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MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

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

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

The Exercise will mourn to-day the death of one whom it has long looked up to with respect and honour, whose position among ringers was almost unique, and who will ever rank among the foremost exponents of our art and science. Charles Henry Hattersley, who has been gathered to his fathers, was one of the best-known personalities in ringing circles. His name is a household word, and his labours, spread over more than half a century, made him one of the greatest authorities on composition that the Exercise has ever seen. Few men have done as much to advance ringing by research in composition as Mr. Hattersley has done, and he ranks unquestionably with such men of a bygone generation as John Cox and Henry Johnson. Indeed, he has gone, in some respects, even further than these worthies, and he has left to the Exercise a wonderful collection of peals in a great variety of methods. Many of these compositions have not been published, but Mr. Hattersley was at great pains in the last few years to collate his productions. This is a happy circumstance, for too often in the past many of the results of the labours of great composers have undoubtedly been lost because they had made no systematic attempt to bring their compositions together. That Mr. Hattersley should have taken the precaution to gather up his work will have the gratifying result of preserving it for the benefit of future generations.

Elsewhere in this issue we give a sketch of Mr. Hattersley's ringing career, which now, alas! is ended. In viewing what he has done we have to remember that he began at a time when ringing, as we know it to-day, was only in the making. The part which he played in the development of it was no inconsiderable one, whether in the realm of composition or in the practical application of the art in the tower. It was not, however, merely for what he did that he was held in high esteem by so large a section of the ringing fraternity, but for what he was. A typical hard-headed Yorkshireman, he brought a keen perception and indomitable perseverance and thoroughness to bear in all he undertook. Above all, he was the soul of honour. He always called a spade a spade, but the bluff exterior covered a warm heart and genial disposition. There are many ringers who valued the friendship of Charles Henry Hattersley higher than that of any other member of the Exercise, and these will feel a sense of personal loss by his death. Charles Hattersley has gone, but his name and work will live as long as peals are rung on the bells of England.

Ringing has indeed been hardly hit by the passing, within a few short weeks of each other, of two such pillars

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as Mr. William Snowdon and Mr. Hattersley; but the Yorkshire Association has suffered most of all in thus losing its former President and an active Vice-President. Both were beloved by the members, and the loss is keenly felt, for these two men did much to build up the Society and to secure its position.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN FLINT... .. Treble | ARTHUR CRAVEN 5 |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT 2 | JOHN R. BROOKS 6 |
| *A. E. PARSONS 3 | SAMUEL SMEDLEY 7 |
| FREDERICK E. PARSONS 4 | WILLIAM T. PALMER ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. A. J. Palmer, brother of the ringer of the tenor, to Miss M. E. Ward, of Staveley. The ringers of the treble and 2nd belong to Bolsover, the rest to the local band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, October 22, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL,
32, EDGELY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANCES;

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HERBERT LANGDON ... 1-2 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8 |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 9-10 |
| HARRY R. PASMORE ... 5-6 | WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 11-12 |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire: J. N. OXBORROW.

The name of the ringer of the 4th in the peal at Coselcy on Oct. 16th and published in our last issue was George Popnell and it was his first peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions have been received for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Amount already acknowledged | 115 | 12 | 4 |
| "Wanderer" (September Contribution) | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| St. Oswald's Ringers, West Hartlepool (per Miss K. Jameson) | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| Bushey Society (September Collection) | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Total ... | £116 | 5 | 11 |

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following have joined H.M. Forces:—
Lce.-Corpl. Harry Holman, of Balcombe, Sussex, 8th Batt. Royal Sussex Pioneers, now serving in France.
Andrew Marshall, and
Richard Russell, of St. Mary's, Lamberhurst, Kent.
From St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Liverpool.
Gnr. Edward Owen, Royal Marine Artillery, H.M.S. "Iron Duke."
Rifeman Frank Parkinson, 6th King's Liverpool Rifles, now at Upstreet, Kent.
Rifeman Harold Davies, 6th King's Liverpool Rifles, now in France.
Pte Charles Owen, 1st King's Liverpool, Seaforth.

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RINGERS KILLED IN ACTION.

Further news has been received this week of ringers who have been recently in action, and, we regret to state, some of them have fallen.

We recently stated that Sergt. G. E. Day, of Eye, and son of Mr. Thos. Day, the well-known bell hanger, who had been serving in the Dardanelles with his regiment, the 5th Suffolks, was missing. He is now officially reported as killed in action on August 12th, and the sympathy of the Exercise will go out to the widow and family.

At last Saturday's meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild it was reported that Douglas Johnson, an Appledore ringer, and a member of the Guild, second son of Mr. G. Johnson, of Appledore, had fallen in a most heroic manner in Flanders. He enlisted in the Buffs (East Kent) Regiment, and went to France some months ago, meeting his death between the 13th and 17th October. His parents had a card from him, dated October 13th, stating "all was well" then. But a letter from a chum of his, dated the 17th, bore the sad tidings of the last moments of his life. Volunteers were asked for to cut the wire entanglements in front of the trench. Young Johnson leapt over the parapet to carry out this hazardous work, which meant practically certain death, and he succumbed to the enemy's fire. Had he succeeded in his mission, says his chum, he must have been awarded the coveted V.C. It was a noble, fearless and heroic act, and deserving of posthumous recognition.

Mr. Johnson's eldest son, Mr. Ewart G. P. Johnson, has been wounded. He, too, was a ringer at Appledore for several years, and was an excellent conductor. He, however, emigrated to Australia, but, at the outbreak of war, enlisted in the Australian contingent, and went to the Dardanelles in the R.A.M.C. He was placed hors de combat in the great landing, but has since recovered, and is now back in Gallipoli.

The members of the Guild, on the motion of the Master (Mr. G. Billenness), seconded by Mr. W. H. Lambert, passed a vote of condolence with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, the resolution being passed in silence, the members standing.

