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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
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.

MODERN WORK.

DWINDLING FUNDS.

Not a few associations are watching very closely and with feelings, if not of alarm, at any rate of anxiety, the diminishing bank balances standing to their credit. These associations are not confined to any one part of the country, and among the latest to talk seriously of their financial position has been the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Their credit balance has dwindled nearly to vanishing point, and like other organisations who find themselves similarly placed, they are casting round for the best means of replenishing the almost empty coffers. One gratifying feature of the Hereford Guild's position, however, is that the subscriptions of the ordinary ringers are well maintained—in fact in the past twelve months they were the highest on record. It is, however, an obvious fact that no Association can be carried on upon the ordinary members' contributions alone. They are, as a rule, extremely low, and the advantages which are frequently offered to members, in the shape of cheap teas or allowances towards railway fares or instruction, are by no means inconsiderable, and if a balance were struck on the receipts from and payments made on behalf of members, there would be, in practically every case, a serious shortage. One other source is proving a heavy, and, in many instances, a growing cause of expense, and that is the printing of annual reports. These productions are invaluable to the members, both for the purposes of record and information, but with increasing activities, particularly in regard to peal ringing, the bulkiness of the publications is growing and with it the printer's bill.

With the many directions in which the associations are open to make a return to their members, therefore, it is not to be wondered at that balances are growing visibly less, and it is up to those who are reaping the advantages to see that the activities of their particular Association are not curtailed for want of funds. It is to honorary members that we have to look for the support necessary to carry on the work, and, wherever there is need for it, whether in Herefordshire or elsewhere, we would appeal to the rank and file to do their best to secure the financial help of all those who are interested in the work of their church. A good case, such as ringers have, coupled with tactful handling, almost invariably has the desired result. We know that much is expected of Association and District Secretaries in this matter. We would like to see a good deal more of the responsibility and work shouldered by the ordinary member. If that were done we feel sure there would be far fewer cases of lament or anxiety over the dwindling of funds.

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OPINION OF OUR
MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 2	ALF PADDON SMITH 8
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 3	ALBERT WALKER 9
JOHN NEAL 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
THOMAS MILLER 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
JOHN CARTER 6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Samuel Reeves, vice-president and formerly president of this Guild; also to the wife of Mr. James L. Wells, a Sunday service ringer at this church.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

JOHN NEAL Treble	THOMAS RUSSAM 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	THOMAS MILLER 8
ALF PADDON SMITH 3	THOMAS J. BRATTON 9
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	JESSE SCREEN 10
HERBERT KNIGHT 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
REV. ERNEST V. COX 6	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Samuel Reeves, who was for 27 years clerk-verger of this church and, formerly, for 23 years, Hon. Lay Secretary of this Society. T. Miller's 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5093 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*WILLIAM TURNER Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS 6
THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 2	†GEORGE BENNETT 7
JAMES MOORHOUSE 3	†FRED COCKELL 8
GEORGE HINSLEY 4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 9
†GEORGE HUNT 5	WALTER PEAKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal away from tenor and also on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 22, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor to cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	GEORGE GARRISON 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	HORACE HOWELL 6
VICTOR WHITE 3	WALTER PIGOTT 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	* ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

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

First peal in the method by all the band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in D.	
BEN CHORLEY Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
HENRY HUTTON 4	EDWARD RADDON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAZELDEN.

Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
*LEONARD A. PYE 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
*ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	ALFRED PYE 7
WILLIAM BILLENNESS ... 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Chaplin.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent.)

On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28½ cwt.	
ALGERNON P. G. STONE ... Treble	JOHN H. BENSTEAD 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	EDWARD I. STONE 6
CHARLES SANDERS 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 4	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Dr. A. B. Plant, who had been organist of St. Paul's Church since its dedication in 1874, and who was interred on this day.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.	
*CHARLES COTTELL Treble	WILLIAM G. ANKER 5
JOHN CORRIGAN 2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6
JONATHAN PRESTON 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
JAMES JONES 4	JOHN SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* Elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Samuel Reeves, Parish Clerk and Sexton, of Christ Church, West Bromwich.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS 2	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	JAMES HUNT 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

This peal was rung to celebrate Queen Alexandra's birthday and also St. John's Day.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.	
WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Treble	ALFRED FUNNELL 5
*ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
ALBERT G. WARNES 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by WM. STEELE.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung in honour of Alexandra Day.

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

On Wednesday, June 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*EDWARD R. COLES Treble	RALPH COLES 5
FRED HAYES 2	PHILBERT W. WILKINS ... 6
JOHN GRANSBURY 3	JAMES W. WILKINS 7
ARTHUR G. JAMES 4	JAMES W. NEIGHBOUR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is aged 15 years, and he was congratulated by the rest of the company for his excellent ringing throughout the peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.	
HENRY BEARUSLEY Treble	CECIL J. BAKER 5
JOSEPH H. ILIFFE 2	JAMES F. GEORGE 6
ISAAC HUFTEEN 3	HENRY HARRISON 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	*HUBERT TARLTON Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the visit of their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary to the town of Ilkeston.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, June 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*BERT HAND Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
*CYRIL J. STONE 2	FRED BRACE 6
*CHARLES E. TRAPP 3	*EDWARD BOWYER 7
*ARTHUR RODEN 4	*THOMAS RODEN Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Captain E. N. E. M. Vaughan, of the Grenadier Guards, to Miss Hilda Mander, of Penn.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, June 25, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt., in F.	
HERBERT PAGETT Treble	ARCHIE CADDICK 5
WILLIAM PEART 2	ELIJAH PAGETT 6
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	ALBERT MILLS 7
*WALTER REYNOLDS 4	†DAVID JONES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. This peal was rung with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Samuel Reeves, who was Honorary Secretary of the above Society for 23 years.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
HORACE TULETT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*JOHN H. PAICE 2	GEORGE J. NORRIS 6
HENRY STALHAM 3	WILLIAM HILLMAN 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	EDMUND H. LINDUP ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.	
GEORGE LUFF Treble	†CHARLES BISH 5
THOMAS ATTWELL 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 6
†LEONARD J. DICKERSON ... 3	HERBERT J. ELLIS 7
WILLIAM MOOREY 4	*GEORGE E. WHEATLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method. Messrs. Dickerson, Moorey and Bish hail from Godalming, the rest are local men.

HECKINGTON.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.	
ARTHUR ANDREWS Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	JOHN T. HOLMES 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 7
*SIDNEY PROCTOR 4	WALTER H. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of the parents of the ringer of the 7th, Mr. and Mrs. David Dickinson, who entertained the ringers to dinner. The conductor's 350th peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.	
*WILFRED W. BAILEY ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
FREDK. W. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
LEONARD P. BAILEY 4	EDGAR H. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal and first attempt; aged 16.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.	
BERT HAND Treble	FRED BRACE 5
*FRANK CALDWELL 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
†THOMAS RODEN 3	EDWARD BOWYER 7
ARTHUR RODEN 4	JOHN BASS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal on a bob bell.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
TITUS BARLOW Treble	GEORGE POWNALL 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
GEORGE PINCOIT 3	JOHN POTIER 7
JOHN WELSBY 4	JOHN STUBBS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN POTIER.

Rung for the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*F. OSBORNE Treble	J. GILLINGS 5
F. C. LAMBERT 2	J. LARTER 6
G. E. PADGETT 3	†E. GOODWIN 7
†A. SARGENT 4	*G. BLOWERS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. † First peal on Bob Bell.

ORMESBY, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
*MISS OLIVE LUMLEY ... Treble	FREDERICK LAVERICK ... 5
WILLIAM LETTY 2	JOHN G. HALL 6
ROBERT STEPHENSON ... 3	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE 7
JOHN H. JONES 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Laverick and the conductor; also to celebrate the wedding of J. G. Hall, and the conductor's silver wedding.

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

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
HARRY LEA Treble	GEORGE GARRISON 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	VICTOR WHITE 6
WILLIAM SHILLVOCK ... 3	GEORGE N. COCKIN 7
ALBERT E. PARSONS ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
*WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... Treble	ALBERT LITTLE 5
THOMAS HUGHES 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung, after meeting short for Forward Major, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. S. Reeves, who for 23 years was the much-esteemed secretary to the Society.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*ARTHUR PLANT Treble	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT ... 5
†ROBERT G. BLACK 2	ROBERT F. TURNER ... 6
†PHILIP INNS 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 7
HARRY PEET 4	WILLIAM MACE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal in the method.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
NORFOLK AND NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently, and with 6—8 covering.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DYE Treble	ARTHUR W. BALDWIN ... 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	*GEORGE BEVERLEY ... 6
CHAS. S. TUTHILL 3	ROBERT W. COOKE ... 7
CHAS. WYBROW 4	*WILLIAM M. TUTHILL ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. COOKE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a company entirely composed of Fakenham ringers. It was arranged and rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. George Orford, of Gorleston, who formerly was a ringer at Fakenham, and was much respected by the whole band.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*SIDNEY T. JONES Treble	JOHN LYDDIARD 5
ALFRED JAMES, Senr. ... 2	ERNEST TIGWELL 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
*GEORGE DURLING 4	THOMAS JONES Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lbs.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	*EDWARD JENKINS 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 2	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method. Arranged to oblige Messrs. Cross, Copeman and Howchin, who hail from Norwich.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LONGBOROUGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

ALFRED PARDINGTON ... Treble	FRANK BIRD 4
FRANK E. DAVIS 2	HENRY GILLETT 5
THOMAS WILLIAMS 3	WALTER LARGE Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5760 CHANCES;

Being eight 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. HOING Treble	JOHN GRANSBURY 4
GEORGE TWITCHEN 2	JAMES W. WILKINS ... 5
*WILLIAM GOODCHILD ... 3	RALPH COLES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, which have been restored by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. All the ringers belong to High Wycombe, except W. Goodchild, of Hughenden, and they here tender their thanks to the Vicar for kind permission to ring, and to Mr. Elburn, the local foreman.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANCES;

Being 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob, 12 of Canterbury Pleasure and 20 of Grandsire with 22 different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*IVOR DOMAN Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
JOHN H. RACKHAM 2	EDGAR R. JONES 5
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 3	THOMAS VAUGHAN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. JONES.

* First peal away from the tenor. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rackham for kindly inviting them to tea after the peal.

LEYTONSTONE.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Newcastle, Canterbury, Lincoln, London and York.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 4
GEORGE A. BLACK 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
HARRY TORBLE 3	JOHN MOULE Tenor

Conducted by W. MILLER.

All the above methods are Class 4. This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Samuel Hayes, who died on June 13, aged 75 years.

CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD AND
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 4
JOHN WILKINSON 2	HERBERT H. BARKER ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	HENRY FYLES Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT H. BARKER.

Rung in celebration of the King's birthday. First Surprise Minor peal for ringer of 3rd. First peal on the bells.

WALTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley and York.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES W. BELL Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 4
JOHN WILKINSON 2	HERBERT H. BARKER ... 5
HENRY FYLES 3	JAMES MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

Rung to celebrate the Prince of Wales' birthday.

ST. WEONARD'S, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Weonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.
*ARTHUR BREWERTreble | FRANCIS A. OAKLEY ... 4
ALFRED BREWER 2 | SAMUEL F. WILLIAMS ... 5
WILLIAM POSTON 3 | THOMAS W. ROWLEY ...Tenor
Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of St. John the Baptist's Day.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.
*ALFRED ROBINSONTreble | †SIDNEY SMITH 4
WILLIAM T. FREEMAN 2 | WILLIAM JACQUES 5
BERNARD FISHER 3 | FRANK BOSWELLTenor
Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.
*WILLIAM TREMLETT... ..Treble | GEORGE TOMKINS 4
FRANCIS PRICE 2 | EDGAR GUISE 5
*YORK BRAMBLE 3 | HARRY BROWNJOHNTenor
Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Stadon, on the occasion of his 78th birthday.

PENARTH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt., in A flat.
DAVID THOMASTreble | *FRANK EDWARDS 4
FRANK J. BAILEY 2 | *TOM COX 5
WILLIAM B. BISS 3 | SIDNEY DAWETenor
Conducted by D. THOMAS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, also to Miss Doreen Biss, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN T. HENSMAN... ..Treble | WILLIAM J. ALLEN 4
FRANK ROLLINGS 2 | *JOSEPH C. DEAN 5
THOMAS LAW 3 | FRED HOPPERTenor
Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal in seven methods. First 720 of Cambridge Minor by all.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.
*SIDNEY GASKINTreble | OLIVER BULLMAN 4
*HORACE HAYLETT 2 | *ALFRED NEWSON 5
*WILLIAM MEARS 3 | FREDERICK C. BURROWSTenor
Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

* First peal of Oxford and first attempt.

BILLINGBOROUGH.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lbs.
JOHN T. HOLMESTreble | WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 4
ARTHUR ANDREWS 2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5
SIDNEY PROCTOR 3 | CLEMENT GLENNTenor
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to six by the addition of a treble, which was dedicated on the Thursday previous.

NORTON CUCKNEY, NOTTS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Lightfoot, Weymouth, Beverley, Lancashire, Stamford, London and Wells. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.
FRED PARR... ..Treble | GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2 | WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 5
THOMAS A. SMITH 3 | CHARLES SEVERNTenor
Conducted by C. SEVERN.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been made into a ring of six by the addition of two new trebles, the gift of the Duke of Portland.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, June 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5007 CHANGES;

WILDE'S VARIATION. Bells size 18, in G.
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2 | MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3-4 | FRANK BLONDELL 7-8
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING. Witness: MRS. POLLING.
Rung as a farewell peal to F. Blondell, who was leaving Guildford for Woking. A tower bell peal was arranged at St. Nicolas, but owing to illness this had to be postponed.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWITT 1-2 | ERNEST PYE 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4 | JAMES HUNT 9-10
GEORGE R. PYE -6 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12
Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire: C. T. COLES.

A. W. Grimes' 400th peal.

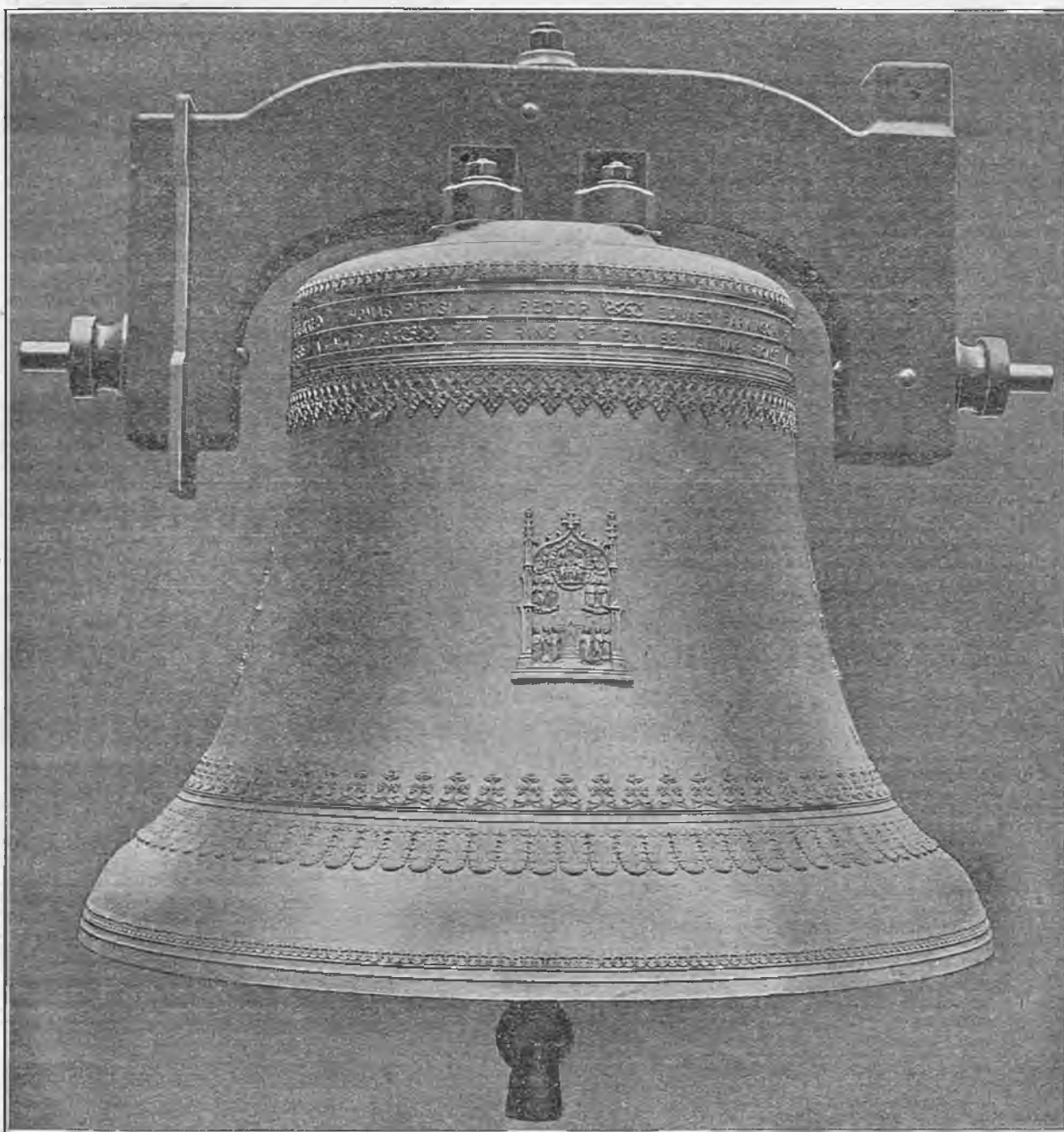
LEICESTER RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Leicester's oldest bell ringer celebrated his jubilee of wedded life on June 18th. Mr. William P. Cooper, the verger of St. Leonard's Church, and his wife were married on Waterloo Day, 1864. The groom's father had fought on the memorable field in 1815, and hence the day was thought to be auspicious. So it was, for half a century had passed, and the venerable pair are hale and fairly hearty. Mr. Cooper, who is 76, has been a ringer from his youth, and is the respected president of the local society of ringers. He has officiated at many functions, notably the opening of the bells of St. Mark's, St. Saviour's, St. Margaret's, St. John the Divine, Kibworth, Oadby, Wigston, Anstey, and many others. He vividly remembers being fetched to ring at St. Martin's on the receipt of a telegram bringing the news of the first victory in the Crimean War.

As a token of esteem and to celebrate the event, St. John's Society of Ringers rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss Lilian Willson 1, Edgar Vallance 2, Miss Hilda Willson 3, Shirley Burton 4, Thomas Vallance 5, John Tomlinson 6, William Willson 7, Ralph B. Hubbard 8. The peal was conducted by Mr. William Willson, and a vote of congratulation to the venerable couple was forwarded to them.

The bells of St. Margaret's Church were rung by members of the Midland Counties Association in honour of the event. The ringing included special touches of 450 and 557 Grandsire Caters by the following ringers: A. Ballard, A. J. Ballard, H. Broughton, S. Cotton, G. Cleal, W. P. Cooper, J. Morris, E. Morris, C. H. Fowler, A. Martin, J. Vernon, C. Bolton, the conductors being E. Morris and G. Cleal. At the close, Mr. Cooper received the hearty congratulations of the ringers.

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DEVASTATED CHURCHES.

The accompanying pictures vividly illustrate the devastation caused, it is believed, by suffragettes at Breadsall (Derbyshire) and Wargrave (Berks) Churches. In each



THE RUINS AT WARGRAVE.

case a fine old building was totally destroyed, and in the case of Breadsall ancient chained books and other irreplaceable monuments were involved.

Our picture of Wargrave shows the ruins of the clock and bells lying at the foot of the tower, while the two gentlemen surveying the ruins are ringers of Twyford, a neighbouring parish.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Colston Bassett on Saturday last, and although the village is some considerable distance from a railway station, was well attended. A local motor-bus was chartered to convey the visitors who came through Nottingham, many others cycled from a considerable distance, and at tea, to which 41 members and friends sat down, representatives were noticed from Beeston, Cotgrave, Derby, East Bridgford, Ilkeston, Leicester, Loughborough, Melton Mowbray, Radcliffe-on-Trent and Sandiacre, in addition to the local ringers.—The Vicar of Colston Bassett (the Rev. C. H. N. Ivens) gave a hearty welcome to the Association, and expressed his desire to become a member.

The Vice-President (Mr. J. W. Taylor) gave a short account of the recent meeting of the Central Council, at Winchester, and in commenting on the 39 peals rung by the Association since the annual meeting, drew attention to the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, by a mixed band, which was the second of the method by the Association, and to seven peals of Minor, which were the first peals on the bells at Bitteswell, Brailsford, Eldersfield, Shardlow, Sponston, Whelstone and Wollaton respectively.

The Rev. A. D. Hill, of East Bridgford, spoke deprecatingly of prize ringing, and drew the attention of the meeting to a letter he had written on the subject to the ringing papers.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Colston Bassett for the use of the bells.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, and Bob Major were rung, but owing to the warm afternoon, probably less ringing was done than might otherwise have been the case, most of the visitors preferring a walk through the very beautiful gardens of the hall, by kind permission of Mr. R. M. Knowles.

There were five bells at Breadsall, with a tenor of about 10 cwt. The fourth was dated 1768. The cracked tenor



THE DEVASTATION AT BREADSALL.

is the bell in the centre of the picture and the remains of the fourth can be seen to the left.

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL REEVES.

The mortal remains of the late Mr. Samuel Reeves, of Christ Church, West Bromwich, whose death we recorded in our last issue, were laid to rest on Wednesday in last week, the sad ceremony being most impressive. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Christ Church (the Rev. B. G. Nicholas) assisted by the Rev. W. W. Solly, and was fully choral. It was attended by a large number of ringers, who sought to pay a last tribute of respect to one whom they had known and honoured in life. Among the many floral tributes were wreaths sent from the St. Martin's Guild; the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford; the St. Mary's Society, Cheltenham; Messrs. Small, Smith and Spittle, the Vicar of Christ Church, the churchwardens, the sidesmen and others. When the service had concluded, a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was begun over the open grave, but towards the end the ringing had to stop owing to the clapper of the 4th unfortunately coming out. The ringers were: J. E. Groves 1—2, J. Jaggard 3—4, J. Carter 5—6, T. Russam 7—8, A. Walker 9—10.

Muffled peals in memory of the deceased have been rung, as will be seen from the records elsewhere, at St. Martin's, Birmingham (Stedman Cinques), Christ Church, West Bromwich (Stedman Cinques), Erdington and Sedgley, Staffs (Stedman Triples), All Saints', West Bromwich (Grandsire Triples).

At Tamworth, on the day of the funeral, the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 53 mins.: R. P. Brindley 1, J. W. Timms 2, J. Pratt 3, C. Chapman 4, J. H. Chapman 5, A. Chaplin 6, A. E. Young (conductor) 7, J. H. Chatterton 8. The late Mr. Reeves, in 1883, called the first peal rung on Tamworth bells.

At Coseley, on the day of the funeral, also, an attempt was made for a peal of Duffield Major, but it unfortunately came to grief after 2 hrs. 56 mins. ringing: P. W. Perrins 1, A. Little 2, G. Hughes 3, C. Wallater 4, H. Howell 5, S. Baker 6, B. Gough 7, W. Fisher (conductor) 8.

HERE AND THERE.

OXFORD GUILD COMBINED PRACTICE.

A combined practice was held on Saturday last at Finchampstead. Although the attendance was small, some good touches of Cambridge Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob were rung.

THE CRICKET MATCH.

For ringers, of course, there is only one cricket fixture of immediate interest, and that is the game which is to be played on Mitcham Green on July 18th between the College Youths and the Cumberlands. The event will provide a unique opportunity for a great social gathering of ringers in the Metropolitan area and promises to be a great success. Indeed, we hear that those who have for long been compelled to give up rigorous participation in the game are making strenuous efforts to get fit again, and are quietly practising with bat and ball. The match is to begin at 3.30, but the proceedings will not finish with the drawing of stumps some three hours or so later. The game is to be followed by a meat tea at the Queen's Head, Mitcham Green, at 7 p.m. There will be a charge of 1s. 3d. a head for this, and all wishing to partake should communicate with Mr. Albert A. Hughes, 34, Whitechapel Road, London, E. A social evening is to follow, at which all ringers will be welcome, and it is hoped they will turn up in force.

YET ANOTHER BAILEY.

The peal ringing members of the wonderful Bailey family of Leiston, Suffolk, seem unlimited, for yet another and younger brother has now rung his first peal with seven brothers and thus followed in the footsteps of Allen, the next oldest, who rang his first peal with seven brothers on October 21st, 1911. Norman is the one who in this latest peal is absent from the band of three years ago, and with that exception the ringers again stood in order of seniority from tenor to treble. Norman's retirement from ringing at Leiston rendered impossible the setting up of some unique records which seemed at that time to lay within the grasp of the brothers, but the advent of Wilfred once more makes it possible for this remarkable family to achieve historical distinction in the Exercise.

A TRAGEDY OF 100 YEARS AGO.

A belfry tragedy of a century ago is recalled by "The Essex Times" in a paragraph quoted from the "Annual Register" for October, 1804.

A singular accident, says the "Register," happened at the new church, Dagenham, Essex. The Society of Cumberland Youths were invited to open the new peal of bells, which they performed in the morning by ringing 7008 changes of Oxford Treble-bob-royal in four hours and forty-nine minutes; but in the evening Mr. Channon, Master of the Society, wished to oblige the inhabitants of the village with another peal, when, unfortunately, his leg got entangled in the rope, which drew him up to the next loft, and falling from thence on his head he was killed on the spot, the upper part of the skull being beat in, so that the brains cozed out through the cavities.

It is curious to note that the method is recorded as Oxford Treble Bob Royal, for there are only six bells in the tower.

BRISTOL VETERAN.

Mr. George Staddon (father of the Bristol ringers) celebrated his 78th birthday on Thursday of last week. It was only last Easter that he retired from his post as sexton at St. John's Church, after 58 years' service. He was then presented with a purse of gold and an address. In expressing his thanks to the committee, who had presented him with these gifts, he stated that he would still like to remain as chimera and steeplekeeper, and this request was readily acceded to. A peal was rung last week in honour of Mr. Staddon's birthday. He received many congratulations on picture postcards, of which he is very fond. His many friends will wish him still many years of health and happiness.

NOTTINGHAM'S LIGHTEST PEAL OF SIX.

Mr. E. C. Gobey writes: "May I ask Mr. Haigh whether there has been a peal rung on either of the two peals of six he mentions by any Association. If not, may we claim to have rung the first peal on a ring of that weight (6 cwt.) in the county?"

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

RAPID INCREASE OF BRISTOL BRANCH.

A meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Abbot's Leigh, when 11 new members (including eight from St. Michael's tower, among them Mr. Alfred Lea, who returns again to the ranks) were elected, making 42 new performing and three new lion members since last November—an increase of nearly 50 per cent. in the membership of the branch. The bells were kept going during afternoon and evening, and after the business meeting three courses of Grandsire Cinques and a course of Stedman Cinques were rung by: H. Brownjohn 1—2, E. Guise 3—4, R. J. Wilkins 5—6, G. Condict 7—8, J. Burford 9—10, W. A. Cave (conductor) 11—12.

DR. PAULI & THE CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

A REPLY TO THE COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to my reasons of resignation from the Cleveland Association, which you were good enough to publish in your paper on May 9th last, will you kindly grant me space for the purpose of making clear the subject and correcting some irregularities which occur in the somewhat boyish effusion which reports the annual meeting at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, and the result of my interview with the committee?

In my resignation I, firstly, accused the Association of counting peals which were not true peals, and which, therefore, violate the rules of the Central Council. As a vice-president, I have complained for some years of the quality of striking by mixed bands at the quarterly meetings. I have pointed out that the cause of it was to be found in the system which is followed of "putting through" so-called peals learners who have not been taught the principle of ringing, namely, correct striking and how to lead with a light bell in relation to a heavier one. In support of this, I have drawn attention to the fact that the neighbouring associations—the Durham on the one side, and the Yorkshire on the other—are able to strike correctly and to maintain that rhythm and flow of sounds without which ringing is only an offending row. The specific peals which I am able to point out to prove this—though there have been others of like nature, and it is of general knowledge that bad striking is characteristic of the Cleveland Association—are these:—

1. Thirsk, March 11th, 1911.—Kent Major; conductor, Mr. Metcalfe. Two or three of the band could not lead correctly. There were frequent stumbles, and more than once the bells fired repeatedly, and at the part-ends were sorted out and altered in their courses.

2. Northallerton, December 2nd, 1911.—Grandsire; caller, Mr. Hall; conductor, Mr. Metcalfe. Here again was a similar performance, a scramble and replacing of the bells at the half-way and other places. Myself and another from Middleham objected to this peal.

3. Middleham, January 18th, 1913.—Grandsire; caller, Mr. Baxter; conductor, Mr. Metcalfe. At the half-way the bells were sorted out as before, after repeated firing. The last call was omitted, and we were told to "get round." To my objection to this peal I was told indirectly from Mr. Metcalfe that it would not be counted—it appears as a true peal in the annual report!

On page 11 of the "Central Council Rules," to be observed in peal ringing, is the following, which I give as applicable to these three peals: "On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds." "That any shift or error in ringing be immediately corrected."

We are told that this Association rang 35 peals last year! And we also know that the two gentlemen—the President and Secretary—represent the Association on the Central Council!

Failing to make any impression in any other way, I felt compelled to resign my positions in the Association. No notice of this was officially taken, and after waiting two months I made it public through "The Ringing World." This immediately brought a letter from the secretary enclosing a resolution passed by his committee a month previously, that I would appear and explain to them the reasons of my resignation. I replied, that if it had not been for the publicity in the paper, should I have heard of either the committee or their resolution? The secretary then sent me a private letter with some personal remarks, and the comparison between that and the letter over his name in "The Ringing World" of May 29th is at least suggestive, if not amusing.

At this time my fellow vice-president also resigned from the Association.

With regard to the "mischievous interference" mentioned in my resignation, as I said before the committee, that is more of a personal matter, and it is with much regret that I mention it; but knowing the influence which is diffused from the Association, I think that this interference is the sequel or penalty of my objection to false peals.

I heard incidentally that I ought not to be captain of my own tower—the members re-elect me yearly only because I was the originator of change ringing here, and they knew of no change in that respect. In the forthcoming annual report, it was stated that I was no longer captain. On explanation being asked, Mr. Metcalfe (the secretary) said it was a "printer's mistake," but on investigation I found that was not correct, and afterwards Mr. Metcalfe acknowledged it was not correct.

I have applied to the Association for a written decision on the points I raised in committee. The reply is not at all satisfactory, but evasive. In what way does such an Association, I ask, answer the purpose for which it exists, or how can it foster and encourage true ringing? To be of any real use it must have the confidence of ringers generally, and must be able to determine intelligently and justly matters which might be brought before it. So I decline to have anything further to do with an Association which appears to be so little able to carry out its functions or to realise its duty.—Yours faithfully,
Middleham, 22nd June, 1914.

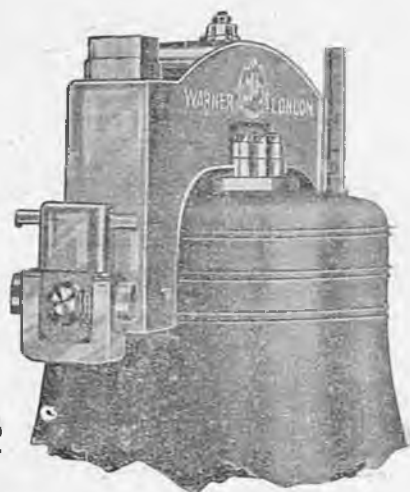
HENRY PAULI.

The "WARNER" SELF=ALIGNING, SELF=LUBRICATING, OIL BATH and OIL RING Design of Bearings for Bells.



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The above **Self-Aligning, Self-Lubricating, Oil Bath and Oil Ring** design of Bearing is a joint invention of Robert Warner and William Alfred Greening, and is based upon the principle for which a patent was granted to Edward Bancroft, of Providence, U.S.A., as far back as the year 1842.

The anonymous illustration of a Self-Aligning Bearing which appeared in this periodical for some time, is not associated in any way with Messrs. John Warner & Sons, Ltd., and any inference of this kind is entirely erroneous and false, as, being anonymous, this illustration may have had the effect of misleading the Exercise generally.

At an early date, we will demonstrate on this page, as to how the above invention of a Self-Aligning, Self-Lubricating, Oil Bath and Oil Ring design of Bearing was evolved, and we will also point out in following issues of this Paper, the reasons and advantages of the auxiliary attachments which render the new "Warner" Bearing perfect on account of the duplex system of lubrication, combining as it does the elimination of the necessity for "greasing" the bells, and also the ensuring of cleanliness.



DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL HAYES. ONE OF THE OLD BRIGADE.

It is with deep regret we record the death of the above-named ringer, who passed to his rest on June 13th, at his residence at Forest Gate, Essex, at the age of 75 years. A native of Bocking, Essex, where he learned to ring at the age of 16 years with his late and perhaps more famous brother, John Murray Hayes, he went to live near London, and joined the Ancient Society of College Youths, becoming associated with such men as Pettit, Middleton, Dwight, Haley, Wood, Booth, etc., in most of the noted peals and performances of the time. He was held in high esteem and respect by both past and present members of the society; he was also a member of the St. James' Society, and one of the pioneers of the Essex County Association, having joined the latter at its commencement. He held the office of Master of the S.W. Division for many years, and many are the ringers of to-day who will remember the fatherly advice and useful hints given them by Sam Hayes. "Punctuality is a jewel," he would say, and he made a practice of the precept which he preached. Being a stonemason by trade, his calling often took him far from home. He made a large number of friends, and rang in peals in many parts of the country. He had taken part in 125 peals, ranging from Minor to London Surprise Major and Treble Bob Maximus. His first was at Gravesend on December 20th, 1862; his last, which he conducted, at Leytonstone on November 28th, 1903. According to his list he has rung in 252 towers in Essex, Suffolk, Middlesex, Norfolk, Kent, Surrey, Beds, Herts, Bucks, Berks, Cambs, Sussex, and Somerset. He will be greatly missed at St. Mary's, Bow, E.; St. Margaret's, Barking; and St. John's, Leytonstone. At the last-named tower he was one of the most regular Sunday ringers, and his place will be hard to fill. At each of the three towers mentioned, as well as West Ham and others, the whole pull and stand and muffled touches were rung on the evening of the funeral, which took place at Bocking, well within the sound of the bells he loved and the shadow of the church he had served so well.

A WEST WYCOMBE PEAL RECORDED. DETERMINED EFFORT RECOGNISED.

A peal tablet recording a peal of 5040 Bob Minor has been placed in the belfry of the historical Church of West Wycombe, and in the presence of many ladies and gentlemen of the parish, together with the local ringers and the band that rang the peal, has been unveiled by Miss Ida Conyers Fraser (the lady churchwarden), and dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham, who was attended by the Rev. Upton Wooler (Vicar) and Rev. R. Townsend (curate), and Mr. William Alfred Day (churchwarden). The ceremony over, Mr. J. W. Wilkins, on behalf of the band that rang the peal, expressed their appreciation to the Vicar and churchwardens for presenting the tablet, as the peal was only accomplished with much difficulty owing to the bells going so badly, and it was rung as the result of sheer determination at the third attempt. They were, therefore, grateful for the recognition. He trusted the Vicar and parishioners would only be contented when their peal of six was ringing and trebles added to complete the octave, thus making one of the finest peals in the county. Their Bishop, too, was to be thanked for his constant interest in all that appertained to bells and ringers, for had he not been the moving spirit in placing the lovely peal of twelve in Wycombe, his late parish? They were, therefore, glad of his help always.—Mr. R. Coles warmly supported Mr. Wilkins' remarks, and whilst the visitors were in the tower a touch of Bob Minor and 120 of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Then followed a 360 of Bob Minor by the band that rang the peal; and this, with a few touches for the local ringers, ended a very pleasing ceremony. The board, a very neatly designed one, was arranged for and erected by Mr. A. J. Hoing, the ringer of the treble in the peal, and much credit is due to him.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION VISIT A NEW TOWER.

One of the most picturesque districts in the whole of Sussex is Ashdown Forest, and beautifully situated in the heart of this woodland is the little village of Coleman's Hatch, which recently has come into possession of a ring of eight bells, tuned on the Simpson principle and installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The Sussex Association, for the first time, held a meeting at the tower on Saturday, and, despite the somewhat inaccessible nature of the place, it was not surprising that there should be a large muster of ringers, for the new bells and the beauty of the surroundings provided a double attraction. There were 40 present, representing 15 towers.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. L. Ogle) conducted a special service, and afterwards the visitors sat down to a sumptuous tea kindly provided by Mr. McAndrews. — At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar presided, supported by the donor of the tea, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the latter for his kindness, and to the Rev. J. L. Ogle for his welcome to the Association, for his excellent address, and for presiding at the meeting. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in a variety of touches, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise.

A MANUAL FOR RINGERS.

Compiled by a committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, a comprehensive little brochure has just been published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, under the title of "A Manual for Ringers." It contains specially selected prayers for use in the belfry on various occasions, forms of service for dedications and ringers' meetings, and selected passages of Scripture, appropriate Psalms, the Apostles' Creed, the Te Deum and a number of bell hymns. The manual has the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Oxford, and a number of ringing clergy officially identified with various associations throughout the country.

This little book is one which should be welcomed among ringers who appreciate the sanctity of their calling, and the fact that upon them rests the responsibility of practising in their lives the principles to which they seek to direct attention by the ringing of the bells. There is nothing else published for ringers quite like this manual; it is distinctive and will serve a special purpose. Those responsible for its compilation are to be congratulated, not only upon the obvious care and insight with which the selections have been made and the work arranged, but also upon its comprehensive scope. It is something which, as will be gathered from the summarised contents mentioned above, extends far beyond the usual official form of service, and in course of time, we doubt not, it will come into very general use among the members of ringing associations. It is published at 3d., or, in cloth, 4d.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT WOODSTON.

The Church of St. Augustine, Woodston, Peterborough, was well filled by parishioners, friends and ringers on Saturday last on the occasion of the dedication of the bells. Originally there were three bells hanging in this tower, one of them dating from 1608, and two others 1808 and 1749 respectively. These have been recast and a treble and two tenors added, making a pretty ring of six in A flat. The whole peal has been tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The treble was given by Mr. C. E. Crawley and his family, the fifth by various donors, and the tenor, which is 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs., in A flat, by the parishioners.

The service commenced with shortened evensong intoned by the Rector (the Rev. N. J. Raper). Then followed the dedication of the bells by Dr. Chase (Bishop of Ely), the bells being rung for a short time during the service by the local ringers. Among the clergy present were the Archdeacon of Huntingdon; Rev. Warren Hastings (Orton); Rev. E. E. Law (vice-president of Peterborough and District Association).

At the conclusion of the service, all ringers, donors and subscribers present were entertained to tea by the Rector on the lawn. All arrangements for ringing were in the hands of Mr. J. J. Jutson (hon. secretary Peterborough and District Association), who is also instructing the local ringers. Immediately after the Dedication service, 720 Plain Bob, the first 720 to be rung on the bells was brought round by: F. Dainty 1, T. Vaughan 2, F. Gilbert 3, P. Cooke 4, J. Jutson 5, G. Jutson (cond.) 6. 360 Plain Bob was rung by: H. Coles, E. Wright, S. Goakes, S. Wright, H. Roden and C. Goakes (cond.), and during the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by: G. Jutson 1, L. F. Taylor 2, F. Cooke 3, J. Jutson 4, H. Beechey 5, Cyril F. Johnston (conductor) 6, followed by 240 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by G. Jutson. The ringers included members from Peterborough (St. Mary's, St. John's, and the Cathedral), Castor, Yaxley, Uffington, Maxey, West Deeping; Mr. Cyril Johnston (Gillett and Johnston), and the local band, and everyone was delighted with the tone and "go" of the bells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT EDMONTON.

A successful meeting of the Northern district of the London County Association was held at Edmonton. Although a large number of members did not put in an appearance, the majority of the Standard methods were rung, with the assistance of the local band, and touches in four Surprise methods were also brought round. The feature of the afternoon, however, was a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, with Mr. J. Thomas ringing 1-2. The secretary being out of town, Mr. W. J. Kemp deputised for him at the meeting.—Two new members were elected.—Afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung on handbells.

A SUGGESTION TO ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Being desirous of knowing what other Associations are doing in the furtherance of change ringing, I shall be glad to forward a copy of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers Annual Report, just issued, to any Association or Diocesan secretary, on the understanding that he will send one in return. I believe much information can be gathered, and good done, by the interchange of reports. Trusting that this suggestion will meet with some response,
Yours faithfully,
G. W. CARTMEL,

"Dulfield," St. Albans.

Hon. Sec. Hertford County.

POCKLINGTON BELLS. HISTORIC CHURCH RESTORED.

The noble and historic Parish Church of Pocklington, standing at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds, has been during recent years carefully renovated at the instigation of those who have desired to see the ancient fane restored to its former dignity and beauty, and to complete the scheme the bells have now been rehung and increased to six. The foundation of the church dates from the dim age when Christianity first made strong headway in that part of the country. It is rich in associations with the long past, and the architecture of the present building reveals an amazing variety of styles, while its tower is a striking structure with many notable features. Formerly the church was endowed with five bells, but a sixth has now been provided by the generosity of Mr. F. Scaife (one of the churchwardens) in commemoration of his silver wedding. Messrs. Warner and Son have been entrusted with the work, which included recasting the old bells, and they have hung the peal in a steel frame of their latest design, which is carried upon steel set-offs, and is thus independent of the walls of the tower. Provision has been made for adding two more bells at a later date to complete the octave, and the six now in the tower have been tuned on the Simpson principle, and hung with Messrs. Warner's self-aligning and self-lubricating oil bath and oil ring bearings.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Hull, at evening service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Fisher). There was a large attendance of clergy and parishioners, and the Bishop preached an extremely appropriate sermon. Mr. Duncan F. Christie represented the founders at the ceremony, and after the service rounds were rung by the Pocklington ringers: Messrs. R. Gray, F. Hind, J. Fielder, E. Jones, — Lamb, K. Fairburn, and A. Brewer. This was followed by 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob by members of the York Minster band, including Messrs. T. F. Earnshaw, G. Horner, J. Thompson, T. Hodgson, E. Pickett, W. Fountain and G. Breed, together with Messrs. C. F. White and F. Smith, of the Spitalfields Foundry, who have carried out the rehanging in such a satisfactory way.

The inscription on the bells are:—

No. 1 Bell (treble): Presented by Mr. Francis Scaife and his wife, Mary Jane Scaife (nee Howbrigg) to commemorate their silver wedding (married at the Church of St. John's, Kensal Green, Middlesex, May 2nd, 1889).

No. 2: "Te Deum Laudamus G," Dalton, York, 1754; R. Walker and J. Gurnham, churchwardens.

No. 3: "Voco Veni Precare S.S. Ebor," 1712; J. Lowe, Vicar; J. Manby and C. Baitson, churchwardens.

No. 4: Gloria in Altissimis, Deo, 1734; E. Sellers, Ebor; Wil. Chambers and Thos. Linton, churchwardens.

No. 5: Soli Deo Gloria Pax Hominiibus inet, 1650; M.B., P.B., I.L. P. 55.

No. 6: Memento Mori S.S. Ebor. 1722. Joseph Lowe, Vicar; George Overend and John Horsley, churchwardens.

They also bear an inscription intimating that they were recast by Messrs. Warner and Son in 1914.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ENJOYABLE MEETING AT CLENT.

The selection of Clent for the June meeting last Saturday week of the Northern branch of the Worcestershire Association proved in every way a very successful one. Clent Church is situated at the foot of Clent Hill, amid the most beautiful surroundings, and the service there was attended by 70 members and friends, the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Thomas) officiating, and giving an excellent address, while the duties of organist were ably discharged by Miss Thatcher, one of the lady ringers at Clent Church. After the service, a move was made to Clent Hall, the residence of the Rev. Thatcher and Misses Thatcher, where tea was partaken of on the lawn, the weather being glorious and the gardens at their best.—At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar was voted to the chair. Cradley was selected for the next meeting on Sept. 19th.—Several new members were elected, including the new Vicar of Wollaston (the Rev. H. C. Wanstall).—It was resolved to send a letter of sympathy to the widow and family of the late Mr. Samuel Reeves, an old and very respected member.—In a few well-chosen remarks, Mr. Mason said how much they all regretted to hear the sad news of Mr. Reeves' death. He was a man whom one could appeal to for advice and information when required, and ringers could always look up to him as an ideal.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for arranging the service and giving the address, and also to Mr. and Miss Thatcher for providing such a splendid tea.—The Vicar, in responding, commented upon the hearty way in which the singing at the service was joined in.—Mr. Thatcher, in replying for his daughters and himself, said that if they had not selected another place for the next meeting, he was inclined to invite them there again.—The Vicar invited all those who could to take a walk round his garden, a permission which was much appreciated by those present. Ringing in various methods, including London Surprise Major, brought another very successful meeting to a close.

NOTICES.

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

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A special service will be held in St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday, July 4th, at 4 o'clock, the occasion being the unveiling of a stained glass window presented by Mr. W. Rock Small to the memory of his late beloved wife. As Ringing-Master of the above Guild, I earnestly invite all members of the Guild to attend that service, and thereby show our respect to our esteemed treasurer, and by our presence cheer him in his trouble. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock.—S. Spittle, 6, Great Hill, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, June 27th. Church of SS. Peter and Paul, eight bells, tenor 16 cwt., available 3 to 8 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 1/- per head at the White Hart Hotel, at about 5.30. The room will also be available for the meeting after tea, and afterwards for handbell ringing, when the Eckington Company's handbells (42 in number) will be at the disposal of members.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 4th. Dinner at Messrs. Fortts, Milsome Street, at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Service at the Abbey at 4 p.m. The following towers are open for ringing: St. Mary's, Bathwick; Twerton; St. Andrew's; St. Matthew's; Bathford; Batheaston, all day; the Abbey from 12 to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Secretary, Taunton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A special service will be held in St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday, July 4th, at 4 o'clock, the occasion being the unveiling of a stained glass window presented by Mr. William Rock Small, to the memory of his late beloved wife. All members are invited to attend. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Short service at 6 o'clock, with address by the Vicar (Preb. F. W. Joyce). Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Bovingdon, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Cyclists meet at Epping Parish Church at 3.0-3.30. Train leaves Liverpool Street at 3.35. Tea will take place at the Church Room at 6d. at 5.30.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Biddulph, on Saturday, July 4th.—John Reay and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Molesey, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. E. G. Ireland in the Vicarage Garden at 5. Business meeting after. Members in the western district and from neighbouring towers will be heartily welcomed.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec., Bell Foundry, Croydon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—Bye meeting at Gestingthorpe, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided at the School at 5.15 to all giving notice to G. Pannell, Gestingthorpe, not later than July 8th.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST on six bells at St. John the Baptist Church, Penistone, near Sheffield, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914, when prizes to value of about £20 will be given.—For further particulars apply to Frank Tinker, Penistone, near Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane Church on Saturday, July 11th, at 4 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—F. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Committee meeting in vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at the Globe Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea please send notice by July 6th. The towers of St. Nicholas (8), and St. Mary's (10), will be open for ringing from 3 to 4.45 p.m., and St. Mary's again after the meeting.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shotton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at 5.15. Tea, 6d. each, and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea kindly send word by first post, July 8th.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Angmering, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Members intending to be present at tea please notify me by Thursday, July 9th.—H. Evans, Hon. Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Stone, Isle of Oxney, on Saturday, July 11th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Philips) at six o'clock. Will all those intending to be present at the tea please notify me not later than Monday, July 6th.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers will be held at Leeds, near Maidstone, on Saturday, July 11th. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m.—Kenneth W. Mumford, Hon. Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Inkberrow, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after. The Rev. Canon and Mrs. Burton have kindly promised to provide tea for those who send me their names by Wednesday, July 8th.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Eversham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available 3 till 9 p.m. Service 5.15. Address by the Rector (Rev. H. G. Bird), late President of the Middlesex County Association, and London Diocesan Guild. Tea at the Six Bells 6. Tickets 6d. to members, 1s. to visitors. Chapel bells (6) will be available from 2 till 3, and 8 till 9.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot, Monmouthshire, on Saturday, July 11th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secretaries.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Shareshill (6) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Ackworth, Saturday, July 11th, 1914. Bells available 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Honorary Secretary, Barnsley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—A meeting will be held on Monday, July 13th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea, at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. After the business meeting, which takes place at 9.30 at the Builders Arms, Britten Street, a "special" meeting will be called to discuss a resolution affecting the rules of the society.—Alec. S. Miller, Hon. Secretary, 26, Loughborough Park, S.W.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Barr on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available in the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 8d. per head. Motor 'buses run from City via Perry Barr.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith, on Saturday, July 18. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by Rev. G. A. S. Adams (Vicar). Meat tea 1s. each, but names of those who desire same must reach me by first post Tuesday, July 14th. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. Reports for 1914 ready. Those who require them should let me know.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at St. Mary's, Mortlake. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Ringing to follow. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hoghton on July 18th. Bells available from 3. Meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided in the school at 1s. 2d. each to all those who notify me by July 15th. The committee meet the same day at 4 p.m. Members please note change of address.—E. R. Martin, 14, The Green, Walton-le-dale.

CRICKET MATCH between the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths, at Mitcham Green, on Saturday, July 18th, at 3.30 p.m. Meat

tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at the Queen's Head, Mitcham Green, 7 p.m. All wishing to partake, kindly advise before July 11th, to Albert A. Hughes, 34, Whitechapel Road, London, E. Social evening afterwards. All welcome.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Stansted, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. Tea 6d. each to members sending notice to the Secretary by Wednesday, July 15th.—Wm. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Slough, on Saturday, July 18th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Buckingham. Dinner at 12.30 in St. Mary's Church Institute, to be followed by the annual business meeting. Dinner tickets at 2s. 3d. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, to me on or before Saturday, July 11th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Allendale on Saturday, July 25th. The bells of St. Cuthbert will be available in the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Allendale Inn at 5 o'clock. Those who intend being present please notify me not later than July 21st.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

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DEATH OF A DEAL RINGER.

We record with much regret the death of Mr. George Denne, of Melrose, Blenheim Road, Deal, who passed away at the age of 59 years, after a long illness. The deceased was for many years clerk of the Parish Church, and also captain of the Upper Deal band of ringers, and for some years secretary for the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association. On the day of the funeral the bells were rung, muffled, by the following members of the band: E. Kemp, A. Long, J. Trinder, G. Finn, L. Ladd, H. C. Castle (conductor).

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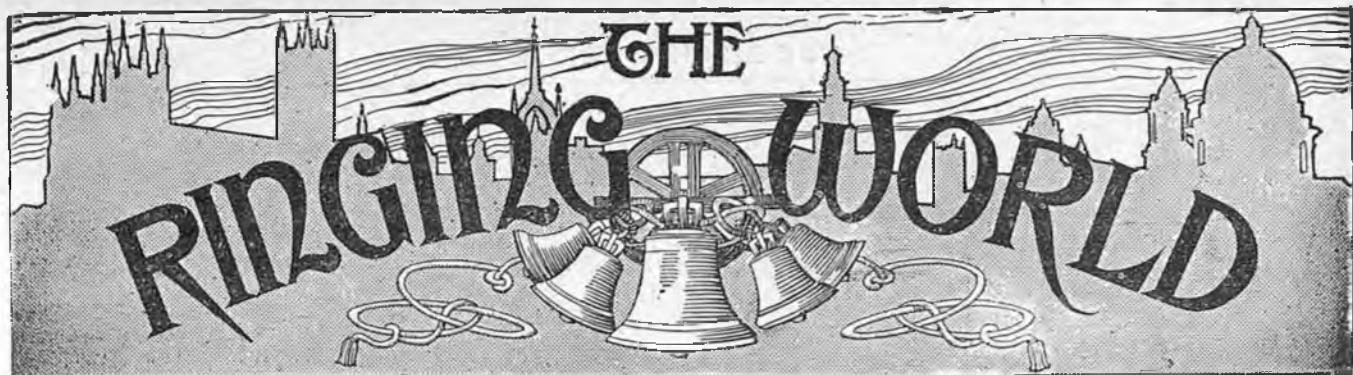


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Gentlemen,

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

BELL TOWERS AND BELL HANGING.

The book upon bell towers and bell hanging, for which Sir Arthur Heywood made himself responsible, and which he promised the Central Council, when they met at Winchester, would be issued in the near future, has now been published, and while it is specially directed to architects, for whose information it has, from the outset, been primarily intended, we have found in its pages a great deal of information of service to the average ringer. It is impossible to touch in this one article upon the mass of matter with a direct bearing upon the construction of towers and the hanging of bells, in relation both to the effect of the strain of the bells upon the structure, and the sound of the bells upon the public, which it dealt with in the nearly 200 pages which the book covers. Certain it is, however, that nothing which has previously been published has dealt so exhaustively with the practical as well as the theoretical side of the subject, and, it is, we feel sure, bound to have far reaching effects.

Sir Arthur Heywood himself deals with the internal economy of a bell tower and the construction of bell frames, upon which subjects he brings to bear his great engineering talent as well as his almost lifelong experience as a ringer. A summary of Mr. E. H. Lewis's valuable experiments, recently explained to the Central Council, an able article by Mr. E. Alexander Young, A.R.I.B.A., upon the design and stability of bell towers, and useful contributions by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse (on "Bell Frames and the Architect") and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (on "Towers for Bells") are included to complete the first portion of the book. An appendix is added which includes much other valuable information which has been published from time to time, such as Sir Arthur Heywood's paper to the Brighton Church Congress in 1901, and extracts from the report of a committee of the Central Council on the preservation and repair of bells, frames and fittings, issued in 1892.

This new book will act as a general introduction to a more strictly technical work which, it is hoped, in the course of a few months, the Council may be able to publish, and which will include Mr. Lewis's calculations *in extenso*, together with considerable detailed information which he is collecting as to the percentage of metal frames installed and the results of a detailed inquiry into all the alleged cases of damage caused to towers where these frames have been used. No doubt this further work will be of immense advantage to architects and bell hangers, but in the meantime there is a great deal of information of the highest value to be gained and used to the best advantage by the ordinary ringer, as well as by others connected with bells in any official capacity, if they will secure a copy of the new publication.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE Treble	SAMUEL WESLEY 6
SAM THOMAS 2	G. OLIVER DIXON 7
GEORGE HOLLIS 3	JOHN MCKELL 8
JOHN THORPE 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9
JOHN HOLMAN 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

REDDISH.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble	TOM WILDE 5
GEORGE GARNETT 2	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 6
JOHN E. BARNES 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
ALFRED BARNES 4	JAMES BARNES Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

S. BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

"BERT TROTH Treble	JOSEPH WALKER 5
THOMAS HORTON 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
HERBERT HOWL 3	REUBEN HALL 7
FRED TROTH 4	THOMAS FIELDHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JESSE SCREEN.

* First peal. The above are all members of the regular Sunday ringing band, with the exception of the ringer of the 7th. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Samuel Reeves, clerk and verger of the above church for the last 27 years, also formerly hon. secretary of the above Society for 23 years.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

EDWIN KNIGHT Treble	JAMES ADDIS 5
LEWIS SPARROW 2	CHARLES KNIGHT 6
AUGUSTUS DORE 3	FRANK COOK 7
WILLIAM SPARROW 4	WILLIAM KEEN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Edwin Knight, one of the band, on his 70th birthday, and to Mr. Frank Cook on his 70th peal. All of the band are market gardeners.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SPENCER MARSHALL Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
"ERNEST TIGWELL 2	GEORGE HUXLEY 6
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 3	ERIC G. FILTNESS 7
"ALBERT E. NEWICK 4	GEORGE DURLING Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by ERIC G. FILTNESS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal as Conductor.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael, Coslany,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY C. ARTIS	Treble	ALBERT ROUGHT	5
FREDK. H. KNIGHTS	2	GEORGE HOWCHIN	6
FREDK. KNIGHTS	3	GEORGE H. CROSS	7
CHARLES E. BORRETT	4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the late George Moy, of Aylsham, a much respected ringing comrade of many years' standing.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., in F.

ROBERT E. PELLATT	Treble	CHARLES A. GRAY	5
HENRY J. KING	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	STANLEY H. R. COOPER	7
HENRY RUMENS	4	WILLIAM J. KEMP	Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. KEMP.

First peal in the method by all except "the Guv'nor!" The conductor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS E. JONES	Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	5
WILLIAM LAWRENCE	2	SYDNEY HILLIER	6
ARTHUR K. HARRISON	3	*FRANK GREEN	7
*CONER D. MEAD	4	RICHARD PHILLIPS	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY HILLIER.

This peal was arranged for Miss Jones and Mr. Lawrence, who hails from Ealing, and were elected members before starting. This is the first time a lady has rung a peal for the Devizes Branch, Miss Jones having been a member of St. John's company, Devizes, where she learnt change-ringing before going to Ealing. Messrs. Harrison and Hector hail from Trowbridge. * First peal with a bob bell.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN COLEMAN	Treble	DANIEL REDHEAD	5
FRANK KIRK	2	FRED STUBBS	6
HENRY STUBBS	3	*LESLIE GROOM	7
*FRED ARNOLD	4	JAMES M. NICKERSON	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JAMES TUCKER, and
Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. This peal was arranged and rung as a welcome to the Rev. B. W. Stothert and Mrs. Stothert and family on taking up residence at the Rectory.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY L. GARFATH	Treble	WALTER SMITH	5
*EDWARD BARNES	2	ERNEST B. CROWDER	6
ALBERT E. NEWICK	3	THOS. GROOMERIDGE, Senr.	7
CHARLES W. PLAYER	4	DAVID BARNES	Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMERIDGE.

* First peal and first attempt.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN MILLETT	Treble	STANLEY PICKUP	5
WILLIAM CRABTREE	2	EDMUND SCHOFIELD	6
HUGH REYNOLDS	3	JOSEPH GREENWOOD	7
HERBERT DAVENPORT	4	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM	Tenor

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by A. SIDEBOTTOM.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS M. E. CHILLINGWORTH	Treble	WALTER A. WEBB	5
MISS K. HOLFIELD	2	WILLIAM LAWRENCE	6
HARRY TUCKER	3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	7
HARRY HOLFIELD	6	GEORGE HOLFIELD, Junr.	Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JAMES H. JUDD	Treble	HENRY F. EWINS	5
ARTHUR HOLMAN	2	OSCAR GILBEY	6
HARRY JORDAN	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
GEORGE F. HOAD	4	HENRY A. HOAD	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. F. Ewins, after meeting short for Cambridge Royal.

GAINSBOROUGH.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

GEORGE HALKSWORTH	Treble	CLEMENT GLENN	5
*FREDK. S. W. BUTLER	2	*WALTER AYRE	6
ARTHUR HAGUE	3	SIDNEY F. PALMER	7
HERBERT HAIGH	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

COLERNE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. MERRETT	Treble	†EDMUND KING	5
ARTHUR K. HARRISON	2	†RICHARD J. COUSINS	6
GILBERT H. HARDING	3	†JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
FREDERICK C. RICH	4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	Tenor

Conducted by A. K. HARRISON.

* First peal. † Elected members of the Bath and Wells Association prior to the commencement of the peal. ‡ Elected members of the Salisbury Guild before the commencement of the peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. The quickest peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble hails from Bishops Cannings, the 2nd and tenor from Trowbridge, the 7th from Cheltenham, and the rest from Bath.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble	ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... 5
HARRY WHITTLE 2	FRANK JOHNSON 6
JOHN OLDHAM 3	EDWARD READER 7
ERNEST LESLIE 4	JOSEPH POWELL Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by E. READER.

F. Johnson, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from St. Peter's tower, Nottingham. This is the quickest peal ever rung on the bells.

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

On Monday, July 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
HENRY C. CHANDLER 3	GEORGE SPENCER 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	WILLIAM J. WATSON ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 10 Six-Scores each of Canterbury, Old Doubles and Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs.

PHILLIP INNES Treble	THOMAS BUTLER 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 4
ROBERT BLACK Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES ORFORD Treble	CLAYTON PARNELL 4
* EDWIN G. PIPE 2	GEORGE ORFORD 5
W. STANLEY CLARK 3	* GEORGE B. BAXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ORFORD.

* First peal on six bells. This is the first peal on these bells for over 10 years, and was arranged and rung half-muffled in sympathy with the relatives of, and as a tribute of respect to, the six Boy Scouts drowned on the river Waveney, at Somerleyton, on Whit-Monday, under distressing circumstances. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member of the Association before attempting the peal.

STAPLESGROVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE MANNING Treble	HENRY J. CREED 3
FRANK WAYGOOD 2	HENRY CHAPLIN 4
ISAAC CREED Tenor	

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. H. Chaplin and Miss M. Dollings. The ringers were the late Treble Bob Minor band of All Saints, Norton Fitzwarren, of which company the bridegroom was a member. G. Manning was proposed a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

FILLONGLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt., in F.

JOHN TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM J. SMITH 4
ALFRED WILSON 2	GEORGE H. KITTLE 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 3	JOSEPH H. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

This is the first peal on the bells, the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 5th hail from Allesley; the others are members of the St. Michael's Society, Stoke-in-Coventry. The band desire to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, also the tower keeper for having everything in readiness.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Bob Minor, two of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Treble	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 4
JOHN SPENCER 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	FREDERICK W. WATLING Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. WATLING.

The band wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. C. Morgan Gale) for the use of the bells, also Mr. F. W. Watling for getting the bells ready and for his kindness in taking part in the peal owing to the band meeting short.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED HOPPER Treble	JOSEPH C. DEAN 4
* JOHN T. HENSMAN 2	WILLIAM FAREY 5
THOMAS LAW 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

* First peal of Minor with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Farey.

FULBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... Treble	BASIL D. BUTTRESS 4
PERCY WEBB 2	JOSEPH PAGE 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* ARTHUR BELLAMY ... Treble	WILLIAM GILBERT 4
LEONARD WYMAN 2	JOHN LEWIN 5
REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... 3	ARTHUR SMEATHERS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. SMEATHERS.

* First peal and first attempt. He was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise,
London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS DAVY Treble	GEORGE KEMP 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	LEONARD LAST Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. David Cullum, who was buried the previous Thursday. Deceased was for some years vicar's warden and always took a keen interest in ringing.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt., in F.

*JOHN WELLAND Treble	THOMAS BOND 4
GEORGE DOLPHIN 2	SIDNEY ANNIS 5
WILLIAM NEED 3	JOHN DOLPHIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN DOLPHIN.

* First peal. John Welland was proposed a member before starting. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Ismay for the use of the bells and Mr. T. Bond for having everything in readiness.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, July 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine and New London, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3-4
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness: L. POULSON.

First peal in five methods on handbells by all and by the Association.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, July 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

HERBERT LANGDON 1-2	*WILLIAM A. ALPS 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM A. ALPS.

Umpire: F. J. HARDY.

* First peal of Stedman in hand.

EWHRUST RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

The Ewhurst (Surrey) company arranged to meet specially on the evening of Wednesday of last week, in order to ring a quarter-peal as a compliment to Mr. Frank Francis, a member of their band, who celebrated his silver wedding on that date. The quarter-peal was rung by the following: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, J. Luff 2, A. Francis 3, W. Tidy 4, R. Whittington 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6; and it consisted of 720 Canterbury Pleasure and 540 of Plain Bob Minor. The name of Francis has been connected with Ewhurst bells for many years, two generations before this having been steeple keepers, sextons, etc., at Ewhurst, while the ringer of the 3rd in this quarter-peal is the son of Mr. Frank Francis, and thus belongs to the fourth generation. It had been arranged previous to this meeting to attempt a peal on the following Saturday, and this was successful, as already recorded.

MR. WILLIAM ROCK SMALL'S GIFT.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW DEDICATED AT TIPTON.

A special service was held at Tipton Parish Church on Saturday, for the purpose of dedicating and unveiling a beautiful stained glass window presented to the church by Mr. William Rock Small, in memory of his late beloved wife. A representative gathering of bell ringers from upwards of 40 towers in the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Dudley and District, and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, were present at the service to show their whole-hearted respect for their esteemed friend, the donor of the window. The clergy present were the Rev. Wilson T. de Vine (Vicar and Rural Dean), Rev. J. H. Andrew (curate), and the Rev. L. A. Pritchard (Vicar of Wednesbury).

The clergy and choir entered the church in procession, singing the hymn, "Children of the Heavenly King." The service was commenced by Mr. John Small, second son of Mr. W. R. Small, desiring the Vicar, as the representative of God's Church in the parish, to accept the gift and dedicate it to the Glory of Almighty God, and to preserve it for the religious use of the people of the parish for ever.—The Vicar thankfully accepted the gift in pious memory of the late Mrs. Small, and formally placed it under the care and guardianship of the churchwardens of the parish, to see that it is jealously preserved for the purpose for which it has been given.—The Vicar's warden, Mr. C. E. Perrins, accepted the charge. Two short prayers followed, and then the choir and clergy moved in procession to the window, where Mr. Small's eldest son, William, withdrew the covering from a beautiful window, which was greatly admired by all present. After the choir and clergy had returned to their places, evensong was said to the end of the third collect, with special Psalms and lessons. The hymn, "Peace, perfect peace," was sung, and the Rev. L. A. Pritchard gave an address from the words, "What mean ye by this service." The preacher prefaced his remarks by saying how pleased he felt at being allowed to take so prominent a part in the service, he being the Vicar of the parish in which Mr. and Mrs. Small had spent a number of years together. That service, which he looked upon as a recognition service, brought to mind the fact that these two had spent 50 years together in happy married life. Although they were now parted for a while, he prayed they might meet again in the Paradise of rest. In that service he recognised the large-heartedness and generous spirit which prompted the giver of that beautiful window to beautify the House of God in which he so regularly worshipped. The preacher hoped that as Mr. Small from time to time entered that House of Prayer to worship he might receive comfort and a joyful hope for a happy hereafter, as he looked upon that window. The service concluded with the hymn, "The Saints of God."

After the service was over several touches were rung upon the church bells, and the ringers present at the service were invited by Mr. W. R. Small to partake of refreshments. As a number of old friends were together who seldom meet, a very pleasant evening was spent.

A subject of the window is the meeting of our Saviour with Mary Magdalene on the Resurrection morning. The figures and the whole design reflect great credit on the firm of Messrs. W. Pearce and Co., Birmingham, who executed the work.

WIDFORD RINGER'S DEATH.

Under exceptionally sad circumstances the death has taken place at Widford, Essex, of Mr. George William Usher, who passed away after an attack of typhoid fever. The deceased was a member of the Widford company, and of the Essex Association, and was much respected by all who knew him. The funeral service was conducted by the Rector of Widford (the Rev. F. R. Thurlow), assisted by the Rev. H. Hammond (Curate of Writtle), and the scene at the graveside was a very affecting one. There were present the widow and a number of relatives, including Mr. C. Waskett (father-in-law), of the Galleywood company, members of the Writtle Athletic Club, and of the Oddfellows' Friendly Society, several of the deceased's workmates from the lamp shop at Messrs. R. E. Crompton and Co.'s electrical engineering works, and his fellow ringers of the Widford company, viz.: Messrs. A. Bewers, O. Bewers, R. Dines, R. W. Everard, E. Runter, A. Shuttleworth, A. Speller, A. Tarbun, senr., A. Tarbun, junr., J. Tarbun, and W. H. Wellington; also Messrs. H. W. Kirton (Boreham), G. W. Piper (Great Waltham), and B. W. Seeker (Dereham, Norfolk). After the service, a course of Grandire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by: A. Tarbun, junr., 1-2, A. Speller 3-4, W. H. Wellington 5-6, H. W. Kirton 7-8; and subsequently on the tower bells fully muffled touches in the same method by: Messrs. A. Bewers, O. Bewers, Everard, Kirton, Piper, Runter, Speller, A. Tarbun, junr., J. Tarbun and Wellington. On the Sunday morning following an impressive service was conducted by the Rector, who preached a very touching sermon from John v. 24. Touches were rung for morning and evening services, with the bells half-muffled, by: Messrs. A. and O. Bewers, Everard, Runter, Speller, A. Tarbun, senr. and junr., J. Tarbun, Wellington and J. Walden (Boreham). The bells at Great Waltham were also rung, half-muffled, during the day. Deceased, who was only 28 years of age, leaves a widow and three young children—the eldest a cripple boy of six—for whom much sympathy is felt.

A LINCOLNSHIRE PEAL RESTORED.

BILLINGBOROUGH BELLS AUGMENTED.

The sentiment and public interest surrounding church bells was clearly evinced at Billingborough the other day, when there was a service to commemorate the reopening of the church bells.

The old oak beams which had become dangerous have been cleared out, and massive steel girders substituted; a new treble has been added, the five old bells (by Penn, 1717) have been fitted with new iron headstocks, quarter-turned, and the whole peal rehung in a massive iron and steel frame for holding eight bells. The well-known firm of Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, were entrusted with the work of restoration, and one cannot speak too highly of their workmanship.

At 2.30 the familiar notes of the old five, which had been missed so much during the past six months, sounded once more from the lofty tower, with its elegant spire (a conspicuous land-mark in the Fens), and fell upon the ears of the villagers who had taken such a deep and practical interest in their scheme of restoration, and called people to the Dedication service.

The ceremony attracted a large congregation, and the sacred edifice was packed with people. The Vicar of Billingborough, the Rev. C. R. T. Winckley, read the prayers; the Rev. H. Law James (Surfleet), Master of the Guild, read the first lesson; Canon Layng (Rippingale) read the second, and other clergy taking part in the service, in addition to the Archdeacon of Lincoln, were: The Rev. T. Lloyd Knapp (Threackingham), the Rev. J. H. Stallard (Newton), the Rev. C. St. John Wright (Horbling), the Rev. C. F. Yates (Wildmore). A special form of service was used, and during the singing of the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," the Archdeacon, together with the clergy and churchwardens, proceeded to the tower vestry, where the usual Dedication ceremony took place. A few rounds were then rung on the six by the local band of ringers, after which a special hymn, "Our bells again are raised into their place on high," was sung.

Archdeacon Jendwine based a short discourse upon St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chap. 1, vers. 6-7. He congratulated the people upon the restoration of their bells, and observed that they would be thankful that the work had been accomplished without injury or damage to any person or thing. No doubt they had missed the bells very much, for it seemed in this world things were always valued most when they were lost. It was a pleasure to them, undoubtedly, to hear the bells again, and more so because a new one had been added. The Archdeacon then went on to point out the many uses of bells. Their primary use was no doubt to call them to worship. They hung high in the tower, so that they could be heard all round, and they told of things above. In conclusion, he reminded them of their obligations, and now that the bells were again being rung he asked them not to refuse their call to worship.

As the congregation left the church, the bells struck off as a voluntary, and the first 720 (Bob Minor) was brought round after some excellent striking, the band being: Messrs. N. E. Snow, J. T. Holmes, W. Wood, W. Dickinson, A. Andrews (conductor), R. Richardson.

And alfresco public tea was held on the Vicarage lawn, followed by some handbell ringing. Ringers from Sleaford, Morton, Surfleet, Bourne, Stamford, Great Hale, and Heckington kept the tower bells going to Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman until 9 p.m. The first peal was rung on the Saturday, and is recorded on another page. The tenor is 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs., in A flat.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE MOY.

A WELL-KNOWN NORFOLK RINGER.

Norfolk ringers, and especially the members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Geo. Moy, who passed away somewhat suddenly, when in the prime of life, at Aylsham on June 26th, at the age of 51 years. He had been suffering from influenza for a few days, but was able to keep about until the day before he succumbed, his death coming as a great shock to his family.

He was a much respected tradesman of the town of Aylsham, where he had spent all his life. He had been a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Bell Ringers for about 30 years, and was known as a most steady, reliable and useful ringer, having taken part in a good many long and important peals.

At the time of his death he was the leader of the ringers of his native parish, and he was borne to his last resting place by six local ringers.

Although decidedly a man of peace, and of a humble and kindly disposition, he was for about 32 years connected with the old Aylsham Volunteer Force and the present Territorial Detachment, having only recently retired with the rank of sergeant, and, besides being a most useful member of the band of the detachment, he was also one of its best shots, and was the possessor of a medal for long and meritorious service.

There were present at his funeral a number of his old ringing comrades and also Major Gidney, Capt. Purdy, and past and present Territorials and bandsmen, who also sent some handsome floral tributes.

Muffled touches were rung on the evening of his funeral.

Two brothers of the deceased, Messrs. Jacob and John Moy, are still active members of the Aylsham company of ringers, and the deceased has left behind him a son, who is also a ringer, and who, it is hoped, will follow in his father's footsteps in the belfry.

HERE AND THERE.

THE LAST PEAL.

There is more than a pathetic touch about the peal at Somerleyton recorded this week. It was rung half-muffled to the memory of the six Boy Scouts who were drowned in the River Waveney at Somerleyton, and, sad to relate, within a week, the conductor, Mr. George Orford, himself passed away. He was only 43 years of age, and will be much missed by the Great Yarmouth and Gorleston ringers. He was for many years a member of the Norwich Association, for whom he had rung about 30 peals. He was formerly in the police force, which he joined in 1896. He retired some few months ago, owing to ill-health. Although when he called the peal at Somerleyton he appeared far from well, no one expected that his end was so near, and his death came as a great shock to those who had rung with him.

SHILLING MEMBERSHIP.

A correspondent who inquires whether he is to understand from Mr. A. T. King's remark at the Central Council meeting that there are some associations who accept non-resident ringing members at an annual payment of 1s., is informed that most, if not all, associations will accept non-resident members for the same annual subscription as resident members—if they like to pay it—and in the case of some associations it is 1s. a year. It is because it is cheaper to "compound," that the method of paying one lump sum has been adopted for those living outside the geographical area of the society to which they belong.

THE CRICKET MATCH.

For the great cricket match on Mitcham Green, to-morrow week, between the College Youths and Cumberlands, the teams, we are informed, will be chosen from the following:—

College Youths: H. Langdon (capt.), A. A. Hughes, A. W. Grimes, A. B. Peck, A. S. Miller, H. Wagslaif, H. J. Walton, J. W. Golding, S. J. Collins, J. C. Adams, J. N. Oxborough and F. Attwater.

Cumberlands: D. Ellingham, J. Parker, J. D. Matthews, R. N. Runham, J. Hunt, C. H. Austin, F. I. Hairs, A. G. Freeman, H. P. Burton, T. Jakeman, W. Shimmans, and J. A. Trollope.

The umpires are: A. Walton (College Youths) and R. Warner (Cumberlands); and the scorers, A. T. Miller (College Youths) and Miss E. K. Parker (Cumberlands).

IN CANADA.

Mr. J. E. Sykes, a much-travelled member of the Exercise, is now in Canada, and his address is care of Messrs. W. C. Holmes and Co., The Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co., Montreal.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The last monthly meeting of this society was held at Eckington, and proved very successful, about 25 members being present from Barlborough, Beighton, Bolsover, Eckington, North Wingfield, Norton, Rammoor, Rotherham, Sheffield, Staveley and Worksop. The bells were well utilised during afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Bob Minor, and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Tea was served to some members at the White Hart, and a short business meeting followed in the tower, five new members being elected.—A vote of thanks to the Rector and to the local company concluded the proceedings.—Handbell ringing was indulged in after the meeting.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Kempsford, and was well attended, some 18 members being present. The bells, a nice peal of six, with tenor 17 cwt., were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. N. Scott), who gave an excellent address, while the hymns were accompanied by Mrs. Scott, who acted as organist. Tea took place at the George Hotel.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Mrs. Scott, and the next meeting was fixed for Coln St. Aldwyns, on Thursday, July 23rd. The tower was again visited in the evening, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Canterbury Doubles, and 720 Bob Minor brought round. Afterwards a social hour was spent with the local ringers.

RINGSTEAD BELLS RESTORED.

The parishioners of Ringstead, Northants, had in their minds the restoration of the bells some time when, in November last, Colonel S. G. Stopford Sackville, J.P., C.A., the patron of the living, had an inspection made of the bells. As a result of his investigation, the Colonel generously decided to have the peal of six rehung in a new steel and iron frame, and supplied with new fittings throughout. The treble and 4th bells were also recast, and the whole ring tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, the work being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. In addition, the tower of the church was also re-pointed, and a new clock, also by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was erected to strike the hours on the tenor bell.

THE TENOR BELL OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH.



This Bell ($30\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.), hung by us, has been rung in peal by one man for over 12 hours.

JOHN TAYLOR & CO.,
LOUGHBOROUGH,



GROUP TAKEN AT SAFFRON WALDEN ON THE OCCASION OF THE

SAFFRON WALDEN'S PEAL OF TWELVE.

THE DEDICATION CEREMONY.
GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS.

