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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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MODERN WORK

RINGING PRACTICES.

Speaking at a branch meeting of the Oxford Guild on Saturday, the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) referred to the question of ringing practice nights, and expressed the opinion that there was no reason why these should be suspended. There is, as we all know, some diversity of opinion among ringers themselves as to what should be done during the existing state of affairs, and quite recently a writer in the "Church Times" advocated the suspension of ringing practices. It was this view, thus publicly expressed through one of the leading Church newspapers, that led the Master of the Oxford Guild to refer to the subject. Speaking generally, we think, the majority of ringers have realised that the present abnormal conditions do not really call for the cessation of the weekly practice, and where, in many cases, it was temporarily suspended this regular ringing has been resumed.

After all, practice is essential if we are to discharge our duties in regard to service ringing in the way in which we ought to do. Our service ringing should be our best, and it can hardly be expected that the ringers can maintain without practice their highest level any more than it could be expected of the choir. Moreover, in many towers new hands have been secured to fill the places of those who have to undertake sterner duties in the field, and if these new ringers are to be of real service, they must be given opportunity for "open" ringing. With the first clash of arms, and the turmoil into which the world was suddenly thrown, it was not unnatural that all kinds of routine should be upset, but in all departments of life, despite the anxiety and strain which obviously must be ever with us, we are gradually getting back to smoother ways and endeavouring to "carry on." So with our ringing practices. As we ventured to point out last August, there can be no misconception as to their purpose if the bells are rung for the customary length of time on the usual practice night, and we do not think the public could have any legitimate objection to their sound.

It is curious to notice the difference of opinion that exists with regard to the desirability for holding ordinary ringing meetings. In some places they have been entirely abandoned; in others they are proceeding as usual, and the motives which inspire either course are equally to be respected. When there is business to transact, it seems a pity that societies should not meet to dispose of it, and, as has been said before, if the clergy announced the fact of the meeting to the parishioners beforehand, the use of the bells is not likely to grate upon their feelings. The keen edge of the first few weeks, has, to some extent, worn off, and, within proper bounds, ringing for such an occasion would not be likely to be regarded in any unfavourable spirit.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOKE CLIMSLAND, CORNWALL.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN GLUYAS Treble	HAROLD BENNETT 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 6
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 3	WILLIAM RICHARDS 7
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON ... 4	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal on the bells, recently rehung and retuned by Messrs. Warner & Son.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, December 31, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM A. PYE Treble	WESLEY WATSON 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 2	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
(DARLEY DALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

HUGH W. GREGORY Treble	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT 5
HUGH GREGORY 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	JAMES L. WRIGHT 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, and

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

*First peal in the method. Rung on New Year's Eve with the bells half-muffled. Peal No. 24, C.C.C., Sec. 1.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
GEORGE CLEAL 2	HARRY ARGYLE 6
*HARRY BROUGHTON 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
HARRY BRIGGS 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

*First peal of Treble Bob. The ringers of 1, 2 and 3 were elected members before starting. The peal was rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. C. H. Fowler, a life-member of the Guild, and was arranged by the Master.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob called differently.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	EDWARD GEARY 4
GEORGE H. GEARY 2	ARTHUR MEASEY 5
VICTOR GEARY 3	FRED STANFORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of all those who have laid down their lives during the War.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WALTER SHARPLES 2	ESAU WALMESLEY 4
*FRED BRADLEY 3	*ALBERT SEFTON 5
FRED PEACOCK 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
	ARTHUR MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung with the tenor covering. First peal of Minor by all except the ringer of the 6th. First peal by the St. Michael's Company. Rung with the bells deeply muffled on the day previous to Intercession Day, as a token of respect to the sailors and soldiers who have fallen in the War.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE 7-8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4	*ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10
WILLIAM PYE 5-6	ERNEST PYE 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: B. S. THOMPSON.

* First peal of Cinques on an inside pair. This composition contains the 6th 14 courses behind the 7th in the tittums and 24 courses behind the 8th in the hand stroke home position.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
IN THE VICARAGE LIBRARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF BROOKES'. Tenor, size 15, in C.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES... .. 1-2	*REV. H. LAW JAMES 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	*JOHN W. WOOD 7-8

Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman in hand.

FORMER RINGER KILLED IN ACTION.

A GALLANT NON-COM.

A former member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Lance-Sergt. Jesse Arbon, of Ipswich, has been killed in action while gallantly leading a section of the 4th Suffolk Regiment. The deceased was 33 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child, with whom the deepest sympathy will be felt. The circumstances under which Sergt. Arbon met his death are described in a letter to the deceased's wife, who lives at 73, Elliott Street, Ipswich, sent by Capt. H. D. Mitchell, of the 4th Suffolks. He wrote as follows:—

"I very much regret to inform you that your husband, Lance-Sergt. J. Arbon, was killed in action on the morning of Monday, the 21st inst. He died fighting like a true British soldier, and is a credit to his company and to his country. At the time he met his death he was leading his section out of a very tight corner, and there is no doubt that if he had not acted as he did the whole section would have been lost. He was a very good N.C.O., and I shall feel his loss very much. I can assure you that you have my deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement."