It was also stated by the Master that Pte. Percy Nash, also of the Buffs, another Guild member (son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nash, of Iden, Sussex), failed to answer the roll call after the recent big fight, and it was decided to communicate with the parents expressing the members' sympathy with them in the trial and anxiety through which they were passing, and hoping that they might even yet hear from their dear son.

We referred last week to the fortunes of ringing members of the Northants Regiment. Further news comes to hand as to ringers from Easton Neston, Corpl. Beasley and Lce.-Corpl. J. Clarke (grandson of Mr. James Clarke, the "father" of the Towcester Association). They were, when writing, in the first line trenches, about 80 yards from the Germans. Unfortunately Corpl. Faulkner is "missing" since the last great fight, although it is hoped that he may still be safe and well.

The sympathy of ringers will go out to the enthusiastic Ringing Master of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild (Mr. C. Edwards) and Mrs. Edwards, of Farnham, who, on Sunday, received the sad news from the War Office of the death of their eldest son, George, from enteric, at the Dardanelles on October 13th. The deceased, who was 18 years of age, but was not a ringer, was serving with the 2nd/4th Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful district meeting was held at Sawston on Saturday last, and good use was made of the bells, a peal of eight, with a tenor of about 13 cwt. There was ringing during the afternoon, and short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Smith), who gave an interesting address. After the service tea was partaken of at the White Lion Inn, and subsequently a business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. One non-resident member was elected.

Reference was made by Mr. Wilkerson, of Cambridge, to the loss the Association had sustained through the death of Lieut. W. D. James, who was killed in France, and of Mr. George Taylor.—Mr. J. F. Penning, of Saffron Walden, also spoke with regard to Mr. Taylor, and of the great work he had done in the past in promoting ringing in Cambridgeshire.

Mr. John Taylor, of Cambridge, thanked the ringers for the references that had been made with regard to his brother, and said he would convey them to the other members of the family.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. L. Smith for the use of the bells and for his address, and to Mr. Etchells, the organist, for his services.—The Vicar replied, and suggested that muffled ringing should take place in each of the parishes in honour of those who have fallen in the war, due notice being given beforehand to the congregation that such ringing would take place. He said this had already been done in his own parish.

After the meeting further ringing took place until 8 o'clock, and during the remainder of the evening the handbells were in use.

Ringers were present from Royston, Melbourn, Ickleton, Fulbourn, Whittlesford, Stapleford, Shelford, Saffron Walden, Stansted, Cambridge, and Sawston. Mr. James H. Shepherd, of Birmingham, and Mr. A. Mason, of Erith, Kent, were also present. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, and Kent Major.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The October quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Edenham on Saturday last, when about twenty members attended from Stamford, Grantham, Bourne, Colsterworth, Ingoldsby, Billingborough, and the local band, the president (the Rev. E. W. Carpenter) also being present.

Various touches were brought round in the afternoon by mixed bands until time for service, which all the members present attended, and which was conducted by the Vicar of Edenham, who gave a very instructive address on the history of the Parish Church.

An excellent tea was provided at the "Five Bells" Inn, after which the usual business meeting followed, at which the President took the chair. Owing to the secretary and the assistant secretary being unable to attend, the secretarial duties were undertaken by Mr. A. Markwell, of Ingoldsby.—Several new members were enrolled from Colsterworth, Stamford and Billingborough.—On the motion of Mr. J. Osborne, of Bourne, seconded by Mr. A. Holmes, of Edenham, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Stamford on January 22nd, 1916.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the President to the Vicar of Edenham for the use of the bells, also the excellent address given by him at the service. The members then again visited the tower, where several good touches were brought round until "Father Time" at length dispersed the company.

During tea the company were delighted to be introduced to a young soldier who had been fighting with the forces in South Africa under General Botha. He said they had driven the Germans out of their African Colony, and he was now en route to France, where he hoped to do his little share towards driving them across the Rhine, and following them into the heart of Berlin. That his aspirations may be realised was the wish of all present.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The September meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at St. George's, Benenden, Kent, on Saturday last, and the attendance was highly satisfactory, quite a large company being present from Benenden, Fairfield, Hawkhurst, Headcorn, Kolvenden, Rye, Salehurst, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden and Woodchurch. The Rev. and Mrs. Gatehouse cycled from Headcorn, and partook of tea at the Manor House, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lambert. Ringing commenced about 5.30, Mrs. Gatehouse taking part in some rounds. She has now rung in over 50 churches, and been as far as Lincolnshire in pursuit of the pastime. Mrs. Gatehouse has had little opportunity for method ringing, but controls a rope perfectly, and doubtless her name will in time figure in change ringing circles. A 504 and 350 of Grandsire Triples comprised the chief touches during the meeting, and the ringing side of the gathering was very enjoyable. Misfortune occurred, however, shortly before closing time. The bells are very shaky, and one of the ringers threw the third over.

Sad announcements made at the business meeting cast a gloom over the company. The hon. secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs) read a letter from Mr. J. Livermore, of Hastings, gratefully acknowledging the message of condolence from the Guild in reference to the death of his eldest son in Flanders. The information as to other members of the Guild killed or missing in recent fighting will be found in another column.

The place for the next meeting is Wittersham, on the third Saturday in November.

The Vicar of Benenden (the Rev. W. H. Noble) visited the tower during the evening, and gave the ringers a cordial welcome.—The Hon. Secretary heartily thanked him for the use of the bells.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday week the Crewe Branch held a meeting at the old market town of Nantwich. The beautiful and ancient Parish Church, in which hangs a peal of six bells, by Rudhall, of Gloucester (tenor with reputed weight of 17 cwt. in F), was open to the visitors. During the afternoon various touches in the four Standard methods were rung by mixed bands. The Rector (the Rev. F. O. Poole) kindly provided the members with a splendid tea in the Cocoa Rooms, to which full justice was done.

Afterwards the Master (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke) took the chair, and the General Secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeston) addressed the members. His remarks were listened to with marked attention, and his words of advice, which included a strong appeal to the members not to drop their practises or their meetings, were accepted with satisfaction. The speaker also said he was pleased to hear that an effort was being made to get some of the out-lying towers to join the branch.—Mr. R. T. Holding proposed that the best thanks of the members should be given to the general secretary for his helpful address.—This was seconded by A. Crawley, and carried unanimously.