A peal of twelve bells now crowns the glories of the magnificent old church of Saffron Walden, which, in the annals of ringing, has an unbroken record of almost three centuries. The ancient and stately building which dominates the town is one of the finest examples in the country of the pure perpendicular style of architecture. It was begun in the year 1425, on the site of an earlier and much smaller church, and was completed in 1547. Its western tower rises to a height of 85 feet, and it surmounted by a spire which reaches to a height of nearly 200 feet above the ground. The peal of eight bells, which have made Saffron Walden famous in the history of change-ringing, were cast by John Briant, of Hertford, in 1798, the 7th and 6th having been recast at the Whitechapel foundry in 1813 and 1849 respectively. Prior to this there was apparently a much heavier peal in use, and since the year 1623 there has been a band of ringers in the town without break and annually, throughout this long period, Saffron Walden has had its "ringing day." This event was instituted as the result of a bequest by one Thomas Turner, a mercer, of Saffron Walden, who left money, with which an estate was purchased at Henham, Essex, to provide for this festival and for a memorial sermon to be preached on the anniversary of his funeral (June 27th), the bequest being in gratitude to the bells of Walden for guiding him to safety when lost in the woods at Audley End. The ringing history of Walden, however, goes back much further than this, for there is a record still existing going back to 1440, in Henry VIth's reign. "For rynaggyn wanne ye quene was her, iijed." The ringers had been previously fined 2s. for not ringing when Queen Margaret of Anjou came to the Abbey.

In more modern times, the fame of Saffron Walden has spread throughout the Exorise and it has been the great desire of the local ringers to increase their peal of bells. At first augmentation to ten was proposed, but as the scheme developed it became possible to install a full ring of twelve.

THE NEW BELLS.

The work was entrusted to Mr. Alfred Howell, who, in addition to providing the four new trebles, has rehung the three smallest of the old bells in steel frames, thus enabling all the twelve to be hung on the same level. The new bells are inscribed as follows:—

1. A.M.D.G. d.d.d. Mary Wyatt Gibson, 1914.
Make a Joyful Noise Unto God.
2. George V. R.et I. 1911.
God Save the King.
3. J. J. Antrobus, Vicar; J. P. Atkinson and J. Gilling, Church-wardens, 1914.
Lift up your hearts.
4. Waldensis Posuit me Campanaria Gilda,
Ao DNI MCMXIIIo
Frederick Pitstow, Master.
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise.

THE VISITORS.

The dedication took place on Saturday week, and coincided with "Ringing Day," and a large number of ringers were present from various parts of the country, many arriving early in the day. Ringing began at 9 a.m., on the old eight, touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London, Superlative and Bristol Surprise being rung. Among those who were present during the day were the following:—

Saffron Walden: Messrs. J. F. Penning (chairman of the Walden Society), F. Pitstow (conductor), R. A. Strong (hon. sec.), F. J. Pitstow (hon. treasurer), E. Pitstow, A. E. Pitstow, H. Pitstow, L. Pitstow, E. Freeman, G. Sparrow, A. James, W. Parish, and A. Evenett. London: Messrs. W. Pye, G. R. Pye, R. Sanders, I. G. Shade, J. H. B. Hesse, A. B. Peck and W. Alps. Braintree: Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. sec. of the Essex Association, and Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association of Ringers. Cambridge: Messrs. G. Taylor, F. Dench, and T. R. Dennis. Littleport: Mr. B. Arber. Cheshunt: Mr. J. M. Richardson. Slough: Mr. W. H. Fussell. Barnsbury: Mr. H. Dains. Rickling: Mr. D. Jolly. Fulbourn: Mr. B. D. Buttress. Rayne: Mr. B. Regwell. Clapton: Messrs. H. J. Cantor, S. H. R. Cooper, and P. J. Kemp. Pulham Market: E. Whiting. Wormley: Messrs. G. Radley and W. Saban. Ickleton: Mr. Percy Webb. Poplar: Mr. J. Cranfield. Writtle: Mr. W. Lincoln. Harlow: Messrs. G. Dent and W. Hobbs. Stratford: Mr. York Green. Stebbing: Mr. J. T. Barker. Stansted: Mr. W. Watts. Elsenham: Mr. G. Woodley. Bishop's Stortford: Messrs. H. J. Tucker and W. Champness. Walthamstow: Messrs. Oliver L. Twist, J. Butter, C. T. Coles and G. B. Lucas. Great Bardfield: Mr. H. E. Bowers. Ely: Mr. A. Pilgrim. Harleston: Mr. F. R. Barrett. Royston: Mr. R. King. Ware: Mr. G. H. Barker. Hitchin: Mr. J. Hare. Chelmsford: Mr. H. E. Cooper. Sible Hedingham: Messrs. W. C. Cross and B. Pettitt. Saxlingham: Mr. W. Steele. Dunmow: Mr. E. Scrivener. Sawbridgeworth: Mr. W. Tarling. Totten-



DEDICATION OF FOUR NEW BELLS TO MAKE A PEAL OF TWELVE.

ham: Mr. J. Waghorn. Camberwell: Mr. W. Hewitt. Newport: Mr. P. T. Searle. Greenwich: Mr. F. W. Thornton. Haggerston: Mr. A. W. Grimes. Kelvedon: Mr. W. Keeble. Ipswich: Mr. E. Pemberton. Wenden: Mr. W. Gibbey. Great Bentley: Mr. W. J. Nevard. Great Chesterford: Mr. T. Oldacre.

The Mayor of Saffron Walden (Dr. J. P. Atkinson) entertained a large and representative gathering of townspeople, together with the new Bishop of Chelmsford, to lunch at the Town Hall. The toast list was short, but the Mayor took the opportunity of welcoming the new Bishop of the new diocese, in a happy speech.—The Bishop, in replying, expressed great pleasure at meeting the ministers of other denominations who were present.—The other toasts were those of "The Clergy of the Deanery" and "the Mayor and Corporation."

RINGERS' LUNCHEON.

Luncheon for the ringers was provided in the Parish Room, and was presided over by Mr. Fred Pitstow. After the loyal toast had been honoured, Dr. Leonard Taylor proposed "The Donors of the Bells." They owed a great deal to the donors, he said, and they were deeply grateful to them for the generous way in which they had responded to the appeal made to them (hear, hear). He thought the Saffron Walden Association were also to be congratulated upon the tremendous amount of perseverance they had shown in getting the matter through. It had been talked about for a long time, but two years ago they really began to say that they were going to have ten bells, and now they had actually got twelve (applause). He thought it was really a magnificent result, and it was entirely due to the perseverance of the members of the Walden company that the matter had been brought to such a successful issue. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Miss Gibson (applause), who had given one of the four new bells—a really noble gift for one person (applause). He particularly mentioned in connection with the toast Miss Gibson, the Saffron Walden company and the churchwardens.

The toast was received with musical honours and cheers.

Mr. C. H. Howard, in responding, said he wished some of the donors had been present to respond to that toast, but there was another function on at the Town Hall, and most of them were there. He had the pleasure of giving a small subscription some time ago for the ten bells, but he had not the slightest idea that it would eventually end in a ring of twelve being erected in Saffron Walden. He thought it was exceedingly kind of Miss Gibson, and he only wished she was present (hear, hear). It convinced him that the Walden ringers had earned the subscription from Miss Gibson, for she was not a member of the Church of England, but she had appreciated the bells of Walden,

and no doubt this had induced her to come forward and give that subscription (applause). The fund had also been augmented from the Coronation Fund, for they had thought that no better purpose could be served by that fund than to help to provide the new bells (hear, hear). No doubt they felt sure that the Walden ringers would do justice to them (applause). There was also the public subscription joined in by the whole of the town, and last, but not least, came the ringers. If it had not been for the Walden ringers the donors would never have thought of giving the money for the bells. It was the ringers, he believed, who mooted the idea of having the bells augmented, and out of that had grown the peal of twelve that were to be dedicated that afternoon. Therefore, he thought they were very largely indebted to the efforts of the Walden ringers, who had also given very liberally of their money, and by this had encouraged many others to give. In conclusion, Mr. Howard said he thought it a great privilege for them to be present on that auspicious occasion.

"The Vicar and Churchwardens" was proposed by Mr. E. Pitstow, who spoke of the great interest which they took in the Saffron Walden company, and the sympathetic and practical assistance they had given in carrying out the augmentation.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre responded on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens, expressing satisfaction at seeing so many visitors present. Incidentally he mentioned that it was in Saffron Walden that he first took up his duties as assistant secretary of the Essex Association 23 years ago.

Mr. H. Dains proposed "The Saffron Walden Company," with whom, he said, he had been associated for 40 years past. He had met them for many a friendly ring, and referred to the position which the Pitstows had taken in the Exercise, both in composition and ringing. He hoped the Saffron Walden company would continue the art, and carry it on as it had been carried on for many years, and would make good use of the twelve bells.

"THEIR HEARTS' DESIRE."

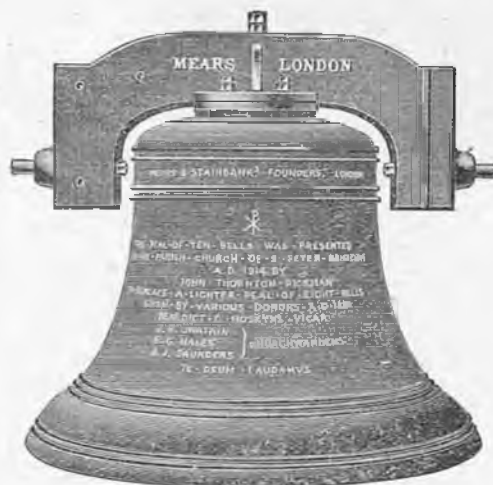
The Chairman, in responding, said that at one time if anyone had told him they would have twelve bells in Walden he would have wanted to give them a ticket for Brentwood (laughter), for he never thought they would have twelve. He went on to read a letter from his brother and a telegram from Mr. Taylor expressing their good wishes. He also read a telegram from the late Vicar, who, he said, had been very much opposed to the augmentation, thinking that eight should be the maximum and that any more would spoil them. He now telegraphed: "I congratulate the ringers on the attainment of their hearts' desire (applause). May the company so flourish that they may be able always

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to use their treasures" (applause). He (the Chairman) hoped they would be able to use them. They would be terribly disappointed if they could not do so (hear, hear). The company had been carried on continuously, he believed, since 1623, but there must have been a company of ringers at that time, or else Thomas Turner would never have left the money for the ringers then. He thought they could claim the honour of having had "Holt's Original" first called in Walden (applause). Mr. Pitstow gave a short history of the ringers and bells of Walden, and concluded by expressing the hope that now they had got twelve bells the company would stick together, and before long be able to ring Stedman Cinques on the bells (applause).

Mr. R. A. Strong proposed "The Visitors," to which Mr. W. Alps responded in felicitous terms, and said he hoped that by next October Waltham Abbey would also be in possession of a peal of twelve bells.

Mr. A. E. Pitstow submitted "The Bell Founder," and Mr. A. Howell acknowledged the toast.

THE DEDICATION.

The Mayor and Corporation, Borough Officials and Magistrates walked in procession from the Town Hall to the church for the dedication.

The spacious church was crowded, and the congregation must have numbered upwards of a thousand—for the townsfolk entered wholeheartedly into the day's proceedings. The National Anthem was played upon the organ as the Mayor and Corporation entered. There was a long procession of robed clergy accompanying the Bishop. After the opening prayers, the 150th Psalm was chanted, followed by the lesson, Numbers x, 1-11, which was read by the Vicar of the parish. The Bishop, clergy, choir, and churchwardens then proceeded down the nave to the west porch, the hymn, "Thy Kingdom come, O God," being sung. The churchwardens, taking the ropes of the bells, handed them to the Bishop, who, whilst holding the ropes, said the office of dedication. After the Bishop had offered the beautiful prayers for the worshippers, the newly-married, the sick, those who absent themselves from the House of Prayer, the departed, and the ringers, at the words, "Sing we merrily unto God, our strength," and the response, "Let us make a cheerful noise to the God of Jacob," the full twelve bells rang out merrily, the following members of the Saffron Walden band being at the ropes: F. Pitstow 1, A. E. Pitstow 2, E. A. Pitstow 3, F. J. Pitstow 4, A. James 5, C. Freeman 6, H. Pitstow 7, J. F. Penning 8, G. Sparrow 9, A. Evenett 10, R. A. Strong 11, W. Parish 12. As the procession returned to the chancel, the hymn, "Lifted safe within the steeple," was sung. The Bishop delivered a short sermon upon the words, "That day there shall be upon the bells of the horses holiness unto the Lord," and spoke of the uses of the bells and the messages they conveyed. The impressive service concluded with the hymn, "For thee, O dear, dear country," and the "Te Deum."

After the service, the bells were utilised to their full extent by the visitors, the first touch being 663 Stedman Cinques by: F. Pitstow, composer and conductor (Saffron Walden) 1, G. R. Pye (Romford) 2, H. Dains (Barnsbury) 3, W. Hewett (Camberwell) 4, W. H. Fussell (Slough) 5, I. G. Shade (Greenwich) 6, W. J. Kemp (Clapton) 7, C. T. Coles (Walthamstow) 8, A. B. Peck (Westminster) 9, R. Sanders (West Ham) 10, A. W. Grimes (Haggerston) 11, J. H. B. Hesse (Teddington) 12.

Miss Lindsay, of the Vicarage, held an "At home," after the service, in Fry's Gardens, when 300 guests met the Bishop of Chelmsford.

In the evening about 130 ringers sat down to tea in the Parish Room, under the presidency of Mr. F. Pitstow, and Mr. W. Alps expressed the thanks of the visitors for the kindly reception and most enjoyable day they had spent, and proposed the health of Mr. R. A. Strong, the hon. secretary of the Saffron Walden company, for the admirable arrangements he had made. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the caterers.

Many of the visitors stayed over Sunday, making their headquarters at the Cross Keys, where on Saturday evening there was a convivial party, and handbell ringing was indulged in.

The new twelve were kept going on Sunday from 9.30 to 11 a.m., 2 to 3 p.m., and from 4 o'clock until evensong.

The collection taken at the dedication service amounted to £18, and cleared off the balance outstanding on the work carried out in the tower.

MALDON GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Maldon and District Guild was held at Great Tolham on Saturday, 40 members being present from Witham, D'Arcy, Goldhanger, Maldon (All Saint's and St. Mary's), and the local company. The bells were kept going in various methods in the afternoon, and at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre) tea was served on the lawn. The business meeting followed, at which the officers were elected for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks passed to the Vicar for kindly providing tea, and also for placing his grounds at the disposal of the ringers. In the evening, whilst some were ringing, others were amusing themselves by playing bowls and croquet. Touches were rung in seven or eight different methods in the tower, and courses of Triples and Major on the handbells. At nine o'clock the bells were lowered in peal, and thus ended one of the most enjoyable gatherings, as it was also a record meeting, of the Guild.

SHALL SUFFOLK HAVE ITS OWN ASSOCIATION?

SUDBURY DISTRICT'S EFFORTS.

THE BISHOP'S DESIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I encroach on your valuable space to write a few lines to the ringers in West Suffolk. As members of the Sudbury district know, a resolution was passed at our last meeting (May 9th) that we should take steps to find out the feeling of East Suffolk ringers with regard to the formation of a new Suffolk Association; and, therefore, I now send the following details so that members may have some knowledge of how matters have progressed.

The first step taken was to write to the district secretaries of the Norwich Diocesan Association in East Suffolk to ask what their opinion was, and the feeling of their district, and favourable answers were received from several. Also, the Bishop was consulted, and expressed a desire for such an association. Subsequently the N.D.A. held a committee meeting at Ipswich, to which Mr. Turner, of Bury St. Edmund's, and I were invited, and at which we were present.

Unfortunately not much progress was made, but on their own behalf they decided to take a particular line of action, and, therefore, it was found necessary to call together our own committee to decide what action we should take to put our case before the Bishop, as they have decided to do.

This meeting was held at Lavenham on Saturday last, and it was decided to put into writing our views on this question, and to send them to the Bishop, at the same time appointing three members to meet the Bishop if he so desire, to discuss matters. The three nominated at the committee were: Messrs. H. Turner, A. Symonds, and myself. A draft of the letter to be sent to the Bishop will be first submitted to all the members of the committee, so that as far as possible it may be comprehensive.

There is no doubt that there is a considerable number of ringers in East Suffolk who are in favour, and would welcome a Suffolk Association, but as yet there has been no definite expression of feeling on the matter by East Suffolk men, apart from meetings where Norwich Association officials were present, and such meetings can hardly be taken in quite the same way. As to the "proposals" submitted to us for consideration, our loyalty to the Ely Association makes it impossible, in fairness, to accept them, besides which they are not of any benefit to us, as we stand. We certainly must be ready to consider any reasonable suggestions, and to strive for that unity which is so essential, doing nothing which may be injurious to the good feeling between one body of ringers and another. At the present time we must stand united to gain the best and fairest solution of this difficult situation; at the same time taking into consideration the claims of the two Associations which would be affected by a rearrangement, particularly Ely Diocesan Association with which we are allied.—Yours faithfully,

R. L. GARDNER, Hon. Sec.

July 6th, 1914.

A CORNISH AUGMENTATION.

The ring of six bells at Talland Church, Cornwall, has just been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and were opened for use on Saturday week. The service was conducted and the sermon preached by the Rural Dean (the Rev. E. S. Majendie, Vicar of St. Neot's), and was attended by a large number of ringers from surrounding parishes, and also by a band from Charles' Church, Plymouth. After the service, the opening touch was rung by the Talland men, followed by the other towers represented; Charles' Church giving the only exhibitions of "scientific" ringing of the day.

The work of restoration has consisted of the recasting of three of the old four bells, and adding a treble and tenor. The latter is only 8 cwt., but of beautiful tone, and those qualified to judge remarked on the excellent way the "splice" has been effected. In fact, the greatest satisfaction is felt with the way in which the work has been carried out, the founders and their men taking every bit as much trouble over a light little ring as they do over their many famous heavy ones.

OCTOGENARIAN RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Cordingley, formerly of Calverley, who passed away at Campsall, near Doncaster, at the advanced age of 87 years. The deceased formerly carried on the business of a tailor, and an interesting fact was that he introduced the first sewing machine into the village. He was best known as an ardent bell ringer, not only in Calverley, but in many places in the West Riding. He was probably the oldest ringer in Yorkshire, and perhaps carried off more trophies than any other man in the shire, his 50 prizes including 31 firsts. During a brief residence at Morecambe, he taught a company of ringers at the Parish Church. When in his 72nd year he rang the treble and conducted the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Drighlington for the Yorkshire Association. In 1900 he celebrated his golden wedding at Tong, his ringing friends entertaining him upon that occasion. His diamond wedding he celebrated at Calverley, where he had returned to live.

DR. PAULI & THE CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION. MR. G. F. ALEXANDER REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Dr. Pauli seems bent on bringing the Cleveland Association into disrepute. He may perhaps think by so doing to forward the cause of the Northern district of the County Association, but I can assure him his labours are in vain; a far different spirit must prevail in that quarter than at present, before Clevelanders support the movement recently inaugurated.

Dealing with the main items in his too long letter published in the issue of July 3rd of your valuable paper, I would explain firstly to the Exercise generally, that Dr. Pauli is the last person who should criticise any peals or other ringing. I have met Dr. Pauli a few times, and unless he has made a wonderful improvement, he still has to acquire the art of handling a bell, and his striking is an abomination. I know several ringers who have mentioned to Mr. Metcalfe they had no wish to stand in a peal if this expert was included in the band, I myself being one of them.

When Dr. Pauli attacks a ringer like my friend, Thomas Metcalfe, in the manner he has done, I am amazed with his audacity, and again all Northern ringers who enjoy an acquaintance with Mr. J. G. Hall, are aware of that individual's capabilities as a fine handler, an exceptionally good striker, and one whose repute as a conductor is quite beyond challenge. I had the pleasure of taking part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ormesby, which was conducted by Mr. Hall in masterly style. Mr. Metcalfe rang the tenor to this peal, and no word was spoken except by the conductor; the striking throughout was of a high order. I can quite understand these peals in question being choppy, if two or three of Dr. Pauli's type were taking a rope, otherwise the whole business may be dismissed as the merest flap-deedle and humbug.

Dr. Pauli could have left our Association without all this exaggerated palaver, and some of us are now glad he is gone. Men of his class will do much better with the clique that now runs the Northern district, in which I have the honour (?) of also holding a membership.

Lastly, it is needless for me to point out that no one acquainted with Mr. Metcalfe is in any doubt that a peal in which he takes a rope is going to be very far wrong from the start to the finish.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

Robin Hood's Bay, July 4th, 1914.

A COMBINED MEETING.

The Ashford District of the Kent Association and the Romney Marsh and District Guild held an amalgamated meeting at Aldington (six bells) on Saturday week. Nearly 20 members attended from Appledore, Brabourne, Folkestone, Hawkhurst, Mersham, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and the local tower. Some good six bell ringers were among the company, and consequently, although the back bells did not run very well, capital striking was heard during the whole of the proceedings. Three 720's—two Plain Bob and one Kent Treble Bob—were rung, and one of the local ringers was piloted through his first 720, which was in the former method. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were also rung, and the company thoroughly enjoyed their visit. They were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slingsby at their residence—a fine old country house which archaeologists would love to minutely examine.

The business meetings of both societies were conducted in the belfry, and Mr. C. Tribe, the hon. secretary of the Ashford District, stated that their next meeting would be at Stone-in-Oxney in July.

A resolution was passed fixing it on the second Saturday in that month.

The members of the R.M. and D.G. decided to hold their July meeting at Benenden on the third Saturday, and to discuss the question of their annual outing at that assembly. They also agreed to attempt a peal of Bob Major at Rye on June 27th.

Mr. Tribe expressed thanks on behalf of the two societies for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. Slingsby for their kind hospitality. The Master of the Guild (Mr. G. Billenness) seconded the vote, which was carried unanimously.

LAVENHAM'S ANNIVERSARY.

Every year the Lavenham ringers hold festival to celebrate the augmentation of their bells to eight in far-off days of 1811. The month of December provides the actual anniversary, but the summer is the time when the ringers carry out the official commemoration. This year ringers gathered from Colchester, Bury St. Edmund's, Dovercourt, Eye, Felsham, Great Pinborough, Gestingthorpe, London, Maldon, Preston, Pullham Market and Sudbury. The local company set the bells going as early as 7.30 a.m., with 832 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by W. J. R. Poulson. During the day, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung, the conductors being Messrs. W. E. Chalk (Colchester), S. H. Symonds and F. Borrett (Pullham Market). At the conclusion of the day's ringing, the company spent a pleasant evening at the ringers' headquarters.

NOTICES.

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

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Molesley, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. E. G. Ireland in the Vicarage Garden at 5. Business meeting after. Members in the western district and from neighbouring towers will be heartily welcomed.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec., Bell Foundry, Croydon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—Bye meeting at Gestingthorpe, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane Church on Saturday, July 11th, at 4 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—F. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Committee meeting in vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at the Globe Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. The towers of St. Nicholas (8), and St. Mary's (10), will be open for ringing from 3 to 4.45 p.m., and St. Mary's again after the meeting.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shottery.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at 5.15. Tea, 6d. each, and business meeting to follow. — Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Angmering, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow.—H. Evans, Hon. Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Stone, Isle of Oxney, on Saturday, July 11th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Philips) at six o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers will be held at Leeds, near Maidstone, on Saturday, July 11th. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m.—Kenneth W. Mumford, Hon. Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Inkberrow, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Eversham.

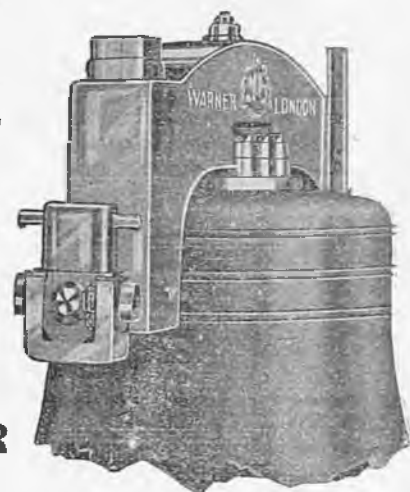
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Dunstable to-morrow (Saturday), July 11th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Papillon, President of the Hertfordshire Association. Tea 5 p.m., to be followed by a discussion as to the possibility of inter-affiliation between the Beds and Herts Associations. A cordial invitation is given to all members of the Herts Association to attend.—W. W. C. Baker, President, Beds. Association, The Rectory, Dunstable.

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NOTICES—continued.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot, Monmouthshire, on Saturday, July 11th, at 4.30.—Rev. Canon L. Price and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secretaries.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—A meeting will be held on Monday, July 13th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea, at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. After the business meeting, which takes place at 9.30 at the Builders Arms, Britten Street, a "special" meeting will be called to discuss a resolution affecting the rules of the society.—Alec. S. Miller, Hon. Secretary, 26, Loughborough Park, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 14th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting of the above district will be held at Measham on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock.—H. Wakley, Local Hon. Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow at 5.30.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of this society will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, July 18th, 1914. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Barr on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available in the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 8d. per head. Motor 'buses run from City via Perry Barr.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith, on Saturday, July 18. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by Rev. G. A. S. Adams (Vicar). Meat tea 1s. each, but names of those who desire same must reach me by first post Tuesday, July 14th. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. Reports for 1914 ready. Those who require them should let me know.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

CRICKET MATCH between the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths, at Mitcham Green, on Saturday, July 18th, at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at the Queen's Head, Mitcham Green, 7 p.m. All wishing to partake, kindly advise before July 11th, to Albert A. Hughes, 34, Whitechapel Road, London, E. Social evening afterwards. All welcome.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newport, I.W., on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from three o'clock. Tea at the Bedford at 5 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 13th inst.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hoghton on July 18th. Bells available from 3. Meeting at 5.30. Tea will be provided in the school at 1s. 2d. each to all those who notify me by July 15th. The committee meet the same day at 4 p.m. Members please note change of address.—E. R. Martin, 14, The Green, Walton-le-dale.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at St. Mary's, Mortlake. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Ringing to follow. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Stansted, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. Tea 6d. each to members sending notice to the Secretary by Wednesday, July 15th.—Wm. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Slough, on Saturday, July 18th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Buckingham. A collection will be made towards the new peal of bells for Wargrave Parish Church. Dinner at 12.30 in St. Mary's Church Institute, to be followed by the annual business meeting. Dinner tickets at 2s. 3d. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, to me on or before Saturday, July 11th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Worsley on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7. The Earl of Elsmere has kindly given permission for visitors to inspect the grounds, and ringers intending going through them are requested to meet at the tower at 4 o'clock prompt.—W. Wolstencroft and C. Bower, Secretaries.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, July 25th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rev. G. Hyde Smith, in the Village Club Room at 5.30 p.m. Littlebourne tower will be opened after tea. Will all who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, July 21st.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on Saturday, July 25th. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head at the Greendale Oak, at 5 p.m., for those who inform Mr. Wm. Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield, not later than Tuesday, July 21st. A hearty welcome to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided (free) at 6. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Allendale on Saturday, July 25th. The bells of St. Cuthbert will be available in the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Allendale Inn at 5 o'clock. Those who intend being present please notify me not later than July 21st.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST on six bells at St. John the Baptist Church, Penistone, near Sheffield, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914, when prizes to value of about £20 will be given.—For further particulars apply to Frank Tinker, Penistone, near Sheffield.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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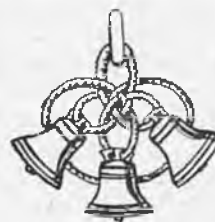
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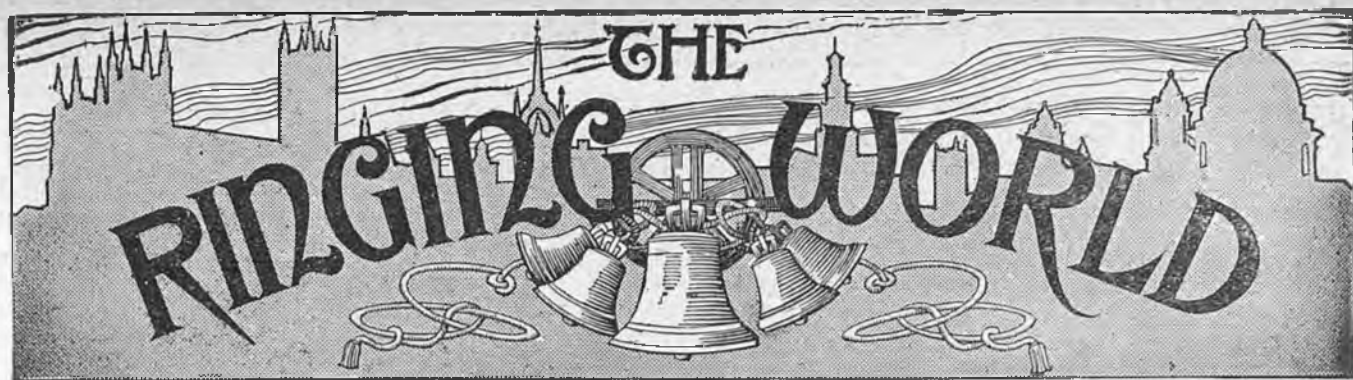


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Yours faithfully, F T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

Although, perhaps, not so conspicuous in its activities as some of the other Associations, there are few societies who can lay claim to a stronger position than the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, which operates in an area exceptionally rich in stately towers and fine peals of bells. The annual report of the Association presented to the members at their meeting at Bath the other day reveals a very healthy state of affairs. During the year six new towers joined the Association, and the promotion of the Art throughout the diocese has gone steadily forward. The strength of the Association is due, undoubtedly, to the excellent way in which it is officered and the close touch which is kept with the many towers through the numerous branches by which the Association is worked. A membership of over 1,200, and a balance in hand of more than £70, is something to be proud of, although the Association is finding it increasingly difficult to prevent its funds from dwindling. About its financial position, however, there is this strong point, that the honorary membership totals 138, and, while this is maintained, there is always at hand a very valuable source of income. On the other hand, it is a matter for regret that six towers have been lost through arrears. Most associations suffer in this respect, and it is very difficult, indeed, to find a means of checking the reduction in strength which thus occurs. In nearly every instance these cases are due to local evaporation of interest, and something more than the single-handed effort of the district secretary is needed to overcome the lukewarmness.

The Master of the Bath and Wells Association (the Rev. C. C. Parker), dealing with this question, advocates the payment of subscriptions due to the Association from a tower fund and not allowing them to be dependent on the punctual payment or non-payment of particular members. This, of course, is a counsel of perfection and is doubtless practised in many towers, but we think it will be found that where there has been lapse of membership through arrears, the ringers themselves have no local organisation or common fund. The best means, we believe, is a system of frequent friendly visits from neighbouring towers to re-awaken the languishing interest and to encourage the laggards. We do not say it is the case in Somerset, but we know it sometimes happens that where a company slacks off in its allegiance to the parent body, perhaps through not meeting for a time or from loss of membership, there is a tendency among ringers of other towers to leave this particular belfry alone, because there happens to be little or no change ringing to be had there. Surely, such cases as these are the ones in which special effort should be put forth to check the lapse and bring the company back to the fold by additional help and more frequent intercourse.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	ERNEST PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	* WILLIAM THEOBALD 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	HARRY FLANDERS 9
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Royal in the method; also first in the method on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt., in D.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
JOHN CAPP 2	OLIVER SUPPES 7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 3	WILLIAM C. HART 8
RICHARD STREDWICK ... 4	ALBERT D. STONE 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung on the occasion of Mr. Rickman's silver wedding. First peal of Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Treble	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 5
HERBERT H. PIERCY ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT, and

Conducted by FRED. R. BORRETT.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE W. FRAYNE ... 5
* SAMUEL JONES, Junr. ... 2	ROBERT SPERRING ... 6
SAMUEL JONES, Senr. ... 3	ERNEST CHANNEL ... 7
GEORGE JONES 4	GILBERT GERRARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Thomas Rowland, aringer at the cathedral.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, July 6, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDK. DAY Treble	THOMAS FORD, Junr. ... 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
CLEMENT MORE 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
ERNEST POPPY 4	GEORGE DAY Tenor

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Poppy.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES Treble	*WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... 5
FREDK. RING, Senr. 2	WILLIAM LANE 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM HARPER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to G. Hayes.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs., in F.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS 5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	WILLIAM FLORY 7
HOBART E. SMITH 4	FREDK. J. S. SARA Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RAMMOOR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	TOM O'HARA 5
JOHN THORPE 2	SAM THOMAS 6
J. E. L. COCKEY 3	RICHARD W. COLLIER ... 7
GEORGE O. DIXON 4	CHARLES HAYNES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to the memories of the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and Joseph Atkin ("Soda"), a member of the Cathedral Society of Sheffield.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
*HERBERT PIERCY 2	EDWIN WHITING 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ALFRED SMITH 7
FREDK. DAY 4	FREDK. R. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDK. G. BRETT Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2	PERCY GIBBS 6
WILLIAM W. WENBAN 3	CHARLES W. BRETT ... 7
*WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	*GEORGE DUNGEY Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN,

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY TYSOE Treble	*HORACE H. SMITH 5
*EDMUND J. HOBBS 2	WALTER SEAR 6
THOMAS BEST 3	HARRY SEAR 7
HERBERT L. HARLOW 4	JOSEPH CHURCH Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

* First peal of Stedman.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ERNEST LINCOLN Treble	FREDK. R. BORRETT ... 5
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... 6
*JAMES F. DUFFIELD 3	FREDK. SMITH 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	EDWIN WHITING Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

TOM REDMAN Treble	WILLIAM MALLINSON ... 5
ALFRED BROOK 2	EDWIN OGDEN 6
*TOM WILSON 3	JOHN WATSON 7
WILLIAM E. WILSON 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method on a bob bell. J. Watson's 50th peal. The ringers of the treble and 6th hail from Burnley, and of the 2nd and 5th from Colne; the rest belong to Blackburn.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

HENRY J. TRIM Treble	HARRY PARRISH 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2	FREDK. MARSH, Junr. ... 6
GILBERT H. HARDING 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
SAM R. B. HAWKINS 4	HARRY HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

Arranged for G. H. Harding, of Bath, and S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Irene Trim and Miss May Hector, daughters of the ringers of treble and second.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD T. WAGG Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 5
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2	WILLIAM LANE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HARRY FLANDERS 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 19 cwt., in E.	
JOSEPH HANLEY	Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	5
GEORGE HAYCOCK	2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ...	6
ERNEST M. HYDE	3	ALFRED E. FOLLIOT ...	7
FRANK WILLIAMS	4	"JACK GARRETT	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire. The above was rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples, one of the band being unable to take part owing to an accident. Messrs. Haycock and Williams kindly made up the company, it being eight years since the latter rang a peal. The ringers of 2, 3 and 4 belong to Shifnal, 1, 6, 8 to Coalbrookdale, and 5 and 7 to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. The band tender their best thanks to Mr. Hyde for having the bells ready.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.
On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lbs., in C.	
EDGAR WIGHTMAN	Treble
"JESSE B. TYLER	2
NORMAN NORTH	3
† CHARLES LEE	4
THOMAS KING	5
WILLIAM T. POWELL ...	6
JAMES HUNT	7
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob away from the Treble.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
ALBERT L. GIBBINS	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ...	6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ...	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	7
ARTHUR JONES	4	FREDERICK V. MARTIN ...	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the occasion of the annual outing of the St. George-the-Martyr (Southwark) Society.

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BOBBING.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Canterbury, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY JEWISS	Treble	THOMAS JULL	4
FREDERICK HOLLANDS ...	2	MRS. V. A. JARRETT, R.E.	5
CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E.	3	WILLIAM NYE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

Rung as a birthday peal for Thomas Jull.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lbs.	
HERBERT DAY	Treble
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN ...	2
ARTHUR KENWORTHY ...	3
THOMAS STIMPSON ...	4
JOHN FLOWER	5
FRED WATKINSON	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT DAY.

The peal was arranged for Mr. W. G. Christian, who is leaving the district for Emsworth, near Portsmouth.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, July 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs.	
ERNEST OLIVER	Treble
CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E.	2
SAM PETTER	3
ERNEST NEWELL	4
CHARLES EDWARDS ...	5
HENRY A. BLACKMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

Mr. Edwards has now conducted a peal in seven Minor methods from every bell. This was also his fiftieth peal as conductor.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT G. PRATT	Treble	WALTER KERRISON ...	4
JOHN SPENCER	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ...	5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to G. E. Symonds, of Framlingham, and W. Kerrison, of Wissett.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholar's Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

ALFRED H. MARTIN	Treble	HARRY MEADOWS ...	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	WALTER PERKINS ...	5
GEORGE LINES	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Perkins.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of Court Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

REX T. BOSWELL	Treble	GEORGE A. BLANLEY ...	4
GEORGE S. VALENTINE ...	2	WALTER T. WILSON ...	5
MATTHIAS HOBBS	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This was the first attempt for peal by ringer of second, and the peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

*REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ...	7-8
WILLIAM PYE	3-4	BERTRAM PREWITT ...	9-10
ERNEST PYE	5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: M. F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal of Cinques "in hand."

THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association was held at Caldicot, Mon., on Saturday last, and proved a most pleasant and successful one, and was attended by members from Caerleon, Caldicot, Chepstow, Newport (St. Woolos and All Saints), Llangibby, Llandaff, Rhymney, Penarth, etc. The bells were available all the afternoon, and prior to the service various touches were rung. Service was held in the Parish Church, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Clarke), whose address was very much appreciated. At the conclusion of the service, tea was partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Clarke. Tea over, a stroll round the garden and grounds was enjoyed, and afterwards the business meeting took place on the lawn also, the weather being delightfully fine and warm.

The Vicar presided.—The Hon. Secretary reminded the meeting that one of its oldest members, and practically the father of change ringing in the district and of the Association, Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, had sustained a sad bereavement by the death of his wife, a lady who spared no pains in doing her level best to entertain the Association members, whenever a visit was paid to Caerleon. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. Davies and his family, the members standing in silence.

The Hon. Secretary, as representative on the Central Council, next read his report, and after being thanked for bringing forward the question of inter-affiliation, Mr. Atwell gave notice that he would again at the next annual meeting bring forward an amended scheme to be submitted to the next annual meeting of the Central Council.—It was decided to continue instruction at St. Mellons tower.—The meeting welcomed the rejoining of the Aberavon tower, and congratulated the band on ringing their first peal.—Arrangements for the next Monmouthshire meeting were deferred until the annual meeting.—The Hon. Secretary appealed to the members present not to arrange any outings or peals on the day that a meeting was arranged.—New members were elected, and after a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his great kindness, the bells were again kept going during the evening.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Trowbridge on Saturday week at St. James's Church, but owing to the Bath and Wells Association holding its annual meeting at Bath on the same day, the attendance at Trowbridge was not so large as would otherwise have been the case. Tea was provided in the Vestry Room, kindly lent by the Rector (the Rev. P. A. Nash) for the occasion.

Afterwards a short business meeting was held, at which the Rector took the chair, supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. branch secretary, and ringers from Westbury, Southbroom, Keevil, Edington, Holt, Trowbridge, Hilperton, Bishop's Cannings and Bechingsstoke. The next three meetings were decided upon as follows: August 1st, Bratton; September 5th, Keevil; October 3rd, Bradford.—One new member (unattached) from Westbury was elected.—Mr. West proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the church bells, for the use of the Vestry Room for tea, and for his kindness in presiding at the meeting.—Ringing took place during both afternoon and evening, some members adjourning to St. Katherine's Church, Holt, where touches of Grandsire were indulged in, thus bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

ELY ASSOCIATION'S RECORD PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As one of the band who took part in the supposed record peal of the above Association on Whit-Monday last, I beg to thank Mr. Symonds for his letter in your issue of June 26th, pointing out our error. At the same time, I think it is excusable, as the following facts will show. Those who know the history of the Ely Association will doubtless remember the reorganisation in 1897, the year following the peal of 7040 changes rung at Belchamp Walter, during which I suppose previous reports were somehow misled. Still, we have been able to verify the facts as stated by Mr. Symonds, since the publication of his letter. In the Association's report of 1910, there appears amongst other items this sentence: "Still the Association can now record the longest peal ever rung by the members, a peal of Bob Major (6240 changes) rung at Lavenham." This peal was rung on December 27th, 1909, and published with a footnote, "Longest peal by the Association." In subsequent reports this 6240 has been marked with an asterisk as the longest peal by the Association. Now, sir, I think it very bad form on the part of Mr. Symonds in allowing this 6240 to go forth to the members as the longest peal yet rung without contradicting it until it had been surpassed, because not only was he, and still is, I believe, a member of the Lavenham band, and rang the tenor to this 6240, but he also rang in the 7040, and, therefore, was fully acquainted with it.—Yours faithfully,

Cambridge.

A. WILKERSON.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

PRESENTATION TO A SECRETARY.

The annual dinner and meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Bath on Saturday week, when 118 members were present representing about 30 towers. Dinner was served at Messrs. Fortis, the Master of the Association (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding, and being supported by Preb. S. A. Boyd, Preb. M. E. Hoets, Preb. H. J. Heard, Rev. F. A. Bromley, Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Rev. E. V. Cox, the Mayor of Bath, Mr. C. T. Foxcroft, Mr. R. G. Cook, and others. After dinner, "The King" was proposed from the chair, and a verse of the National Anthem sung.—"The Church" was submitted by Mr. C. T. Foxcroft, and acknowledged by Preb. Boyd.—"The Mayor and Corporation of Bath" was given by Preb. Hoets, supported by Mr. R. G. Cook, and responded to by the Mayor.—Preb. Heard proposed "Other Ringing Associations," and to this toast the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Master of the Salisbury Guild, replied.—An interesting presentation on behalf of the members and friends of the Bath Deanery was then made to Mr. W. J. Prescott, Secretary for the Bath Deanery. The gift, which consisted of a gold watch chain, was handed to Mr. Prescott by Preb. Boyd (President of the Bath Deanery), who spoke of the very able way in which the recipient had carried out his duties. Mr. Prescott thanked the members for the very handsome present, and said he should value it not only for its intrinsic worth, but also for the very kind feeling which had prompted the gift.

The business meeting was then proceeded with, and the Master read his report. The balance sheet which was presented by the secretary, and adopted by the members, showed receipts (including a balance of £74 16s. 1½d. from last year), amounting to £136 11s. 0½d., and an expenditure of £62 2s. 3d., leaving a balance to be carried forward of £74 8s. 9½d.—An honorarium of £10 10s. was voted to the secretary, on the proposition of Mr. Prescott, seconded by Mr. G. H. Hill, and the secretary returned thanks for this recognition of his services.—The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the inclusion of the Dean of Wells, subject to his consent.

THE SECRETARY'S HINT.

Preb. Boyd then proposed the re-election of the Rev. C. C. Parker as Master.—This was seconded by Mr. N. Wake, and carried unanimously. Mr. Parker suitably responding.—The hon. secretary and treasurer was also re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Fussell; and Mr. Burgess, in returning thanks, remarked on the slack way some of the members had of paying their subscriptions. He suggested that the amounts should be taken from a tower fund and paid early in the year, thus saving the local secretaries as well as the general secretary a lot of work.

The Rev. A. J. Hook was re-elected auditor, and accorded a vote of thanks for his services.—Preb. H. J. Heard, the Rev. F. A. Bromley and Mr. R. G. Cook were elected hon. members.

The places for quarterly meetings during the year were selected as follows: Burnham in September, Portishead in December, and Cheddar the second Saturday after Easter.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Preb. Boyd for arranging the service at the Abbey, and for granting the use of the Abbey bells; to Preb. Hoets for consenting to give the address; to the organist for playing at the service, and to all the Vicars who had given permission for the use of their bells.

A move was then made to the Abbey, where an enjoyable service was held.

During the day many of the peals of bells in Bath were rung in various touches.

The report of the Master showed that the present membership of the Association is made up of hon. life members, 8; hon. members, 130; performing members, 1,003; non-resident life members, 123; non-resident ringing members, 23; unattached, 63. St. Michael's and St. Matthew's, Bath, Badgworth, Babery, Chipstable and Tickenham had joined the Association, but six towers had been lost through arrears. The Master added that he was not altogether satisfied with the balance sheet (which showed a balance in hand of £74 8s. 9½d., as against £74 16s. 1½d. at the beginning of the year). He pointed out that they had not yet paid for the issue of the new badges, which reduced the balance by at least the amount received from the sale of the same (£2 17s.). They did not want to hoard up a large amount of money, but it was not satisfactory to see their small capital decrease, even by a small amount year by year.

EIGHT "EXTENTS" ON FOUR.

On Thursday of last week, three of the Frodsham ringers, with Mr. A. H. Ward, of Derby, who was staying at Frodsham, visited Thornton-le-Moors, and rang the extent in eight methods on the bells, which are a very nice peal of four, tenor 11 cwt., by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. This was the first change-ringing on the bells, which were hung in 1910.

BELL TOWERS AND BELL HANGING.

INTERESTING POINTS FROM SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S BOOK.

Our brief notice of last week has apparently stirred up no little interest in the publication, by Sir Arthur Heywood, of the new book on "Bell Towers and Bell Hanging," if we may judge from the many inquiries which have reached us. For the information of the Exercise, we are now able to announce that the book is to be published by Longmans, at 2s. net. The arrangements in this connection were not completed in time to announce this last week.

Sir Arthur's object in publishing the book is very concisely summarised in the preface from which we extract the following: "The widespread desire for an effective weight of bell metal, not infrequently in towers too contracted or too weak to safely carry it, together with an immensely increased amount of ringing, has resulted in many cases of structural damage. A considerable proportion of architects have concluded that such mischief is largely due to the modern methods of bell hanging, and it is with the purpose of endeavouring to disprove this conclusion and to explain the conditions under which a peal of bells can be satisfactorily hung and rung that I venture, with the support of the Central Council of Bell Ringers, to publish this pamphlet. Any success which may attend the effort will be largely due to the valuable contributions of my coadjutors."

In the articles for which he has made himself responsible, Sir Arthur offers several interesting obiter dicta, with which, we think, the majority of ringers will be in full agreement. For instance, he remarks: "The proposal to install a ring of bells or to increase the number of existing bells in a tower, is almost always extraordinarily popular, although it is no less extraordinary how soon, after completion, pride in and care for the new acquisition evaporate."

ARCHITECTS AND BELL HANGERS.

In showing how unfortunate it is that the architect and bell hanger cannot work more appreciatively together, the author says: "The bell hanger may be, and occasionally is, a dangerous man to be allowed a free hand in a church tower. His proposals should be submitted to, and have the approval of, a qualified architect who has personally examined the tower—if possible, in his company."

Church authorities, however, whether from motives of economy or in deference to the wishes of the bell hanger, not uncommonly allow the latter to have his own way. Now, both church towers and bell hangers vary in excellence. A capable bell hanger in a sound tower will be pretty sure to produce satisfactory results. Either a less able bell hanger or a more delicate structure is liable to involve subsequent trouble. An incompetent bell hanger dealing with a frail tower almost certainly works mischief."

On the question of frames, Sir Arthur writes: "At the present day all the leading firms in the trade, I believe, have accepted the soundness of eliminating timber, and, by preference, supply iron frames, but, it must be confessed, of varying degrees of excellence."

"From the very first our leading architects discountenanced the substitution of metal for oak, and, with a few exceptions, their objections have been up to now, scarcely, if at all, modified. As a consequence, a bell hanger is not sorry if he is allowed to do his work in the tower free from supervision and almost certain restriction, although his business instincts will lead him to accept such supervision with a good grace if it is imposed."

"Where the bell hanger is accorded a free hand, he, not being necessarily a building expert, may so arrange and fix his girders and frames as to damage or even imperil the tower. Particularly is this likely to happen with the less experienced man. On the other hand, if his design is submitted to the criticism of an architect, the latter, careful of the structure, and unaware, perhaps, of some of the important details of modern bell hanging imposes conditions which make it difficult, or even impossible, to install a thoroughly satisfactory ring of bells."

THE PERFECT TOWER.

From Sir Arthur's counsel of perfection as to construction of towers, we take the following points:—

A tower is a fine opportunity for a competent architect.

If the structure is to form the setting of a ringable peal of bells, which may range in value from three hundred pounds to as many thousands, it is surely right that the internal arrangement shall be such as to secure the best musical results and reasonable convenience of manipulation. Strange to say, a bell-tower built on these lines is almost unknown.

The height of the ringing chamber for reasons of safety and comfort should never be much less than twelve feet, fourteen is better and enough.

Nothing spoils a ringing chamber more than the intrusion of the bob of the pendulum through the ceiling with a clumsy or no containing case.

A peal of bells is a grand and costly musical instrument, which, to be effective, requires to be arranged with a proper regard to acoustic principles.

The ideal tower to produce the perfection of bell music would be one completely open at the top and with no windows. Unfortunately the necessity of protection against weather makes such an arrangement impracticable.

There would seem to be no reason why the central part of a tower roof should not be raised three or four feet above the level of the rest, leaving a reasonable passage round the inside of the parapet; the sides of the raised part to be louvred throughout and the parapet of a height sufficient to act as a screen.

The greater the distance through which the sound from the up-turned bells can rise before it leaves the tower, the softer and more melodious are the tones.

A tower should be so arranged that the sills of the belfry windows are two or three feet—six or eight feet, if possible—above the rims of the up-turned bells.

That a large reduction of the belfry-window openings, obtained by bricking them up, materially lessens noise and improves the music, is well established.

8 BELL FRAMES AND TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—You will pardon me writing to correct a misinterpretation of the position of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings in regard to bell frames, in your editorial of June 12th.

As far as I am aware the society has at no time advocated a "spring" frame, either in the popular phraseology as a frame with steel springs in its construction, or in its more technical use as a frame with compartments mutually independent. What the society has recommended is that the frame should be constructed of a material that tends to absorb vibration, and that seasoned oak meets this requirement.

Mr. Lewis' experiments are of the greatest importance and open up many new fields. Without in the least wishing to belittle his work, it yet appears necessary to point out that—as far as I have been able to follow his experiments—his spring frame does not in any sense correspond to an oak frame, and moreover that it only takes account of one of the forces present (the horizontal), and magnifies its effect by placing the spring between the frame and the measuring point, rather than between the gudgeon and the frame; the weight of the bell to the frame being, roughly, as 2:3.

The only satisfactory way by which an oak frame can be tested is by testing an oak frame, properly constructed. A metal frame on rollers, with a horizontal spring, is an absolutely different thing, and it is necessary to keep an open mind until satisfactory tests have been made on oak frames. I believe the S.P.A.B. would be only too ready to give any help they could in carrying out such experiments.

I lay emphasis on a "properly constructed" frame. Mr. Lewis refers to replies to the Central Council's circular letter agreeing that 75 per cent. of old oak cages have been wedged to the walls; but I should like to ask how many of these were made with vertical posts, on which the cage is sooner or later bound to ride. Moreover, no oak frame can be expected to hold tight for ever; a bolted metal frame requires to have its bolts tightened at frequent intervals, and this is surely some argument in favour of the oak frame, which usually gets no attention at all, until it is so loose that it is wedged up.

To pass to another point. Some time ago one of your correspondents remarked that oak girders could never be firmly secured to the walls because of the shrinkage of the timber. But again I have frequently observed in the case of steel girders that cracks can be found in the cement in which the ends are fixed; probably due to the expansion and contraction of the metal, and producing the same result. A metal shoe bolted on to an oak girder may be a possible solution of this difficulty.

To the many points of agreement with Mr. Lewis there is no space to refer; and I remain yours, etc.,

BASIL STALLYBRASS.

CHANGE RINGING TERRITORIALS.

Practical ringers attending the Brigade Camp, which is to be held at Marlow-on-Thames, Bucks, from August 1st to 15th, and who are anxious to have a "pull" or attempt a peal in the neighbourhood, are invited to send their names to the following committee members of the Oxford Guild.

As the camp is to be one for work, it has been notified that no man will be at liberty to leave the camp much before 5 p.m., except on Saturday, 8th August.

A flower show will take place on Bank Holiday. There is to be a military regatta, with ample prize list, subscribed for by the townspeople. Some 3,500 men will be assembled during the fortnight, the respective battalion bands playing in the town as follows: Wednesday, August 4th, 4th Oxfordshire; Friday, August 7th, 4th Royal Berks; Monday, August 10th, 5th Gloucester; Saturday, August 15th, Buckinghamshire. The camping ground at Bovingdon Green is about a mile out of the town, and a mile and a half from the river and G.W. Railway Station.—John Evans, Grange Farm, Hughenden; W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Slough; J. C. Truss, The Two Brewers, St. Peter's Street, Marlow.

THE TENOR BELL OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH.



This Bell (30½ cwt.), hung by us, has been rung in peal by one man for over 12 hours.

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G. H. CROSS.C. R. CHAMBERLIN.
F. R. COPEMAN.J. F. DUFFIELD.
B. F. TURNER.

Stimulated by the achievements of the veterans, youth has now shown what it can do on tower bells. As we recorded the other day, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Saxlingham by a band whose average age was 13½ years. The idea of this peal had often been thought of, but it was the accomplishment of the band at the other end of their ringing careers that brought the boys up to scratch. Despite their youth, however, the band were not by any means novices at peal ringing, for their aggregate on leaving the tower at Saxlingham was 262 peals. The ringers, with their peals and ages, were:—

	Age.	Peals.
Treble. George H. Cross (Norwich)	20	83
2 James F. Duffield (Tasburgh)	14	7

	Age.	Peals.
3 Edward P. Duffield (Tasburgh)	15	10
4 Alfred Funnell (Saxlingham)	21	46
5 Cecil R. Chamberlin (Wroxham)	21	16
6 William C. Duffield (Tasburgh)	18	9
7 Bertie F. Turner (Tibenham)	19	48
Tenor. Frank R. Copeman (Saxlingham)	20	43

The methods which they have rung include Minor in seven Surprise Methods, Bob Major, St. Clement's Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Oxford Treble Bob Major and Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Norfolk, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern branch of this Association was held on Saturday last at Inkberrow, when there was a good attendance of about 50 members from Evesham, Hampton, Bengeworth, Bretforton, Fladbury, Pershore, Feckenham and Redditch. There were also present Messrs. W. Page (of Worcester, Ringing Master of the Western branch), J. T. Dyke (Cheltenham) and J. H. Shepherd (Swindon). At the service the Rev. Canon Burton gave an excellent address, taking for his text the words: "Serve the Lord with gladness."—Tea was kindly provided by Canon and Mrs. Burton, and at the business meeting which followed the Canon presided.—Lieut. B. M. Eyres Monsell, R.N., M.P. for South Worcestershire, was unanimously elected an Honorary member, and nine performing members were also elected.—It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Inkberrow, with Mr. H. Middleton as conductor, that a united practice meeting be arranged at Badsey, and the next quarterly meeting at Elmley Castle.—Upon the proposition of Mr. J. H. Shepherd, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Canon Burton for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, for presiding at the meeting, and for providing tea; also to the ladies who attended to the wants of visitors, to the choir and organist, who were present at the service, and to Mr. Wotton for seeing to the bells.—The Rev. Canon Burton having briefly replied, the meeting terminated.—Handbells were then brought into use on the village green, Grandsire Triples and Caters, and tunes being rung on them, much to the pleasure of the parishioners. The tower was afterwards re-visited, and various standard methods rung. Some of the party were taken by Canon Burton to inspect his roses.

A RINGER'S GIFT.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW PRESENTED TO EASTON NESTON CHURCH.

Mr. J. Clarke, of Towcester, who, some time ago, presented a bell to Easton Neston Church in connection with the completion of the octave in that tower, has given further evidence of his interest in the church and in ringing by presenting a stained glass window which has been placed in the belfry. The gift was a thankoffering for his 62 years as a bell ringer, and was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Collins), after morning service on a recent Sunday.

After the dedication, Mr. Clarke briefly thanked the Vicar for allowing him to have the window put in, as it was only by his kind consent that he had been able to have the work carried out. It always gave him great pleasure to do all he could to beautify the church, and he trusted that he might be spared to see the benefits which it would give to the ringers in the way of lighting the belfry.

Mr. F. Wilford, hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association, also added his thanks to the Vicar on behalf of the ringers. He said that it always gave him great pleasure to come and ring on the beautiful peal of bells they had there, and he was quite sure that the window would be a great help in enabling them to see to ring.

Before and after service, touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, the following ringers taking part:—J. Clarke, F. Wilford, J. W. Sharp, F. Hopper, G. W. Beesley, J. W. Unwin, C. H. Clarke, C. S. Faulkner. The conducting was done by Messrs. F. Wilford, F. Hopper, and J. W. Sharp.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

PLEASANT DAYS IN PLEASANT PLACES.

Annual outings are now in full swing, and numerous reports have reached us of pleasant days spent in pleasant places. Appended are some of the records, others are unavoidably held over.

FINCHLEY.

The ringers of St. Mary's Society, Finchley, Middlesex, made a round of several towers for their annual outing. Travelling by brake they first reached Hadley, where 720 Oxford Bob Minor and touches of Collego Single, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles were brought round. Next, the church of North Mimms was reached, and here a good three hours' ringing was enjoyed in various methods. A pleasant cross-country drive then brought the party to St. Albans, where two hours' ringing was indulged in at St. Stephen's. After this the ringers sat down to tea, and then visited St. Michael's, where a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by: F. Tubb 1, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 2, E. H. Tubb 3, W. Webb 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker 6. Other touches were rung and brought to a close a happy day's outing. The members wish, through the columns of "The Ringing World" to thank the various Vicars for their kindness in granting the use of the bells, and also the steeple keepers for having the bells ready.

MOTOR TOUR IN DEVON AND SOMERSET.

There is nothing like a motor tour for seeing the country, and this means of spending a delightful day was the method adopted by the Bradpole (Dorset) ringers on the occasion of their annual outing. The party numbered 16, and included the Vicar and churchwardens, and made first for Axminster, 14 miles distant over a "switchback" road and through lovely coastal and inland scenery. Axminster boasts of a fine church with central tower containing a peal of eight bells, with tenor 25½ cwt. Here, two touches were rung, and then the journey was continued to Honiton, which possesses two churches with peals of bells. The new church has an unringable eight, the old church a peal of six (15 cwt.) in nearly as bad a condition, but the visitors managed to ring a couple of touches upon them. Collumpton, with its church, which can be compared to a miniature cathedral, was the next objective, and en route the party gained some magnificent views in passing over Hembury Hill. The grand old tower at Collumpton holds an octave of bells, with a 25 cwt. tenor, but they do not "go" any too well. However, two touches were brought round before the visitors took their departure to Wellington, where they were entertained to dinner at the Squirrel Hotel by Mr. Churchwarden Broadley, who was, needless to say, heartily thanked for his hospitality. One touch on the good going eight bells (21 cwt.) of Wellington had to suffice before the journey was continued to Taunton, where both St. James' and St. Mary's Churches were visited, and the bells utilised. Tea was partaken of here, and then the party sped away to Ilminster, where they enjoyed further ringing on the eight bells, which hang in the central tower of the handsome church. A 22 miles run over hilly road then brought the party back to Bradpole, after one of the most enjoyable ringing excursions it is possible to imagine.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON.

The members of the St. Margaret's Society, Leiston, held their annual outing on Saturday week, when they had a delightful motor tour. Two cars were requisitioned, and the first place of call was Otley, which tower contains six bells, upon which various Minor methods were rung. A move was then made to Henley, where the Rev. W. C. Pearson gave the party a hearty welcome, and took part in some of the ringing, which consisted of Bob Major, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples, and the first touches of Bristol and Guildford Surprise on the bells. Trucks were next made for Coddensham, where the bells were set going to Kent, Stedman and London. Time did not permit of a long stay here, and the party were soon on the road to Stonham Aspal, where the tower contains a peal of ten. Here several of the party rang their first touch on this number of bells, Kent Treble Ten and Stedman Caters being rung. The next stop was Debenham, where the host of the Cherry Tree had a splendid dinner awaiting them. Afterwards some of the junior members indulged in a game of quoits, the seniors looking on with interest. Upon a visit being made to the church, the party were met by Mr. W. Grimes, who took part in the ringing, which consisted by Bob Major, Stedman and London. At Earl Soham Mr. W. G. Crickmer was awaiting the visitors, and Bob Minor and Cambridge were rung at this tower, and then the party proceeded to Framlingham, where Mr. H. E. Smith had everything in readiness, and Mr. W. G. Crickmer again joined the party, cycling over from Earl Soham, and taking part in the ringing, which included Bob Major, Superlative, Bristol and London. Afterwards trucks were made for home, Leiston being reached soon after ten o'clock. The members of the St. Margaret's Society wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells and all who made the outing such a success.

IN THE DUKERIES.

There are few more delightful occasions than the annual outing of bell ringers in some country villages in really spring-like weather, and more especially when a hospitable welcome awaits them. Both these conditions were amply fulfilled, when 16 ringers and friends from Worksop, Gainsborough, Anston, Springthorpe and Misterton visited East Markham, Tuxford and Cuckney. There was unbroken sunshine throughout the day, and the trees of the forest in the Dukeries were in their richest foliage, which made the journey, whether by carriage or cycle, a thing of joy. At East Markham, Mr. Freeman was in readiness to welcome the party and introduce them to new friends. The tower contains a melodious ring of six by Taylor, and these were set going to Grandsire, Collego Single, Stedman and Treble Bob, some good touches being rung. Dinner was served at the Queen's Hotel in splendid style, a party of 25 sitting down, the company having been augmented by the Cycling Section of the Gainsborough band. After dinner a mixed band made tracks for Tuxford, and at St. Nicholas' Church a 720 of Bob Minor was rung, conducted by W. Freeman. Cuckney was the next objective, the route being through Bothamsall and Budby, and providing a pleasant drive through the heart of Sherwood Forest, although some of the cycling section, in which a young lady was included, got lost at the Cross Road ends in the Dukeries, and arrived some half-an-hour after the rest. Tea was consequently delayed, but the bells were utilised during the period of waiting in order to let the truants know in what part of the globe Cuckney stood. After tea, two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung by mixed companies, conducted respectively by H. Haigh and F. S. W. Butler, these being the first in the methods on the bells. The following took part: H. Haigh, W. Johnson, J. T. Barham, A. Johnson, T. Wilson, C. F. Fowler, F. S. W. Butler, J. C. Tinker, C. H. Baker, T. Bartholomew, P. Ballance, J. T. Ladd. Several other touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, in which Mr. Freeman, of East Markham and Mr. T. R. Flint, of Worksop, took part. The party owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Freeman, to Mr. W. Brett, of Tuxford, and Mr. Wm. Smith, of Cuckney, for making such excellent arrangements for the use of bells, and dinner and tea, and also to the incumbents of each parish; to the landlady at the Queen, East Markham; and Host and Hostess Bottom, of Cuckney, for the bountiful repasts they placed on the tables. A pleasant drive home in the cool of the evening, after a gloriously fine day, formed an agreeable ending to a successful outing.

VISIT TO HERTS.

The ringers of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, and a few friends, made a brake journey into Hertfordshire for their annual outing. Arriving at Bushey an excellent lunch was partaken of at the Red Lion Hotel. During the afternoon visits were paid to Oxhey and Bushey towers, and touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative. After tea at the Red Lion Hotel, a visit was made to Aldenham Church. The return journey started at 8.30 p.m., Highbury being reached at 11.30 p.m., all having enjoyed an excellent day's outing. Through the medium of "The Ringing World," the ringers desire to thank those who so kindly offered their towers, and for the welcome extended.

LATE NOTICES.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Charlwood, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rector of Charlwood. Tea at the Half Moon Inn at 5.30 p.m.—Henry F. Ewins, Hon. District Secretary, Duncton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

FUND FOR REHANGING the Peal of Eight at All Saints' Church, Boyn Hill, Maidenhead.—A Sale of Work in aid of the above fund will be held at Boyn Hill Flower Show, on August 13th, organized by local members of the Ladies' Guild. All contributions (except confectionery) will be gratefully received, which should be priced, and sent to Miss K. Smith, Norden, Maidenhead, Berks.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Henfield Branch.—A meeting will be held at Henfield, by the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Reginald J. Lea, R.D.), on Monday, August 3rd. The tower will be open from 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by the 30th inst. at 4.30. There will be a short service, with address by the Rev. Cresswell-Gee at 6 o'clock.—L. Payne, Honorary Secretary, Nep Town, Henfield.

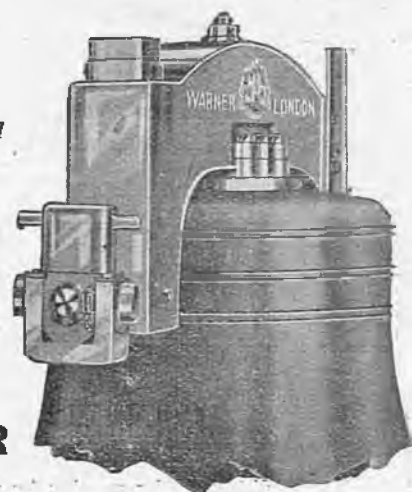
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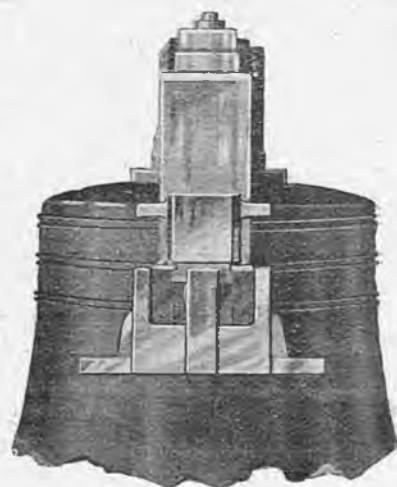
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At an early date, we will demonstrate on this page, as to how the above invention of a Self-Aligning, Self-Lubricating, Oil Bath and Oil Ring design of Bearing was evolved, and we will also point out in following issues of this Paper, the reasons and advantages of the auxiliary attachments which render the new "Warner" Bearing perfect on account of the duplex system of lubrication, combining as it does the elimination of the necessity for "greasing" the bells, and also the ensuring of cleanliness.



THE CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

A CONDUCTOR REPLIES TO CRITICISMS.

"In the interests of fair play," Mr. John G. Hall, of Middlesbrough, replies to Dr. Pauli's letter, which appeared in our issue of the 3rd inst., with reference to the peal of Grandsire Triples at Northallerton on December 2nd, 1911, and which Dr. Pauli summarised thus:—

Grandsire: Caller, Mr. Hall; conductor, Mr. Metcalfe. Here, again, was a similar performance, a scramble and replacing of the bells at the half-way and other places. Myself and another from Middleham objected to this peal.

Mr. Hall says this is untrue. Only one person from Middleham rang in the peal, and that was Dr. Pauli, and no one from Middleham heard the peal. If Dr. Pauli was not satisfied with this, his first peal of Grandsire Triples, why, asks Mr. Hall, did he give peal cards of the peal to the ringers. "The conducting of this peal," adds Mr. Hall, "was handled by myself only on practical lines, not from manuscript, a practice that does not now exist in the Cleveland Association, and, if the truth were out, is the cause of all this trouble. What Mr. Metcalfe did was, to use the doctor's own phrase, 'put him through' the peal 'before he had learnt the art of striking and leading,' and it was a feather in Mr. Metcalfe's cap for practically ringing two bells. The doctor says that bad striking is characteristic of the Cleveland Association, but that the Yorkshire and the Durham and Newcastle Associations are able to strike correctly. If that is so, then they have reached perfection, and have nothing more to learn. I have lived in the Newcastle district for a number of years, and have found what any sensible man would expect to find, good striking from practical men, indifferent striking at quarterly meetings, etc. If the doctor gives the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association the credit of correct striking, then the Cleveland stands on a pedestal of unequalled perfection."

DEATH OF MR. F. T. HOAD, SENR., REIGATE.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. F. T. Hoad, senr., of Reigate, after a long illness, at the age of 65 years. Deceased has been connected with the Parish Church Ringing Society for about 50 years, having joined the present society at its formation. The interment took place at the Parish Church, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The cortege was met at the entrance by the choir and clergy, and the service, which was choral, was very impressive. It was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Davies (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. E. A. Easten (curate). There were a number of beautiful wreaths, among them one from his brother ringers of the Parish Church, inscribed: "A token of respect and with deepest sympathy." The bells were rung, muffled, before and after service.

Mr. Hoad was a member of the Surrey Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was a keen ringer and conductor, and had rung about 40 peals. He also conducted the first peals rung by the present Parish Church Society in the following methods: Grandsire, Oxford Bob (first on the bells) and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. When the bells were increased to ten, he also conducted the first peals on the bells of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal. He will be greatly missed by the local band, and deep sympathy is felt for his widow and family in their loss.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Northern district held a meeting for practice at Bamburgh on Saturday week, but it was only poorly attended owing to several counter-attractions. The visitors were favoured with glorious weather, and thoroughly enjoyed the outing. Some excellent work was done in instructing the local band, and several touches in Plain Bob Minor were scored. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Williams) took part in the ringing, and also conducted the visitors over this most beautiful parish church. The original church was erected in 635, and within its precincts are buried those two famous Northumberland heroines, Grace Darling and Dorothy Forster. Both the belfry and ringing chamber are kept delightfully clean and tidy owing to the personal interest the Vicar takes in the ringing, and the ceiling of the ringing chamber, with its massive beams of old black oak, is well worth seeing.

SHEFFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.

A gap has been caused in the ranks of the Sheffield ringers by the death of Mr. Joseph Atkin, for 11 years a member of the Sheffield Cathedral Society, who has passed away at the age of 59 years. The deceased was a member of the Yorkshire Association, for whom he had rung some 65 peals on from six to twelve bells, the methods including Double Norwich, Superlative, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob.

The mortal remains of the deceased were laid to rest in Norton Cemetery on Tuesday of last week, the service being conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon of Sheffield, who gave a short address, after which two verses of the hymn, "Rock of Ages," were sung, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. T. G. Sarril, C. Glenn, S. Thomas and J. Evinson. A large number of the deceased's Sheffield friends attended the funeral.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Tong the other day, when the bells and school were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Farrow). Seven companies entered for the contest, each set ringing 600 changes in any method, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were Mr. Broadley, of Bradford; Mr. C. Sallaway and Mr. Oddy, of Tong. The draw for order of ringing took place at 3.0 p.m., the competition being completed about 8.0 p.m. During the afternoon a splendid tea was served to the visitors, who numbered about 120.

The general meeting was held in the school, the President, Mr. Cotterell, in the chair, supported by the Vicar, and the society's officers. —The balance sheet, read by the treasurer, Mr. J. S. Ambler, showed a balance on the year's working of £2 6s. 3d., and was unanimously adopted. —Three new members were elected. —No invitation being forthcoming for the next contest, it was decided to leave the arrangements in the hands of the secretary.

The retiring officers were re-elected as follows: President, Mr. Cotterell; treasurer, Mr. Ambler; secretary, Mr. Salmans. —A vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies was carried unanimously, and suitably responded to by Mr. Bolland.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schools, and the judges' decision was then announced as follows by Mr. Broadley, viz.:—Birstall, 255 faults; Earlsheaton, 100; Lightcliffe, 300; Bailey, 154; Calverley, 155; Bradford, 476; Halifax, 270. Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners.

The Rev. C. Farrow, in responding to the vote of thanks, and in presenting the cup to the winning team, expressed his pleasure at being present that night. He had been listening to the ringing, he said, and thought how good it had been. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to the winning team. —Mr. Goodall received the cup, and thanked the Vicar for presenting it. —A vote of thanks to the judges and the chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close.

KENT ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The Ashford District held a bye-meeting at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday. The attendance totalled slightly over twenty. Appledore, Brabourne, Hawkhurst, Mersham, Rolvenden, Rye, Tenterden, Willesborough, and the local tower being represented. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor being rung. The party had the pleasure of viewing the vicarage grounds and garden, and by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Phillips) and Mrs. Phillips, partook of tea at tables nicely set out on the lawn in the shade of the spreading trees. The Vicar and Mrs. Phillips and their son were present, and the company thoroughly enjoyed the bountiful hospitality extended them. —Mr. G. Paine (Mersham) proposed, and Mr. G. Johnson (Appledore) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Phillips for their kindness in entertaining the party. This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar suitably replied. A course of Grandsire Triples, double-handed, was rung on handbells on the lawn.

BREMILL BELLS.

The bells of Bremhill, near Colne (Wilts), have been in the hands of bell hangers, but, as the local ringers were not satisfied with the "go" of them, the Vicar recently invited the Wootton Bassett band to try the bells. They made a Saturday afternoon cycle trip to the village, arriving in time to ring for a special C.E.M.S. service. The bells are a peal of six, with a tenor of 20 cwt., and they hang in an iron and steel frame, but it was found that they did not run at all well. After the service, the ringers were entertained to a bountiful tea, and then an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Doubles, but the bells had to be brought round at the end of 720 owing to the tenor man finding the task too great, while others showed signs of distress. It is certainly a pity that the bells should be left in this condition, and it is hoped that something will be done to put them into a better condition, so that what has been already spent upon them may not be wasted. The ringers, despite the hard work which they had in the tower, spent a most enjoyable afternoon, which was brought to a close by a pleasant ride home through Colne and Hilmarton. —L.A.W.

HORNCHURCH SOCIETY, ESSEX.

The ringers of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, spent their annual outing at Orsett, which was reached after a splendid drive, in grand weather, and through lovely scenery. At Orsett they were met by some of the local band, including Mr. A. Keeling (the captain), and piloted to his house to dinner. Afterwards they gave some selections on their fine handbells, and then proceeded to the church and rang various touches on the tower bells, assisted by the local men. After a look round the beautiful old church and signing their names in the visitors' book, the party adjourned to the Whitmore Hotel, where a pleasant time was spent in selections on the handbells, and several corset solos by Mr. Read, while some good songs were added to the programme. The party started for home soon after 7 o'clock, via Bulphan, and all agreed they had spent a most enjoyable outing.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. REVIVING THE ART AT HARROW.

Glorious weather favoured a meeting of the North and East district on Saturday week at Harrow-on-the-Hill, where the Association met for the first time for sixteen years. During that period practically no change ringing has been done on the bells, which are a mixed peal with a tenor of 24½ cwt., but it is to be hoped that, as a result of this meeting, a change ringing band will soon be formed. Ringing took place for a couple of hours before, and subsequently over 30 ringers attended evening, and listened to an interesting address by the Vicar (the Rev. Preb. F. W. Joyce), who took for his text the words: "Take off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." After the service the members adjourned to the Vestry, where the usual business meeting was held.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that the reason the society had met at Harrow was because the ringers there had expressed a desire to learn change ringing, and had asked them to provide an instructor. They were anxious to do the best they could for these young men, and with that object in view he had been corresponding with a very capable man, whom he hoped would help the Harrow company.—The Vicar and twelve Harrow ringers were elected members of the society, whilst three others were also admitted, a total of sixteen in all.—Mr. F. A. Milne proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Preb. Joyce for allowing the members to meet at Harrow, and for his excellent sermon, which they had all so much enjoyed. He also stated how glad he was that the local ringers had decided to join the Association.—The Vicar acknowledged the thanks of the members, and said he hoped to meet them again in the near future.

A course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells, provided by Mr. J. Rayner, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, by Messrs. B. Prewett, W. Pye, E. Pye, A. W. Grimes and J. A. Trollope. Between 40 and 50 members attended during the afternoon and evening, and touches in most of the Standard methods from Grandsire and Plain Bob to London and Bristol Surprise were enjoyed.

Mr. C. Martin, of Hendon, has kindly consented to instruct the newly-formed band at Harrow, the practice night being Monday at 8 p.m., when all ringing friends will be made welcome.

HENBURY BELLS.

At a festival held at Henbury, Gloucestershire, by the combined choirs of the Stapleton Rural Deanery, occasion was taken to re-dedicate the church bells which had been silent for nearly two years. The work of restoration was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, who cleared out the old frame work and beams which have been superseded by a steel frame. The bells have been fitted with the Warner self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil bath and oil ring bearings. The fifth bell has been recast, and the whole peal retuned upon the latest principle. Six of the bells date from the year 1717, and were cast by Evans and Evans, of Chepstow. The tenor bell, an exceptionally beautiful one, weighing about 21 cwt., was presented in that year by Lord Suffolk and his wife, Arabella, heiress of "the great House," Henbury. The treble and 2nd were added to make the peal of eight in 1897, to commemorate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. A new chiming apparatus has also been installed.

The ceremony of re-dedicating the bells was performed by the Rural Dean (the Rev. G. R. Wood) Vicar of Almondsbury, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Way), and the churchwardens, Messrs. Henry Feolden and W. Bennett. At the conclusion of the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung by the local ringers: J. Gould 1, H. Harvey 2, J. Tyler 3, W. White 4, J. Martin 5, F. Pepworth 6, J. Busby 7, C. Jeffries 8. The preacher was the Rev. H. L. C. V. de Candole (Vicar of Clifton), and he based his sermon upon the words: "I sent before thee Moses and Aaron and Miriam" (Micah vi, 4).