The deceased was formerly a ringer at Sproughton, being associated with the band there from 1902 to 1907. During that period he rang 10 peals, from Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Major, including two in the latter method. He also conducted a peal in four methods of Doubles at St. Matthew's, Ipswich. A man of quiet disposition, it was always a pleasure to be in his company. He gave up ringing after joining the Territorials, with whom he recently went to the Front.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further subscriptions to the Prince of Wales' Fund have been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	57	17	6
St. Stephen's (Bristol) Guild, second donation (per Mr. W. Knight)	0	10	0
Ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury, Somerset (Messrs. G. Fisher, R. Fisher, W. Fisher, T. E. Francis, G. Jones, W. Standen, W. G. Standen, E. Standen and S. Ball), per Mr. T. E. Francis	0	9	0
Ringers of Duffield Church (per Mr. J. Flower)	1	0	0
York Minster Society, December collection (per Mr. G. Warner)	0	4	6
Total	£60	1	0

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with the Forces of the Crown:—

- Pte A. Chamberlin, of Long Eaton, King's Royal Rifles.
- Pte Percy G. Orford, of St. Mary's, Pulborough, 4th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment, now at Horsham.
- J. Schofield, of Shipley, Yorks, H.M.S. "Cyclops" in the North Sea.
- R. Barnam, of Shipley, Yorks, sick berth attendant, R.N.R., Chatham.
- Gnr. Thos. O. Larkey, of Tuebrook, Liverpool, 3rd West Lanes, R.F.A., now at Faversham.
- N. Smallwood, of St. Matthew's, Auckland, New Zealand, Red Cross Brigade, with the New Zealand Contingent, now en route for — somewhere.

BRISTOL RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On New Year's Eve, at the Brighton Restaurant, a very pleasant evening was spent by a number of Bristol ringers at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. Leaker. In addition to the members of St. Thomas' company, invitations were accepted by Messrs. W. Knight, W. A. Cave, A. Stowell, J. Burford, S. Condieck, H. Brownjohn and R. J. Wilkins. After supper, which was very much enjoyed, Mr. Wilkins was voted to the chair, and proposed the only toast of the evening, "Absent Ringers on His Majesty's Service."—The Chairman said that all the churches in Bristol with ringing companys were represented in the fighting forces of the Crown, and he wished them all a safe return. The company were very pleased to have with them Sergt. W. A. Cave, who was on leave for five days.—Mr. Llewellyn rendered four songs in his best style, "Bravo, Bristol," being a very popular item. He is a member of St. Thomas' choir. Mr. Drew also contributed songs, and a touch of Stedman Caters was rung by: H. Brownjohn 1-2, J. Burford 3-4, R. J. Wilkins 5-6, S. Condieck 7-8, W. A. Cave (conductor) 9-10. Songs were also sung by the following ringers: S. Abrahams, F. Price, H. Green, W. Rogers, F. Cooper and S. Vickery, the last-named also ably presiding at the piano. Mr. A. Stowell gave a recitation, "Ben and the Butter," which was very much enjoyed. As time approached for the usual midnight ringing, the company felt they could not depart without thanking Mr. and Mrs. Leaker for their very great kindness in providing such a pleasant evening. The evening had been an annual affair for the St. Thomas' company, but for the last two years Mr. and Mrs. Leaker have extended the invitation to a few outside friends, a kindness which has been very much appreciated.—Mr. F. Leaker responded to the vote, and said what a pleasure it was to himself and his wife to have so many ringing friends accept the invitation. During the evening a course of Grand sire Cinques was rung by the following: F. Leaker 1-2, J. Burford 3-4, R. J. Wilkins 5-6, G. Condieck 7-8, F. Price 9-10, H. Brownjohn 11-12.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower to ring in the New Year. The writer would like to mention that Mr. W. A. Cave having been called away, breaks up, for the time being, the Stedman Cinques handbell band, which, at the last attempt, rang nearly half-way through a peal in 1 hr. 30 mins.

RESTORATION AT EAST SUTTON.

The light ring of six at East Sutton Church, Kent, have been entirely rehung and put in first class ringing order by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The 5th has been recast, and part of a new steel frame has been installed. The bells were rung last week by ringers from Headcorn, Ulcombe, Luton, Chart Sutton, and other adjoining parishes, and all expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE MASTER'S VIEWS ON RINGING DURING THE WAR TIME.
The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild held their annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday.

The proceedings included evensong at St. Paul's Church, when an address was given by the Rev. B. Long, Rector of All Saints', Wokingham.

Tea followed in St. Paul's Parish Room, the company including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Revs. E. E. Broome (branch secretary), B. Long, H. M. Walter, E. G. Drummond and G. M. Winter (Wargrave), and nearly 60 ringers, including seven ladies. The following kindly acted as carvers: Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Durbridge, Messrs. Barry, Durbridge, A. B. Priest, W. White and G. Staples. Miss G. Simmons was in charge of the tea, being assisted by Mrs. T. W. Heelas, Mrs. Drummond, Misses Spiers, Allright (2), Westcott, Hipp, Barry, and Nurse Strowth.