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness to the ringers that afternoon, remarking upon the good impression it made upon them, when the local clergy took such an interest in their proceedings.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Cartwright, and carried with acclamation. Service was afterwards held in the church, the Master and the hon. secretary taking part. Ringing was then again indulged in. Representatives from the following towers were present during the afternoon: Alsager, Acton, Barthomley, Bunbury, Crewe, Northwich, and the local ringers with their enthusiastic leader, Mr. W. Sutton.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN COLLEGE YOUTH.

MR. E. A. DAVIES, OF BARKING.

Death has removed a well-known personality in Metropolitan and Essex ringing circles—Mr. Edward Alfred Davies, of Barking, whose demise has caused unfeigned regret among a large circle of friends both in the Exercise and out of it. The end occurred suddenly, on Monday, October 11th. Although Mr. Davies had been in indifferent health for some time past, he was in business on the preceding Saturday, and his death, which was due to gastro-enteritis, was quite unexpected by his friends. He was 73 years of age, and for many years had been one of the best known and useful public men in the town.

Mr. Davies, who was a native of Westerham, Kent, went to Barking nearly 50 years ago from Bristol, as manager of the Barking and Grays branches of the firm now known as Randalls (malsters), Ltd. At that time the Barking factory was of very small dimensions, but important extensions have since been added from time to time under his supervision. Deceased had been devoted to bell ringing from his boyhood, having first learned to pull a church bell at Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire. Although only a tenor ringer—his education had been neglected in his early ringing days, he used to say—he yielded to no man in his interest in ringers and his love of bells. When he first went to Barking he was sadly disappointed to find that the bells in the tower of the Parish Church were not rung, owing to the fact that the fourth bell was cracked. He at once set to work to get the funds to have the bell recast and the other bells put in order. With the assistance of the late Mr. Robert Sewell, deceased founded the St. Margaret's Society of Change Ringers in 1876; for a number of years



THE LATE MR. E. A. DAVIES.

afterwards he was vice-president of the Society, and always evinced the greatest interest in the band of ringers, and referred to them as "My boys." His house was ever open to ringers, and the St. Margaret's Society had many times enjoyed his generous hospitality. His loss to them is irreparable, and leaves a gap which will not easily be filled. His influence was always used in the interests of belfry reform and the advancement of ringing. About three years ago deceased had the satisfaction of seeing the bells in the tower rehung, and also the fifth bell recast. Mr. Davies, who had been a ringer for over 60 years, was a very old and much respected member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and on several occasions he took the vice-chair at their annual dinners. At a meeting of members of the College Youths a vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. Davies and family. Mr. Davies was also a member of the Essex Association of Change Ringers from the time it was founded, in 1879, and, when the Association was divided into districts, he was chosen as first Master of the South-Western Division. His love of bell ringing continued up to the last, and only on the Sunday before his death he had arranged to ring the tenor in a quarter peal at St. Margaret's Church, but his health would not permit him to do so. Altogether Mr. Davies had rung about 30 peals.

MR. DAVIES' PUBLIC WORK.

In 1889 Mr. Davies was chosen by the then vicar of the parish, the Rev. H. Hensley Henson (now Dean of Durham), as his warden; and he continued to serve in that capacity up to the time of his death, having been chosen by the successive vicars (the Rev. P. M. Wathen and the present incumbent, the Rev. J. W. Eisdell) to fill the position. Deceased was a staunch and thorough Churchman, and he

evinced the greatest interest in the fabric of St. Margaret's. During his lifetime he had the pleasure of seeing the church tower thoroughly restored, and many other necessary improvements effected in connection with the edifice. Deceased also evinced the greatest sympathy with the work in connection with St. Paul's Church. He was present at the laying of the foundation stone for the first part of the building some 21 years ago, and his oft-expressed hope that he would be present at the completion was fulfilled, the church being opened a few months ago. He also took a great interest in the welfare of the Church schools, and was one of the managers for a number of years.

The deceased filled several public offices, being a member of the Romford Board of Guardians for several years, serving also on the old Local Board, and afterwards on the Urban District Council. He was a member of the old School Board and Burial Board for several years, and an overseer of the parish for a lengthy period. Up to the time of his death he was also one of the representatives on the Barking and Ilford Charity Trustees. Mr. Davies was one of the founders of the Loyal St. Margaret's Lodge of Oddfellows, and one of the senior trustees. He took an active interest in the working of the lodge, and was present at the last meeting. For about 20 years the deceased carried out the duties of treasurer in connection with the Barking Conservative Association, and he also took an active part in connection with other movements in the town. Deceased was of a genial and kindly disposition, and he was one of the most respected and esteemed inhabitants of the place.

Mr. Davies leaves a widow and family of two sons and three daughters, with whom the greatest sympathy is expressed. His eldest son, Mr. A. J. Davies, has resided in Australia during the past six years.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Saturday week amid many manifestations of esteem and respect. The first part of the service was held at St. Margaret's Church, and there was a large and sympathetic congregation present. The funeral cortege was met at the entrance to the Curfew tower by the Bishop of Barking, the Rev. J. W. Eisdell (Vicar), Revs. H. Cobbing, G. A. Sweetman, C. K. Waller and W. H. R. Trehella (curates), and the members of the choir. As the mourners entered the church, Mr. A. W. Hume, organist, played the Dead March in "Saul." The service, which was choral, was intoned by the Vicar, and the lesson was read by the Bishop. The hymns, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and "Glory to Thee, my God, this night," were sung, and after the singing of the Nunc Dimittis, the organist played "O, rest in the Lord."

The interment took place in the family vault, and the committal portion of the service was read by the Vicar, and the Bishop of Barking pronounced the Benediction. At the close an impressive scene took place, when the following four members of the St. Margaret's Society of Change Ringers rang over the open grave a course of Grandfire Triples on the handbells: A. Hardy 1-2, R. Fenn 3-4, C. Fenn 5-6, G. W. Faulkner 7-8.