After the service, 168 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local ringers, and this was followed by a course of Bob Major and a few short touches of Grandsire. Among the ringers present were Messrs. W. A. Cave, J. Wilkins, and H. Howell (Bristol), C. H. Edwards (Westbury-on-Trym), W. Gillingham and Miss Jukes (Portishead). Mr. Robert Warner made a special journey from London to inspect the work and to attend the opening ceremony, and he was congratulated on the excellent work done and the "go" of the bells, which leaves nothing to be desired.

Owing to illness near the church, the Surrey Association meeting arranged to be held at East Molesey on Saturday had to be abandoned.

16,035 STEDMAN CINQUES. THE 60 AND 120 TITMUS COURSE-ENDS. BY CHARLES HENRY MATTERSLEY.

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NOTICES.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 30th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow at 5.30.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Barr on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available in the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 8d. per head. Motor 'buses run from City via Perry Barr.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith, on Saturday, July 18. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by Rev. G. A. S. Adams (Vicar). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. Reports for 1914 ready. Those who require them should let me know.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

CRICKET MATCH between the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths, at Mitcham Green, on Saturday, July 18th, at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at the Queen's Head, Mitcham Green, 7 p.m. All wishing to partake, kindly advise before July 11th, to Albert A. Hughes, 34, Whitechapel Road, London, E. Social evening afterwards. All welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hoghton on July 18th. Bells available from 3. Meeting at 5.30. The committee meet the same day at 4 p.m. Members please note change of address.—E. R. Martin, 14, The Green, Walton-le-dale.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at St. Mary's, Mortlake. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Ringing to follow. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Stansted, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m.—Wm. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Slough, on Saturday, July 18th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Buckingham. A collection will be made towards the new peal of bells for Wargrave Parish Church. Dinner at 12.30 in St. Mary's Church Institute, to be followed by the annual business meeting.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on July 25th at Snow Hill. Tea at King of Denmark, 7d. per head, to those notifying me by July 22nd. Special business.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Secretary, Shoreditch Church.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Worsley on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7. The Earl of Elsmere has kindly given permission for visitors to inspect the grounds, and ringers intending going through them are requested to meet at the tower at 4 o'clock prompt.—W. Wolstencroft and C. Bower, Secretaries.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, July 25th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rev. G. Hyde Smith, in the Village Club Room at 5.30 p.m. Littlebourne tower will be opened after tea. Will all who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, July 21st.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on Saturday, July 25th. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head at the Greendale Oak, at 5 p.m., for those who inform Mr. Wm. Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield, not later than Tuesday, July 21st. A hearty welcome to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided (free) at 6. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Allendale on Saturday, July 25th. The bells of St. Cuthbert will be available in the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Allendale Inn at 5 o'clock. Those who intend being present please notify me not later than July 21st.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—F. W. Jones, Secretary, Elm Green, Conisbro', Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middlesoy on Saturday, July 25th. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

NOTICES—continued.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914. Eight bells (all day), tea 1s. each.—T. Smith, Hon. District Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Liscard on Monday, August 3rd. Proceedings commence with service in St. Mary's Church at 11 o'clock. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST on six bells at St. John the Baptist Church, Penistone, near Sheffield, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914, when prizes to value of about £20 will be given.—For further particulars apply to Frank Tinker, Penistone, near Sheffield.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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

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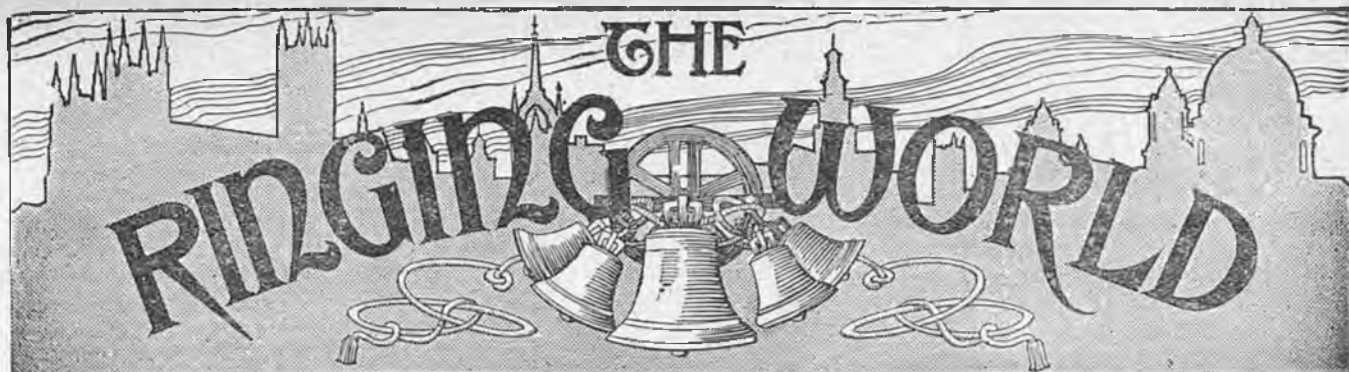


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Gentlemen,

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.

OXFORD GUILD MEETING.

The proceedings at the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild last Saturday were in all respects most enjoyable, and although the members found themselves with much more business to transact than is usually placed before a meeting of this kind, it was got through with commendable promptitude and without the sacrifice of any of that time which ringers usually like to spend in the tower on these occasions. There seems to be a spirit of brotherhood existing in the Oxford Guild which cannot be surpassed in any society, and the secret is not far to seek. In the Master is typified the members' ideal of a ringer and a man, one who dignifies his office not only by his precepts, but by his practice. His pride in the true progress of the Guild is only equalled by his unsparing efforts to uphold its position, and his example is the stimulus which leads the members themselves to carry out so wholeheartedly the objects of the Guild.

Coming from one so generally beloved, his advice carries all the more force, and in his speech in responding to the toast of the Guild on Saturday, Mr. Jenkyn touched two points which may well be considered by a far larger circle than that formed by the ranks of the Oxford Guild. He first emphasised the importance of admitting to share the duties of the belfry only those who come to it with a real love of the Church and a real love of bells. Looking back over the last three decades one can see how, gradually, the status of the ringer has been raised, but even now there are those to be found—we are glad to say that they are a diminishing number—whose consideration for the Church is but a subsidiary matter with them. The Master of the Oxford Guild is anxious, in the true interests of the organisation of which he is at the head, to avoid the inclusion of any who do not take up the Art because of their love of the Church. The love of bells is equally as essential, although the danger from the inclusion of this class is not so great, for those who have no love for bells are not long content to remain in association with them. The Art, which has so great an attraction for those who possess a genuine love for the bells, quickly palls on them, and sooner or later they drop out of their own accord.

The second word of advice which the Master imparted was really an appeal for slower ringing. The advantages which it gives are numerous, but the most important is its effect on the public outside. To the uninitiated, fast ringing seems merely a jangle, whereas a more measured beat gives a rhythm and a melody which is far more generally appreciated. The advice is timely in days when there seems to be a spirit of keenness for "the quickest peal on the bells." The quickest peal is not always the best, and it is the best that should be striven for.

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WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

MOSES SMITH Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	THOMAS HUGHES 7
ALBERT LITTLE 3	GEORGE HUGHES 8
WILLIAM FISHER 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 9
BENJAMIN GOUGH 5	FRANK W. PERRENS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

This peal has the 6th 24 times at home in the titmums position, and 23 times at home in the hand-stroke position, with 95 8-9's and 66 6-8's, and is the first peal composed with these qualities. This composition was specially composed, and is now rung for the first time, and is the quickest peal on this magnificent new ring of ten. It was the 100th peal rung by Ben Gough and was Moses Smith's first attempt for peal of Stedman Caters, both ringers being heartily congratulated by their colleagues.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SEAFOORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

EDMOND GARRETT Treble	GEORGE PIPER 5
RICHARD W. HOATHER ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 6
WILLIAM JENNER 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
HARRY STALHAM 4	ARTHUR BANKS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor and his father, whose birthdays are celebrated on the same day.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BBS MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. R. BORRETT ... Treble	CHARLES BAKER 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 2	HARRY ADCOCK 6
HERBERT H. PIERCY ... 3	CHARLES T. COLES ... 7
REV. W. C. PEARSON ... 4	EDWIN WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... Treble	CHARLES O. WHEELER ... 5
WILLIAM HOLMES 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 6
ERNEST E. FERRY 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 7
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th 18 course ends at home, with the 7th in 5th's place at six course ends, and was arranged for Mr. Wheeler, who hails from Rugby.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES WHEELER Treble	WALTER TARLING 5
GEORGE DENT 2	WILLIAM WHEELER 6
WILLIAM WATTS 3	JOHN CONDELL 7
HENRY J. TUCKER 4	HENRY F. COOPER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. DENT.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

ERNEST WHITING... .. Treble	FREDK. R. BORRETT 5
EDWIN WHITING 2	JOHN LARTER 6
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 3	ARTHUR H. TOOK 7
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 4	FREDK. SMITH... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ARTHUR PLANT Treble	ROBERT F. TURNER... .. 5
†PHILIP INNS 2	WILLIAM R. HENSHER 6
WILLIAM MACE... .. 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
ALFRED KNIGHT 4	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method away from the treble.
Rung on the occasion of the annual school treat; also as a welcome
to Mr. William R. Hensher, who is home from Canada for a holiday.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt in F.

FREDK. BORRETT... .. Treble	GEORGE P. BURTON... .. 5
FRANK COPEMAN... .. 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
DENISON HAYWARD 3	JOHN E. BURTON 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	FREDK. HOWCHIN Tenor

Conducted by C. T. COLES.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. BALLARD Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 5
ERNEST BARTRAM 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
*HARRY BROUGHTON 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN 4	CHARLES H. FOWLER Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	FRANK HOLDER 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	*AMOS CLARK 6
HENRY L. GARFATH 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
DAVID WRIGHT 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

* First peal in the method.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER Treble	WILLIAM HARLAND... .. 5
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 2	JOHN T. WATERS 6
JAMES COTTERELL 3	FRANK S. HODGSON 7
ALBERT COATES 4	GEORGE HILL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. HARDY, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	RICHARD KENDALL 5
ALFRED B. PECK... .. 2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
DAVID WRIGHT 4	ROBERT ETHERINGTON Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung on the eve of D. Wright's birthday.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 20, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

*LEONARD SHAW Treble	JAMES T. SHAW 6
DAVID BREARLEY 2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 6
SAMUEL HARRISON 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY... .. 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

* First peal.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lbs., in F sharp.

T. HERVEY BEAMS Treble	†HERBERT HAINES 5
G. T. WHITE 2	†P. HAYDEN BEAMS 6
LOUIS W. WHIFFEN 3	W. J. BENDER 7
C. W. HURST 4	*EDWIN JOY... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal with a bob bell.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. M. Broadley, vicar's
warden. The ringers of 2, 4 and 7 hail from Dorchester, and 3 from
Wyke Regis; the remainder are local men.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, July 20, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
BERTRAM PREWETT	Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
GEORGE E. HARBOUR	2	HENRY C. CHANDLER	6
THOMAS J. BARKER	3	SYDNEY CARTER	7
CHARLES S. BIRD	4	WILLIAM J. WATSON	Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of four 720's of Plain Bob, two of Grandsire and one of
Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 16 cwt., in G.			
JOHN WELLAND	Treble	THOMAS W. BOND	4
WILLIAM REED	2	SIDNEY ANNIS	5
GEORGE DOLPHIN	3	JOHN DOLPHIN	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN DOLPHIN.

First peal of Minor on the bells; also the first peal in three methods
by all except the ringer of the 4th. It was rung at the first attempt.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

DENISON HAYWARD	Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON	4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN	2	WILLIAM J. LEE	5
JOHN SPENCER	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

The band wish to thank Mr. D. Hayward for making the necessary
arrangements to attempt the peal. The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and tenor
belong to Wrentham, and of the treble and 5th to Great Yarmouth.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob,
Double Court Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and
Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH FARBY	Treble	WILLIAM C. LEWIS	4
ALBERT E. FOURT	2	WALTER T. WILSON	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	GEORGE A. BLANLEY	Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK R. FOX	Treble	*WILFRED O. ALDRICH	4
*PETER EVANS	2	WILLIAM T. PEGLER	5
*EDWARD W. THOMAS	3	CHARLES DAVIES	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The conductor belongs to
Bangor and the rest to Ruthin. The band wish to thank the Vicar
for the use of the bells.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Burton, Sandal, Wragby, Killamarsh, Islington,
London Scholars and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY	Treble	*WILFRED WILDE	4
REV. A. T. BEESTON	2	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM	5
*JAMES POLLITT	3	JOHN W. HARTLEY	Tenor

Conducted by J. FERNLEY.

* First peal.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Kingston, Norbury, London Scholars' Pleasure,
College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford.

ALFRED H. MARTIN	Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON	4
WALTER PERKINS	2	GEORGE LINES	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 10 Six-Scores each of Old Doubles, Canterbury and Plain Bob,
and 12 Six-Scores of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN L. TITE	Treble	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT	3
FREDK. KILBORN	2	G. H. PATRICK	4
MATHIAS HOBBS			Tenor

Conducted by MATHIAS HOBBS.

* First peal. Rung with the clappers deeply muffled as a last
tribute of respect to the late Mr. George Maycock, who died on July
12th, and who was for many years a ringer at the above church.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Bells size 18 in G.
MAURICE SMITHER 1—2 | WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7—8
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witnesses: MRS. POLLING AND J. T. LEE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Blake, of Westcliff-on-Sea;
H. L. Garfath, of Croydon; and C. N. Burdock, of Guildford.

WIMBORNE, SURREY.—On June 28th, a quarter-peal of Grand-
sire Caters (1259 changes), in 49 mins.: A. Boxall, jun., 1, A. J. Perkins
(composer and conductor) 2, A. Boxall, senr., 3, H. J. Wallon 4, J.
Trappitt 5, A. Clayton 6, A. J. Plowman 7, T. King 8, F. J. Hardy
9, C. Gordon 10. This has six courses with 879 and 978 alternately,
coming round from 3 2 5 4 7 6 9 8.

HITCHIN.—On June 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49
mins.: E. J. Newell 1, H. Day 2, W. Croft 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G.
Wolfe 5, L. Fidler 6, J. F. Foster (conductor) 7, W. Spicer 8. Longest
touch in the method by a Hitchin band.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE. At St Leonard's Church, on June
27th, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins.: W. Williams 1, A. Garbett
2, F. Moule 3, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 4, E. Woodvine 5, A. Wood-
vine 6. First 720 of Grandsire on the bells.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A CAMBRIDGESHIRE TRIP.

Half-a-dozen towers were included in the itinerary of the Fen Ditton ringers on the occasion of their 16th annual outing, the fourteen members spending a most enjoyable day. After ringing several 120's of Stedman, New, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles on the home bells (a ring of five), the party left by brake, and visited in turn Chesterton, Streatham, Wilburton, Haddenham, and Sutton. The following are some of the touches rung during the day: At Chesterton, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by: J. Martin 1, H. Wishbeach 2, H. Newman 3, L. Mallion 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5, F. Dench 6. At Wilburton, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: *J. Martin 1, *H. Wishbeach 2, H. Newman 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, L. Mallion 5, F. Dench (conductor) 6. "First 720 of Oxford Bob Minor.

At Haddenham, 360 Oxford Bob Minor and 216 Kent Treble, in which J. Martin, H. Newman and A. Palmer rang their first touch in the method.

Great credit is due to those who rang their first touches in new methods, as they have only a ring of five to practise on, and seldom get a chance to ring Minor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the various churches for the use of the bells, and also the Vicar of Wilburton for kindly providing an excellent lunch.

A BIRMINGHAM OUTING.

The annual excursion of the ringers of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, took the party to Bromsgrove, the birthplace of their Ringing Master. Mr. T. Albutt (who had made arrangements for the party's comfort) met the band and conducted them to the church, and a short touch was rung before tea, which was provided at Bullock's Restaurant, and at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Badger) presided.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Carrod) thanked the Vicar for again entertaining the ringers, and for the great interest he always took in their welfare. He also thanked Mr. Albutt for making such excellent arrangements for them, and asked him to express to the Rev. N. Pattison their thanks for kindly granting the use of the bells.—Mr. Albutt, having replied, a return was made to the belfry, and after service a quarter-peal was rung by: G. Coley 1, G. A. Taylor 2, G. Haywood (composer) 3, W. F. Webb 4, J. Porter 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. T. Perry (conductor) 7, G. Price 8. Afterwards, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung. The party returned to Birmingham by the mail train, having had a most enjoyable trip.

MITCHAM.

The readiness with which permission to ring was granted, and the kindness with which the ringers were received at the towers they visited, was a specially pleasing feature of the annual excursion of the Mitcham ringers. Although rain was anticipated, the day turned out exceedingly fine. A musical touch of Stedman Triples on Mitcham bells at 6.30 a.m. provided a very good send-off for the day, to be followed some time later by "a plain course" on the breakfast table at the Marquis of Granby Inn, Epsom, which is always a pleasing feature on these occasions. This house is said to have been kept by the father of the famous Sam Weller (immortalised by Dickens), and is one of Epsom's most famous hostels. No county in England looks fairer in July than that of Surrey, and the panorama from the tower of Ramore Church, perched high upon the hills overlooking Dorking, is unrivalled in expanse and beauty. The bells of this church were in fine form, and for an hour and a half their music was extracted, and had only to be heard to be appreciated. An enjoyable walk down to Dorking preceded dinner at one of the oldest and most old-fashioned of Dorking's famous inns. Touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, etc., on Dorking bells followed, and then the party passed on to Botchworth for an hour's ringing—that quiet and old-world village and churchyard, where the "rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep." The ringing for the day concluded at the favourite tower of Kingswood Church, where there is a peal of six of beautiful tone.

"But we shall see

What pleasant music it will be."

Needless to say, the Mitcham band know how to bring out the music of this really fine ring of bells.

ROUND ABOUT CHELMSFORD.

Some 16 members of St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, journeyed to Chelmsford for their annual outing, and were met at the station by Mr. H. F. Cooper of the local band. After an inspection of the Cathedral, an hour's ringing was indulged in on the new peal of twelve by Messrs. Warner, Cinques, Royal, Caters and Major being rung. The inspection of the hangings and fittings of the bells confirmed the visitors' opinion that Chelmsford possesses a grand ring of bells. After lunch at the Plough, the party had a most enjoyable drive round the district, calling at Writtle and Boreham for a ring, Mr. Lincoln at the former and Mr. Edwards at the latter tower having kindly arranged matters. The visitors also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Kerton, an old member of the Guild, at Boreham. The district round Chelmsford is to those who associate Essex with mud flats, surprisingly pretty, the view from Danbury being particularly fine; so picturesque, in fact, that a native of Kent among the visitors

was challenged as regards the relative beauty of the Garden of England. The fragrance and appearance of the cottage gardens in the Chelmsford district were thoroughly enjoyed by those whose occupations compel them to reside in less congenial surroundings. The tour completed, mine host of the Plough again proved his capabilities as a caterer, after which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the local ringers for their kindly welcome. Before train-time brought a most enjoyable outing to a close, some handbell ringing was indulged in.

SURREYITES' 70-MILE MOTOR TRIP.

The six-bell ringers of Christ Church, Mitcham, paid an enjoyable visit to the Southern district of the Surrey Association. They were honoured with the presence of the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett), the hon. secretary (Mr. Cyril Johnston), the late hon. secretary (Mr. C. Dean), the hon. secretary of the Southern district (Mr. Ewins), and with the company of some of their elder brethren of the Parish Church. They were also accompanied by their churchwardens. After prayers at 7.30, and an opening touch on their own bells they journeyed by motor to Merstham, thence to Nutfield, and Burstow, with its timber tower, where the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Teesdale) gave them a hearty welcome, and rang with them.—Crawley was touched for lunch, and then Charlwood (with its wonderful frame) was visited, and afterwards Newdigate—another timber tower—Capel, and Ockley, the last but not the least! A very pleasant hour was spent at Dorking over the tea-pots, and after climbing Reigate Hill, "the land of market gardens and of stinks" was reached again at 10 o'clock. The distance covered was almost 70 miles, and the whole journey, after leaving home, was one long panorama of most charming and typical Surrey scenery, punctuated by visits to "haunts of ancient peace" with "sound of sweet bells softly jangled out of tune." The pleasantry of the day was enhanced by the fraternal welcome experienced at each of the seven towers. The whole company desire to express their gratitude to their brothers for this proof of unity and kindly feeling, showing that such a huge district has in it the elements for co-operation, unity, and strength. Thanks are also due to the Rectors of the seven widely scattered parishes for their most ready and kindly permission given weeks previously for these three-quarter-hour touches.

VISIT TO MALVERN.

The annual excursion of the St. Andrew's, Netherton, band was held on Saturday week, when the ringers visited Malvern. Their first objective was Malvern Link Church, which contains one of the best rings of eight in Worcestershire, where they were met by several of the local band, and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob were rung. Tunes on the handbells followed, and were much appreciated. After dinner the handbells were again brought into use, and the party was joined by Messrs. R. G. Knowles (hon. secretary of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association), and Mr. E. Gibbs (of Hanley Swan). The visitors next essayed to climb the beautiful hills, but after passing St. Anne's Well several of the party dropped out, as they found the task under almost tropical sunshine too much for them. It was the older members who stood the test best, and the veteran, Dick Round, completed the climb with the spirit of a veritable Alpine climber. The return journey by a short cut was more difficult than the ascent, but there were no casualties, and the whole party met once more round the tea tables. What time remained in the evening was taken up by sight-seeing, and altogether the day proved one of the most enjoyable that the Netherton company have had. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar of Malvern Link for the use of the bells, Mr. R. G. Knowles for the arrangements he kindly made, and Mr. E. Gibbs for going so long a distance to meet them.

CHELSEA RINGERS IN SOMERSET.

The members of the St. Luke's Society, Chelsea, journeyed to Shepton Mallet, Somerset, where a most enjoyable time was spent through the Whitsun holidays. Shepton Mallet was reached in good time on Saturday morning, and the Hare and Hounds Hotel was made the headquarters. A brake was then requisitioned, and the party drove to St. Peter's Church, Evercreech, where, by the consent of the Rector, the ringers attempted a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. Unfortunately, after three quarters of an hour's ringing, the peal came to grief. On returning to headquarters the rest of the evening was spent in a social manner. On the following day the visitors were more successful in their ringing, as touches of both Stedman and Grandsire Triples were completed on the bells of St. Peter and St. Paul, Shepton Mallet, before the morning and evening services. Immediately after breakfast on Whit-Monday, the whole party, including Mr. Richards and Mr. Rossiter, of Shepton Mallet, travelled by brake to Wells. The Cathedral was first visited, and then ringing took place on St. Cuthbert's bells. After a tour of Wells, the party returned to Shepton Mallet, and partook of a meat tea, and then journeyed back to London, where they arrived at 10.30 p.m. Much of the success of the holiday was due to Messrs. Richards and Rossiter, of Shepton Mallet, who kindly acted as guides to the party, and the best thanks of the visitors are also due to the Rectors of Shepton Mallet, Evercreech, and Wells for their kind permission to use their respective bells.

RESTORATION OF ALDBOURNE BELLS.



Strenuous efforts are being made by the parishioners of Aldbourne, Wilts, to restore the ancient bells in their parish church, and as the amount required for the purpose is somewhat large, and the parochial means not unlimited, an appeal is made to all who are lovers of bells to assist this worthy object. Expert examination has shown that the old frame, which is past restoration, should be removed and replaced by a new iron frame carried on adequate steel girders, and that the bells should be hung in entirely new fittings. Of the bells themselves, the fifth is badly cracked, and must be recast. This is one of Cors' old bells, and is dated 1703. There is another bell in the tower—the third—by the same founder, but the glory of the peal is the grand old tenor, dated 1516. This bell is 49 inches in diameter, and is in the key of E flat. The seventh is dated 1636, and the treble and second are by Robert Wells, 1787. While the restoration is in

progress, rope guides are to be fixed 20ft. above the ringing floor, and the clock chimes and carillon overhauled.

It is estimated that the cost of carrying out the work will be £350, but in a district which is purely agricultural it is not possible to grapple, unassisted, with so large an outlay. The parishioners, however, feel that the beautiful old church and bells have been handed down to them through the generosity of their forefathers, and that it is their duty and privilege to preserve and pass on to their successors unimpaired what has been entrusted to them. When this spirit is behind the work, there is all the more pleasure in commending the appeal to our readers, who, we hope, will generously support this restoration scheme. About £150 has already been subscribed locally, and further contributions should be sent to Mr. Charles Smith, churchwarden and hon. secretary, Westfield Farm, Aldbourne S.O., Wilts. For the illustration of the picturesque church we are indebted to the courtesy of Messrs. Astell Bros., Swindon.

THE CRICKET MATCH.

CUMBERLANDS BEAT COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The cricket match on Mitcham Common on Saturday between the College Youths and the Cumberlands was quite exciting, the game being won by the latter by two runs, the score being: College Youths, 31; Cumberlands, 33. As the figures indicate the ball held the ascendancy throughout the afternoon, and many of the batsmen were "in and out quick."

A company, numbering 65, sat down to tea at the Queen's Head afterwards, and the numbers were subsequently considerably swelled for the musical evening which followed, and at which many representative ringers were present.

A photograph, and a full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

The members of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild met for their quarterly meeting at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, and there was only one thing to linger with regret the pleasure of the day. The absence, through illness, of Mr. J. W. Whiting, the genial hon. secretary, was much regretted. Nearly 40 members attended the meeting from Fareham, Portsea, Titchfield, Ryde, Newport, Swanmore, Godshill, Brading and Curdridge, and visitors from Chatham, Greenwich and Stoneham. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung in the afternoon, and tea was served at Mrs. Atrill's, under the shade of the fruit trees. At the meeting which followed, the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) presided, and one honorary and 11 full members were elected.—Mr. F. W. Thornton (Greenwich) proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Whiting in his illness, and expressed the hope of the members for his speedy recovery.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Master for his presence.—Some of the party then left for Ryde, where they enjoyed touches on the bells with the local band, and the day's proceedings were brought to an enjoyable close by the return trip to the mainland being made through the illuminated Fleet at Spithead.

WHEELERS WELCOMED.

BENEFICIAL RESULTS OF A STAFFORDSHIRE CYCLE RUN.

Magnificent weather favoured the postponed cycle run to Sharesbill on Saturday week by members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The local band put in an appearance in full force, and visiting ringers came from Bloxwich, Brewood, Cannock, Four Ashes, and Rushall, whilst we heard afterwards of one who set out from Walsall too late to reach the tower in time. The feature of the meeting was the keenness and manifest appreciation with which the local band welcomed this opportunity of acquiring the art of change ringing more perfectly. Except during the summer months, practices are held regularly every Wednesday night, and visiting ringers, who are prepared to give the local band a helping hand, would be very welcome. Will some of the rank and file of the society make a note of this, and they may then be the means of increasing the membership, for unless the society first gives some proof of its usefulness fresh members are not likely to be enrolled. The next cycle run will take place to Kingswinford on August 22nd.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

MR. BEN GOUGH'S 100 PEALS.

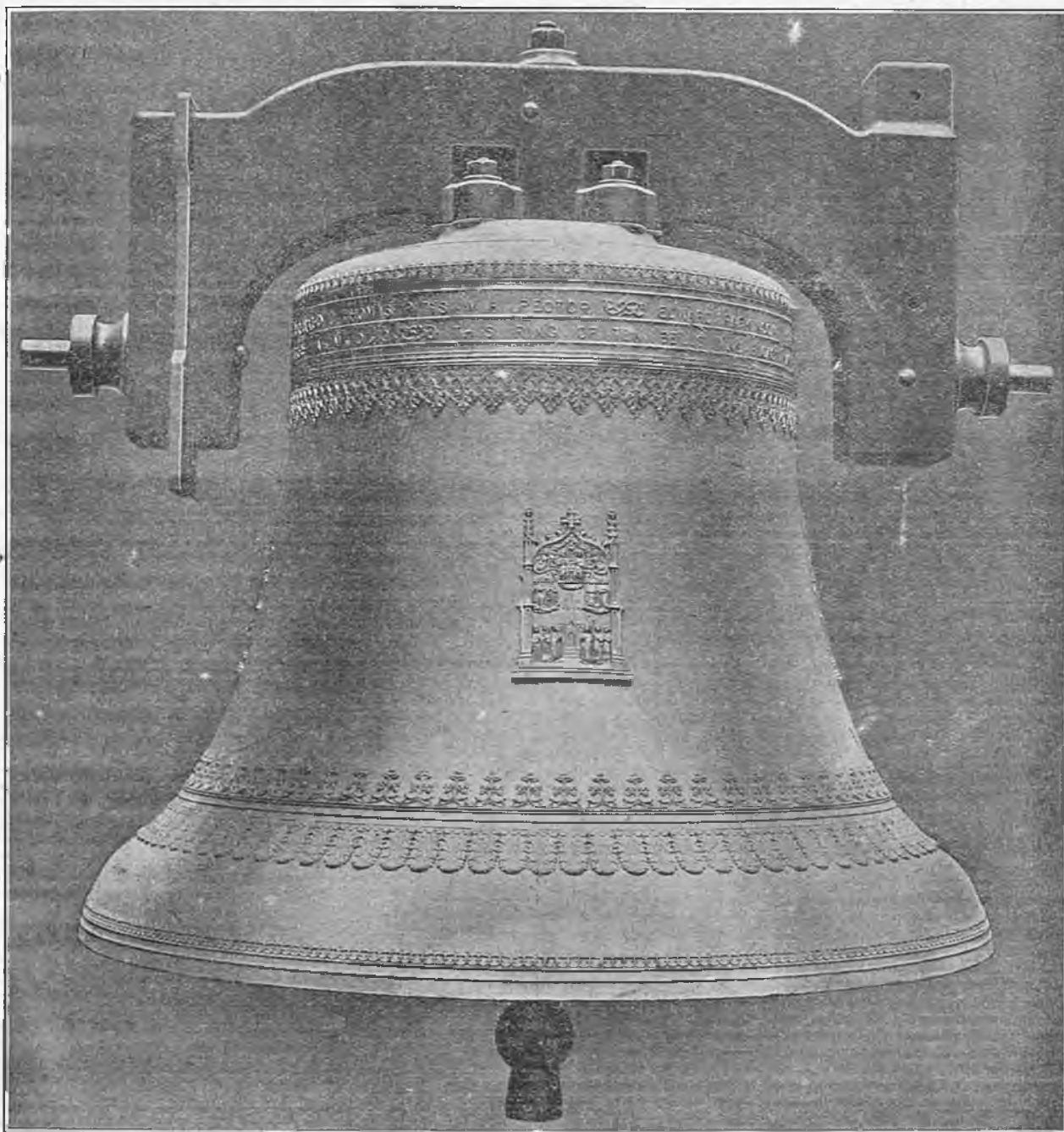
Stedman Cinques, 1; Stedman Caters, 5; Stedman Triples, 17; Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Royal, 3; Bob Major, 15; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 26; Grandsire Triples, 21 (conducted 1); Grandsire Minor, 1 (conducted 1); Oxford Bob Triples, 3; total, 100 (conducted 2).

Mr. Gough was out of the ringing world for 17 years (1894 to 1911). Since May 26th, 1911, he has rung 85 peals.

G. SPENCER'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 16 (conducted 3); Grandsire Caters, 5; Stedman Triples, 28; Stedman Caters, 11; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 14; Kent Royal, 1; Bob Major, 10 (conducted 2); Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich, 4; Bristol Surprise, 4; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; total, 100 (conducted 5).

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IRELAND'S LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.

Many eminent men have graced the ringing Exercise, but the ranks of those who practice the Art have possessed only one of his Majesty's judges, and that is he who now occupies the exalted position of Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Sir Richard Cherry has served his country with distinction in many important public offices, and the Exercise is honoured in numbering among its devotees one who has been so highly placed in the councils of the nation, and who now dignifies the chief judicial office in the sister isle.

Born near Waterford on March 19th, 1859, Lord Chief Justice Cherry was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated a B.A. in 1879, and was double gold medallist in mental science, and history and political



LORD CHIEF JUSTICE CHERRY.

science. Taking up the law as a profession, Mr. Cherry, as he then was, was first scholar in International Law at the Middle Temple, London, and was called to the Irish Bar in 1881, taking silk in 1896. He was examiner in Political Economy for the Indian Civil Service 1888-89, professor of Constitutional and Criminal Law in the University of Dublin, 1889-94. Turning his attention to politics as well as to law he contested the Kirkdale Division of Liverpool in 1900 and in the General Election of 1906 was elected for the Exchange Division of Liverpool, which he represented until 1909, when he was elevated to the Bench as a Lord Justice of Appeal for Ireland, having since 1905 been Attorney General. Early this year he achieved the highest distinction on the Irish

Bench, and, although the Lord Chief Justice has necessarily many and pressing duties, he regularly takes his place in the belfry at St. Patrick's Cathedral, when he is in Dublin.

The Lord Chief Justice learned to ring as a boy at Waterford in 1872, when a society was started there for change ringing under an instructor from London. At first the band got on well, but presently interest died away, but not before a peal of Grandsire Triples had been rung. This was Holt's ten-part and was achieved on December 9th, 1873—the first peal rung by an Irish society. In 1875 Lord Chief Justice Cherry left Waterford, and for more than 20 years discontinued ringing.

In 1897, however, when Lord Iveagh presented a new peal of ten bells to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Lord Chief Justice Cherry, who was largely instrumental in getting the old peal of eight replaced, was asked to organise a society to ring them, and this he did. Mr. Gabriel Lindoff was got over from England to teach the band, and ringing has been carried on there without a break ever since, Sir Richard Cherry having been the president from the foundation. In 1909, also, he presented the two trebles to make the peal into twelve, and had the flat 6th hung to provide a light octave.

Lord Chief Justice Cherry has taken part in most of the peals which have been rung upon the bells—some 15 or 20 altogether, and including the only peal of Cinques—the methods in which he has rung peals being Grandsire Triples (including two double-handed on handbells), Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Major. The peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung in 1911 after his elevation to the Bench, and he is the only judge who ever rang a peal. His interest in ringing has extended beyond his own tower, and he became the first president of the Irish Association and held the office for six years, only relinquishing it owing to the pressure of official duties when he was in Parliament. In addition to his connection with the Irish Association, he is a member of the College Youths, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

Despite the enormous claims upon his time, Lord Chief Justice Cherry still takes part in service and practice ringing whenever opportunity permits, and, as a matter of fact, he finds the exercise very beneficial to him in the sedentary life he is compelled to live as a judge sitting in Court all day. It is well known that the Lord Chief Justice hopes to ring more peals yet. Irish ringers are proud of their Ringing Judge, and ringers everywhere hope that he may long be spared, not only as a competent member of the Exercise, but to adorn the exalted office which he fills with such conspicuous success.

OXFORD GUILD AT BRADFIELD.

The St. Mary's Society, Reading, and other members of the Oxford Guild, visited Bradfield, Berks, for an afternoon's ringing. They were met by Miss Chillingworth, who acts as steeplekeeper. As is usual in all towers in union with the Oxford Guild the proceedings opened with prayer. The first touch was a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by A. E. Reeves, and this was followed by a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by C. Giles, and 360 of Plain Bob: L. G. Reeves (first 360) 1. A. T. Reeves 2. R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 3. W. A. Webb 4. J. Swain 5. A. Watmore 6.—Tea was served in a garden adjoining the church, Miss M. E. Chillingworth presiding. Afterwards, the tower was again visited, when Master Cyril E. Wooldridge, a promising lad of about 14 years, rang his first 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. Wooldridge 1. Miss M. E. Chillingworth 2. A. T. Reeves 3. W. A. Webb 4. J. Bower 5. A. E. Reeves (conductor) 6. To Mr. J. Swain, captain of the St. Mary's Society, is due the thanks of the party for having made all the arrangements.

HERE AND THERE.

THE THIRTEENTH BELL.

An additional bell is being provided for Newcastle Cathedral, in order to make a middle eight.

FOR THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

We are asked to state that the peal rung at Isham on February 21st was in seven methods, Double Oxford being rung in addition to the methods published in the report of the peal.

LADY "TENORMAN."

It is not often that a lady makes her debut as a tenor ringer, but Miss Grace Adams, of Upper Clapton, has thus distinguished herself. She rang the tenor on Sunday evening to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 minutes, the band being: R. E. Pollatt 1, S. H. R. Cooper 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, W. T. Powell 4, H. J. King 5, C. A. Gray 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, Miss Grace Adams (first quarter-peal) 8.

MR. JAMES GEORGE.

After 45 years of valued service, Mr. James George is retiring at the end of the present month from the important position which he holds under the London and North-Western Railway Co. Into his retirement he will carry with him the best wishes of a large circle of friends, while his ringing acquaintances will be looking for still further activities in the bellies of the country by this young-hearted veteran, now that he will have more leisure. We hope that he may long be spared to enjoy the rest he has so well earned.

BISHOP AND RINGER TOO.

The Bishop of Buckingham, who was the preacher at the Oxford Guild festival at Slough on Saturday is, so far as we are aware, the only prelate who has ever made an attempt to learn to ring. He confesses that his education in this respect was cut short owing to the pressure of other duties, but he learnt to handle a bell. It was during his incumbency at High Wycombe that the peal there was increased from ten to twelve. Cannot his lordship find a little leisure time to renew his acquaintance with the practical affairs of the belfry? We should dearly love to see a real, live Bishop taking part in a peal. After all, it is not beyond the bounds of possibility.

GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

A correspondent who inquires whether Grandsire Major is now recognised by ringing societies is informed that it is not a legitimate method according to the rules of the Central Council, who discountenance the ringing of odd bell methods on even numbers of bells and vice versa. If our correspondent's band are anxious to go on to Major—we are glad to see they have ambitions—why do they not take up Plain Bob.

CARILLONS AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

A set of new carillons are to be inaugurated at Westminster Abbey on Saturday.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Boreham on Saturday week. The Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Yonge, conducted a short service in church, after which tea was served in the schoolroom, 23 sitting down, and the Vicar presiding. The business meeting followed, with the District Master (Mr. W. Lincoln) in the chair.—Messrs. R. Thrift (Boreham) and A. Bures (Widford) were elected members, and it was decided to hold a bye-meeting at Broomfield in September, and the annual meeting at Chelmsford in November.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. D. N. Yonge for his hearty welcome.—Amongst those present during the afternoon and evening were the district secretary (Mr. H. F. Cooper), and members from Great Bad-dow, Chelmsford, Goldhanger, Rettendon, Widford, Writtle, and the local company, while the methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Superlative Surprise Major.

A well-attended meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Gestingthorpe on Saturday week. Thirty-seven members were present, including the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary), Mr. G. W. Pannell (District Master) and Mr. B. Redgwell (hon. district secretary), and the following parishes were represented: Bocking, Earl's Colne, Colne Engaine, Great Totham, Sible Hedingham, Rayne, Lavenham, Walter Belchamp, Foxearth, Halstead, Great Yeldham, Greenstead Green, and the local company. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. O. T. Bromwich) officiating and giving an address. The Rectory garden and grounds were thrown open for the use of the ringers, who were afterwards entertained to tea by the Rector.—A vote of thanks was proposed by the hon. secretary to the Rector for his hospitality and hearty welcome.—Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London and Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure and Plain Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands.

DR. PAULI AND THE CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Alexander begins his letter of July 10th by saying "I seem 'bent on bringing the Cleveland Association into disrepute." Let me assure him that there is no necessity for me to be "bent on" any such a proceeding. I leave that to the Cleveland Association itself.

Mr. Alexander carefully avoids the points I raised in my letter of July 3rd, and the cases I cited, and prefers to make a violent personal attack on myself. No doubt this is convenient, but no person of any judgment could consider it satisfactory. Mr. Alexander challenges my capacity to judge of either good or bad ringing. What his opinion of my ringing may be worth is a matter probably of more interest to him than to me. Only once has he met me, and then he did not ring with me.

Will Mr. Alexander meet the cases I have taken exception to, and the other points I have raised and kindly reserve his abuse for those who are more likely to be annoyed by it?

His statements "mentioned to Mr. Metcalfe" are quite beside the question, of course, and I am surprised that even Mr. Alexander did not see that.

May I ask what does Mr. Alexander mean when he says: "I can quite understand these peals in question being choppy if two or three of Dr. Pauli's type were taking a rope, otherwise the whole business may be dismissed as the merest flap-doodle and humbug?" These are extraordinary sentences, and would be offensive if they were not so grotesquely ridiculous. May I advise Mr. Alexander to keep to his rope, and leave the pen alone?—Yours faithfully,

Middleham, 14th July, 1914.

HENRY PAULI.

VISIT TO BARHAM'S TOWER.

Leeds, which has been made famous in ringing history by the great performances of James Barham and his company, was the scene of the quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent Association, held on Saturday week, when 40 members were present from Aylesford, Bearsted, Boxley, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Malling, Headcorn and Tunbridge Wells. Touches of Grandsire Caters, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung before the service, at which an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Hughes). Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Vicarage lawn, where, under the shade of a spreading beech tree, a capital spread awaited them. The Misses Hughes presided at the tea tables, and attended to the wants of the party. The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, to whom Mr. S. Hayzelden proposed a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness in providing tea.—Mr. J. W. Leonard seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.—The Vicar, in responding, said he had enjoyed receiving the ringers at Leeds, and hoped they would soon come again.—When the meeting closed, the members accepted the kind invitation of the Rev. H. R. Hughes to walk in the garden, where the Rambler and other roses were much admired.

Barham's tomb in the churchyard has lately been renovated by the Kent Association, and was inspected with much interest. The meeting concluded with rounds for the sake of beginners, among whom was Mrs. Gatehouse, of Headcorn, who is now a regular attendant at the meetings of the Association.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at the Abbey Church, Bourne, members being present from Stamford, Grantham, Bourne, Edenham, Colsterworth and Surfleet. The six bells were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise. The striking, however, was none too good owing to the bells going badly, and needing the attention of an expert bell hanger. Even-song was held in the church, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James) reading the lessons, and an eloquent address being given by the Vicar of Bourne (the Rev. H. Cotton Smith).—The business meeting which followed tea, was presided over by the Rev. H. Law James.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Barks-ton in October, and a sum of £3 3s. was voted to the Ringers' Chapel Restoration Fund.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bourne, to the Rev. H. Law James, and to the organist concluded the meeting.

5040 STEDMAN CATERS.

By The REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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Nineteen times repeated.

Calling 8 at 5 in the 1st course of the 2nd and 12th parts, and bobs at 4 and 5 in the 2nd course of the 4th, 9th, 14th and 19th parts.

First rung at Winchester Cathedral June 2nd, 1914, conducted by the composer.

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

Since the ring of 12 Bells (Tenor 28½ cwt., in the key of C) were dedicated on Monday, November 3rd, 1913, the following Peals have been rung:—

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 29th, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES

(First peal on the bells after restoration.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13th, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES

Rung to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the firm of John Warner & Sons.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 10th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31st, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES

(First peal of Bob Maximus by the Kent County Association.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES

In commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the record length of Royal rung on these bells, March 27th, 1784. (First peal of Royal since the restoration of the bells.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 1st, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11th, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

All the above Bells are fitted with the "WARNER" PATENT SELF-ALIGNING AND SELF-LUBRICATING OIL RING AND OIL BATH DESIGN OF BEARINGS, and the above Peals which have been rung speak volumes for their efficiency.

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THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY, LONDON.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT SLOUGH. SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

If there is one thing more than another that strikes the casual observer in connection with the Oxford Guild it is its vitality, and further evidence of this was forthcoming at the annual meeting held last Saturday when, it being the turn of Buckinghamshire, the festival was held at Slough. Although the attendance was not quite so large as has sometimes been seen at this gathering, there was ample proof of the interest taken in the Guild's affairs from the clergy downward. St. Mary's Church, with its handsome tower and beautiful bells—the latter a lasting testimony to the excellence of the work of the Whitechapel Foundry—was the assembly point in the morning, and all who were able to reach the town in time attended the service held in the stately building. The form provided in the newly-compiled "Manual" was used, and a special lesson was read by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the hymns selected for the occasion being "The sacred bells of England," "Unchanging God, who livest," and "Ring forth, holy bells." The preacher was the Bishop of Buckingham, whose manly and practical discourse was followed with the closest interest.

A collection taken in aid of the fund for the restoration of Wargrave bells, recently destroyed by the dastardly action of Suffragettes, amounted to £1 18s. 6d.

The annual dinner took place in St. Mary's Church Institute, and was presided over by Mr. G. Charlesley, a resident of Slough, who, although he had long since given up handling the supple rope in the belfry, was one of the first members of the Oxford Guild. He was supported by the Bishop of Buckingham, the Rector of Slough (Canon Elliott), the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. A. R. C. Freeborn, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse, the Rev. E. Broome, Mr. A. E. Reeves (hon. sec.), Mr. A. J. Wright and Mr. W. H. Fussell. The company numbered over 100, and included several lady ringers, among them Miss White (President of the Ladies' Guild), Miss Belcher, Miss Chillingworth and Miss Hopgood.

At the close of the repast, the toast of "The Church and King" was honoured, and the Chairman then submitted the toast of "The Oxford Diocesan Guild." Speaking from his own personal knowledge, he said the Guild was the means of doing away with many abuses in the belfries of the diocese, for he recollected the time when the feature of the occasions of ringing was the jar of beer and the glass in the belfry. They were only too thankful that that state of things had now long been got rid of, thanks very materially to the assistance which that Guild had given. He was glad to see the Guild still going ahead. It was started in 1881 with a total membership of 314; the report for 1913 showed that the numbers had risen to 1954, and were still increasing. He trusted that for many years it would prosper and continue its very useful purpose.

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE.

The popular Master had a cordial reception on rising to reply to the toast. Looking back on the past year one could not but be thankful, he said, at the way the work had been going on, and the endeavours that had been made to carry out the principles for which the Guild existed. It was very good for them to have as chairman that day someone who was connected with the Guild in the days when it was founded, and there were others there who could speak in the same way. The progress of the Guild, he thought, showed what tremendously good stuff they must have put into the work in those early days to produce such results as they saw at present. Those who laid the foundation of that great Guild must have done so in real faith and hope. For the present and for the future he would say this: What they wanted to be very strong upon was to see that everyone who was admitted a member of their belfries should be a true lover of the Church, and a true lover of bells (applause). It was not a bit of good admitting a man or a woman who was not a lover of the Church and a lover of the bells. There was one thing further that he would say of a somewhat different nature. It had come to him as a matter of experience, and he gave it them for what it was worth, but he was certain in his own mind that they were in danger of ringing their bells too quickly. He was quite certain that the better ringing was the slower ringing (applause). He did not mean that they should put "a whole house" between each blow, but they did not hear the breath of the smaller bells as they ought to do, when they rang quickly. Among the best judges of their ringing were the outside public, and when they said "The bells sounded well to-day," nine times out of ten it was because the ringers were doing some slow ringing. When there had been fast ringing they were told that the bells sounded a bit of a jumble.

Mr. A. E. Reeves also responded to the toast, and explained that the absence of the hon. treasurer (the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davies) was due to the fact that on the previous night he was called away to his only son, who had met with a serious accident. He was sure the sympathy of the whole guild went out to their treasurer in his trouble. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed the health of the Rector, and the Organist and Choir, and Canon Elliott responded.

Mr. J. J. Parker gave "The Preacher," and the Bishop of Buckingham made a felicitous reply.

The toast of "The Chairman" was honoured on the call of Mr. Wright, and Mr. Charlesley's reply brought this part of the proceedings to a close.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Having been most enthusiastically re-elected as Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn presided over the business meeting. Mr. A. E. Reeves was re-elected hon. secretary, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davies hon. treasurer, a vote of sympathy with the latter in his trouble being passed. The meeting also re-elected the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, viz., the Master, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. J. Evans and F. Hopgood.

In order that each branch shall in future have its proper representation on the Guild Committee, the rule governing the formation of the committee was altered in effect to provide for the election upon that body of one representative from each branch for every 50 members or part of 50, the chairman and secretary of each branch to be ex-officio members, together with not more than twelve members elected from the general body of the Guild.

This change necessitated the reduction of the number of members elected by the general meeting from 24 to 12, and the following were appointed to serve: The Revs. G. F. Coleridge, R. B. Nowhouse and R. W. Ackworth, Miss Chillingworth, and Messrs. G. Caldwell, E. Humphrey, W. Newell, R. T. Hibbert, F. Webb, J. J. Parker, F. Hopgood and W. H. Fussell.

Efforts have been made in the past to get the annual meeting of the Guild fixed at Oxford, and this year the matter came up as a recommendation of the committee, although it was intimated that even in that body there was a sharp division of opinion on the subject. The Master moved the resolution, but it was at once evident that the present method of moving from place to place was most in favour, and an amendment moved by Mr. Wright that the existing arrangement should be continued was carried by an overwhelming majority. Oxfordshire being entitled to the next meeting, however, Oxford was unanimously chosen for the festival of 1915.

The Master reported on behalf of the special committee appointed to draw up a form of service for the Guild's use, the outcome of whose labours has been the publication of the "Ringers' Manual" which has just been issued.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge expressed the members' deep gratitude to the Master and the Rev. R. W. Ackworth for the pains they had taken to draw up the service form, and the thanks of the Guild was accorded by acclamation.

PROGRESS IN MEMBERSHIP.

As evidence of the progress which the Guild is making, the confirmation of the election of 109 change ringers and 81 probationers was agreed to, and Mr. G. Charlesley and Mr. E. Lucas were elected hon. members.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge reported upon the Central Council meeting at Winchester, and specially commended to the attention of church authorities and ringers Sir Arthur Heywood's book on "Bell Towers and Bell Hanging."

The subject of the representation of the Guild on the Diocesan Board had been considered by the committee, and the Master said that having communicated with the Secretary of the Board upon the subject, he was given to understand that they could not expect recognition at present. They had got to show they were worthy of it, and if they were they could get grants from the Diocesan funds for their towers. The secretary seemed doubtful whether their work could be regarded as sufficiently spiritual in character to warrant representation. He took it, therefore, that the great thing was to show that it was. If it was the wish of the members, he would write again in due course.—This suggestion was agreed to.

The meeting confirmed the decision of the committee not at present to entertain the question of inter-affiliation, owing to the financial position of the Guilds.

THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

The committee had discussed ways and means, and their views came before the members embodied in a series of recommendations to improve the state of the general funds. It was decided that in making arrangements for the annual festival local assistance be invited, whether in money or kind. In regard to restoration grants, it was decided that in future half the amount voted at a general meeting should be paid from the branch funds if the towers belonged to a branch. The Master explained in this connection that this year the Guild was unable to make any grants at all. It was understood that in future applications should come through the branches.

It was also decided that in future the subscriptions of compounding members should go to the general funds of the Guild instead of, as at present, half to the branch in which the election took place, and half to the general funds. It was further resolved that incumbents and foremen should be asked to collect their members' subscriptions at Christmas for the ensuing year.

The question of the appointment of trustees was brought forward by Mr. Wright, and it was decided to appoint three. This would give the Guild a legal standing. It was suggested that they should be elected for a period of three years, but the Bishop of Buckingham

pointed out that a trustee once appointed could not be removed except for some default. Consequently as the appointment will be for life, it was left to the committee to make the appointments.

This concluded the somewhat long agenda, which, however, was got through with the greatest dispatch. The members then dispersed to the towers in the district for further ringing, a brake conveying a large party, while the Master's car carried more than the regulation load. Stoko Poges, whose churchyard is famous as the spot where Gray's immortal *Elegy* was written, Farnham Royal, and Burnham, the former church with six bells, and the two latter each with eight, were visited, and touches in a variety of methods rung.

The festival being favoured with glorious weather, was in all respects a most successful and enjoyable one.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS IN SALOP. AN INTERESTING AND PLEASANT VISIT.

The annual outing of the party of Yorkshire ringers, who usually make the Whitsun holiday the occasion of a long distance excursion, took place in beautiful Salop, Shrewsbury being the headquarters. The company included Messrs. T. Maude (Pudsey), G. B. Bolland (Tong), J. Cotterell, S. Hirst, H. Edmonson, G. Nayton, J. Ambler and F. Salmous (Halifax), F. W. Dixon (Guisley), J. W. Moorhouse (Wakefield), A. C. Fernley (York), W. Idle (Dewsbury) and P. J. Johnson (Leeds). On reaching Shrewsbury they were met by Mr. C. R. Lilley, the genial Ringing Master of St. Chad's, and conducted to the Grosvenor Hotel, where the party stayed. After ringing on the light peal of six at St. Michael's, Condover was visited. Here the delightful bells, cast in 1813 by John Briant, of Hertford, were utilised for a peal, a well-struck 5,000 of Oxford Treble Bob being brought round in 3 hrs. 2 mins. The church itself dates from the Norman period, and its fine architectural and decorative features were much admired. At 6 a.m. on Sunday, the party were at the tenth-century Church of St. Mary, with a beautiful crocheted spire 220 feet high. Here Treble Ten was rung for early service, which some of the visitors attended, while others inspected the old city. After breakfast the party made their way to St. Chad's Church, where the bells had been placed at their disposal for an hour, the ringing here being the event of the outing. The church is a fine Georgian structure, having been erected in the year 1792, and is one of the few round churches of Great Britain. The tower contains a peal of twelve bells, originally cast by Mears in 1798, with a tenor of 45 cwt. by repute. Owing to some fault, this bell was replaced in 1825, while a substitute for the eighth was found in 1836. They have now been recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and are a truly magnificent peal, with a tenor 39½ cwt., in the key of C. In the opinion of the writer they are the finest peal of twelve in the country, and more than maintain the reputation of the famous Loughborough foundry. Treble Bob Maximus was rung upon them for the first time; the easy go, and lovely tone, made the task a most pleasant one for the ringers, who were loath to leave such excellent material so soon. After this the visitors were photographed in the "Quarry," a far more enticing spot than its name implies, and one of the most beautiful spots on the River Severn. After dinner the party met at St. Julian's Church for a pull on the peal of six, with a tenor some 12 cwt., and cast by John Briant, of Hertford. The "go" was a little heavy, but various six-bell methods were rung. In the evening the bells of St. Chad's were again at their disposal, and were set going to Treble Twelve, Grand sire Cinques and Caters.

Leominster was visited early on Monday. The Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul is a fine specimen of Norman and Early English architecture, being two churches made into one. A Saxon Church stood on the site of the present Norman structure, but was destroyed by fire. The large Monastic Church of St. Peter was erected in the early part of the 11th century, and the greater part of this church remains to-day. In the middle of the fifteenth century, owing to some disruption between the Monks and their congregation, the latter built a large church dedicated to St. Paul, immediately beside the Monastic Church, and this continued until the Reformation, when part of the dividing walls were broken through, and to-day the building presents a most imposing appearance to the visitor who sees it for the first time, as the two churches are quite distinct, each retaining its own altar and chancel. The fine Pre-Reformation plate was shown to the visitors by Mr. P. Johnson, the vergor, whose lucid information concerning the church and all appertaining to it was much appreciated. The tower contains a fine peal of ten bells cast by Wm. Evans, of Chepstow, in 1755, and the "go" and tone of them is excellent. Touches of Treble Ten and Major and Grand sire Caters were rung. To Mr. Thompson, the genial steeple keeper, the party were greatly indebted for his thoughtfulness and care on their behalf. Ludlow, by repute the prettiest town in England, was the next place on the programme, and certainly its appearance does not belie its reputation. After dinner at the Angel Hotel, where the company was added to by Messrs. W. Nash, of Ludlow, and J. Clark, of Ross, some resorted to the fine tower of St. Lawrence's Church to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, while others turned their attention to bowls on the green. The church tower contains a good peal of eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.) cast by Abraham Rudhall. The belfry is yet another instance of the total ignorance of architects regarding bells and

belfries, as, with the exception of a small light in the centre of the floor, the tower is in total darkness, and has to be artificially illuminated during ringing in broad daylight. After about 20 minutes' ringing the peal attempt had to be abandoned owing to the heavy "go" of the bells. Tea was taken at the Charlton Arms Hotel, many ringing visitors from neighbouring towns and villages joining the party, about forty in all sitting down. Shrewsbury was eventually reached again about 10 p.m., the rest of the evening being spent at headquarters in handbell ringing, etc. On Tuesday morning, after being photographed in the grounds of Shrewsbury Castle, some of the party went to the Free Library to inspect the manuscript, formerly the property of that famous ringer of Shifnal, the redoubtable Samuel Lawrence. The visitors returned to Leeds in the afternoon.

The writer would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the party, to thank all authorities for granting facilities to ring their bells, and to all steeple keepers for their efforts, special thanks being due to Messrs. C. R. Lilley and W. Nash; also to the Rev. H. B. Beckwith, the secretary of the Salop Diocesan Guild, for the kindly welcome to Shrewsbury by him, the visitors much appreciating the cordiality with which they were received, and the attention bestowed on them on all sides, which leaves them with a great desire on some future occasion to re-visit such pleasant surroundings.—P. J. J.

SHREWSBURY BELLS.

On the new peal of twelve just installed at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the quaint inscriptions of the old bells have been reproduced. The curious couplets are as follows:—

- Treble: weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.
In sweetest sound let each its note reveal
Mine shall be first to lead the Dulcet peal
1798 . Recast 1914
- Second: 4 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.
The public raised us with a liberal hand
We came with harmony to cheer the land
1798 . Recast 1907 . Again Recast 1914
- Third: 5 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.
We'll through the air extend each generous theme
And float melodious down Sabrina's Stream
1798 Recast 1914
- Fourth: 5 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.
When female virtue weds with manly worth
We catch the Rapture and we spread it forth
1798 . Recast 1914
- Fifth: 6 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb.
Does battle rage do sanguine foes contend
We hail the victor, if he's Britain's friend
1798 . Recast 1914
- Sixth: 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.
Here let us pause—and now with one accord
Salute the Church triumphant in the Lord
1798 . Recast 1914
- Seventh: 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
May George long reign who now the Sceptre sways
And British valour ever rule the Seas
1798 . Recast 1914
- Eighth: 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.
Success attend our gallant Host in arms
And Glory Crown the brave whom honour warms
1798 . Recast 1837 . Again Recast 1914
- Ninth: 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.
May England's Coasts the Pride of Commerce See
And Salop's Pride be always to be free
1798 . Recast 1914
- Tenth: 20 cwt. 0 qr. 0 lb.
May Peace remain to Bless Britannia's Shore
And Faction Fall to Raise her Head no more
1798 . Recast 1848 . Again Recast 1914
- Eleventh: 28 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.
May each Subscriber in these numbers live
And unions ever feel those joys they give
1798 . Recast 1914
- Tenor: 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. diameter 5 ft.
May all whom I shall summon to the grave
The Blessings of a well-spent life receive
1798 . Recast 1825 . Again Recast 1914

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of June 19th appears an account of the opening of the new peal of twelve at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. I have no doubt it is a vast improvement on the old, but it states that the tone of the previous peal was poor, and that the bells were badly out of tune. I say that the previous peal from the Whitechapel Foundry was of splendid tone and tune, and I have heard noted ringers from all over the country, who have, at different times, rung there, say how they envied Shrewsbury having such a noble ring of twelve.

—Yours,

H. JONES,

Wolverhampton, July 14th.

(An Old Shrewsbury Ringer)

NOTICES.

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

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on July 25th at Snow Hill. Tea at King of Denmark, 7d. per head, to those notifying me by July 22nd. Special business.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Secretary, Shoreditch Church.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Worsley on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7. The Earl of Elsmere has kindly given permission for visitors to inspect the grounds, and ringers intending going through them are requested to meet at the tower at 4 o'clock prompt.—W. Wolstencroft and C. Bower, Secretaries.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, July 25th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rev. G. Hyde Smith, in the Village Club Room at 5.30 p.m. Littlebourne tower will be opened after tea.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on Saturday, July 25th. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head at the Greendale Oak, at 5 p.m. A hearty welcome to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided (free) at 6. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Allendale on Saturday, July 25th. The bells of St. Cuthbert will be available in the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Allendale Inn at 5 o'clock.—R. Stephenson, Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, July 25th. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Charlwood, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rector of Charlwood. Tea at the Half Moon Inn at 5.30 p.m.—Henry F. Ewins, Hon. District Secretary, Duncton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting originally arranged for July 11th at East Molesey will now be held at Putney, on Saturday, July 25th. Parish Church bells open at 4 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Mission House,

Walker's Place, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Ringing to follow. Members from Western District welcome.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Bromham, on Saturday, July 25th.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 30th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 8 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Barlborough, on Saturday, August 1st. Church of St. James, 6 bells, tenor 11cwt., available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Rector has kindly promised to provide tea, and members who intend being present are particularly requested to notify Mr. W. Kennan, Park Street, Barlborough, not later than July 27th.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—All-day meeting, August Bank Holiday. Bells available All Saints' and St. Paul's, Wokingham, in the morning, Yorktown and Hawley in the afternoon and evening. Usual meals arranged. Full particulars on application. Hearty welcome to all ringers.—G. B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914. Eight bells (all day), tea 1s. each.—T. Smith, Hon. District Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Liscard on Monday, August 3rd. Proceedings commence with service in St. Mary's Church at 11 o'clock. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST on six bells at St. John the Baptist Church, Penistone, near Sheffield, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914, when prizes to value of about £20 will be given.—For further particulars apply to Frank Tinker, Penistone, near Sheffield.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Aysgarth (Wensleydale), on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 3rd, 1914. The bells of the Parish Church (6 tenor, 13cwt.) are available all day. Tea will be provided at the George and Dragon Hotel, members 9d., non-members 1/6. Those intending to be at this meeting, please notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Thursday, July 30th. Any ringing friends visiting Aysgarth on above date will receive a hearty welcome.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer outing of the Guildford District will take place on Rannmore Common, near Dorking, on August Bank Holiday. The bells of S. Barnabas (8) will be available from 2 till 9. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m.; 6d. to members, 1/- to visitors, to those informing me before Wednesday, July 29th. The beautiful gardens of Denbies will be open (by kind permission of the Hon. H. Cubitt, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey) from 3 to 4 p.m., during which time the belfry will be closed.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

NOTICES—continued.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Henfield Branch.—A meeting will be held at Henfield, by the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Reginald J. Lea, R.D.), on Monday, August 3rd. The tower will be open from 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by the 30th inst. at 4.30. There will be a short service, with address by the Rev. Cresswell-Gee at 6 o'clock.—L. Payne, Honorary Secretary, Nep Town, Henfield.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 3rd. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. E. H. Brown, Vicar of Yaxley. Tea at the Bedford Cafe, Queen Street, at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available from 11 a.m., Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6). Will those who intend to be present at tea, kindly notify me not later than Saturday, August 1st.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON.—On Bank Holiday, Aug. 3rd, the bells will be available from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. Flower Show and Fête in Beddington Park, close to church.

FUND FOR REHANGING the Peal of Eight at All Saints' Church, Boyn Hill, Maidenhead.—A Sale of Work in aid of the above fund will be held at Boyn Hill Flower Show, on August 13th, organized by local members of the Ladies' Guild. All contributions (except confectionery) will be gratefully received, which should be priced, and sent to Miss K. Smith, Norden, Maidenhead, Berks.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. Harry White, of Basingstoke, has removed to 23, Beaconsfield Road.—The address of Mr. E. Whiteman is now Colston, Grove Road, South Woodford, S.E.—Mr. Thos. Groombridge, senr., has removed to 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

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

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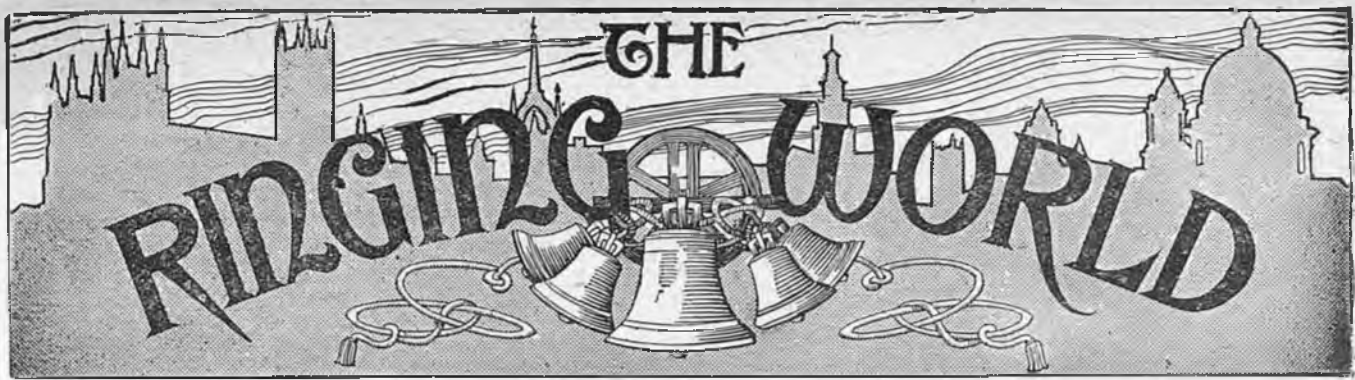


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK.

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LEND A HELPING HAND.

In ringing, as in other matters, excellent results often spring from small beginnings, and in quarters sometimes least expected. Genuine endeavour is seldom really entirely wasted, although at the moment nothing but discouragement appears on the surface. As an instance of this we may mention what happened at the little Kentish village of Hawkhurst, where, a few years ago, an effort was made to implant change ringing. The instruction was undertaken by the district secretary of the county association, and a promising start was made, yet there supervened that loss of enthusiasm, which is so frequently met with by those who strive to extend the art. The local men, apparently, were not sufficiently interested even to finish the course, and the attempt to set up a change ringing band ended, so it seemed at the time, in dismal failure. But the good seed had been planted, and, despite intervening years of neglect, remained alive. True, for a time, the life lay dormant, but fresh encouragement has brought it to fruition and Hawkhurst has now one of the promising young bands of the county, who have scored their first peal and have become a most valuable adjunct to their association.

We only quote this case as an example of the vitality which may spring in after years from efforts which, at the time, appear to be fruitless. We have often dwelt upon the good which may be done by the interchange of visits between members of towers, but it is a matter which cannot be too strongly emphasised. Many hands of ringers remain outside the organised ranks of the county and diocesan associations, when their neighbours by means of a friendly call might draw them in. These informal visits betoken enthusiasm on the part of the visitors, and nothing begets interest among those outside more than a demonstration of the fact that those with whom they come in contact have a cause over which they can grow enthusiastic.

Now, in the summer months, when the weather lends itself to country excursions and discounts peal ringing, is the time when many might be doing good work in carrying the Art to towers where it is little known, or seeking to encourage those who are struggling against odds to keep the seed, already planted, from perishing entirely. Those who do so will find intense enjoyment in this species of missionary work, for not only will they have the satisfaction of doing something for their fellow ringers and for their association, which, after all, has the right to expect some effort from its members, but will be doing a service to the Church, because anything that will tend to raise the status of the ringer will tend also to make him a more valuable and more valued member.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	ERNEST PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
JOHN HOWES 3	REUBEN SANDERS 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
BERTRAM PREWETT 5	JAMES N. FROSSELL 10

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5
HUGH GLADWELL 2	*HARRY POULSON 6
HARRY CRICK 3	THOMAS PRYKE 7
*THOMAS HOLLOCKS 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE ... Treble	THOMAS HOWARTH 5
JAMES SHAW 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH 7
WILLIAM RILEY 4	WILLIAM WHEWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except
A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... Treble	THOMAS RICHARDSON 5
*WILLIAM H. PICKARD 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
JOHN PICKERING 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... 4	† HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs.

*ERNEST FLETCHER ... Treble	HENRY HARRISON 5
ISAAC HUFTON 2	WILLIAM THORNTON 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	HENRY BEARDSLEY 7
CECIL J. BAKER 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT E. ALEXANDER ... Treble	RICHARD J. COUSINS ... 5
ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 6
THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 3	THOMAS F. KING ... 7
EDMUND KING ... 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and
Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

Arranged and rung as a farewell to A. K. Harrison who was leaving the district.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
WILLIAM PYE ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 7
EDWARD H. GRIMES ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

W. Farley, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Wells, Somerset.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

EDWARD RADDON ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 3	FRANK BLONDELL ... 7
THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... Treble	ARTHUR HARDING ... 5
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ... 2	ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... 6
GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 7
WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 4	JOSEPH W. FRUIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate Mr. H. Mitchell's 50 years of office as Parish Clerk of Acton.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, July 23, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5
CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN ... 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 6
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 4	WILLIAM STEELE ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD CASSELL ... Treble	JOHN P. KENT ... 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
EDGAR G. LUSH ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 7
FRANK SKEVINGTON ... 4	WILLIAM A. BROOKS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Arranged for Messrs. W. Farley and E. Lush, of Wells, Somerset.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lbs.

GEORGE SPENCER ... Treble	THOMAS BEADLE ... 5
THOMAS J. BARKER ... 2	CHARLES J. TRICKER ... 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 3	WILLIAM J. NEW ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Major.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHAS. WM. COOPER ... Treble	J. NEWNAM ... 5
THOS. HEATHCOCK ... 2	A. E. WHATMORE ... 6
GEO. POPNELL ... 3	JOS. SMITH ... 7
RALPH MOOR ... 4	A. W. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. WHATMORE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Cooper.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

GEORGE WILSON ... Treble	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... Treble	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5
WILLIAM HARLAND ... 2	GEORGE P. HILL ... 6
JOHN T. WATERS ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
*DR. M. C. POTTER ... 4	MATTHEW STAPLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Dr. Potter, who hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne, was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Rung with the bells muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. C. Marwood, J.P., a former churchwarden of the Church, who was interred on the above date.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lbs.

*HARRY ETTIE Treble	*GEORGE BASSFORD 5
GEORGE JEFFS 2	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... 6
*GEORGE M. ETTIE 3	*JOHN R. MAIN 7
LEONARD WYMAN 4	*ARTHUR SMEATHERS ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by A. SMEATHERS.

* First peal in the method and members of the Finedon band. The thanks of the ringers are due to Mr. G. Jeffs for having everything in readiness.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lbs., in F.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	GEORGE ADES 5
JOHN H. PAICE 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 6
HENRY STALHAM 3	ROBERT J. DAWES ... 7
EDMUND H. LINDUP ... 4	JAMES A. HART ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*HENRY STUBBS Treble	*HORACE COPPERWHEAT ... 5
*FRED STUBBS 2	WALTER PERKINS 6
*FRANK KIRK 3	*WALTER GILBERT 7
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late wife of Mr. Hy. Sharman, of the local company, who died on July 18th.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE SNELL Treble	JOHN E. KENNINGTON ... 5
COOK WELLS 2	JOHN W. SEAMER 6
HERBERT MINGAY 3	WILLIAM H. HEYHOE ... 7
JOHN H. BELLAMY 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, G. Snell kindly taking the vacant rope for the Patronal Festival. Messrs. Wells and Bellamy hail from Lincoln, W. Ayre from Barton-on-Humber.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.
On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE Treble	W. W. WORTHINGTON ... 5
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 2	WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... 6
CHARLES SANDERS 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 4	ALGERNON P. G. STONE ... Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON, and
Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Three-and-a-half-Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 5
ROBERT F. TURNER 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
WILLIAM R. HENSHER ... 4	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

PRIVETT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HUBERT CHAFFY Treble	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
*WILLIAM ELKINS 2	*ALFRED R. ELKINS ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 7
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 4	ERNEST NEWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES TYLER Treble	BERT HORTON 5
EDWARD HORTIN 2	EDGAR MARLOW 6
WILLIAM E. WATHER ... 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
THOMAS HILL 4	ARTHUR E. REED ... Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

The ringers of the treble, 4th, 5th and 6th hail from Wood Green, Wednesbury; the remainder are members of the local band.

ST. BRIAVEL'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor about 14 cwt.

P.C. WALTER W. COATES ... Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
OLIVER THOMAS 2	JOHN W. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM G. FISHER 3	EX SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 7
JOHN AUSTIN 4	THOMAS FRANCIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal by the treble and tenor men, who belong to the local band.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS 5
GEORGE HUGHES 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
JAMES E. GROVES 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones, of Blakenhall. Mr. Jones being the genial captain of St. Luke's band. The above company represents eight different towers and with Messrs. W. R. Small, J. Bradney, A. Jones and A. Everson were kindly entertained after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who were congratulated upon the interesting and happy event.

GRIMSBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR HAGUE ... ..	... Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	2	COLIN RYDER	6
JOHN W. SEAMER	3	*WALTER AYRE	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE BASFORD ... ..	... Treble	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ...	4
JAMES HUDSON	2	HARRY MEADOWS	5
LEONARD WYMAN	3	ARTHUR SMEATHERS ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. SMEATHERS.

* First peal in seven methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Kyneburgha,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

BERNARD H. FITZJOHN ...	... Treble	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ...	4
JOHN J. JUTSON	2	OSWALD RICHARDSON ...	5
WILLIAM WALDRON	3	GEORGE JUTSON	Tenor

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

First peal by ringer of treble, for whom it was arranged as a birthday compliment.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure,
and two each of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED SWAN ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM HORN	4
*HERBERT COX	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
JOSEPH J. PARKER	3	JAMES BLACKMORE ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

* First peal of Minor.

RENDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's of Bob Minor
called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. W. WATLING ...	... Treble	*ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	4
*JOHN SPENCER	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ...	5
*WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ...	3	*FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in six methods. First peal in six methods on the bells.
Rung for the Festival of St. James.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At 58, MANOR STREET, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT ...	1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7-8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: JOHN I. HAIRS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Amy Hairs.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Nicolas' Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Bells, size 18 in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING	1-2	MAURICE SMITHER	5-6
MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT ...	3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7-8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD	9-10		

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This is the first time a lady has rung a pair of non-observation bells
in Stedman Caters. The peal was to have been umpired by Mr. W. E.
Maulden, but, on reaching the tower, he found he had been locked
out by the verger.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Matthew's Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

JAMES R. KEMP	1-2	*FRANK SMALLWOOD	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	*GEORGE ROBINSON	7-8

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attested by GEORGE A. JOWETT.

* First peal on handbells. Rung in honour of St. James' Day and
also of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. P. L. Cooper, an esteemed
member of the local band.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, July 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At 13, HARLESDOWN ROAD, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALFRED W. GRIMES	1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY	5-6
WALTER S. WISE	3-4	*WALTER FARLEY	7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: GEORGE R. FARDON.

Witness: Miss WINNEY.

* First handbell peal.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, July 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5266 CHANCES;

E. MAURICE ATKINS	1-2	†ARTHUR HAGUE	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	*SIDNEY F. PALMER	7-8
*R. WILFRED COLLIER	9-10		

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: C. H. HATTERSLEY.

* First handbell peal in the method. † First handbell peal of Caters
in the method. First handbell peal of Stedman Caters by the
Association

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, July 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 1-2	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 5-6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: J. BARRY.

Rang after meeting short for Caters.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS MEET AT WORSLEY.

A joint meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, was held at Worsley on Saturday last, when a goodly number of members and friends put in an appearance. Mr. Joseph Ridyard conducted the party through the beautiful grounds of the residence of the Earl of Elnmore, a privilege which was much appreciated. Returning to the church tower, the business meeting of the Manchester Branch was presided over by Mr. Jas. Barrett, who gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and took the opportunity of congratulating the Ashton-under-Lyne company on their record performance, he having heard much of the excellent ringing on the day of the achievement.—Barlow Moor (Didsbury) was chosen as the next meeting-place. No meeting will take place at Miles Platting on August 1st.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society's meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Broadbent, who thanked the vice-president (Mr. Barrett) for his congratulations upon the long peal.—Pendleton was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and local men, especially Mr. Ridyard, for the arrangements for the day.

ANCIENT DEVON BELLS RESTORED.

Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, have just completed the restoration of the bells at Clayhidon, Devon, a new treble having been added to the old peal of five, and the ring rehung in a new frame. The work, which has cost about £200, has been admirably carried out, and at the dedication, which was performed by the Bishop of Exeter, the bell hangers were congratulated upon the way in which they have completed the task entrusted to them. The old frame was placed in the tower 104 years ago, but the bells date back to a much earlier period. The first bell was put in Clayhidon tower in 1599, the second in 1617, the third in 1615, and the fourth in 1629. These four bells were recast and made into five by Bibbie, of Cul-lompton, in 1810. That was during the incumbency of the grandfather of the present Rector (the Rev. Walrond Clarke). The sixth bell now added bears both the name of a grandson of the Rector of 1810, and the name of a grandson (Mr. Richard Hine), of the churchwarden of 1810. The Rev. W. Clarke has been Rector of Clayhidon 44 years, and the incumbency of the parish has been in his family since 1760. Not for two years prior to the dedication had the parishioners heard their bells, and the people assembled in large numbers for the ceremony. The ringers were Messrs. J. Redwood (captain), W. Leigh, W. Goldsmith, J. W., and F. Gill, and Mr. H. Stokes, junr.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Middlezoy on Saturday last, the following places being represented: Bridgwater, Huntspill, Chedzoy, Enmore, Wembdon and Middlezoy. A full choral service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Havergal), and afterwards tea was provided for the members at the Vicarage, and was followed by the business meeting. Eleven members were enrolled, including the Rev. E. Havergal, who became an honorary member.—Spaxton was decided upon as the next place of meeting.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his interesting and instructive address, and for the use of the bells, and to the organist and choir who kindly gave their help at the service.—The Vicar, in responding, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to meet the members.—The visitors then returned to the tower, where several touches were brought round during the evening.

