arrived in two motor-cars, and those from Devizes and Southbroom in a large brake and waggonette. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and at 4.30 the authorised Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. W. G. Hills, Vicar of Upavon (pro tem), with the organist and surplined choir in attendance. The Canticles, Psalms and hymns were well rendered, and most heartily joined in by the whole congregation.

A liberal tea was provided in the Parish Room, to which 42 sat down and thoroughly enjoyed the welcome repast, the head of the table being graced by the presence of the Vicar and his wife, and the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, Master of the Guild.

A short business meeting then took place, presided over by Mr. Sidney Hillier (chairman of the branch), supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. branch secretary.—Three new members from Upavon and two from Westbury were duly elected, and the Secretary announced that he had obtained another new honorary member, in the person of the Rev. H. H. Mogg, Vicar of Bishop's Cannings.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Upavon for the use of the bells and the room, and also for the service in church, to which he made a most kind and suitable reply. This terminated the business, and the ringers returned to the tower for further touches, some going also to All Saints' Church at Netheravon, where, by the kind permission of the Rev. E. A. Chorley, they were permitted to ring. Some good touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were successfully brought round at both churches. The return journey to Devizes was made in the cool of the evening, the Westbury party starting rather earlier to enable them to ring at Erchfont on their way home. Thus a most pleasant and satisfactory meeting was brought to a close.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—For evening service, on July 2nd, a quarter-past of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: G. Watkin 1, H. Burton 2, W. Essery 3, E. Nash 4, G. Cleave (conductor) 5, J. Hiscock 6, H. Mance 7, A. Sheppard 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BRAINTREE.

The annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Saturday, at Braintree, where 70 members from different parts of the county assembled, together with visitors from more distant places. This was the first occasion upon which the Association had held its annual meeting at Braintree, and the visit aroused a great deal of interest in the old town. During the afternoon and evening the Parish Church bells and those at Bocking and neighbouring parishes were rung by succeeding bands, and touches in a variety of methods brought round. It was originally intended to hold the meeting at Braintree on Whit-Monday, but the decision to cancel that general holiday caused the ringers' visit to be postponed. The experiment of meeting on a Saturday afternoon proved most satisfactory, a very successful gathering, enjoyed by all, being the result. Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., who has been Master of the Essex Association for seven years, is chairman of the Braintree Urban District Council, and to him the welcoming of such a number of distinguished ringers to Braintree proved a very congenial task. Beside the visitors from all parts of Essex there were others from St. Margaret's, Westminster, London, Lavenham, and other places. Those present included Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon; Mr. L. W. Wiffen, of Wyke Regis; Mr. S. J. Collins, of Wandsworth; and Mr. W. Pye, of Leytonstone.

THE SERVICE.

A short service was held at Braintree Parish Church at 4.30, when intercessory prayers were used, and special mention was made of those members of the Essex Association who are serving their country at home and abroad. The address was given by the Rev. J. H. France, M.A., Vicar of Braintree, from the words: "In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses, 'Holiness unto the Lord,' " Zech. xiv., 20. The Vicar stated in this passage the prophet set forth a glowing description of a golden age which he, in common with many others of the prophetic band, saw afar off and were glad, even in the midst of the desolations and afflictions which at the time encompassed them. They saw, even as the Apostle John did in later days, a vision of a new Heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, a time when the earth shall be filled with the Glory of God, as the waters cover the sea. The distinguishing feature of that golden age was for all of them holiness, the consecration to God of all things. The thoroughness and completeness of this vision was shown in the passage quoted, for even the bells on the trappings of the horses should bear the same inscription as the High Priest in his sacred ministry wore upon his forehead, holiness unto the Lord. This was one of the very few places in the Old Testament in which bells were referred to—there was no reference at all in the New Testament, though cymbals were there spoken of. Small golden bells formed part of the fringe on the sacred robe of the High Priest, and tinkled musically as he went about his solemn duties.

THE PRODUCT OF CHRISTIANITY.

But of bells such as were known now, and in whose glorious far sounding music the world rejoiced, there was no mention in the Bible, because they were unknown. To the sacred feasts and solemn assemblies the people were summoned by the sound of trumpets. There was no such thing in ancient pre-Christian days as peals of bells, and it was not until the Christian era had run four hundred years that church bells were introduced in Italy. Change ringing was essentially the product of Christianity. He (the Vicar) had seen large bells in Buddhist monasteries, but only single ones, and he could remember some of them were rung steadily and monotonously by water power. To the Christian Church alone belonged the honour of consecrating peals of bells to the service of God and His sanctuary. Upon them, in glad anticipation of the time foreseen by the Prophet, the church had written "Holiness unto the Lord," so effectually that the very thought of bells called up a vision of the House of God; their sound suggested to all, even those who did not respond, an invitation to that House where the bells were erected. As the ringers swung the bells in the lofty steeples they were working for God, and dealing with holy things set apart with solemn prayer to God's service. The ringers should think of the high calling to which they were called, and ask themselves what manner of men ought they to be who thus minister in God's sanctuary? Well might the ringers pray, as their hands fling forth the pealing cadences over hill and vale, that their hearts might be made and kept clean, so their lives might ring true among their neighbours, no false notes, no jangling discords, but melody unto the Lord. Ringers were working with God, to gather men in from all sides to his house, where God specially revealed himself. The ringers should ask themselves, as they rang, what ought those to be who were thus honoured to walk in step with God in the great work of calling men to His service?

WORKING FOR GOD AND MAN.

They were working for man as well as God; to awaken in the hearts of all to whom the melody of the bells came thoughts of God, of Heaven, of home, and of things dear and holy. It might be that someone whose heart had long been deadened might hear the bells, and remember his boyhood home, the sweet bells that called to prayer, the mother who loved and prayed for him, and he might be led to listen to the far flowing invitation of the bells. Ringers should let their prayers go out with the music of the bells, so that the invitation should not appeal in vain. But ringers should beware of being like

guide posts only, which directed, but did not go. They should not only call to worship, but should be there themselves as often as possible. Ringing could be made an act of worship, and ringers should not call only to the feast of worship and praise, but should themselves take their places at the board, and let those whom they had called realise the sincerity of the call. The Vicar welcomed so many ringers to the town of Braintree and its ancient parish church. They thought of other ringers who were doing their strenuous part on the battle front by sea and land, one out of every seven members of the Essex Association. They thought of some whose earthly service was ended, and looked forward with hope and longing to the day when the tyranny of war should be overpast, when the nightmare of militarism should vex no more, to the day, surely not far distant, when from every tower and steeple in our blessed land should peal out the nation's rejoicings over full and complete victory, and a lasting peace.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After the church service, tea was served at the Institute Hall, where Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., presided, supported by Sir Fortescue Flannery, Bart., M.P., the Rev. J. H. France, M.A., the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (general secretary), Messrs. J. C. Garrard and C. F. Blanks, churchwardens of Braintree, and officers of the Association. The annual business meeting followed.