In addition to the family mourners there was a large and representative gathering of townsmen to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased. Among those present were Messrs. A. A. Hughes (Master), A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), and E. Horrex, representing the College Youths; Messrs. G. A. Black, G. Lucas and F. C. Newman, the Essex Association. Among the representatives of the firm of Randalls, Ltd., was Mr. Thos. Faulkner (ex-Master of the College Youths), the assistant manager of the Barking factory. A large number of beautiful wreaths were sent, including tributes from the clergy, church officers, and ringers of St. Margaret's.

In the evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled by the St. Margaret's Society, a touch of 2840 Grandfire Triples being accomplished by: A. C. Hardy 1, G. Jackson 2, R. Fenn 3, E. G. Fenn 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, J. Norris 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, H. E. Parker 8.

A QUERY.

"Espero" writes: On Sept. 18th a quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Cheddar. Can you or any reader say why a report of this meeting has not appeared in "The Ringing World"?

We are sorry to say, "Espero," we cannot. We can only suppose the secretary forgot to send a report, or else was too busy. Perhaps next time there is a meeting of his branch he will be kind enough to discharge this little duty, for the members like to see a notice of their doings, and thus let others know that they are still alive.

A HELPING HAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — Would you kindly add the following further subscriptions to the list for purchasing a self-propelling chair for Mr. F. Woodhead, formerly a ringer at Leeds Parish Church: Amount previously acknowledged, £6; York Minster company, 4s.; Hull, 10s.; Sheffield Cathedral, 10s. 6d.; Sheffield, St. Marie's, 2s. 6d.; Sheffield, All Saints', 5s.; Sheffield, Ranmore, 8s. 6d.; Rotherham, 6s.; Pontefract, 10s.; Keighley, 4s. 6d.; total, £9 1s.—Yours truly,

P. L. COOPER.

H. TOMLINSON,

12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LADIES' PEAL AT PORTISHEAD.
 COMMEMORATION TABLET UNVEILED.

An interesting event took place in the Parish Church of Portishead, Somerset, on Saturday week, when a handsome board, presented by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, recording the peal rung by eight Portishead lady ringers, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Miss Margery Sampson, was unveiled. The occasion was made an opportunity for a special meeting of the Association, and a large number of members attended. Among those present were the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association), the Rev. H. S. Briggs (Portishead), Mr. E. E. Burgess, of Taunton (secretary of the Association), Mr. G. Yeo (district secretary, Long Ashton), Mrs. Way (Henbury) and four lady ringers from that tower, Messrs. R. J. Hudleston and R. Corp (churchwardens of Portishead), etc.

The tablet, which is of very handsome design, was executed by Mr. C. Davis, of Portishead, and bears the following wording:—

Bath and Wells Association.

The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers.

At St. Peter's Church, Portishead, on January 30th, 1915, in three hours and five minutes,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples,

5040 Changes.

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------|-------|
| *Miss M. C. N. Jukes | Treble | Miss D. Coles | 5 |
| †Miss B. L. Mitchell | 2 | Miss E. M. Hole | 6 |
| *Miss A. Stokes | 3 | Miss N. Gillingham | 7 |
| *Miss D. G. Sage | 4 | Miss M. E. N. Jukes | Tenor |

J. J. Parker's 6 part.

Called by Miss D. Coles.

*First peal.

† First peal with a bob bell.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of a sister ringer, Miss Margery F. Sampson. This was the first peal to be rung for the Ladies' Guild, also the first peal by eight ladies who are all members of one tower.—Rev. H. W. Jukes, M.A., Rector; Rev. H. S. Briggs, M.A., curate; R. J. Hudleston and R. Corp, churchwardens.

This tablet was erected by the above-named association to commemorate the record performance.—Rev. C. C. Parker, M.A., Master; Mr. E. E. Burgess, secretary.

THE UNVEILING.

The Rev. C. C. Parker, in performing the unveiling, gave some particulars of the circumstances under which the tablet was presented. It was, he said, to mark an unique event in the history of change ringing, namely, the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Triples by a band of lady ringers who all belonged to one tower. It was a record performance, and one of which the band and its leader, Mr. Gillingham, might be deservedly proud. The erection of the tablet was unique in another way, inasmuch as the Association undertook the unusual course of bearing the cost of it, and this not necessarily to relieve the local ringers of the expense, but to mark their cordial appreciation of this unique record. It was the first time the Association had done a thing of that kind. Mr. Parker recalled the fact that two of the Portishead lady ringers had also shared in the peal rung by ladies from various parts of the country at Cubitt Town, in 1912. These performances, while affording evidence of the enthusiasm of the band, were also gratifying in that they showed that the ringers were giving their best, as all ought in whatever work they undertook, in the service of God and His Church. He also spoke of the great interest taken in the art of ringing since the introduction of the change system in place of the old round ringing. He expressed the pleasure he felt in coming to Portishead to unveil the tablet.

Mr. Gillingham, in a few remarks, spoke of the work of the band, and emphasised the point that he considered the secret of their success in peal ringing was to be traced to the regularity of the Sunday ringing. He felt—and he mentioned the matter there as several of the heads of the Association were present—that it should be a necessary requirement in peal ringing that those taking part should ring on Sundays. He was sorry they had now lost the services on Sundays of two of their members, while their band of eight had become one short. Although some of the ladies were engaged in Sunday School work, yet several of them were present in the tower twice each Sunday, and in one or two cases had not missed for a year. He said he knew the committee of the Association had it under consideration whether to erect a peal tablet or to give a personal recognition. He was glad they decided on a tablet, as it gave their band the opportunity of presenting the ladies each with a gold badge of "The Ladies' Guild." This presentation was made on the previous Thursday, after ringing for the harvest thanksgiving service.

Mr. Hudleston wished, as one of the churchwardens, to thank Mr. Parker for coming to unveil the tablet, and said they appreciated the enthusiastic work of Mr. Gillingham and the ringers. — Mr. Corp seconded.