A PRACTICE MEETING.

A most pleasant time was spent on Saturday last, when 14 members of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild met at Arborfield for the monthly combined practice. The towers represented were: Wokingham (All Saints'), Sandhurst, Binfield, Hurst, Easthamstead, and the local band. The following methods were practised: Plain Bob, Kent, Woodbine and Cambridge, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

RUGBY'S NEW BELL.

A magnificent service bell, weighing 64 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs., has been presented to Rugby School in memory of the Rev. Charles and Mrs. Elsee by members of their family, and was dedicated on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The bell, which is in B flat and is 5ft. 9½ in. in diameter, is believed to be the largest school bell in the country. It is the product of the Loughborough Foundry, and bears the inscription: "In remembrance of Charles and Mary Anne Elsee, their children gave me to Rugby School." The lettering is a facsimile of some old mediæval lettering found on some bells at South Somercote in Lincolnshire, and dated 1427. The Rugby School coat of arms and the school motto, "Orando Laborando," are also engraved on the bell, together with the date and the name of the founders. For the dedication ceremony the whole of the members of the late Mr. Elsee's family were present, including the Rev. H. J. Elsee, of Bolton, President of the Lancashire Association; the headmaster and members of the teaching staff of the school; Messrs. J. W. and E. D. Taylor (the founders), Mr. James George (Ringing Master of the Warwickshire Guild), Mr. H. O. White (Ringing Master of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby), etc.—The Rev. H. J. Elsee requested the headmaster to receive the gift, and Dr. David, in gratefully accepting it, said it came from sons and daughters in loving memory of their father and mother; it came from a family long devoted to that school, in token of the love they bore to it. Therefore, it came to them twice hallowed, so far as men could hallow it. He hoped that they and all who followed after them would never listen to the voice of that bell without a thought of him to whom they now dedicated it.

The dedicatory prayers were offered by the headmaster, and the hymn, "Come a time of stillness as at eve," was sung unaccompanied, led by the school choir.

Afterwards the bell was tolled, and those present expressed themselves as highly pleased with its musical tone. In the evening at the Parish Church, 514 Stedman Triples was rung as a "welcome" to the new bell by: W. Maling 1, H. O. White 2, C. E. Joyner 3, C. W. Wheeler 4, J. A. Fenton 5, Rev. H. J. Elsee 6, J. George (composer and conductor) 7, E. W. Jesson 8. A touch of Treble Bob was also rung.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Great Barr on Saturday week. The parish of Great Barr is outside the Birmingham Diocese, but the Vicar (the Rev. Arnold Partridge), who is himself a ringer, had expressed a wish to have a visit from the Birmingham men. Accordingly the opportunity was seized of holding a quarterly meeting there, and a more delightful spot in which to spend a summer afternoon is not to be found in the vicinity of the city.

The pretty little church nestles in a hollow on the side, and about a mile from the top of the eminence known as Barr Beacon, which, with the peculiar clump of trees on its highest point, is a conspicuous landmark for many miles around.

The bells are most melodious—tenor about 10 cwt., by Arnold, of Leicester—and are undoubtedly one of the finest little rings or six in the Midlands. They have recently been overhauled by Messrs. James Barwell, and great credit is due to them for the manner in which they have carried out the work. Messrs. Barwell have regulated the sound in the belfry, and have also rearranged the latter so that those who remember it as it was until recently can hardly believe it is the same place. The only thing lacking—if anything can be said to lack in a place which the Vicar intends to make as complete and comfortable as possible—is the full octave, but we have reason to think this will be remedied in the not too distant future.

An excellent tea was partaken of at the Beacon Inn, at which the Vicar was present, and he also kindly presided at the business meeting following, and was elected an honorary member.

Sympathetic reference was made to the late Mr. Samuel Reeves, who was a vice-president, and formerly President of the Guild, and one of the oldest members.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Arnold Partridge for the use of his bells, which were kept fully occupied during the afternoon and evening, the Vicar himself taking part in several touches.

The bells were lowered about 8.30, when most of the members adjourned to the Beacon for one of those social hours so dear to the hearts of ringers.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Stansted on Saturday week. The Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Winter) conducted a short service in the Parish Church, after which the tea and business meeting were held at the Parish Room, 13 sitting down.—The Vicar presided, supported by the secretary (Mr. W. Watts). Mr. J. Law, of Wenden, was elected a ringing member.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Bishop's Stortford.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for holding the service, and the Vicar, in reply, welcomed the Association to Stansted. The following towers were represented: Stansted, Bishop's Stortford, Rickling, Elsenham and Wallhamstead. Touches of Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the evening.

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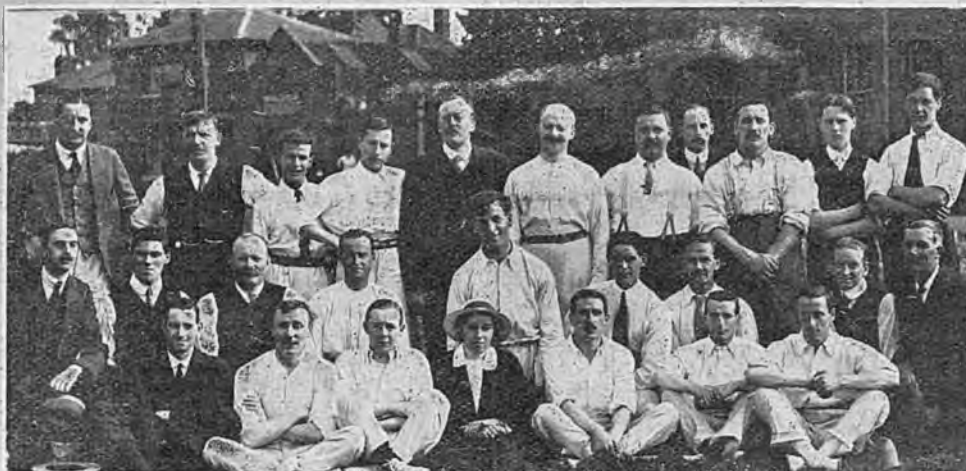
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COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS AT CRICKET.



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The upper picture is the Group of those "officially" concerned in the Cricket Match. From left to right they are: First row (standing), R. Warner, W. Jakeman, H. Burton, H. Landon, T. Faulkner, J. W. Golding, A. W. Grimes, A. Walton (umpire), S. J. Collins, C. J. Matthews and C. Austin; Second row, A. T. Miller (scorer), R. N. Runham, J. Hunt, D. Ellingham, E. Attwater, H. Wagstaff, F. I. Hairs, J. A. Trollope and J. Parker (umpire); Bottom row (seated), H. Gowlett, J. D. Matthews, H. J. Walton, Miss E. K. Parker (scorer), A. S. Miller, J. C. Adams and A. A. Hughes.

The lower picture is a group of some of the interested spectators at the match.

COLLEGE YOUTHS BEATEN BY CUMBERLANDS.

The cricket match, which has been the chief topic of conversation among London ringers for the past few weeks, was played on Saturday week, on Mitcham Green, as recorded in our last issue. The weather and everything else were perfect. A large number of spectators were present, including many of the most prominent ringers of the Metropolis (among them the veterans, Ted Horrex, Billy Weatherstone and J. S. Rayner), with their wives, sons, daughters, sisters, and (in some case) other people's sisters. The Masters of the two Societies "tossed" for innings, and Mr. T. Faulkner, of the College Youths, was successful. He put his team in to bat first, but, oh, what a fall was there! The Cumberland bowling was unplayable, and in a very short time the whole side was out for the low score of 31. When, however, the Cumberlands took their turn at the wickets, history repeated itself, wicket after wicket falling quickly, and it was not until the last man was in that the winning hit was made. Then the last wicket fell, the Cumberlands, having scored 33, won a most keen and exciting match by the narrow margin of two runs. The top scorer for the College Youths was H. Walton, with 14; and for the Cumberlands R. Warner, with 18. In the bowling department J. D. Matthews took six of the College Youths' wickets for 18 runs, and D. Ellingham four for 8. The best analysis, however, was secured by H. Wagstaff, who captured six Cumberland wickets for seven runs. E. Attwater took two for 19. The thanks of both societies are due to Mr. A. G. Freeman, of the

Cumberlands, who was unfortunately prevented from playing in the match, for kindly presenting the match ball.

Tea was taken at the Queen's Head just by the green, and nearly 70 sat down and did good justice to the ample fare provided. Afterwards there was an interval of half-an-hour or so while the room was being prepared for the concert, which was to follow. This interval was filled by certain members of one of the teams indulging in quoits, and from the form they showed it looked as if they might do better with the iron rings than with the bat, and a challenge may be issued even yet.

The chair at the concert was taken by the Master of the College Youths, and the proceedings were opened with Stedman Cinques in hand by: Miss E. Bennett, and Messrs. L. Attwater, C. F. Winney, F. I. Hairs, W. A. Alps, and J. D. Matthews. Mr. Ellingham came next with a most appropriate recitation, entitled "A Cricket Story," and this was followed by songs and touches on the handbells. It would take too long to describe each individual turn, but the following contributed to this most enjoyable concert: Messrs. A. A. Hughes, R. White, Kitching, J. Oxborrow, A. S. Miller, W. C. Lee, D. Wright, McKenna, Shepherd. All the above were in capital form, and their performances were greatly appreciated and warmly applauded, but probably all would confess that the two stars of the evening were Mrs. H. Langdon and Miss Bance, both of whom sang charmingly. Besides the band that rang the first touch of the evening, the following

took a pair each in Stedman Cinques or Caters: Miss E. K. Parker, Messrs. H. Langdon, A. W. Grimes, W. Shepherd, A. Shepherd, W. Passmore and J. W. Golding.

During the evening, Mr. T. Faulkner, in proposing the health of the Cumberlands, a toast which was drunk with musical honours, congratulated them on their hard won victory, and handed the match ball to Mr. J. D. Matthews, with the remark that as 200 runs had not been scored off it, it would be quite fit for next year's match.—The Master of the Cumberlands suitably responded, and, accepting the ball and the implied challenge, proposed the health of the College Youths, which toast was also accorded musical honours.

The best of things must come to an end, and it was with reluctance that the party broke up about 11 o'clock, many having to travel right through the wilds to the distant lands of Leytonstone, Wimbledon, Haggerston, and other rural spots.

A report of the proceedings would not be complete without a word of praise and thanks to the host, Mr. Charles Bance, who, himself a ringer, seemed to know exactly what was wanted. He arranged for the pitch for the match, and went to the further trouble of providing pads and gloves, and it was undoubtedly largely due to him that the whole fixture turned out to be the success it undoubtedly was.

An interesting point in connection with this game is that it is the first between the two societies for thirty years, the victors on the last occasion also being the Cumberlands.

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WELCOMING THE BELLS.

On Wednesday of last week the parishioners of Clun, Shropshire, welcomed back the church bells in festive manner, and the event is one that will be retained in the memory for very many years by those whose privilege it was to take part in the interesting ceremony.

The old peal of six bells had been unringable for some 25 years, and were of very poor tone. They had hung in the tower since 1663, and the frame and fittings had become quite worn out. It was, therefore, decided to dispatch the old bells to the Whitechapel foundry, and have them recast, increased in weight, and two new troubles added, the quaint inscriptions on the old six being faithfully reproduced on the new peal. The new treble is the gift of the Creswell family, and bears the inscription: "To the Glory of God, and in memory of Clara Creswell, who died July 17th, 1886. Te Deum Laudamus." The cost of the second bell was defrayed by subscriptions, the inscription on it being: "Rev. R. D. Machen, M.A., Vicar. G. Townsend, W. Darroll, wardens." "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel."

The bells were conveyed from the station on two drays, appropriately decorated, and were met at the parish boundary, where a large procession was formed, headed by the cross bearer (the Rev. H. Y. Scott), who was followed by the school children, with their teachers, each child carrying a flag or bunch of flowers. They also bore aloft several banners which they had made, and upon which were displayed suitable inscriptions: "Welcome the bells." "God bless the bells." "Peace be unto Clun, 1663." Next in order came the surpliced choir, accompanied by the Vicar and curates, following these came the members of the Parish Council, members of the C.E.M.S., sidesmen of the parish church, and the churchwardens (Messrs. Geo. Townsend and Wm. Darroll) carrying their staves of office. Next were the drays containing the bells, and on the memorial bell Miss Frances Creswell had placed a wreath of evergreens and roses. The first dray carrying the five smaller bells was escorted by Mr. B. Stalleybrass (the architect), the Rev. V. A. Creswell (representing the Creswell family), Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Mead (local representative of the Diocesan Guild), Mr. Hubert Day (the bell hanger), the assistant architect, bell hangers, and tower workmen. Next came the Trinity Hospital Almshouses, with their distinguishing dress of a blue cloak, with silver badge, and tall hat, the rear being brought up by the general public. The procession was a quarter of mile long, and appropriate hymns were sung en route to the church. At the Lych Gate the procession was massed with the bells in the centre. The Vicar pointed out that the interesting ceremony in which they were taking part was of very ancient origin, and one in which none of those present would be likely to participate again. It was primarily the children's day, and he hoped that they would always remember it, and hand on their recollections to future generations. They thanked God for the safe return of the bells, and asked Him that they should be so used as to bring a blessing to the parish. Psalm 150 and the National Anthem were then sung.

Afterwards the whole of the children in the parish were invited to tea and games in the Vicarage grounds.

The weight of the new tenor is 14 cwt. The bells are being rehung and the old oak frame repaired by Messrs. Geo. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk, and when the tower restoration is completed, a new clock is to be presented by a local lady. The whole restoration will cost over £1,000, of which some £800 has been raised.

We hope to give some pictures of the interesting proceedings in our next issue.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. THE STATUS OF NON-CHURCHMEN.

The annual gathering of the members of the Warwickshire Guild took place this year at Warwick, when there was rather a smaller attendance than usual. About an hour's ringing was indulged in at St. Mary's before service, and at the latter the Rev. Alan Williams (President) gave an appropriate address based upon the 84th Psalm.

The business meeting was held after tea at the Globe Hotel. The Rev. Alan Williams presided, and was supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. Jas. George), the hon. secretary (the Rev. C. Carew Cox), the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. G. Dickens), and about forty members representing Allesley, Bedworth, Birmingham, Chilvers Coton, Dunchurch, Emscote, Grendon, Nuneaton, Rugby, Solihull, Southam, Stratford-on-Avon, Stoke-in-Coventry and Warwick.—Apologies were received from the Archdeacon of Coventry, Misses Sampson and Williams, Messrs. Argyle, F. S. W. Butler, T. Bloore, Kilborn, F. Wilford, J. Warren, and the Rev. E. V. Cox.

The report showed a net increase of fifty-four members on the previous total of 214. Reference was made to the loss the Guild had sustained through the death of the Rev. Canon Blyth and Mr. John Pinfold. The number of peals credited to the Guild from August 1st, 1913, up to date was 26, and among these were the first peals by the Guild of Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Surprise Major and Little Bob Major. Ten quarter-peals had been rung by the Stoke and Rugby Societies. The meetings held during the year were on the whole very successful, new members having been elected from all but one of the places visited. Restorations of the rings of six bells at Kineton and Claverdon respectively were noted. At the reopening of the latter ring the address was given by the hon. secretary. The report also expressed the regret of the members that the Rev. Alan Williams was about to leave Warwick, and would, in consequence, be retiring from the presidency. The wish would go with him that a change of scene and lighter responsibilities might bring him permanent benefit in health.

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £16 3s. 7d. This was £1 0s. 11d. less than last year, but the difference was explained by the extra expense incurred in printing.

In order to give the committee time to arrange matters, the Rev. Alan Williams kindly consented to allow himself to be re-elected president until the next general meeting. The remaining officers were all unanimously re-elected, including Mr. James George, as Ringing Master, and the Rev. C. Carew Cox as hon. secretary, while the names of Mr. John King, of Southam; Mr. W. Pinfold, of Dunchurch; and Mr. H. Reader, of Chilvers Coton, were added to the committee. Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts were re-elected as the Guild's representatives on the Central Council.—Notice was given of monthly meetings to be held at Kineton in August, and at Brinklow in September, each on the third Saturday in the month. The next quarterly meeting was arranged to be held at Nuneaton on October 17th.

The President then moved a resolution affecting the status in the Guild of members who were not also members of the Church of England.—This was seconded by Mr. Dickens, but was strongly opposed, and was lost by a large majority.

It was resolved that the annual meeting should in future be held at Warwick on Easter Monday.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Alan Williams for the use of the bells at St. Mary's, for his address at the service, and for his conduct of the meeting; also to the organist for his services, and to the Rev. F. H. Lawson for his permission to ring at St. Nicholas.

St. Mary's bells were again utilised after the meeting, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob Royal and Double Norwich Major were among the methods enjoyed.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild went to Benenden for their July meeting, and an excellent gathering it proved to be, the only drawback being that the bells were rather out of order, and need re-hanging badly. However, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Doubles were tapped off, some of the striking being very good.—At the business meeting the annual outing was discussed, Brighton, Bexhill and Hastings being submitted, the members voting in favour of the two last-named towns.—It was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Rolvenden, on Saturday, 8th August.—Seven new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the church authorities and local ringers for the use of the bells. Twenty-one ringers attended, and other towers besides Benenden that sent delegates were Hawkhurst, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone-in-Orney and Tenterden.

A new band of ringers has been established at Benenden, but so far have not started method ringing. Some are anxious to make a commencement. Others view it as an unwise policy. We trust these will be converted, and that the party will take up change ringing during the coming winter and join the Kent County Association.

—HERFORD GUILD.—At the Parish Church, on June 12th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: H. Warman 1, S. Lewis 2, G. Jones 3, W. Peston 4, R. J. Caswell 5, G. Soley (conductor) 6.

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 29th, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES

(First peal on the bells after restoration.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13th, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

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On Saturday, January 10th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31st, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES

(First peal of Bob Maximus by the Kent County Association.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES

In commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the record length of Royal rung on these bells, March 27th, 1784. (First peal of Royal since the restoration of the bells.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 1st, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11th, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

CHATHAM RINGERS IN SUSSEX.

Accompanied by their friends, the Chatham bell ringers had a motor tour for their annual outing. The company numbered 32, and made first for Tunbridge Wells, where they arrived at 9.30. Unfortunately, however, the bells at St. Peter's Church were unfit for ringing, and after a brief halt the party proceeded to Uckfield by way of Eridge and Crowborough, passing over the highest point in Sussex. The country was much admired. At Uckfield the party were met by the Vicar and one of the churchwardens, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the bells of the Parish Church. The visitors were then photographed, after which lunch was partaken of, and the journey was continued to Waldron. The district was quite new to the tourists, and the scenery was much admired. At Waldron Church the party were met by several of the local ringers, including the Rector's two daughters, who are enthusiastic bell ringers. This fine peal of bells were much appreciated, and touches in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman were rung, the ladies having the satisfaction of ringing their first touch of Stedman during the afternoon, and being complimented on the masterly way they handled the ropes. After the ringing the party were invited to the Rectory lawn, where tea had been kindly provided by the Rector. Waldron was then regretfully left behind, and the journey continued to Mayfield, where further ringing was indulged in. Time, however, did not allow a long stay to be made here, and the journey was further continued to Rotherfield, where touches on these fine bells concluded the ringing for the day. A start was made for home about 8.30 p.m., and Chatham was safely reached about 10.45 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The party included the Rector of Chatham (the Rev. G. Burr, D.D.) and Mrs. Burr, Mr. Shellock (secretary), Mr. Belsey (captain), Sergeant Holden, R.M.L.I., and Mr. P. Burgess (formerly a Waldron ringer), at whose suggestion the day had been arranged. Through the "Ringing World," the Chatham bell ringers extend their thanks to the different clergy for their kindness in placing the bells at their disposal.

A NORTH-COUNTRY EXCURSION.

The ringers and choir of Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, Sunderland, enjoyed a motor trip for their annual outing. Reaching Northallerton by train, the party partook of breakfast at the Railway Hotel, and a North-Eastern Railway motor char-a-banc was then in waiting to convey the party to Hornby, Bedale, Snape Castle, Masham, Jervaulx Abbey, Middleham and Leyburn. At the quaint little church of Hornby there are four bells, and the Vicar expressed a strong desire to have them rung, as they had not been heard for several years. The ringers were determined not to be beaten, and after an inspection of the bells and fittings, and a good deal of adjusting of ropes and clearing away obstructions, the bells were raised and a few Bob Singles were rung, much to the delight of the villagers, the only objectors were the birds who had taken up their residence in the belfry, and who raised their voices in protest. The party then resumed their journey, and no more ringing was indulged in until Middleham was reached. Here the ringers were met by Dr. Pauli, and several of the local band, and much enjoyed a ring on the fine peal of eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round, the local ringers, including one lady, taking part. This ring of bells is as near perfection as possible, and demonstrates the great advantage of tuning on the Canon Simpson principle. The bells were brought down in peal, and the party resumed their journey to Leyburn, where a good dinner was awaiting them at the Golden Lion, and at the conclusion of the repast a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and the Churchwardens of Bishopwearmouth for providing the outing, was accorded, on the motion of Mr. Bevan, the organist, seconded by Mr. Robert C. Hudson, the leader of the ringers. The Rector of Bishopwearmouth (Rev. Canon H. Gouldsmith, M.A.) presided over the gathering. The ringers thank Dr. Pauli and the other ringers at Middleham for receiving them so kindly and arranging for them to have a ring. Sunderland was reached just before 11 p.m., after a most successful outing.

RYE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

A very pleasant day's excursion was enjoyed by the Rye ringers on the occasion of their annual outing. The journey was made by brake, and they first visited Appledore, where they received a hearty welcome from the Rev. A. O. Scutt, and rang several touches on the bells. At Woodchurch, the next stopping place, they were cordially received by the Rector (the Rev. S. H. Rendall), and rang on the bells of the parish church for about three-quarters of an hour. Continuing the journey, the party reached Ashford in time for dinner, and afterwards rang at the parish church, where the bells had been placed at their disposal by Canon Tindall. Willesborough was then visited, and touches rung on the bells of the parish church. Afterwards the party walked back to Ashford for tea, and enjoyed various amusements until it was time to turn their faces homeward, the ancient borough being reached again about midnight.

DISS RINGERS' HAPPY DAY.

The eighth annual outing of the Diss company was favoured with fine weather, and in the course of the day's travels by a well-horsed brake, the company, numbering 13, visited in turn the following towers: Fulham Market, Fulham St. Mary, Starston, Weybread, Fressingfield, Stradbroke, Worlingworth and Eye. The methods rung during the day were: Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob and Superlative, Mr. John Souter being the conductor. The bells at Weybread have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Day and Sons, of Eye, and these, upon being tested, were found very satisfactory.

At Fressingfield an excellent dinner was provided at the Fox and Goose, and, by the kindness of the Rector, the company were entertained to refreshments at Weybread. At Eye the party were met by local ringers, and some touches on the handbells were brought round. The outing was a most interesting and enjoyable one, and home was reached at 10.30 p.m. The company would like to thank the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, and also the sextons for having everything in readiness.

A GRANTHAM OUTING.

The St. Wulfram's Society, Grantham, on the occasion of their annual outing, travelled by train to Sleaford, where a brake in readiness soon conveyed them to Heckington. Here they were joined by Messrs. W. Dickenson and J. Holmes (Heckington), the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston), Mr. Colin Ryder (Rotherham), Messrs. W. Wood and C. Ward (Hale Magna). The bells of Hale Magna (6), Heckington (8), Ewerby (10), and Sleaford (8), were open to the visitors during the day, and dinner was served at the White Horse Hotel, Heckington. The trick cycling of the Lincolnshire comedian, "L. J. A.," provided much amusement for the company, as did also his "Unknown Surprise" on the tin whistle, while his jesting kept the company in continual merriment. Tea was served at the Finch Hatton Arms, Ewerby, and in the evening a social hour was spent at the Cross Keys, Sleaford. During the day, touches of Single Court, Oxford and Kent Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob Major, and Kent Major and Royal were rung, "some," as one member remarked, "in common time, others in 'Rag Time.'" The company wish, through the "Ringing World," to thank all those friends who helped to make the outing so successful.

HEAVITREE RINGERS IN THE "CITY OF BELLS."

On Saturday week, the Heavitree band visited Bristol, and arriving about 11.30 a.m., made for St. Thomas's Church, where, in the ancient tower, hang a fine ring of eight bells (tenor about 30 cwt.). Apparently someone had been experimenting with them, for the "going" was very heavy, just as if the bearings had been appointed with paraffin or some other non-lubricant, so one touch was sufficient here. After welcome refreshment a move was made for St. Nicholas', under Mr. May's guidance, and here the conditions were found to be much better, grand-toned bells (sounding better inside the tower) and kept in good order. Several touches were rung, followed by some Stedman Cater practice, for which the visitors had to thank Mr. May. Christ Church was next visited, but these bells are nothing after St. Nicholas', and seem only to possess the merit of being very old. A peal of 10,133 of Grandsire Caters was rung on them in 1837, but as the Devon men were not out to beat that record, a half-hour's trial of the bells sufficed, and the day's ringing was done.

The afternoon was spent chiefly at the wonderful Clifton Bridge, and the International Exhibition, where the party found plenty of amusement and instruction, in fact sufficient for a full day. Evening found the visitors gathered again at Lawrence Hill Station, weary but contented, after a very enjoyable day in the "city of bells."

IN BEECHY BUCKS.

On Saturday week the ringers of St. Mary's, Willesden, spent a most enjoyable half-day in beechy Bucks. Arriving at Chorleywood, a beautiful walk brought them to Chenies, the first call, which, on this particular Saturday, looked, if possible, more delightful than ever. After being shown by the Vicar over the church, with its fine Russell chapel, its beautiful roof, and the historic manor house adjoining, a 720 of Plain Bob was rung in good style by: A. French 1, F. Barrett 2, F. Grisall 3, B. Foskett 4, G. M. Kilby 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6; also touches of Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman Doubles. After tea a start was made for Amersham. Here, on a really fine peal of six (tenor 18 cwt.), a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was brought round in 26 mins., by: R. Kilby 1, B. Foskett 2, F. Barrett 3, F. Grisall 4, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 5, H. Kilby 6. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with one of the local ringers standing in, brought another successful ringing outing to a close. — The ringers wish to thank the Rectors of Chenies and Amersham for allowing them the use of the bells.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.—On June 14th, for evening service, a date touch of Bob Major (1914 changes), in 65 mins.: *H. Clegg 1, J. H. Bretton 2, *N. Gee 3, *G. Dews 4, *F. Sykes 5, H. Gee 6, G. Bennett (longest length as conductor) 7, J. Bennett 8. * Longest completed length.

BELL FRAMES.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—We have read with interest the carefully compiled and able article contributed by Sir Arthur Heywood, in his book, and although our name is not mentioned, we are pleased to notice that Sir Arthur so entirely agrees with our system of eliminating the main girders, as usually known in bell work, and also with the general principle we adopt in the design of our new pattern all steel independent bell frames.

For the benefit of those who have not yet read this particular article, we will quote the words, which are as follows:—

"It is necessary that the union be not only that of two opposite walls, but also of the remaining ones. It is not easy to devise a metal frame to fulfil these conditions. The more usual plan is to set the bell frame on four or more girders running in one direction; but by far the soundest way of overcoming the difficulty, and one which obviates the necessity of through bolting, is to build in, at each corner of the tower, a diagonal girder, entering the walls, according to the size of the edifice, at from three to six feet on each side of the angle, and all but reaching the outer faces; then upon these to bolt the bell frame, of which, in such case, the lower members must be sufficiently strong to act also as supporting girders, and take the form of a square framework of external dimensions sufficiently less than the internal area of the tower. Thus all strain upon the bell frame is transmitted wholly to the neighbourhood of the angles, which are manifestly the strongest part of the structure, particularly where it is of considerable area, and, in addition, the diagonal bearers act as through bonders without requiring bolts."

We should like to point out that we first adopted this system at Sarratt Church, Hertfordshire, and later, amongst others, at All Saints' Church, Daresbury, Cheshire, where we installed the new ring of eight bells (tenor 16½ cwt. in the key of E). On the day of dedication, Mr. E. H. Lewis was asked how he liked our new system, and he replied, "I am afraid that I cannot express a definite opinion until I have been up in the tower to take measurements, and afterwards to make some calculations."

Before concluding we should like to mention that we propose shortly to issue formulae and data on these subjects of a practical and theoretical value to architects and Church authorities.—We are, yours faithfully,
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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Norton Cuckney on Saturday last, when there was a good attendance of ringers present from Harthill, Tuxford, West Retford, Odsall, Cuckney, Warsop and Worksop. Three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, and Canterbury Pleasure, with other shorter touches, were rung by mixed bands during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Smith) and his ringers welcomed the visitors in the tower, and the Vicar subsequently presided at the tea, to which 32 sat down at the Greendale Oak, Host and Hostess Bottom having provided a capital spread, for which they were afterwards thanked by the chairman.—At the business meeting which followed, two new vice-presidents were elected: The Rev. R. J. King (Rector of Warsop), and Mr. Joseph Beard (of Manor House, Warsop).—The Cuckney ringers made application for an instructor to coach them in the art of change ringing, and the Association appointed one to give 13 lessons, the ringers to pay half the cost.—The next meeting was arranged for Harthill, and is to be held in October.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of bells and to Churchwarden Evers for his presence at tea, concluded the meeting. Ringing was resumed after tea, and kept up until 9.0 p.m. and everyone seemed to be satisfied with the day's outing.

ELY ASSOCIATION'S LONGEST PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am very sorry such a mistake has been made by me, as regards the longest peal rung by the members of the Ely Association. At the time of ringing the 6240 Bob Major at Lavenham, I thought the Belchamp peal 7040 of Kent was rung for the Essex Association; and I did not know until some little time back, when I was informed by Mr. T. D. Slater, of Glensford, that the 7040 was rung to the Ely Association. I ought to have corrected the matter at once, as I promised, but it completely slipped my memory until the 6336 was published, and I was again reminded by one of my own band of Mr. Slater's information. I hope Mr. Wilkerson, or any of the 6336 band do not think that I intentionally published the 6240 as the longest for the Ely Association. It was negligence, after I had been informed by Mr. Slater, for which I am truly sorry.—Yours faithfully,
A. SYMONDS.

A new treble has been added and the five old bells rehung at Clifton-on-Towe, Worcestershire, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The dedication took place last Friday.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division at Angmering was very successful, members being present from Arundel, Heene, Goring, Lymminster, and the local band. In the afternoon touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and at tea, which was held at the Red Lion Inn, 21 sat down, the Rector (the Rev. T. N. Pearson) taking the chair. He was supported by Mr. J. N. Tompkins (churchwarden), Mr. F. H. Tompkins (Master of the Association), and the divisional sec. (Mr. H. Evans). At the business meeting which followed the chairman and Mr. J. N. Tompkins were elected honorary members, and five new active members were added to the Arundel branch, two to the West Tarring branch, and one to the Lymminster branch.—Mr. Tompkins (Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and for granting the use of the bells.—The Rector, in responding, giving the ringers a hearty welcome.—The tower was again visited afterwards, and further touches rung.

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL REEVES.*A MEMORIAL PEAL TABLET.*

It is proposed to erect a peal tablet recording the half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques that was rung at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on June 27th last, under the auspices of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, in memory of the late Mr. S. Reeves. A footnote will be added, stating his official connection with the afore-mentioned society and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. The Vicar of Christ Church has kindly given his permission for the erection of the tablet either in the porch or the church itself, according to the material used. It is thought that many of the late Mr. Reeves' friends and acquaintances would welcome the opportunity of contributing something towards perpetuating his memory. Subscriptions should be forwarded without delay to the Rev. F. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall, who will acknowledge them through the medium of this paper.

E. V. COX, H. KNIGHT

(Hon. Secs., Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford).

DEATH OF MASTER OF THE CHESTER GUILD.

We much regret to announce the death of Archdeacon Barker, of Chester, one of the founders of the Chester Diocesan Guild and Master, since its formation 27 years ago. On Monday evening, as a tribute of respect and affection, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Stockport.

ENGINEERS VISIT TO BELL FOUNDRY.

The Leicester Association of Engineers found much to interest them the other day at the Loughborough Bell Foundry when, as part of their programme of a visit to the town, they were shown over Messrs. Taylor's famous works. A number of bells were cast for the edification of the visitors, under the supervision of the head of the firm, whose explanatory remarks on bell founding were listened to with keen interest. Earlier in the afternoon the visitors had inspected the Empress Works of Messrs. Herbert Morris, Ltd., the largest makers of lifting tackle in the world.

CLAIM TO AUTHORSHIP WITHDRAWN.

Mr. James Martin, of Liverpool, writes: "Will you kindly withdraw my name from the figures of a peal of Superlative, which was published in 'The Ringing World' on April 23rd last. I am informed by Mr. Charles H. Fowler, of Leicester, that the composition appears as far back as 1888 in the Oxford Guild report as by Mr. Jas. W. Washbrook, whereas I produced the same figures on August 23rd, 1893."

STEDMAN CINQUES.

Mr. W. Lomas, of Sheffield, writes in reference to the peal of Stedman Cinques by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, that the homing course of the 8115, 215364, brought round with calls at 2, 13s, 15s, 19s, was composed by him in October, 1826.

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NOTICES.

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

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Barlborough, on Saturday, August 1st. Church of St. James, 6 bells, tenor 11cwt., available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Rector has kindly promised to provide tea.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District—All-day meeting, August Bank Holiday. Bells available All Saints' and St. Paul's, Wokingham, in the morning, Yorktown and Hawley in the afternoon and evening. Usual meals arranged. Full particulars on application. Hearty welcome to all ringers.—G. B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914. Eight bells (all day), tea 1s. each.—T. Smith, Hon. District Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will take place at Liscard on Monday, August 3rd. Proceedings commence with service in St. Mary's Church at 11 o'clock. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST on six bells at St. John the Baptist Church, Penistone, near Sheffield, on Monday, August 3rd, 1914, when prizes to value of about £30 will be given.—For further particulars apply to Frank Tinker, Penistone, near Sheffield.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Aysgarth (Wensleydale), on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 3rd, 1914. The bells of the Parish Church (6 tenor, 13cwt.) are available all day. Tea will be provided at the George and Dragon Hotel, members 9d., non-members 1/6. Any ringing friends visiting Aysgarth on above date will receive a hearty welcome.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer outing of the Guildford District will take place on Ranmore Common, near Dorking, on August Bank Holiday. The bells of S. Barnabas (8) will be available from 2 till 9. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m.; 6d., to members, 1/- to visitors, to those informing me before Wednesday, July 29th. The beautiful gardens of Denbies will be open (by kind permission of the Hon. H. Cubitt, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey) from 3 to 4 p.m., during which time the belfry will be closed.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Henfield Branch.—A meeting will be held at Henfield, by the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Reginald J. Lea, R.D.), on Monday, August 3rd. The tower will be open from 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by the 30th inst. at 4.30. There will be a short service, with address by the Rev. Cresswell-Gee at 6 o'clock.—L. Payne, Honorary Secretary, Nep Town, Henfield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 3rd. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. E. H. Brown, Vicar of Yaxley. Tea at the Bedford Cafe, Queen Street, at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available from 11 a.m., Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6). Will those who intend to be present at tea, kindly notify me not later than Saturday, August 1st.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 4th and 18th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 11th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 18th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Moor-side, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. An election of branch president and committeemen will take place at this meeting.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

FUND FOR REHANGING the Peal of Eight at All Saints' Church, Boyn Hill, Maidenhead.—A Sale of Work in aid of the above fund will be held at Boyn Hill Flower Show, on August 13th, organized by local members of the Ladies' Guild. All contributions (except confectionery) will be gratefully received, which should be priced, and sent to Miss K. Smith, Norden, Maidenhead, Berks.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—A Commemoration Dinner will be held in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, on Saturday, September 12th, 1914, at The Grand Hotel, Leopold Street, Sheffield, at 6.30 p.m. The Venerable Archdeacon of Sheffield (Rev. H. Gresford Jones) will preside. Tickets for Dinner, 3/6 each to be had from the Secretary. Bells available for ringing during the day until 6 p.m.: the Cathedral (12, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, tenor 41 cwt.); St. Marie (8, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, tenor 25 cwt.); St. John's, Ranmoor (8, by Messrs. J. Barwell, tenor 15 cwt.); All Saints (by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, tenor 15 cwt.). Early application for tickets is desirable and no tickets will be sold after September 7th.—Frank Willey, Secretary, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The specially arranged summer meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Wickhamdreux on Saturday, when a company, numbering 20, attended from Boughton, Canterbury, Deal, Lynninge, and the local towers. Unfortunately the pleasure was somewhat marred by the sudden indisposition of the genial and popular captain of the local band (Mr. S. Waller), to whom the members express their sympathy and earnest wish for a speedy recovery.—The Rev. G. Hyde Smith, with his usual kindness and hospitality, provided tea in the Village Club Room after Divine service, and in response to a very hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmer, said it always gave him great pleasure to entertain the ringers, and he hoped they would all be spared to attend many more such gatherings.—Mr. S. White proposed, and Mr. H. Smith seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Pitman, who had specially put off another interesting engagement in order to attend the district meeting, and preside at the organ at the service. He suitably acknowledged the vote, including, as usual, a quotation, and then took 5—6 in a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, and gave a short pianoforte solo.—An amusing discussion took place between Mr. Pitman and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmer respecting the chords played at the service, the fun being heartily shared, though it is feared the "point" was not understood by the members.—The last hour was spent at Littlebourne, where many of the local ringers took part in some successful touches of Bob Minor.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

At the Tonbridge District meeting at Hawkhurst some 60 members were present, despite the difficulty of access. The deficiencies of the train service, however, were surmounted by the employment of the very comfortable saloon motor cars of the Tunbridge Wells Autocar Co., a large number enjoying a lovely 20 miles' ride by this means through some of the most beautiful scenery of the "Garden of England." This meeting was really the outcome of seed sown some few years ago, when the local band joined the Association, and the district secretary commenced giving a course of instruction, which, however, he was reluctantly compelled to discontinue owing to lack of interest amongst the Hawkhurst men. His efforts, however, had not been entirely wasted, for a few of the more enthusiastic members continued struggling, and managed to infuse some new blood. With the advent of Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye, last year they speedily made headway, the band was reorganised, the "stony" ringers left, and a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first ever rung on the bells by a local band has been accomplished, a peal board recording the achievement having recently been unveiled in the tower. A meeting of the Association at the church, it was thought, would encourage the local men, and few district gatherings in such a spot have been more successful or enjoyable. The Vicar conducted the Association's special form of service in the church, the singing being led by the organ, at which Mr. Alfred Adams, the blind organist, presided. Tea was partaken of at the Eight Bells Hotel, and Mr. G. Edwards (Chiddington), in the absence of the Vicar, presided over the business meeting which followed. Miss Kate Lambert, of Harmondon, was admitted as a full member, she being the first lady ringer residing in the district to be elected.—After the customary votes of thanks, the members divided their time between ringing and taking short walks in the delightful country surrounding the church.

HULL—Yorkshire Association. — On June 13th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1025 Grandsire Caters, in 41 mins.: M. Hedges 1, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, T. Stockdale 3, A. Naylor 4, F. Morrison 5, J. Highgold 6, J. Hodds 7, G. T. Miller 8, D. W. Brown 9, J. Chamberlain 10. Run for the institution of the Rev. L. G. Buchanan, M.A., as Vicar of Holy Trinity, by the Bishop of Hull.

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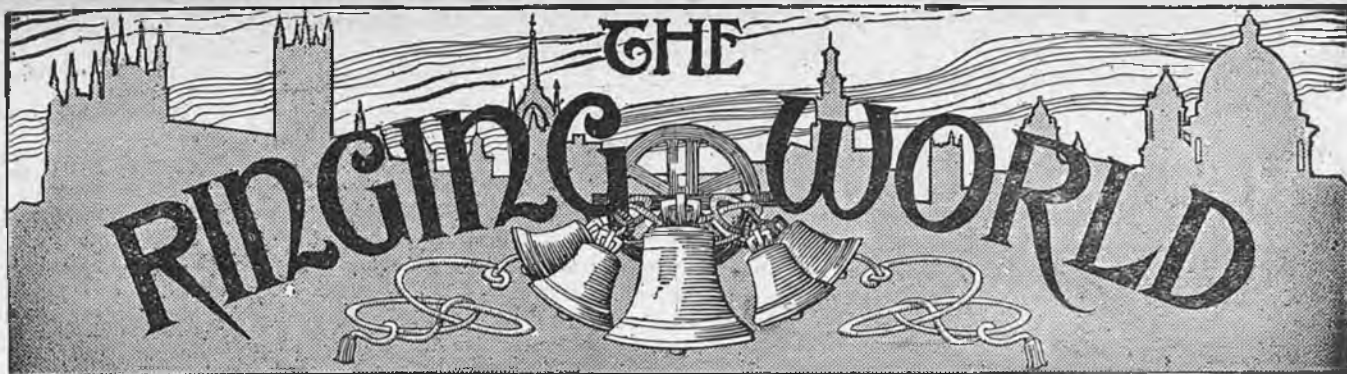


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A FESTIVAL OF WELCOME.

The picturesque ceremony, which we illustrate in this issue, of welcoming the church bells to the parish when they come from the foundry is the survival of an old, but not frequently, practised custom. Twice recently, however, instances of this festive method of bringing the bells to the church have been provided—at Southampton and at Clun, the little Shropshire village whose inhabitants participated in the scenes depicted on another page. This old custom of welcoming the bells has much to commend it. It stirs, as it were, a sentiment which can hardly be roused by any other means, for not even the dedication, impressive as it may be made, can partake of quite the same popular expression. In the case of dedication the principal objects of the service are out of sight—unless, indeed, the method of leaving the bells in the church is adopted, as was done at Surfleet a year or so ago. But when such a festival as that of bringing the bells through the street in a religious procession, is undertaken, it must appeal to the public sentiment and arouse an interest which will be retained by many for years.

In Clun the day was made essentially a children's day, and we have no doubt they will remember all their lives the event of welcoming the bells. Incidentally, too, this recollection will most likely keep alive the interest in the bells, which may result in greater regard being had for the maintenance of their efficiency and for the importance of their proper use. Anything which will lead to this end is a step which should be encouraged by those who have a love of bells. One of the great disappointments which is met with in these days, is the loss of interest after the bells have been put into the tower. While the work of obtaining a new peal or restoring an old one is in progress everyone is full of enthusiasm for the bells and the dedication, which marks the completion of the scheme, is usually one of great eclat. But, as we have known all too frequently out of sight means often out of mind, and those who have been keenest about the bells seem to be the first to lose interest in them. We have known of cases where this slackness has crept in even among the ringers themselves, and the costly instruments have been, through neglect, quickly allowed to get into a state which, to say the least, reflects no credit on those concerned. It is a matter for regret that such a condition of things should ever prevail, and while a festival of welcome may not remove the possibility, anything that is likely to add a sustained interest in the bells should be encouraged by every possible means. Such festivities as those at Clun the other day are of the kind to make a lasting impression by giving the whole parish a really personal interest in the bells.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS 5088 CHANCES;

CHARLES BOWER Treble	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT	7
SAMUEL WOOD 2	BENJAMIN GILL 8	
JONATHAN BROADBENT ... 3	JOSEPH MELLOR 9	
GEORGE GARNETT 4	ALBERT ADAMS 10	
THOMAS JANEMAN 5	SAMUEL BOOTH 11	
CHARLES BROADBENT 6	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor	

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On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... Treble	JAMES ROSE 7	
EDWARD EVANS 2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 8	
JAMES MOTTS 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 9	
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS 10	
EDGAR PEMBERTON 5	PETER LAFLIN 11	
WILLIAM MOTTS 6	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM ... Tenor	

Composed by W. HYDE INGLESANT, and

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TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER S. WISE ... Treble	* AMOS CLARK 6	
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	DAVID WRIGHT 7	
CHARLES DEAN 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 8	
HENRY L. GARFATH 4	* CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 9	
ALFRED CLAYTON 5	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN Tenor	

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* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Garfath and Wright.

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On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
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A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, Senr. ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6	
GEORGE B. LUCAS 2	* STANLEY H. R. COOPER ... 7	
HENRY RUMENS 3	WILLIAM J. KEMP 8	
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JOHN H. WILKINS 9	
ROBERT MAYNARD, Junr. ... 5	FRED. C. MAYNARD ... Tenor	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and

Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, Junr.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association on tower bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Rumens, on the occasion of their silver wedding. The composition contains the 6th, the last 22 courses at home.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.	
FRED G. MAY Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 6
*MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE... .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
FREDK. W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG 9
ALBERT STOWELL 5	URIAH BRAVEN... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal of Stedman and first peal on ten bells by Miss Gillingham, who is the first lady ringer to ring a peal on ten bells in either of the counties of Gloucestershire or Somerset. Rung as a send off to the Royal Naval Reserve men who left Bristol just prior to the starting of the peal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.	
*JOSEPH LORD Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 6
GEORGE HOLLIS 2	WALTER WALLACE 7
SAMUEL WESLEY 3	†JAMES PAGETT 8
HERBERT DAY 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 9
WILLIAM J. THYNG... .. 5	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 100th peal.

HULL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
FRANCIS W. DALE Treble	*HARRY RODMELL 6
TOM STOCKDALE 2	CHARLES JACKSON 7
ALFRED NAYLOR 3	LEONARD RODMELL 8
*MARK HEDGES 4	†WILLIAM MIDDLETON 9
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 5	*JOHN CHAMBERLAIN Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by C. JACKSON.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters away from the tenor.
Now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.	
GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble	ALFRED J. TURNER 5
EDWARD W. BRAY 2	EDGAR HANCOCK 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 3	KEITH HART 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	CHARLES GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs.	
WILLIAM STEELE Treble	ALBERT G. WARNES 5
*JOHN C. TINKER 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6
*FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER 3	GEORGE H. MOORE... .. 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
HORACE TULETT Treble	HARRY MEETEN 5
JOHN H. PAICE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM HILLMAN 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
GEORGE NORRIS 4	ALFRED W. GROVES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
This is the first peal of Superlative at Heene by a local band, and was rung at the first attempt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, July 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WALTER MARTIN Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
ERNEST STONE 2	HERBERT CURE 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUNR. ... 7
WALTER J. HORTON 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.
Mr. H. Cure is an old member of the Nuneaton band, who left for Canada some years ago and is now visiting England. He will be returning to Canada about the middle of August.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 30, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
*JOHN C. TINKER Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN ... 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.
* First peal in the method. This peal and the one at Hethersett were arranged for Messrs. Butler and Tinker, of Gainsborough, who were on a holiday in the district.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
CHARLES TAYLOR Treble	PERCY C. LONG 5
COOK WELLS 2	EDWARD BROWN 6
HERBERT I. MINGAY 3	GEORGE FLINTHAM 7
*JOHN H. BELLAMY 4	JOHN W. SEAMER Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Lily May Craven to Mr. W. Ernest Meffen, a respected member of St. Andrew's Company, which took place the same day, his brother ringers wishing the happy pair long life and happiness. The peal was also rung for the thirteenth anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown. C. Taylor has now rung a peal on each of the bells in the two towers in Grimsby. The ringers of 2nd, 4th and 7th hail from Lincoln.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, July 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lbs.	
*ALBERT L. GIBBINS Treble	JAMES SCHOLES 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES... 3	*FRANK N. ATTWATER ... 7
*FREDERICK V. MARTIN ... 4	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of the steeple-keeper, Mr. G. Woodage; also to commemorate the wedding of Mr. H. T. Gowlett, a member of the local company, which took place the next morning at St. Mary's, Lambeth.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	HERBERT CURE ... 5
ERNEST STONE ... 2	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 6
WALTER MARTIN ... 3	GEORGE P. GARNER ... 7
ERNEST TIGWELL ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

G. P. Gardner was made a life member of the Guild before starting.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH Treble	FREDK. W. TOWNSEND ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE PRESTON ... 6
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE ... 3	ALAN MACDONALD ... 7
A. MARTIN STEWART ... 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

W. Catchpole was elected a member previous to starting. This was the 2nd peal of Double Norwich on the bells, the previous one having been rung 22 years ago, and being the 2nd in the method.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED JAMES, Senr. ... Treble	FREDERICK H. HERBERT ... 5
SPENCER MARSHALL ... 2	GEORGE DURLING ... 6
*WILLIAM GRACE ... 3	JOHN LYDDIARD ... 7
ALBERT E. NEWICK ... 4	THOMAS JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

* First peal.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lbs.

S. J. HECTOR ... Treble	W. FLOWER ... 5
F. ILEY ... 2	W. FARLEY ... 6
A. E. COLES ... 3	G. CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
A. M. DANIEL ... 4	H. G. FARLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

First peal on the bells since their rehanging and the addition of two new trebles.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. W. RICE ... Treble	ERNEST TIGWELL ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 2	ALBERT BRADLEY ... 6
JOHN AKEHURST ... 3	ALBERT ELLIS ... 7
ALBERT HARMAN ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

The ringers of 5 and 6 were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED D. MILLS ... Treble	ALBERT HARMAN ... 5
FREDK. W. RICE ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 6
ALBERT BRADLEY ... 3	ALBERT ELLIS ... 7
GEORGE ELLIS ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES POWELL ... Treble	E. WILLIAM TURNER ... 4
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 2	ANDREW LAYTON ... 5
CHARLES LAYTON ... 3	GEORGE JORDON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

The first peal of Minor on the bells. The band wish through the "Ringing World" to thank the Rev. A. E. Green-Price for use of bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.

GEORGE R. PYE ... Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE ... 5
ERNEST PYE ... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
JOHN OLDHAM ... 3	JOHN FLINT ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 4	EDWARD READER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

NEATHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON Treble	ERNEST PYE ... 5
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	JOHN FLINT ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

WHITWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
ERNEST PYE ... 2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
JOHN FLINT ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SHEPSTED, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lbs.

EDWARD READER Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN FLINT 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Bristol in Leicestershire.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In seven methods, viz.: London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise,
College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4
WALTER J. HORTON 2	ERNEST TIGWELL 5
EDGAR VALLANCE 3	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung during the Patronal Festival of St. Margaret; also on the
Festival of St. James.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALL Treble	JAMES VAUGHAN 4
FRANK WITHERS 2	JOHN WITHERS 5
SAMUEL GROVE 3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR CHAMBERS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to
Mr. T. R. Baylis, J.P., a respected parishioner and great benefactor
of the above church.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 24 Six Scores of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

*JAMES W. HAYNES ... Treble	J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... 3
R. ARTHUR HORNSBY,	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 4
A.R.C.M. 2	J. WILFRED SHARP ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells.

FRENESHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent
Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED J. CHUTER ... Treble	ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 4
HUBERT CHAFFEY 2	ERNEST NEWELL 5
CORPL. GEO. GILBERT, R.E. 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. CHAFFEY.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford,
Double Court and Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*HAROLD FOLWELL ... Treble	FRANK ROLLINGS ... 4
†CECIL H. SLARKE 2	THOMAS LAW 5
†J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in six methods with a bob bell.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the eldest daughter of T. Law, on
her coming of age.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single
Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK DAINTY Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
*GEORGE J. JUTSON 2	*THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... 5
JOHN W. LAKE 3	ARTHUR HOLMES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods for the
above Association, and rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of
G. Jutson.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Size 18 in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
MAURICE SMITHER ... 3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witnesses: Mrs. POLLING and J. T. LEE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven-and-a-half
Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3—4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7—8

FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 9—10

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY,

Umpire: F. GORDON-THOMPSON. Witness: JAMES G. RUMSBY.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17 in A.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5—6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3—4	HENRY L. GARFATH ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Bank Holiday, Aug. 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 17 in A.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5—6
MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT ... 3—4	HENRY L. GARFATH ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

LEICESTER RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday week a large number of ringers gathered at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Ernest Morris and Miss Edith Goodman. As the happy couple were leaving the church a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung on the grand old peal of ten, in which Miss Martin rang her first touch of Caters. The ringing was kept up during the afternoon in various touches of Stedman Caters and Triples. A peal would have been attempted, but the go of the bells made this impossible. The following ringers took part:—Miss Martin, Messrs. A. J. Ballard, A. Ballard, H. Broughton, Allen A. Martin, J. Morris, G. Cleal, S. Colton, T. Taylor, F. H. Dexter, F. Sharnforth, C. H. Fowler, C. Lock. That the bride and bridegroom may have long life and happiness is the sincere wish of a large circle of friends.

THE DEATH OF CHESTER GUILD'S PRESIDENT.

With bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect, the following touches have been rung to the memory of Archdeacon Barber, founder and master of the Chester Guild, whose death we briefly announced last week.

At Stockport, on July 27th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Meakin (first quarter peal), T. Jackson 2, G. Astbury 3, W. Jackson 4, H. Meakin (conductor) 5, G. D. Warburton 6, H. Jackson 7, J. W. Bayley 8.

At Christ Church, Crewe, on July 28th, 504 of Stedman Triples: W. T. Holding (1), H. F. Holding (2), R. Langford (3), J. H. Riding (4), A. Crawley (5), R. D. Langford (6), R. T. Holding conductor (7), H. Overton (8). Also some Grandsire Triples and Doubles, the following taking part: W. Edge, W. Gartsido and G. Williams.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Charlwood on Saturday week, about 25 members being present from Burstow, Horley, Redhill, Reigate and the local band. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector of Charlwood (the Rev. J. L. Buchanan), who gave an excellent address. Tea was provided at the Half Moon Inn and the business meeting followed, at which the Rev. J. L. Buchanan was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Rev. E. J. Teosdale (Rector of Burstow). Seven peals were reported as having been rung since the last meeting, and it was resolved that they be recorded in the association's peal book. The Rev. F. R. Davies (Vicar of Reigate) and Col. R. Hamilton Rawson, M.P. for the Reigate Division, were elected honorary members to the association.—Messrs. H. Edwards, A. Hills, F. R. Tullett, senr., F. R. Tullett, junr., of the Cavel band, and H. Dennis, of St. John's, Redhill, were elected ringing members to the association.—Merstham was decided upon for the next quarterly meeting and Kingswood, Redhill and Reigate were selected for the monthly combined practices.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Rev. J. L. Buchanan, in reply, welcomed the association to Charlwood, and expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the southern district.—A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. G. Wickens, senr., for making such excellent arrangements.—The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening:—Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, College Exercise, Violet and London Scholars' Piece.

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DEDICATION AT CLIFTON-ON-TEME.

On Friday week the Archdeacon of Hereford dedicated a new treble bell in S. Kenelm's Church, Clifton-on-Teme, and the new work done in rehanging the old five bells. There was much interest taken in the event and the money has been readily collected, showing how deeply seated is the English affection for their church bells. The new treble is the gift of Sir Francis Winnington, of Stanford Court (the neighbouring parish), who is squire and lay Rector of Clifton, it commemorates his eldest son who died last year.

Evensong was said by the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Griffiths, at 4 p.m., and after the third Collect the Vicar and churchwardens conducted the Archdeacon and the donor of the new bell to the ancient western tower, where the sentence of dedication was pronounced and the new bell committed to the Vicar's care, a few rounds on the bells concluding the brief ceremony. The Archdeacon (Ven. E. Winnington-Ingram) then gave an address full of practical counsel to churchpeople, taking as his text 1 Tim. vi. 29, "O, Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust": The Scriptures, the Creeds, the Church Ministry, the buildings and all they contain, were, he said, "a trust." That day added the new bell and the new fittings of the peal to the "trust" of the Clifton churchpeople. The responsibility and privilege of trusteeship was the note of a sermon that well fitted the occasion, both locally and nationally.

After the service was over the bells were rung for three or four hours by ringers who had been invited by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley, to whom the ringing arrangements were entrusted (there being no ringers in Clifton as the old five bells have been unringable for years). There was no peal attempted, but well-struck touches of Kent and Plain Bob Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles gave an opportunity of thoroughly testing the bells. The ringers were:—Revs. C. D. P. Davies, E. V. Cox and J. F. Hastings, Messrs. W. Page, R. Knowles (master and secretary of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association), W. Ranford, W. Short (Birmingham), S. T. Eaton and J. Hopcutt (Martley), W. Sharp (Hallow), and Mr. Hughes, the founder of the treble. They were most hospitably entertained at the Vicarage by the Vicar and Mrs. Griffiths during the evening, and all enjoyed the fine day, the interesting ceremony, and the pleasant reunion.

The bells, of which particulars are given below, are of a curiously old-world tone, but have been much improved by tuning and rehanging in an iron frame. The new treble is a fine toned little bell, and Mr. Hughes (of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) is to be congratulated on a thoroughly satisfactory job. Clifton is now well-equipped for six-bell ringing when a band that has just been formed can be instructed in the Art.

Originally there were three bells in the tower. In the 17th century "the great bell" was found to be cracked. On it was an inscription (still retained on the tenor), in Saxon characters, which shows the great antiquity of the bell. In 1668 it was cast, with the other two bells, into a ring of four, and at the same time Henry Jeffreys, of Home (Ham) Castle gave the treble. All the five bells have the date on them and the same trade mark, three bells with the initials I.M., which is that of John Martin, of Silver Street, Worcester, who previously had a foundry at Stockton-on-Teme. There is also a small bell, locally called the ting-lang, dated 1664, with the trade mark, one bell and the initials I.M. on a heart-shaped shield, another trade mark of John Martin. The particulars of the old bells are as follow:—

Treble.—Inscription: HENRICVS JEFFREYES KENELMO DEVOIT (Henry Jeffreys presented to S. Kenelm).

This inscription is a chronogram, the letters of larger size counted as Roman numerals, giving the date of the bell:—MDCLVVIII=1668. The Coat of Arms of the Jeffreys' family, a lion rampant between three scaling ladders is also on the bell.

2nd.: PRIMA SONET CVLTVMQVE DEI RESONABO SECVNDA. (The first will sound and I, the second, will sound again the worship of God).

3rd.: TERTIA SVCCEDAM VOBISCVM FVNERA PLANGENS (I, the third, will follow with you tolling out the burials).

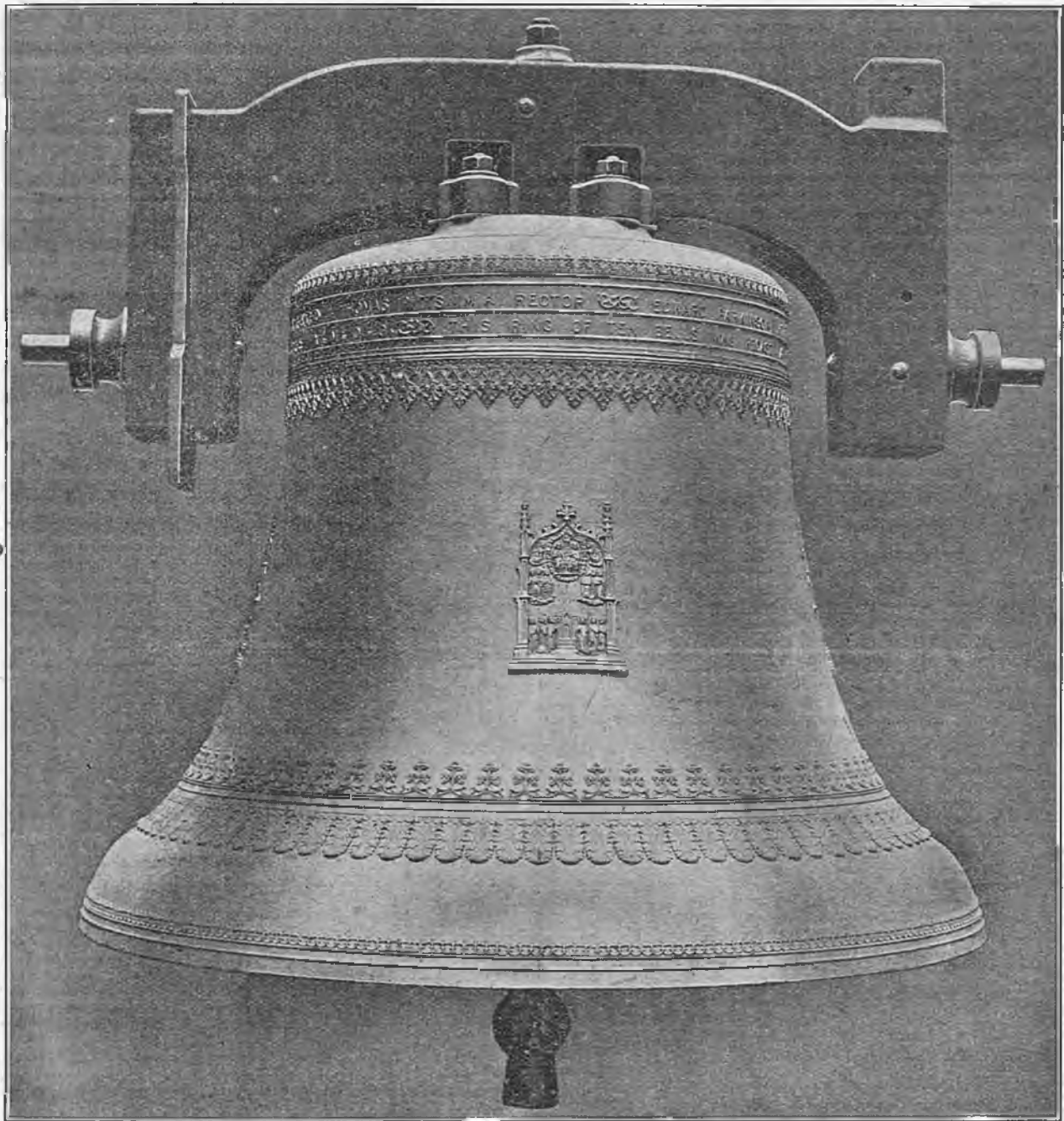
4th.: QVARTAQVE CVM RELIQVIS CELEBRABO GAVDIA REGNI. (And I, the fourth, with the others, will celebrate the joys of the reign).

Tenor: PER KENELMI MERITA SIT NOBIS CÆLICA VITA WG. CW. (By the merits of S. Kenelm grant us the Heavenly life.) S. Kenelm is the Patron Saint of the Church. He was King of Mercia and was murdered on Clent Hills in 821, at the age of 9 years.

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WELCOMING THE BELLS AT CLUN.



The festivities in connection with the return of the Church bells of Clun, Salop, to the parish, described in our last issue, is illustrated above. The upper pictures represent the decorated bells on the lorries at the Parish boundary, and the children in the procession—it was especially a "children's day." The words on the banner, "Pease bee unto Clun," comprised the inscription on one of the old bells. The lower pictures show the bells in the procession, preceded by members of the Parish Council, the clergy and choir, and the ceremony at the Church entrance.

STEDMAN CINQUES.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 215364 homing course in the peal of Stedman Cinques in your issue of July 19th, this course-end may also be brought round by calls at 2, 6s, 13s, 15s, and in several other ways. I produced this general plan in 1873, of which I have documentary evidence, and sent it on to the late Mr. Henry Johnson (1873). However, the variety of calling of these homing courses, of which I have a large number, are merely the operation of a school-boy in comparison to the intricate production of my 60 and 120 course-ends. If the merits of a composition have to rely solely on the homing course, and with nothing else to recommend it, it can only be very commonplace and not worth much.—Yours faithfully,

C. H. HATTERSLEY.

THE EXTENSION OF CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley writes that he has in his possession the correct extension of this method in an old MS. book belonging to his late maternal grandfather, William Booth, and dated 1831. He would be pleased to know if anyone has the extension anterior to this date; if so, perhaps they will give particulars. He also states there is a tablet in the Sheffield belfry recording a 6048 of Cambridge Sur-

prise Major, rung November 5th, 1787, but unfortunately there is no record of the figures. Most likely this peal would be false as evidenced by the fact of the false peal in the Clavis, page 175, published in 1788, which shows that the proof with the tenor parted had not at that early period been correctly investigated.

SALISBURY GUILD MEETING.

The members of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild held a meeting at Hilton on Saturday week, when representatives, to the number of 34, were present from Dorchester, Wyke Regis, Upwey, Buckland Newton, Milton Abbas, Hazelbury Bryan, and the local branch. The bells at both Hilton and Milton Abbey were available, and after attending service in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Caryl), the members were entertained to tea on the Rectory lawn. The Rector was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his kind hospitality and, in responding, expressed the pleasure which he felt in doing anything he could to promote the interests of the Guild in every possible way.—Thanks were also accorded to the ladies for their kind help.—The Rector presided over the short business meeting which followed, in the absence of the chairman of the district. The next meeting was fixed for Upwey. The ringing done during the day included touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles.

SHOREDITCH AND ITS BELLS.

A BOOK WHICH RINGERS SHOULD BUY.

Shoreditch Church is full of interesting associations for ringers, and the story of the church and the history of its famous bells, as told in the book which has been written by Mr. H. J. Bradley, the steeple-keeper, is one which every ringer should read. The history is as authentic as painstaking research can make it, and apart from the interest of the subject itself, there is the further incentive to ringers to place themselves in possession of a copy by reason of the fact that the profits on the sales are being devoted to the bell restoration fund. In ancient days the history of a church was largely the history of a parish, and, in the case of Shoreditch, in tracing the one Mr. Bradley has incidentally given us largely the other.

Going deep into the past the author traces the origin of the name, and brings to light the fact that the ecclesiastical foundation of the parish goes back to the early Christian kings. All the churches that have stood on the site have been dedicated to St. Leonard, and the volume contains some extremely interesting pictures of the earlier buildings. As long ago as the reign of Elizabeth, we learn, the church had five bells, but the building was allowed to get into such a state of decay that it practically collapsed in the year 1716. Under an Act of Parliament the present stately building rose upon the site of the ancient fabric. In great detail the many interesting features of the building and the relics which it contains are described, and the history of the bells and the many famous performances upon them will especially appeal to ringers. Many of the records, indeed, are very curious.

A QUAIN RECORD.

For instance, from "Remarks on a Rambling Club of Ringers," in the Guildhall Library, Mr. Bradley quotes some quaint verses:

At our last meeting it was agreed
For Shoreditch next for to proceed,
And there accordingly we came
And rung these peals which I shall name.

We rung four different six scores,
And cow'd have rung out many more.
Grandsire went first, old Doubles next,
Simons and new Doubles were the rest.
The peal of bells are not extra oratory
For some are very oratory.
They'd be much better if they had
A good second and third, for those are bad;
The other three are not bad bells
For pretty well they toll'd their tales.

A further account of the ringing upon this occasion is found in the following:

"Grandsire, old Doubles, Simons and new Doubles at Saint Leonard, Shoreditch, on Thursday, the 14th February, 1733. The first two by Jeremiah Gilbert, Treble William Nash 2. Nathaniel Rippin 3, William Laughton 4, George Corbory, tenor. The last two by James Benson treble, William Nash 2, Nathaniel Rippin 3, Tobias Marshall 4, George Corbory tenor. We met at the Black Spread Eagle, near the Church."

These were the fine bells, with a tenor reputed to be 18 cwt., which Queen Elizabeth heard more than a century and a quarter before.

The history of the bells which are known to the present generation shows how the peal was built up, and the means by which they were obtained. There were first of all a peal of eight, cast by Thomas Lester, and the first rung on October 11th, 1739. In 1765 two more were added by the Whitechapel Foundry, and in 1807 the Royal Cumberland Youths added two trebles to complete the twelve. The facts concerning this gift record that it was necessary to collect two lots of money for the purpose, for the treasurer absconded with the first subscriptions.

BURYING PLACE OF FAMOUS RINGERS.

The historic connection between the Duke of Cumberland and the society now bearing that name, which tradition says originated at Shoreditch Church, of course finds a place in the book, which also contains accounts of the peals rung on the bells, including the rivalry for the Treble Ten record between the College Youths and Cumberlands 139 years ago. It is interesting to note that that famous old ringer, George Gross, who called the 12,000 record as well as other performances in London and in the country, is buried at Shoreditch. He died on May 3rd, 1803, and was buried on May 8th. Another celebrated old ringer buried at the church was a Mr. Patrick. Mr. Bradley quotes the following from the "Sporting Magazine" of 1796.

"Sunday afternoon, June 24th, was interred in the churchyard of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the remains of Mr. Patrick, the celebrated composer of church bell music and senior of the Society of Cumberland Youths. His productions of Peal Double and Treble Bob Royal are standing monuments to his unparalleled abilities. The procession was singular and solemn, the corpse being followed by all the ringing societies in the Metropolis and its environs, each sounding handbells with muffled clappers, accompanied by those of the Church ringing a dead peal, which produced a most solemn effect upon the eyes and ears of an innumerable concourse of spectators. Mr. Patrick was the person who composed the whole peal of Stedman Tripples,

5,040 Changes (till then deemed unpracticable), for the discovery of which the citizens of Norwich advertised a premium of £50, which was paid him about three years since by the Society of St. Peter's, Mancroft, with the highest encomiums on his superlative merit."

Added to the history of bells is a list of the peals rung upon them, which have been compiled chiefly from the peal books of the Cumberland and College Youths, the first being 5,120 Union Bob, rung in 3hrs. 35mins., on Sunday, January 12th, 1746.

To those who like dipping into the story of the past, "The History of Shoreditch Church" is certainly a volume which will commend itself, while to ringers it appeals with special interest. We hope that the bells fund may benefit very extensively from the sales which will be made among the members of the Exercise. It is published by Mr. H. J. Bradley, The Clerk's House, Shoreditch, at the specially reduced price of 2s. 6d. to ringers, and the author is to be congratulated not only upon the highly commendable object for which he has given his labours, but for the admirable way in which he has given the information to the reader. The book bears the impress of enthusiasm and love for his parish church, and a deep knowledge of its interesting history for centuries past.

TARLETON TOWER AND BELLS.

HANDSOME ADDITION TO THE CHURCH.

After a lapse of 26 years since its consecration, the beautiful church of Tarleton, Lancs., has been completed by the addition of a tower and spire, clock, and a peal of bells, erected to the memory of Nina Helen Fletcher, the late wife of the Rector of Chorley, the Ven. Archdeacon Fletcher, after making Tarleton her home for 26 years. The Ven. Archdeacon Fletcher, previous to his taking charge of Chorley, lived at Tarleton 54 years, 33 years of which was spent in the ministry there. The memorial is a most fitting one, and will be a permanent testimony to the memory and affection of Mrs. Fletcher. The spire is built of Darley Dale stone, and rises to a height of 130 feet. The clock is the workmanship of Messrs. Smith and Son, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The clock has four dials, that on the western side being placed on the tower wall inside the church. The clock strikes the hour and chimes the Cambridge quarters upon the church bells.

The bells were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the well-known bell founders, of Loughborough, and the peal has been hung in a specially constructed steel frame with all the most modern fittings. The tenor is 13cwt. 1qr. 4lbs. in F Sharp, and on each bell is a Latin inscription, selected by Archdeacon Fletcher.

Treble.—E viis et sepibus convocemus et compellamus intrare, ut impleatur Domus Domini.

"From the highways and the hedges let us call together, and compel them to come in that the House of the Lord may be filled."

2nd.—Venite exultemus Domino; jubilemus Deo salutari nostro.

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the God of our salvation."

3rd.—Jubilare Deo tota parochia; omnes servite Domino in laetitia.

"O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness."

4th.—Introite portas ejus in confessione atria ejus in hymnis.

"O go your ways into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise."

5th.—Benedicite omnia opera Domini Domino; laudate et superexultate eum in saecula.

"O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; Praise Him, and magnify Him for ever."

6th.—Venite ad me ait Jesus Dominus omnes qui laboratis et onerati estis et ego reficiam vos.

"The Lord Jesus saith, Come unto Me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you."

7th.—Dixit Jesus Ego sum Resurrectio et vita, et omnis qui vivit et credit in me non morietur in aeternum.

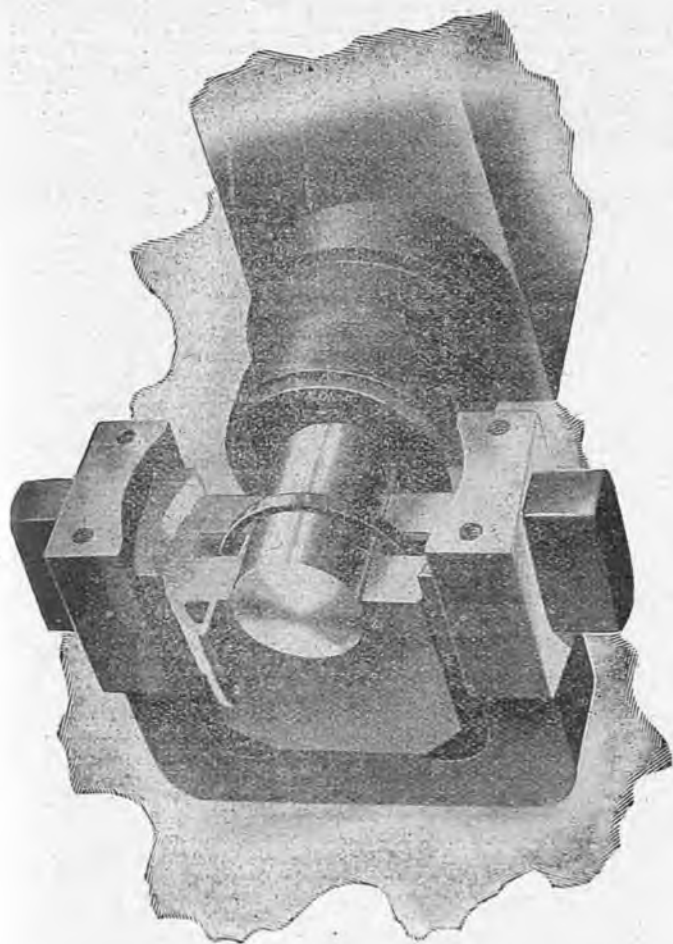
"Jesus saith, I am the Resurrection and the life, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

Tenor.—Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto; sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen."

The total cost is expected to approximate £3,000. The contract for masonry was £1,840, clock and bells about £200, weather vane and lightning conductor about £60. Naturally it is a great satisfaction to the Ven. Archdeacon Fletcher to see the magnificent work completed, having been interested from the first, having collected money for it in 1884. The church was built in 1828, and the present spire was included in the original plans, but a debt on the church and schools caused a delay of 26 years in the completion of the scheme. The spire has been erected to the designs agreed upon at that time with little variation indeed.

There was a large congregation present at the dedication, which was performed by the Bishop of Manchester, and at the completion of the ceremony the bells were chimed by the ringers of Chorley Parish Church. The Bishop afterwards preached an appropriate sermon, the keynote of which was "hope." The collection at the service realised £166. After the service 504 Grandsire Triples and other touches were rung.



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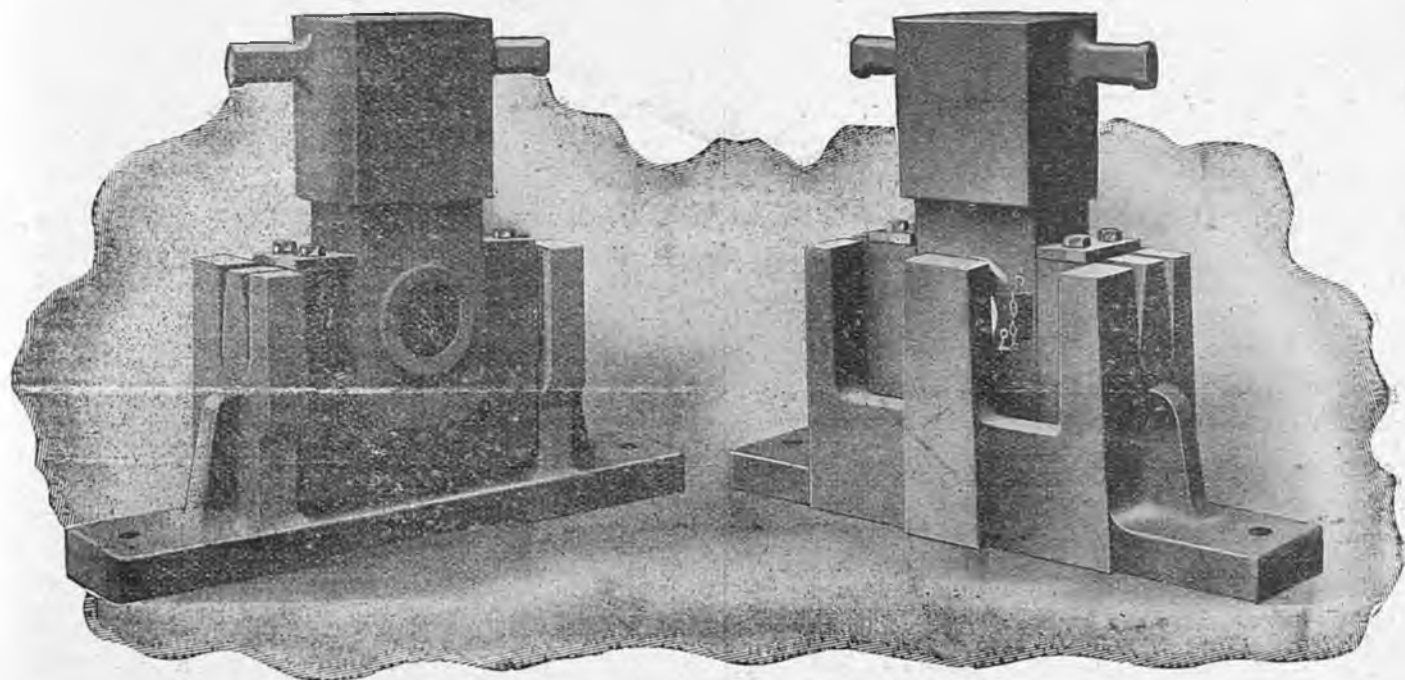
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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

DITCHLING.