The Master said it was a great pleasure for him to welcome so many members on the occasion of their first annual gathering at Braintree. The meeting was originally fixed for last Whit-Monday, and had to be postponed when the public holiday was abandoned, but the attendance of ringers quite justified the decision to hold the meeting on a Saturday. He announced that Mr. A. W. Ruggles-Brise, J.P., C.O., who had arranged to preside at the Whit-Monday meeting was not able to be present, so he (the Master) took the chair. Letters of regret had also been received from the Rev. C. J. Ward, Barnston; Mr. T. H. Faulkner, Barking; Mr. H. S. Barnes, Sible Hedingham, and Mr. G. A. Black, Woodford.

The annual report was then presented, as already published in "The Ringing World," and adopted, on the proposition of Mr. W. H. Dyson, seconded by Mr. Penny.—The balance sheet was likewise adopted, on the proposition of Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. F. Rudkin.

Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., was unanimously re-elected Master, and in accepting the office, said he would serve the Association to the best of his ability in the coming year. In the year just closed the Association had not been able to carry on its work so extensively as in the past, but they must endeavour to make as many members as possible. In a great many towers ringing had all but ceased, and those who would teach young members were engaged on munition work and otherwise. He was very glad to say that some of the older members, who had left off ringing, had gone back to several towers in the county, and thereby were helping to keep the ringing bands together, and were so maintaining ringing in Essex (applause).

GREETING FROM THE BISHOP.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, who was unanimously re-elected hon. sec. and treasurer, said he had been in the office for 25 years (applause). He read a message from the Bishop of Chelmsford, giving a kind greeting to the ringers.

The Peal Committee and the auditor were also re-elected.

The Rev. J. H. France, Vicar of Braintree, was elected an hon. member; Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, Swindon, and S. J. Collins, Wandsworth, were elected hon. resident life members. Mr. Wm. Pye, of Leytonstone, was elected a ringing member of the Essex Association.

The Master announced that Mr. Hughes, of the firm of Mears and Stainbank, had passed suddenly away, and he proposed that a vote of condolence be sent to his wife and friends. This was agreed to by all the members standing.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Romford, when the Master stated he hoped they would meet under happier conditions than now prevailed in the world.

AN M.P.'S INTEREST.

The Master thanked Sir Fortescue Flannery, Bart., M.P., for attending the meeting. He said Sir Fortescue had taken up the matter of restoring the church tower and bells at Wethersfield, and this work would be carried out. Sometimes, when ringers heard of restorations of country church bells, they wondered whether the work would be done satisfactorily, but Sir Fortescue was patron of the living of Wethersfield and Lord of the Manor, and from his interest in the church and the parish, ringers could rest assured that Sir Fortescue would see that the Wethersfield bells were placed in good ringing order. The attendance of Sir Fortescue Flannery at the meetings had greatly encouraged the members, and they were much indebted to him.

Sir Fortescue Flannery said he appreciated very highly the compliment paid him. Familiar as those present were with the practice and science of bell ringing, they could understand his ignorance of the art, but he appreciated already the melodious sounds of the bells, and such feats as that of Mr. Pye and the band who rang the clock round in a continuous series of changes on the bells, was an extraordinary exhibition of mental and physical endurance. It was really splendid that in a service such as bell ringing, which had all the attractions of music, and was part of the public worship of our churches, that such service should contain possibilities of expanded knowledge and progress. Even Mr. Pye would say there was in bell ringing something which even he had not learnt, and so there was infinite progress to be made in the art. By attending the ringers' meeting that day, he (Sir Fortescue) had become possessed of a new enthusiasm, and in future he

should take a deeper and more active interest in the admirable proceedings of the Essex Association (applause). In the old days bells were rung for purposes for which they were no longer used to-day; the curfew rung each night for lights to be extinguished, and people were summoned to market, and to work by the sound of bells. Clocks had done away with the general utility of bells in those respects, but the beauty and music of bell ringing still remained. He hoped the ringers would long be able to enjoy their pursuit, and that those who had gone forward to serve their country come back again, and every success attend the Essex Association in future (applause). Sir Fortescue concluded by moving a vote of thanks to Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Essex Association, for the active services he had rendered, and this was carried with applause.

VOICES OF THANKS.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Braintree, churchwardens, organist and choir for the services rendered. The Vicar of Braintree, responding, said he hoped the ringers would soon come again to Braintree for their annual meeting.

The Master said the new Vicar of Braintree was just the man for ringers. When he first came he went up to the belfry to meet the ringers, and showed an interest in their work.

The meeting then closed, and the members dispersed to the towers at Bocking, Braintree and Felsted, where some excellent touches of London and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandfire Triples were performed, and so ended a very happy and successful annual gathering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary Cray, and during the afternoon touches in various methods were accomplished. Service was held at 5.30 p.m., about 30 members being present. The Association form of service was used, and a very interesting address was delivered by the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (Vicar).

An adjournment was then made to the Parish Room for tea, the Vicar and Mr. W. Beer (churchwarden) sitting down with the company.

A short business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Beckenham was selected as the place for the annual district meeting, on the third Saturday in October. If this tower is not available, the secretary was requested to try for Eynsford.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for presiding; to Mr. W. Beer (through whose perseverance St. Mary Cray now possesses one of the best rings of six in the district) for his kindness in meeting the ringers, and to the organist for his help at the service.—The Vicar and Mr. Beer, in reply, said it had been a great pleasure to them to do what they could, and hoped the Association would pay another visit to St. Mary Cray.

The tower was then again visited till 9 p.m., and ringing brought a successful meeting to a close. This was the first occasion the Association had held a meeting at St. Mary Cray.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

By way of a change the weather was of the choicest brand for the meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society at Treeton on Saturday, the "confines" of the ringing room being a little too confined owing to the heat, so much so that one touch was quite sufficient for the majority of the visitors, who quickly adjourned to the shady churchyard, where the handbells were pressed into service until tea-time. During this necessary interval Anston ringers turned up in force, and the tower was again visited, and "London" was soon in evidence; in fact, it was going strong when the writer was "hying" away homeward. The other towers represented were: Beighton, Chesterfield, Dronfield, Norton, North Wingfield, Rammoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, and the local company, not forgetting Miss Constance Johnson, quite a young lady, who has the right kind of ability, and in good company will make an addition of some merit to the ringing members of the fair sex.