The business meeting followed. The Rev. E. E. Broome regretted the absence of their chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis. Their Master was present, however, and would take the chair.

THE REPORT.

The Secretary reported the numbers of the branch as 147 change ringers, probationers and life subscribers, with 30 honorary members. Wargrave seemed very anxious as to their chance of getting bells. He hoped their time would come. Everything was being done that could be in that direction. Five peals had been rung during the year—at All Saints', Wokingham; Easthampstead, Twyford, Hurst and Sonning. There would doubtless have been more, but since the war began, all peals had been stopped. Of twelve combined practices which had been arranged, seven were held. These were well attended, the highest number present being 31, and the lowest 14.

Twenty-four of their ringers were away on active service, two from Arbourfield, Binfield 3, Barkham 2, Easthampstead 2, Hurst 9, Sandhurst 3, Sonning 2, Wokingham 1. Their numbers at Hurst had been sadly reduced, two having left the parish, beside nine enlisted. Mr. Alfred White, their esteemed late foreman, and Mr. Joseph White, their present foreman, had succeeded in gathering together a band of lady ringers, who were doing well (applause). They numbered eight, and most of them took part in the New Year's ringing. These ladies were: Mrs. Broome, Misses V. Beeson, B. Bullock, M. Bullock, B. L. Johnson, A. Record, J. Harcourt-Roc, and J. White. He did not see why they should not take up change ringing. The terrible war had shrunken their numbers. Last year they had 81 present at that meeting, instead of only 58. He wished them all a happy New Year, and that, with speedy peace, the troubles of the terrible war might pass away.

The Rev. G. E. Drummond was unanimously elected an hon. member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Chairman read a letter from the Branch Chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, asking to be relieved of the position on the ground of ill-health, and his inability to attend the meetings.—On the proposition of Mr. Wright, supported by the Master and secretary, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis was unanimously re-elected, feeling reference being made to his long service and great interest in the branch and the Guild.

The Rev. E. E. Broome was unanimously re-elected secretary for the 22nd time, on the proposition of Mr. Bungay, seconded by Mr. Walter, while the Chairman eulogised the excellent work of their secretary.—Mr. Broome suitably acknowledged the honour done him, and said the readiness with which members paid up their subscriptions was a great help to him.

The following were then elected to represent the branch on the Guild Committee: Messrs. F. Dentry, G. J. Wright, J. Moth and S. Paice.

Combined Practice Committee was elected, viz.: Messrs. J. White (secretary), J. Moth, J. Rance and H. Bungay.

In the absence of the Guild Secretary, the Master said the Guild estimated a balance in hand of some £19 5s. 4d., compared with £21 17s. 11d. of last year. A gratifying item was the receipt of three guineas from the Vicar of Sonning, in appreciation of the help received from the Guild in rehanging of Sonning bells. This should encourage the Guild in its work. He reminded them of the new financial rules passed at Slough, by which the 3s. 6d. life subscription of members on joining now went altogether to the Guild Fund, and of the rule for a requisition for aid from any tower to be sent through the branch and certified by a contribution.

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher, the Rev. B. Long, also to the Rector of St. Paul's (the Rev. H. M. Walter) for the use of the church and parish room, and for providing the service in church with such an efficient organist and choir.—This was carried unanimously, both gentlemen suitably responding.—The Chairman was thanked by acclamation for his services that evening.

THE CONTINUATION OF PRACTICES.

In responding, he said Masters of Guilds that they must keep things going, the Ringers' Guild being one of those things left by those gone to the front to serve their king and country.

About 120 members of their Guild were now on active service. Their sisters at Hurst, and other places, had shown them how to go forward and fill up the places of those who had gone to the front.

Speaking of muffled ringing, he approved of it for All Souls' or All Saints' Day, as did their Bishop. He did not agree with it for Sundays, nor for the National Day of Intercession on the morrow, as Sunday was the Festival of the Resurrection. They wanted to make people feel confident in God, and the ringing of the bells on Sunday was one way to do that. As to the morrow's services, he had not been able to consult with the Bishop about it, so incumbents who differed from him were left with it in their own hands. Their business was to call the people to church on the morrow in the usual way, to join humbly and heartily in that great service of intercession. He disagreed with the writer in the "Church Times" who suggested that, to mark the seriousness of the times, the weekly practice of the ringers be discontinued. He himself felt that at those times when the people expected the sound of their bells they should not be disappointed. The message of the bells was: "God is with you, if you put your trust in Him" (hear, hear). He felt the writer in the "Church Times" was wrong.

The proceedings closed with hearty thanks to the ladies and other helpers.

BOLNEY RINGERS' ENJOYABLE EVENING.