For their annual outing the Ditchling, Sussex, ringers spent a day among Surrey towers, being accompanied by Mr. H. Grainger (churchwarden), Mr. Pattenden, Mr. F. Green, Mr. A. Gravett (Brighton), and the senior members of the choir. Reaching Redhill by train, the party drove to Buckland, where, on arrival at the church, they were met by members of the local band, and the bells, a light peal of six, were set going to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, several good touches being brought round. A move was next made for Betchworth Church, which has a nice peal of eight, but owing to illness near by only a short touch was rung, the Vicar expressing regret that a longer ring was not possible. He showed the party over the interior of the church and explained several relics of interest. Dorking was the next objective and was reached after a nice drive through some pretty country. Here the party were met by the Rev. F. C. Norton, Vicar of Ditchling, who had motored up, and the visitors adjourned to the White Horse Hotel, where a substantial dinner was fully enjoyed after the long journey. The Vicar presided, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to him on behalf of the party by Mr. E. Bush (captain of the band). Dinner over, a start was made for Leatherhead with a peal of ten. The party were met by members of the local company, who joined them in ringing several touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. The visitors next proceeded to Ashted, where several touches were brought round on the nice peal of eight, and this concluded the ringing for the day. The return journey to Redhill was made via Walton-on-the-Hill and a heavy thunderstorm was encountered on the way, but the outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The band take the opportunity, through the medium of "The Ringing World," of thanking the clergy for kindly granting the use of the bells and all those who met them and contributed towards such a splendid day.

BUSHEY SOCIETY.

Delightful weather again favoured the annual outing of the Bushey ringers, who visited Redbourn, Dunstable, Luton and Harpenden. Starting at 8 a.m., a pleasant brake drive through Watford and St. Albans brought them to Redbourn. The church, situated on the edge of a delightful common about half a mile from the village, was built chiefly in the 13th century, but the north aisle is Norman. There is also a beautiful double canopied oak rood screen, probably the finest in the county. The tower and porches have recently been restored at a cost of £900, but unfortunately the scheme did not include the rehousing of the bells, which "went like houses," besides being out of tune. The visitors, however, managed to ring 120 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, but it is to be hoped that the bellfounder will be called in at no distant date. Leaving Redbourn, the next stop was at Dunstable, where, after dinner, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major were rung on the melodious and easy running peal at the Priory Church. The church consists of part of the nave and west front of the Priory of Black Canons, founded there in 1131, the remainder of this magnificent structure having been pulled down after the suppression of the Monasteries in 1534. A pleasant drive of five miles brought the band to Luton, where the church tower is somewhat conspicuous, being built in chequer work of stone and flint. The font is unique, as it is enclosed in a "baptistarium" consisting of a hexagonal canopy of stone of the decorated period about 20 feet high and ten feet in diameter, stated to have been presented to the church by the ill-fated Ann Boleyn. The tower contains a handy peal of eight, with a tenor of about 17 cwt. and touches of Bristol Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. After tea a move was made to Harpenden with its breezy common. The church, dedicated to St. Nicholas, has been rebuilt, but the old tower, erected in 1470, has been retained and contains a light octave with rather a long draught of rope. However, well struck touches of Double Norwich and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round. After a social half-hour with the local men a move was made for home, which was reached about 10 p.m., all agreeing that a very happy day had been spent.

SOMERSET RINGERS TOUR IN DEVONSHIRE.

On Saturday week the ringers of St. James's Church, Taunton, had their annual outing, when they enjoyed a motor tour in Devon. Accompanied by the Rev. T. S. Dawson and a few friends, the party, which numbered 18, left Taunton at 8 a.m. in two cars. After a run of 18 miles, in the course of which the Blackdown hills with their glorious scenery, which was much enjoyed, were crossed, Honiton was reached. During the short stay here the old church, which was burnt down about three years ago, was visited, and on the ring of six bells, with a tenor of about a ton, a six-score of Grandsire Doubles and a touch of Minor were brought round. The next stopping place was Ottery St. Mary, six miles away, with its beautiful parish church

with its two towers. The church was greatly admired for its beauty, especially the Dorset Aisle, with its grand groined roof. The old clock, dating from about 1340, and which was restored in 1907, was much admired on account of its antiquity. The visitors were told that in pre-Reformation days the two towers contained a ring of bells each, the North tower a ring of four, and the South a ring of five. This is somewhat confirmed, as the four rope holes in the ceiling of the North tower can still be seen. There is only one of these old bells now remaining, which is one of the ring of eight (tenor about 18½ cwt.) hanging in the South tower. They are in good going order, and are rung from the church floor. The lower portions of the towers form the North and South Transepts, and the church is stated to be the only one in England possessing this peculiarity. The adornments of this church are too numerous to describe in these columns, and to be thoroughly enjoyed and understood require a personal visit. The bells were raised in peal, and several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round. Afterwards the party set off for Sidmouth, a distance of about six miles, where the tower of the parish church was visited, and a touch or two of Stedman and Grandsire Triples tapped off. The ringing here was cut rather short on account of serious illness near the church. Lunch was partaken of at the Royal London Hotel. A short toast list was gone through, and good wishes were offered to one of the party who was celebrating his birthday. Subsequently some of the visitors had a dip in the "briny," and others lounged on the beach until it was time to depart for Collumpton, 19 miles distant. At Collumpton, some of the local ringers were awaiting the arrival of the party, and conducted them to the fine tower of the beautiful parish church, in which hangs a good ring of eight, with a tenor of about 24 cwt. A few touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were struck off, but owing to the bad "go" of the tenor, the idea of ringing Major had to be abandoned. A run of eight miles brought the excursionists to Tiverton. The bells of St. Peter's Church were up in readiness for them after tea, and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. After a very short stay, the homeward journey of about 21 miles was begun, and Taunton was safely reached at 10.30 p.m., after a thoroughly enjoyable day's outing. Through the columns of the "Ringing World," the ringers wish to convey their most grateful thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of their bells, the vergers, ringers and all those who in any way assisted in making the day such a splendid success.

WALKING TOUR IN THAMES VALLEY.

This year the upper reaches of the Thames were selected for the annual outing of the St. George-the-Martyr's Society, Southwark. The party left Paddington on a recent Friday evening, for Reading, where they duly arrived, only to be informed that they could not ring at Tilehurst as arranged that evening, on account of illness. The Rector of St. Lawrence (a ten-bell tower) was immediately interviewed, and most readily gave permission for the use of the bells of his church. The party was augmented by the Rev. C. Jenkyn, Messrs. R. T. Hibbert and C. Giles, and touches of Stedman Triples and Caters, Cambridge Surprise Major and Treble Bob Royal were rung. Adjourning to the headquarters for the night, the Duke's Head, Broad Street, touches on the handbells were rung. A peal was attempted at St. Peter's, Caversham, soon after breakfast on Saturday morning, and was successfully rung as already recorded. Lunch and a three miles' walk to Sonning followed, and some touches on the grand ring of eight at this pretty riverside village were brought round, and then the party went on to Shipplake, where, despite the rumour that had reached them a long draught, and indifferent "go." They found the bells went very well. After tea at friend Owen Porter's at the Plough Inn, they tramped the next three miles to Henley-on-Thames, where several of the locals were waiting for the party, and the bells were raised and touches rung. This finished the ringing for the day, five different towers having been visited, and everything attempted successfully rung, including a peal. It was worthy of note that all the bells went very well, and all were pealable. After an hour's rest at Henley, the party set out about 9 p.m. for a final seven miles' walk via Medmenham to Great Marlow, and reached the Two Browsers, where Host J. C. Truss presides, about 11 p.m. On Sunday they took part in the ringing for morning and evening service, and reached Paddington soon after 10 p.m., after having had a splendid time in the beautiful valley of the Thames. The thanks of the visitors are due to all those kind friends, too numerous to mention individually, who made the arrangements, and met the party at the different churches.

LEWES GUILD'S DRIVE.

The members of the Southover, Lewes, Guild had an extremely pleasant excursion on the occasion of their annual outing, when a numerous party proceeded by brake to Rodmell, Seaford and Abris-ton. At the first-named place touches were rung on the six bells of the church, which possesses a splendid Norman chancel arch in a wonderful state of preservation. There is also a black letter Bible printed in 1613, which was used for many years in the service of the church, and contains names of the Rectors and churchwardens since 1502. The Rector (the Rev. J. B. Hawkesford) gave the party a hearty welcome, and a cordial invitation to come again, and, if possible, ring a

peal. The next stopping place was Seaford, where Messrs. R. J. Dawe (captain of the Seaford band) and Mr. J. Thornton Rickman joined their Lewes brethren, who were welcomed by the Rev. C. B. Prior (curate). After about an hour spent in Seaford, where short touches in various methods were rung on the eight bells, a move was made to Alfriston, which was reached about six o'clock. Here a welcome high tea was provided by Hostess Turrell at the Market Cross House. Mr. J. R. Lusted (churchwarden and vice-president) took the chair. Before proceeding to the church, Mr. Glandfield (another vice-president), in a short speech, alluded with regret to the absence of the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Windle), and said they were pleased to have their old friend (Mr. Lusted) with them again on that happy occasion, while their new hon. secretary (Mr. C. Errey) had proved, in organising the expedition, that he was a worthy successor to Mr. E. J. Pannett.—Mr. Lusted, Mr. C. Errey and Mr. F. S. Sturt made some happy little speeches in acknowledgment, and then the church was visited, and some good practice had on the six bells. Mr. H. Wood, one of the sidesmen and captain of the Alfriston band, was present on behalf of the Rector and churchwardens, and gave valuable and interesting information in connection with the church. This completed the programme, and a start was made for home at eight o'clock, Lewes being reached shortly before ten, after one of the most enjoyable and successful trips on record.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

The annual outing of the Guildford District was held at Ranmore, Dorking, on Bank Holiday. There was a good attendance and the day proved fine. The bells were going early in the afternoon and a touch of Grandsire Triples was conducted by Mr. James Shepherd. Touches of Bob Major and Stedman followed. Then the party visited beautiful grounds of Denbies, by permission of the Hon. Henry Cubitt and were delighted with the magnificent view seen from the terrace in front of the house. When we returned to the tower, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (who for 20 years had promised himself a visit to Ranmore) was present, and touches of Bob Major, Kent Major, Stedman and Superlative were brought round. At the service which followed a very interesting address was given by the Rev. H. Roberts, the incumbent. A party of 37 afterwards sat down to tea on the common in Robin Hood style, and a young flower of the forest, aged about six years, beat an excellent tattoo on a tambourine. The bells were again brought into use after tea, an excellent touch of Stedman being rung, conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and four visitors from London taking part, including Messrs. Hardy and Langdon. Good striking, for such meetings, seemed to be the order. At eight o'clock the company parted, having enjoyed a truly delightful day.

DEDICATION OF FYLINGDALES BELLS.

On Tuesday week the forty-fourth anniversary of the consecration of St. Stephen's Church, Fylingdales (Robin Hood's Bay), the customary parish festival was held, but more than general interest was displayed on this occasion owing to the dedication of the new peal of eight bells taking place. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Beverley, and the service was participated in by the Rev. Chancellor Austen (Rector of Whithy), the Rev. R. Jeremy Cooper (the venerable Vicar of Fylingdales), and the Rev. H. J. Gully, curate. His lordship, after consecrating the bells, handed the ropes to the Vicar, committing the bells into the Vicar's custody. A course of Grandsire Triples was then rung, the hymn "Lifted safe with the steeple, now our bells are set on high" being afterwards sung by the choir and a crowded congregation. The Bishop preached an appropriate sermon from Numbers x., 1-10. At the close of the service a fine touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the following visitors:—J. Cotterell (Halifax), William Rock Small (Tipton, Staffs.), J. R. Barton and H. Gibson (Scarborough), T. Metcalfe, J. G. Hall (Middlesbrough), J. Newton (Stockton-on-Tees), and the Rev. W. P. Wright (Vicar of Hemingbrough). Afterwards various touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Gandairs and Stedman Triples were brought round.

The bells have been recast and tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle, and rehung in a new steel and iron frame, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The ringers present, who hailed from various places, described the peal as a very fine one, and the whole work as being exceptionally well executed, and nothing but praise was heard from parishioners and visitors alike. The weight of the tenor is 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 15 lbs., and is in the key of G.

A public tea in the Vicarage ground followed the service. There was a large attendance and the beautiful garden was seen to excellent advantage. Herr Mahler's Hungarian Band played selections during the afternoon, and in the evening dancing was indulged in on the lawn. Tea was dispensed in a large marquee, which was filled seven times, and those who received the Vicar's generous hospitality exceeded one thousand. Many parishioners and church workers assisted at the tables and otherwise helped to make the event a successful one.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TO OUR READERS.—We regret that owing to the continuous pressure upon our space which we have had to meet, many touches intended for our Miscellaneous column have had to be excluded. We need hardly assure our readers that we spare no effort to provide room for these minor performances, but as our pages are not elastic we have reluctantly had to sacrifice many touches which otherwise we should have been only too delighted to print.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. Ashford 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, F. Skevington 4, E. Castle 5, H. Cook 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, June 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. New 1, O. Sippetts (Crawley) 2, W. H. Biggs 3, H. J. Dewey 4, J. Bendle 5, E. Dewey 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Beadle 8.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On July 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Richardson 1, J. Richardson 2, W. Lunn 3, H. Willistord 4, J. Smith 5, R. G. Lewis (conductor) 6. First in the method by all except the conductor.

HESSLE, HULL.—On June 30th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. Dale 1, E. Cutsforth 2, F. Moulson 3, T. Whitfield 4, G. M. Kilby (Willesden) 5, G. F. Williams (conductor) 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 4th, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Coburn 1, R. Coburn 2, W. Hill 3, A. Day 4, D. Dellar 5, H. Day 6, H. Jarman 7, B. Jarman (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8. First quarter by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, at St. John's Church, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Coles 1, S. Wright 2, F. Gilbert 3, F. Dainty 4, T. Vaughan 5, H. Beechey 6, F. T. Cooke (conductor) 7, R. Gamble 8.

COLCHESTER.—On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: F. L. Bumpstead 1, H. T. Fye 2, W. Button 3, R. W. Stannard 4, H. Evers 5, G. Rashbrook 6, W. Chalk (conductor) 7, G. Burch 8. Longest length by the local company.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On July 11th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lane 1, W. Busby 2, C. Jones 3, A. Gomm 4, J. Keyte (conductor) 5, A. Norris 6. Rung in honour of the marriage of F. Widdows and Miss M. Harris, the bridegroom being a most esteemed member of the band at this church.

WEST EALING.—For evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, on Trinity Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Edwards 1, G. Harbour 2, A. E. Bush 3, J. Hunnisett 4, J. Crocker 5, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 6, O. R. Mackman 7, W. Lawrence 8.—On June 13, for the ceremony of laying the foundation stone for the new Church of St. Barnabas, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. A. Trollope.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—At St. Michael's Church, for the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Holmes 1, E. Pipe 2, R. Spaulding 3, G. Baxter 4, R. Goate 5, W. Spaulding 6, H. Ling (conductor) 7, R. Freestone 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, with R. Rush tenor, and conducted by G. Baxter.—504 Grandsire Caters: T. Holmes 1, C. Parnell 2, E. Pipe 3, W. Clark 4, R. Spaulding 5, G. Baxter 6, R. Goate 7, W. Spaulding 8, H. Ling 9, R. Rush 10.—On June 10th, 504 Grandsire Caters.

NORTHILL (BEDS).—On June 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins.: W. Wagstaff 1, C. Rollings 2, S. J. Coleman 3, G. D. Coleman (conductor) 4, E. C. Chasty 5. This is believed to be the longest length rung on the bells.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, June 7th, after evensong at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Bob Royal, in 53 mins.: A. Chapman 1, W. D. Smith 2, G. Grimwade 3, F. Rumens 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, J. C. Adams 6, H. Rumens 7, J. H. Wilkins 8, H. J. Maynard 9, W. B. Manning 10. Longest length in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

BROMLEY.—On June 10th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Gibson 1, A. Newick 2, G. Darling 3, A. James, junr., 4, G. Huxley 5, S. Marshall (conductor) 6, A. James, senr., 7, A. Bygrave 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Douglas Morley Phillips and Miss Daisy Hodgkinson-Patten.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—For special service at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Pincock 1, T. Worsley 2, W. Tebay 3, J. Wilsby 4, H. Moss 5, P. C. P. Crook 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, W. Mort 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. G. Brockhurst 1, G. Luff 2, Harry Tidy 3, T. Attwell 4, Aylwin Charman 5, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 6. First in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6, and first away from the treble by 3rd. Rung at the first attempt.—On June 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: G. Luff 1, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 2, T. Luff 3, W. G. Brockhurst 4, T. Attwell 5, S. Knight (Hoddesdon) 6, H. J. Ellis 7, G. E. Wheatley 8.

WORKSOP.—On June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) Bob Major, in 46 mins.: E. Clark 1, W. Johnson 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh 5, C. E. Peck 6, J. T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew (conductor) 8.—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 47 mins.: E. Clark 1, W. Johnson 2, J. T. Bartram (Misterton) 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh 5, C. E. Peck 6, J. T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew (conductor) 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—At the Parish Church, on June 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., by a local band: S. Treko 1, E. Chivers 2, J. Hambleton 3, F. Speed (conductor) 4, I. B. Hohnyard 5, R. Jones 6, W. Keavill 7, G. Seymour 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On June 16th, the following touches of Stedman Triples was rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Graefe (eldest daughter of the Deputy-Mayor) to Mr. Rankin: 588, 336 and 288. The ringers taking part were: E. Coles, junr., R. Coles, E. Markham, G. White, C. Smith, S. Goodchild, B. Page and J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor). Also 540 Stedman Caters, the longest touch by the ringer of the treble, who is 15 years of age: E. Coles 1, R. Coles 2, F. K. Bigg 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, E. Markham 5, J. Gransbury 6, F. Hayes (conductor) 7, S. T. Goodchild 8, B. Page 9, C. E. Smith 10.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on June 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Cooper (conductor) 1, A. Speller 2, D. H. Newman (longest length) 3, P. Timson 4, A. Asfield 5, H. Allen 6, W. Lincoln 7, R. Warner 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, the occasion of the first visit of the Lord Bishop of St. Albans to Luton as Bishop of Herts and Beds, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 49½ mins.: J. Rookwood 1, W. Payne 2, B. Wilson 3, G. Newson 4, T. Kendall 5, C. Wing 6, H. Walker 7, A. King (conductor) 8.

BENTLEY, SOUTH WEALD.—On June 21st, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sheldon 1, F. Ottley 2, A. Rainbird (conductor) 3, C. Ottley 4, J. Dodson 5. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. Sewell 1, F. Ottley (conductor) 2, W. Sheldon 3, W. Ottley 4, C. Ottley 5. 720 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: G. Sewell 1, C. Sheldon 2, W. Sheldon 3, F. Ottley (conductor) 4, A. Rainbird 5.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On June 21st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Hussey 1, H. Rowlett 2, A. Pratt 3, E. Stratton 4, L. C. Franklin 5, R. Olney 6, C. A. Pratt (conductor) 7, A. Franklin 8.

SANDY (BEDS).—On July 19th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Fox 1, C. Rollings 2, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake 3, S. J. Coleman 4, G. D. Coleman (conductor) 5, E. C. Chasty 6.

FRYERING, ESSEX.—On Whit-Sunday, for 7 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (10½ six-sores called different): F. Camp 1, A. Booty 2, G. Camp (conductor) 3, A. Bradley 4, E. Sitch 5.—On Sunday, July 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (called in five different ways): A. Booty 1, F. Camp 2, W. White 3, W. Green 4, E. Sitch (conductor) 5. W. White bails from Ingatestone, and this was his first quarter-peal.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's Church on June 28th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Bob Major in 43 minutes: George Barrington 1, J. C. Mitchell 2, J. Lee 3, I. J. Attwater 4, C. Lee 5, E. Attwater 6, F. N. Attwater (conductor) 7, L. Attwater 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters for evening service: J. Jones 1, W. Male 2, T. Ambrose 3, A. J. Cartwright 4, T. Male 5, F. Brannington 6, E. Brannington 7, W. Collett 8, E. H. Adams (conductor) 9, G. Lapworth 10.

HYDE.—On July 19th, for evening service at St. George's Church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples: J. Shaw treble, T. Wilde 5th, A. Haughton 2nd, A. Hough 6th, J. Brierley 3rd, B. Thorp (conductor) 7th, W. Slater 4th, J. Howcroft 8th. First quarter peal in the method by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 6th and tenor, and rung after only two previous practices.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On July 12th, for evensong, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Cartwright (first quarter peal) 1, W. Dowle 2, S. Gove (conductor) 3, W. Mumford 4, E. Boylin 5, W. Ball 6, J. Eaton 7, H. Parkes 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, for confirmation service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: M. R. Wanett 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. Cordrey 3, W. W. Fox (conductor) 4, H. Warnett, junr., 5, H. J. Norgate 6, H. Warnett, senr., 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.—For Ascension Day, quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, W. W. Fox 3, T. Taylor 4, E. Blackwell 5, H. J. Norgate 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.—On June 3rd, for the King's Birthday, quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Warnett 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, H. Warnett, junr., 4, W. W. Fox 5, H. J. Norgate 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, G. H. Goodwin 8.—On June 22nd, on the anniversary of the King's Coronation Day, two quarter peals of Grandsire Triples: E. Cordrey 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, T. Taylor 4, H. Walker 5, H. Warnett, junr., 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8, and M. Warnett 1, O. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 4, H. Warnett, junr., 5, H. Norgate 6, W. W. Fox 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

NOTICES.

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

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Sincere apologies to the visitors to the Annual Meeting on August 3rd, when, owing to grave national dangers, there was no ringing on that day.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Secretary, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Moor-side, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. An election of branch president and committeemen will take place at this meeting. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 18th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 11th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 18th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The summer quarterly meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, August 15th (8 bells). Ringing commence about 3. Tea at five o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Kineton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Will those who intend coming please send me word at once. An extra meeting will be held at Stoke Golding (6) on Saturday, August 22nd. Members please communicate with Mr. E. H. Stoneley, Stoke Golding.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, August 15th. Bells open at 4 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 6d. each. It is hoped that members will endeavour to attend.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting in connection with the above will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, August 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 30 cwt.) will be available from 2.30 till 5 p.m., and 5.30 till 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Arthur Hague, Hon. District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—A Commemoration Dinner will be held in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, on Saturday, September 12th, 1914, at The Grand Hotel, Leopold Street, Sheffield, at 6.30 p.m. The Venerable Archdeacon of Sheffield (Rev. H. Gresford Jones) will preside. Tickets for Dinner, 3/6 each to be had from the Secretary. Bells available for ringing during the day until 6 p.m.: the Cathedral (12, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, tenor 41 cwt.); St. Marie (8, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, tenor 25 cwt.); St. John's, Ranmoor (8, by Messrs. J. Barwell, tenor 15 cwt.); All Saints (by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, tenor 15 cwt.). Early application for tickets is desirable and no tickets will be sold after September 7th.—Frank Willey, Secretary, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

RINGERS and visitors to Matlock will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. H. Paulson's, Beech House, Church Street (private house).

SITUATIONS WANTED AND VACANT.

GOOD CHANGE RINGER, 8, 10, 12 bells, seeks situation as general clerk; good references, and sound experience; married. For particulars apply No. 13, c/o The Editor, "The Ringing World," Woking.

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GARDENER, head, with lad under him, wanted at once; change ringer, 8 bells. — Apply, with particulars, Miss E. M. Neilson, The Small House, Conover, near Shrewsbury.

BUILTH WELLS.—Hereford Guild.—On June 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 43 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Miss Thomas, of Slynmadoc and Pencerrig, who passed away on the day previously. She was patron of the living of Builth, the neighbouring Church of Llandowiewm, and several other churches in Wales, and will be greatly missed in Builth and neighbourhood. The bells were also rung half-muffled on the Sunday following for the services: W. A. Sparkes 1, T. J. Dixon 2, W. H. Bicknell 3, F. R. Sparkes 4, R. E. Sparkes (conductor) 5, G. Smith 6.

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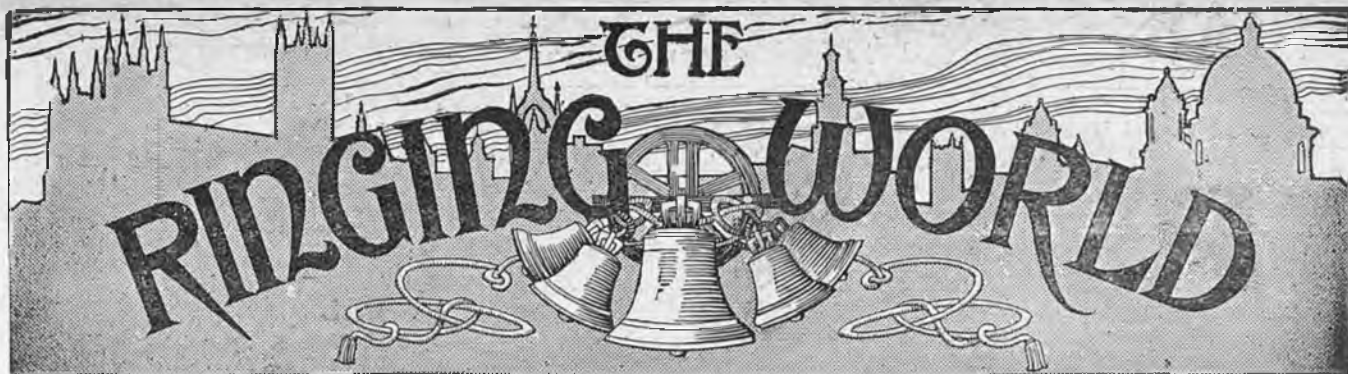


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The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

England and the Empire is at war in the defence of liberty and right. The ultimate effects of this grave crisis upon all classes and upon all phases of life in this country cannot yet be gauged in any degree, but it will for ever stand to the credit of the nation that it has met the first shock of this world-wide calamity with a united front and with that self-sacrificing spirit which throughout history has made the Empire what it is. We are facing the task before us with the knowledge that right is on our side, and we are going into the conflict without any ebullition of a blatant jingo spirit. In the presence of this appalling shadow we, as ringers, must exercise the greatest circumspection in the way in which we use our bells. In the ordinary course much of our peal ringing is done for our own pleasure, but in times like the present it is our duty to think of others first. The public look upon the use of bells as one of the means of reflecting national feeling, whether of rejoicing or sorrow, and we must be careful that we do nothing which is likely to affect the susceptibilities of the people. We in England have as yet scarcely felt the shock of battle. But when, as is bound to happen, unfortunately, this comes, English homes will be torn with grief at the loss of dear ones, and the ringing of bells, except for a set and proper purpose, would be out of place. When, however, victory is given us, as we all devoutly pray that it may be, then will be the time for the bells, with their brazen tongues, to join in spreading the tidings, and to resound in unison with the voices of rejoicing.

Until that day comes there is other work to be done. Every man is not able to bear arms for the nation, but none need be idle in rendering service to his country. Doubtless from among the ranks of ringers many men will be called to join the colours, to bear the brunt of the fight and the sickening horrors of the battlefield. These will leave behind them wives, families, or, perhaps, other dependent relatives. The care of those who are thus cast, more or less, upon the mercy of the world, should be made the object of us all, and where a brother ringer has responded to his country's call it should be the special charge of his colleagues of the belfry to see that his family do not suffer unnecessarily. Concerted measures are being taken, as we know, for the relief of distress arising from the war, and nobly is the country responding to the appeal which the Prince of Wales has made. No effort, we may be sure, will be spared with this national fund to meet the demands made upon it, but beyond this assistance there is a help that may be given which this source cannot supply. There is the help of personal sympathy

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and kindness, and these we can all give, as well as rendering assistance by those many little acts of service which can be unostentatiously performed for the benefit of those who will undoubtedly be in need of them—and these will, it is only too sad to think, include many whom the war will indirectly hit by loss of employment. Help will, indeed, be required in many directions, and let us, who boast of the fraternity of the Exercise, see to it that the families of our brother ringers do not suffer if we can do anything to avoid it.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	WILLIE THOMAS 5
WALTER KNOTT 2	ARTHUR HUDSON 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
ALBERT NORTH 4	JOHN F. CLAYTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN F. CLAYTON.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to A. Hudson, who afterwards entertained the band to a substantial repast, for which they take this opportunity of thanking him. It was also J. Broadley's 30th peal on the bells.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 33 cwt.

*ARTHUR SILVESTER Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT 6
HARRY JONES 3	ERNEST CHANELL 7
WILLIAM SCONCE 4	THOMAS ROWLAND Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., the esteemed Master of the Guild for 27 years.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOX Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
ERNEST TIGWELL 3	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	HARRY WARNETT Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5
FRED WILFORD 2	WILLIAM R. HENSHER 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
JAMES GARRATT 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
*THOMAS W. YORK 2	FREDERICK KILBURN ... 6
*ALBERT E. YORK 3	†HARRY PEET 7
*BEN W. YORK 4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JAMES J. MAWBY Treble	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT ... 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 2	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT ... 6
*MATTHIAS HOBBS 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
†JAMES J. MAWBY 4	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by W. PERKINS.

* First attempt for peal in the method. † 100th peal.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY REDDICK Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	WILLIAM COOK 6
ALFRED L. BROWN 3	GEORGE A. COOK 7
JOHN WYATT 4	DAVID ANSCOMB ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Pantia Ralli, of Ashtead Park; also as a birthday compliment to Wm. Cook.

SOBERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LINTERN Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 5
GEORGE CHAPPELL 2	ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 6
*WILLIAM ELKINS 3	*WILLIAM J. RYVES ... 7
†GEORGE FULLER 4	ERNEST NEWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. Mr. Fuller hails from Lamberhurst, Kent, and was on a visit to Aldershot. The remainder of the band tender their heartiest thanks to him for standing in the peal at the last moment, owing to Corporal Gilbert being unable to obtain leave.

HURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs.

JOHN A. RANCE Treble	WILLIAM T. HORNE ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	HARRY BUNGAY 6
RICHARD BUCKLAND 3	CHARLES GILES 7
WALTER A. WEBB 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and
Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

The performance was "timed" and permit to attempt it, kindly given by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Broome, M.A.), for 23 years hon. secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Guild.

SONNING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WILLIAM T. HORNE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
HARRY BUNGAY 2	JOHN A. RANCE 6
CHARLES GILES 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 7
WALTER A. WEBB 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

The band thank the Vicar for so kindly allowing the attempt at short notice. An effort was made to stop the ringing during the last two courses upon a false rumour that "war was declared" by Great Britain.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... Treble	SIDNEY PALMER 5
JAMES L. WELLS 2	HENRY W. L. WELLS ... 6
*DENNIS W. JACKSON 3	SYDNEY HILLIER 7
JAMES L. WELLS 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ALBERT E. NEWICK Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	*SPENCER MARSHALL ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE DURLING 7
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 4	HARRY WARNETT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method, and the 200th peal by Mr. Emery and Mr. Nevard.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
ARTHUR BURGESS 3	JOSEPH NORBURY 7
WILLIAM WALMSLEY 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

The peal proved the excellence of the work of rehanging which has just been executed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

FERRISS SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
ERNEST PYE 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	*WILLIAM SHEPHERD 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell.

OSWALDTWISTLE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Immanuel.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH Treble	*EMMANUEL DUTESON 5
JAMES SHAW 2	WILLIAM RILEY 6
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE 4	WILLIAM WHEWELL Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. The ringers belong to Oswaldtwistle, with the exception of the ringers of 5th and 7th, who hail from Blackburn.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Neasden, Killamarsh, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Islington, London Scholars' and Kingston. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	WILFRED WILDE 4
ALBERT E. MARSHALL 2	REV. A. T. BEESTON 5
JAMES POLLITT 3	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM Tenor

Conducted by J. FERNLEY.

Rung half-muffled, on the eve of the Patronal Festival, as a last tribute of respect and affection for the late Ven. Archdeacon Barber, Master of the Guild.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

JOHN BALL Treble	WILLIAM J. GILBERT 4
WILLIAM HAYO 2	THOMAS JERVIS 5
LEONARD WYMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. James Hudson, one of the Woodford band, to Miss Bessie Abbott, of Geddington, which took place on the above date at Geddington Parish Church.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOHN W. COOK Treble	JOHN B. HALLIFAX 4
HARRY THORPE 2	THOMAS SQUIRES 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

First peal. This peal was arranged for Mr. J. B. Hallifax, who was on a visit to the Rev. C. J. Sturton, at Orston.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
ALFRED F. MARTIN 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
HORACE SMITH 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
ALFRED F. MARTIN 2	HORACE SMITH 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with 10 different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 3
*WALTER PERKINS 2	*WILLIAM R. HENSHER 4

*ARTHUR SMEATERS Tenor

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman Doubles on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. J. NAUNTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ERNEST W. HALL Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 5
JOHN SPENCER 3	WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 7-8	

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Umpire: GEORGE BERTRAM.

* First peal on eight bells. This composition has only the 5th and 6th in 6th's place at course ends.

SURFLEET, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes.

IN MR. RICHARDSON'S BULB SHED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CLEMENT GLENN 1-2	ARTHUR HAGUE 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	*MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire, WALTER AYRE.

* First handbell peal in the method. First handbell peal of Stedman by the Guild and in the County.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

R. GAMBLE 1	W. CROSS 5
V. BUTLER... .. 2	F. T. COOKE 6
T. VAUGHAN 3	H. BEECHY 7
F. DAINTY... .. 4	F. GILBERT... .. 8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by F. GILBERT.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SURREY RINGERS IN DEVON.

The annual outing of the Hersham (Surrey) band took place on the first three days of this month, when a visit was paid to Devonshire. This was a new departure. Hitherto the ringers have joined the choir, but on this occasion they fixed up their own arrangements, although those who were unable to visit Devonshire had still the option of joining in the excursion of the rest of their fellow church workers to Bournemouth and Swanage. Out of the twelve ringers, seven undertook the long trip, reaching Exeter on the Saturday, and spending the morning in sightseeing. Later in the day Exmouth was visited, a peal attempt at Withycombe being fixed for the evening. To the regret of all, however, it was found that Mr. E. Shepherd, of Exeter, was unable to stand in at the last moment, and a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung instead, with Mr. Hayman ringing the treble. On Sunday morning the party gathered at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, where Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were rung, while four of the band took part in Stedman Caters. In the evening the beautiful eight at Heavitree were kept going to Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Stedman, some of the local band taking a part in the two latter methods. On Monday morning a peal of Double Norwich was attempted at St. David's, Exeter, but this came to grief after 1 hr. 20 minutes' ringing, owing to a shift course. The rest of the day was spent in and around the city, and when the 6.5 p.m. train started its long journey towards Surrey, the party voted the outing a most enjoyable one. The Hersham ringers desire to express their best thanks to those numerous "brother strings" in "Glorious Devon," who did everything to make the visit one that will not be easily forgotten.

A NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CYCLING TOUR.

On Tuesday of last week, nine members of the Central Northants Association had a most enjoyable day, both from a cyclist's and also a ringer's point of view. Starting from places as far apart as Thrapston and Cold Higham (near Towcester), Bulwick was made the meeting-place, and was reached before 9.0 a.m., the bells there being set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. At Great Welldon the party found a ring of six in good going order, though rather noisy, but touches of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob were rung. At Wilbarston, St. Simon's and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, and at Dingley, on another five in good order St. Simon's and Grandsire Doubles were rung. At this village dinner had been arranged, and was much enjoyed. Brampton Ash was the next place of call, and at this tower Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. Stoke Albany, the home of the Vice-President of the Association, was next on the list. After ringing Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, the party made tracks for East Carlton, where the Rector had very kindly invited them to tea. On arrival they found a well-spread table on the lawn and the Rector there to welcome them. After doing full justice to the good things provided, Mr. Hopper, on behalf of the ringers,

thanked the Rector for his kindness, and the Rector, in reply, expressed his great pleasure at having the visitors with him, as he thought ringers were a valuable asset to the Church, and should be looked after. After a pleasant stroll through the gardens, the party made their way to the church, where they found a nice-toned ring of six, which required very careful handling to strike them properly. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The next stop was Desborough, where there is a beautiful peal after a ringer's own heart, and these bells were soon going to Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, the most enjoyable ringing of the day. Harrington, the last church on the list, was reached just before 8.0 p.m. Here was found a ring of six, with a tenor just over nine cwt., which were rehung only 17 years ago, but which are now in a shocking state of neglect. The visitors struggled through 120 of Bob Minor with the invincible "F. H." on the tenor, but as no one else would undertake to turn her in, the party contented themselves, for the rest, with 120 Grandsire Doubles. After light refreshments came the inevitable parting, but everyone agreed that it had been one of the best ringing tours they had known. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the clergy for giving permission for the use of the various bells, and also the local men for having them ready.

A VISIT TO LEICESTER.

The members of the St. James' Society, Bolton, near Bradford, had their annual week-end excursion over the August holiday, and visited Leicester, where they were met by Mr. Morris, senr., and Mr. C. H. Fowler. The county hotel was made the headquarters for the stay, and after tea the party wended their way to St. Mark's Church, where permission had been obtained for ringing. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob were brought round. On Sunday morning they took train to South Wigston, where they were met by Mr. Fowler, who had cycled over, and some of the local band. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung for morning service. In the afternoon the visitors were shown round the parks of Leicester, a tour which was thoroughly enjoyed, the floral display surpassing anything they had ever seen. In the evening arrangements had been made for a ring at St. Martin's, where they were met by the local ringers, amongst whom were Messrs. S. Cotton, Geo. Cleal and others, various methods being rung for divine service. On Monday morning a visit was paid to Belgrave Church, a very ancient pile, where the bells run the reverse way round. Touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were indulged in, and the Rector kindly showed the party round his delightful grounds, a treat that was much appreciated. The company wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World" to thank the various vicars and churchwardens for the use of their bells, and also the ringers who put themselves to no little trouble to make the visit a success.

STOWMARKET RINGERS' TRIP.

A very pleasant day was enjoyed by the Stowmarket company on the occasion of their annual outing, when, travelling by brake, they visited a number of towers. The company numbered 12, and were met on the way by Mr. H. English, of Coddensham. The first call was at Earl Soham, which had not been put into the original programme, but, through the good offices of Mr. W. G. Crikmer, permission to ring on the bells was readily granted when application was made, and 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. At Framlingham, which was the first scheduled stopping place, the visitors were met by Messrs. J. E. Symonds and H. Smith, while the Vicar (the Rev. Pilkington) was early on the scene, and showed the party round the church, explaining to them the many interesting features and relics which it contains. A few touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Treble Bob were then rung, and then dinner was partaken of at the Crown Hotel, Host Pullan serving a capital repast. Afterwards the journey was continued to Worlingworth, where the visitors were met by Mr. D. Collins, one of the famous Debenham long peal band, who had everything ready at the church. Some touches were rung, and Debenham was reached in time for tea. Permission to ring had been obtained by Mr. W. Grimes, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Treble Bob were brought round. A move was then made for home, which was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. Through "The Ringing World," the company wish to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells, and all those who in any way assisted in making the outing such a distinct success.

LONDON.—On June 28th, for evening service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples: A. L. Gibbons 1, F. V. Martin 2, C. H. Hughes 3, C. H. Horton 4, W. Ayres (late of Great Marlow, Bucks) 5, T. Walker 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, W. J. Nelder, junr., 8.—On July 5th, for evening service at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. L. Gibbons 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, F. A. Smith 3, F. V. Martin 4, C. H. Hughes 5, R. N. Runham 6, P. N. Attwater 7, F. J. Hardy 8, F. J. Hardy 8.

A RINGERS' FESTIVAL WITHOUT BELLS.

CHESTER GUILD AND THE WAR CRISIS.

THE DEATH OF ARCHDEACON BARBER.

The Chester Diocesan Guild met under the shadow of a heavy loss when members from towers throughout the county assembled at Wallasey on Bank Holiday for the annual festival. Death had removed the beloved Master (Archdeacon Barber, of Chester), who, although not a ringer, was the founder of the Guild, and, since its inauguration 27 years ago, had assisted in its progress and watched its growth with paternal interest. In addition to this loss, which, naturally, is greatly deplored by the members, the meeting also took place in the midst of a grave national crisis, and in view of the anxiety and tension prevailing it was unanimously decided not to utilise the bells which had been kindly placed at the disposal of members at Liscard, St. Hilary's, and St. Nicholas's, Wallasey, and Bidston. The question as to whether ringing should take place was laid before the Guild by the Rev. A. S. Roscamp, Vicar of St. Nicholas's, Wallasey, who pointed out that the bell ringers had always been looked upon as heralds. The bells in the old days were somewhat of an equivalent to the modern newspaper; they sent out news to the people. In a time of such grave crisis as the present they should be especially careful that the belfries were used only on the proper occasions. All thoughts were turned now to the heavy troubles that lay over Europe; that afternoon the position of England was to be declared in the House of Commons—it was a momentous time. He suggested that they should consider very carefully whether they would be doing right that day in ringing the bells at all. If the bells rang out, naturally the public would inquire as to the meaning. They might associate the bells with the existing situation—with the decision taken by the House of Commons as to the course Britain was to pursue—and there was a very serious danger of the public being misled. If the towers were used that afternoon it might seem that they were signalling their approval to one side or the other. Bell ringers stood now in a position of greater importance than they had occupied in modern history. The people looked to them to know when to rejoice and when to weep. The ringers had now an opportunity of making some little sacrifice for their country, and showing that in times of serious anxiety they could put aside their own pleasure.

This appeal was heartily endorsed by the Rev. A. E. Simpson (Vicar of St. Mary's, Liscard), who said that personally he should feel very uncomfortable if St. Mary's bells were rung. People were awaiting news in a state of severe tension, and it might lead to grave misunderstanding if the bells were heard ringing all over the district.

Mr. H. Hatt-Cook said the ringers had the chance now of showing that they were patriots as well as Churchmen.

The Guild decided unanimously that no ringing should take place.

THE INFLUENCE AND EXAMPLE OF THE LATE MASTER.

The service in the morning at St. Mary's Church partook largely of the nature of a memorial service for the late Master, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild), found the subject of his address in the character and example of the dead Master. The Rev. A. E. Simpson (chairman of the Wirral Branch of the Guild) and Vicar of St. Mary's conducted the service.

The Bishop of Chester was unable to attend the festival, but forwarded a message to the Guild in which he referred to the death of its Master. "The loss is heavy indeed," he wrote, "but the inspired memory of his influence and example remain with you."

The Rev. A. T. Beeston paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the late Archdeacon. For 27 years, he said, the Guild had run its course under the fatherly, sympathetic, helpful and tactful sway of one Master, whose death burdened them with a heavy sense of loss. His work for the Guild had been great—in its length, in the manner in which it had been conducted, and in its results—and in his relationship to it were revealed faith, faithfulness, kindly care, sympathy and goodwill. Their late Master knew nothing of change ringing, and for him to conceive the idea—from the inspiration of the words of a conspicuous exponent of the art, the Rev. Francis Edward Robinson, late Vicar of Drayton—of establishing a

Guild and to determine to embody it, was indeed a venture of faith. He looked upon the Guild as his child, and everyone would testify that for 27 years he acted as a true father. Already there has been mention of a memorial to their first and only Master, and with the suggestion he heartily agreed. But there could be no memorial more appropriate than that the Guild should be truly great, in the same sense as they attributed greatness to their late Master. Such a memorial was possible for them all. It was beyond physical possibility for man to cover the whole sphere of bell ringing. Any who were enthusiastic would be inspired by the great prospect before them, and to make steps in progress would certainly mean to step in faith. There was thus scope for faith in connection with belfry routine, as there was scope for faithfulness—they could be faithful to the Church whose ministers and servants they were for kindly care, sympathy and goodwill. Individually and as a Guild they had the opportunity for the cultivation of those qualities and of that disposition which distinguished their late Master. This was the memorial he would prize most.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At the business meeting which followed in the Parish Hall, Mr. H. A. Heywood, of Christleton (vice-chairman of the Chester branch), presided.

The Guild placed on record its keen appreciation of the services rendered to it by its late Master and its sense of the loss it suffered by his death.

The resolution to this effect was moved by the Chairman, who remarked that Archdeacon Barber had left them a wonderful example of patience and activity under physical infirmity.

Mr. H. Hatt-Cook (Chairman of the Northwich branch), who seconded, also paid a warm tribute to the founder's memory.

The death of Mr. R. T. Holding, of Crewe, and his work for the Guild during the twenty-five years of his membership were also the subject of a resolution.

It was decided to defer the election of Master of the Guild. The Rev. A. T. Beeston was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and the following elections to the committee were made: Hon. members: The Revs. F. C. L. Hamilton, H. L. Mallory and G. B. Thurston; Messrs. H. Hatt-Cook, C. J. Bowen Cooke and H. A. Heywood; ringing members: J. Fernley (Bowdon and Stockport), W. Seance (Chester), R. Langford (Crewe), E. H. Lewis (Grappenhall), J. Norbury (Macclesfield), J. Ashmole (Northwich), and T. Murray (Liscard). Messrs. R. Sperring (Chester) and J. Ashmole were appointed representatives on the Central Council, together with the Secretary.

It was decided that the festival next year should be held at Frodsham on July 24th.

Thanks were accorded the Chairman, the Secretary, the Vicar and wardens of St. Mary's, and the local ringers, among whom was specially named Mr. E. W. Dutton, who was chiefly responsible for the arrangements in connection with the Guild's visit.

When the business had been disposed of, dinner was served to a company of about one hundred in the Masonic Hall, the catering being in the excellent hands of Mr. T. Pagon Clugston. After the meal, the gathering, over which the Rev. A. E. Simpson presided, honoured the toast of "Church and State." This was proposed by Mr. Hatt-Cook, who remarked that the critical state of national affairs made a special call upon their loyalty both to the Church and to the State. They had shown their patriotism and their sense of the gravity of the country's situation that morning in agreeing that no ringing should take place during the festival.

Afterwards, instead of visiting the belfries, the ringers spent the afternoon at New Brighton Tower.

DOUBLE CENTURIES.

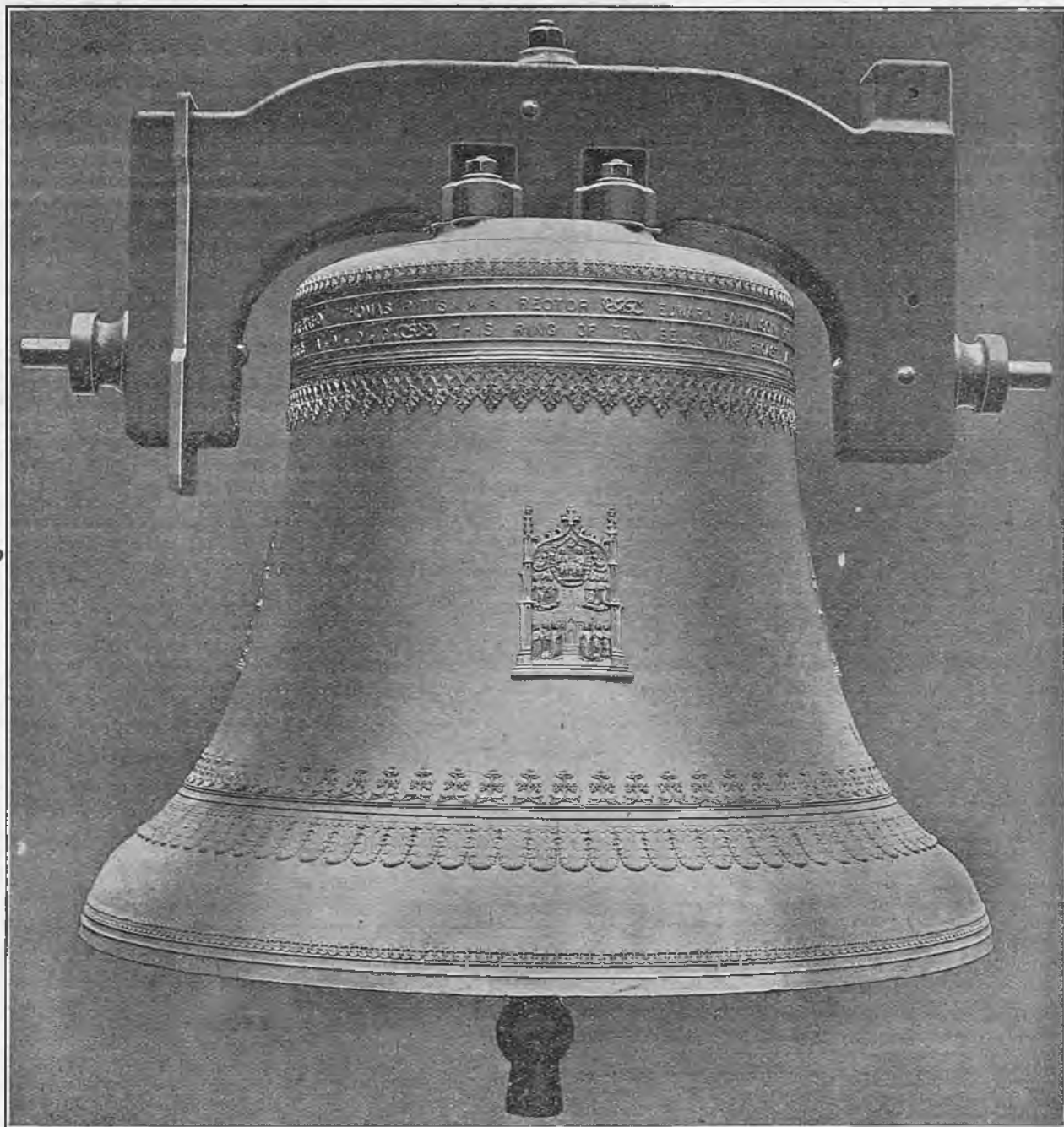
MR. I. EMERY'S 200 PEALS.

In three Minor methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 34 (conducted 5); Grandsire Caters, 1; Union Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 28 (conducted 5); Stedman Caters, 5; Bob Major, 16 (conductor 3); Little Bob Major, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Treble Bob Major, 15; Treble Bob Royal, 2; Forward Royal, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 28; Real Double Norwich Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 20; Cambridge Surprise Major, 25; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Norfolk Surprise Major, 2; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 4; Bristol Surprise Major, 4; London Surprise Major, 4; total, 200; conducted, 13.

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There is a great deal of interest in the above picture, which illustrates the second church which stood on the site of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. It must have been centuries old, and although it is impossible to trace its foundation, we learn from Mr. H. J. Bradley's book on "The History of Shoreditch Church," to which we referred last week, that it is mentioned in the records of 1160, when Walter de Wittenor was presented to the living by Henry II. The building was a neat structure of flint and rubble. It had four aisles roofed under three gables and a tower at the west end. Churches so constructed were rare at that period. In 1708 the building was 75ft. long, 66ft. broad, and the steeple about 70ft. high. Over the gate of the

churchyard was set up the music of the 100 Psalm, and, above it, a skeleton lay full length with hour glass and skull either side over it. The church possessed a number of richly-painted windows, and one, depicting "The Last Supper," was, in or about 1642, taken down and buried in tarred boxes by the Vicar (John Squier), because at that time the Puritans were destroying windows and pictures that appeared to them to tend towards Romish doctrine that practice. The tower contained five bells, and were said to have been praised by Queen Elizabeth. The grand old building was allowed gradually to fall into decay, and finally collapsed in 1716. It was succeeded by the handsome church which now stands upon the site.

HERE AND THERE.

WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. James Hudson, one of the ringers at Woodford, Northants, and Miss Bessie Abbott, of Geddington, who were married on August Bank Holiday, a peal was rung at Woodford. Afterwards the ringers and the local band were entertained to dinner at the Duke's Arms Inn by Mr. Hudson, and the health of the bride and bridegroom was heartily drunk.

MEMORIAL PEAL TABLET TO THE LATE MR. SAMUEL REEVES.

Acknowledged with many thanks. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bt., £1 1s.; Miss M. F. Sampson, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. C. Hunt, 2s. 6d. Subscriptions should be sent to the Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

CONGRATULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

Mr. Ernest Morris, who, as announced in last week's issue, was recently married at St. Margaret's, Leicester, wishes to thank all ringing friends for their kind wishes and congratulations, and begs to state that for the present his address is 39, Bosworth Street, Leicester.

DEVON AUGMENTATION.

Two new trebles have been added to the former four bells at Meschaw, Devon, to make a peal of six, and the bells have been dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. A. F. de Gex). The work has been carried out by Messrs. Warner and Son, of the Spitalfields Foundry, who have hung the whole peal in a steel frame with modern fittings. The cost has been defrayed by General Karslake, and Miss C. Karslake has kindly presented a chiming apparatus. In connection with the restoration the interior of the church has been redecorated. The occasion of the dedication was made one of parochial festival, and after the service a public tea and dance took place.

IN CANADA.

The address of Mr. Joseph Sykes is at present "care of Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co., Harbor Street Gas Works, Montreal." He will be glad to receive the addresses of any ringers in Canada. How about a peal at the Cathedral, Joe, while you are there?

Peterborough.—On Sunday, August 2nd, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, the first in the method on the bells: F. Davis 1, F. Bemrose 2, T. Vaughan 3, G. Jutson 4, W. Cross 5, G. Bemrose 6, F. Gilbert (conductor) 7, F. T. Cooke 8.

TWO DAYS IN SUFFOLK.

A RINGING EXCURSION.

The St. John the Baptist's Association, Leytonstone, spent their annual outing, which extended over two days, in visiting a number of Suffolk towers, Stowmarket being the centre of operations. They left London at the early hour of 5 a.m., and at Colchester were joined by Mr. J. Moule (of their own company), and Mr. W. J. Nevard (at Great Bentley), who had responded to the invitation to join them on the outing. At Stowmarket the party was met by Mr. E. E. Diaper, who conducted them to their headquarters (the Rose Inn), where breakfast was ready. Immediately afterwards a well-horsed brake was ready to take them on a drive through country lanes for the rest of the day. The first call was at St. Mary's Church, Wetherden, where on the ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.) a good 720 of that musical method, York Surprise, was brought round. Here, also, as at each place visited, a touch of Treble Bob was rung to enable all the party to ring at every church on the programme. St. Mary's, Woolpit, was the next stopping place, and 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung. Working to a set programme, time did not allow of an inspection of these two grand old churches of a type with which the eastern counties are so richly endowed. Before leaving Woolpit, however, the party were joined by Mr. T. Fitzjohn (of Thetford), who, with Mr. E. Dawson, had cycled over to meet the visitors and to spend the two days with them. A drive of four miles then brought them to the pretty village of Rattlesden, where, at the Church of St. Nicholas' hangs a handy ring of six, which were rehung by Day and Son in 1896, and go like tops. Carlisle Surprise was the order here, and 720 was rung in good style. At the Six Bells Inn at Felsham, dinner was waiting for the party, and, needless to say, after their exertions and the country air, was much welcomed. Right opposite stood St. Peter's Church, and on the handy ring of six a 720 each of Lincoln Surprise and Kent Treble Bob was brought round. Finborough, the next place of call, was reached after a drive of 2½ miles. Here the church is quite modern (with the exception of the south porch), having been rebuilt in 1874-5. The tall western tower and spire is a landmark for many miles round, and contains a very musical ring of six bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and hung by Messrs. Day and Son, of Ely, the "go" and tone of the bells, leaving nothing to be desired. A 720 London Surprise was rung, and 240 Kent was rung before tea. This over, a drive of seven miles brought the visitors to Barking, where, at the Church of St. Mary, there is a musical peal of six with a good tenor, recast a few years ago by Messrs. A. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, from the old original peal of five. On these, 720 Ipswich Surprise was rung, the Rector (the Rev. C. Baker) welcoming the party, and expressing his pleasure at hearing the band ring his bells. Next the party found their way to Baylham. The church here possesses a light ring of six, and a 720 Durham Surprise was rung, after which tracks were made for headquarters, which were reached about 9.15 p.m., and a social hour spent with the local company.

After breakfast on the Sunday morning, the visitors drove to Stenham Aspull. Here at this grand old church in a remote country village, six miles from the nearest railway station, hangs a fine peal of ten bells (which have been cast for nearly a century), with a tenor of 23 cwt., and which go very well. Stedman Caters were tried, but failed, and 395 Grandsire Caters was rung instead, time not allowing for more before the morning service. The ringers all regretted that they could not take these bells to Leytonstone, where they would be more frequently used. At Coddenden, the visitors were met by Mr. W. Keeble, who had cycled from Kelvedon to join them. On this handy ring of eight, 576 Superlative Surprise Major and two courses each of Double Norwich and Stedman were conducted by W. Keeble. Mr. English, of the local band, who welcomed the party taking part. The ringing in the afternoon was at St. Peter's Church, Stowmarket, which possesses a grand ring of eight, the tenor, a beautiful bell by Miles Gray, being 24 cwt. The bells "go" perfectly, and the belfry is extremely well kept. Four courses of Superlative, 352 Double Norwich and two courses of Stedman, conducted by W. Keeble, brought another very successful ringing outing to a close. The Leytonstone company take this opportunity of thanking all the clergy at the various places for placing their bells at the disposal of the party, and extend their thanks also to those local ringers and others who assisted to make the outing such a success. They are particularly grateful to Mr. E. E. Diaper for making the necessary arrangements for the trip.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, August 9th, 1914, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 672 Stedman Triples: F. Speed 1, F. Chivers 2, E. Chivers 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, J. Hambleton 5, — Rawlings (of Clifton) 6, W. Keevill (conductor) 7, R. Jones 8.—On April 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins., by members of the local band: S. Preke 1, F. Chivers 2, E. Chivers 3, F. Speed (conductor) 4, I. B. Holmyard 5, R. Jones 6, J. Hambleton 7, W. Keevill 8.

EXTRAORDINARY ACCIDENT.

BELL BREAKS IN TWO WHILE BEING RUNG.

An accident of a remarkable nature occurred at Daventry on Sunday. While ringing was in progress for evening service, the seventh rope came down, to the accompaniment of a terrific crash above. On going to ascertain the trouble, the ringers found that the bell had broken in two, about two or three inches below the shoulder. The crown was still hanging to the stock, and the rest of the bell lay on the floor, having smashed the wheel as it fell. The bell, which was cast by Eayres in 1738, and had an ornamented crown, was scarcely half-an-inch thick, where it was broken, and the fracture was as clean as if the metal had been cast-iron.

The band at Daventry have only taken up change ringing lately, and are now able to ring Doubles. Mr. Arthur Andrews, late of Billingborough, has just taken up his residence in the town, and with his assistance, when the mischief has been repaired, it is hoped they will go on to Triples and Major.

THE WAR AND ITS EFFECTS ON RINGING.

The tension which preceded the outbreak of war last week and the subsequent plunging of this country into the European struggle, has naturally had considerable effect upon bell ringing. At such a time bells, except for their special purpose of calling people to worship, or marking a festival of the Church, seem out of place, and consequently ringing generally has been much curtailed.

For instance, the anxiety which was felt on Bank Holiday with regard to the situation, caused the abandonment of all ringing at the Chester Guild, and the Peterborough Association meetings peal ringing was also stopped in many places.

The upset of the railway services on account of the needs of the Government, caused us last week to break the record of our punctual publication. For the first time since "The Ringing World" made its appearance, delay in receiving our supplies made it impossible to catch the usual post with the large number of copies which we mail direct to readers every week.

We have seen a report in which it was stated that one of the methods of calling up the French Reservists to the colours was by the ringing of the church bells.

In one town on the Franco-German frontier a priest is reported to have been shot by the Germans for ringing his church bells to warn the French of the approach of the enemy.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like to bring to your and your readers' notice an incident which I hope is a rare example of inconsideration. It will also serve as a warning to anybody wishing to ring at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. About the beginning of July I wrote to the Rev. J. C. Vawdrey, Vicar of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, asking his permission to attempt a peal of Stedman Caters on his bells on August Bank Holiday. I received his reply on July 7th readily granting it. I accordingly got a band together, and we met at King's Lynn at the appointed time. Before starting the peal I saw the Rev. J. C. Vawdrey, and to my surprise he refused permission to attempt the peal, or even to ring at all, giving as a reason the Continental War. I explained to him that on the strength of his permission, all the band had come a long way at a large personal expense, but it was of no use, his refusal was final. Naturally this upset all arrangements for the day, two of the band returning home by next train, whilst some of the others went and rang at Gaywood—a six-bell tower—where permission to ring was given at a moment's notice. I had always hoped that Englishmen prided themselves upon keeping their promises, but in this instance I have been disappointed.—Yours truly,

CHAS. F. SEDGLEY.

CIRENCESTER. — At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor (1302 from Holt's Original), Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, A. C. Harmer, 2 W. G. Cook 3, H. Lewis 4, F. J. Lewis (con.) 5, G. Dore (longest length) 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. J. Carter 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Bond 1, H. Lewis 2, A. C. Harmer 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, F. J. Lewis 5, H. T. Gardner 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. Curtis 8.—On Sunday, March 1st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): W. Curtis 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, H. Lewis 4, G. Copewell 5, W. O. Cuss 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, H. T. Gardner 8, H. C. Bond 9, W. J. Carter 10.—On Sunday, March 8th, at Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, A. C. Harmer 2, W. G. Cook 3, J. E. Waters 4, J. J. Jefferies (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, W. J. Carter 7, H. Lewis 8.

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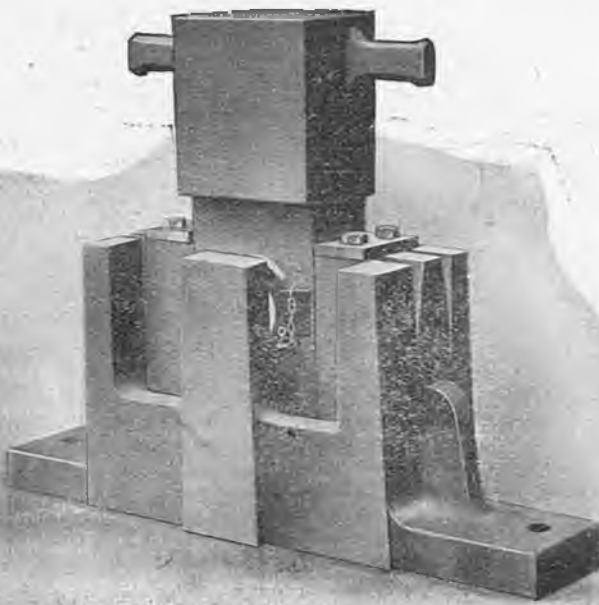
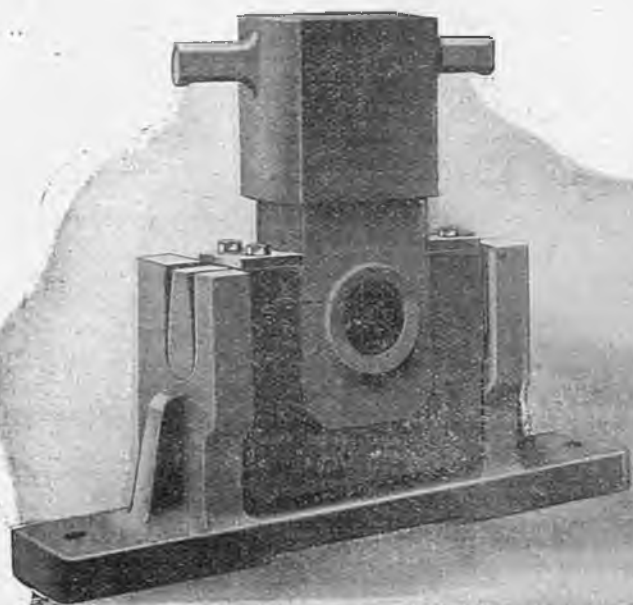
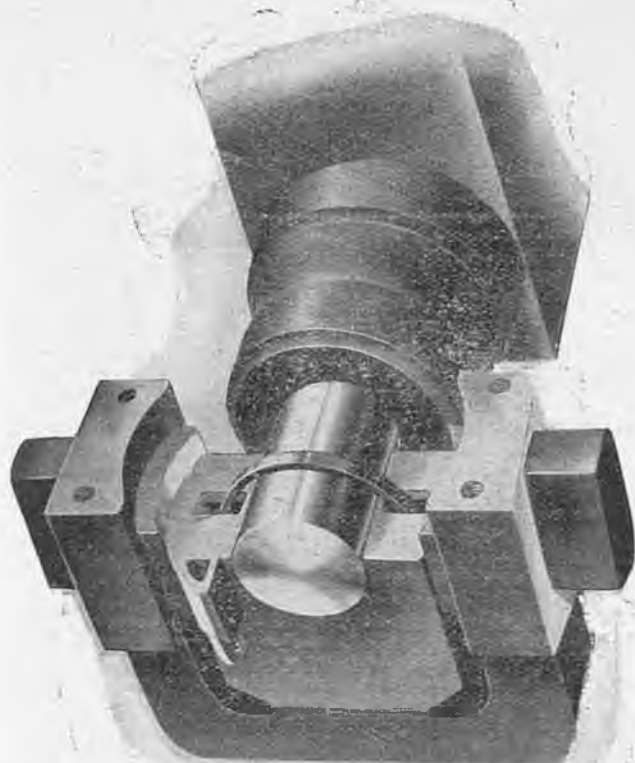
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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 1st, in an attempt for a peal of Minor, after ringing 1 hr. 38 mins., within three leads of the fourth 720, the treble ringer had to stop, owing to indisposition, much to the regret of all who were taking part: Miss Ethel Reed 1, C. Robinson 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds 4, Thos. Reed (conductor) 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6. This was the first attempt for a peal on tower bells in West Suffolk by a lady ringer.

SHIPTON-ON-STOUR, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Four Shires Guild. — On May 25th, 720 and 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Faulkner 1, F. Bird 2, P. Bird 3, C. Bird 4, E. Cook 5, W. Large (conductor) 6.

LEICESTER. — On June 4th, a muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1261 changes) was rung in 53 mins., in memory of Mr. G. O. Marshall, for many years churchwarden of St. Martin's: G. Cleal 1, L. E. Allen 2, H. Broughton 3, H. G. Jenney 4, C. H. Fowler 5, S. Cotton 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter (composer and conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. Tout 1, Wm. Andrews, junr., 2, Fred Norman 3, E. Chapman 4, H. Norman 5, A. J. Andrews 6, R. Scott (conductor) 7, R. Chapman 8. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of Mr. J. S. Allen, organist and choir-master of the Parish Church.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Marsh 1, G. Thomas 2, C. Boucher 3, D. J. Boucher (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, E. Drew 5, W. Owen 6.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, for morning service, on June 7th, 1280 Kent Treble Bob, in 45 mins.: H. Cook 1, A. Bush 2, J. Crocker 3, R. Mackrill 4, F. Crook 5, E. Cassell 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

MARCHAM, BERKS.—On July 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Hollifield 1, H. Hollifield 2, Miss K. Hollifield 3, T. Short 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, G. Hollifield, junr., 6.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 26th, for morning service, 720 Stedman Minor: W. Bryant 1, J. Dowler 2, S. Collinson 3, J. Eaton 4, A. Gardener 5, E. Withers (conductor) 6.

SEELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On July 26th, for evening service, 720 Stedman Minor: W. Ball 1, W. Dowler 2, W. Mumford 3, J. Dowler 4, S. Grove 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6. This method was first rung in Birmingham in 1819, and was composed by Thomas Thurston.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On July 30th, at St. Michael's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: H. J. Tucker 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, P. C. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, P. Springham 6, H. Dew 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: *C. Collis, junr. 1, J. Herbert 2, *G. W. Honeyball 3, Alfred Jones 4, *W. H. Worsley 5, *J. Kent 6, E. Cassell 7, Arthur Jones (conductor) 8. *First quarter in the method.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On July 28th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Coakham 1, J. H. Wilkins 2, H. Rumens 3, C. T. Coles 4, R. Maynard, senr., 5, J. C. Adams 6, H. J. Maynard 7, R. Maynard, junr. (composer) 8, F. C. Maynard (conductor) 9, A. Chapman 10. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rumens, Mr. F. Rumens being assistant secretary to the St. Mary's Society.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. — On July 12th, for evensong at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples as a compliment to C. N. Burdock on his birthday: H. Burdock 1, C. N. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, C. Hazelden 4, H. Harris 5, B. Chorley 6, M. Smither (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. H. Pulling 8.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On July 19th, for evening service, 1257 Stedman Caters in 49 mins.: W. Allwood 1, A. Knights (conductor) 2, W. G. Christian 3, W. J. Thyng 4, W. Jacques (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 5, G. Davies 6, F. Jacobs 7, G. Hollis 8, T. W. Gore 9, B. A. Knights 10. Rung as a farewell to Mr. W. G. Christian, who was leaving the district.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—On Monday, August 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Evans (conductor) 1, A. Routley 2, A. E. Hudd 3, P. C. Williams 4, H. Lawrence 5, W. Worgan 6, G. Chamberlain 7, J. Cotam 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday, August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. W. Frain (first in the method) 1, W. A. Garrard 2, W. E. Garrard 3, W. Matthews 4, W. Lawrence 5, J. A. Trollope 6, Robt. Holloway (first in the method) 7, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On July 28th, 395 Grandsire Caters: J. R. Bartram 1, F. Sheppard 2, T. H. Gillett 3, S. Huddleston 4, E. Bartram 5, C. Dalby 6, W. James 7, J. Townsend 8, R. H. Bartram 9, R. Hinman 10. — On August 2nd, for morning service, 583 of Grandsire Caters: F. Sheppard 1, T. H. Gillett 2, S. Huddleston 3, E. Johnson 4, E. Bartram 5, C. Dalby 6, W. James 7, J. Townsend 8, R. H. Bartram 9, R. Hinman 10. For evening service, the same day, 540 Grandsire Caters: W. Spiby 1, J. R. Bartram 2, S. Huddleston 3, E. Bartram 4, E. Johnson 5, and the rest as above. All the touches were conducted by R. H. Bartram, and it was the first attempt to ring Caters inside by J. R. Bartram, aged 18 years.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On July 29th, in honour of the coming-of-age birthday of the Hon. Rowland G. Winn, eldest son of Lord St. Oswald, of Nostell Priory, Wakefield, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Messrs. Parkin 1, Cooper 2, Miller 3, Strickland 4, Oliver 5, Vamplew (conductor) 6; and on August 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Messrs. Cooper 1, Parkin (conductor) 2, Miller 3, Oliver 4, Blanchard 5, Strickland 6, Vamplew 7, Cuthbert 8.

WALTHAMSTOW. — On June 7th, for morning service, at St. Saviour's Church, on the occasion of the Church Parade of the 3rd Battalion East Anglian A.M. Corps, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: O. L. Twist, C. A. Hughes 2, W. J. Cooper 3, G. W. Cooper 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 6, H. Rumens 7, A. Bullock 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 14th, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught to open the new Lock at the Alexandra Docks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Max 1, H. Morgan 2, J. Bullen 3, V. Morgan 4, P. E. B. Charles 5, A. E. Morgan 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, S. Baiss 8.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.—On August 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: W. Taylor 1, J. Curry 2, G. Ladd 3, W. Richardson 4, Colin Ryder 5, Walter Ayre (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hensman, Mr. Hensman being a vice-president of the Elloe Deaneries branch of the Lincoln Guild.

BLETCHLEY, Bucks.—On July 4th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Morris (first quarter of Grandsire) 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, L. Meager 4, T. Best 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sea (conductor) 7, V. Sear. On July 9th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Hedges 1, W. Mead 2, W. Pether 3, M. Hobbs 4, H. H. Smith 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Goodman 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Thomas a Beckett, on July 12th, for evening service, after half-an-hour's ringing for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, arranged for two lady visitors from Portsmouth, 504 in the same method: R. Davies 1, C. Aitkin 2, Miss N. Gillingham 3, F. Burnett 4, Miss A. Hole 5, H. Slubbington 6, H. C. Ingram 7, P. Cook 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On July 19th, at St. Chad's, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples: *M. Brooks 1, *G. Scarratt 2, W. M. Stockdale 3, *T. M. Bilton 4, E. Jones 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6, A. E. Nullick 7, *J. T. Mall 8. *First quarter peal of Stedman, also the first by the St. Chad's Society. For evening service, 418 Grandsire Cinques: J. Tudor 1, T. Taylor 2, E. Jones 3, M. Brooks 4, G. Scarratt 5, W. M. Stockdale 6, E. M. T. Corbett 7, T. M. Belton 8, A. Teckoe 9, A. E. Tullick 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, J. T. Mall 12. — On July 12th, 701 Grandsire Caters: G. Scarratt 1, W. C. Brooks 2, F. Taylor 3, E. Jones 4, W. B. Stockdale 5, A. Teckoe 6, G. Jones 7, A. Tullick 8, C. Lilley (conductor) 9, G. T. Mall 10. For evening service, 418 Grandsire Cinques: J. Tudor 1, W. C. Brooks 2, E. Jones 3, F. Taylor 4, G. Scarratt 5, W. M. Stockdale 6, E. M. T. Corbett 7, T. M. Belton 8, G. Jones 9, A. E. Tullick 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, J. T. Mall 12.

BURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 2nd, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hall 1, W. E. Stratford 2, E. Parden 3, T. Banning 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Stratford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, S. Coley 8.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A RINGER.

The Tring Parish Church company has lost one of its members, Mr. J. Wells, as the result of a fatal accident. On Bank Holiday he was driving a van, and when trying to put a skid on the wheel at the top of a hill, the horse started. Mr. Wells stumbled, and the wheel went over his head, killing him instantly. By a sad coincidence the fatality happened on the 29th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wells' wedding. The deceased was 51 years of age. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and family.

Mr. Wells was a valued member of the local band, and will be much missed in the belfry. He had only rung one peal, this being Stedman Triples on the tenor in 1912, under the auspices of the Cumberland Youths.

The funeral took place on Friday of last week, a course of Grandsire Triples being rung on the Parish Church bells, with muffled clappers, as the body was borne from the church, where the first portion of the service took place, to the cemetery, where the remains were interred.

COMPOSITIONS.

5,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By FRED ROBINSON.

23456	M	In & 5ths	W	H
52364	2		2	2
24365	1		2	2
42563	2		2	2
64235		x	2	2
62345			1	2
63425			1	2
35426	1		2	2
24536			2	2
25346			1	2
23456			1	2

Thus the 5th and 6th each their extent in 6th's place, and the 6th its extent in 5th's place without the 2nd in 6th's, in the minimum number of course and changes.

Ring at Halifax on February 14th, conducted by the composer.

5472 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By G. H. CROSS, NORWICH.

	B	M	W	H	Continued	B	M	W	H
23456					35264	x			
23564	x				26354				
52364					32654				
36524					65324				
53624					43526				
62534					54326				
45236					63425				
24536					63254	x			
52436					25634				
64235					46532				
26435					46325	x			
42635					34625				
42356	x				34256	x			
35426					23456				

This composition has the 5th and 6th, the extent in 5—6 and the 4th eleven times in 6th's. Omit the calls braced reduces the length to 5024

5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. DAINS.

23456	M	B	W	H
52364	2		2	2
24365	1		2	2
42563	2		2	2
65243			2	2
62453			1	2
26354	2		2	2
53624	1		2	2
56234			1	2
642-5	1		2	2
62345			1	2
63425	1		2	2
35426	1		2	2
24536			2	2
25346			1	2
23456			1	2

Contains the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 5—6, without the 2nd ever in 6th's, or in 5th's with the 3rd in 6th's.