FORMER GUILDFORD RINGER'S LOSS.

Many ringers in this country, and particularly in the Winchester Guild, will learn with the deepest regret of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Willshire, wife of Mr. Charles Willshire, of Montreal, and formerly of Guildford, Surrey. Mr. Willshire, before migrating to Canada, was a prominent member of the Winchester Guild, being chairman of the Guildford District, a member of the Central Committee, and a representative of the Guild on the Central Council. He was a member of the Holy Trinity band, and one of the company that helped to make Guildford famous as a handbell ringing centre. In Mrs. Willshire he had a wife who took the keenest interest in ringing matters, and their home in Guildford was always open to ringing visitors, who were certain of a warm welcome. In addition Mrs. Willshire took an active part in movements for the betterment of the working classes, and when she and her husband moved to Canada, their departure was much regretted. Mrs. Willshire died in the General Hospital at Montreal on the 10th of last month.

Mr. and Mrs. Willshire's son is in the navy, and their daughter, Mrs. W. G. Allum, of Montreal, is now on a visit to Guildford, her husband being in France on service with the Canadian Force.

PATRIOTISM AND PROFIT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It was a happy idea of yours to ascertain the official opinion from headquarters whether the transference of funds from the Post Office at 2½ per cent. to War Loan at 4½ per cent. was a patriotic or useful action; although I knew what the answer would be before I first wrote on the subject. The official declaration that such action "does not assist the country" endorses my strictures up to the hilt.

I do not wish it to be taken that I suggested that the increased percentage was the sole incentive of the Essex Association. If such were the case then it would deserve to be called "Patriotism (new style) in the Essex Variation," but it is plain that both Mr. C. H. Howard and Mr. Penning were thinking of the possible greater advantage to the nation. The replies of both gentlemen have taught me nothing. This "student of finance" having both bought and sold the 4½ per cent. stock, I quite anticipated what the reply would contain—and also something it did not!

For instance, the common idea that the Association was lending to the State for 25 years, was merely prima facie. As a matter of fact it does nothing of the sort. The 4½ per cent. stock is negotiable. If the Essex Association wants its money back it knows full well that, having dealt through the Post Office, the "P.O." will realise the stock at a minimum brokerage for its clients—that it clearly stated in the prospectus.

Again, Mr. Penning's statement that the 2½ per cent. in a "gift," is almost oriental in its childish simplicity! Does not Mr. Penning know that any bank in the world will give 2½ per cent. on deposit accounts? And does he really think that they give this percentage as a "gift"—for the sake of philanthropy? A look at their balance sheets would enlighten him, I think.

A nation in its death struggle—such as we are engaged in at present—must raise money, and although it appeals to those with money to invest to help their country by lending to the State, as being possibly the only way they can help at all, it must not be forgotten that those who lend are not doing it for nothing. They are obtaining a higher rate of interest than is obtainable elsewhere—with the State security behind it, for if the country fails in this war, everything else fails with it.

The public is being plundered cruelly by those who control its markets, and cannot help itself, but anyone jealous of the honour of ringers must not look on and see any Association of Ringers join the—yes, the words I used in my previous letter I see no reason to alter—"shylocks out for their pound of flesh!"

After the Controller's letter, sir, confirming my indictment, what remains to be said? If the Essex or any other Association mean "Patriotism" and not profit, only one course remains: that is to realise the 4½ per cent. stock and put back into 2½ per cent. as before, and to which they are only morally entitled. The test of patriotism is within their hands, and the eyes of the ringing world are upon them. Now! is it patriotism or profit?—Yours very truly,

Leicester.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

PATRIOTISM OR PRINCIPLE?

To the Editor.

Sir.—The reply received from the Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank does not, to my mind, dispose of the question at issue; and I still maintain that it is patriotic to transfer funds on principle.

The reply states "that money left in the Post Office is lent, etc." Quite so; but it is on quite a different basis. I know of people who will not transfer for the very simple reason that, although an increased interest is attached, they like to feel that their money is ready to hand: and I am fully aware that "the mere transfer from one security to the other does not assist the country," if a guarantee is given that the money will be left. That is the point touching both sides of the question.—Yours,

J. F. PENNING.

Saffron Walden.

TAUNTON.—On June 25th, at St. James' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Millard 1, J. Maddock 2, W. Cording 3, J. Matthews 4, W. Evans 5, S. Phillips 6, E. E. Burgess (conductor) 7, W. Tarr 8. Arranged for S. Phillips, who was joining the army.

CRAWLEY.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, June 25th, for evening service, 1216 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 42 mins.: F. W. Rice (conductor) 1, Pte G. Ellis (Royal Flying Corps) 2, W. Clayton 3, J. Rice 4, G. H. Croucher 5, F. T. Hoad 6, H. A. Hoad 7, A. Ellis 8. Also 288.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 25th, for evening service, 1260 Union Triples: F. Pitts 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, J. Collett 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8. For evening service, on July 2nd, 1260 Grandfire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, J. Collett 5, H. Gillett 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On June 30th, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: A. Webb 1, G. Ransom (conductor) 2, W. New 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, T. Beadle 5, H. Brooks 6, W. Lawrence 7, W. J. Dickens 8. The composition of this 720 contained 42 singles, and the conductor has not called it for over 25 years.

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DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR HUGHES.

HEAD OF THE FAMOUS WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY.

With profound regret we have to record the death of Mr. Arthur Hughes, the highly respected proprietor of the world-famous Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Mr. Hughes died suddenly at his residence in Whitechapel Road on Wednesday in last week, and the news of his demise will come as a great shock to his innumerable friends and acquaintances throughout the country, whose deepest sympathy will go out to the widow and family in the irreparable loss they have sustained. Only on the previous night, Mr. Hughes was among his London ringing friends at the meeting of the College Youths, of which he was hon. treasurer, and of which his son, Mr. Albert A. Hughes, is now Master. He then seemed to be in his usual buoyant spirits, and none could have imagined that his end was so near. He attended to the Foundry business in the customary way the next morning, but later was found dead in his bedroom. Had he lived until the 13th of this month he would have been 55 years of age. His death removes from



THE LATE MR. ARTHUR HUGHES.

ringing circles another prominent figure, and adds to the severe losses which the Exercise has sustained in recent months by the removal of so many of its leading men.