On New Year's Eve, the Bolney (Sussex) Church Ringers' Society (which includes the Vicar and Churchwardens), were again entertained to a supper and social evening by Mr. E. Huth, and, on the invitation of Mr. W. W. Otter, Vicar's warden, the sidesmen connected with the Parish Church were also as usual included with the party. Out of respect for our gallant sailors and soldiers, who are now sacrificing themselves for their king and country, the function was to a great extent shorn of its customary festive character, a quiet, but nevertheless enjoyable evening being spent at the Cookery School. Previous to the 8 p.m. intercession service at the church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes) was rung, conducted by Warden Walder.

A capital cold supper was served at 8.30 p.m., presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell), supported by Mr. W. J. Brown (people's warden), Mr. G. Walder (hon. secretary and captain of the ringers) being in the vice-chair. Following the supper, the Chairman gave "The King," which was loyally honoured, and a verse of the National Anthem sung. This was the only toast submitted, and the only singing indulged in. "Churchwarden" pipes, tobacco and cigars were handed round, other refreshments, including tea and coffee being provided.

The Vicar stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Otter, who is now serving with the Sussex Yeomanry at Canterbury, saying how much he regretted being unable to be present, but all leave was stopped for the present; and that afternoon he had received a wire from him wishing them all an enjoyable time. On behalf of the sidesmen he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Otter, and on behalf of the ringers, Mr. G. Walder proposed a similar vote to Mr. Huth. Needless to say, both votes were unanimously accorded.

Mrs. P. M. Batchelor, of the Queen's Head Hotel, was highly congratulated on her excellent catering.

A whist match—Ringers v. Vicar, Churchwardens and Sidesmen—was then improvised, which carried the time all too quickly to 11.30, when the "honours" remained even. The party then broke up, the ringers adjourning to the tower, where the Old Year was rung out with a 504 of Grand sire Triples, and the New Year ushered in with a touch of Bob Major.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South Western Division of the Essex Association was held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, and was attended by about 30 members. The bells were available from 3.30, and ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening. A service, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Siddans), was also held.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, after which the business took place, the Vicar occupying the chair. Two new members were elected (Mr. A. S. Waddington, of Leytonstone, and Mr. H. Mansfield, of Chigwell Row). The place of next meeting was left in the hands of the Master and Secretary to arrange.—Mr. E. J. Butler was re-elected Master, and Mr. H. Rumens was again re-elected secretary.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the service, and for the use of the bells and the Parish Hall, to Mr. Townsend for catering, and to the ladies who so ably assisted him.

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23564	2	2	2	32546	1	1	
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BELLS OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The earliest mention of bells at Westminster Abbey which I have been able to discover is a quotation from Southey by Rev. W. C. Lukis in his *Account of Church Bells*, published in 1857, where on page 50 we find: "In the little Sanctuary at Westminster King Edward III. erected a clochier and placed therein three bells for the use of St. Stephen's Chapel. About the biggest of them were these words:

'King Edward made me thirtie thousand weight
and three,
Take mee down and way mee and more yu shall
fynd me.'



WESTMINSTER ABBEY WEST FRONT.

But these bells having to be taken down in the reign of King Henry VIII., one writes underneath with a coale:

'But Henry the eight will bait me of my weight.'

This old bell-tower was situated at a little distance north-west of the Abbey adjoining the old Sanctuary, on the site now occupied by the Westminster Hospital. From an old engraving, reproduced by Mr. H. B. Walters in his *Church Bells of England*, it appears to have somewhat resembled the old campanile of Salisbury Cathedral, which was demolished about the end of the eighteenth century. How many bells the Westminster bell-tower contained at the time of its demolition I have not been able to ascer-

tain; but evidently the present treble, third and fifth bells must have hung there originally.

Dean Stanley, in his *Memorials of Westminster Abbey*, (quoting from an old record) remarks with regard to the bells and campanile, "here hung the Abbey bells, which remained there till Wren had completed the Western Towers (i.e. in 1739) and which rang for coronations, and tolled for royal funerals. 'Their ringings,' men said, 'soured all the drink in the town.'" The bells must have been removed to their present position in the north-west tower some time between 1739 and 1750, the Sanctuary and the old bell-tower being demolished at the latter date.

The inscriptions on the present bells are as follows:—

Treble. + ꝥꝀꝢꝢ Ꝣ ꝢꝢꝢ Ꝣ ꝢꝢꝢ. [i.e., "O Christ hear us."]
[This bell has been ascribed to Richard Wymbish, a fourteenth century bell founder.]

Second. T. LESTER MADE ME. 1743.

Third. Campanis Patrem laudate Ꝣ Sonantibus Altum RM
Gabriell Ꝣ Good Ꝣ Man + Decanus Ꝣ Westmon
Ꝣ 1583. Ꝣ

[i.e., "Praise ye the Father on high with the sounding bells, Gabriel Goodman, Dean of Westminster." This bell and the fifth bear the medallion of Robert Mot, the Whitechapel founder—3 bells and R.M. enclosed in a wreath.]