The members then attended service in the church, which was conducted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs, the lesson being read by the Rev. C. C. Parker, and afterwards took tea at the Cafe. During the afternoon and evening touches were rung by the local band and by visitors.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 ASHFORD DISTRICT AT FOLKESTONE.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Folkestone on Saturday week, and, judged from a ringer's point of view, was an unqualified success. A fine peal of bells, with "go" and tone everything to be desired, an energetic and obliging local captain in charge, and the "hail fellow well met" greeting with which each new arrival was received all contributed to that end, and will leave its impress on the memory of those who had the good fortune to share in it. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round, and then a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung as the service touch, the striking being really excellent. All the members attended the evensong in the church (occupying the seats reserved for the Mayor and Corporation), at which the grand old hymn, "Jesus lover of my Soul," was sung unaccompanied.

Fernley Hotel, Guildhall Street, was the next rendezvous, where a capital meat tea was awaiting the members, some of whom had cycled from 25 to 30 miles, and, needless to say, it received its due share of appreciation.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Tindall, the assistant curate (the Rev. D. Raitton) took the chair both at the tea and the subsequent business meeting, at which the District Secretary (Mr. C. Tribe) and the District Representative (Mr. G. Paine) were duly re-elected. The following places for meetings in 1916 was proposed, seconded and carried, viz.: Ashford in February, New Romney in April, and Headcorn (annual) in September. An interim meeting was also arranged for Newington-next-Hythe, on November 20th of this year.

Two new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting and for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. D. Raitton for presiding in the absence of Canon Tindall, on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Payer, seconded by Mr. S. Binfield. — The Chairman suitably replied, and apologised for the absence of the Vicar. He said he was pleased to have the opportunity of meeting so many ringers, both at the meeting and at the service, and said he had often heard expressions of gratitude from passers-by to the ringers for trying to cheer them up during these anxious times.

A vote of thanks to the District Secretary for his past services was proposed by Mr. S. Binfield, and was carried with acclamation.—The District Secretary, thanking the members for their kind vote of confidence, said that he hoped some younger member would be found to take up his duties in a more energetic manner than he had done, but he could assure them that, failing a successor, all the time he was able to do the work he would never see the office vacant.

RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

MR. BENJAMIN PAGE, OF HIGH WYCOMBE.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. Benjamin Page, the popular foreman of the High Wycombe bellry, the sad event taking place on Sunday, October 10th. Deceased, who had been ailing for some time, seemed no worse than usual on this day when he rang for Matins, which service he attended and acted, as he frequently did, in the office of sidesman. For evensong the ringers waited a few minutes for their foreman, but in vain, and, as the bells were being lowered, word came to the tower that poor Ben had passed away.

The funeral took place on the following Thursday, and was conducted by the Vicar. Among those present, in addition to members of the family, were the whole of the employees of Messrs. Wheeler and Co., brewers, in whose employ Mr. Page had been for upwards of 20 years, members of the local lodge of Foresters, almost all the members of the Hughenden and High Wycombe companies of ringers, with Messrs. Buckland and Martin. Among the many floral tributes was one composed of white chrysanthemums in the form of a bell, bearing the inscription: "With deepest sympathy from his brother ringers." The interment took place in the High Wycombe Cemetery, a large gathering being present. The ringers afterwards returned to the bellry, where various muffled touches were rung. The bells were again rung, fully muffled, for the services on the following Sunday.

The late Mr. Page, who was 49 years of age, leaves a widow and an adopted daughter, to mourn their loss, and to them much sympathy goes out. His ringing career commenced at Hughenden, where he rang his first peal on February 25th, 1899, when he "tenored" Holt's Original, conducted by Mr. J. W. Washbrook. In 1898 he joined the old Wycombe company, and three years later he was elected foreman of a new society, formed by the amalgamation of the two Wycombe companies, a position to which he was continually re-elected until the time of his death. In addition to being a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild he was elected, in the tower, to the College Youths on the occasion of the ringing of the first peal on the complete peal of twelve. His peals, which number 40, comprise Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Double Norwich (treble), Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques (tenor), mostly rung in the High Wycombe tower. His last peal was on December 26th last, and was rung muffled as a token of respect to the second son of the Bishop of Buckingham, Lieut. Shaw, who was killed in action.

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MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY DEAD. PASSING OF THE "GRAND OLD MAN" OF RINGING.

His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, "This was a man!"

Charles Henry Hattersley is dead.

The news will come with something of a shock to the Exercise, for, although it was known that Mr. Hattersley had been in failing health for some time past, it was hardly realised, except by those closely associated with him, how ill he was. For some weeks he had been confined to his room, and of late he had been getting weaker. His condition last week gave his relatives and friends cause for grave anxiety, and he passed peacefully away



THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

early on Thursday morning, at his residence, 38, Dover Road, Sheffield.

To say that Mr. Hattersley's death means a serious loss to ringing is to put very baldly a fact that will be realised by all who know anything of the work which, for fifty years past, he has done in promoting the art and raising the standard of ringing. His enthusiasm and genius have placed him in the forefront of composers, and his name in this connection will live for all time in ringing history. By his death one of the most highly respected and honoured members of the craft, one who fully merited the title of the "Grand Old Man" of the Exercise has been removed from our midst. His integrity in matters concerning ringing was as steadfast as his uprightness in

business and every other walk of life. His wide knowledge, gained through more than half a century of close application to the art, was always at the service of others, and, to the end, his keen intellect was ever striving after something new which would be an advance upon the old. His sterling qualities, honesty of purpose in all things, clearness of perception, unsurpassed knowledge, wide experience, and warm hearted and companionable nature, endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and to all the world it can, in Shakespeare's words, be said of him, "This was a man."

EARLY RECOLLECTIONS.