Mr. Hughes leaves a widow and three sons. Of the latter, the eldest, Mr. Albert A. Hughes, and the youngest, Mr. Leonard Hughes, are in the business. The second son, Mr. Robert Hughes, was not connected with the firm, and at present is serving in the Rifle Brigade in France, where he has been through some of the stiffest of the recent fighting.

As head not only of the oldest firm of bell founders in the world, but of the longest established private commercial concern in London, Mr. Arthur Hughes occupied in certain respects a unique position. He was known in almost every corner of England, for his business affairs had taken him from time to time not only to most of the cities and towns of the kingdom, but to a great many of the villages, and his affability and urbanity had won him hosts of friends among church authorities and ringers. In London ringing circles his genial disposition and large-heartedness were well known, yet he never sought the limelight, for he was of a retiring nature. But his great and persistent ambition was to maintain the traditions of the ancient and well-

known firm, to the direction of which he succeeded, and the Whitechapel Foundry never had a more successful period than under his proprietorship.

TRADITIONS OF ANCIENT FIRM MAINTAINED.

Born at Lambeth in 1861, Mr. Hughes, who in his early youth was articled to a civil engineer, first became connected with the firm of Mears and Stainbank in the year 1881, at a time when the late Mr. John Mears had an interest in the business, but when the late Mr. Robert Stainbank was the only active partner. The latter at that time was anxious to add Governmental casting work to the activities of the foundry, and Mr. Hughes entered the service of the concern to organise that department. But Mr. Stainbank died in 1883, and when Mr. Lawson, his son-in-law, took over the firm this part of the business was not proceeded with. At the time of Mr. Stainbank's death, Mr. Waskett, the manager, retired, and Mr. Hughes was appointed to fill the place, which he did with the greatest success, and added to the already well-established prestige of the firm.

On Mr. Lawson's death, in 1904, Mr. Hughes took over the business from the executors on his own account. Mr. Hughes carried into the concern not only practical knowledge and indomitable energy, but also a readiness and ability to adapt an old business to new requirements. It was at the Whitechapel Foundry that the first bell-tuning machine was set up, and where, also, Canon Simpson carried out his first experiments. Mr. Hughes possessed one special gift, which was of exceptional value to him in his business, and that was an extremely acute ear, so that he was able to take the pitch of a bell with the minutest accuracy. And in this connection one recalls an interesting story of Canon Simpson. The Canon desired to add a new treble to his peal of five at Fittleworth, Sussex. Mr. Hughes went down to the church to take the pitch of the existing bells, and after he had done so the Canon desired to test it with his instruments. When he had done so he was not perfectly satisfied with the note Mr. Hughes had taken, and set a tuning fork himself. An argument ensued, the result of which was that Mr. Hughes made an offer to Canon Simpson to select which fork he liked for the new bell, the condition being that if his own were chosen and the bell proved to be wrong, he should pay the cost of recasting, and if Mr. Hughes' were selected and the resulting bell was out of harmony with the rest, the firm should bear the cost of recasting. The Canon, however, did not seem prepared to back his own opinions to this extent, and the bell was tuned to Mr. Hughes' fork and when it took its place in the tower with the rest the Canon had to admit that the "splice" was perfect.

Mr. Hughes was a most energetic man, and until quite recently did all the belfry inspections himself, travelling many thousands of miles every year, and up to the time of his death he did the lion's share of this part of the work. The tuning also used to be done under his personal supervision.

NOTABLE CONTRACTS.

Among the more notable contracts carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry during Mr. Hughes' proprietorship were the rehanging of the peal of twelve (tenor 53 cwt.) at Bow Church, Cheapside; rehanging the twelve and recasting the tenor (50 cwt.) at Southwark Cathedral, rehanging the twelve (tenor 41 cwt.) and recasting the eleventh at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill; the restoration and augmentation to twelve of the bells at High Wycombe (tenor 31 cwt.) and Cheltenham (22 cwt.); the restoration and augmentation to ten of the rings at Tewkesbury Abbey and Wrington, Somerset (tenor 37 cwt.); the rehanging of the peals of ten at Newark (33 cwt.) and Wrexham (25 cwt.); the new peal of eight (tenor 25 cwt.) at Woburn, for the Duke of Bedford; the new peals of ten at All Saints' Church, Hertford (tenor 25 cwt.), St. Peter's, Brighton (tenor 25½ cwt.), Brantford, Canada (tenor 32 cwt.), Chicago University (tenor 22 cwt.), Hingham, Massachusetts, where the bells are facsimiles of ancient bells round Hingham, Norfolk, and the peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) at the Perkin's Institute for the Blind, Watertown, Boston, U.S.A. The three last-named peals were hung for ringing to encourage the art in the United States. In addition to the above, Mr. Hughes cast the 52 cwt. bell, the gift of the Duchess of Norfolk, at Westminster Cathedral, and, last year, the five-ton hour bell and quarter bells for the Westminster chimes for the British Centenary Memorial Tower, Buenos Ayres.

CONNECTION WITH THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Mr. Hughes' practical ringing career began soon after his first connection with the Whitechapel Foundry because he realised that a man ought not to attempt to give advice on the hanging of church bells unless he was himself a ringer. He first learnt to pull a bell at Whitechapel Church, but his change ringing was learnt at Bethnal Green, under that most able of all tutors, Matthew Wood, and the two to the time of the latter's death, remained on terms of the closest intimacy, and many a good tale could Mr. Hughes tell of the veteran, who, martinet though he was in the tower, was as straight and true, in his professions and practices, as a gun barrel. Mr. Hughes remained for many years a regular Sunday ringer at Bethnal Green, and extended his change ringing knowledge with the College Youths at Spitalfields, and at the society's regular practices when they used to take place at Stepney, St. George's-in-the-East and other towers. But he was never an enthusiast for peal ringing. He enjoyed an occasional peal, and had altogether rung about 30 on eight and ten bells in the standard methods, but he kept no exact record. His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples, rung at Bethnal Green in January, 1887, and called by Mr. Matt. Wood. When, after Mr. Matt. Wood's

death, regular ringing fell through at Bethnal Green, Mr. Hughes became one of the Sunday service ringers at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, where, needless to say, he will be much missed.