Fourth. THOMAS LESTER OF LONDON MADE
ME AND WITH THE REST I WILL
AGREE. 1743. † † † † † †

Fifth. Campanis + Patrem Ꝣ Laudate Ꝣ Sonantibus Altum
+ Gabriell + Good Ꝣ Man + Decanus 1598. RM.

Tenor. REMEMBER IOHN WHITMELL ISABELL
HIS WIFE AND WILLIAM RUS WHO
FIRST GAVE THIS BELL 1430 † † † NEW
CAST IN IULY 1599 AND IN APRIL
1738. RICHARD PHELPS T. LESTER
FECIT † †

[Diameter 55½ inches. Weight about 30 cwt.]

This tenor was cast for St. Michael's, Cornhill, as the names of the donors of the original bell, reproduced on this one, testify. Stow in his *Survey of London*, in his account of St. Michael's, Cornhill, says: "The fair new steeple or bell-tower was begun to be built in the year 1421, which being finished, a fair ring of five bells therein placed, a sixth bell was added and given by John Whitwell, Isabel his wife, and William Rus, alderman and goldsmith, about the year 1430." Stow gives the first name as "Whitwell," whereas the name on the bell is "Whitmell"; but evidently the same person is intended. There is no doubt but this bell is the one he refers to; but how she came to be transferred to Westminster Abbey is a mystery.

Call-bell (in N.W. Tower). RICHARD PHELPS T. LESTER
FECIT 1738.

Service-bell (in gable of South Transept). THOMAS LESTER
MADE ME. 1749.

The bells, which are in the North-west Tower, are unfortunately in a bad condition, which is by no means a credit to the authorities.

FINE KENTISH RING RESTORED.

The grand old ring of eight of Biddenden, Kent, with a tenor of about 24 cwts., have been in bad order for many years, but at last they are to be put in thorough repair without delay. Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has secured the contract to recast the treble, second and seventh bells, and to rehanging the whole peal with steel headstocks, and all the most modern fittings, as well as to re-construct the present oak framework, which is in splendid preservation, and bring the whole peal on one level.

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YORKTOWN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

Geographically the Yorktown District is one of the most awkward in the Winchester Guild for the purpose of arranging a meeting at which the members of all the townships can conveniently concentrate, although, perhaps, after all it may not be quite so much a question of geography as of railway inter-communication. But whatever may be the cause, east is east and west is west, and, while the more enthusiastic spirits may be found ready to travel to any remote corner, it is difficult to get any meeting that is really representative. On Saturday it was the turn of the east to have the annual meeting in its neighbourhood, but the state of feeling caused by the war made a tower at that end unobtainable, and the meeting had, therefore, to be transferred to the west. As a result the not unimportant group of towers near the eastern boundary was entirely unrepresented, much to the regret of all concerned. Nevertheless more than thirty ringers turned up at Bagshot, where the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Ford) had placed the bells, newly rehung and augmented to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, of Croydon, at the disposal of the members for some hours. The neighbouring towers were well represented, and among the visitors were Mr. A. E. Reeves (general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and Mr. W. Newell (Reading), Mr. C. Edwards, Ringing Master of the Guildford district (Farnham), Mr. and Mrs. Whittington (Cranleigh), who cycled, altogether, considerably over 40 miles to attend the meeting; Messrs. T. Colborne and Taylor, from the Croydon Bell Foundry; Messrs. F. B. Dawe and F. Blandell (Woking); and, last but by no means least, Ptes. Ronham (Reading) and Austin (Gloucester), of the Coldstream Guards, now stationed at Windsor. Ringing in all the Standard methods, from Grandeire to Double Norwich Major, was indulged in in the afternoon, and the company sat down to a capital tea at the Bagshot Institute, the Vicar presiding.

Afterwards, the business meeting was held, the Chairman welcoming the Guild to Bagshot, and hoping that they found the bells to their satisfaction and better than the old ones.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. B. Edser) apologised for the absence of the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd), and presented the annual report, which stated that during the year the work of the district had gone on very successfully. So far, the war had only affected them as regarded their combined practices, which were discontinued in August. The hon. membership was not of the best. They had kept ten hon. members for the past two or three years, and the necessity of getting new hon. members, where possible, could not be too strongly impressed, as they must all realize that they could not run the district on the support of the performing members alone, and, in addition, help the general fund of the Guild. Eleven out of the 16 towers in the district were now in union, with an average membership of nine. They had 70 performing members, 16 probationers, 21 active compounding members, and three independent members, making 110 against 101 in the previous year. The attendance at the quarterly meetings had averaged 27. The income was £11 1s. 3d., against £10 18s. 1d. last year, and the expenditure £7 12s. 8d. against £8 3s. 1d., leaving a balance to be forwarded to the Guild General Fund of £3 8s. 7d., as against £2 14s. 6d. In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary thanked the officers and members for the support and assistance they had given him during the year in arranging the meetings, etc.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The following officers were then re-elected: Auditor, Mr. W. A. Woodrow (Hersham); Representative on Central Committee, Mr. G. Miles (Yorktown); Ringing Master, Mr. W. Shepherd (Hersham); and hon. secretary, Mr. G. B. Edser. Fourteen new members, including one honorary and two compounding (Messrs. Welsby and J. H. Ridyard, now serving in H.M. Forces, and stationed in the district), were elected, and the following places chosen for the quarterly meetings: Yateley, Weybridge, Yorktown and Chertsey (annual).