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By E. M. ATKIN.

23456	1	4	5	6
35426				3
52436				3
63254				3a
52364				1
42563				
32465				3
35264				2
54263		x		1
23546		x		5b

Repeated, omitting the three hobs at a, b. The five calls at b are B, B, S, B, B. Contains the 6th extent wrong and right without the 2nd in 6th's. Ring at Rothwell, Northants, on August 1st inst.

5088 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By SAMUEL WOOD

23456	M	W	H
54326	1*		2
36245	1	1	2
32465	1*	2	2
42635		2	1
24536	2		2
25346		1	2
23456		1	2

* By Bobs at the 5th, 8th and 11th leads.

First rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on July 30th, 1914, conducted by the composer.

RESTORATION OF BREDON CHURCH.

ANCIENT BELLS REDEDICATED.

Sunday week was an important day to Bredon, Worcestershire, for it was the occasion of the dedication of the various restored portions of the Parish Church of St. Giles, to which extensive repairs have been carried out during the past eighteen months or so. The day began with an early celebration of the Holy Communion in the Mitton Chapel, followed later by Matins, and the service of dedication at 11 o'clock, at which the Lord Bishop of Worcester (Dr. Yeatman-Biggs) officiated in the presence of a crowded congregation.

A procession was formed at the Rectory, and consisted of the Churchwardens and Sidesmen, the members of the Restoration Committee, the Architect, the Builder, and Mr. Andrew Warner, representing the bell founders (Messrs. Warner and Son), together with the clergy, including the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Warwick, the Rector (the Rev. Hugh Holbeck), the Rev. W. Lea (of Overbury), who carried the pastoral staff, and the Rev. F. Lawrence (curate). The hymn, "We love the place, O God," was sung as the procession entered the church by the west door.

Standing at the chancel steps, the Bishop dedicated the new work which includes a chancel screen, two memorial windows and the bells. Of the two windows, one is in memory of Bishop Pridcaux, and contains his arms and those of the Diocese of Worcester, and the present Bishop, whilst the other on the north side contains the arms of the Duke of Portland, who is patron of the living.

The bells, which have been rehung in one of the new "Warner" steel independent frames, are extremely ancient, and bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble—ROB PHELPS and SAM'L RICKETS, CH'WARDENS. A.R. 1733.

2nd.—1624.

3rd.—W. WITMORE MADE US ALL. 1624.

4th.—JOHN WEBB, RECTOR: ROBERT PHELPS, JAMES ROUGH, CH'WARDENS.

Tenor.—T. and C.R. 1624. T. ALLEN. I.H. T.R.

The total weight of the peal is 59 cwt, 2 qrs. 3 lbs., the tenor being a bell of 18 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. in D. The new steel frame is constructed for six bells, and a new treble will be added as soon as funds allow.

THE EFFECT ON THE SPIRE.

All the bells have been sandblasted and retuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and they have been fitted with the most modern fittings, including the "Warner" patent self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil bath and oil ring design of bearings.

Before the bells were rehung, the fittings and framework were in such a bad condition that serious injury was done to the spire so that extensive repairs became necessary, and the curious part is that, after the bells were taken out and the work upon the fabric put in hand, the spire in the course of a severe thunderstorm was further damaged by lightning. The movement of the spire was so great before the re-hanging of the bells that the tulip stone carrying the weather vane was shattered and crashed down into the church. It is a significant fact that at the present moment there is no movement of the spire now that the new pattern steel frame has been erected, and Messrs. Warner and Sons are certainly to be congratulated upon the great success attending the work.

After the dedication of the bells, the Bishop, the Archdeacon and the clergy passed to the new altar, which is the gift of His Grace the Duke of Portland, while Psalm cxxii was chanted. The Bishop afterwards preached an appropriate sermon.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD GLOS. — On Monday, August 3rd, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. and 10 mins., through a change course: S. Coley 1, W. E. Stratford 2, H. Gillett 3, A. Scrivens 4, F. Bird 5, W. Stratford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, R. Hall 8.—A half-peal from Parker's 12-part was afterwards rung in 1h. 37mins.: S. Coley 1, W. E. Stratford 2, H. Gillett 3, A. Scrivens 4, F. E. Davis 5, R. Hall 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Stratford 8.

NOTICES.

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

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the war, the meeting advertised to take place at Tring to-day is cancelled.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 18th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The summer quarterly meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, August 15th (8 bells). Ringing commence about 3. Tea at five o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Kineton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Will those who intend coming please send me word at once. An extra meeting will be held at Stoke Golding (6) on Saturday, August 22nd. Members please communicate with Mr. E. H. Stoneley, Stoke Golding.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Kingswinford (6) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3.30.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open at 3.30, service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Members requiring tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, August 19th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting in connection with the above will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, August 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 30 cwt.) will be available from 2.30 till 5 p.m., and 5.30 till 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Arthur Hague, Hon. District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at Willenhall. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Pratt (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, August 25th. Busi-

ness meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Epping Parish Church (St. John's) on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3.30, service at 5 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 5.45, followed by business meeting, in the Parish Room. Notice for tea should reach me by Wednesday, 26th inst.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—A Commemoration Dinner will be held in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, on Saturday, September 12th, 1914, at The Grand Hotel, Leopold Street, Sheffield, at 6.30 p.m. The Venerable Archdeacon of Sheffield (Rev. H. Gresford Jones) will preside. Tickets for Dinner, 3/6 each to be had from the Secretary. Bells available for ringing during the day until 6 p.m.: the Cathedral (12, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, tenor 41 cwt.); St. Marie (8, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, tenor 25 cwt.); St. John's, Ranmoor (8, by Messrs. J. Barwell, tenor 15 cwt.); All Saints (by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, tenor 15 cwt.). Early application for tickets is desirable and no tickets will be sold after September 7th.—Frank Willey, Secretary, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

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The Rector (the Rev. J. D. Griffiths) kindly provided tea for the members and the society on this their first visit to Barlborough. He expressed the hope that he would have the pleasure of further meetings there.—After the usual courses had been tapped off round the tea tables, the President (Mr. Tarlton) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in providing such an excellent tea.—This was carried by acclamation.—The Rector was also elected an honorary member of the Society, and, in replying, thanked the members for the honour, and wished the Society prosperity in their good work.

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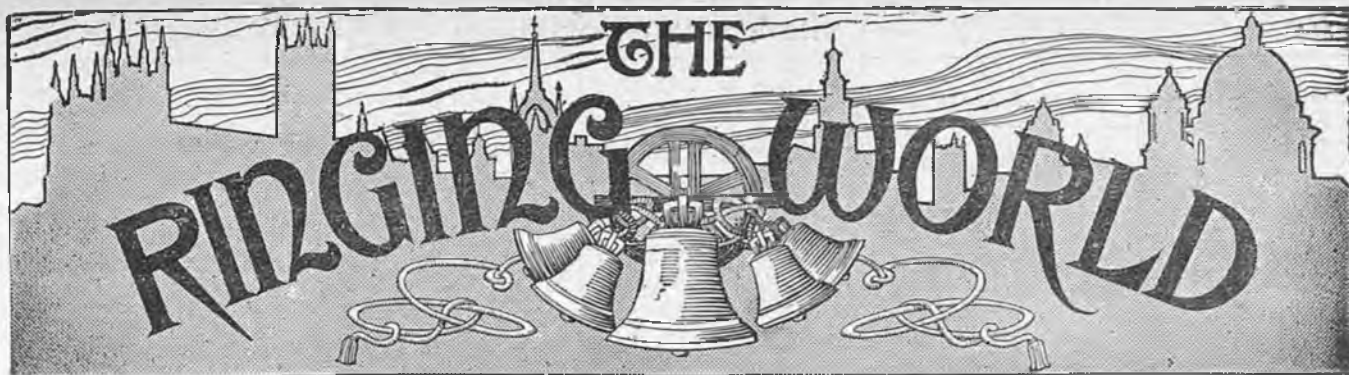


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Gentlemen,

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. BEOK,
Architect. Diocesan Surveyor.

WAR AND ITS EFFECTS.

Our article last week, if we may judge from comments which have reached us, struck a note which has found an echo throughout the country. Our church bells, so far as ordinary peal ringing is concerned, are practically silent. The spirit of war, with its inevitable loss and suffering, and the destitution which it threatens in many homes, overhangs the world, and to ring the church bells, with their message of joy and gladness, merely for our own pleasure, might produce irritation among the public and be sadly out of sympathy with the present grave and anxious period. Ringers have risen to their responsibilities in the matter as we expected they would do. Unless the occasion warrants it public feeling would in many cases be outraged by the unnecessary ringing of bells, and by their action in this matter the Exercise will be able to show, as Sir Arthur Heywood puts it in his short message on another page, "whether they can unselfishly take up the patriotic position in regard to their responsibilities." We agree with him that it will be very fine if they will.

At the moment everything points to a full appreciation of the position. There is this to be said, however. There is no reason why the bells should not, as hitherto, be regularly rung for the church services. Indeed, it seems to us more important than ever that in this respect the bells should be utilised for their primary purpose, inasmuch as at this time, beyond all others, the nation needs to be called to united prayer. As to the use of bells for practices and special occasions, there cannot be the same objection as to peals. If bells are rung for the customary length of time on the usual practice night there can be no misconception as to their purpose, and we do not think the public could have any legitimate objection to their sound. Much the same, we feel, might be said of the ordinary meetings of ringing organisations, especially if steps were to be taken to have the meetings announced, like any other parochial event, in the church where it is contemplated having the gathering. Here, however, we may safely leave it to the clergy to decide what should be done. All that we desire is that there should be no misapprehension as to the purpose of the bells. The action of those who have postponed their meetings shows a true sense of patriotism by the entire subservience of self to the feelings of the public. The example set by the Chester Guild at their annual meeting by giving up ringing at the moment when the fates of nations were trembling in the balance, was a magnificent expression of feeling, and one which demonstrates again

MODERN WORK.

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how ringers may be entrusted, in their special sphere, to interpret public sentiment.

Elsewhere in this issue we make a suggestion which will enable ringers who care to do so to contribute their mite to the fund inaugurated by the Prince of Wales for the relief of distress. Many may like to give small sums who would not care to send such amounts direct. For these we shall be glad to act, by receiving their contributions, however small, acknowledging them through this journal, and remitting them to the National Fund. Every little helps, and we confidently look for a ready response from the ringers of England.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, August 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BELGRAVE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER ... Treble	SAMUEL COTTON ... 5
GEORGE CLEAL ... 2	FREDK. H. DEXTER ... 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... 3	ALFRED MARTIN ... 7
*ARTHUR I. BALLARD ... 4	THOMAS TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method. The composition was Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' without "extra" or "omits."

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On Monday, August 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN R. HULL ... Treble	WILLIAM WHEWELL ... 5
JAMES SHAW ... 2	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 6
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 3	JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE ... 7
ISAAC WHALLEY ... 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by J. RAWCLIFFE.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and tenor, and first in the method on the bells. All the ringers belong to the local company except A. Tomlinson, who hails from Blackburn. First peal as conductor by J. Rawcliffe. Rung with the bells deeply muffled for a former ringer who was interred in the afternoon.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3—4	*JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal in hand.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3—4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7—8

*EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 9—10
Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: JAMES G. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Royal in hand. This composition has only the 5th and 6th in 6th's place at course ends.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Devizes, on August 3rd, was Samuel J. Hector.

CHEDDAR PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

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Dear Sirs,

It is with sincere pleasure I beg herewith to hand you the Two Reports from the Authorities agreed to in your Contract to us for the Restoration, etc., of Cheddar Church Bells, first of all from Dr. Davies, Organist of Wells Cathedral, as to the Musical correctness and tone, and also from Mr. Harris, Hon. Secretary of the Axbridge Deanery Branch, Bath and Wells Diocesan Change Ringers' Association, as to the "GO" of the Bells.

I may say that they were duly submitted to our Committee on June 23rd last at a General Meeting and unanimously adopted, and I may also add that the greatest satisfaction was expressed by the Committee on the successful completion of the work by your Firm.

In conclusion, I should like to add that with scarcely an exception, everyone with whom I have come in contact in the Village are pleased with the Tone of the Bells.

If at any time anyone enquiring as to rehanging or restoring Bells would like to see ours, I shall be only too pleased to show them at any time.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
GEO. R. HILL,
Joint Hon. Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

Axbridge Deanery Branch,
22, Adam Street,

BURNHAM, Som.
June 9th, 1914.

To the Vicar and Churchwardens of
St. Andrew's Church,
CHEDDAR, Som.

Dear Sirs,

I have much pleasure in informing you that the Change Ringers who visited your Tower on Saturday, June 6th, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were perfectly satisfied with the "go" and tone of the Bells, and that the whole of the work has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner.

I should like to add that I went on the top of the Tower while the Bells were ringing and found the movement of the Tower very little.

I also had a good look over the New Bell Frame and Bells, and am of opinion that Messrs. Llewellyns and James have carried out the work in a very satisfactory manner.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
JOHN HARRIS,
Hon. Local Sec. of the Axbridge Deanery Branch.

THE LIBERTY,
WELLS, Somerset,
Maundy Thursday, April 24th, 1914.

To the Vicar and Churchwardens of
St. Andrew's Church,
CHEDDAR, Som.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with your request, I visited the foundry of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, on Friday, April 3rd, and heard the Peal of Bells shortly to be rung in your Tower.

First of all, the Bells were heard at close quarters, and what struck me at once was the difference between the tone of the New Bells and the Old ones, although the scale of the Peal was in perfect tune, yet the fundamental tone of the New Bells was very much more clear and decided than that of the Old Bells, the new Bells being in perfect tune with themselves, and the old ones not being so, the reason of this being that the New Bells have been tuned on the modern Simpson principle in which the overtones blend with the fundamental, and it is, of course, impossible to apply this principle to the old Bells unless they are recast.

The Bells were afterwards heard from some distance away, and it was at once evident how cleverly the New Bells have been made to match the Old ones, the scale of the Peal was in perfect tune, and the objectionable features mentioned above had quite disappeared; therefore, as far as it is possible to judge from hearing the Bells in a Foundry, one seems justified in saying that the difference between the New and the Old Bells will not be noticed to any great extent.

When the Bells are heard from the Cheddar Tower, it is undoubtedly a fine Peal of Bells, and I would like in conclusion to congratulate Messrs. Llewellyns and James, on their skilful work, and the Parish of Cheddar on their possession of such a fine Peal.

(Signed) T. H. DAVIES,
Organist of Wells Cathedral.

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RINGERS AND THE WAR.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., President of the Central Council, writing from Dovelys, Rocester, Staffs., under date of August 15th, says: "Your leader is capital, and equally the action of the Chester Guild. There should be no ringing at present, unless for church services, practices, weddings, funerals, or other needful occasions. We shall see by the attitude of the Exercise whether they can unselfishly take up the patriotic position in regard to these responsibilities. Very fine if they will."

OXFORD GUILD MASTER'S ADVICE.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in response to our request for his views on the attitude of ringers in the present crisis, writes:—

I consider that the leading article in your issue of August 14th well represents what all ringers must be feeling at this most serious time.

I do not feel that I can improve upon those words, but having said this I will, at your suggestion, endeavour to state more particularly what should now be our attitude with regard to ringing.

I think that the present is a very great opportunity for strengthening the position that bell ringing holds in our national life, and so we should not ring when the message of the bells might be wrongly interpreted by the outside public. It seems to me that this would inevitably be the case if peals were rung; therefore, even if we *wish* to ring peals, I think we should deny ourselves in this respect.

As to Guild meetings, when it is the custom to ring touches during a good part of the day care should be taken to give good notice locally of such meetings, and the ringing should be confined to a space of, let us say, one hour before the service (a special feature of which should be intercessory prayer).

The ringing for Sunday services should, of course, go on as usual, as well as the ringing on the recognised practice night, for then the bells are expected by the people, and, I think, will be welcomed. The same would apply to the greater festivals of the Church.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

WITH THE COLOURS.

A suggestion has come from Mr. W. T. Elson, of 5, Warwick Road, Earl's Court, that we should publish a list of ringers who are serving their country in the Navy or Army in the War. He writes: "It has occurred to me that it might be of general interest if you could publish a list of those of our brother strings at the front, and keep the Exercise posted as far as possible with their doings and welfare."

We gladly fall in with the suggestion, and we shall be pleased to publish the names of all those ringers who are with the colours, both service men and reservists, and also of those who are rendering equally valuable, though perhaps less dangerous, service through having been embodied with the Territorial Force. The information which we should desire to give, and which secretaries of bands might be able to supply, is the names of their members who have been "called up," the tower to which they belong, their regiment, and present station, if known.

Among ringers who we know are doing service with the colours are:

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THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The appeal which has been made by the Prince of Wales to the public for help for those upon whom distress may fall as the result of the war has met, as we all know, with a magnificent response. Donations in hundreds and in thousands of pounds have been rolling in and, unfortunately, it is only too safe to assume that all that can be spared, and more, will be needed to alleviate those upon whom the effects of the war will fall, directly or indirectly. While, therefore, large sums are specially welcome, there is every need for the small contributions as well. It may be, however, that many among our readers may not care to send their shillings or their pence direct to Buckingham Palace. If they desire to do so, however, they may forward these contributions to us. We will acknowledge them individually in our columns and send them in bulk to the National Relief Fund. We invite every ringer to send a contribution and would suggest that a convenient way in which to do so would be for the amounts in each tower to be collected on Sunday next and forwarded to us by the local secretaries. This will save the cost of postage. Where ringers are not attached to any tower, of course, we hope they will send direct to us. We want all to embrace the privilege that is offered them of helping those that must inevitably suffer, and we feel sure we shall not appeal to our readers in vain.

JARRING PEALS.

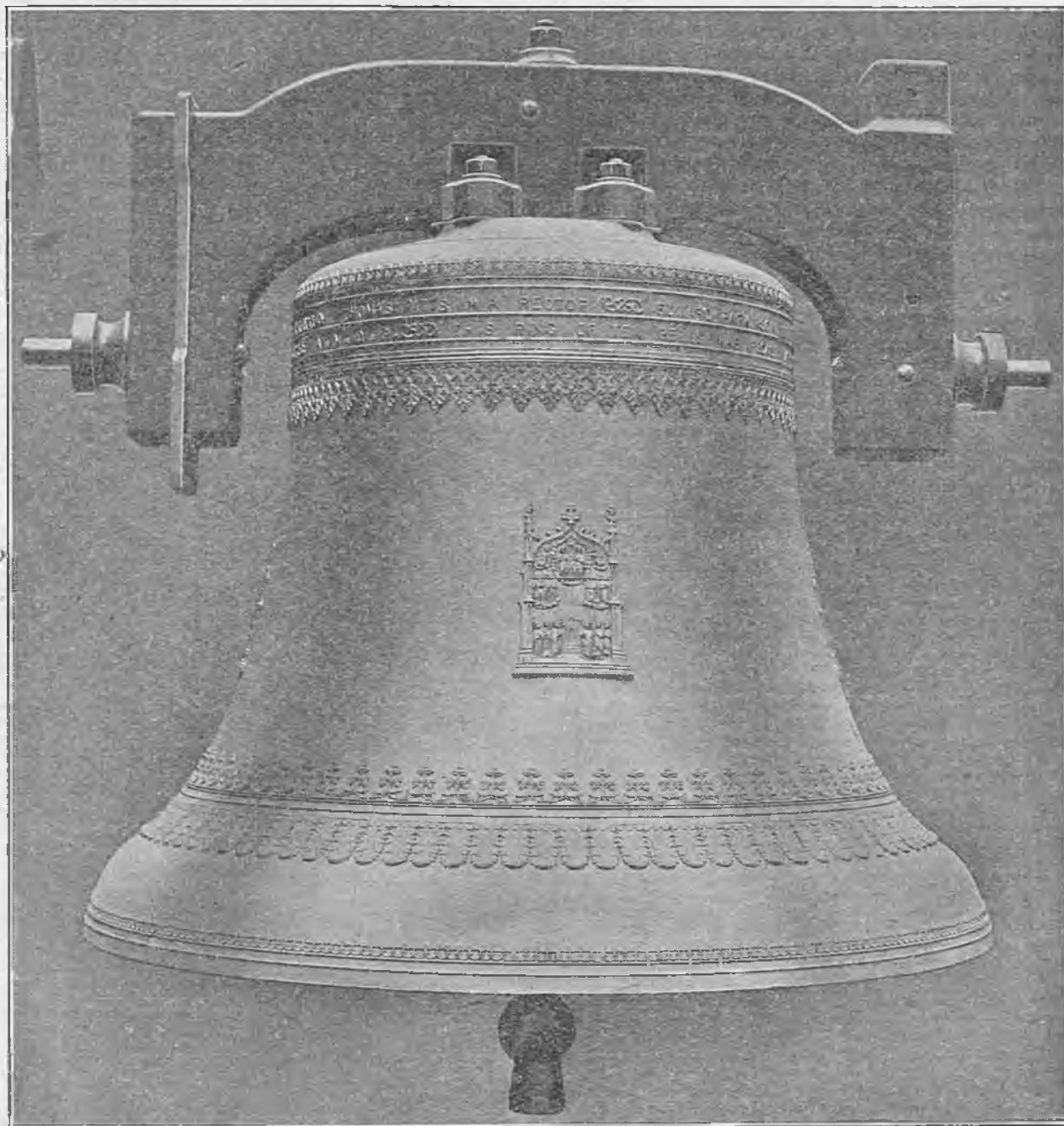
Dear Sir.—There is a false ring in the letter criticising the action of the Rev. J. C. Vawdrey, Vicar of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, who alone is really responsible as to when and for what purpose his bells should be rung. I quote from memory: Dr. Creighton, late Bishop of London, died on a Sunday; the next day, Monday, a half-muffled peal was rung to his memory at St. James', Clerkenwell. The late King Edward died on Friday, May 6th; the next day, Saturday, a deeply muffled peal was rung to his memory at St. Giles, Cripplegate. Both these peals are specially mentioned in a report. I am of the opinion that neither would have been attempted if the vicar of each church had been as well balanced as the good Vicar of King's Lynn, but perhaps it would be kinder to say that they were both too busy to enquire what was right. To me it seems a sorrowing pity that the ringers could not practice a little self-denial and regard for the parishioners.—Yours truly,

C. F. WINNEY.

WOBURN RINGERS' OUTING.

For their annual outing, the St. Mary's company, Woburn, visited Portsmouth, the expense of the excursion being kindly defrayed by the Duke of Bedford. The morning was devoted to trip to the Isle of Wight, and later the visitors were able to go aboard the old "Victory," to inspect the Dockyard—the sight of the ships and the works being a most interesting experience—and to go over one of the armoured cruisers. Part of the day was also spent on Southsea beach, and the outing was much enjoyed.

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THE BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

ST. SEPULCHRE'S, SNOW HILL, LONDON.

With regard to the early history of the bells of St. Sepulchre's Church we find that at the Dissolution the six larger bells of St. Bartholomew's Priory were brought here, and the five smaller ones were taken to St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, where they still are. They were cast by Thomas Bullesdon early in the sixteenth century.



ST. SEPULCHRE'S, SNOW HILL.

In the inventory of Edward VIth's reign we find, "one great bell called barnard castell, that servythe the clock, with syxe other bells in one Ryng, and one santes bell."

In 1708 we find in the *New View of London* the following record with regard to St. Sepulchre's bells: "In which over there are 10 Tuneable Bells, which make a pleasant armony when rung in Peal; they chime at the hours of

4, 8, and 12, daily, and wherewith may be rung 3,628,800 changes."

These bells appear to have been recast into the present peal of ten in 1739 by Samuel Knight, of the Holborn foundry, several having since been recast at the White-chapel foundry by Thomas Mears, senior, and Thomas Mears, junior.

The inscriptions at the present time are as follows:

Treble.

THOMAS MEARS & SON OF LONDON FECIT 1807.

Second.

1739.

Third.

S + K + 1739.

Fourth.

S. K. 1739.

Fifth.

S + K + 1739.

Sixth.

THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON, 1804. S.S.S.S.

Seventh.

T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1830.

Eighth.

1739.

Ninth.

SAMUEL KNIGHT CAST US ALL AND ROBERT CATLIN MADE THE FRAME AND HUNG US ALL 1739 000 [coins] † † S S S
[In this inscription the letters M, N and U are all from the lower alphabet, the rest being all capitals.]

Tenor.

T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. JOSEPH HEARN, THOS. HENRY FENTON AND CHARLES THOS. DUPREE CHURCHWARDENS. RECAST 1830.

The tenor is 56½ inches in diameter.

Among the tablets in the belfry we may notice the following, recording two peals rung about the middle of the 18th century:—

"SOCIETY OF EASTERN SCHOLARS.—On Tuesday, April 7th, 1741, was rung in this Steeple a compleat peal of five thousand two hundred OXFORD TRIPL.E BOB, 10 in. The performers:

Jos. DICKINSON	<i>Treble</i>	WM. ROMAN	6th
JOHN SHARPE	2nd	WM. PHILLIPS	7th
WM. SIMMS	3rd	THOS. BENNETT	8th
WM. LOVELL	4th	P. MAINWARING (call'd bobs)	9th
JOHN BLAKE	5th	R. WINDLESBOROUGH	<i>Tenor</i>

This is the first compleat peal of 5000 Oxford Treble Bob ten in that was ever rung, and compleated in 3 hrs. 57 mins."

"ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. On Saturday, May 30th, 1741, the above Society rang 5000 changes of UNION BOB ROYAL in 3 hours 46 minutes. The performers were:

SAML. LEE	<i>Treble</i>	JOS. GRIFFITHS	6th
JABEZ STEPHENSON	2nd	RICH'D. SPICER	7th
JOHN DEARMOR	3rd	SAML. JEACOCKE	8th
WM. PICKARD	4th	ROBT. MOBBS	9th
BENJN. ANNABLE	5th	JOHN TRENELL	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. SPICER.

When merit's justly due a little praise then serveth:

A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth."

Another peal board records 5111 Grandsire Caters, rung by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths, December 10th, 1793.

Another 5056 Stedman Caters, rung by the St. James' Society, January 24th, 1857.

In 1605 Robert Dowe left £50 for ringing the greatest bell in the church on the day the condemned prisoners are executed, and for other services for ever concerning such condemned prisoners. The "other" services consisted in the clerk ringing a handbell under the window of the condemned prisoner's cell, and repeating an admonitory rhyme on the night before the execution, and also repeating the same in front of the church and presenting the prisoner with a nosegay of flowers on his way to execution. This handbell is roughly cast and of peculiar shape, somewhat like an alpine hat. It is still preserved in the church.

The old "toll-bell," which was used in Newgate gaol, was sold to Madame Tussaud's exhibition when the gaol was demolished. It is inscribed, "Ye people all who hear me ring: Be faithful to your God and king.—Pack & Chapman of London fecit, 1775."

A SUSSEX GATHERING.

HENFIELD BELLS ON TRIAL.

With a view to giving the members of the Sussex Association the opportunity of trying the recently restored bells at Henfield, a special meeting was held on August Bank Holiday by the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Reginald J. Lea, R.D.). A goodly number of members were thus brought together, and the proceedings were altogether enjoyable, the wish being expressed that more meetings of this kind could be arranged. The visitors were delighted with the tone and "go" of the new bells, and the methods rung and brought into rounds during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. At tea in the parish room the whole party were the guests of the Vicar and Mrs. Lea, among those present being: The Rev. A. Congreve Pridgeon (Vicar of Steyning), the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee (Rector of Twineham), Messrs. J. Welch, J. A. Minchin, A. E. Baker, J. Ward and W. Markwell (sidesman), W. Stenning (of Hurst), T. Burtenshaw, H. Sampson, R. Nonkes, B. Challen (Shoreham), C. Holman, A. Gasson, senr., A. Gasson, junr. (Balcombe), H. C. Ingle, W. Hillman, J. W. Groves (Heene), J. Burdfield, H. Wood, R. Wood (Billingshurst), O. Sippetts, A. Rose (Crawley), W. Vincent, T. Gasson, T. Davey, C. Starley, A. Absalom (Bolney), G. Tompsett, H. Tompsett (Lindfield), G. Gatland, J. Smart (Steyning), A. D. Stone, Keith Hart, A. Gravett, R. Stredwick, G. Smart, J. T. Rickman (St. Peter's, Brighton), T. Adams (Shipley), C. Hughes (London), and A. Baigent, E. Lish, A. Vallier, and G. Payne of the local band.

At the close of the repast, the Vicar, who presided, gave the members a hearty welcome to Henfield, and fittingly referred to the national crisis that had been sprung upon the country. At the conclusion of the Vicar's remarks, the National Anthem was sung.—Mr. Rickman then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Lea for their kindness in providing them with such a splendid tea, and also for allowing them the use of the beautiful peal of bells for the purpose of the meeting.—The motion having been carried, pipe and song were enjoyed, and afterwards a special service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the lessons being read by the Rev. A. Congreve Pridgeon, and the address, a very practical discourse, given by the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee, based on Neh. iv, 18, "And he that sounded the trumpet was by me."

THE CHURCH'S TRUMPETERS.

In the story of Nehemiah, he said, they had a most wonderful lesson for the whole body of bell ringers of the Church of England. Could they not see that in the figure of Nehemiah they had a representation of the three orders, Bishops, Priests and Deacons? As Nehemiah strove against every opposition to construct the defences round the sacred city of Jerusalem, so the clergy were striving against the opposition of the world, the flesh, and the devil, to build up a great wall round the enclosure of God. Could they not as ringers also see themselves in the trumpeter, who stood by Nehemiah? He it was who called the people close to Nehemiah, so that a united front might be made against the invading foe. The Prayer Book said that before a service, the curata that ministereth shall cause a bell to toll to call the people together to him for prayer and worship. Was that not like the trumpeter in the Bible story? Surely it was, only, in the place of the trumpet, they had a bell, and there in that parish, instead of the monotonous tolling of a single bell, they had eight beautiful bells. In other parishes it might be that they had ten, six or even the modest five, but be the number what it may, the position was not changed. They as a body of ringers stood by the clergy, and they called the isolated units together to make a strong unity of prayer and worship, and a bold and determined front against the forces of evil.

Then, again, could they not see how close they stood to the clergy in

their capacity as ringers, and how necessary it was that there should be a bond of sympathy between them; that there should be a unity of purpose, and a common interest? Could they not see that their office ranked with that of the choristers and the organist? They were a part of the Church's machinery and organisation. They might feel sometimes that there was not much sympathy meted out towards them. Some there were who did not appreciate the music of the bells; others there were who might appreciate them, but forgot the ringers. But they went on ringing and doing their duty. He knew that in some towers there was a lack of sympathy between the incumbent and the ringers. But whose fault was this? Probably theirs. They could cultivate that sympathetic feeling if they tried. When they went back to their towers they should not be angry or discouraged if their efforts were not receiving the recognition they looked for. If there was not that sympathetic feeling in expression let them cultivate it. Then, again, they would see how absolutely necessary it was that the ringers should be members of the Church of England. How could they be in full sympathy with the clergy, unless they were fellow worshippers, with those they called to worship? They could not imagine Nehemiah's trumpeter going off, after he had summoned the people together, and yet, sad to relate, when the ringing was done, the ringers sometimes disappeared by a side staircase, and left the church altogether. Why? Because there was a lack of full sympathy with the clergy and church. On his holidays he went into a church and found two pews roped off in the north aisle and labelled: "These seats are reserved for the ringers." In that church there was full sympathy between clergy and ringers. He knew they got hot and tired with their labours in belfry. Only on the previous morning he rang with his ringers for morning service. There were only five of them, for they had only five bells. He came down from the ringing floor hot, and with the perspiration standing upon his brow, but he mopped it away, and of those five ringers one (himself) conducted the service, three sang in the choir, and one was in the congregation. Their office as ringers brought them into the closest contact with the clergy, and was on the same high level as the office of the choirman and the organist. There should, therefore, be a splendidly sympathetic and high tone in the ringing loft, a sympathy that would bring them, when the ringing was done, down to the body of worshippers which they had called together, a sympathy that would keep them in the closest union with their Church and with their God.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S LOSS.

DEATH OF THE DEAN OF ST. ALBANS.

By the death of Dr. Lawrance, Rector and Dean of St. Albans, the Herts Association has lost a staunch friend and supporter. It was at his house in 1884 that the Association was first started; he had ever since been one of its most loyal members, and in 1913 he filled the office of president. At his funeral on Saturday the Association was represented by the President (Canon Papillon) and the treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham), the secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) being away on a holiday. The bells at many Hertfordshire churches have since been rung muffled or half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the Dean's memory.

TO OUR READERS.

It will be noticed that we have this week reduced the number of pages in "The Ringing World." In common with other publications, we are compelled to do this by the necessity for conserving the stock of paper. Our own supply is sufficient for present needs, but the outbreak of war puts an end to all contracts and nothing has felt the pinch in this direction more than the paper trade. A very large percentage of the raw material used in the manufacture of paper comes to this country via the Baltic Sea, which, of course, for the present is closed to commerce, with the result that manufacturers in this country are unable to guarantee deliveries of the finished article, even at much enhanced prices. Many weekly periodicals have, as a matter of fact, already temporarily suspended publication, while the effects upon the great dailies, to say nothing of the smaller fry, have been very obvious. We feel, therefore, that we are only taking a safe line to secure continuity of publication, in somewhat curtailing the size of our issues and, under the exceptional circumstances, we crave the indulgence of our readers. We can assure them that we shall revert to our original size at the earliest possible moment.

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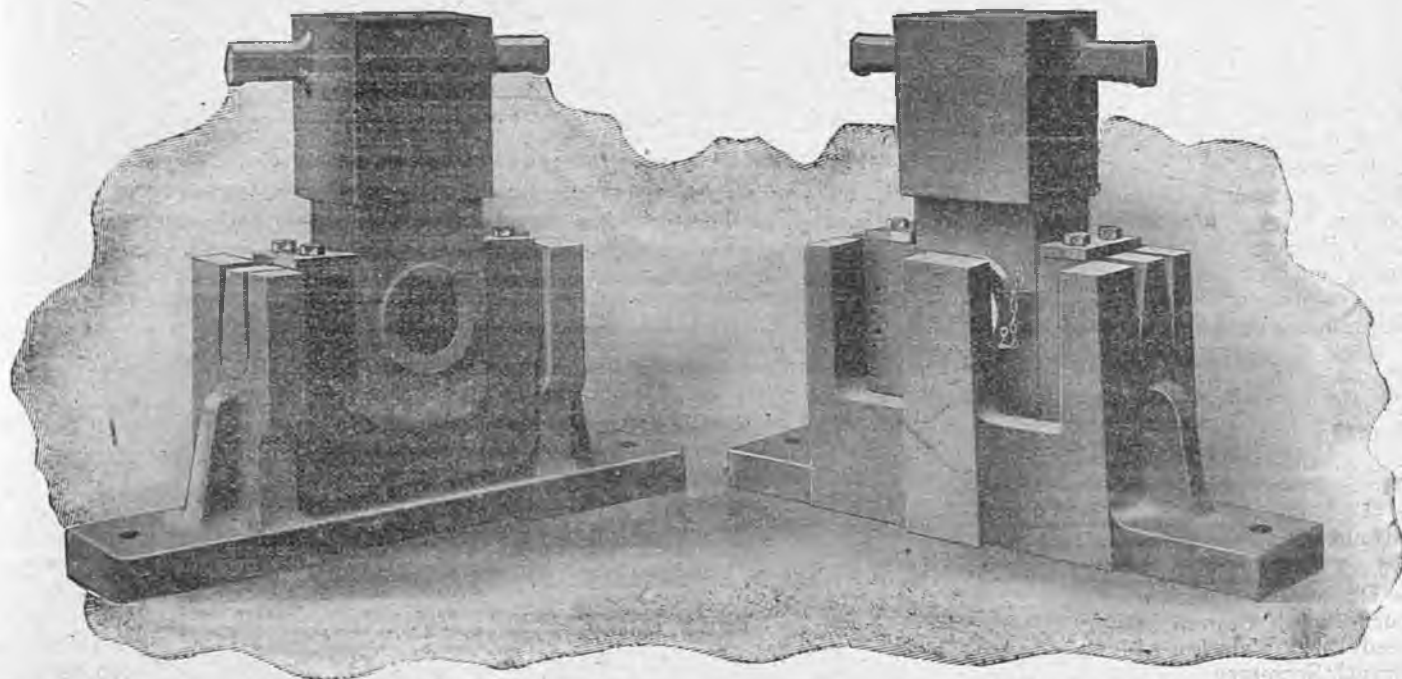
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Kingswinford (6) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3.30.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting in connection with the above will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, August 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 30 cwt.) will be available from 2.30 till 5 p.m., and 5.30 till 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Arthur Hague, Hon. District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at Willenhall. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Pratt (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, August 25th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Epping Parish Church (St. John's) on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3.30, service at 5 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 5.45, followed by business meeting, in the Parish Room. Notice for tea should reach me by Wednesday, 26th inst.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, 29th August, 1914. Bells available from 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at Thornhill Arms, 7.30 p.m.—E. Mann, Hon. Secretary *pro tem*.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Divisional Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Will all members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at once, and oblige J. H. Haydock, Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart Hotel at 5.30, 6d. to members who inform me by September 2nd of their intention to be present. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available from noon. Meeting at 4 o'clock.—W. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Bingley on Saturday, 5th September. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 9d. per head at Assembly Rooms 5 p.m., to all giving notice to W. Foster, 3, Chestnut Street, Crossflatts, Bingley, not later than 2nd prox. Trams leave Bradford (Forster Square) every 10 minutes after noon, fare 3½d.—P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On account of the war the meeting of the Tonbridge District, which was to have been held at Penshurst to-morrow (Saturday) is postponed.—W. Latter, District Honorary Secretary.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, COMMEMORATION DINNER.—Owing to the crisis on the continent this festival is indefinitely postponed. The general meeting of the Committee and Sheffield Ringers will be held, as previously arranged, on Saturday, August 29th, at the Yorkshireman's Arms, Burgess Street, Sheffield, at 8.30 p.m.—F. Willey, Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to the present National crisis the Central Committee request that all meetings of the Guild should be deferred.—George Williams, Hon. General Secretary, West End, Southampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The meeting arranged for Battle is postponed indefinitely.—Geo. H. Howse, Divisional Secretary.

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EVENTS POSTPONED.

The war is causing the abandonment of various ringers' gatherings. The meeting of the Herts Association, which was to have been held last Saturday, at Tring, was abandoned, as is also the meeting of the Kent Association at Penshurst fixed for to-morrow. The dinner at Sheffield on September 12th, in celebration of the 70th birthday of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, is indefinitely postponed.

The Central Northants meeting, called for last Saturday at Titchworth, was cancelled.

The Warwickshire Guild meeting, arranged for Stoke Golding to-morrow, has been postponed, and the Central Committee of the Winchester Guild have issued, a request that all meetings of the Guild should be deferred at present.

The meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association at Battle has been indefinitely postponed.

HERE AND THERE.

VERY NICE, TOO!

Mr. James George, who recently retired from the service of the London and North Western Railway Company, has been enjoying a holiday in the north. The last we heard of him was from John o' Groat's. He had previously visited Liverpool, Carlisle, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Edinburgh, Perth, Inverness, Thurso and Wick. He has been amongst some splendid scenery, but, latterly, no bells.

MESHAU BELLS.

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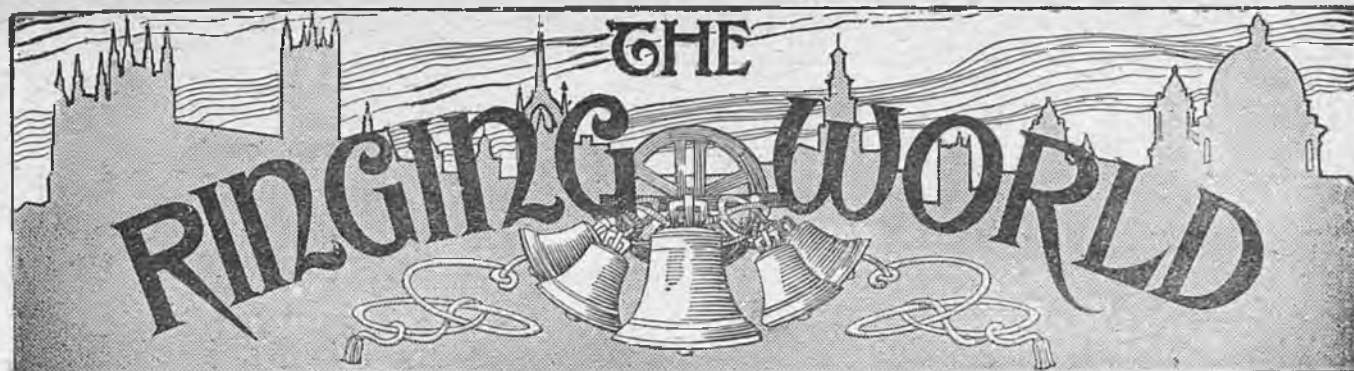


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Where meetings are held, too, it is as well that we should limit the amount of ringing done, although there is no reason why the meetings themselves should not be held, for, apart from the proceedings in the belfry, there are the advantages of the intercourse which the gatherings provide, and the opportunities which are presented of the services—never more necessary than now—which form, under ordinary circumstances, such a happy feature of many meetings. Moreover, there is no reason why the business of the various societies should be allowed to stagnate. Where there is actual business to be done let us do it.

But while we are limiting our ringing on tower bells, there is no reason why, for practice purposes, the handbells should not be brought into play. Those who already have competent "double-handed" bands are in a happy position, for there is nothing to prevent them going ahead with a branch of our art that is extremely fascinating. For those not so well placed there is the opportunity of doing something on these lines. "Double-handed" ringing requires patience and practice in the learning, but those who, while waiting for the opportunity of once more freely indulging in their art on tower bells, seize the present "slack" period for taking up the pursuit on handbells, will not, we are perfectly sure, regret the time and effort put forward. Again, there are others unable, for various reasons, to take up "double-handed" work, but even these are not entirely without compensation, as will be seen from two of the records of peals which appear in this issue.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF REDDISH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ... Treble	TOM WILDE ... 5
HAROLD JACKSON ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
ALFRED BARNES ... 3	THOMAS J. BOTTRILL ... 7
WILLIAM JACKSON ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

A peal in this method is now rung for the first time. The peal was rung to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the birth of Sir William Houldsworth, who built and endowed this church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

JAMES R. KEMP ... 1-2	FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 7-8

Composed by F. HILL, of Tipton, Staffs., and
Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attested by ROBERT SQUIRES.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDK. W. SAWFOOT ... 1-2	DAVID G. NICHOLS ... 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3-4	*MATTHIAS HOBBS ... 7-8

Composed by G. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, August 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*JOSEPH T. LEE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN.

Witnesses: MISS TURNER, MRS. AYRES, R. AYRES, and MRS. PULLING.

* First peal on handbells.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, August 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CLEMENT GLENN ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
ARTHUR HAGUE ... 3-4	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 7-8

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Umpire: SIDNEY F. PALMER.

Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district, it being also his 20th peal.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE HOUSE OF MR. A. R. ALDHAM,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*ARTHUR DAVID ALDHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM... 3
*RICHARD C. BELTON ... 2	GEORGE P. GARNER ... 4
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM ... 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

* First peal.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. J. NAUNTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Court Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Minor.

ALBERT J. NAUNTON... Treble	ERNEST W. HALL ... 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2	JOHN SPENCER... 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Umpire: GEORGE BERTRAM.

First peal in seven methods by all the band.

HINTON, EVESHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, August 21, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 4 Six-Scores of Stedman, 8 each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grandsire.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON ... 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4
MISS RUTH JOHNSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by MISS E. M. JOHNSON.

Umpires: MESSRS. JAMES HEMMING and F. J. JOHNSON.

BENGWORTH, EVESHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

†MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 1-2	†FREDERICK J. JOHNSON... 5-6
†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4	*JAMES HEMMING ... 7-8

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: GEORGE STEERE.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Triples on handbells.
† First peal of Triples. First handbell peal of Triples in the Branch.

HINTON, EVESHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob each called differently.

*MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 1-2	†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4
†FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

Umpires: JAMES HEMMING and ARTHUR KEYTE.

Witnesses: MRS. KEYTE and MISS RUTH JOHNSON.

* First peal of Minor. † First handbell peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on handbells by the Worcestershire Association.

The above three peals were rung as a compliment to Miss Ellen M. Johnson, who attained her 14th birthday on August 22nd, the ringers and umpires wishing her many happy returns of the day.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MEMBERS RESTRICT THEIR RINGING.

A meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday last, at Barlow Moor, Didsbury, and a fair number of members were present. Mr. James Barrett presided over the business meeting, and expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity of ringing on the beautiful bells of Barlow Moor Church. He regretted that National and European events were of such a grave character as to call for a restriction in peal ringing, and urged the members to follow the suggestions made by Sir Arthur Heywood in the last issue of "The Ringing World."

The meeting approved of the re-election of the present officers of the Association at the next annual meeting which is to be held at Bolton, and consequently there were no fresh nominations.

It was further agreed that there should be no ringing meeting next month, nor the special practice at St. John's, Miles Platting. Radcliffe was chosen as the place for the next meeting, the time to be announced in the ringing papers.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for the arrangements made, and the welcome accorded to the visitors.

A TRIP INTO BUCKS.

It is said that "unity is strength," and this and the good fellowship which exists between the Acton and West Ealing bands led them to arrange an outing together—the first, and, it is hoped, not the last excursion of the kind. Messrs. J. J. Parker and W. Henley met the party at Stoke Poges, where Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Minor were rung on this excellent peal of six. The walk that followed was very enjoyable, and Farnham Royal being reached, the peal of eight there were soon going to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major. A couple of plates were exposed by one of the party who had brought his camera, and then a motor was boarded for the next stage of the proceedings. Amid the beautiful Burnham Beeches a first-rate meat tea was enjoyed, and Host James catered right well. In pleasant surroundings, handbells were brought into use, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung by four of the party who have recently scored handbell peals in the South and West District of the Middlesex Association. Now came a slight disappointment. An official of the G.W.R. at Slough had promised on the outward journey to Stoke Poges to send a motor for the party at seven o'clock, but owing probably to the disturbed state of affairs just now, no motor appeared, so a walk of four miles was undertaken to Slough, which was reached too late to allow of any ringing, but all the same the best thanks of the party are due to Mr. G. Leader for making the arrangements.

DEATH OF OLD YORKSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death, at the advanced age of 80 years, of Mr. William Lockwood, one of the oldest ringers in Yorkshire, who passed away on Sunday week at the residence of his son, Mr. John Lockwood, at Mexborough. The deceased, who was a master tailor, began his ringing career at the early age of ten years, and over 60 years ago was one of the ringers at Bradfield Church. The interment took place at St. Margaret's Church, Swinton, near Doncaster on Wednesday of last week.

REDDISH COURT BOB MAJOR.

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42316587

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24365117

42638571

46283751

84827315

46287135

64821753

46812735

64187253

61482735

16847253

16482735

Bob 18642735

Single 16842735

The first peal in the method was rung at Reddish on August 20th, 1914, conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beaton.

It will be observed that this method is compounded of Double Norwich and Oxford Bob. It was handed to the conductor by Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, a few years ago.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

RINGERS' RESPONSE.

Our appeal to ringers last week to give their support to the National Relief Fund inaugurated by the Prince of Wales, and to send, if they care to do so, their contributions through "The Ringing World," has met with a ready response in many quarters. Some donations, acknowledged below, have already reached us, and will be forwarded to the fund in due course.

The distress and suffering that must inevitably occur through the war which has now involved practically the whole of Europe, will be immeasurable, and, as time goes on, will make itself more and more felt. The magnificent result achieved up to the present time by the Prince of Wales' Fund shows that England is ready to do all in her power for those of our countrymen who will become the victims, either directly or indirectly, of the conflict. Everyone, we are sure, will desire to contribute according to his or her means, and, so far as ringers are concerned, if they do not care to send their donations direct to Buckingham Palace, we open our columns to acknowledge the receipt of any sums, however small, and these will be sent on to the National Fund.

As we suggested last week, the most convenient way, where there is regular ringing at any tower, is for the secretary to collect the individual amounts and forward to us.

One correspondent suggests that we should make our fund a Shilling Fund, and if our readers will enable us to do this we shall be delighted. It should be remembered that individuals are not limited to one shilling each. They may send any number of shillings, and all that can be spared will be needed.

The following contributions are acknowledged with thanks:

	s.	d.	s.	d.
"Wanderer"			2	0
Fred Kilborn			5	0
Christ Church, Southgate, Ringers (per Mr. J. E. Miller)			5	0
Tunstall, Kent, Ringers (per Mr. G. H. Spice)			5	0
Hitchin Ringers (per Mr. F. R. Bacon)				
F. R. Bacon	1	0		
C. Cannon	1	0		
H. Day	1	0		
L. Fidler	1	0		
J. F. Foster	1	0		
E. J. Newell	1	0		
J. Randall	1	0		
A. Squires	1	0		
G. Wolfe	1	0		
			9	0
Fulmer, Bucks, Parish Church Ringers, and a friend (per Mr. G. Gutteridge)			10	0
Workshop Priory Church Ringers (per Mr. H. Haigh)			2	6
Total	£	18	6	

GONE TO THE FRONT.

The following ringers have been called to colours, and have gone to the front on active service:—

Pte. Charles Brass, of St. John the Baptist's, Glastonbury, Somerset Light Infantry.

Lance-Corpl. Frederick Marsh, junr., of St. John the Baptist's, Glastonbury, 16th Lancers.
Corpl. Ernest Barton (7380), of Ashton-under-Lyne, 1st King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
Driver J. Allway, of Christ Church, Southgate, Royal Horse Artillery.
Corpl. Percy Clark, of West Ealing, R.M.L.I. (at present at Eastney Barracks).

WITH THE TERRITORIALS.

Many ringers are serving with the Territorial Force, and the following are among those who have responded to the call to arms:—

Pte. John Hall, of Ashton-under-Lyne, 9th Battalion Manchester Regiment, now at Bury.
Sergt. P. Page, of St. Nicholas', New Romney, Kent, "The Buffs," now at Dungeness.
Pte. T. Anderson, Workshop Priory Church, 8th Battalion Notts and Derby Regiment.
Farrier Robert R. Ditchburn, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, Durham Light Infantry Brigade Co., A.S.C.
Wheeler B. Harold Ditchburn, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, Durham Light Infantry Brigade Co., A.S.C.
Trooper J. Hamer, of Bredenbury, Shropshire Yeomanry.
Sergt. C. Jones, of Pencombe, Shropshire Yeomanry.
Corpl. F. Smith, of Bromyard, Herefordshire Regiment.
Q.-M.-S. L. N. Corden, of St. Mary's, Pulborough, 4th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, now at Newhaven.
We shall be glad to receive for publication the names of any other ringers who are on military service.

SHILLING FUND SUGGESTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is very pleasing to see your suggestion that ringers throughout the country should try and contribute—through "The Ringing World"—their mite to the National Relief Fund. Everybody who can will be only too glad to help.

If I might suggest it, I think a Shilling Fund would be a capital idea. Perhaps you know whereabouts the number of ringers who are members of the various Associations? Think what the amount would be to hand over to the National Fund, if we could but average one shilling per head! There are many, of course, who would give more than one shilling, and this would make up for those who are less fortunate and cannot afford the shilling. But to these I would suggest that two, or three, or even four made up the shilling between them. It would help considerably to a fund which needs all sympathy possible. I enclose five shillings from myself, and can only hope that every ringer who can possibly do so will give his quota.—Yours sincerely,

FRED KILBORN.

Desborough.

JARRING PEALS.

Sir,—Has not Mr. Winney, in his letter under this heading, taken "the wrong end of the stick?" If I remember rightly, the Vicar of King's Lynn was criticised, not for exercising his undoubted right to withdraw a permission given to ring his bells for a given purpose, but for omitting to notify the withdrawal to those concerned until they had actually assembled to ring—in other words for what (if correctly reported) was an act of discourtesy.

Mr. Winney cites two instances of peals which he thinks would not have been attempted "had the Vicar of each church been as well balanced as the good Vicar of King's Lynn." Will he kindly explain why he thinks so?—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON.

St. Albans, August 22nd.

THE POSTPONED KING'S LYNN PEAL.

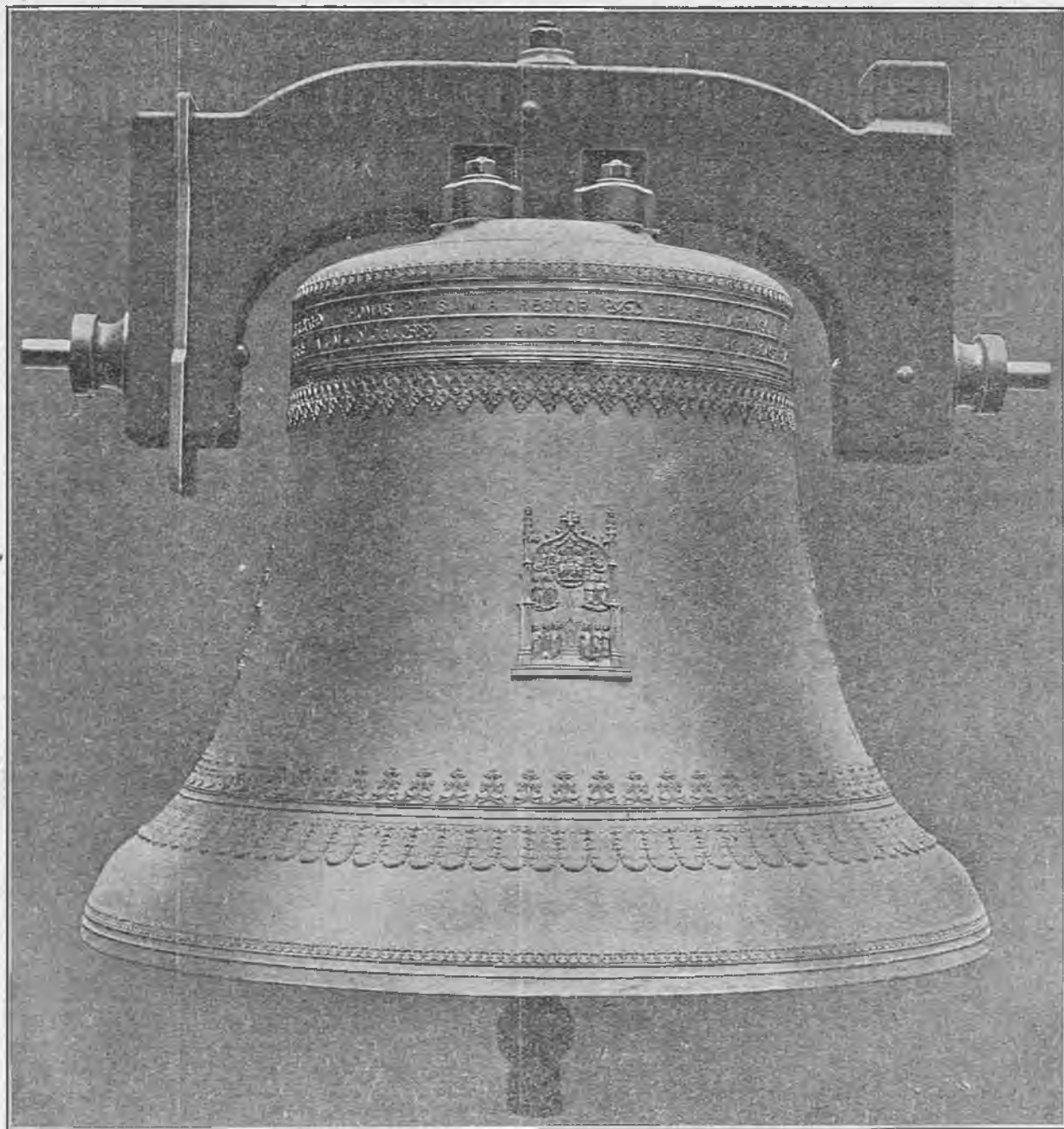
Sir,—I am sorry my friend, Mr. F. C. Sedgley, should have been treated by the Vicar of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, with such indifference over his peal of Stedman Caters, more particularly as it is such a rare occurrence to read of any doings in our newspaper by the "Lynn strings." What I would say to him is: Never mind, our thoughts must naturally at this time turn towards our King and country, and, if it please God to bring matters to a happy issue, I would suggest to him when the time arrives for the proclamation of peace that he should again approach the Vicar on the matter. It is annoying to be refused after getting a company together, especially when they come long distances. It must be at least consoling to Mr. Sedgley to know that on the very day of his peal, peal-ringing was cancelled in many other places.—Yours truly,

F. R. BACON.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On August 21st, for the special Intercession service, and at the request of the Rector, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: A. Akerman 1, G. Gutteridge 2, J. Walden 3, W. Walden 4, J. H. Bailey 5, K. G. Hawkins (conductor) 6.

ISLEWORTH. On Sunday, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Ransome 1, W. Lidbetter 2, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 3, T. Beadle 4, C. Dell 5, W. Lawrence 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Beckensale 8.

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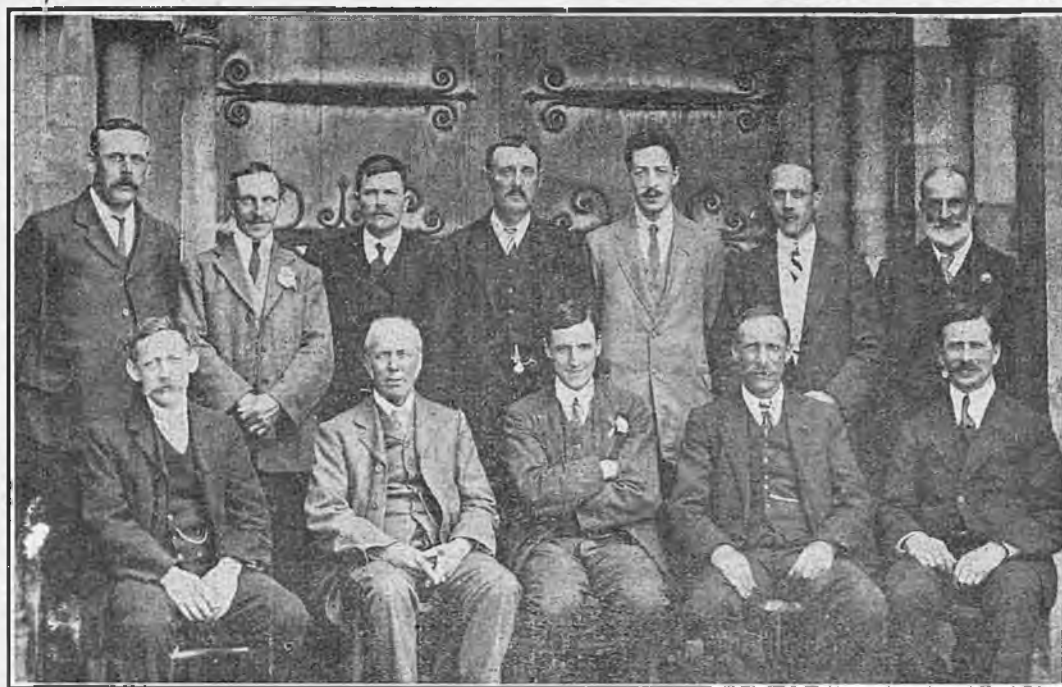
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F. GEORGE, J. BATES.

Front Row: B. DARLOW, W. J. OAKLEY, B. PREWETT, F. SMITH, W. G. WHITEHEAD.

Throughout the country there are towers which can boast of a ringing company of more than average ability. Some are associated with belfries that are famous in ringing annals, but there are others whose names are not quite such household words among members of the fraternity, but the bands connected with which, nevertheless form the backbone of the Exercise. One such is Bushey, where, Sunday by Sunday, the bells are regularly rung by a most capable company of enterprising ringers.

They are versatile and democratic, if that word can be aptly applied, for they ring methods from Grandsire to Surprise, and nearly all the members take their share in the bob-calling—a matter which, only too often, is very jealously kept in the hands of one man. The Bushey Society is happy in the possession of a leader among them so capable, experienced and energetic as Mr. Bertram Prewett, but its progress is due to the fact that it is by no means a "one man" organisation.

HERE AND THERE.

HANDBELLS IN USE.

Now that church bells are silent, so far as peal ringing is concerned, we may look to an increase in handbell ringing. The very enterprising six-bell band at Wrentham, Suffolk, not to allow themselves to be unduly handicapped by the present position, brought the handbells into use, and succeeded in scoring their first peal of Minor in seven methods.

CLUN BELLS.

The dedication of tower, clock, bells and font cover at Clun Church, Salop, has been fixed for Wednesday, Sept. 16th, and the festival services will be continued on the following Sunday (Sept. 20th). Messrs. Day and Son, the bell hangers, have now finished their work, the new clock has been fixed, and the restoration of the tower is now nearly completed.

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL REEVES.

Contributions to the Memorial Peal Tablet to the late Mr. S. Reeves are acknowledged with many thanks from Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, W. Hock Small, C. H. Hattersley, W. Whitaker and E. V. C., 5s. each; Mr. H. Knight, 2s. 6d.; total amount received up to date, £2 13s. 6d.—E. V. Cox, hon. secretary and treasurer.

A FOURTEENTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Congratulations to Miss Ellen M. Johnson, the young lady of Hinton, near Evesham, who, with her brother and younger sister some little time ago put all records in the shade in the matter of a peal by juveniles. Her latest achievement is to celebrate her 14th birthday by taking part in three handbell peals, conducting one in five methods of Doubles, and ringing a pair in a peal of Grandsire Triples and a peal of Minor in four methods. The two latter were conducted by her brother, who is very little her senior. As handbell ringers these children have a future before them if only they have opportunities to progress.

LADY RINGER'S FINE PERFORMANCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think a word of praise should be given to Miss Evelyn Steele for ringing two peals (Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise) in one day, which she did on August Bank Holiday. She rang the two peals without any trouble from start to finish. Of course, it is not the first time that two 5000's have been rung in one day by a lady, but Miss Steele is the first lady to ring two true peals in a day.—Yours truly,
W. PERKINS.

TABLET UNVEILED AT ACTON.

FIRST LOCAL PEAL RECORDED.

An interesting event took place in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Acton, when a tablet was unveiled by Mrs. De Sausmarez, who was accompanied by Miss De Sausmarez and the Rector (the Rev. G. S. De Sausmarez, M.A.), recording the first peal by an entirely local band, and rung on Wednesday, February 18th, 1914.

In addition to Mr. P. J. Vinter (churchwarden) ringing friends were present from Ealing, Putney, Isleworth and Chiswick. Letters regretting inability to attend were read from Mr. A. W. Mackenzie (churchwarden) and Mr. E. H. Hayward (late churchwarden). Before the unveiling Mr. Mackman spoke briefly upon the difficulties of training young ringers, and of the hard work and time necessary to make them proficient, closing his remarks by expressing the best thanks of the band to the donor of the tablet—Mr. W. E. Holloway—who is away in Canada, but still a member of the band.

Mrs. De Sausmarez, in unveiling the tablet, expressed the pleasure it gave her to do so. The Rector and Mr. Vinter having said how much the services of the ringers were appreciated, the proceedings terminated by Mr. Robert Holloway proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. De Sausmarez, and to the Rector and Mr. Vinter for their kind words of encouragement.

The tablet is of marble with imperishable lead letters, the work having been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. A. Tomes, mason, of Acton.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The third session of the eighth Council (twenty-fourth annual meeting) was held in St. Thomas' Parish Hall, Winchester, on Whitsun Tuesday, 2nd June, 1914, at 11 a.m., when there were present of representative members, 55 out of 99, and of honorary members six out of 14, making a total of 61 present out of 113. Of the 41 Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council 14 were fully, 14 partially, and 13 were not represented.

The chair having been taken by the president, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the hon. secretary, who was requested to alter one phrase in them, and they were then unanimously passed on the proposal of Mr. A. T. King, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

Before proceeding to further business, the President referred in feeling terms to the great loss which the Council and the Exercise had sustained by the deaths of Dr. A. B. Carpenter and Mr. N. J. Pitstow, both of whom had been members of Council from the first, and had done much valuable work as members of various committees. He asked for a vote of sympathy with their relatives, which was unanimously passed by all present rising in their places, and the hon. secretary was instructed to write conveying the Council's sympathy to Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Pitstow.

Expressions of regret for absence were announced as having been received from the Rev. H. E. T. Bassett, Mr. G. Bolland, Mr. C. E. Borrett, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Messrs. John Carler, G. Chester, H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, W. H. Godden, H. Haigh, O. H. Hattersley, P. J. Johnson, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett, S. Reeves, W. R. Small, W. Snowdon, W. Story, H. White, H. W. Wilde, and the Rev. W. P. Wright.

The Hon. Secretary read the annual statement of accounts, of which the following is a summary, viz.: Credit balance from last year, £77 13s. 6d.; affiliation fees, £12 10s.; sale of publications (two years), £7 8s.; interest on deposit account, 19s. 5d., making a total of £93 10s. 11d. Against this there had been: Expenses of meeting last year, 10s.; sum placed on deposit account at the bank, £50; expenses of committees, £1 1s. 2d.; cost of transfer of the publications to the care of the hon. librarian, £1 13s.; printing and postage, £2 11s. 7d., leaving in hand a balance of £42 15s. 2d. The accounts, having been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were unanimously passed on the proposal of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. Joseph Griffin.

The Hon. Secretary then read the Account of Sales of Publications for the year ending Whitsuntide, 1913, furnished by Messrs. Allen and Co. too late for presentation to the Council last year, the amount realised being £4 0s. 11d.

The Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) then read his statement of sales for the year just ended, the amount realised being £3 7s. 1d.; and the two statements were adopted.

The retiring honorary members were unanimously re-elected, the Rev. R. W. Carpenter being proposed by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, and seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker, and Mr. H. W. Wilde, who was proposed by Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. J. R. Sharman.

The following new members were introduced to and shook hands with the president, viz. the Rev. E. S. Powell, of the Devon Guild; Mr. T. R. Dennis, of the Ely Diocesan Association; Major C. C. H. D'Aeth, of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; and Mr. A. Roberts, of the Warwickshire Guild. The Hon. Secretary also announced that the Tewchester and District Association had become affiliated to the Council.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, for the Peal Collection Committee, reported that the five-part, three-part and two-part peals of Treble Bob Major were complete and ready for publication, and read the draft preface. On the proposal of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. G. Watson, the report was adopted, and the printing was left in the hands of the committee.

The report of the Literature Committee, owing to the absence of Mr. R. A. Daniell, who has for several years been engaged on the work of the Bibliography, was again delayed.

For the Legitimate Methods' Committee, the Rev. H. Law James reported that the material for the second volume, consisting of Plain Major methods, was nearly ready for the press, and he read the draft preface to the volume.—On the proposal of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. R. Cartwright, it was agreed that the printing be left to the committee and the hon. secretary of the Council.

The Report of the Peals' Analysis Committee was presented by Mr. A. T. King, and consisted principally of the analysis of peals rung in 1913 given in full detail, with interesting and instructive notes on various points. It was accompanied by a report on the Classification of Minor Methods founded on a careful examination of them, conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeson, and also to a certain extent on another independent treatment of the question by Mr. J. W. Parker. On a review of these, the committee had formulated certain alterations in the classification. The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. T. King, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, with the addition of a warm expression of the thanks of the Council to the committee for their labours.

For the Towers and Belfries Committee, the President reported that he had prepared a book on the subject on the lines which he had indicated last year, and which had been adopted by the Council. He then read the preface of the book, and gave a brief summary of its contents. — On the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Rev. Canon Papillon, a cordial vote of thanks to the President was carried with acclamation.—Mr. E. H. Lewis gave a full and deeply interesting account of his experiments and calculations with regard to the various strains and forces acting on bell frames and towers during ringing.—Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. J. H. B. Hesse also spoke as to what had been done, and the Hon. Secretary concluded the report by stating that he had entered into correspondence with the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, so that the general work of the committee was fairly in motion.—The whole report was adopted.

It was proposed by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, that the Central Council approve and issue a national badge for ringers. To this an amendment was proposed by Mr. T. R. Dennis, and seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, that the consideration of the subject be postponed until next year.—This was carried, and on then being put as the substantive motion, was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. W. Jones formally moved that: "This Council, while not in any sense pledging its members individually or collectively, would, if the project could be set going on a sound practical basis, view with satisfaction the establishment of a system of inter-affiliation between the various diocesan and county associations for purposes of peal ringing," but at the same time he explained that he would have preferred to move a resolution more nearly approaching the terms of one lately passed by the Llandaff Diocesan Association. Leave for this was granted, and the substituted resolution having been moved by Mr. Jones, and seconded by Mr. J. D. Matthews, an amendment to it was proposed by Mr. J. R. Newman, and seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker. It was pointed out by the President, that as the amendment embodied the main proposition of the resolution, its loss would involve the loss of the latter with it. It was then put, and lost by a large majority.

It was proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. E. H. Lewis, that Superlative Surprise Royal, as given by Shingway, is the same method as the Major, but after discussion the proposal was withdrawn.

The Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Guild having reported that the Guild now numbered 89 members, and was desirous of being represented on the Council, it was proposed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, that the Guild be allowed to send representatives to the Council in proportion to the numbers on its roll was laid down in Rule 2.—Carried with one dissentient.

A cordial vote of thanks to the President was proposed by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and was carried by acclamation.

NOTE.

Though set forth mainly to furnish information to committees in their work, the early publication of these minutes has also another important end in view, which is that there is thus afforded to anyone concerned an opportunity of correcting anything that may be amiss either by way of omission or inaccuracy before the minutes are copied into the Minute Book, which as a rule I do not attempt till the end of the year. So far from resenting corrections, I cordially welcome them if made in good time. I, therefore, earnestly hope that, should any member of Council find any point needing amendment, he will not fail to write and indicate it. I shall be most grateful to him for so doing. What I quite admit that I do not like is that emendations and corrections should be made at the Council meeting. It delays the work of the Council. It involves corrections in the Minute Book, leaving it with a slovenly and untidy appearance. And to myself it is distinctly disconcerting, coming, as it then does, when I have been hoping and believing that my work has been satisfactorily done, and when members have had months in which to communicate with me.

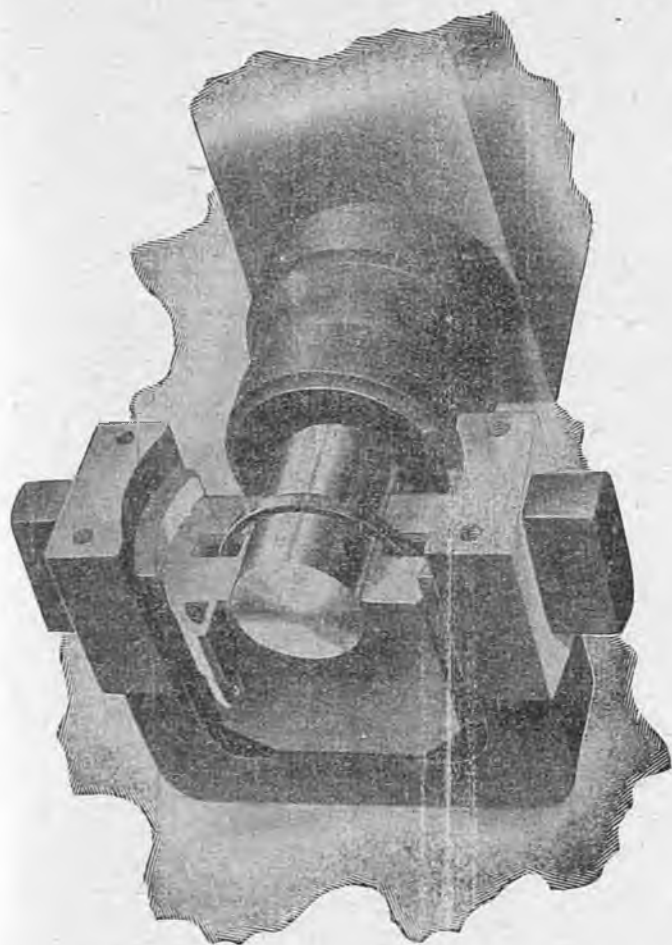
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THE LATE DEAN OF ST. ALBANS.

Among the touches rung with bells half-muffled, in loving memory of the late Dean of St. Albans, who was founder and ex-President of the Hertfordshire Association, have been the following:—

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 16th, a course of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Sealey 1, R. Darlow 2, B. Prewett 3, W. G. Whitehead 4, F. A. Smith 5, F. Edwards 6, J. J. Allen 7, M. F. R. Hibbert 8. 252 Stedman Triples: J. J. Allen 1, B. Prewett 2, R. Darlow 3, W. G. Whitehead 4, W. J. Oakley 5, F. Edwards 6, F. A. Smith 7, W. Sealey 8.—On Monday, August 17th, after an attempt for a quarter-peal 337 Stedman Triples: W. S. Inwood 1, J. J. Allen 2, R. Darlow 3, W. Sealey 4, B. Prewett 5, F. Edwards 6, F. A. Smith 7, G. A. Hughes 8.



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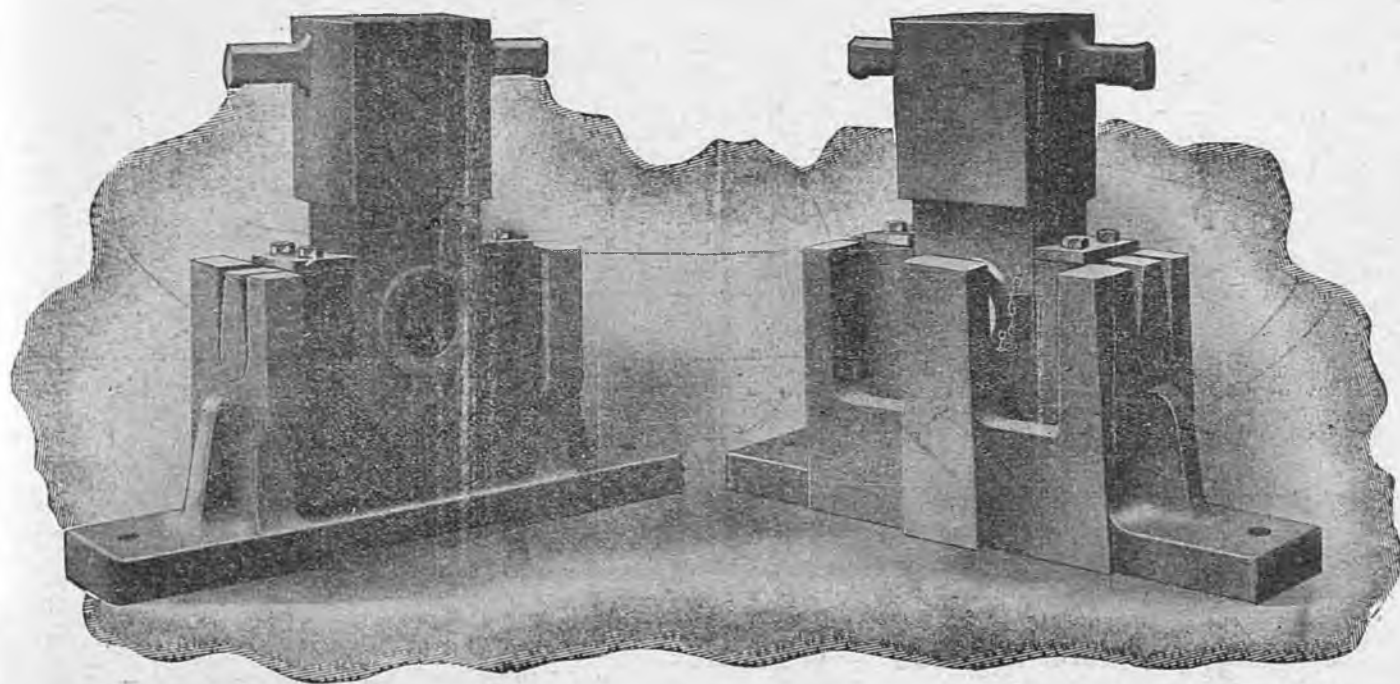
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YORKSHIRE TRIP ABANDONED.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me the use of your columns to notify a number of ringing friends that the proposed ringing tour in Yorkshire in September has been abandoned on account of the European war. Several brother strings have written me a week ago suggesting such a course, and much correspondence will be saved if the members of the proposed party will please accept this intimation that our holiday for 1914 is cancelled.