Association with Bethnal Green naturally carried with it membership of the College Youths, and Mr. Hughes was one of the most respected members of the Ancient Society, which he joined in 1883, and took the keenest interest in its affairs. He had held the office of treasurer for a good many years, he was Master in 1908, and for a considerable period, also, he represented the Society on the Central Council. Many are the proprietors of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry who have been members of the College Youths, and in the list of members will be found the following, with the dates of their election: 1748, Thomas Lester; 1752, Thomas Pack; 1775, William Mears; 1790, Thomas Mears, junr.; 1850, Charles Mears, George Mears and John Mears. But in addition to his connection with the College Youths, Mr. Hughes was a member of a great many other ringing societies.

Since the war began Mr. Hughes had acted as a special constable in the Metropolitan Police, and had done a good deal of arduous duty in the force.

Muffled ringing to his memory has taken place at Southwark Cathedral and Walthamstow.

The funeral took place on Wednesday last at Ilford Cemetery, and ringers and members of the special constabulary attended to pay their last tribute of respect.

At the annual meeting of the Essex Association, on Saturday, a vote of condolence with the late Mr. Hughes' family was passed, and a similar vote was also carried at a meeting of the Middlesex Association at Hillingdon.

The famous old business of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry passes to the hands of Mr. Hughes' sons—Mr. Albert and Mr. Leonard Hughes. The former is already widely known in connection with the firm, and, in addition to being, as already mentioned, the present Master of the College Youth, is a keen and able ringer.

THE FOUNDRY'S GREAT HISTORY

Few firms in this country can claim an equal period of unbroken trading as the Whitechapel Foundry, whose history is specially interesting to ringers, and may not unfittingly be recapitulated at this moment. Its history goes back for three and a half centuries, if not more; to a time before it was the general practice to hang bells in peals; before ringing on methodical lines was dreamt of, and nearly three-parts of a century before "Lord Brereton, Sir Cliff Clifton, the Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Dacre, some of the City Aldermen, and many of the gentlemen in the vicinity of the college," met at St. Michael's, Paternoster Royal, and founded the Society of College Youths.

Robert Mot is the first of the Whitechapel bell founders of which there is any authentic record, although the antiquarian, Mr. H. B. Walters, in "Church Bells of Essex" gives ground for believing that one, Robert Doddes, preceded Robert Mot, for a few years, working from 1567 to 1575. Moreover there are records at St. Mary's, Lambeth, to show that there was a foundry at Whitechapel in 1520, while the accounts of St. Mary-at-Hill, prove that in 1510 there was "Paid to the skryven, for makyng of ye Indenture betwixt William Smith bellfounder and the parish, that tyme arbytrours Mr. Robyns and Mr. Jentyll, and for Wyne, xvijd."

But there is no question as to Robert Mot's connection with the Whitechapel Foundry which we know to-day. His foundry was on the other side of the road to the present one, where Essex Street now is. Robert Mot was succeeded in 1606 by Joseph Carter, who had been in the bell founding business at Reading since 1579, and who continued to live at Reading himself, entrusting the management of the foundry at Whitechapel to his son, William. After his father's death, in 1609, the son continued at Whitechapel, and on his death, Thomas Bartlett, who had been long in the service of the family, became the master founder. This was in 1619, and he lived until 1632. One, John Clifton, according to Mr. Walters, worked the foundry from that time until the outbreak of the Civil War, whereafter Anthony Bartlett appears on the scene, and James Bartlett succeeded Anthony in 1676. James Bartlett died in 1700-1, and then Richard Phelps obtained a lease of the premises. Under his management the foundry assumed a much greater importance. He cast, among other bells, the hour bell at St. Paul's, the tenors at Winchester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, and the tenor at Bow. The two last were cast in the year of his death, and bear his name and that of his successor, Thomas Lester. Richard Phelps, according to Mr. A. D. Tyssen in "The Church Bells of Sussex," directed in his will that the lease of his house should be made over to Thomas Lester. But this apparently did not take place, for in the same year (1738) Lester built the present foundry on the site formerly occupied by the "Artichoke" Inn, a well-known coaching house in its day. About 1750 he took Thomas Pack into partnership with him, and on his death directed that Pack should take William Chapman, Lester's nephew, into partnership on equal terms. Chapman had previously been foreman or superintendent of the foundry.

THE ROMANCE OF THE MEARS' FAMILY.

In 1762, when they had to recast the big bell at Canterbury, they found it more convenient to do the work on the spot than to carry the bell to London and back again. William Chapman was sent down to perform the task, and while engaged in this business saw among the bystanders a young man who seemed to take unusual interest in the proceedings. He offered to take him back and teach him to be a

bell founder, an offer which was accepted. This young man was William Mears, who, after both Pack and Chapman had died, carried on the foundry from 1784 to 1787. The history of the firm through a hundred years of Mears' management is found in the various names appearing on their bells; viz.: W and T. Mears, 1781-1791; Thomas Mears, senr., 1791-1804; T. Mears and Son, 1805-1809; Thomas Mears, junr., 1810-1844; C. and G. Mears, 1844-1858. After this date the name of Mr. Geo. Mears was the only one used until 1865, when Mr. Stainbank joined the firm, and to this day the name of Mears, first introduced about the year 1782, remains in the title of the firm, around which the passing centuries have gathered a dignity, a respect and a reputation second to none in the history of bell founding.

BEQUEST FOR BELL RINGING.

£1,000 FOR BINGLEY.

A generous bequest has been made to Bingley Church, Yorks, by which the future upkeep of the bells is assured and the ringers' salaries are to be augmented. This gift of £1,000 has been made by Mrs. Jane Foxcroft, of Bailey Hills, Bingley, who died on June 12th, aged 85, and left estate of the gross value of £3,522, of which £3,499 is net personalty. By her will she left the residue of her estate in trust for a niece for life, and, subject to her interest, £1,000 to the Vicar and churchwardens of All Saints', Bingley, for the upkeep of the bells and the augmentation of the salaries of the bell ringers in memory of her father, who was bell ringer there for 62 years, desiring that a tablet shall be erected to his memory. The ultimate residue of the estate is left to the Bingley Cottage Hospital and the Bingley Temperance Institute, in equal shares.

All Saints', Bingley, has a peal of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs., in F), and the band has been affiliated to the Yorkshire Association since its foundation.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read in "The Ringing World" with interest to-day the letter by "A. T." re the publications of the Central Council, also the remarks which followed, and thought it was about time someone took this matter up.