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding.

A return was then made to the tower, where further touches were rung.

LADIES' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

It has fallen to the ladies' band at Portishead, Somerset, to ring the first quarter-peal for the Ladies' Guild. That there should be associated with one tower eight members of the fair sex capable of such a performance speaks volumes for the progress which ladies are making in regard to church bell ringing, and we can only believe this quarter-peal to be a stepping stone to the first complete 5000 by a company of ladies all belonging to one church. At any rate, the band seems to be exceptionally well placed to achieve this record.

The quarter-peal, which was Grandeire Triples, was rung after evening service on Sunday last, with the bells half-muffled, for those fallen in the war and occupied 48 minutes, the band being: Misses Mabel Jukes (first quarter-peal) 1, Blanche Mitchell 2, Adelaide Stokes 3, Dorothy Sage (first quarter-peal) 4, Doris Coles 5, Edith Hole (conductor) 6, Nellie Gillingham 7, Mary Jukes 8. All are residents of Portishead.

WELL-KNOWN ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

MR. WILLIAM CHALK, OF MALDON.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Wm. Chalk, the oldest member of All Saints' Company, Maldon, Essex, and one of the first members of the Essex Association. The deceased, who was 86 years of age, passed away on December 19th, after only a short illness, for, a fortnight before, he was following his occupation as a miller. He had, however, suffered from heart trouble for some time, and he eventually succumbed to "miller's" bronchitis.

A native of Chipping Hill, Witham, Mr. Chalk had been interested in bells nearly all his life, and he rang his first 720 in the year 1867. He went to live at Langford about 42 years ago, and his arrival meant a great deal for ringing in that district. There being no bells at Langford, he found his way to Maldon, two miles distant, where at All Saints' Church there was only a "stony" band, or, at any rate, a company just on the very verge of the art. Here he worked with a will, and succeeded in turning the very willing "raw material" into a first-class band, which for several years had the reputation of being one of the best six-bell companies in the county. Patience and perseverance were his characteristics, and thanks to these he did much to help on the art in his district, not only at Maldon, but at Witham and other towers, his services, naturally, being greatly appreciated.

A FIRST MEMBER.

He attended the meeting held at Writtle in 1879, when the Essex Association was formed, and he seldom missed attending the annual meeting on Whit-Monday. He was never very ambitious with regard to peal ringing, and only rang in three 5000's of Minor—at Witham and All Saints' and St. Mary's, Maldon, that at All Saints' being on the occasion of the funeral of the late King Edward. He was one of those content to do the spade work, and the pupils whom he assisted to master their first 720 would make a long list. He practised the art even in his own cottage, for he taught his four sons and six daughters the intricacies of various methods on handbells. His sons are all first-class ringers, and some of his daughters can take a couple of handbells in Triples or Caters. Mr. Chalk filled the office of churchwarden of Langford for nearly 20 years, and was also an overseer of the parish.

The funeral took place two days before Christmas, the remains being interred in a grave within 30 yards of the cottage, where he had so long resided. The service was conducted by the Rector of Langford (the Rev. C. G. Littlehales), the Rev. L. Hughes (Vicar of All Saints', Maldon), and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Totnam), hon. secretary of the Essex Association. Among the large number who attended to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased were the ringers of All Saints' and St. Mary's, Maldon, and the beautiful wreaths included one in the form of a bell from the Maldon ringers. After the committal, a course of Grandeire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave, by: Messrs. A. J. Peake, H. J. Mansfield, J. D. Buckingham and A. Gozzett, other ringers present including Messrs. C. Tabor, R. Hutson, E. Mansfield and W. Last. In the evening, touches were rung at All Saints' and St. Mary's, Maldon, with the bells half-muffled, the ringing including 720 of Kent Treble Bob at the former, and 720 Oxford at the latter.

NEW PEAL OF SIX IN ESSEX.

The rehanging and augmentation of the bells at the Parish Church of Christall, Essex, has been in progress during the past few weeks, and was finished on Thursday in last week. There were previously four bells in the steeple, and they have been rehung in new iron frames with new steel headstocks. Two new bells have been added—a treble and second—making a nice and handy peal of six, with a tenor 8½ cwt. The work has been carried out by the well-known bell founder and hanger, Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, and reflects great credit on the firm. Several members of the Hertfordshire Association, from Barkway, Barley and Royston, were invited to try the new bells, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that the "go" and tone were excellent. During the evening touches by the following methods were rung: Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Bob Doubles; and a well-struck 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following: Alfred Howell (Ipswich) 1, Walter Mansfield (Barley) 2, Robert Howard (Barley) 3, Robert Wilkerson (Royston) 4, Harry Welham (Ipswich) 5, Robert G. King (Royston), conductor, 6.