Charles Henry Hattersley was 71 years of age, having been born at Sheffield on Sept. 12th, 1844. It will be remembered that last year it was proposed to celebrate his 70th birthday by a public dinner, which, however, was abandoned owing to the outbreak of war, but the ringers of the city and district of Sheffield marked the occasion by presenting Mr. Hattersley with an illuminated address. His passing to the great majority severs the last link with bygone generations of ringers, whose activities go back for more than a century. Mr. Hattersley came of ringing stock, and inherited his ringing instinct from his maternal grandfather, Mr. William Booth, an eminent ringer and composer, of Sheffield, who, it is interesting to note, first introduced Mr. Hattersley to the belfry, for at the age of only four years he was carried by his grandfather up the steps leading to the Sheffield Parish Church belfry. There, in 1848, for the first time he saw ten bells rung by the local company. It seemed only in the natural course of events that Mr. Hattersley should early in life take seriously to the art himself. His earliest recollection of actual ringing was the pulling of the evening prayer bell when quite a youth. A little later he became sufficiently skilled to take part in prize ringing contests, although he was still considered too young to be enrolled a member of the Parish Church Society, which his brother Thomas also joined. He was, however, admitted to this select circle in the year 1862, in which year he rang his first peal, 5079 Stedman Caters. He soon took a prominent part in conducting, and called his first peal when only 19 years of age. In 1864 he was made a member of the College Youths on the occasion of ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at Bethnal Green with such notable London ringers as Matt. Wood, Henry Haley and George Muskett. His first visit to Birmingham was paid in 1867, when he made the acquaintance of the late Mr. Henry Johnson, and between the two men, who had many accomplishments in common, a lasting friendship sprang up. In 1886 Mr. Hattersley had the honour of presenting Mr. Johnson with his portrait, which had been subscribed for by the change ringers of England. Another honour which fell to Mr. Hattersley was that of being one of the representative ringers present at the opening of the Imperial Institute in 1893 by Queen Victoria.

NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

Mr. Hattersley's business, that of a manufacturer of plated goods, necessitated his travelling a great deal, and in this way he came in contact with ringers in many parts of England, and his fund of anecdotes was almost inexhaustible. Although in his early days peals were not of the frequent occurrence they are of the present day, Mr. Hattersley's list amounts to something like 200, and many of these he composed and conducted. No one could have been more particular than he as to striking, and he soon put an end to any irregular ringing if he was one of the band. Some of his peals have been of historic note, but he considered the 120 course-ends peal of Stedman Caters (13,041 changes) rung at Cheltenham in 1888, in 8 hrs. 20 mins., and which stood as a record in the method for several years, was one of the best performances he ever took part in. At one stage for a period of five hours there was never a word spoken by way of correction. Among other notable performances in which he participated were 9238 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham in 6 hrs. 48 mins., in the year 1881; 6595 Stedman Caters (60 course-ends), in 4 hrs. 45 mins., at Sheffield in 1886; a non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples, the first ever rung on tower bells, at Burton-on-Trent in 1886; and an "all-conducted" peal in the same method at the same church in the following year. He composed and conducted the first peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and the first peals of Double Norwich and Superlative ever rung by the Yorkshire Association. He rang in the first two peals ever scored in the Isle of Man—Treble Bob Major (which he composed) and Stedman Triples (which he conducted) rung on the same day—in 1888, and in 1889 he rang in the 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, which occupied 9 hrs. 43 mins.

GEMS OF COMPOSITION

It will thus be seen that, as a performer in the tower, Mr. Hattersley played a conspicuous part in his day and generation, but it was in the realm of composition that he excelled, and many are the gems that he has produced. Few men have done as much as he in getting the best out of figures, and, while it is unnecessary here to go into much detail on this point, it may be stated that he has left an interesting collection of compositions in Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative, Bristol and London Sur-

prise. His 14-course peals of Treble Bob Major with the 5th and 6th extent in 5-8 and eleven out of the possible twelve 8-6's were the first ever composed in 5024 changes. He obtained the first 5056 Superlative Surprise containing all the possible changes with the 6th and tenor together, without the 2nd being in 6th's place, and he also introduced a twelve-course set with the 6th the extent in this method, with interchangeable calls, which has been the means of increasing the variety of compositions. He evolved a new 11-course set to Stedman Caters, which is equally applicable to Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative, thus extending the scope of composition in all these methods, while he was also among the first to obtain peals of London Surprise with the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th's, and the 5th and 6th their extent in 5th's.

Upon all matters relating to composition there was no greater authority than Mr. Hattersley, and it is worth while recalling an extract from a letter, written by him less than a month before his death, to a meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association: "I can't understand," he wrote, "how it is we have so many ringers who seem to take so little interest in composition, and the higher aspect of conducting. If they would only pay a little more attention to these two elements of the science, they would soon discover, when ringing, how much easier it is for them to find their companion bell, than, as often is the case, to stare and twist about like a person who had lost his understanding. Of course, every ringer is not bent that way, and every man would not prove a success, but I do think that all ringers would find it exceedingly attractive and interesting. Moreover, it would ensure less mistakes being made, less talking, and consequently better striking. The art of composition, and conducting also, is not so mysterious as some people would have others imagine, and to talk of composition being played out is all moonshine and nonsense, as the possibilities of composition are almost of surpassing belief. In various degrees I have been interested in change ringing for the past 60 years, and if I had another 60 years to live I would still keep on being interested." This letter should appeal to young ringers with all the more force, now that the writer of it has passed from among us.

A LINK WITH THE PAST.