I have several times noticed references to these publications, and, a few months ago, had occasion to refer to them for a special purpose, but had no idea where to obtain them. It was only after making inquiries through older ringers that I managed to obtain the copy I required. There is no doubt that there are many other young ringers interested in this matter.—Yours faithfully,
A. J. P.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Winscombe, a Somerset beauty spot, on Saturday week. Fine weather avoured the event, and, as a result, a fairly good attendance of members was present from Bristol, Bridgwater, Burnham, Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Bleadon, Hantspill and Winscombe. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Dodd (the Vicar), who gave a very inspiring address. Tea followed at Bird and Sons' Restaurant, 32 members being present, including some lady members. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. A. Dodd.—One new hon. member was elected, and East Brent was selected for the next meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for arranging the service, the address and the use of the bells, which were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grand sire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

A HELPING HAND.

At a meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancs Association, held at Horwich on June 17th last, it was proposed that a subscription be raised on behalf of Mr. J. Potter, of Walkden, who has been ill for six months, and unable to follow his employment. Mr. G. Pincott, the hon. secretary, has now had great pleasure in handing over the proceeds of the collection to Mr. Potter, the amounts subscribed being as follow: Rev. H. J. Elsee, 10s.; Deane Ringers, 14s.; Newchurch Ringers, 10s.; Walkden Ringers, 8s.; St. Bartholomew Ringers, 7s. 6d.; Bolton Parish Church Ringers, 6s. 6d.; the Saviours' Church Ringers, 6s.; Holy Trinity Ringers, 5s.; St. George's Ringers, 3s.; a friend, 2s. 6d.; total, £3 12s. 6d. Mr. Potter wished Mr. Pincott to thank his brother ringers for their kindness and generosity, and hopes he will be amongst them again soon.

WRITTLE BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

The fine ring of eight at All Saints', Writtle, Essex, hung by the firm of Mears in 1811, is now to be completely overhauled by the same firm. The tenor and sixth will be recast, the other bells quarter-turned, and the whole ring re-tuned; the fittings generally being renewed with modern improvements. The cost, it is understood, will be defrayed from the accumulations of a fund for the repair and upkeep of the Parish Church.

DEATH OF A LLANDAFF RINGER.

MEMBER OF CATHEDRAL BAND DIES WHILST IN TRAINING.

With much regret we have to announce the death of one of the most genial of men, Mr. Tom Cox, one of the Llandaff Cathedral band, and a member of the Llandaff Diocesan Association. Like so many other ringers he had responded to the call of duty and joined the Welsh Guards, and whilst in training at Tidworth Camp, died suddenly on July 26th. The news of his death came as a great surprise to his fellow ringers, for he seemed such a strong, fine fellow. He was held in the highest esteem by all ringers who came in contact with him, for he always had a bright, genial, level-tempered way with him. He had taken part in several peals.

To show their high regard and respect for the deceased the ringers at the Cathedral, Whitechurch, and St. John's, Cardiff, rang their bells half-muffled, the touches including the following:—

At the Cathedral, on Saturday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), by E. Coles 1, J. Harris 2, J. Pitcher 3, J. Clutterbuck 4, W. B. Biss (conductor) 5, J. W. Jones 6, S. Dawe 7, J. Aldridge 8.—On Sunday, August 6th, 476 Grandsire Triples, a visitor from Bridgwater 1, F. J. Bailey 2, J. Pitcher 3, W. B. Biss 4, W. Bolton 5, A. Rowley 6, S. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. Aldridge 8.

At Whitechurch, on Sunday, August 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes): J. Pitcher 1, W. B. Biss 2, L. Wright 3, T. Woods 4, F. J. Bailey (conductor) 5, S. Dawe 6.—At St. John's, Cardiff, on Sunday, August 6th, 503 Grandsire Caters: S. Williams 1, J. Harris 2, H. Day 3, E. Coles 4, F. Chamberlain 5, F. Edwards 6, W. Bolton 7, J. Clutterbuck 8, A. Rowley (conductor) 9, S. Barker 10.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

The restoration of the bells at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, after the fire of a few months ago, has now been completed, the work having been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk, under the personal supervision of Mr. Fredk. Day. The 7th and 8th have been rehung, and new fittings added where necessary. Another improvement has been carried out, by the removal of the sawdust under the bells, and replacing it, under each of the back eight by a thick layer of Abbey's flag wool. This has modified the metallic sound of the bells, which are now heard to perfection in the ringing chamber.

The bells are now once more available for ringing, but owing to the depletion of the local band, through the war, the members do not now meet on Tuesday evenings, but generally on the last Saturday afternoon in each month.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A meeting of members of the Warwickshire Guild for combined practice was held at Stoke-in-Coventry, when ringers put in an appearance from Allesby, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Leicester, and the local band, the result being that some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were brought round.

On Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at the same church, in 43 mins., by J. H. White 1, W. J. Smith 2, H. J. Balcome 3, E. H. Johnson 4, J. Herron 5, W. T. Cox 6, A. Roberts (A.S.C.), conductor, 7, F. Braxington 8. Also two courses of Double Norwich, with F. Pervin (A.O.C.) standing in. This was rung as a farewell to E. H. Johnson, who was joining His Majesty's forces.

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By W. PAGE, WORCESTER.*

23456	23456	36425	
42356	7 in and out at 3	43625	S 1 and 89
25346	8 in 3	32645	8 in 2
54326	8 in 3	24635	8 in 3
35426	9 in 3	62435	9 in 3
43526	9 in 3	46235	9 in 3
32546	8 in 3	63245	8 in 3
24536	8 in 3	32465	8 in 3
52436	9 in 3	23465	9 in 3
45236	9 in 3	42395	9 in 3
53246	8 in 3	36245	8 in 3
24356	8 in 3	64235	8 in 3
32456	9 in 3	26435	9 in 3
43256	9 in 3	42635	9 in 3
35246	8 in 3	23645	8 in 3
54236	8 in 3	34625	8 in 3
25436	9 in 3	63425	9 in 3
42536	9 in 3	46325	9 in 3
23546	8 in 3	62345	8 in 3
34526	8 in 3	24365	8 in 3
53426	9 in 3	32465	9 in 3
45326	9 in 3	43265	9 in 3
52346	8 in 3	26345	8 in 3
34256	8 in 3	64325	8 in 3
23456	9 in 3	36425	9 in 3

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—On May 14th, at St. Leonard's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins., as a farewell to Ernest Foxall, a member of the local band, who left the following morning for Greta, Scotland.—On Saturday, July 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins.: Harry Overton (first quarter of Major) 1, W. Hayward 2, J. W. Howard (first quarter of Major with a bob bell) 3, J. T. Tyler 4, J. Overton 5, J. Elcock 6, Horace W. Overton 7, W. Overton 8.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples; also for evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins., with H. Jones tenor. All conducted by Wilfred Overton.