LONG STANTON RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

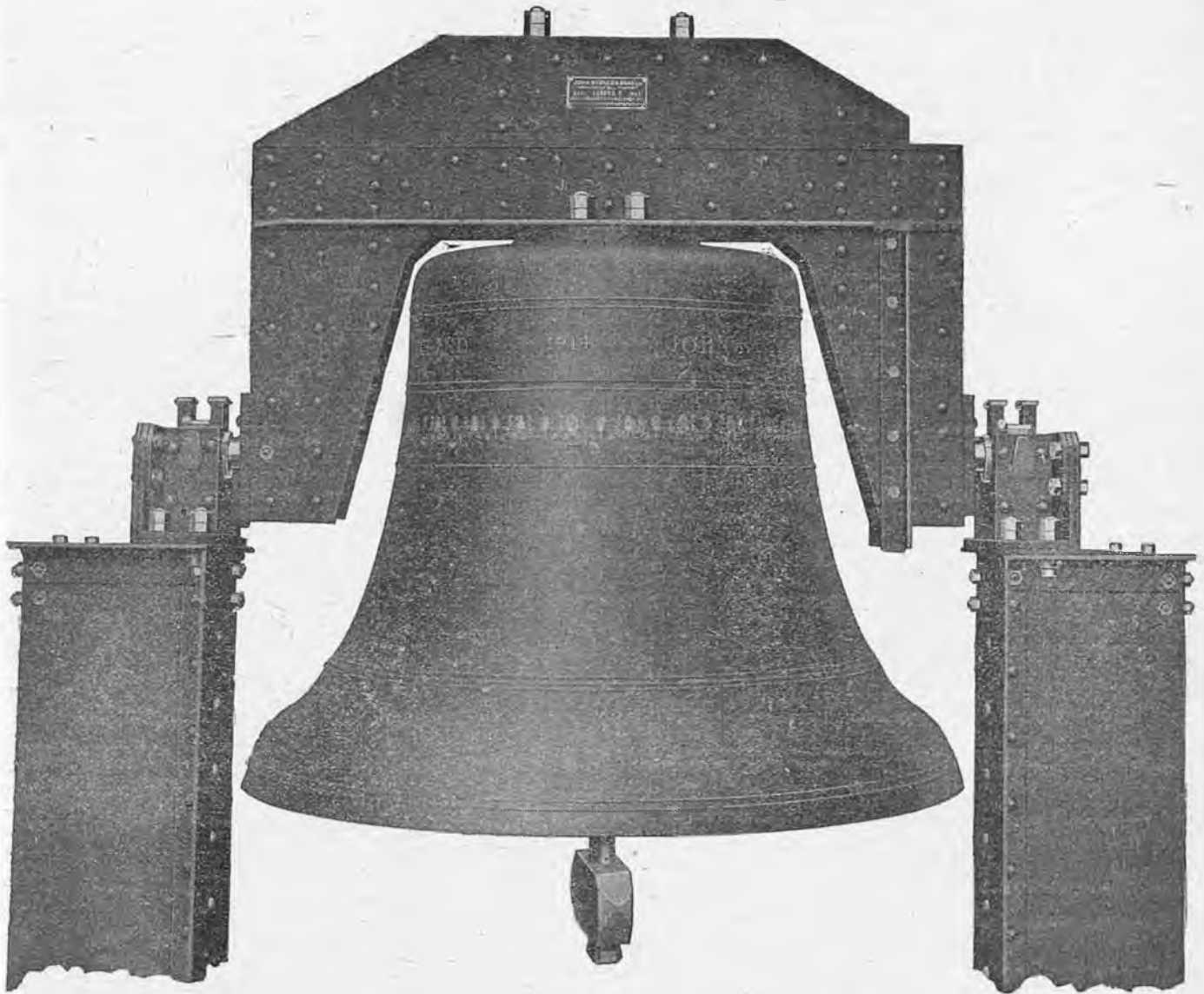
On New Year's Eve, the ringers met in the tower at 7.30, and with the help of two of their number, who are with Kitchener's Army, and are quartered at Cambridge, rang, among other touches, 120 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: Pte W. Seymour 1, G. Crisp 2, Pte E. T. Wilson 3, A. Cook 4, Rev. H. B. Woolley 5, Charles Cook (conductor) 6, L. Burgess 7, W. Neal 8.

The ringers then adjourned to the School Room for a supper provided by the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Woolley), and at midnight welcomed the New Year with some call changes.