I would respectfully endorse the remarks of two well known gentlemen in your last week's issue, and point out that the Exercise generally has already realised the seriousness of this war, by the almost total absence of peal records in the same copy of your journal. With regard to Sunday ringing, two points brought out at the recent Slough festival of the O.D.G. will bear repetition here: "Slower striking," and a full interval of five minutes for "tolling in," well clear of the stated hour of service.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain General of the Forces, has thoughtfully expressed a wish that the big bell in every parish should be rung at noon, daily, for an intercession service, commencing from August 13th. This has been done at Slough, the Rector adding to the notice: "Will those who cannot come to the church be mindful when they hear the bell of those who represent us on the field of battle." Our latest news from the Continent points out that immense forces have now become involved along the Franco-Belgian frontier; that Great Britain's Expeditionary Army is in the fighting line, therefore, every parish in England is now awaiting the result of battle with deep anxiety, since each has contributed men for the front, and we know not who will be absent at the sad hour of "roll call." For this reason should our church bells be silent.

GERMAN ADVANCE CHECKED BY A BELL.

There is one little episode in the early history of this war which will remain for all time as a glorious example of duty, which will appeal to the loyal feelings of every ringer in the British Isles. I am quoting from the daily press, since confirmed by "The People," and from war maps of the district issued therewith. Briefly, it shows that the most gigantic war the civilised world has ever known began by the simple ringing of an old church bell. The small Belgian town of Visé is situated on the banks of the River Meuse. It is within three or four miles of the Dutch frontier (across which some 700 Visé fugitives hurried to the neighbouring town of Maestricht) and is eight to nine miles north of Liège (since made famous by its defensive fortifications). Visé was invaded by a team of 150 motor-cars crowded by German infantry on the day war was declared. This ruse was adopted in the hope of obtaining possession of a valuable passage without firing a shot, but before an entry to the town could be made, the Cure of the parish immediately alarmed the town by ringing his church bell, thus enabling the town guard and inhabitants to delay the enemy and give the defending troops time to destroy two important bridges. Most brutal conduct towards the townspeople followed. The Burgomaster and chief citizens, as well as the faithful clergyman, were immediately shot. Stephen Black, writing from Rotterdam on Saturday last, mentioned the priest of Limburg as having renounced his cloth in order to take up arms against the Germans for their atrocities at Visé.

W. H. FUSSELL.

Slough, August 25th, 1914.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On June 17th, 720 Double Court Minor: W. Fisher 1, A. Croucher 2, G. Fisher 3, H. Chaffey 4, Alf. Croucher (conductor) 5, Corpl. G. Gilbert 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also the first 720 of Double Court by all.

BECCLES.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, July 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Reynolds 1, E. Pipe 2, W. Clark 3, J. Spaulding 4, C. Parnell 5, G. Baxter (conductor) 6, H. Ling 7, E. Etteridge 8.—On July 8th, 504 Grandsire Caters: T. Holmes 1, H. Reynolds 2, E. Pipe 3, C. Parnell 4, W. Clark 5, G. Baxter 6, R. Goate 7, E. Etteridge 8, H. Ling 9, R. Rush 10.—On the afternoon of May 13th, and as a welcome to the new Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, on his first visit to conduct a Confirmation service, 630 Grandsire Triples: T. Holmes 1, E. Pipe 2, H. Reynolds 3, G. Baxter 4, R. Goate 5, C. Parnell 6, H. Ling (conductor) 7, R. Rush 8. In the evening, 840 Grandsire Triples: E. Etteridge 1, E. Pipe 2, W. Clark 3, C. Parnell 4, R. Goate 5, G. Baxter (conductor) 6, H. Ling 7, R. Rush 8.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—On July 19th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, T. J. Watts 2, J. Luckey 3, G. Jordan 4, T. Jordan 5, A. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.—On July 26th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, T. Jordan 2, G. Jordan 3, H. J. Tucker 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.—At St. James' Church, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. Brownlee West 1, Sidney Hillier (conductor) 2, W. J. Bolwell 3, A. Little 4, T. Weeks 5, A. E. Avenell 6.

NOTICES.

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

Matter intended for publication should reach the Editor not later than *first post* on Tuesday morning, but all reports should be sent in *as early as possible*. Records of peals rung after Saturday will be accepted up to Wednesday morning first post, although insertion is not guaranteed in the same week's issue.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 1st and 15th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 1st and 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 15th; Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus, 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at Willenhall. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Pratt (Vicar). Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, 29th August, 1914. Bells available from 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at Thornhill Arms, 7.30 p.m.—E. Mann, Hon. Secretary *pro tem*.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Divisional Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Will all members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at once, and oblige J. H. Haydock, Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart Hotel at 5.30, 6d. to members who inform me by September 2nd of their intention to be present. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Bingley on Saturday, 5th September. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 9d. per head at Assembly Rooms 5 p.m., to all giving notice to W. Foster, 3, Chestnut Street, Crossflatts, Bingley, not later than 2nd prox. Trams leave Bradford (Forster Square) every 10 minutes after noon, fare 3½d.—P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stockport Branch.—The next branch meeting will (D.V.) be held at Poynton, September 5th.—A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available from noon. Meeting at 4 o'clock.—W. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The meeting at Naton, arranged for Sept. 5th, is cancelled owing to the war.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Sec., 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

SHOREDITCH PARISH CHURCH. — Sunday service ringing and practices will take place as usual, but no peals will be allowed during the war.—H. J. Bradley, steeplekeeper.

ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Owing to the present national crisis, the meeting advertised to be held at Epping on August 29th, is indefinitely postponed. — H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

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

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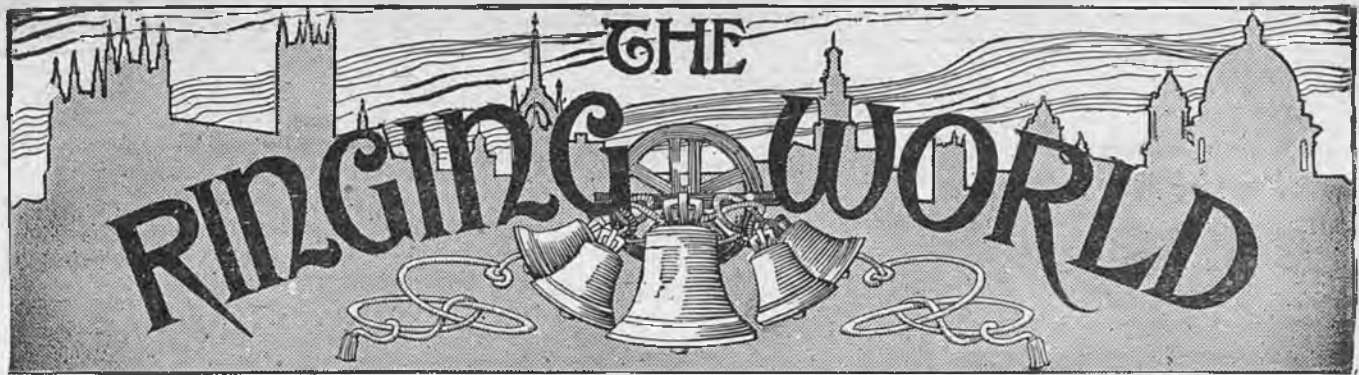


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Among the ranks of ringers there must be large numbers of young men fit and able to carry arms, and doubtless we shall hear from time to time of those joining the colours. All honour to those who serve their country thus. It is the supreme sacrifice that they offer. In other directions, too, there is ample room for help, but where personal service cannot be given, we can all give of our substance. The calls of local relief funds will, we are sure, find a response among ringers, and to those who are not giving in other ways and even to those who are, if they can afford to do so, we appeal for contributions towards the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund. This fund is to be used to provide help in the many directions where help will be most needed as the war drags on, and the smallest donations will be of the utmost assistance. As we have before pointed out, however, those who can only afford small amounts may not like to send them direct to Buckingham Palace, although they may be extremely desirous of helping. A means is afforded them, however, through our columns, and we hope that those who have not given will do so, and at once, and raise our fund for this great cause, to one worthy of the ringers of England.

And while on the question of help, we cannot refrain from mentioning the service which is ready to be rendered by some of those in the ranks of the Exercise. Many are at the front upholding the honour of England in the trenches—St. Mary's, Chatham, has no less than eight members on active service—and others are doing their share with the Territorials. The Master of the Winchester Guild, a chaplain of the Forces, has volunteered for service in the field, and little Bradfield, a valued branch of the Oxford Guild, which has sent one man to the front, has eight of its members (three of them ladies) ready to be mobilised for Red Cross work. Here is a true spirit of patriotism, which others may emulate, even though unable to do so in this particular way. We have all to do our part, and, as Britons, it must and will be done.

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On Saturday, August 22, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT BOCKLEY 2	JOSEPH GREENWOOD ... 5
EDMUND SCHOFIELD 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
JOHN FITTON 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7
WILLIAM CRABTREE 4	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by A. SIDEBOTTOM.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peal rung on the bells by a local company, in which the ringers of the treble and 3rd took part. The ringers of the 4th and 6th hail from Todmorden and it is their first peal in the method.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

ALBERT SCRIVENS Treble	CHARLES MACKENZIE ... 5
JOHN CARRIGAN 2	WILLIAM F. WEBB ... 6
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 3	WILLIAM DAVIS ... 7
THOMAS MILLER 4	WALTER GOSSAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Pope, Pius X. W. Gossage was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

WALSDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK FIELDEN Treble	*GEORGE E. DIXON ... 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE 2	*CHARLES DENNETT ... 6
*JOHN DUGDALE 3	JOHN NASH ... 7
*HARRY ELLIS 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for the late Eli Marshall, a ringer at this church. This was the second peal on the bells, the first having been rung on Nov. 16th, 1872.

COSELEY'S LEAD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of my band of ringers, I have great pleasure in sending you the sum of thirty shillings to add to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund.

Probably there are 5,000 or more ringers throughout the country, and I am sure every one of us can do and ought to do something during this terrible calamity. If we all cannot fight, we can all pray to God to help those who are fighting and losing their lives for us and our Empire, and that He will comfort those dependent on them. Each ringer could give his "mite" as suggested by Mr. Kilborn in your last week's issue, by subscribing the sum of one shilling, this would realise the magnificent sum of £250—a sum which we ought to accomplish. Now, ringers of England, think of it, and see if we, as true Churchmen and loyal patriots to King and country, cannot make a strong effort to get this amount.

In a number of belfries, weekly contributions are paid or fines incurred, and probably these have accumulated into fair amounts. Where this is in vogue, may I make a suggestion? That the various bands give these amounts, and each member of that belfry give what he could afford, to make a gross total to be subscribed by that band—the strain would then be very little on his pocket. This is the way my Coseley ringers have done it, and I trust others will soon follow the same example, so as to make the sum subscribed to the fund by the ringers of England one worthy of their honour and calling.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, yours faithfully,

BENJAMIN GOUGH.

"Parkdale," Sedgley, Staffs.
August 31st, 1914.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.**NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.****FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM RINGERS.**

Our fund towards that which the Prince of Wales has inaugurated for the relief of distress arising out of the War is mounting up, but, naturally, we should like to see it go faster, and we hope that ringers throughout the country will join in swelling the amount which we may be enabled to hand over to the fund. The small sums are welcome as well as the large ones, particularly when they represent all that a man can afford. This crisis is a time when everyone must be prepared to make a sacrifice, and, if we cannot all go out to fight the enemy with rifles in our hands, we can at least do something to help fight that other enemy—distress and destitution which must inevitably overtake many. Send along your contributions, then, and let us, as ringers, show what we can do. All donations will be acknowledged in these columns and forwarded to the National Relief Fund.

WHAT OTHERS MIGHT DO.

The members of the Bushey Society are intending to contribute one penny per week each.

Other contributors including "Wanderer" and Mrs. "Wanderer" have promised a monthly donation.

We should like to hear of many others ready to do the same, and it is an extremely happy thing to hear of ringers' wives joining in the effort.

"We regret ours is only a small band, but we like to take our share," writes the secretary of the Emmanuel Guild, Clifton, in sending on a donation, "and we hope every ringer will make a hearty response in this noble cause." We hope so, too. The contributions received are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	1	18	6
St. Alkelda's Guild, Middleham (per Mr. H. Parrish)	0	10	0
Mr. W. Newell, Reading	1	1	0
St. John's Church, Newton, Porthcawl Ringers, 9s. and a Friend, 5s. (per Mr. D. Thomas)	0	14	0
<i>The Ringing World</i>	1	1	0
Fulmer Parish Church Ringers (further donation) per Mr. G. H. Gutteridge	0	1	0
Waldron, Sussex, Parish Church Ringers (per Mr. E. Jennings)	1	0	0
"Wanderer" (2nd donation)	0	2	0
Mrs. "Wanderer" (1st donation)	0	2	0
Emmanuel Guild (per Mr. C. L. Rawlings)	0	8	0
E. Guise	0	1	0
S. Popham	0	1	0
C. Rawlings	0	1	0
H. Parkin	0	1	0
T. Holman	0	1	0
G. Tudball	0	1	0
W. Lewis	0	1	0
J. Hunt	0	1	0
Bradfield, Berks, Ringers (per Miss Chillingwork)	1	3	0
Bushey Society (first week), per Mr. B. Prewett	0	1	0
Coseley (Staffs) Parish Church Ringers (per Mr. Ben Gough): Ringers, Messrs. W.			

Fisher, A. Bagnall, S. Pearce, L. Barnett, W. Grinsell, A. E. Law, T. Reynolds, W. A. Jeavons, A. Baker, S. Baker and Ben Gough	1	10	0
John Millett, Heywood	0	2	0

Total £9 13 6

RINGER AS CHAPLAIN OF FORCES.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield, Hants, and Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who has been for 13½ years chaplain to the 5th Hants Regiment at Southampton, has been appointed Senior Chaplain to the Hants Territorial Infantry Brigade. He is now serving with the Brigade, and has volunteered for foreign service. Among ringers, the Rev. C. E. Matthews' name will ever be associated with that stirring ringers' hymn, which he composed for the Winchester Guild, but which has become familiar in a far wider field:—

"The sacred Bells of England,
How gloriously they ring!
From ancient tower and steeple,
For cottager, for king."

"RED CROSS" RINGERS.

In addition to one of its members—a Reservist of the 1st Berks Regt.—having gone to the front, the remainder of the Bradfield ringers are waiting to do their share if needs be. Eight members—5 men and 3 women—belong to the local Voluntary Aid Detachments of the Red Cross Society, and are awaiting mobilisation, while one, aged 11, is a Boy Scout, ready to go anywhere and do anything.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

No tower, we imagine, can claim to have so many of its men on active service as St. Mary's, Chatham, for no fewer than eight of the ringers are members of His Majesty's Forces, viz.:—

Sergt. F. A. Holden, R.M.L.I.
Lce-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I.
Pte G. Wiffen, R.M.L.I.
Musician V. Jarrett, R.E.
Corpl. Bouncey, Essex Regiment.
Pte Souther, Essex Regiment.
G. Reordan, R.M.L.I. Reserve.
Corpl. H. Springate, Kent R.G.A.

Only three of these, Lce-Sergt. Bennett, Pte. Wiffen and Mus. Jarrett are at home at present.

The Framlingham tower has three brothers with the colours:—

Corpl. H. P. Bonney, 2nd Essex Regiment.
Lce-Corpl. E. Bonney, 4th Suffolk Regiment, and
Pte. Reggie Bonney, 4th Suffolk Regiment.

In addition, they have another member now serving King and country, in

Pte Frank Warren, 4th Suffolk Regiment.

The Earl Soham band has three members now with the Army, two of them brothers:—

Pte G. Hall, 1st Suffolk Regiment.
Pte. J. Hall, 2nd Suffolk Regiment.
Gunner A. Rogers, Royal Field Artillery
Sergt. E. R. Martin, of Preston Parish Church, and hon. secretary of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association, 2nd West Lancashire Brigade, R.F.A. (Territorials).

Pte Russell, of Winchester, 4th Hants Regiment (Territorials).
Arthur Plant, of Kettering, is now serving with Lord Kitchener's new army.

John Noblett, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Naval Reserve, with his ship on active service.

Q.M.S. W. Hibbert, of St. Peter's Society, Caversham, E Battery, R.H.A.

William Wooldridge, of Bradfield, Berks, at the front with the 1st Berks Regiment.

J. W. Washbrook, junr., and W. R. Washbrook, of Tunstall, Territorials.

Pte Thomas Booth (15227), of Heywood, 1st Grenadier Guards.
Sergt. A. Gilbert, of St. John-the-Baptist's, Royston, Herts, 1st Herts Territorial Force.

MAJOR METHODS. INTERESTING FACTS IN THEIR CONSTRUCTION.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The method rung at Reddish on August 20th, and published in your issue of last week, is, of course, quite an old one. It is Double Norwich with second's place at the lead-end, or (which is the same thing) Double Oxford without seventh's place at the half-lead. If my memory serves, it has been published and named already on one or two occasions, but that would not affect the right of the Reddish men to call it what they pleased since they were the first to ring it and it cannot be said to be anybody's "composition." But they should not have called it "Court." A Court method never has adjoining places, hence Double Oxford is a "Bob" method, not a Court Bob method.

This method is one of a group of methods which it may be interesting to explain. They are in construction the simplest that can be had on the "Plain" principle (i.e., with the treble a plain hunt) and as they keep the coursing order of the bells better than any other kind of method, they are certain to be good from a musical point of view. The four following are the foundations of the group:—

A	B	C	D
12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587	21436587
24163857	24163857	24135678	24163857
42618375	42618375	42316587	42618375
46281735	46281735	24361857	46281357
64827153	64827153	42638175	64823175
68472513	68472513	46283715	68472513
86745231	86745231	64827351	86745231
87654321	68472531	68472531	68472531
78563412	86745213	86745213	86745213
75936142	87654123	87654123	68475123
57381624	78561432	78561432	86741532
53719264	75816342	87516342	87614523
35172846	57185624	78153624	78165432
31527486	51738264	71856342	71856342
13254768	15372846	17583624	17583624
13527486	13527486	15738264	15738264

A is Bob Major.

B is Reverse Bob Major.

C is Double Court Bob Major.

D is the Reverse of C (not Reverse Court Major, but Reverse Double Court Major).

Bob Major is constructed by making second's when the treble leads, and the effect of that is to put that bell which had been coursing between 2 and 3, between 3 and 5.

Reverse Bob is constructed by making seventh's when the treble is behind and that has exactly the same effect and brings up exactly the same rows as Bob Major.

Double Court Major is constructed by the bell that is coursing in front of the treble making 4th's and 3rd's and then hunting up after her and this has the same effect as the 2nd's place of Bob Major: it puts the treble in coursing order from between 2 and 3 to between 3 and 5. The 5th is now the bell coursing in front of the treble and in the second half of the lead another pair of places puts that bell after the treble and puts the treble from between 3 and 5 to between 5 and 7.

In D two pairs of places, 6th's and 5th's and 5th's and 6th's, are made by the same bells that make the places in C and have the same effect.

Thus we have six distinct operations, each of which puts the treble one position forward in coursing order. First the second's place of Bob Major; 2, the seventh's of Reverse Bob Major; 3, fourth's and third's of Double Court; 4, third's and fourth's of Double Court; 5, sixth's

and fifth's of Reverse Double Court; 6, fifth's and sixth's of Reverse Double Court. If you use 3, you must also use 4 to preserve the symmetry of the method (but for no other reason). And if you use 5, you must also use 6.

All we have to do to get the total number of the methods of this group is to work out all the possible combinations of these "Shunts." That is quite easy to do.

A Bob Major

A+B Double Bob Major

A+B+C

A+B+C+D Double Oxford Major

A+B+D

A+C

A+C+D Reddish Bob Major

A+D

B. Reverse Bob Major

B+C

B+C+D

B+D

C Double Court Bob Major

C+D Double Norwich Court Bob Major

D Reverse Double Court Major

Here you have fifteen first-class Major methods. Some of them are better than others, but everyone is worth ringing. I will give three of the least known of them.

A+B+C	A+D	B+C
12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
24163857	24163857	24163857
42316587	42618375	42618375
24361857	46281357	46281357
42638175	64823175	64823175
46283715	68472513	68472513
64827351	86745231	86745231
68472531	87654123	87654123
86741532	87614523	87614523
87614523	78153624	78153624
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71856342	17583624	17583624
17583624	15738264	15738264
15738264	13527486	13527486

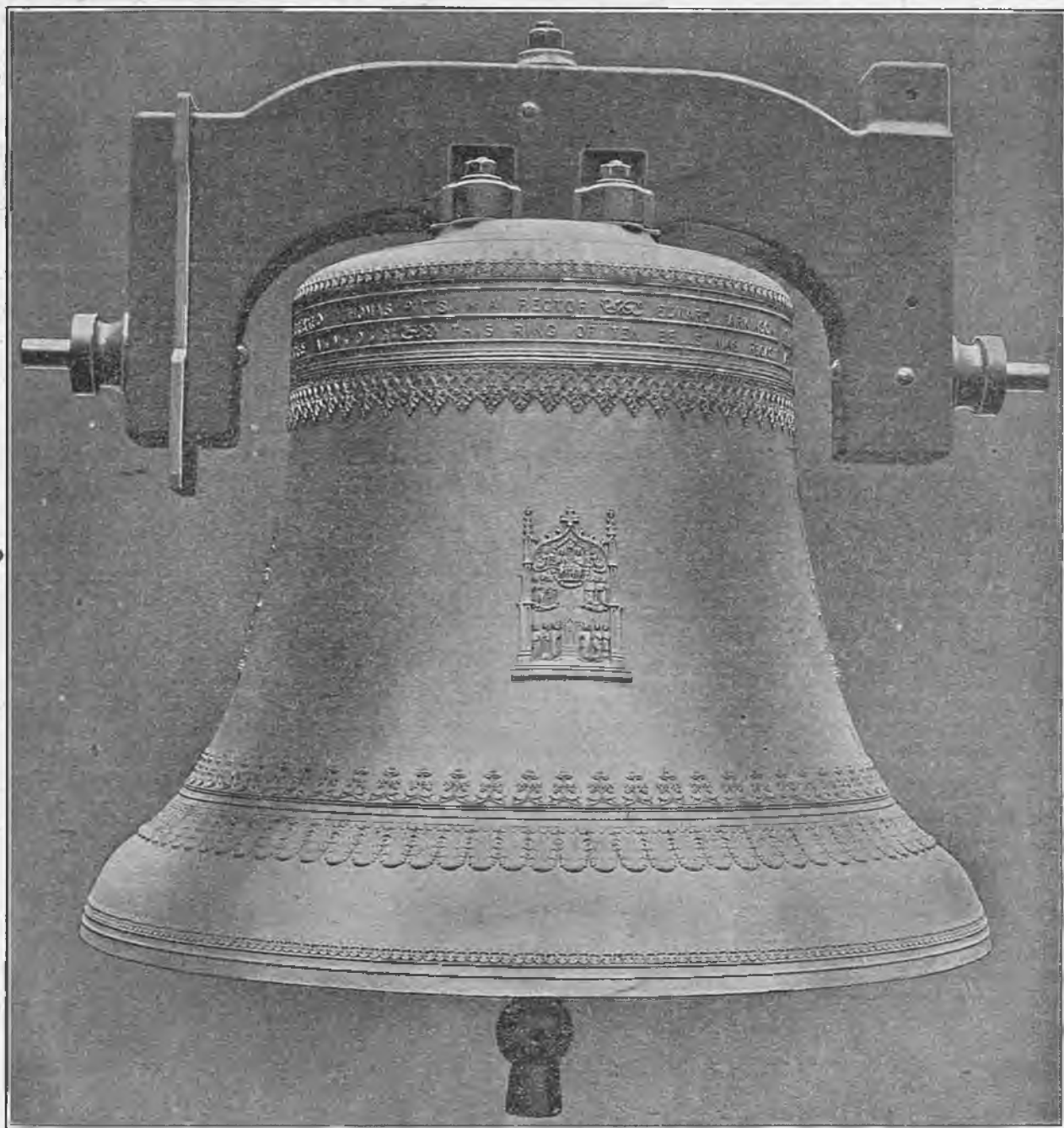
To find the lead-end of any one of these methods is quite easy. If you use either A or B you must transpose rounds by 3527486. If you use either C or D you must transpose by 5738264, which is 3527486 transposed by itself: Thus the lead-end of A+B+C would be 12345678 transposed by 3527486, again by 3527486 and again by 5738264, giving the lead-end 8674523.

The lead-end of B+C would be 2345678 transposed by 5738264 and again by 5738264 giving 8674523.

It will be noticed that the plain courses of these fifteen methods consist very largely of the same rows, but in different orders.

I may mention that in any Major method, either on the Plain or Treble Bob principle, you may add or omit second's place at the lead-end at will, provided that it does not bring the bells round at the first lead-end. And the same thing may be done when the treble is behind, provided that the bells are there in the same coursing order as at the lead-end. The only effect will be to produce the same rows as in your original course, but in different order. Thus you may omit the 2nd's at the lead-end of London or Cambridge Surprise, or either 2nd's or 7th's in Superlative. But you may not omit both 2nd's and 7th's in the latter, for then the bells would run round at the first lead-end; and you may not omit the 7th's in Cambridge for then the bells are not in the same coursing order as at the lead-end.

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ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

By J. R. JERRAM.

To those who study the early history of change-ringing there is hardly any place in England of greater interest than Norwich. Among the forty churches of which the city boasts, St. Peter Mancroft stands first from a ringer's point of view, both from the fact that it possesses a grand ring of twelve bells, and also because some of the earliest performances in change-ringing were achieved on the old peal which hung there previous to 1775. It was here that the first true peal of Triples, composed by John Garthorn, which I shall presently notice more fully, is said to

de exchequer que fracta relecta est 1618" (William Ellis was baron of the exchequer to Henry VIII in 1535).

The inscription on the third was in lombardic letters, the other four in black-letter alphabet. The tenor of this peal of five was 53 inches in diameter. In 1602 a treble was added, making a peal of six. This bell was inscribed "Anno Domini 1602." She was cast by William Brend, the Norwich bell founder. In the accounts for 1602-3 we find "Item: paid unto William Brend, Bellfounder, the xxj of Aprill, 1603, for the making of a new bell now hanging in a frame in the steeple as appeareth by his bill xviii, li."

In 1675-6 two more trebles were added to make a peal of



ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

have been rung; and here also the first true peal of Stedman Triples was achieved. The ringers of Norwich in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries certainly ranked among the chief campanologists in England, and, from the self-laudatory expressions we find on some of the old tablets in the belfry, they were evidently aware of the fact. Certainly St. Peter Mancroft, with the churches of St. Giles, St. Andrew, and St. Michael C slany, are entitled to a high position in the annals of campanologian fame.

The original peal at St. Peter Mancroft, existing as early as the fifteenth century, consisted of five bells with the following inscriptions:—

- 1.—"Nos Thome meritis mereamur gaudia lucis."
- 2.—"Petrus ad eterne ducat nos pascua vite."
- 3.—"AVE MARIA GRATIA PLENA DOMINUS TECUM"
- 4.—"Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Maria Vocata."
- 5.—(Recast) "Ego sum campana Gulielmi Ellys baronis

eight. They were thus inscribed (1.) "Edward Tooke Ao Dni 1675." (2.) "E. T. made me Ao Dni 1676." Mr. L'Estrange, in his *Church Bells of Norfolk*, gives copies of the following entries concerning these bells:

"1672-3. Received upon the Reparation Rate and for the two new bells £93 8s 6d, Recd of Sr John Hobart as a gift towards the 2 new bells £3 os od, Recd of Mr John Melchior as a gift towards the bells 10s 6d." Among the payments we find: "Payd Edward Tooke for the Mettall of two new bells weighing 9c. 2qr. 25lb. at 12d. p. li. is £54 9s od.—Payd Edward Tooke for 4 brasses for the bells and mending the brasses for the ould second £1 13s. 4d." Thomas Doo was also paid £39 for chimes and quarters. The treble of the eight measured 32 inches in diameter. The next few items are as follows:—

"10 April 1671. 'Tis then ordered that out of the ffine that shall arise by a new lease to be made of the houses in St. Lawrence Mr. Edward Tooke shall have some pt. of

the moneys due to him from the parish, pd. to Mr. Tooke by Mr. Warren and Mr Oliver in p't £10 os od. xxjo Die April 1679. Then ordered and agreed that out of the fine to the parish vpon a new Lease of St Lawrence houses The Churchwardens shall pay to Mr Tooke the residue of his money xx li-ijs-4d. 1679. Paide Mr. Richard Johnson, Merchant, Executor to Mr Tooke being by order of the parish, and was money for Repayer of the bells, £20 os. od."

FIRST PEALS OF TRIPLES.

Although the first true peal of Grandsire Triples is said to have been rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 7th, 1751, the first true peal of Triples (probably Bob Triples) is claimed by St. Peter Mancroft. This peal is thus recorded: "May 2nd, 1715. Here was rung by the ringers call'd Norwich Scholars that most I-comparable Peal called Grandsir Bob Triples, it being the 3d. whole peal that they have rung; but the first whole peal that ever was rung to the truth by any Ringers whatever, It has been Studied by the most acute Ringars in England (but to no effect) ever since Triple changes were first rung, but now at last it's found out to the truth by John Garthon, one of the said Society, and rung by him and the rest of the Society in 3 hours 18 minutes, which is about 1550 changes in an hour, the whole peal being 5040 changes, and not one bell misplac'd or out of course. The names of the ringers are underwritten against their Respective Bells as they rung; John Garthon, 1; Isaac Pearce, 2; John Briggs, 3; James Brooke, 4; David Sannervill, 5; Tho. Gardiner, 6; William Dixon, 7; Robert Woodcock, 8." This tablet has unfortunately disappeared, also the one recording the first peal of Stedman Triples, which I shall notice presently.

The next tablet is the one recording the first peal of Grandsire Triples of which an account, with illustration, appeared in *The Ringing World* of May 29th last, so that it is needless to repeat it here.

The next, which is not now in existence, was fortunately copied by the late Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, and ran as follows:

"On the 25th October, 1731, here was rung that mis-terious Peal called Stedman Tripples: the discovery thereof has been the Study of several Ingenious Ringers in England, though to no effect, until this intricate Peal, which differs from all other Methods of tripples, as being every bell a like course, was perfectly discovered by (name erased) who first compleated the Peal of Perfect Stedman Tripples with only two Doubles, and no alteration: the extent being 5040 changes, was completely rung by us in 3 hours and 40 minutes on which occasion Willm. Scott, in his remarks upon the ringing of this Peal, did elegantly sing, viz.:

As for the sweet and Pleasant Treble, she
By Melchior well was rung that Bell, and called the
bobs so free;
Blofield the 2nd; Palmer third did ring;
Ather rung 4; and was not Loath, but made her for to
Sing;
Gardener the 5th did sway; Footer the 6th did play;
The 7th round Cris: Booty bound, and made her to
obey;
The tenor fine and neat, brave Porter so compleat
Did ring her out and turned about that Cymbal loud and
great."

This concludes the history of these bells as a peal of eight.

(To be continued).

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Kingscliffe Parish Church, Northants.—Rehanging and retuning ring of five and provision of frame for six.

Felsted Parish Church, Essex.—New ring of eight (tenor 13 cwt.), hung in new steel framework, etc. Felsted is famous for its Public School, and it was there that Richard Cromwell was educated.

Bray-on-Thames Parish Church, Berks.—Rehanging and retuning ring of six (tenor 26½ cwt.). New steel frame for eight, recasting of 4th bell.

Uphill Old Church, Weston-super-Mare.—Rehanging and retuning ring of five. New steel frame and addition to treble bell to make six.

Somerton Parish Church, Somerset.—Recasting tenor (18 cwt.), 5th and treble bells of ring of six, and provision of new steel frame for eight.

Stoke Climsland Parish Church, Cornwall.—Retuning and rehanging ring of eight (tenor 16cwt.) in new steel frame. Pennington, the famous bell founder, lies buried in the churchyard, and although the four treble bells require to be recast, the Church Authorities wish to keep intact Pennington's last work.

Aldbourne Parish Church, Wilts.—Retuning and rehanging ring of eight (tenor 20 cwt.) in new steel frame, and recasting of 5th bell. The famous Aldbourne Bell Foundry was established towards the end of the 17th Century by Oliver Corr, and was afterwards carried on by Robert Wells.

Christ Church, Erith, Kent.—New ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.) to be hung in the new tower.

Inverness Cathedral.—Rehanging and retuning ring of eight bells and three semi-tones (tenor 20 cwt.).

St. Gregory's Church, Sudbury, Suffolk.—Retuning and rehanging ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) in new steel frame.

Cardross United Free Church, Glasgow. Retuning chime of five and addition of new tenor bell.

Canadian Government.—Six 7 cwt. bells.

Holy Trinity Church, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.—Augmentation of chime of nine bells (tenor 20 cwt.), and erection of new steel framework and clavier, etc., total cost approximately £1,000.

John Knox Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, Canada. New chime of 18 bells (tenor 2½ tons); total weight about 11 tons; total cost approximately £2,700.

Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, Canada.—New chime of 21 bells (tenor 3 tons); total weight about 14 tons; total cost approximately £3,500.

HERE AND THERE.

CLAIM TO COMPOSITION WITHDRAWN.

Mr. E. M. Atkins, of Isham, writes that the author of the peal of Double Norwich Major which appeared under his name a fortnight ago is Mr. Fred Dexter.

THE DEAD POPE.

Our records this week include a muffled peal for the dead Pope, Pious X. The peal was rung at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Birmingham.

A NOTEWORTHY CELEBRATION.

The peal rung at Milnrow which we publish this week, has a special commemorative interest, for it was rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells by a local company. A noteworthy feature about it was that Messrs. Robert Buckley and John Fitton, who rang the treble and third respectively, were in the peal four decades ago. We hope they may be spared to celebrate the 50th anniversary in the same way.

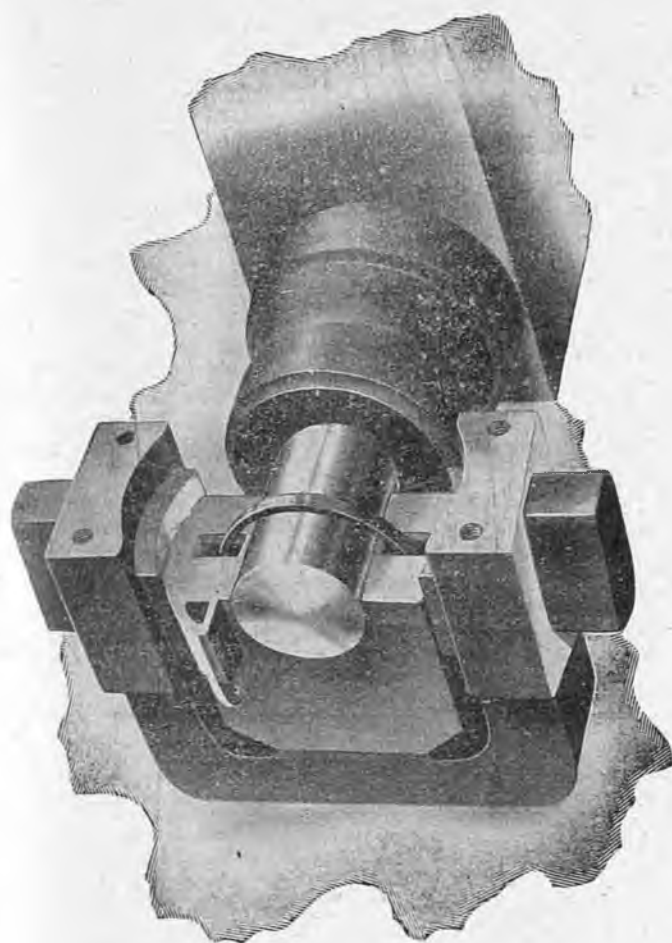
OXFORD GUILD PRACTICES ABANDONED.

The committee who are responsible for the monthly combined practices of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild met on Monday week to consider what steps should be taken with regard to the meetings being held during the present war. After some discussion, it was decided unanimously to cancel the remainder of the meetings arranged for this year.

SOMETHING LIKE AN OFFERTORY.

The offertory at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, on behalf of the Prince of Wales' Fund reached the magnificent total of £222. The Sunday ringers, of course, contributed their quota.

STREATHAM.—At the Church of the Immanuel, Streatham Common, on May 25th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 47 mins.: H. J. Rumble 1, W. States 2, J. Lee 3, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 4, J. S. Daniels 5, H. L. Garfath 6, A. Clark 7, C. W. R. Grimwood 8. This quarter-peal has the 6th thirteen courses in 5th's place, with the 4th and 5th each six courses in 6th's place—(their extent) in the minimum number of changes.



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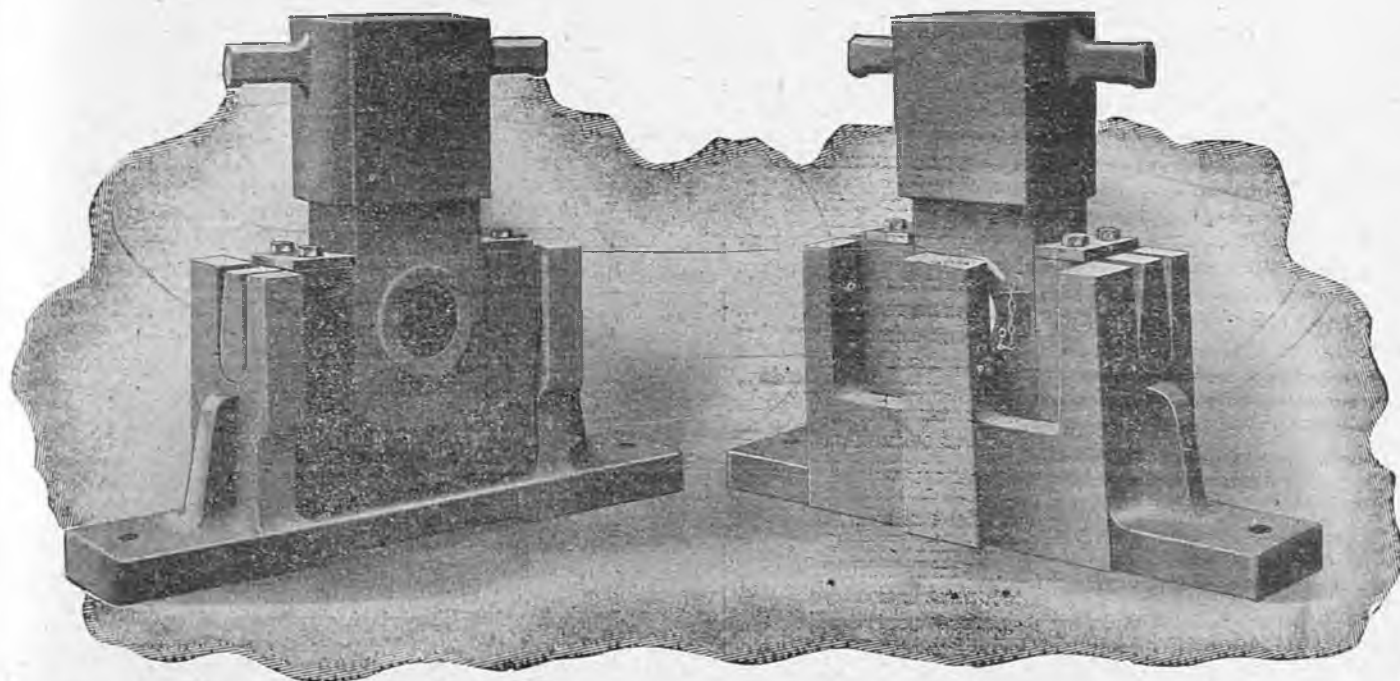
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NOTICES.

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Matter intended for publication should reach the Editor not later than *first post* on Tuesday morning, but all reports should be sent in *as early as possible*. Records of peals rung after Saturday will be accepted up to Wednesday morning first post, although insertion is not guaranteed in the same week's issue.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 15th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 15th; Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus, 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart Hotel at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Bingley on Saturday, 5th September. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 9d. per head at Assembly Rooms 5 p.m. Tramcars leave Bradford (Forster Square) every 10 minutes after noon, fare 3½d.—P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available from noon. Meeting at 4 o'clock.—W. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy), at 5.30. Tea (9d.) at the "Fox and Hounds" at 6 o'clock. Please reply by Tuesday, 15th inst. Reports will be ready for distribution. For excursions, see railway company's handbills.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY (established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Wirral branch of the Chester Guild took place on Saturday week at St. Mary's, Birkenhead. It is just eight years since the last meeting was held there, and the Guild's reappearance was a welcome one. The following towers were represented: Bebbington, Bromborough, Woodchurch, Wallasey (St. Nicholas'), Bidston, Oxtan, Hoswall and Birkenhead (St. Mary's)—28 ringers in all. The Rev. G. D. Oakley was absent, on holiday, and the senior curate (the Rev. Mr. Waghorn), therefore, took the chair at the meeting, being supported by the churchwardens, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Edwards. They gave the Guild a very hearty welcome, and hoped to see them again next year.—A letter was read from the hon. secretary of the branch regretting his inability to keep the post, as he had gone to live in Ireland.—A vote of thanks was passed to him for his services, and on the proposition of Mr. G. Phillips, seconded by Mr. E. Breese, Mr. H. S. Brocklebank was elected to fill the position.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Mr. Waghorn for taking the chair, to the wardens for providing an excellent tea, and to Mrs. Clarke and the ladies for serving it.

The following verses which he had written for the occasion were then read by Mr. W. H. Edwards:—

THE BELLS.

We love to hear the bells, the dear old bells,
Village or city with their sweet ding dong.
O'er streets and lanes the ringing echo swells,
And breezes waft the music of their song.

We love to hear the bells, their charming sound
Of tingling melody is sweet and clear.
Village or city streets, or hills around
The music of the bells we love to hear.

We pity those who have no ear for song:
Who make their paths through life a dreary way,
A time for grumbling or imagined wrong.
In mournful mood they trudge the live long day.

Ring on good bells, rouse up the dreary soul.
As through the wafting breeze your music goes.
And save some wreck from shallows or from shoal.
Some drifting barque o'erlaid with human woes.

In joys or sorrows, human woes or weal,
When sympathies extend from soul to soul,
By mirthful ring or mournful muffled peal,
You give expression to your worthy role.

Ring on good bells, though war clouds hang around,
Though Britain's sons are at the front to fight.
Ring on, ring on, soon may the cheery sound,
Proclaim from land and sea, your country's might.

Remember, in those towers from which you ring,
That victory is not always for the strong,
God over rules, the world's eternal King.
Remember this, when ringing your ding dong.

God speed the day which ends this ruthless war
And may the jealousies that caused it cease.
Soon, soon from old church towers near and afar
May bells proclaim that Europe is at peace.

BELLS IN NAVAL WARFARE.

Submarine signalling between vessels by means of bells has for some time past been of considerable value in times of peace, but it may prove of infinitely greater importance in the present war. It is of more than passing interest to note that many of the ships in the rival British and German fleets—Dreadnoughts, cruisers and submarines—as well as ships of the merchant marine, are fitted with submarine bells cast at the Spitalfields Bell Foundry.

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5152 BOB MAJOR.

By FRANCIS W NAUNTON, WRENTHAM.

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5072 BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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43265	—	—	—	—	42536	—	—	—	—
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35264	—	—	—	—	34256	S	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—	25346	—	—	—	—
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24536	—	—	—	—	53246	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—	24356	S	—	—	—
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34265	—	—	—	—	Repeat the last eight courses.				

Rung on handbells at Ealing on May 15th, 1914, conducted by the composer.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 10th, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: E. Cassell 1, W. Honeyball 2, C. Collis, junr., 3, T. W. Elson 4, T. Bolton 5, Arthur Jones 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, H. Whanslay 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On June 14th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: J. J. Pratt 1, P. Jones 2, J. R. Mackman 3, W. Lawrence 4, W. Horne 5, A. Harding 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, W. Honor 8.—On August 2nd, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Peddle 1, T. Smith 2, H. Chandler 3, H. Waite 4, H. Gosden 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, R. Cartor 7, J. J. Pratt 8.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—On August 2nd, for evening service, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins.: G. W. Gutteridge 1, J. J. Pratt 2, W. Henley 3, P. Jones 4, H. Gosden 5, H. Chandler 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, T. Smith 8.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On June 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Herbert (conductor) 1, F. Gilby 2, W. Jones 3, John Chance 4, C. W. Smith (Woughton) 5, D. Jones 6, E. Herbert 7, D. Harris 8.

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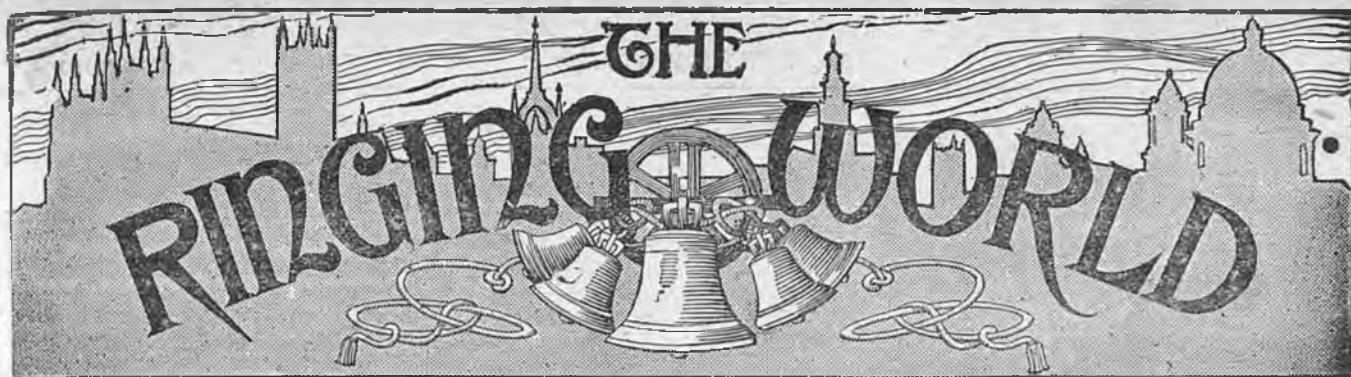


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MODERN WORK.

FILLING UP THE GAPS.

Many companies of church bell ringers are doubtless being hard hit, from a ringing point of view, by the number of young men who are giving their services to their country in its hour of need. The call for "men—more men," is not falling on unheeding ears, and we may expect the ranks of ringers to supply their quota to the new Army, for they, of all men, are by no means the least patriotic. This is a time when all considerations must be put aside, if necessary, to meet the nation's need and her call to her sons, and if on this account our church bells are silent on those occasions when, despite the war, we expect to hear them, it is not for us to complain. If our ringers have gone to the wars all honour to them. But because they have gone, is it necessary that service ringing should permanently suffer? Is this not a case where, if men are not available, the services of ladies might be further invoked to fill the gaps that have arisen?

The ladies have already established themselves as church bell ringers, and in those belfries where they now take their part, Sunday by Sunday, their services have proved most acceptable. The scepticism with which their advent to church towers was at one time regarded has died away, and the feeling against the presence of ladies in a domain which used to be looked upon as essentially that of mere man is disappearing almost as rapidly. The ladies have shown that they are capable of taking their place in the belfry, and in those parishes where the ranks of ringers are depleted by the number of men who have rushed to the colours, would it not be possible to fill the vacancies by members of the fair sex? The incumbent is the person to take the task in hand, for where the introduction of ladies is an innovation, it would begin with the best chances of success if the rector or vicar were to issue the invitation.

That we should continue to ring the bells for Sunday services is a point that ought strongly to be urged, for there is a far stronger and more eloquent appeal to the parishioners to come and worship in the solemn ringing of a peal of bells than in the chiming of a single one. But the ringing should be measured and well done, and the feeling of the times seems to accentuate more than ever the need for the striking to be of the best. Rather than the clanging of badly-struck changes, it is far better to have good rounds. To train one or two ladies to this degree would not be a long operation, and while men are, and ought to be, engaged in sterner duties, the ladies would doubtless be only too willing to lend a hand in the ringing. We hope, at any rate, that, despite the loss of numbers which will be sustained in many towers by the spirit of patriotic service which has been aroused, the bells will not go unringing for the sake of lack of effort to recruit the ranks of the ringers from those left at home.

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On Tuesday, September 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 500 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY ...	1—2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	5—6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	3—4	JAMES G. RUMSEY... ..	7—8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
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On Wednesday, September 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON... ..	1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	7—8
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHNEY	3—4	REV. E. BANKES JAMES... ..	9—10
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	5—6	REV. H. LAW JAMES ...	11—12

Composed by E. M. ATKINS, and
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Umpire: RUPERT RICHARDSON.

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ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

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This is the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in Woking.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY	1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY... ..	3—4	*FREDERICK W. BAILEY	7—8
JAMES M. BAILEY	9—10		

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: J. G. RUMSEY.

* First peal away from the tenors.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ERNEST S. BAILEY	1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	5—6
JAMES M. BAILEY... ..	3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY... ..	7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: A. F. BAILEY.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, F. Jelf 4, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 5, T. Walker 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Simmons (conductor).—On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Andrews 1, G. Maxim 2, W. G. Darlington 3, F. Jelf 4, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 5, H. Simmons 6, C. Dille 7, D. Tucker 8.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

We publish below a further list of subscriptions sent in for the National Relief Fund, which brings the total to £11 3s. 6d. A first remittance of £10 has been sent to the Prince of Wales' Fund, the first, of many, we hope, from the ringers of England. We are quite aware that in numerous instances members of the Exercise are contributing their share to local funds, and we do not expect them to send through us, but there are a great many who are not doing this, and for these our fund offers the means of forwarding donations to help the great national effort that is being made. We ought all to be prepared to sacrifice something, and, if it is only a few pence, we shall be glad to acknowledge it through these columns. If, as was suggested last week, we can average a shilling each all round, we shall make a fine show—and we ought to do something worthy of ourselves. Send along, then, the pence, the shillings, and the pounds—they will all be needed before we as a nation come out on top in this calamitous war. If everyone does his best he will have the satisfaction of knowing that no one can have done better.

The contributions received are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	9	13	6
Battle (Sussex) Parish Church Ringers (per Mr. F. Mathis)	5	6	
St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol (per Mr. W. Knight)	10	0	
L. Stilwell, Windsor	2	0	
J. George, Rugby	2	6	
J. H. B. Hesse, Teddington	10	6	
P.C. Peter Crook, Bolton	1	0	
Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, Cranleigh	3	0	
	£11	8	0

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have given their services to their King and country, and we shall be glad to receive the names, rank and regiment, together with their station, if known, of any others, so that our list may be as complete as possible.

- C. A. M. Sidney Stilwell, of Windsor, has joined the Royal Naval Flying Corps, Sheerness.
 Col.-Sergt. A. James, of Saffron Walden, with Essex Territorials.
 Staff-Sergt. Alfred Rideout, of Battle, Sussex, Transport Sergeant with B Company, 5th Royal Sussex Regiment, stationed at Dover.
 Lieut.-Col. Lancelot Harold Cruttenden, of Battle, Army Service Corps, St. Andrew's Soldiers' Home, Aldershot Command.
 Pte. George Wilson, of St. Margaret's Society, Leiston, 4th Suffolk Regiment.
 Pte Charles Buck, of Leiston, 4th Suffolk Regiment.
 Sapper Charles Whiting, of Leiston, 4th Suffolk Regiment.
 Trooper Leonard P. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk Yeomanry.
 Sergt. W. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire Regiment.
 Sergt. R. Stone, of Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire Regiment.
 Lieut.-Col. A. G. Stone, of Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire Regt.
 Col.-Sergt. R. Pickering, of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire Regiment.
 Herbert Bailey, of Coalbrookdale, with the Territorials.
 Richard Gallier, of Coalbrookdale, with the Territorials.
 Harry Hailey, of Uxbridge Parish Church band, where he was the youngest ringer, King's Royal Rifles.
 A. R. Macdonald, of Bournemouth, has joined Kitchener's Army.
 Dubric Wood, of Wrington, has become a member of the Motor Cycle Corps.
 Harry Chapman, of St. John's, Scunthorpe, Lines, has enlisted in the Medical Corps Branch (Ambulance Company) of Kitchener's Army.
 W. Judge, of Rolvenden, Kent, 5th Battalion East Kent Regiment ("The Buffs").

Pte E. Tigwell (late of Biddulph), of Beckenham Parish Church, Kent, 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, now at Shorncliffe.

William Day, W. Savage and A. Savage, of West Clandon, Surrey, have joined the new Army.

Four members of the St. Andrew's, Rugby, Society are serving as follows:—

Pte C. E. Joynes, King's Royal Rifles.
 Gunner J. A. Fenton, 4th South Midland Howitzer Battery.
 Bombardier R. W. Jesson, 4th South Midland Howitzer Battery.
 Driver G. Watson, 4th South Midland Howitzer Battery.

No fewer than six of the St. Matthew's Society, Upper Clapton, have been accepted, almost a record we should think for a tower in a non-military centre. The names of the members are:—

Henry J. Sudell (Master), Officers' Training Corps.
 George H. Orford (Treasurer), 7th Royal Fusiliers (C.I.V.).
 Henry J. Cantor, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.
 Leonard G. Hicks, 7th Norwich Regiment.
 Henry J. King, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.
 Stanley H. Cooper, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Plymouth has the following ringers serving, in addition to Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I., whose name was given in a previous list:—

Lieut. W. D. James, R.G.A. (T.)
 Chief Petty Officer J. Woodley.
 Petty Officer R. Shapcott.
 Cpl. T. Westcott (T.)
 Lieut.-Sergt. W. Fowler, R.M.L.I.
 Pte W. Hornbrook (T.)
 Francis W. Purse, Devonshire Regiment, and
 W. T. Linnell, Naval Reserve.

THREE SONS FOR THE COUNTRY.

The members of the St. John's Society, Redhill, met at St. John's Church on Sunday week for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and for the purpose of congratulating one of its members, Mr. W. Streeter, whose three sons had during the previous week, responded to their country's call, and had signed on for either home or foreign service. One of the sons was also a member of the St. John's Society, and was a very promising ringer. The following ringers constituted the band: H. Dennis 1, W. Streeter 2, E. Harman 3, A. Gear 4, T. Streeter 5, H. Edwards 6, H. Card (conductor) 7, E. Dennis 8.

A PATRIOTIC RECTOR.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rector of Boothby Pagnell, Lines, and a well-known ringer, has demonstrated his patriotism in the following notice, which he has caused to be affixed to the lych gate leading to the churchyard: "£1 Reward—The Rector is not qualified to join the Army, but he will pay the above to all Boothby men who answer the call of their King and country without delay. God save the King."

Several places in Belgium, celebrated for their carillons, have been devastated by the Germans, Louvain and Malines among them. In both these places the belfries and bells have been destroyed.

The carillonneur of Malines or Mechlin, as it is also called, was one of the two Belgian performers who last year delighted a large audience by their performance upon the Loughborough foundry carillon.

Nurse Emmeline Tucker, second daughter of Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishop's Stortford, has given her services to the French Government.

A MISCALCULATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I must apologise, as evidently I made a big mistake in my letter published in your last issue, when I mentioned that there were 5,000 or more ringers throughout the country, as two friends of the Exercise inform me that it is more like 40,000 to 50,000; if this is so, all the better to augment the ringers' fund, as if each one gave one shilling you would then be able to hand over to the Prince of Wales' National Fund the magnificent sum of over £2,000.—Yours faithfully,

BENJAMIN GOUGH.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough District of the Central Northants Association was held at Wollaston, about 25 members being present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wilby, Weston Favell, Bedford, Harrold, Earls Barton, Towcester, and Olney. Tea was provided at the Fountain.

At the business meeting which followed the Rev. D. C. McVarish presided, and among those present were the Misses Steele and Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, and Mr. W. Perkins (district secretary). It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wellingborough in November.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the Association to Wollaston. This was the first time a meeting had been held at Wollaston, he observed, and it was hoped the local ringers would take up change ringing. The Vicar also expressed his pleasure at meeting the Wellingborough district.

The following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, and Cambridge, Chester, and London Surprise Minor.

BLOWN UP BY A MINE.

RINGER'S EXPERIENCE IN THE NORTH SEA.

Ringers throughout the country will join in congratulating Mr. Charles H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis, hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild, upon his providential escape from death by means of a mine in the North Sea, while in the service of his country.

Mr. Jennings, who is a very enthusiastic and popular officer of the Salisbury Guild, is a member of the Naval Reserve, and, immediately the Navy was put upon a war footing, was called up for service in the Engineering Branch, and drafted to H.M.S. "Speedy," which has since been engaged in the perilous work of mine sweeping in the North Sea. Of all the hazardous tasks connected with warfare, nothing is more dangerous than this searching of the seas for the engines of destruction scattered broadcast by a ruthless enemy that reckes nothing for the safety of neutrals or non-combatants.

The "Speedy" was an old torpedo gunboat of 810 tons, of moderate speed, and was built in 1893. Her armament consisted of two 4.7 guns and four 3-pounders. While engaged in clearing the sea of mines in company with a trawler, the "Speedy" fell a victim to a shattering explosion, the trawler having been sunk by the same means a few minutes before. Happily in the case of the "Speedy" the loss of life was small compared with that when the "Amphion," and, later, the "Pathfinder," were struck. The casualties appear to have been one missing and two seriously injured. The Press Bureau issued the following statement concerning the matter:—

"A report from the commanding officer of H.M.S. 'Speedy' states that the steam drifter 'Linsdell' struck a mine thirty miles off the east coast and sank. A quarter of an hour later H.M.S. 'Speedy' also struck a mine and sank."

After the disaster, the crew of the "Speedy" were landed at Lowestoft.

MR. JENNINGS' OWN STORY.

We have received the following interesting letter from Mr. Jennings, written from the E.R.A.'s Mess, R.N. Barracks, Chatham, on Monday:—

Dear Sir,—I am writing to ask a favour. I see by our paper, "The Ringing World," that you are taking a great interest in the war, and also the brother "strings" that are taking part in it. I should like you to thank for me all those brother "strings" who have written to congratulate me in coming off so well from a disaster in the North Sea.

Of course you have seen that the H.M.S. "Speedy"—the ship I was serving in at the time—was blown up and sunk by a mine in the North Sea. We have been searching for these deadly weapons since H.M.S. "Amphion" was sunk with such great loss. It was a God-send we got off as we did, only losing three men. We were struck six feet from the magazine. The trawler "Linsdell" that was sweeping with us was struck five minutes before us, only 100 yards from us, and went down in less than half a minute, losing half their hands, and, while our boats were picking up the survivors, we were struck, and went down in 25 minutes. We have had a nerve-racking time for nearly five weeks, as this sweeping for mines is acknowledged to be worse than going into action. I forgot to say we had a trawler blown up the day before, losing seven hands. We were all picked up by a Lowestoft trawler, and taken into that port, 85 miles away, and here the dear old Church took pity on us, for at St. Margaret's Institute they had everything in readiness for us. I, with others, lost everything, so we came ashore in very little clothing, and were brought round to Chatham on Saturday evening. I managed to go out last evening (Sunday), and had a pleasant touch of Grandsire Triples at Gillingham, where Mr. Haigh and his company welcomed me. He happened to know I was on the "Speedy."

As you are aware I am not in the regular service, but in the Naval Reserve, and was put on active service straightway, being in the engineering branch (E.R.A.). You must excuse this note, as I am not up to a lot just at present.—Yours truly,

C. H. JENNINGS.

RINGING MASTER AS CHAPLAIN OF THE FORCES.



The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield, Hants, and Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who has been appointed Senior Chaplain to the Hants Territorial Brigade, and has offered himself for service abroad.

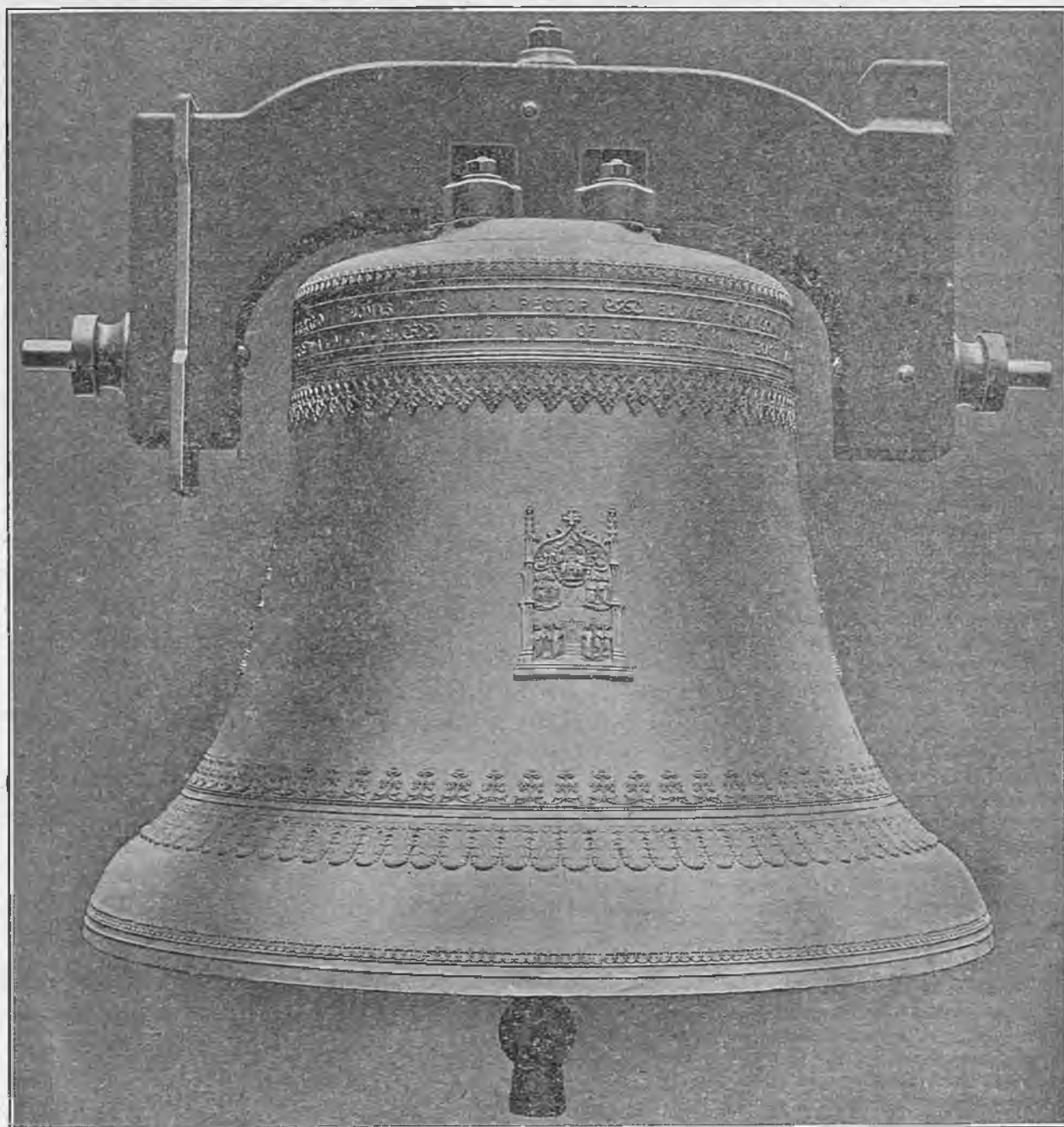
A SUFFOLK OUTING.

On Saturday week the members of the Sible Hedingham company had their annual outing, when they visited Bury St. Edmund's and other Suffolk towers. The company, which numbered 16, travelled by motor, and reached Bury about 11 o'clock. They were met by Mr. W. Radley, the secretary of the St. James' Society. After a short stay in Bury a move was made for Rougham, where several touches of Minor were brought round. The next stopping place was Great Barton, where further touches of Minor were rung before returning to Bury for dinner. Subsequently they were met by some of the St. James' Society, and Mr. Fitzjohn, of Thetford, who accompanied the party to Horringer, where touches of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob were brought round, and handbell ringing was indulged in on the village green, greatly to the delight of the youngsters. Returning again to Bury, touches of Bob Major were brought round at St. Mary's Church, and then the Norman tower was visited, where the ringing included more Triples, and finished with a course of Grandsire Caters, with the help of some of the local company. After spending a pleasant time with the Bury ringers the car was headed for home, via Lavenham, which was reached soon after 8 o'clock. There the party were met by some of the local men, and the bells were soon running to the tune of Grandsire. This concluded the ringing, and home was reached about 11 o'clock, after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the clergy for the use of the bells; also the ringers at the various towers for assisting them in every way to make the day such a success.

OLDSWINFORD.—On August 19th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Whitehouse 1, W. Cooper 2, T. Heathcock 3, J. Slater 4, A. Whatmore 5, G. Popnell (conductor) 6. Also 224 Bob Major and a touch of Grandsire Triples, with J. Bass and F. Caldwell taking part.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 30th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes): A. J. Inns 1, A. Knight 2, W. Mace 3, R. F. Turner 4, C. W. Bird 5, J. E. Chapman 6, D. J. Nichols (conductor) 7, F. W. Sawfoot 8. Rung as a farewell to Alfred Knight, who was leaving Kettering for Northampton, having joined the Northamptonshire county police force. The ringers wish him every success in his future work.

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THE BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

By J. R. JERRAM.

(Continued from page 144).

A board in the belfry states that "In 1736 this ring was made a peal of ten by an addition of two bells subscrib'd for by Gentlemen in ye Parish." These two new bells weighed respectively 5cwt. 3qrs. 25lbs. and 6cwt. 23lbs. Who the founder was I have not been able to discover; probably it was Thomas Newman, a Norwich founder, who flourished about that time. As soon as the peal was augmented to ten the ringers set to work to get a peal of Caters, which they accomplished in the following year, and is thus recorded:—

"On March the 8th, 1737, was rung a peal of Grandsire Caters, which for excelency of its ringing, Harmonious changes, and ye number of them, was certainly superior to



THE OLD BELFRY OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

(tempus, George III.), from a picture (Fancy) by Ninham. The "ringers' jug" will be observed in the middle of the floor.

anything of its kind ever done in the World; and to Remove all doubt of the truth of the performance several ingenious Ringers were abroad the whole time with proper rules to prove if certainty of ye same. Thus was this great peal perfectly compleated, to the entire satisfaction, surprise, and amazement of thousands of hearers in the space of 8 hours 15 minutes. The number of changes were 12,600, rung by 9 men belonging to the steeple. The tenor singly by a young ringer 8000, then a second rang her to the end of the peal. The persons names and the bells they rung were as follows:—

THO. MELCHIOR	Treble	WM. PORTER	6
WM. PETTINGALL	2	THO. BLOFIELD	7
JOHN GARDINER	3	EDWD. CRANE	8
THO. BARRETT	4	CHRIST. BOOTY... ..	9
ROBERT CRANE	5	JAMES JEROM	Tenor
		ROBT. LIDDAMON	

THE PEAL OF TWELVE.

Nearly forty years later it was decided to replace the old peal by a new peal of twelve, and at a Vestry held January 31st, 1775, it was agreed to accept the tender of Pack and Chapman for the present peal with a tenor of 41cwt. in C. The incriptions were as follows:—

Treble.

"TO THE COMMON COUNCIL, WHO GAVE 50 GUINEAS, THIS BELL IS INSCRIB'D. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Second.

"ST. PETER MANCROFT. RICH'D. FORSTER. THOS. COLE, CHURCHWARDENS 1775. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Third.

"THE REV'D. JNO. PEELE, THE REV'D. THOS. NICHOLS MINISTERS. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Fourth.

"ROGER KERRISON ESQR. SHERIFF AND ALDERMAN OF THIS WARD. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Fifth.

"CHARLES WESTON ESQR. ALDERMAN OF THIS WARD. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Sixth.

"THOS. STARLING ESQR. ALDERMAN OF THIS WARD. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Seventh.

"Sr. THOS. CHURCHMAN Kt. ALDERMAN OF THIS WARD. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Eighth.

"JOHN LORD HOBART, SON AND HEIR APPARENT OF JOHN EARL OF BUCKINGHAM. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Ninth.

"WENHAM COKE, ESQR. REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORFOLK GAVE 50 GUINEAS. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Tenth.

"SIR EDWARD ASTLEY, BART; REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORFOLK, GAVE 30 GUINEAS. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Eleventh.

"St. HARBORD HARBORD BART; REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORWICH, AND ALDERMAN GAVE FIFTY POUNDS. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

Tenor.

"TO KING, QUEEN AND TEN CHILDREN THIS HARMONIOUS PEAL OF TWELVE BELLS IS DEDICATED. PACK AND CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1775."

The total cost of the work, including fittings, hanging, and wharfage was £1,238 19s. 2½d.

The former sixth and eight bells were sold to St. Mary's, Bungay. A local record, quoted by Mr. L'Estrange states that "The new peal of twelve bells was opened on Wednesday, June 21st, 1775. On that day a *Te Deum* and *Jubilate* was performed in the church, with a chorus from the *Messiah*. The *Coronation Anthem* was also performed by a band of about thirty gentlemen to a genteel and numerous audience. After this the bells were opened by the ringers, much to the admiration of the listeners and admirers of music and ringing. It was at first apprehended that the note of the tenor was not deep enough to cover the peal with dignity; but her majestic and complacent giving sound soon proclaimed her superiority, and the execution of the whole has reflected honor on the founders, and on the gentlemen who tuned these harmonious bells."

On March 16th, 1778, a peal of 6240 Treble Bob Maximus was rung in 5 hours 22 minutes, of which the late Mr. Snowdon gives a record from the peal book of the Cumberland Youths.

Scarce forty years after the opening of the bells we find the following paragraph in the *Norwich Mercury* of July 16th, 1814, which speaks for itself:—"On Wednesday evening, when the bells were ceasing, the noble tenor of St. Peter's was broken. Of course it is difficult to assign a reason for the sudden injury of the bell after so many years. We know not how far the misfortune, and a real one it is to lovers of campanology, can be repaired; so nice an operation is the casting of bells."

This noble bell was recast the same year by Thomas Mears, and now weighs 43cwt., and is even superior to the former tenor. As the number of the Royal family had increased since the old bell was cast, the present bell is simply inscribed:

"To King, Queen and Royal Family this Harmonious Peal of Twelve Bells is dedicated. T. Mears of London fecit 1814."

I may here remark that all the inscriptions are in plain large and small Roman capitals. The present tenor is 62 inches in diameter, and weighs 20cwt. more than the old one.

The next peal recorded was 5016 Norwich Court Bob Maximus of which a copy of the tablet appeared in *The Ringing World* of May 29th last, with the portrait of Samuel Thurston. This peal was rung January 20th, 1817. Mr. Snowdon also gives a copy of the inscription in his work on Double Norwich Court Bob.

The last tablet I shall notice records the following peal:

"On Thursday, January 18th, 1844, was rung in this steeple that most intricate and ingenious peal called Stedman Cinques, in 5 hrs and 17 mins, consisting of 7126 changes, without the misplacing of a bell or the repetition of a single change. The bold and regular striking attracted the notice of the public, and is allowed to exceed any other performance ever attempted in England upon twelve bells. The peal was conducted by James Truman, and rung by the undermentioned persons. The minister and churchwardens, with a portion of the inhabitants, have contributed to the erection of this tablet, the remainder being subscribed for by the company of ringers:

THOMAS HURRY Treble	WILLIAM FREEMAN 7
ROBERT BURRELL 2	GEORGE WATERING 8
ELIJAH MASON 3	JAMES TRUMAN 9
CHARLES MIDDLETON 4	JOSHUA HURRY 10
WILLIAM GAUL 5	HENRY HUBBARD 11
JOHN GREENWOOD 6	GEORGE SMITH Tenor
	ROBERT PALGRAVE

In 1909 it was decided to add a flat sixth bell, so as to enable the middle eight bells to be rung as a lighter peal of eight with the ninth as a tenor. This bell is inscribed:

"Mears and Stainbank founders, London.—Gabriel vocor.—Sodalitas campanistarum hujus ecclesiae ex sententia et donis multorum me fieri fecit. MDCCCCIX," which may be literally translated: "I am called Gabriel. The Guild of Ringers of this Church with the good will and gifts of many had me made, 1909."

Mr. C. E. Borrett writes to correct the statement in the first portion of the article, in which Mr. Jerram states that the peal boards had disappeared. Both, he says, are in existence and hanging on the walls of the tower, and both, in recent years, have had money spent on them to make them sound and to repair the ravages of time.

We are indebted to Mr. G. P. Burton for the loan of the pictures from which our illustrations of this article have been reproduced.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WILLESDEN.

A quiet, pleasant meeting of the North and East district of the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last at Willesden, and attended by about 25 members. Ringing was, naturally, curtailed, a few touches in various methods being rung before tea, which was served at the White Hart Hotel. Mr. J. Rayner's handbells were once again brought into use, the expert friends ringing some Stedman Triples.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Master (Mr. J. Armstrong), and five new members were elected, including three of the local band.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. J. Dixon) for the use of the bells, stated how glad the members of the Association were to meet at Willesden. He said he thought this meeting was the first held by the society at that tower, and he felt sure it would not be the last. It was to be sincerely hoped that on their next visit the meeting would be held under happier circumstances, when the members could take full advantage of having the use of the bells. He included in the vote of thanks Mr. H. Kilby and the members of the local band for their very kind invitation. It was a great pleasure to welcome them as a part of the County Association, and he felt sure they would be a credit to the society.—The vote of thanks was carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at All Hallow's, Tottenham. Ringing was indulged in for a short time after the meeting, but finished early by general consent. During the afternoon touches were rung in many methods, including Plain Bob, Kent, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Stedman, Cambridge Surprise, etc.

THE DUDLEY GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday week at Willenhall, Staffordshire, when upwards of 30 members were present from Dudley, Sedgley, Bilston, Tipton, Darlaston, Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Lichfield, Willenhall, etc. Evensong was held in church, conducted by the Rev. W. E. Thomas (curate), who also gave an address from the words "What mean ye by this service," in the course of which he forcibly brought home to his hearers their duties and responsibilities as churchworkers. The deputy organist and choir boys were present, making the service a bright and happy one.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. W. E. Thomas, from the chair, gave a hearty welcome on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Pratt), to the members of the Dudley Guild, the Vicar who was on duty with the army wishing him to say how pleased he would have been to have been with them and welcomed them himself had not his duty to his country called him away. Their secretary, Mr. D. Appleby, was also doing his duty for his country with the R.A.M.C. These circumstances had upset the arrangements which had been made for the meeting, including a tea, but the Vicar hoped there would be another meeting of the Guild at Willenhall, at which he would be present.

Several new members were added to the roll.

The question of arrangements for ringing peals during the ensuing quarter was postponed on account of the war.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Netherton.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. W. E. Thomas for his kindness in conducting the service, for his able address, and for presiding at the meeting; also to the organist and choir boys, and especially to Mr. E. Horton, of the local band, for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting at short notice.

Tea was afterwards handed round and greatly enjoyed by the members.

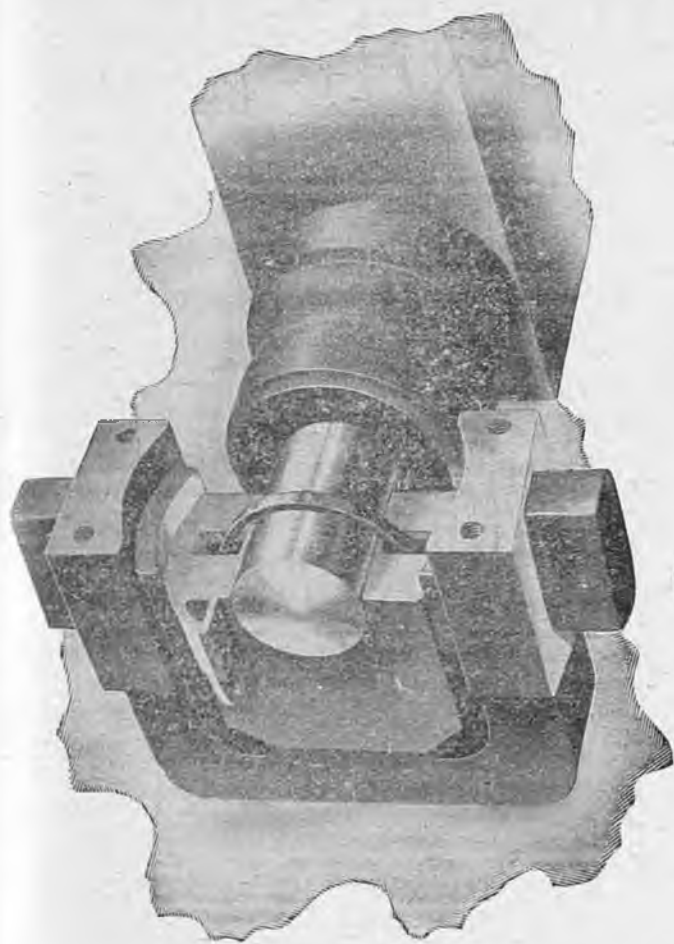
ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

Quite the most successful of recent cycle runs, from every point of view, took place to Kingswinford, when ringers were present from Birmingham, Coseley, Penn, Rushall, Tettenhall, Wollaston and Wolverhampton. In addition to these, the whole of the local band under their leader, Mr. Morgan, took part in the ringing, and appeared to fully appreciate the practical help in method ringing which this meeting afforded them. The methods rung comprised Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain, Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. The next run will take place on Saturday, October 10th, the place to be announced later.