MONK'S ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, May 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Symonds 1, T. Reed 2, T. Hollocks 3, C. Varo 4, A. Keeble (conductor) 5, W. Stiff 6. This was rung to oblige C. Varo, of Burstow, Surrey, who was called to serve his King and country.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On June 3rd, in honour of his Majesty's birthday, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Smither 1, J. Elcombe 2, F. Paskins 3, S. Cole 4, J. Walker 5, W. T. Tucker 6, W. H. George (conductor) 7, W. Payne 8.—On July 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Smither 1, J. Elcombe 2, F. Paskins 3, S. Cole 4, J. Walker 5, Pte F. W. Merrett (4th Wilts) 6, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 7, W. Payne 8. Rung on the anniversary of his Majesty's wedding day. The ringer of the 6th hails from Chippenham, Wilts, and the conductor from Eastleigh; the rest belong to the local band.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's Church, on June 4th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, G. Scarratt 2, Pte E. Jones, K.S.L.I. (home on leave from France) 3, J. Tudor 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, A. E. Fullick 7, H. Jones 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1259 changes), in 54 mins.: G. Byolin 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Scarratt 3, Pte E. Jones 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, Pte F. W. Belton 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, T. G. Jones 8, A. E. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by St. Chad's Society, and by all the band except the conductor; the first ever rung in Shrewsbury, and first quarter by the Salop Archidiaconal Guild.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. The members of the Cathedral Guild attempted a 5007 of Stedman Caters as a memorial peal to the late Lord Kitchener on Saturday, June 10th, but it came to grief within 40 changes of the finish, through a change course, after 3 hrs. and 35 minutes' good ringing: C. L. Routledge 1, W. Storey 2, W. Sinclair 3, J. E. Keen 4, W. H. Barber (conductor) 5, B. Dixon 6, A. F. Hillier 7, E. Ferry 8, R. Richards 9, J. Youll 10.—On Sunday, July 9th, for evensong, 913 Stedman Cinques: C. L. Routledge 1, A. Flowers 2, W. H. Barber (conductor) 3, W. Storey 4, W. Sinclair 5, A. Holmes 6, B. Dixon 7, B. Horton 8, A. F. Hillier 9, C. S. Burden 10, R. Richards 11, J. Foreman 12. Tenor 37½ cwt. Mr. Burden is from London, and is now munition working in this district. Mr. Flowers (once a St. Martin's, Birmingham, ringer) has lately returned from the United States to engage in the same class of work in Newcastle.*

ABOTT LEIGH, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Association.—For morning service, on June 11th, 360 Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled for Lord Kitchener: S. Symes 1, Corpl. L. H. Moore (7th Somerset L.I.) 2, G. Bennett 3, A. T. Atherton 4, J. Atherton 5, Corpl. G. H. Gale (4th Somerset L.I.), conductor, 6. Corpl. G. H. Gale and Corpl. L. H. Moore were home on a short leave.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO.—On June 11th, for evening service, 360 Mixed Doubles: H. Seaby 1, J. Atherton 2, G. Bennett 3, Corpl. G. H. Gale 4, J. Caple (conductor) 5, H. Porter 6.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On June 13th, with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to Lord Kitchener, and others who have given Triples: C. Dickens 1, G. Garrison 2, C. Waithman 3, G. Roberts 4, W. Allsopp 5, T. Bloore (composer and conductor) 6, B. G. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 43 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, M. Jacobs 2, H. Barrett 3, Pte S. Meadows (A.S.C.) 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington 7, C. Hunt (conductor) 8.—On June 23rd, for the Prince of Wales' birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, Pte S. Meadows 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, June 18th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, 1263 Stedman Caters (composed by Cornelius Charge): A. Cutmore 1, H. Langdon (conductor) 2, W. E. Garrard 3, H. G. Owen 4, W. G. Matthews 5, J. H. Payne 6, A. W. Darlington 7, W. H. Hollier 8, H. G. Miles 9, F. J. Edwards 10.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—Herts Association. — On June 18th for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), from Brooks', in 45 mins.: G. Andrews 1, G. Maxim 2, S. Proctor 3, F. Jelp 4, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 5, A. Darnell 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by local band.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Sunday evening, July 2nd, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: S. N. Simpson 1, W. White 2, W. Willson (Leicester) 3, W. E. White (conductor) 4, W. Clarke 5, T. Squires 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on June 18th, for evening service 1386 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Jenkins T. J. Evans 2, R. Evans 3, C. H. Perry 4, J. Evans 5, J. Cox 6, A. J. Pitman 7 (conductor), B. Toby 8. This touch contains the twelve 7-4's, 4-6's and 6-7's.

EPSOM.—At St. Martin's Church, on June 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: P. Cooper 1, A. Bassett 2, A. L. Brown 3, Pte F. Price (A.O.C.), of Twynning, Gloucestershire, 4, S. Self 5, S. A. Shrubbs 6, D. Snelling (conductor) 7, J. Hart 8.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On Whit-Sunday, prior to a memorial service at St. Mary's Church, in connection with the death of Lord Kitchener, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled: G. Kemp 1, E. Youngs 2, T. Davey 3, E. Buckingham (late of Thornham) 4, J. A. Berry 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 8. After service, a touch of Plain Bob Minor: P. Steggalls 1, E. Youngs 2, T. Davey 3, G. Kemp 4, J. A. Berry 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 8. E. Buckingham hails from Maldon, Essex, and has just joined the army.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 18th, before evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Playle 1, Pte Nipper (Somerset L.I.), first 720 of Plain Bob 2, Stoker Playle (R.N.) 3, J. Baker 4, A. Chaplain (conductor) 5, G. Playle 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob: G. Chaplin 1, A. Chaplin 2, E. Hawkins 3, J. Baker 4, G. Playle 5, F. Freestone 6. Following the service, 720 Plain Bob: G. Chaplin 1, Miss C. Playle 2, Stoker A. Playle (R.N.) 3, E. Hawkins 4, G. Playle 5, F. Freestone 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Kitchener and the brave heroes who have fallen through the great war.