On Sunday, January 3rd, for the Intercession service at evensong, two six-courses of Bob Doubles: Walter Neal (first six-course) 1, G. Crisp 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, A. Cook 4, C. Cook (conductor) 5, L. Burgess 6. The first six-course was rung on the back five.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at E. Farleigh on Saturday, January 9th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m., short service in church 5 p.m.—K. W. Mumford, Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Higham, on Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Bells, 6 in number (recently augmented and rehung in a new steel frame, by Bowell, of Ipswich) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, 9d. each, at the Sir John Falstaff, followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions for 1915 become due on January 1st.—Edward A. G. Allen, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7. Will members please bring their subscriptions up-to-date; note rule 4.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Coseley on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. Arthur Price), and the unveiling of peal tablet by Mrs. Wm. Cheshire. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.30. Members of the Midland Counties and Worcestershire Associations and St. Martin's (Birmingham) and Dudley Guilds are also invited. Nearest stations are about six minutes' walk from the church: Decpfields and Coseley (L. & N.W.R.), Prince's End or Daisy Bank (G.W.R.).—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will take place at Gosport on Saturday, January 9th. Short service at Trinity Church at 5.30. Tea at the schoolroom, Haslar Street, at 6 o'clock. Meeting after.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Tower open at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Branch Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at Tanworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 12th, at 8.30 p.m. All subscriptions are due. Balance sheet will be presented.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, January 16th, 1915. Bells ready at 3

o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. New reports are ready. Life members will be charged 6d. each for reports.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, January 16th. Service in the Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea kindly provided at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. It is requested that all those intending to be present will let me know on or before Wednesday, January 13th.—Jas. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 16th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m. Reports now ready.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, January 16th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting for the whole district will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints', Kingston, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (10) available from 3 till 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Meat tea (members 9d., visitors 1s. 6d.) in the Mission Hall 5.40, followed by meeting for election of officers and other business. Those intending to be present at tea kindly notify before the 14th to Mr. J. Howes, 9, Hawks Road, Kingston.—Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mitcham, Surrey.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Bramley on January 16th, 1915. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the Cardigan Arms at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30. Committee meeting at 4.15. The bells at Chilvers Coton will also be available for a short time.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Allesley, Coventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held in the belfry at St. Peter's Church, Derby, on Monday, January 18th, at 7.30 p.m.—J. Lord, District Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room adjoining church.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Established 1824).—North District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, 1915, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. The tower will be open for ringing from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially welcomed.—L. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, N.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at Shoreditch, January 23rd. Tea to those who notify me by the 19th. Tower open 2.30.—H. J. Bradley, Shoreditch Church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. R. C. Millway has removed from 4, Blenheim Square, to 156, Snargate Street, Dover, Kent.

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SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held at Chesterfield on Saturday last, when between 30 and 40 ringers put in an appearance; the following towers being represented: Bolsover, Eastwood (Rotherham), Eekington, Dore, Norton, Staveley, Sheffield Cathedral, and Worksop, together with two well-known Lancastrians, Messrs. W. H. Shaker and H. Chapman, of Pendleton. The bells were raised shortly after half-past three, and, except for a brief interval for tea, ringing was indulged in until 7.30, the methods rung varying in both variety and success, Surprise Major not going quite as well as is usual at these meetings. However, everyone obtained a course or touch that they wished, either of Major or Royal, Triples or Caters. When the bells were lowered a brief business meeting was held in the tower, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Knights, senior vice-president.—One new member was elected, and other routine business transacted, after which members dispersed with somewhat mingled feelings, the real pleasure of ringing together, and what is, perhaps, as great a delight, that of conversing together, being somewhat overshadowed with thoughts of the great war.

DEATH OF A POLICEMAN RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Police-Inspector Collins, a highly-respected member of the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, who passed away at the early age of 46 years, under exceptionally sad circumstances. Deceased was about to retire on a well-earned pension after 26 years' service in the Metropolitan Police, and, having a few days' leave due to him, transferred his household to Cromer, where he was to have spent his retirement in business. He, however, succumbed to tubercular meningitis on December 13th, after nine days' illness, only one week before completing his term with the force. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place at Cromer, and in the evening the usual funeral peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary Abbot's, by: W. E. Garrard (conductor) 1, H. Dains 2, A. W. Davis 3, P. L. Miles 4, W. G. Matthews 5, A. B. Bennett 6, W. A. Garrard 7, A. V. Selby 8, H. G. Miles 9, C. Charge 10, after which a short touch of Stedman Caters was rung, J. H. Payne and R. Charge taking part.

Although deceased had only taken part in one peal, he was a regular attendant on Sundays and practice nights, when duty permitted, and by his death the St. Mary Abbot's Guild loses a valuable member and a dear friend. Deceased was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

STOCKPORT.—On Friday, Dec. 11th, at 88, Lowfield Road, on handbells, 1475 Grandsire Caters: W. J. Hazell 1—2, H. Jackson 3—4, J. Thomas (conductor) 5—6, A. Barnes 7—8, W. Jackson 9—10.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday evening, December 13th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Norman 1, Wm. Andrews, junr., 2, Fred Norman 3, Edwin Chapman 4, A. Tout 5, A. J. Andrews 6, R. Scott (conductor) 7, F. J. Collins (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples) 8. Rung as a farewell touch to A. J. Andrews, H. Norman and E. Chapman, who were leaving on the following day to serve their King and their country.

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