As already mentioned, Mr. Hattersley formed a very interesting link with past generations of Sheffield ringers. His grandfather, William Booth, who was born in 1783, made his mark in ringing at quite an early age, and in 1804 took part in the last 5000 on the old peal of ten at the Parish Church, Sheffield, and also rang in the first 5000 on ten of the present peal in the same year. He established a connection between Sheffield and Birmingham ringers by ringing a peal at All Saints', Derby, in 1809, in which Joshua Short and other well-known Birmingham men took part, and in the association between the ringers of the two cities which has been maintained ever since, Mr. Hattersley has played no small part. William Booth in 1811 took part in the first peal ever rung on handbells retained in hand. This was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and on the centenary, on October 30th, 1911, a commemoration peal was rung at Mr. Hattersley's house, and was timed by the same "grandfather" clock that ticked off the minutes during the peal of a hundred years before. William Booth also took part in the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Maximus rung "in hand," the former on December 3rd, 1811, and the latter on November 24th, 1816. He participated, too, in the opening of the peal of twelve at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, in 1814, and in 1816 made the three days' coach journey to London, where he rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch with men like George Gross, William Shipway and other giants in the ringing world of that day. It was William Booth who, in 1848, first took Charles Henry Hattersley into a belfry. In 1811 there was rung at Sheffield a peal of 5040 Bob Royal, in which Robert Daft was one of the band. In 1863 a second peal in the same method was rung in that tower, and the same Robert Daft took part. Mr. Hattersley was also of this band, again making him a link between the ringers of to-day and those of a hundred years ago.

From 1862 to the day of his death Mr. Hattersley was connected with the Sheffield Parish Church (now the Cathedral Society). In 1879 he entered the Yorkshire Association, in which he took the keenest and most active interest. He became a vice-president and trustee, having in the former office, since the division of the county, been attached to the Southern District. When the Central Council was formed Mr. Hattersley was elected as one of the representatives of the Yorkshire Association, and he remained a member to the end of his days. He was always a regular attendant at the meetings, when his health permitted, and he was present at the meeting last Whitsun in London, when many of his friends were glad to see him in apparently improved health. His services to the Council were great and valued, and he was a member of the Standing Committee. As one of the oldest members of the College Youths he was always a welcome guest at their annual banquets, and in Birmingham, too, his presence at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner was a source of gratification to the company. Indeed, no man was ever more warmly received wherever he went than Mr. Hattersley, for his genial disposition and kindly nature won for him a warm place in the hearts of all who knew him. His death has caused a gap which it will not be easy to fill, and to the widow and other members of the family, who are left to mourn their loss, the sympathy of the Exercise will go out.

The funeral took place at Eccleshall, Sheffield, on Tuesday afternoon.

RESTORATION AT ALDBOURNE.

The dedication of the bells and other work which has been carried out during the past year at Aldbourne Parish Church took place on Thursday, October 14th. The scheme has been considerably increased since the committee was first formed. The work carried out has comprised the rehanging of the eight bells, the repointing of the tower, gilding the clock dial, the underpinning of the chancel arch, and opening up the staircase to the roof loft. A new steel frame has been put in, and the bells all hung on one level, and fitted with Warner's patent bearings. The fifth bell has been recast (it was badly cracked), a new floor has been placed in the tower, and the clock put in thorough going order and fitted with the "Westminster" chimnes. The restoration has cost over £600, and it is gratifying to know that this sum has been subscribed within £100. The work to the bells was carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, and the other work by Messrs. Blackwood and Co., of Colne. There was once in the village an accomplished band of change ringers, who succeeded in ringing four peals of Grandsire Triples, viz.: On May 3rd, 1791; January 21st, 1806; March 20th, 1837; and again on the 27th of the same month. With the exception of the tenor man the band was the same on both of the latter dates, that good old tenor ringer, John Beezley, ringing the tenor for the last peal. No peal has been rung since the year 1837.

There was a large congregation at the dedication ceremony, performed by the Ven. Archdeacon of Wilts, the clergy present being the Rev. H. E. G. Peters, Rural Dean; and the Rev. W. A. Butler (Vicar), and the Rev. W. White (Vicar of Ramsbury). The clergy and choir proceeded to the tower, where the churchwarden (Mr. C. Smith) handed the keys of the tower to the Archdeacon. Then followed the dedicatory prayers, and the bells were rung for a few rounds. After the ceremony the bells were again rung by the local call change ringers, Mr. A. Palmer being conductor.

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H. K. 1617. T. C. G. A.

Fifth.—William Jackson Vicar. Richard Scory and Edward Frances. C.W. W.R. Cor. 1703. Recast by Warner and Son in the year 1915. W. A. Butler, Vicar; Wm. Brown and C. Smith, Churchwardens.

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Seventh.—AN NO DOMINI. 1636.

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CLUN RINGERS.

The first annual meeting of the church bell ringers of Clun, Salop, was held in the ringing room on Thursday evening of last week, when there was a full attendance of ringers and officials.—The President (the Rev. R. D. Machen, Vicar), in opening the meeting, expressed the pleasure it gave him to see the feeling of good fellowship that existed among the ringers, and the excellent progress that had been made in the art of change ringing during the short time the band had been formed. This was due to the efforts of their captain, Mr. W. Mead, and the Rev. H. J. Scott. He mentioned the need of punctuality and regular attendance both for Sunday ringing and for practice. He complimented the members on their captain being elected one of the churchwardens. It was, he said, a happy coincidence that a ringer should be a warden so soon after they had their new bells. It was the first time in the history of Clun Church that a ringer had been made a warden.—Mr. Mead said Clun Church held the proud position of being one of the few churches where some of the clergy and wardens met in the belfry regularly each Sunday to call the people to worship.

The balance sheet of the general and special funds was submitted and passed, showing a balance in hand of 11s. 6d.