BARNET, HERTS.—Middlesex Association.—On Trinity Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 55 mins.: H. Eldred 1, W. Childs 2, F. J. Chandler 3, H. Burlingham 4, A. J. Trappitt (conductor) 5, J. Sumpter 6, W. Soer 7, G. Herbert 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Capt. the Rev. L. Raimes, Durham Light Infantry, before the war, curate at Barnet, who died of wounds received on Ascension Day in France.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday, June 20th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Stuart 1, Miss A. Lindsay (first 720 in any method) 2, J. Huddleston 3, T. Watson 4, T. R. Jackson (conductor) 5, J. Burrows 6.

LLANDAFF.—Llandaff Association.—At the Cathedral, on June 20th, after attempting a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): H. Morgan 1, C. Greedy 2, W. B. Biss 3, J. W. Jones 4, S. Dawe 5, A. Rowley 6, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, W. Bolton 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Lord Kitchener and those who perished with him on H.M.S. Hampshire.

FELSTED, ESSEX.—On June 24th, at the Church of The Holy Cross, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Lord Kitchener and our brave sailors who gave up their lives in the battle of Jutland, 720 Bob Minor: A. Barker 1, E. Hydys 2, W. T. Farrow 3, H. Emery 4, E. Clayton (conductor) 5, J. T. Barker 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On June 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for the Prince of Wales' birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *F. Croucher 1, *H. Gardner 2, A. J. Le Clercq 3, *A. Prior 4, *Ben Hammond 5, A. Croucher 6, C. Edwards (conductor) 7, A. King 8. * First quarter-peal.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Paul's Church, on June 24th, after an attempt for a peal of Bob Minor, which was lost through the tenor rope breaking, a half-peal of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 43 mins., with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Kitchener: J. A. Calland (Widnes) 1, J. Scrutton (Runcorn) 2, R. Dagnall (Widnes) 3, B. Trevitt (Runcorn) 4, T. Mather (Runcorn) 5, F. Hancock (Widnes), conductor, 6.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 25th, after service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Poulson (first in the method) 1, A. Symonds 2, A. Hollocks 3, T. Hollocks 4, T. Levitt 5, W. Hollocks (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Hollocks. A 480 was rung before service, with W. Head, of Little Waldingfield, at the 4th. The 2nd was rung to these without a stay, as after it had been raised and set, the stay gave way, and it was this which prevented a 720 being rung before service.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On June 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 48 mins.: D. Jinks 1, W. R. Small 2, T. W. Cattell 3, W. Peart 4, A. Mills 5, H. S. Smith 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, S. Corbett 8. Rung on the occasion of the C.E.M.S. renewal service.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday evening, June 25th, for Hospital Sunday, special service at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Dyas 1, F. Andrews 2, F. Davis 3, C. B. Hare 4, R. W. Green 5, W. A. Alps (conductor) 6, T. Walker 7, E. A. Young 8.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, June 25th, by the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1916 changes), in 1 hr. 16 mins.: T. Wright 1, C. West 2, W. Hale 3, A. Wright (conductor) 4, T. Chappelow 5, W. Hastings 6, F. Cole 7, W. Ryland 8.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on August 29th, and for handbell practice on the 24th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4. A good muster is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION (Wotton-under-Edge Branch).—A meeting at Thornbury, on August 12th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m.; service in Church, 4.30; tea at 5 by kind invitation of Vicar.—W. A. Lewis, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, August 12th. Bells available from 4 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEETING will be held at Huntsham (8) on Saturday, August 12th. Bells available at 3; service at 4.30; tea (free) at the Rectory at 5; ringing again afterwards.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton, Devon.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, August 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. (election of District officers).—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting to follow. It is requested that nominations for President, General Secretary and Treasurer be handed in at this meeting. The Earl of Ellesmere has granted permission to visit his gardens.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 102, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 6d. only to those members who advise me by the 16th of their intention to be present. Barnet bells open for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m. Will members whose subscriptions are still outstanding please let me have same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; tea and meeting in the Working Men's Club at 5.30.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A District Meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at King's Head, 5 p.m., 1/- each to those who advise me by the 22nd; business meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, District Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, August 26th, 1916. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15; tea in the Bede House at 5 o'clock; meeting to follow. Will Secretaries of belfries kindly let Mr. G. Randall, 3, High Street, Higham Ferrers, know how many for tea not later than Tuesday, August 22nd?—E. Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. The local Secretary, Mr. G. Johnson, Veness House, Appledore, will be pleased to make arrangements for tea for all those who let him know not later than Wednesday, August 23rd.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 26th, 1916. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary, 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Stewkley, on Saturday, August 26th. Service at 3 p.m. Bells (6), tea and meeting to follow.—W. Sear, Branch Secretary, 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

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

DEATH.

WILLSHIRE.—On the 10th ult., at the General Hospital, Montreal, Canada, Elizabeth Ann, the beloved wife of Charles Willshire, aged 48 years. Friends please accept this the only intimation.—1905, Bordeaux Street, Fairmount, Montreal.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEWPORT, I. of W.—On Sunday, June 25th, for morning service, and as a farewell to Pte Tom Scamell, London Scottish, a former ringer at St. Thomas', 462 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, Sergt. C. Blake (Royal Warwicks) 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, Pte Tom Scamell 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8.—On Thursday, June 22nd, 364 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Upton 3, Sergt. C. Blake 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, H. Jennings 7, J. Leal 8. Also 504 Stedman: Sergt C. Blake 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. Rung muffled after a memorial service to fallen heroes, especially the Island men in the Dardanelles and North Sea Battle.

MEOPHAM, KENT.—On Sunday morning, June 25th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Avic 1, F. Mitchell (conductor) 2, H. Holden 3, G. Morrad 4, F. Hayes 5, G. Ambrose 6. Also touches of Kent and Oxford, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Oxford Bob and Grandsire, in which H. Argent and G. Jones took part. Owing to shortage of local ringers this is the first time the bells have been rung for service for 18 months. The ringing visitors were from Milton, Gravesend.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on June 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, Pte S. Meadown (A.S.C.) 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Wilmott 8.

BIRKENHEAD.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, June 25th, at St. Saviour's Church, Oxtou, Birkenhead, 518 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Owens 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. Hughes 3, S. F. Barnes 4, H. J. Samuels 5, J. W. Evans 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. A. E. Goodwin, of Oxtou.

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