After a general discussion, Mr. W. Mead proposed, and Mr. G. W. Roberts seconded, that a society of ringers be formed and called the "St. George's Society of Church Bell Ringers," and that they adopt the existing rules; this was carried unanimously.—The following were elected: Honorary members: Rev. G. H. Cope, Rev. V. A. Creswell, Dr. T. W. Mathewson, Mr. F. F. Short, Mr. G. Townsend, Mr. J. G. Buchanan.—The Vicar again appointed the Rev. H. J. Scott chaplain.—Mr. W. Mead was unanimously re-elected head ringer, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The list of members away on active service was read, and it was again decided to keep their subscriptions paid up, so that when they return they will find their membership in order.—It was decided that the practice nights should be Thursdays in place of Tuesdays.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, S.E., on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. J. Tackley (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Room. A charge of threepence per member will be made.—T. Goombridge, senr., Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A practice meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 1915. Bells (8) available from 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Slinfold on Saturday, October 30th. Bells available at 1.30. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Secretary, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIVISION ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Darlington on Saturday, October 30th. Committee meeting and tea, with meeting to follow, at 3 and 5 p.m. respectively. Service at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church 4 p.m. Those attending please notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. T. Potter, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, by Wednesday, October 27th.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellington Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingboro', on Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Shoreditch, Saturday, November 6th. Tower open 2.30. Ringing up to 6.30. Tea to those who notify me by November 3rd. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, November 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who require tea kindly inform me not later than Tuesday, November 2nd.—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, November 6th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on November 6th, 1915, at 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 9d. each to those who advise me before November 3rd. — Henry Brownlee West, Hon. Secretary, "Avalon," Devizes.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The monthly meeting of the above will be held at Headingley, St. Michael's, on Saturday, November 6th, 1915. Bells available from 5 p.m. Business meeting in the Scouts' Headquarters at 7 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Honorary Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. each, in schoolroom at 5. Business meeting immediately after in the same room. Intercession service in the church at 6.30, to be followed by the unveiling of a peal board by the Rev. H. J. Else, M.A. Will those intending to be present at tea kindly write Mr. J. Myles, 46, Ashbourne Road, Eccles, not later than Wednesday, November 10th.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, November 13th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, November 13th. The bells will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Rev. Wilson P. De Vine, M.A., R.D. (Vicar), who will also give the address and preside at the business meeting. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, November 9th.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, by kind permission of the Rev. B. S. Batty, on Saturday, November 13th. Ringing from 3.30 sharp. Short service at 5.30. Tea on the usual terms at 6 o'clock. No ringing after 8 o'clock. Will all requiring tea advise me by the 10th. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and I should be glad to receive same at an early date.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, 6d. each, at "The Nagg's Head," 6 o'clock, followed by meeting for election of district officers for 1916. Members requiring tea please notify hon. secretary by Wednesday, November 17th.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Thursdays, November 4th and 18th for handbell practice; Tuesday, November 9th. election of officers; Tuesday, November 23rd, general business; all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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The quarterly meeting of this society was held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday week. With weather all that could be desired, and Coalbrookdale being convenient to get at, it was not surprising that a record meeting was held. Among the visitors were the Rev. H. B. Beckwith, hon. secretary of the Guild; the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury; the Rev. E. Parry, Malinslee; Mr. Harry Withers, of Bournbrook, with his dulcimer; Messrs. C. R. Lilley (instructor to the Guild); John Bradney, John Overton, and colleagues from Bridgnorth; Wm. Weatherby, Market Drayton, and about thirty other members. The bells were early going to Stedman Triples, and when most of the visitors had arrived at the tower the Rev. C. B. Crowe, R.D. (Vicar of Coalbrookdale), who had met them at the station, read the short prayers of the Guild. The bells were then set going in various methods until tea was served at Trinity Hall, where the members were met by the churchwardens, sidesmen and their wives, together with a good number of local ladies. After about 50 had partaken of an excellent tea, provided by Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, caretakers of Trinity Hall, the business meeting was held, the Rev. C. B. Crowe presiding.

Much to the regret of all the members, the Rev. H. B. Beckwith resigned the secretaryship of the Guild, owing to pressing duties. At the last quarterly meeting, however, he had intimated that he hoped to be able to get the Rev. F. Tennison to be secretary. In this he had been successful, and the Rev. Tennison expressed his willingness to try and discharge the duties expected of him in the excellent way the Rev. H. B. Beckwith had done.

Afterwards three new members were elected, and it was proposed that the annual meeting be held at Shrewsbury in January, the date being left to the secretary. The decision was a pleasing one, as Shrewsbury is now in possession of one of the finest rings of twelve in the kingdom, chiefly through the untiring energy of the Rev. H. B. Beckwith and Mr. C. R. Lilley.

MR. HARRY WITHERS' PERFORMANCES.

The business meeting over, Mr. Withers, whose second visit to Coalbrookdale this was, and whose coming had been looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation, was then called upon for selections. The Rev. C. B. Crowe, in introducing him, said how Mr. Withers on the former occasion had delighted all who heard him in his own most wonderful way. It certainly is his own—not a borrowed one. Thirty-two handbells by Mears had been fixed up specially, and these were soon sending forth the popular strains of "Tipperary" and "Tommy Atkins." Following these, Mr. Withers played on the dulcimer, the Russian, French and Belgian anthems, and gave, also, a course of Double Norwich Major. Most of the members had heard of Mr. Withers' wonderful ability at ringing all methods, but were astonished at the accuracy and beat of his tapping, and the murmur went round the room. "If only eight of us could go and do likewise on tower bells there would not be so much grumbling from the non-ringing fraternity." Mr. Withers' programme at Trinity Hall concluded with the popular piece, "Napoleon crossing the Alps," and the National Anthem, in the singing of which all present joined. Then followed an eager inspection of the famous dulcimer, the ladies being specially interested.

On returning to the tower, the members kept the bells going in Grandsire, Stedman Plain and Kent Treble Bob.

A social hour was arranged at the White Hart Hotel, Trowbridge, and here again Mr. Withers delighted all-comers.

On Sunday morning, at the Parish Church for service, under the able leadership of Mr. Withers, touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round. Owing to two of the visitors not being able to stop for ringing for evening, and as six of the locals are away serving their King and country, the bells were run down. After the service the ringers adjourned to the Institute for half-an-hour, whilst waiting for dinner, and had the pleasure of listening to a course of London Major on the dulcimer, and a course of Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters on a very fine Broadwood grand piano. These were all perfectly performed by Mr. Withers. There is a saying that all clever men are sons of clever mothers. The writer is inclined to think that the dulcimer player must have had half-a-dozen, all members of the R.A.M. Well, all things have an ending, and about 5 p.m. Mr. Withers and a few other friends who had been staying at Coalbrookdale were spinning towards Welling in a beautiful 20 h.p. Sunbeam car, thus bringing to an end a most enjoyable week-end.

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