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL REEVES.

The following amounts towards the memorial tablet to the late Mr. Samuel Reeves, of West Bromwich, are acknowledged with thanks: Messrs. W. H. Goddon, 5s.; J. E. Groves, M. J. Morris, A. Paddon Smith, J. L. Wells, 2s. 6d. each.—Hon. Treasurer, Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—For the King's birthday, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Hill 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Gillett 3, E. Pardon 4, F. E. Davis 5, F. Bird 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8.



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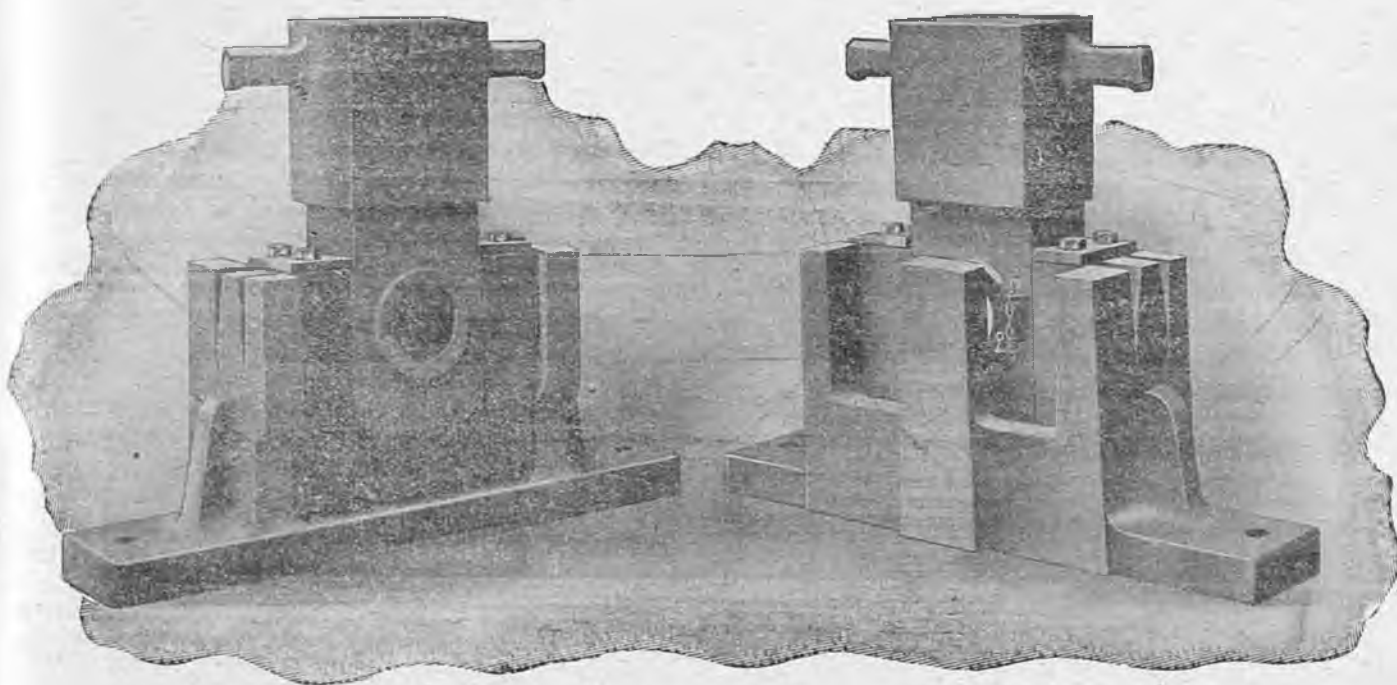
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26016							
231456789	1	4	5	6	15	16	
136524978	—	—					
342516				—			
254613			—		—		
465312			—		—		
536214						—	
346152		—		—			—
462135		—	—	—			
265341		—					—
614325		—		—			
154263				—			—
453612		—					—
352146		—					—
256431		—					—
651324		—					—
542361		—					—
234165			—				—
324561			—	—			—
452163			—		—		—
215364			—		—		—
145623		—		—			—

Eleven times repeated, omitting the bob at 1, and substituting bobs at 15.16 for those at 5.15 in the eighteenth course of the third, sixth, ninth and twelfth parts, and a single instead of the last bob in the sixth and twelfth parts, after which rounds are produced by bobs at 1, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16.

The composition contains the full extent of the Tittums.

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231456789	1	4	5	6	15	16	
143652978	—						
423516		—		—		—	
326145		—				—	
254136		—		—			
415632			—		—		
561234			—		—		
126435			—		—		
256314		—		—			—
654123		—					—
453261		—					—
516243		—		—			—
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321456		—				—	
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624315		—				—	
425163		—				—	
235145		—		—			
613542			—		—		
351246			—		—		
125643			—		—		

A 1, 7, 15, 18.

Twenty-three times repeated, omitting the bob at 1, and calling 15.16 instead of 5.15 in the last course of the sixth and eighteenth parts, and 15. S16 instead of 5.15 in the last course of the twelfth and twenty-fourth parts, after which rounds are produced by bobs at 1, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 16.

This composition contains the extent of the Tittum and Handstroke Home Course-ends, and, like the preceding one, was obtained in 1909.

A LETTER FROM OVER THE SEAS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having seen some letters in your valuable paper respecting false or badly struck peals, which have been conducted by Mr. T. Metcalfe, of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, I beg of you to spare me a small space to refute such charges as far as I can. I have taken part in peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Triples which Mr. T. Metcalfe conducted, and which, in my opinion, were good, well-struck peals, with only one conductor.

I hope you will pardon me for being a bit late in my writing, but the distance is my only excuse. I only wish I was as good a conductor as Mr. Metcalfe, although the abilities would be wasted in this part of the world, where chimes are the only bell music wanted.

—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD NEWTON.

54, Copeland Street, Roxbury, Boston, Mass, U.S.A.

July 27th, 1914.

P.S.—Will all friends please note new address

NOTICES.

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

Matter intended for publication should reach the Editor not later than *first post* on Tuesday morning, but all reports should be sent in *as early as possible*. Records of peals rung after Saturday will be accepted up to Wednesday morning first post, although insertion is not guaranteed in the same week's issue.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 15th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 15th; Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus, 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy), at 5.30. Tea (9d.) at the "Fox and Hounds" at 6 o'clock. Please reply by Tuesday, 15th inst. Reports will be ready for distribution. For excursions, see railway company's handbills.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY (established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, September 19th, 1914. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Royal Clarence Hotel at 4.15 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley, on Saturday, September 19th. Service in the Church at 4.30. A collection will be made at this service for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund. Tea kindly provided for all those who let me know on or before September 16th. Business meeting, including election of officers from the branch, after the tea. Ringing will be governed by the news from the seat of war. It is requested that every member will make an effort to attend the service.—James Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will members please note that the September general meeting will not be held, owing to the crisis on the Continent. —Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the present national crisis, the September quarterly meeting will not be held.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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

BIRTH.

JERRAM.—On August 28th, at 51, Durnford Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth, the wife of Captain C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I. (H.M.S. "Euryalus") of a son—born as the naval battle in the North Sea was commencing.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

THANET.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on June 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Gibbs (first 504) 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, J. Thornton 3, P. Pettly 4, W. Birch 5, A. Jarman 6, W. J. Jarman 7, J. Jarman 8. Another 504 in the same method: E. Gibbens (first 504) 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, P. Pettley 3, W. Birch 4, A. Jarman 5, W. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's Church, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 44 mins.: A. Cutmore 1, J. C. Mitchell 2, A. Darlington 3, F. N. Attwater 4, W. Worsley 5, F. Hardy 6, H. Langdon 7, L. Attwater (conductor) 8.—At 240, Coldharbour Lane, Loughboro' Junction, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, in 38 mins.: F. N. Attwater 1—2, L. Attwater (conductor) 3—4, I. J. Attwater 5—6, E. Attwater 7—8.

AOTON.—Middlesex County Association.—For morning service at St. Mary's Church, on June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: —. Haines (first in the method) 1, R. Mackman 2, J. W. Frain 3, H. W. Cotton 4, R. Holloway 5, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 6, J. R. Mackman 7, A. Roker 8. Arranged for Mr. R. Mackman, who was on a visit from Spalding.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On June 2nd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 51 mins.: F. S. H. Butler (conductor) 1, J. C. Tinker 2, J. T. Bartram 3, P. Ballanco 4, J. T. Ladd 5, W. Dickenson 6, H. Torr 7, A. H. Curtis 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to those who went down in the "Empress of Ireland."

GLDWICK, LANCs.—At St. Mark's Church, for the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Knight 1, I. Schofield 2, F. Crossland 3, J. T. Clegg (first in the method) 4, E. Geary 5, J. Lees 6, W. Taylor (conductor) 7, A. Clegg 8.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday evening, May 17th, 1152 London Surprise Major: W. A. Pye, A. B. Wiffen, E. J. Butler, W. Billenness, B. S. Thompson, G. R. Pye, H. F. Dawkins, E. Pye (conductor).

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On June 28th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Rev. W. E. Summers, M.A., 1, A. Butler 2, G. Barnes 3, A. Garrett 4, M. Ellsmore (conductor) 5, W. J. Read 6, J. Arthur 7, E. Butler 8. First quarter-peal by the Rev. W. E. Summers, and rung at the first attempt.

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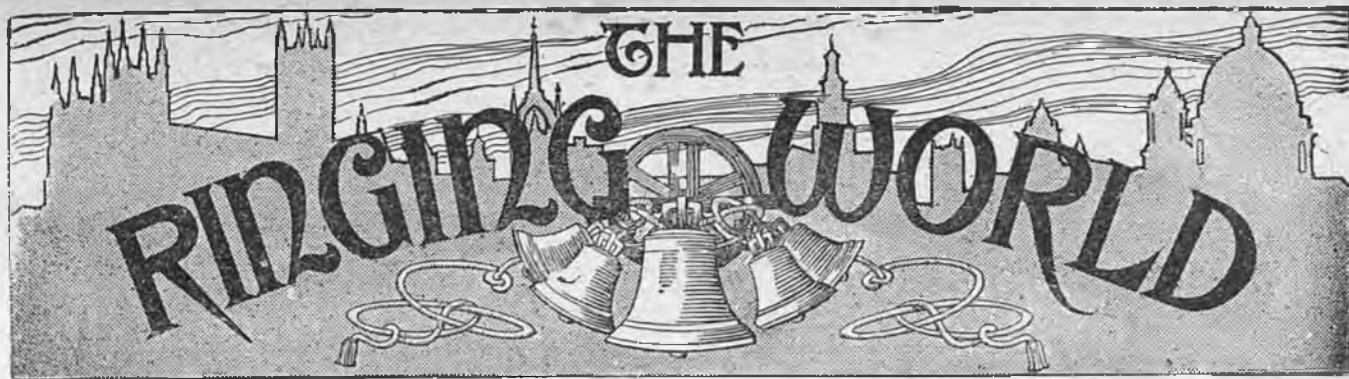


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HELPING THE FUND.

Our effort to assist the National Relief Fund is slowly mounting up, and we hope we may, through this means, have the opportunity of sending a really substantial sum, as the gift of the ringers of England, to this object which has an immense claim on us all. Men are rallying to the flag in their thousands. Those who cannot offer personal service should give of their means for the alleviation of the distress, which must of necessity follow in the train of war, and it should be one of the first duties which should appeal to us all, both high and low, rich and poor. For this reason we hope we may see the ringers' fund grow rapidly. The pence and the shillings, as we have said before, are as welcome as the pounds, when they represent what a man can afford, and it is with a view to getting the small amounts from those ringers who would not otherwise care to send their contributions direct to the central fund that we have opened our columns. We have been able to send one donation of £10 to Buckingham Palace, and we are well on the way towards the second. We want the ringers to rally round and make the ultimate sum in every respect worthy of the brotherhood to which they belong.

Various schemes have been mentioned for helping up the total, and this week W. C. H. urges the Associations to take up the matter. We should, needless to say, be glad to have their help. If it is not possible for Association secretaries to send to individual towers, the subject could at least be mentioned at any ringing meetings that might be held, so that the members might return to their respective towers and lay the subject before their own companies. We feel that in every tower throughout the land, the suggestion that a contribution should be sent up needs only to be broached to find a ready response. Let every secretary or captain of a tower "pass round the hat" when next the band meet in the belfry. However small the amount of the collection it will be a valued contribution. We want to make this effort a worthy one, and ringers are numerous and generous enough, we are convinced, to enable us to do this. The need is great and will be greater as the war drags out its weary length—let us not fail in our duty at a time when everyone must be prepared to help. The 25,000 ringers throughout the country can, with one combined effort, do a great deal, and they will, we are sure, do not a little to raise their prestige in the public eye if, in circumstances like the present, with a united front, they prove themselves, by their self-sacrifice, worthy of the place they should occupy as a body of Church workers.

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On Saturday, September 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At 3, YORK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WILLIAM R. HENSHER ... 1—2	JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 5—6
DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 7—8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At 7, THE BROADWAY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3—4	JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 7—8
WILLIAM R. HENSHER ... 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells by the Association.
First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells by all but the conductor.
This was David J. Nichol's 100th peal. All his peals have been rung for the Central Northants Association.

These two foregoing peals were arranged for Mr. John D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths) who was visiting Kettering and who was at one time the much respected leader of the Kettering ringers.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;

Size 18, in G.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER... ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7—8
THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 9—10	

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, his Guildford friends wishing him many happy returns of the day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1—2	ERNEST PYE ... 5—6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3—4	JAMES HUNT ... 7—8
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9—10	

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire: M. F. R. HIBBERT.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, September 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
At 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON ... 1—2	WILLIAM A. ALPS ... 5—6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7—8

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Umpire: ALFRED B. PECK.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

HARRY HEAP Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR 7
SAMUEL WOOD 2	BENJAMIN GILL 8
CHAS. BOWER 3	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT 9
GEORGE GARNETT 4	SAMUEL BOOTH 10
THOMAS JAKEMAN 5	BENJAMIN THORP 11
CHAS. BROADBENT 6	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as a compliment to commemorate the 70th birthday of Mr. Harry Hattersley, of Sheffield, the ringers sending their best respects and wishing him many happy returns of the day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

W. J. G. BROWN... .. Treble	ROBERT RAYNER 5
ROBERT RICHES 2	*JAMES RICHES... .. 6
JAMES ADAMS 3	*FREDERICK WARREN ... 7
*JOHN ETHERIDGE 4	ALBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by A. RICHES.

* First peal.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt.

G. MILLEN Treble	W. H. WOOD 5
J. HENLEY 2	S. BINFIELD 6
F. JORDON 3	W. J. JEFFRIES... .. 7
W. BIDNELL 4	W. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

W. J. Jeffries hails from Lewisham, and W. Bidnell from Hythe, the remainder being members of the local band. Rung in honour of the induction of Canon Tindall as new Vicar of Folkestone, and also as a farewell to Mr. A. Binfield, who has gone to serve his country.

ST. PETER MANCROFT PEAL BOARDS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—I thank Mr. C. E. Borrett for his correction, and am glad to find that the tablets are still in existence. I was misled by the statement in the "Ringing World" of May 29th last, which is as follows: "Of these three the former (i.e., the peal of Bob Triples 1715), and the latter (i.e., the peal of Stedman Triples) came to grief some years ago, the 1715 tablet falling from the wall, and both were unfortunately restored to the extent of being remade."—Yours faithfully,
J. R. JERRAM

5040 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By SAM WOOD.

23456	M	W	H
35426	1	.	.
24536	1	.	2
62345	2	1	2
54326	1	1	1
42356	1	.	.
53246	1	.	2
23456	1	.	1

* Bobs at 5th, 8th and 11th leads.

First rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on September 12th, 1914.

DURING WAR TIME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in enclosing P.O. for 5s. towards the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund. I think you have done well in giving ringers an opportunity of subscribing through your columns.

In view of the cessation of peal ringing and the already large number of ringers who are on military duty, which must render practices difficult to arrange, I would suggest that the present is an opportune time for ringers to do all they can in the way of cleaning up, and overhauling, as far as possible, their bells and belfries. There are usually many small alterations in ringing chambers, etc., which could be carried out by the ringers themselves, and add to their own comfort and the tidiness of ringing chambers, and those ringers who are unable at the present time to get a sufficiency of ringing might do well to give these small matters, too often neglected in some towers, their attention, getting of course, where necessary, the churchwardens permission.

Let us try to get our belfries into first class order, ready for our ringers' return, and for peals as soon as occasion justifies them.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT W. FALCONER.

Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne

ANOTHER SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I enclose postal order, value 2s. 6d., as a small contribution to the National Relief Fund. I hope your efforts in this will enable you to send up a substantial offering from the ringers throughout the country. Might I suggest that the various and numerous associations should take up this question wholeheartedly, seeing that it is such a splendid medium by which to reach the various bell chambers of the land. I am sure this propaganda would be the means of swelling the fund substantially. Not only would it signify a willingness to help, but would place on record for ever the splendid response of one body of church workers. It is worth trying. Any small contribution would be acceptable from the (approximately) 30,000 ringing members, and would reach a sum of considerable magnitude if under one head: "The United Kingdom Bell Ringers' Gift." All subscriptions collected by the Association should, I think, be sent on to you in the first place, so that they may be included in the ringers' gift.—Yours faithfully,
W. C. H.

A LINCOLNSHIRE RESTORATION.

ARCHITECTURAL OVERSIGHTS.

Churchworkers in the rural village of Harmston, situate some five miles from the City of Lincoln, have brought to a successful consummation important improvements connected with the church, holding, on Thursday of last week, a shortened form of evensong, which was attended by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Notwithstanding the grave crisis through which this county, and, in fact, the whole of Europe is passing, the service was a simple and plain thankoffering to Almighty God for the completion of the work which had been quietly going on for some considerable time. Through the generosity of one of the parishioners the tower of the church, which for many years had been considered unsafe, had been repaired, and the peal of eight bells partly recast and hung in a new iron frame; additional land had also been added to the churchyard. The consecration of the new ground by the Bishop was reverently carried out at the opening of the service by a procession led by the churchwardens, followed by the surpliced choir, clergy, and the Bishop, and a large body of parishioners. After the consecration the procession re-formed, and the singing of a hymn in the quiet open-air was very impressive. Upon the re-assembling of the congregation in the church, the usual form of evensong proceeded until the singing of the Magnificat, whereupon the Bishop proceeded to the west end of the church and dedicated the bells, immediately after which a special band of ringers from Lincoln and Metheringham rang three leads of Grandsire Triples. The service then proceeded, and the Bishop preached a simple but impressive sermon.

At the termination of the service the bells sent out their sweet sound by a short touch of Stedman Triples, followed by Double Norwich; Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, taking the tenor in the latter. It was considered inadvisable to prolong the ringing, and after another short touch of Stedman the bells were lowered. The unanimous opinion of the visiting ringers was that the world-famed Loughborough firm had added another peal to their long list of magnificent bells throughout the country. The peal is a light ring of eight, with a tenor about 11 cwt., and the tone and "go" perfect. Indeed, the only regret seemed to be that the architect had not given sufficient thought in deadening the sound in the ringing chamber, and had evidently considered that those who attended to the ringing in the belfry were of so little importance that he had quite forgotten to provide any ventilation whatever. It was, however, understood that the energetic Vicar intended to have these two serious faults remedied as soon as possible. When this is done the inhabitants of the village will be in a position to feel proud of their church and bells, especially the latter, which affords fine scope for the enthusiastic band of ringers which is now being formed in the village.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

RINGERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RELIEF FUND.

We again appeal to ringers throughout the country to send their "mite" to swell the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund. This great national effort is mounting up, but a very much larger sum than that already subscribed will be needed to alleviate distress if the war lasts anything like as long as those in authority contemplate. As ringers, who occupy a not unimportant position as workers in the Church, we must do our part, and any contributions sent to the fund through us will be acknowledged in these columns. We have already sent one sum of £10 to the National Relief Fund, and this has been acknowledged in the following terms:—

Buckingham Palace,
14th September, 1914.

Sirs,—I am desired by The Prince of Wales to express His Royal Highness's sincere thanks for the donation of £10 which you have so generously given to the National Relief Fund.

Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) F. M. PONSONBY.

Amount from Church Bell Ringers.

The sums sent in since our last issue are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	11	8	0
Bobbing, Kent, ringers (per Mr. C. E. Waters)	0	3	0
Gosforth, Northumberland, ringers (per Mr. Robt. W. Falconer)	0	5	0
Woodford, Thrapston, ringers (per Mr. T. Wilson)	0	10	0
Llandaff Cathedral ringers (per Mr. J. Aldridge)	0	10	0
Salehurst, Sussex, ringers (per Mr. J. Goodsell)	1	0	0
St. Peter's, Caversham, ringers (per Mr. Ernest W. Munday)	0	10	0
Mr. W. C. Hunt, Nottingham	0	2	6
East Hampstead ringers (per Mr. A. J. Rance)	0	5	0
Mr. G. J. Yardley, Walsall	0	1	0
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Hull, ringers (per Mr. C. Jackson)	0	10	6
	£15	5	0

ROLL OF HONOUR.

W. Turner, of Wakefield Cathedral Society, Territorials, and volunteered for service at the front.
Pte W. Williams, of Wrexham tower, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Pte J. Lloyd, of Wrexham, 4th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers (T.), now at Northampton.
Pte John Siddall, junr. (No. 13969), of the St. Helen's, Darley Dale Society, Notts and Derby Regiment, now stationed at Backworth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Pte Sydney Amos Foster, of Mitcham Parish Church Society, King's Royal Rifle Brigade.
Sapper H. G. Frampton, of Bournemouth, R.E. Territorials.
F. Caldwell, of Oldswinford company, Birmingham City Battalion.
Charles Cooper, of Geddington, Northants. Lord Kitchener's new Army.
Sapper A. R. Macdonald (No. 41816), of Bournemouth, 71st Field Co. R.E., present address, Bulford Camp, near Salisbury.
Pte Fred Kilborn, of Market Harborough, 7th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, now at Shoreham. Mr. Kilborn is one of a company of 400 raised by Mr. Edgar Mobbs, the famous amateur international rugby footballer.
Pte James Shipton, of All Saints', Marlow, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry Regiment.
Pte Thomas Hammond, junr., of St. Peter's Parish Church, Liverpool, with the Army Service Corps (T.), at present at Romsey, Hants.

Pte M. R. Warnett, of Lewisham, F Company 20th County of London Battalion, at present at New Town, Hatfield, Herts.
Pte Walter Wales, of St. Mary's Co., Worstead, 5th Battalion Norfolk Regiment.
Pte John Long, of St. Mary's Co., Worstead, 5th Battalion Norfolk Regiment. The two foregoing have volunteered for service abroad.
Charles Long, of St. Mary's Co., Worstead, enlisted in Kitchener's Army.
Shocking-Smith W. Harding, of Berrybarrow, North Devon, Royal North Devon Hussars, now at Tendring, Essex.
William H. Hayman, of Withycombe, Devon, Royal Engineers, Chatham Division.
Ptes Frank and William Calloway (brothers), of Monksilver, Somerset, with Territorials on Salisbury Plain.
Pte B. L. Lyddon, of Sampford Brett, with Territorials.
William T. Law, of Weston Favell, Northants, 5th (S) Battalion Northants Regiment, now at Shorncliffe.
Pte A. Brockman, of St. Paulinus, Crayford, Kent, R.A.M.C.
Pte W. Eames, of Crayford, Coldstream Guards.
Harry Marlow, of Hardingstone, 6th (S) Battalion Northants Regiment, at Weybridge.
V. Gasson, of Salehurst, Sussex, has joined the Royal Garrison Artillery.
Pte Edward Mullins, of Pendleton (late of Birmingham) King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
A. G. Shorter, secretary Christ Church, Consett band, Royal Field Artillery.
F. Eales, Christ Church, Consett, Durham Light Infantry.

In addition to the above-mentioned, the Vicar of Consett, who, although not a ringer, is a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association, is serving as chaplain with the Durham Light Infantry, and another of the ringers, H. S. Bates, of the Consett and District Division (Durham No. 7) of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, is awaiting instructions for service among the sick and wounded.

The following members of St. Giles', Reading, are with the colours:—

Cpl. W. Dormer, Lee-Corpl. R. Dormer and Trooper G. Wheeler, 3rd Troop, B. Squadron, Berks Yeomanry.
Lee-Corpl. R. Bishop, Machine Gun Section, Berks Yeomanry.
Pte A. J. Harding, 4th Essex Infantry.

From St. Thomas's tower, Lymington, the following are with the 7th Hants Regiment (T.) on Salisbury Plain:—

Sergt. Elliott.
Lee-Corpl. Wilkins, and
Pte Arnold.

Thornby-on-Tees tower (Yorks) has lost three members, two of them brothers:—

Corpl. Norman Addison, Northumberland (N.R.), R.G.A.
Gunner Wilfred Addison, R.F.A., and
Gunner William Wallace, Northumberland (N.R.), R.G.A.

Wishbech has four members on service:—

Pte Frederick Lightning, R.A.M.C.
Pte Geo. E. Piggins, E. Co., Cambs Territorials.
Assistant Sea Scoutmaster Edwin Doncaster.
Sea Scout Reginald Watts.

From the St. Nicholas' band, Hurst, Berks, six members have responded to the call:—

E. W. Lloyd, Royal Berks Territorials.
R. H. Tucker, Royal Berks Territorials.
F. P. Priest, Royal Berks Territorials.
A. M. Priest, Royal Berks Territorials.
J. S. Chalker, R.H.A.
C. W. Grant, R.H.A.

The three sons of Mr. J. W. Derbyshire, of the Darley Dale Society, have enlisted:—

Pte Geo. Derbyshire and Pte Joseph Derbyshire in the Notts and Derby Regiment, and Trooper John Derbyshire in the 10th Hussars.

Altogether, five of the Kettering ringers have joined the colours, for, in addition to Mr. Arthur Plant, whose name has already been given, the following have joined Lord Kitchener's new Army.

William Mace,
William Smart,
Philip Inns, and
Alfred Knight (who has transferred from the County Police Force).

From Yateley, Hants, the following four members are serving:—

Lee-Corpl. Harold Tice, Surrey Yeomanry, now at Canterbury.
Lee-Corpl. Cyril Bunch, 4th Hants Territorials, Winchester.
Pte George Butler, 4th Hants Territorials.
Pte Charles Butler, 4th Hants Territorials.

From the Portsea band the following have joined forces:—

Dick Stone, Royal Engineers (T.), now at Southsea Castle.
Harry Murley, enlisted in Kitchener's Army.
Joe Wheeler, enlisted in Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.
Cecil Cressy, Auxiliary hospital ship, "Plassey."

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CHAGFORD RINGERS' FAREWELL TO THEIR BELLS.



Photo.]

[W. John Aggett.]

This photograph represents the "parting of the ways," as it were. The ringers of St. Michael's, Chagford, Devon, are seen with the old peal of bells just before the removal of the latter to the foundry for recasting.

Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, are being entrusted with this work, and the new bells will be hung in new frames and fittings by Messrs. Aggett & Sons, of Chagford.

AN OXFORDSHIRE DEDICATION.

SANDFORD ST. MARTIN'S ANCIENT BELLS RESTORED.

The interesting old Church of Sandford St. Martin, Oxon. has had its peal of six bells admirably restored, and placed in excellent ringing order. The bells had got into a very bad state, but when, last February, the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Cardigan-Williams) sent out an appeal for funds for rehangng the peal, such was the response that, with the aid of a substantial donation by the Lay Rector (Mr. E. F. Chance, of Sandford Park) the work was quickly put in hand, the contract being entrusted to Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington. The inscriptions on the mellow-toned bells show four of them to be nearly 300 years old:—

Treble: "Praise the Lord." Mears and Stainbank, Founders. London. 1871.

2nd: "James Keen made me, 1630."

3rd: "Nathaniel Boulter, 1620."

4th: "Humphre Keene, 1620."

5th: "Mears and Stainbank, 1871."

Tenor (9 cwt.): "Made by Keene, 1630."

The date of the church itself is, approximately, 1245, and contains some interesting architectural features. Seating nearly 300 people, the sacred edifice consists of chancel, clerestoried nave of three bays, south porch and west tower. The chancel and nave in the north aisle have Transition Norman arches, and in the south aisle Early English. The east window of the church and that of the south aisle are both of the Transition period from Decorated to Perpendicular, and the latter has curious tracery. In the south aisle is a very richly decorated Piscina and the south porch retains a Stoup. On the south side of the chancel arch is fixed the wrought-iron framework of an hour-glass, by which in ancient times the preacher doubtless regulated the length of his sermon; and of the chancel screen of Perpendicular work, only the upper portion, with the Arms of Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1602, on an ermined ground, is now left. The Norman font, originally round, has received the inartistic attentions of some merciless vandal, who chiselled the sides tetragonally to match the pedestal on which it rests, but the Norman carving on the upper half is still in a good state of preservation.

There were festal services for the dedication, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) preaching in the morning, while the formal ceremony took place at Evensong, and was performed by the Archdeacon. In his address the Archdeacon, basing his remarks on the Corinthians xiv, 7-8, dealt not only with the definite function

of the bell in the service of God's House, but showed how that its sweet sounds touch the common life in its varied appeals—the ordinary peal as the summons to the worship of God; the wedding bells as a reminder of the necessity of pure home life; the solemn passing-bell as the announcer of the flight of a Christian soul to the God who gave it. Each had its solemn lesson to teach. The Archdeacon gave some wise counsel to the ringers themselves, urging them to regard their call upon others as a definite call to themselves; to look upon their work as a privilege and their function as a reflex of their personal lives.

MARRIAGE OF CUMBERLANDS' SECRETARY.

A marriage of more than passing interest to ringers generally took place at Shoreditch Parish Church on Saturday last, when Mr. Herbert J. Bradley, hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths, was united to Miss Florence M. Wheeler. As it was entirely due to the initiative of the bridegroom that the restoration of Shoreditch bells was set on foot some three years ago, it was only fitting that the Cumberlands should show up in strong force to mark the occasion. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. R. Ford, Rector of Broudesbury (late Vicar of Shoreditch), assisted by the Rev. F. E. Birch (Vicar), and the Rev. Colin Wale (curate). The service was fully choral, the hymns being "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O perfect love," whilst the choir formed a guard of honour, and the organist rendered the "Bridal March" and "Wedding March." So soon as the ceremony was over the famous bells were set going to alternate rounds and firing, followed later by Stedman Cinques. A reception was held in the Parish Room adjoining the church, where a substantial repast had been provided for a large number of guests, both ringers and otherwise. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, music, singing, various games, and handbell ringing making a varied programme that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are spending their honeymoon at Folkestone, and we are sure that they have the good wishes of all ringers for a happy and prosperous future.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for evensong at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Thrift (first quarter-peal) 1. W. Coley 2. W. R. Thrift 3. H. Dawson 4. A. Edwards 5. H. W. Kirtton (conductor) 6. J. Wood 7. J. Walden 8. Arranged for Bandsman W. Coley, of the 7th Worcestershire Territorials, billeted at Boreham.

SIX GREATEST MEN IN RINGING HISTORY.

WHO ARE THEY?

If you were to take a general opinion as to which six men have during the last couple of hundred years done most to advance Change Ringing, I wonder how many different names you would get? For obvious reasons you would have to exclude all living men, but even if you did not, probably the great dead would still supply the majority.

The first name that would in all probability occur to everyone is that of Fabian Stedman. It is quite safe to say that two, and perhaps three, other names would appear in every list. You could not possibly omit Fabian Stedman. He comes in not merely because he gave us his Method, for, popular as that is, the man who first produced Double Norwich got a finer thing and the man who first hit on Grandsire was the man who first gave us our standard of what a method should be. Who was that worthy? If we knew we would, without further thought, put him down among our six. But perhaps, like Topsy, Grandsire never had a father, but simply "grewed." Stedman comes in because he was the first of our authors, the first to try and explain ringing as a scientific thing.

The next man we cannot afford to omit from our list is John Holt. He comes in because of his two peals of Grandsire Triples. Grandsire is not, nowadays, the one standard method it used to be, and Mr. Parker's excellent Twelve-Part peal has largely supplanted Holt's compositions, but what our fathers would have done without Holt I do not know. Listen to the stately language of the "Clavis"; it is familiar to us all, and it is not one little bit exaggerated. "Ever since Grandsire Triples hath been discovered or practised, 5040 changes manifestly appeared to view; but to reach the lofty summit of this great climax was a difficulty that many had encountered, though none succeeded, and these great names, viz., Hardham Condell, Anable, etc., who are now recorded on the ancient rolls of fame, had each exhausted all their skill and patience in this grand pursuit to no other purpose than that of being convinced, that either the task itself was an utter impossibility, or (otherwise) that all their united efforts were unequal to it, and it is possible that had it not been for the author (of whom we are now about to speak) that this valuable piece of treasure would at this day be fast locked up in the barren womb of sterile obscurity. Thus it was until a poor unlettered youth appeared. No sooner did he approach this great pile, but as if by magic power, he varied it into whatever form he pleased and made it at once subservient to his will. After paying this small but just tribute to the memory of this ingenious composer, the Exercise in general can scarcely be at a loss with respect to his name nor once doubt but that we mean Mr. John Holt, whose extraordinary abilities, aided by his surprising natural gifts, were such as must ever excite the astonishment and admiration of the professors in this art, whether novices or adepts."

Our modern journalistic English will not let us write an eulogy like that, but it was not, as I said, exaggerated, only, I suspect, that the Clavis authors were indulging a little in poetry when they said that "no sooner did he approach" than he did the job. How much paper was used and how many figures written before the "Original" was composed, let them that know something of such matters guess.

The third name, which I should expect to find in every list, is that of Joseph Snowden. What he did for ringing and ringers everyone knows. Who are to be the other three? A good round dozen names at once occur, all of whom have more than an outside chance. John Garthorn, the first man to compose a true peal of Triples, no mean feat since he had no one to show him how. William Shipway, George Gross, Hudson, Hubbard Sottanstill and others, and we could hardly leave out old Ben Annable, the man who in his lifetime was undisputed the first man of the ringing world and who left more than one composition of real merit. The authors of the "Clavis" gave him credit for being the inventor of "Changes in regular peals," but that, of course, was not so. They may be right when they say that "Caters and Cinques, which he found in a rude and jumbled state, he threw into the harmonious tittums where they still continue and most likely ever will remain." I think he must have a place among the six.

Then there are Thos. Thurstans, the composer of the peal of Stedman Triples, the credit of which, however, he must share with Shipway and Hudson, Henry Johnson and John Reeves. Reeves was one of the authors of the "Clavis" and is always supposed to be the author of all the peals in it; why, I am not quite sure, as the book does not definitely say so, and they may have been collected from different sources. For instance, the composition of 12,000 of Treble Bob Royal, rung by the Cumberlands at Shoreditch in 1784 is always given as Reeves, but in the Cumberlands' Peal Book it is said to have been composed and conducted by George Gross, and Gross was quite capable of doing so. Also the tale goes that before the "Clavis" was brought out, Blakemore, one of its authors, stayed for some time at Norwich and when he returned to London he brought with him much manuscript concerning bells which he had stolen from his host. I am not sure whether John Reeves ought to go into our six; but anyhow I have left two vacant places and the reader may fill them up how he pleases.

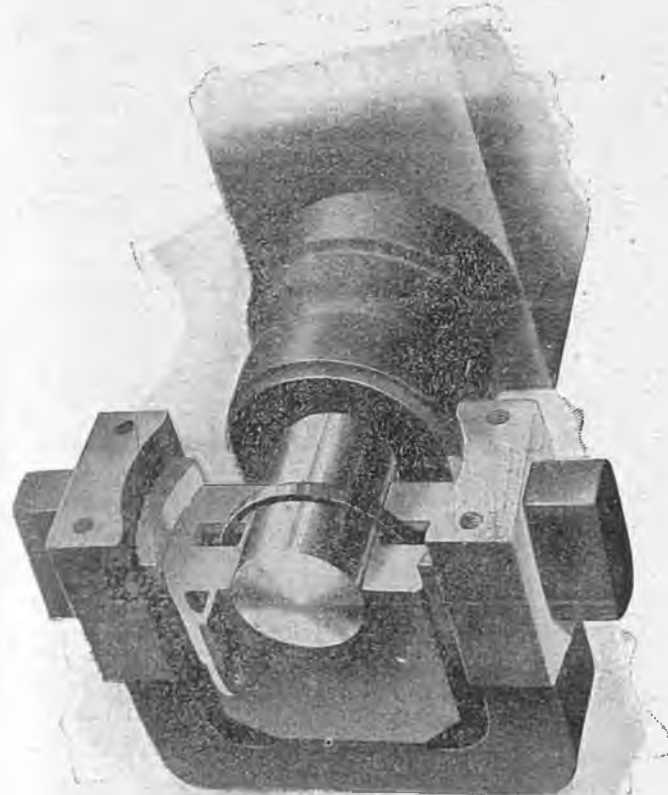
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MR. D. J. NICHOLS' 100 PEALS.

It is seldom that a ringer completes his first century of peals without ringing one for any association but his home society. Mr. D. J. Nichols, of Kettering, however, has just reached three figures, the whole of the peals having been put to the credit of the Central Northants Association. The 100 are made up as follows:—

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Doubles	1	1		
Minor in 1 Method	4	3		
Minor in 3 Methods	1			
Minor in 4 Methods	2	1		
Minor in 5 Methods	2	2		
Minor in 7 Methods	14	11		
Minor in 8 Methods	1	1		
Grandsire Triples	8	7	3	3
Grandsire Caters			2	
Stedman Triples	13	7		
Stedman Caters	1			
Bob Minor			2	1
Bob Major	3	1	15	12
Bob Royal			1	
Little Bob Major			2	
Treble Bob Major	1		4	1
Treble Bob Royal			1	
Double Norwich Major	9	9		
Superlative Surprise Major ..	8	3		
Cambridge Surprise Major ..	1	1		
London Surprise Major	1	1		
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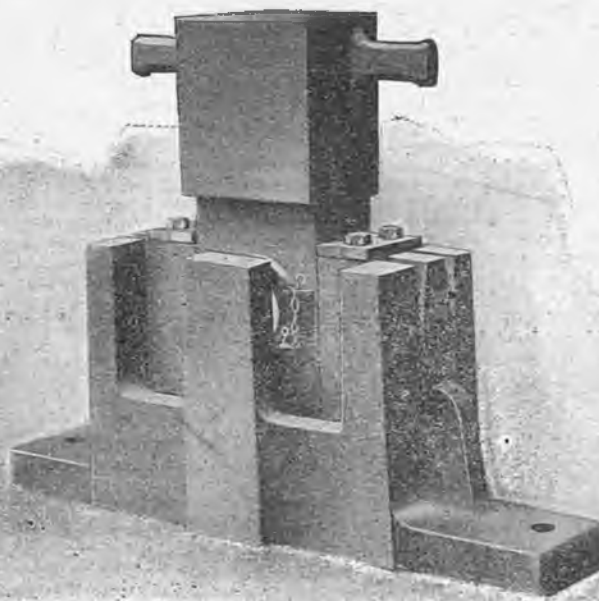
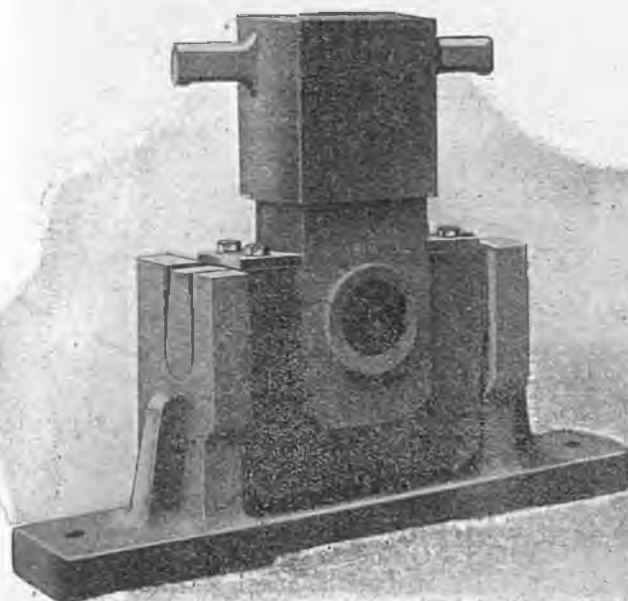
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BELL RESTORATIONS. WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.

For many years a large piece has been broken out of the soundbow of the tenor bell at Weston Underwood, Buckinghamshire, and the whole peal has been in a very dilapidated condition. Some four months ago, however, the six bells were taken down and sent to Ipswich. Mr. Alfred Bowell has recast the tenor, which weighs 10cwt., and tuned the whole peal and hung them in a new steel frame with all modern fittings. On the completion of the work ringers from Emberton, Olney, Filgrove, and other adjoining parishes assembled to try the bells, and two 720's of Treble Bob were rung. Everyone expressed their entire satisfaction with the tone and "go" of the bells.

LITCHAM, NORFOLK.

The fifth bell to this peal of six has just been recast and rehung, and the clappers of the other five refitted by Mr. Alfred Bowell. The local ringers met on completion of the work, and rang the bells for a few minutes. The Rector and wardens congratulated the founder upon the excellent tone of the new bell.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.

Some three years ago the five bells in High Halden Church tower were rehung and the tenor recast by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. At that time provision was made in the framework for a sixth bell, which has just been cast and hung by the same firm. This makes another fine ring of six in the county, with a tenor of 13 cwt. The new bell is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Croydon on September 27th.

HIGHAM BELLS.

On Monday week the bells of the St. John's Church, Higham, were given a trial run, after being rehung in a rigid steel frame built on three 12-inch by 5-inch steel girders, by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who also added a new treble, making a ring of six in all. Members of the Kent County Association (Rochester district) from Milton, Shore, and Frindsburg, were present, and all were delighted with the perfect "go" of the bells. The new treble is a fine-toned bell, weighing 3 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. (note G), and was given in remembrance of the late Mrs. F. Stunt by her son and daughter (Mr. Warwick Stunt and Mrs. Neame). The tenor of the old peal is 6 cwt. in 15 flat. The old bells have been quarter-turned and fitted with steel headstocks and other new fittings throughout. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung for the trial, by: A. Bowell 1, H. Welham 2, G. Ambrose 3, G. Morrad 4, F. Hayes 5, Edward A. G. Allen (district secretary) 6. Others who took part in the ringing were: Messrs. R. Paine, C. Winsor, W. Stockley, S. Jarrett, P. Tester, E. Smith, G. Wells and W. Kent. The Vicar (the Rev. G. C. Allen, D.D., who has worked hard in getting funds for this work) visited the belfry during the evening.

At the Parish Church Mr. Bowell has recast the two old bells into three, with an addition of 3 cwt. of new metal, the bells being hung for chiming.

The bells at both churches will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Rochester (the Rev. J. Tetley Rowe, M.A.) before evensong, on Sunday, September 27th, on the occasion of the harvest festival.

Mr. A. Bowell also has the following work in hand:—
WARMINSTER, WILTS.—A ring of eight, tenor 22 cwt., to be rehung in new steel frames with all modern fittings.

CHRISHALL, ESSEX.—A ring of four to be augmented to six, all hung in new steel frames with all modern fittings.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.—A ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., to be rehung with new fittings and the fourth recast.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.—A ring of five, tenor 24 cwt., to be augmented to six, the present third recast and the peal rehung in new steel frames for eight, with modern fittings.

BARKWAY, HERTS.—A ring of six, tenor 16 cwt., to be augmented to eight, and rehung in new steel frames with modern fittings.

ST. CROSS, NORFOLK.—A ring of five to be rehung.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—A ring of five, tenor 14 cwt., the treble to be recast, and the peal rehung in new steel frame for six, with modern fittings.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.—A ring of six, tenor 11 cwt., to be rehung with modern fittings, and the fifth recast.

CLUN BELLS.

The dedication of the restored bells at Clun, Shropshire, took place on Wednesday, the ceremony being performed by the Rural Dean. The clock and font cover were dedicated at the same time. The festival is to be continued on Sunday, when one of the preachers will be the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild.

BARNES, SURREY.—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rang at St. Mary's Church, Barnes, in 43 minutes, on July 19th: F. Ashford, H. Barrett, M. Jacobs, H. Cook, C. Hunt, W. H. Crook, F. S. Revington (conductor), J. Wilmott. Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rang on August 30th, in 44 minutes: E. Castle, H. Barrett, H. Cook, C. Hunt, R. Mackrell, A. W. Darlington, F. S. Revington (conductor), J. Wilmott, rang as a birthday compliment to H. Cook.

NOTICES.

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

Matter intended for publication should reach the Editor not later than *first post* on Tuesday morning, but all reports should be sent in *as early as possible*. Records of peals rung after Saturday will be accepted up to Wednesday morning first post, although insertion is not guaranteed in the same week's issue.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sept. 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus, 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy), at 5.30. Tea (9d.) at the "Fox and Hounds" at 6 o'clock. Reports will be ready for distribution. For excursions see railway company's handbills.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY (established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, September 19th, 1914. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Royal Clarence Hotel at 4.15 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley, on Saturday, September 19th. Service in the Church at 4.30. A collection will be made at this service for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund. Business meeting, including election of officers from the branch, after the tea. Ringing will be governed by the news from the seat of war. It is requested that every member will make an effort to attend the service.—James Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the War the officials of this Association announce that the meeting arranged for Sept. 26th, 1914, at Stoberley and Carlton will not be held, and they believe that the members will approve of this.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

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DEATH OF A BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Albert Huckley, who passed away recently, after a short illness, at the age of 65 years. Deceased, who had taken part in about 50 peals in various methods, including one of over 10,000 changes of Grandsire Major, was formerly a member of St. Philips' company, and had been a Sunday service ringer at St. Chad's Cathedral (R.C.) for a good many years.

On Sunday evening, August 29th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Chad's, with the bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect, by: S. Colley 1, J. Stratford 2, A. Scrivens 3, J. Porter 4, C. Mackenzie 5, W. F. Webb 6, J. T. Perry (conductor) 7, J. E. King 8.

DEATH OF MR. C. PRICE, CHELTENHAM.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles Price, which took place in a hospital at Cheltenham during last week. Though deceased had done but little ringing of late years, many ringers in Staffordshire and North Worcestershire will remember his former participation in the art, which he actively followed some 20 years ago, being a useful man at the heavy end.

The mortal remains were laid to rest on Saturday last in the Parish Churchyard of Longdon, Worcestershire, near his home. The local ringers rang several six-scores of Grandsire with the bells muffled.

HASLEMERE'S WORTHY EXAMPLE.

The ringers of Haslemere, Surrey, ten in number, have abandoned their outing this year, and the ten shillings each which is given them for the purpose by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Aitken) has been given to relief funds, £3 to the Prince of Wales' Fund, and £2 to the Belgian Refugees' Fund. The Rector, our correspondent informs us, is very pleased with the ringers' decision. We think the action is a highly commendable one.

BARNES, SURREY.—On August 30th, as a birthday compliment to H. Cook, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's Church: E. Castle 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, C. Hunt 4, R. Mackrell 5, A. W. Darlington 6, F. S. Revington (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8.—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Ashford 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, W. H. Crook 6, F. S. Revington (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8.

WINDSOR.—On July 27th, on handbells, 600 Grandsire Doubles: L. Stilwell 1—2, W. Welling 3—4, Miss S. Durnford 5—6. Longest touch by Miss Durnford.—On August 17th, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins.: L. Stilwell 1—2, W. H. Fussell (conductor) 3—4, W. Welling 5—6, Miss Stella Durnford (longest length of triples) 7—8.

WITH THE FLEET.

His many friends throughout the Exercise will learn with interest that Sergt. F. A. Holden, R.M.L.I., is among those of our brave defenders at sea who are itching to get at the Kaiser's fleet. His present address is H.M.S. "Implacable," 5th Battle Fleet, care of G.P.O.

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

ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

The position which we have the good fortune to occupy brings to our hands a larger number of the annual reports of associations throughout the country than come into the possession of most people, and we often compare them with interest, not merely as to the progress they record but also as to the value of the information they contain. In this latter respect they vary greatly but it must not be supposed that where the information is limited, it is through any lack of interest on the part of those who are responsible for the compiling of the reports. Associations, like individuals, have limited means and they have to cut their coat according to the cloth. Already with many of them the growing peal records make the printing of the annual report one of the most formidable items in the expenditure, although it is pretty generally agreed that money is well spent when a good report is the result.

Then, not only is the question of expense one of the reasons for the marked differences to be found in the various publications of this kind. There is also the difference of opinion as to what is necessary and even as to what is really useful. Naturally, from an editorial point of view, we look upon that report as best which has the fullest and most easily accessible information, not only as to the association as a body, but as to the members and to the belfries. In some cases we know of the information is profuse, but it needs much time, often, to find what is required, whereas its value as a work of reference—and after all that should be one of the objects of a report—would be vastly increased by the mere addition, perhaps, of a liberal index. It would not be altogether well to have reports too nearly standardised, but it has often occurred to us that if a model report could be drawn up, with all the best features of the existing reports incorporated, it might be of some advantage in improving some of those publications which do not at present reach that standard which a little judicious alteration would give them.

This current of thought has arisen by a perusal of the 31st Annual Report of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, which reaches a high degree of excellence in its careful arrangement, and embodies a feature which appears, we believe, in only one other association's report, and which must commend it to those who have any real interest in the bells themselves, apart from the purposes which they serve. It is a summarised history of the bells, as shown by the dates and the names of the founders, and to the student it conveys a wealth of information, without adding substantially to the cost of the production. This is a section of the report which might easily be gradually worked up by those who have not already adopted the idea, and we should like to see it carried out generally, for then there would be ready at hand a brief history of all the rings of bells in the country.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in G.

*WALTER J. RAWLINGS ... Treble	WILLIAM WHITE ... 5
FRED G. MAY ... 2	HENRY B. BURT ... 6
ALBERT STOWELL ... 3	ALFRED E. REEVES ... 7
RICHARD CLARK ... 4	ISAAC LONG ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal of Major. The above was rung muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. N. Strickland, who was a sidesman for a number of years at the above church, also secretary for over 30 years to the late Sunday School Teachers' Association.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY ... Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 5
THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 6
THOMAS RICHARDSON ... 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... 4	RICHARD W. LANGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung, with the bells fully muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Hudson, for many years belfry sidesman at this church, and formerly secretary and vice-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, who was interred at Bishopwearmouth Cemetery on this day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1—2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5—6
*RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 7—8

*Miss WINIFRED M. HAGUE ... 9—10

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Caters in hand.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT "GLYN GARTH,"

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CLEMENT GLENN ... 1—2	*ALBERT H. WARD ... 5—6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4	†FRED WILFORD ... 7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: J. W. SEAMER.

* First handbell peal in the method. † First handbell peal by F. Wilford, for whom it was rung as a birthday compliment.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANCES;

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... 1—2	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 5—6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3—4	WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

Umpire: A. H. HARBOUR.

This peal has 6th extent both ways.

SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At "GLYN GARTH."

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5198 CHANGES;

*ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2	CLEMENT GLENN ... 5-6
*RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 7-8
*MISS WINIFRED M. HAGGE ... 9-10	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: W. J. NUDDS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpires: C. SAMPSON and E. H. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob in hand.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.
A MONTHLY COLLECTION.

We publish below a further list of the contributions to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund which have been sent in in connection with our appeal. We invite all who have not yet sent their mite to help the good cause, and we shall be only too glad to acknowledge any sum, however small.

Various useful suggestions have been made for assisting the effort, such as a "Shilling Fund." "W.K." now asks why ringers could not have a monthly collection in aid of the cause as long as the war lasts. "Admitted," he says, "a great many could not give much, but if 20,000, say, gave 3d. a month, that would be a gift worth having."

Needless to say we should be delighted if any such action could be generally taken. We should like to see some sustained effort made such as this, which is, of course, on the lines of what the Bushey Society are doing, with their weekly collection. Let us all make a great effort in this national emergency and one worthy of us as ringers.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ...	15	5	0
Mr. A. W. Brighton, London ...	0	2	6
St. Mary's Ringers, Baldock, Herts (per Mr. John J. Cawdell) ...	0	8	0
Christ Church Ringers, Burbage, Buxton (per Mr. H. Kirk) ...	0	6	0
Milnrow Parish Church Ringers (per Mr. John H. C. Massey) ...	0	10	0
Parish Church Ringers, Sible Hedingham, Essex (per Mr. L. Wiseman) ...	0	5	0

Worcestershire and Districts Association, collected at Northern Branch Meeting (per Mr. E. J. Dowler, Hon. Sec.) ...

Nuneaton Ringers (per Mr. T. W. Chapman)	0	10	6
"H. J." Stockport	0	2	0
Ringers of St. Mary's, Padbury, Bucks (per Mr. C. Gough)	0	5	0

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

The Biggleswade band has contributed three members to the Bedfordshire Yeomanry:—

Sergt. L. C. Franklin
Trpr. R. M. Spoug, and
Trpr. H. B. Smith.
Sergt. Amos Constant, of St. George's, Gravesend, Army Service Corps, at present with the colours.
Sapper W. Rowe (15,409), of St. Peter's, Croydon, A Fort-ss Co., R.E., Line of Communications, Expeditionary Force.
J. E. L. Cockey, of Rammoor, Sheffield, and hon. secretary of the Sheffield District Society, Sheffield City Battalion Yorks and Lancashire Regiment.
J. Marks, of St. Mary's, Bletchley, Royal Horse Artillery.
Edwin G. Pipe, of St. Michael's, Beccles, Oxfordshire Light Infantry.

The following is a further list of ringers who are giving their services to King and country in response to the call to arms:—

Pte. F. J. Keen, of St. Editha's, Tamworth.
Alfred Knight, of St. Nicholas', Islip, Northants, Northants Territorials.
Percy Knighton, of St. Nicholas', Islip, Lord Kitchener's new army.
Sapper C. Stapleton, of St. Peter's de Merton, Bedford, No. 1 Section, 2nd Co. East Anglian Royal Engineers, now at Farnham Park, Bury St. Edmund's.
Leader F. Brough (S), of St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent, Orderly and Dispatch carrier, stationed at Woolwich Barracks.
Walter Ryder, jun., of St. James', Birch, Manchester, 2nd Batt. 6th Manchester Territorials.
K. G. Hawkins, of Fulmer, Bucks, has enlisted in the 2nd Life Guards, Windsor.
C. H. Austin (son of Mr. J. Austin, of Gloucester), and R. N. Runham (of Reading), members of the Spitalfields Foundry Guild, have joined the Coldstream Guards, at Caterham.
Pte Arthur Duncan Davies, of St. Peter's Guild, Staunton-on-Arrow, 1st Batt. Herefordshire Territorials.
J. Elliott, of St. Mary's, Kelvedon, R.A.M.C., Aldershot.
H. Rogers, of St. Mary's, Kelvedon, Essex Regiment, Harwich.
A. Lancaster, of All Saints', Peering, Essex Regiment, Shoreham.
Sergt. Chas. Wybrow, of Fakenham, F Company 5th Batt. Norfolk Regiment, East Anglian Division.
Pte R. A. Kirby, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, East Kent Regiment.
"The Buffs" stationed at The Citadel, Dover (No. 1 section).
Pte F. A. Hull, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, 1st Herts, R.F.A., stationed at Hertford.
W. Smith, of All Saints' Loughborough band, joined Kitchener's Army.
J. Powell, of All Saints', Loughborough, Naval Reserve (called up).
Walter Greening and Fred Price, of The Coddington, Herefordshire, have joined the Territorials.
William R. Wood and Charles Mills, both of Iden, Sussex, enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, Royal Sussex Regiment, Colchester.
Percy Nash and James Wood, also of Iden, Sussex, enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, Royal Sussex Regiment, Shoreham, Sussex.
Norman Crouch, Brede, Sussex, enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army.
William Bennett, Rye, Sussex, enlisted in the (Rye) E Co. 5th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regt. (Territorial Force).

RINGER WOUNDED.

Lieut.-Sergt. G. Mackman, a member of the St. Peter-at-Archels Co., Lincoln, and of the 1st Lincoln Regiment (brother of Mr. J. R. Mackman, of Southall) has been wounded in action, and has returned to England. He is now in Devonport Hospital, and progressing favourably.

WHAT WELLS HAS DONE.

The ringers of Wells are certainly doing their share in the nation's emergency. Five of their number are serving with the colours, and seven others are in the National Reserve. In addition, instead of having an annual outing, they sent five guineas to the local relief fund.

CLUN CHURCH BELLS.

DEDICATION CEREMONY.

Clun's picturesque and quaint welcome to its bells, which we recently illustrated, has aroused a widespread interest among ringers in the doings of this little Shropshire village in regard to the restoration of the peal. The bells, which were conveyed to the church with such charming ceremony, have now been successfully hung, and, as briefly mentioned in our last issue, were, on Wednesday of last week, formally dedicated, together with the clock and font cover. The work has been carried out in conjunction with the restoration of the church tower, and completes the restoration of the church which was commenced some 40 years ago. The work which has been done represents a great deal of self-denying effort, but the parishioners have rallied loyally to the assistance of the Vicar and the church authorities, and the big undertaking has been successfully carried out. Among those who have worked indefatigably to secure the renovation and augmentation of the bells has been Mr. W. Mead, and he has written the following interesting history of the bells of the village:—

THE STORY OF THE BELLS.

It is very probable that Clun Church was one of the first in this part of the country to have a peal of bells. Early in the 15th century there were many sets of three or four bells each, but few of a greater number. Before the tower was destroyed by fire in the civil war there appears to have been four bells in it, as mentioned in the Brief issued in 1665-6, which says "the steeple with four large bells . . . utterly destroyed." These were no doubt melted, as a portion of bell metal was found some 35 or 40 years ago, and made into bearings for a lathe, and several small pieces have been dug up during the present tower restoration. In 1668 a peal of five bells was hung after the re-building of the tower in 1667 and another added, probably as a thanksgiving bell, in 1681 to complete the peal to six, part of the cost as inscribed on the bell, being defrayed by the Vicar at that time, the Rev. Joseph Jackson, so that Clun was conspicuous for its bells 246 years ago. During all these years that the bells had done duty, and no doubt been rung for many a victory on land and sea, very little repairs had been done to frames or fittings so that at last they had become quite unringable, and had remained so for some 25 or so years. Several attempts had been made during that time to raise funds for rehanging, and it was eventually therefore decided to dispatch the old six bells to the Whitechapel Foundry and have them recast, increased in weight and two new trebles added to complete the octave, the founders' marks and quaint inscriptions on the old six bells being faithfully reproduced on the new peal with the addition of the words, "Recast by M. and S., 1914." The new treble is the gift of the Creswell family. The cost of the second bell is defrayed by subscription. The weight of the new tenor is 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs., the total weight of the new peal being 63 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. The work of recasting the old six and the addition of the two new trebles was entrusted to the noted bell founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have produced a very musical peal in every way worthy of the church. The repairs and enlargements to the old oak frame, and the hanging of the new peal with entirely new fittings, was placed in the hands of Messrs. Day and Son, Eye, Suffolk, who have carried it out very satisfactorily.

THE INSCRIPTIONS.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—
 Tenor.—God Save the King. Thomas Powell, Edward Bowen C W 1668.
 7th.—Soli Deo Gloria Pax Hominibus, 1668.
 6th.—Sing We Merily Peace Bee To Clun, 1668.
 5th.—Jesus Bee Our Good Speede, 1668.
 4th.—All Praise And Glory Be To God For Ever. T P E. B. C W of Clun 1668.
 3rd.—John Latward Richard Bowen Wardens 1681 Pearle Of This Is The Guilt Of Joseph Jackson.
 2nd.—A D 1914. R. D. Machen, M.A., Vicar. G. Townsend, W. Darroll, Wardens. "Woe Is Unto Me, If I Preach Not The Gospel."
 Treble.—To The Glory of God and in Memory of Clara Creswell, Who Died July 17, 1886, Te Deum Laudamus.

A small bell, which has long lain unused at Trinity Hospital, has been lent by the Trustees to the Parish Church, and has been hung in the Tower. Its history is uncertain: possibly it is the old Sacring Bell, originally belonging to the Parish Church: the inscription is

MAI : NO : BETUR : BEL BE : MAD OF BRAS

The tower under the capable superintendence of the architect, Mr. Stallybass, has been thoroughly restored from the base to the summit, the foundations under-pinned and the buttresses strengthened the work having been most satisfactorily carried out. It is interesting to record that it was proposed to have the bells scheme as a memorial of Her Majesty's Queen Victoria's Jubilee (1887). A petition signed by almost every parishioner was taken round by Messrs. J. G. Buchanan and W. Mead, but later it was felt that an organ was a more imperative need, and the bells scheme was postponed. Another meritorious effort was made in the Diamond Jubilee year, but that unfortunately proved unsuccessful. Now the Vicar, clergy, churchwardens and parishioners feel devoutly grateful at the successful development of the various schemes, and have reason to be proud of possessing in their midst a House of God fully worthy of the ancient traditions of the Anglican Communion, the town and county.

THE CEREMONY.

The dedication service was largely attended, and in the absence of the Bishop and the Archdeacon of Ludlow, the ceremony was performed by the Rural Dean (the Rev. E. W. Brown, of Bedstone). The Rev. V. A. Creswell, of St. Weonards, represented the Creswell family, and numerous local clergy were present. The members of the Parish Council also attended, and the service was intoned by the Rev. G. D. Macpherson. The Vicar read the lesson, and the address was given by the Rev. W. G. Clark Maxwell, of Bridgnorth, who, basing his remarks on Psalm c. i, said that was a great and notable day in the history of Clun. It would be a folly to say it was the most notable or the greatest day, but certainly it would rank amongst the great days that had been. That was a great day more than 1,000 years ago when men first built that sanctuary in Clun to the honour of Almighty God and continuously for public worship till that day. But the church of to-day was not the church of that bygone day. It was a great day for Clun when those stately arches were framed and men re-built in that more noble and skilful fashion they had learnt that House of God to His honour and glory. Another great day was almost 800 years ago when after the turmoil and upheaval of the civil wars the church was reopened for divine worship. Another great day was when the bells were put in the tower. It was a great day when 35 years ago the church was re-opened after restoration. The restoration of the tower was the completion of the whole scheme, which they celebrated that day. Their ancient massive tower had been restored to its solidity without losing its ancient character. May that tower be a landmark to all the country round and a silent reminder of heavenly things to the district for another 1,000 years. May the bells ring out 1,000 years of war and ring in a thousand years of peace. May they as the clock ticked away the flight of time value more and more the preciousness of time and remind them of eternity. The font cover kindly given through the generosity of Archdeacon Oldham and the clock, and the bells the generous gifts of kindly donors, the church organ were all things solemnly dedicated to God's service. May they stimulate them all the greater to praise God in His holiness and praise Him in the firmament of His power.

The offertory was devoted to the Restoration Fund.

THE RINGERS.

The congregation dispersed while the bells rang out merrily. Six scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Triples were rung, among those taking part being: Rev. V. A. Creswell, Vicar of St. Weonards; Rev. H. J. Scott, Clun; Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master, Hereford Diocesan Guild); Mr. Day, Eye, Suffolk; Mr. A. Hughes, London; Mr. W. Mead, Clun; Messrs. W. R. Nash, A. Chester (Ludlow), O. Minton, G. Robinson, Em. Beddoes, S. Pearce (Bishop's Castle), G. W. Roberts (Clun); G. Matthews, P. Lockley (Leintwardine), Hall (Church Stretton), H. Sheppard (Wolverhampton), and others.

The festival was continued on the Sunday, and at the morning service the preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A. (Master of the Oxford Guild), who gave a very impressive address in which he urged the new band of ringers to set a high standard of ringing and work hard to reach it. The preacher in the evening was the Rev. A. E. Ll. Kenyon, M.A. (Rector of Ludlow), and formerly Vicar of Clun. Both sermons were listened to by large congregations.

The offertories, for the bells fund, amounted to £34 0s. 1d.

The new bells were rung for an hour before the four services, and after the evening service. Mr. Hughes, of London, very kindly stayed over the week-end, and greatly assisted the new band, while the Rev. V. A. Creswell, Mr. A. Chester, Mr. C. Evans and Mr. Robt. Marston (Oaker) also took part, the latter conducting a few 120's of Doubles. The principal conducting, however, was done by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who expressed himself well pleased with the new peal.

It is not uninteresting to note that included in the ringers who opened Clun's new peal were:—

One Justice of the Peace.
 Two Masters of Guilds.
 Three Members of Central Council.
 Six Members of Guilds Committees.

PEACE BELL.

NEW USE FOR RUGBY SCHOOL'S BIG BELL.

The magnificent service bell which Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have recently placed in Rugby School, and which is admirably illustrated on another page, is now being rung each day at noon as a "peace bell." The first occasion upon which it was so used was on Tuesday of last week, when, at Dr. David's invitation, it was rung by Mr. James George, Master of the Warwickshire Guild, and will continue to be rung under his direction for a time. The bell has been installed by the family of the late Rev. Charles and Mrs. Elsee. Its weight is 64 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs., it measures 5ft. 9½in. in diameter, and the note is B flat. It is probably the largest school bell in the country. The Elsee Memorial Bell is the largest in Warwickshire, with the two exceptions of the Birmingham University bell, which weighs six tons, and the bell at the Birmingham Town Hall, which is about four tons in weight. The bell is inscribed: "In remembrance of Charles and Mary Anne Elsee, their children gave me to Rugby School." The School coat of arms and the School motto, "Orando Laborando," are also engraved on the bell, together with the date (1914) and the name of the founders, Messrs. John and Denison Taylor, of Loughborough. In tone it is deep and musical.

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THE BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The earliest mention of the bells at St. Margaret's that I can discover is in 1527, when there appear to have been five bells. An old record gives the weights thus:—

"The first bell weith	- - - - ccccc lb.
The second	- - - - cccccxxi lb.
The third	- - - - dcccvi lb.
The fourth	- - - - mx lb.
The fifth	- - - - mcccccxij lb.

weighing xlviii lb.—£10 os. od." In 1670 we find that Michael Darbie cast two bells, for which he was paid £47 10s. od. Among the early payments for ringing we find in 1553, "Paid for bread and drink on Ash Wednesday to the ringers at the victory and overthrow of Wyatt and his adherents, 8d." Previous to this, in 1548, we find "Paid to the King's amner, when he would have sealed up the Church Doors at the departure of the King's majesty the 2nd day of July, because the bells were not rung—2s. 4d."—In 1586, "Paid for ringing at the beheading of the Queen of Scots—1s. od." And again in 1605, "Paid the ringers for ringing at the time when the Parliament house should have been blown up, 10s."

The present peal, tenor 26 cwt., was cast in 1739, as a



Sum of the weight of all the bellis - mmmmdccij lb."

In 1593 we find further records of the weights of the bells then in existence, among which we may notice that "the broken tennor waied mdcxxi lb. weight." It appears that the bells, or some of them, had been recast in 1592, but were not a success; for in 1593 we find that these bells were recast to replace those "falsely and deceitfully made by Valentine Trevor" in the previous year. Later on we find "Paid to Mr. Moat (i.e. Robert Mott) the first of November 1597 for new casting of the fourth bell, weying mdciii quarters (i.e., 16 cwt. 3 qrs.) and for a new clapper

peal of eight, by Samuel Knight, of the Holborn foundry! The two trebles were added in 1761 by Lester and Pack, who recast the tenor at the same time. The eighth and ninth have since been recast.

The inscriptions at the present time are as follows:—

Treble.

LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1761.

Second.

LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1761.

Third.

S . . . K . . . 1739.

Fourth.




S...K...1739.

Fifth.

S...K...1739.

Sixth.

S...K...1739.

*Seventh.*ROBERT CATLIN FECIT, 1739  *  * *Eighth.*Mr. THOS. HATCH & GEORGE STUBBS,
ESQ., CHURCHWARDENS, 1773, T. JANAWAY
FECIT *Ninth.*THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON, FOUNDER,
1834, JAMES WEBBER, D.D., MINISTER OF ST.
MARGARET'S. WILLIAM FORTY, ROBERT
BRYAN, CHURCHWARDENS.*Tenor.*DR. THOS. WILLSON, MINISTER, SAM'L.
PEIRSON & WM. IELFE, CH. WARDENS. LES-
TER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT  [arms, 2 daggers saltire surmounted by letter D.]

I may here observe that Robert Catlin, whose name appears as founder of the seventh bell, was bell-hanger to Samuel Knight, and afterwards succeeded him in the business.

The first true peal of Grandsire Triples rung here in 1751 is thus recorded on a tablet:—

"Sunday, July 7th, 1751, The Society of Union Scholars rang in this Steeple with two singles the first true and complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Tripples, which peal was performed in 3 hours and 15 minutes, by the following persons:

JAMES DAVIS Treble	JAMES VICKERS Fifth
JAMES ALBION Second	JAMES NEWBY Sixth
JACOB HALL Third	JOHN LLOYD Seventh
THOMAS JACKSON Fourth	GEO. FLEURY & ED. DAVIS Tenor

This peal was composed and called by JOHN HOLT.
Captain Nicholas Spencer }
and Mr. William Goff } Churchwardens."

I must here observe that Mr. John Holt did not ring himself in this peal, but sat on a chair in the belfry and conducted the same.

The following peals were also rung here by the Union Scholars before the peal was augmented to ten bells. All were conducted by John Holt.

October 27th, 1747,—5040 Bob Major.

July 9th, 1749,—6000 Bob Major.

July 8th, 1750,—5040 Double Bob Major.

March 14th, 1750,—5120 Union Bob.

February 16th, 1752,—5040 Court Bob.

I regret to say that I have no copies of tablets recording more recent peals. Perhaps someone else will kindly supply these if any exist.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGER'S DEATH.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. Walter German, a member of the Irtlingborough, Northants, band, who passed away recently at the early age of 26 years, after a short illness, the deceased being a victim of consumption. The deceased rang his first peal, one of Double Norwich, in December, 1908, and had rung 25 peals altogether, as follows: Bristol Surprise 2, London Surprise 4, Cambridge Surprise 1, Superlative Surprise 4, Double Norwich Major 12, Stedman Triples 2.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week, the mortal remains being laid to rest in the cemetery, four of the deceased's fellow ringers acting as bearers. In the evening the members of the local company gathered at the Parish Church, and, with the bells deeply muffled, rang 832 London Surprise Major: J. Mawby 1, A. Perkins 2, J. Ward 3, H. Horn 4, J. Houghton 5, W. Perkins 6, A. Tyler (conductor) 7, J. Garratt 8.

DEATH OF A SOMERSET RINGER.**CLOSE OF A LONG AND ACTIVE CAREER.**

The Bath and Wells Association has lost one of its first and most active members by the death of Mr. Henry Moore, of Minehead. The deceased, who was 60 years of age, contracted a severe illness some time ago, from which he partially recovered, but a second attack proved fatal, and despite every medical attention and nursing care, he succumbed in Dunster Hospital. Mr. Moore, who was an old inhabitant of Minehead, was a gardener by trade, and gained some celebrity in horticulture in the county by his successes at the various important shows, where he invariably carried off prizes against strong competition.

It was, however, as a change ringer that he was best known and valued among a large circle of friends. For nearly forty years he was a member of the Minehead Parish Church company, and when some years ago a great impetus in the diocese was given to the science of change ringing, chiefly through the exertions of the late Rev. J. U. Todd, and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers was later formed, Mr. Moore joined the society, of which he remained a member up to the day of his death. He studied change ringing to such an effect as to become the leading ringer of the district. His help was always freely given, when asked for, at all meetings for the purpose of change ringing, and with others he took a leading part in spreading a knowledge of the art among any anxious to learn. He was also himself a composer of peals, in the various methods known to ringers, often conducting at some one or other of the churches in the neighbourhood peals of his own composing. Owing to a disagreement some six years ago between Mr. Moore and the Minehead Guild, he severed his connection with the tower with which he had been so long associated. Since that time he devoted his energies to instructing young ringers in the neighbourhood, and at Carhampton, where he did much good work, his presence will be greatly missed. Mr. Moore took part in 85 peals on tower bells, and one handbell peal for the Bath and Wells Association. Of this number he conducted 43, his last peal being one of seven 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor rung at Timberscombe last March on his 60th birthday.

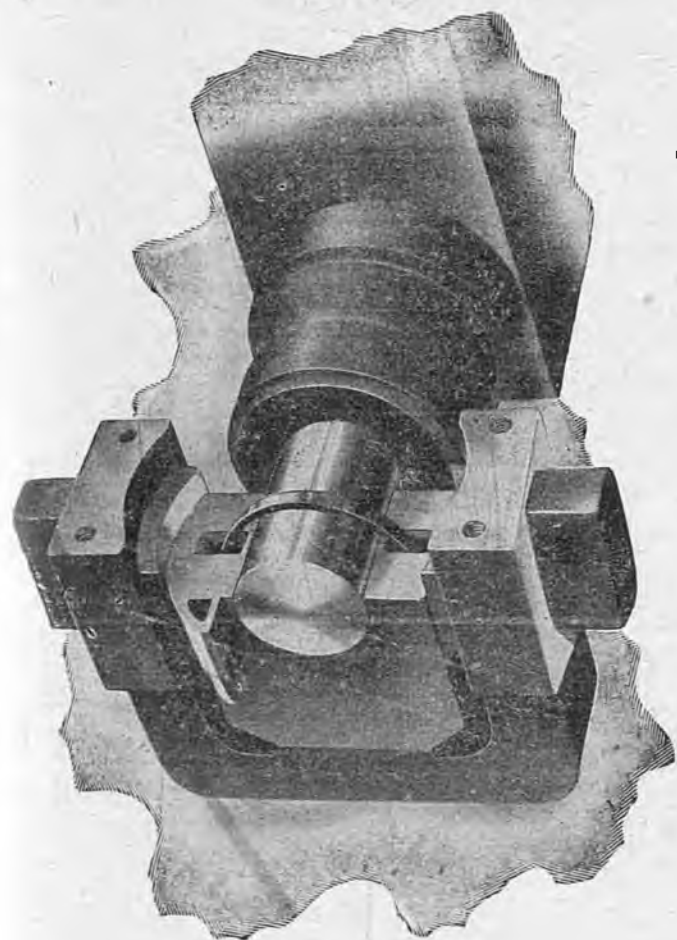
The funeral was attended by a large number of ringers, the first portion of the service being conducted at St. Andrew's Church by the Rev. Preb. Sainsbury. The hymn, "Rock of Ages," was sung, and as the funeral procession passed out of the church the organist, Mr. Walton Evans, played the "Dead March" from "Saul." At the cemetery, where the interment took place, the Rev. B. Smith officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Arthur, Bert, Walter, Harry, Leonard, Harold, and Wilfred Moore (sons), Miss Moore and Mrs. F. Hole (daughters), and Mr. Arthur Moore (brother). The bearers were the following members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers: Messrs. J. Farmer, R. Farmer, E. Parker and J. Watts, all of Carhampton; W. Hoyle, Minehead; and W. Bennett, Nettlecombe. In front also walked other members, viz., Messrs. J. J. Hole, Dunster; A. J. Chilcott, Withycombe; J. Sully, Stogumber; J. Kent, Selworthy; and G. Stacey, Minehead (hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Association); with the Rev. A. A. Brockington, Carhampton (president of the branch). In the evening some of the ringers, by permission of the Vicar, rang muffled touches on the Carhampton bells. Some beautiful flowers were placed upon the grave, including wreaths from various bodies of ringers in the district.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western District was held under favourable conditions at Bugley, when upwards of 50 members and friends were present. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in a variety of touches, ranging from Bob Major to Double Norwich. After the committee meeting at the Church House, a substantial meal was partaken of at the Assembly Rooms.—The business meeting followed, the President (Mr. G. Bolland) being in the chair, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. P. J. Johnson), members of the committee, etc. The business was largely of a routine character, the chief points settled being the date of the next quarterly meeting, viz., Saturday, 5th December. No invitations being received, the venue was left to the committee to select.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the Church House committee for placing the Church House at the disposal of the members for the day, was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. J. Ambler.—In the absence of the Vicar and churchwardens, Mr. W. Foster responded.—Mr. J. Cotterill proposed, and Mr. F. W. Dixon seconded, a vote of thanks to the local company, and the ladies who helped at the tea table.—Mr. Walker, of the local company, ably replied.—Handbell ringing was afterwards indulged in at the Church House, and brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

THE LATE MR. S. REEVES.

The following contributions towards the memorial tablet to the late Mr. S. Reeves are acknowledged with thanks: Messrs. J. Carter, 5s.; per R. P. Brindley, 5s.; J. George, Jno. Smith, A. Walker, 2s. 6d. each.—Hon. Treasurer, Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.



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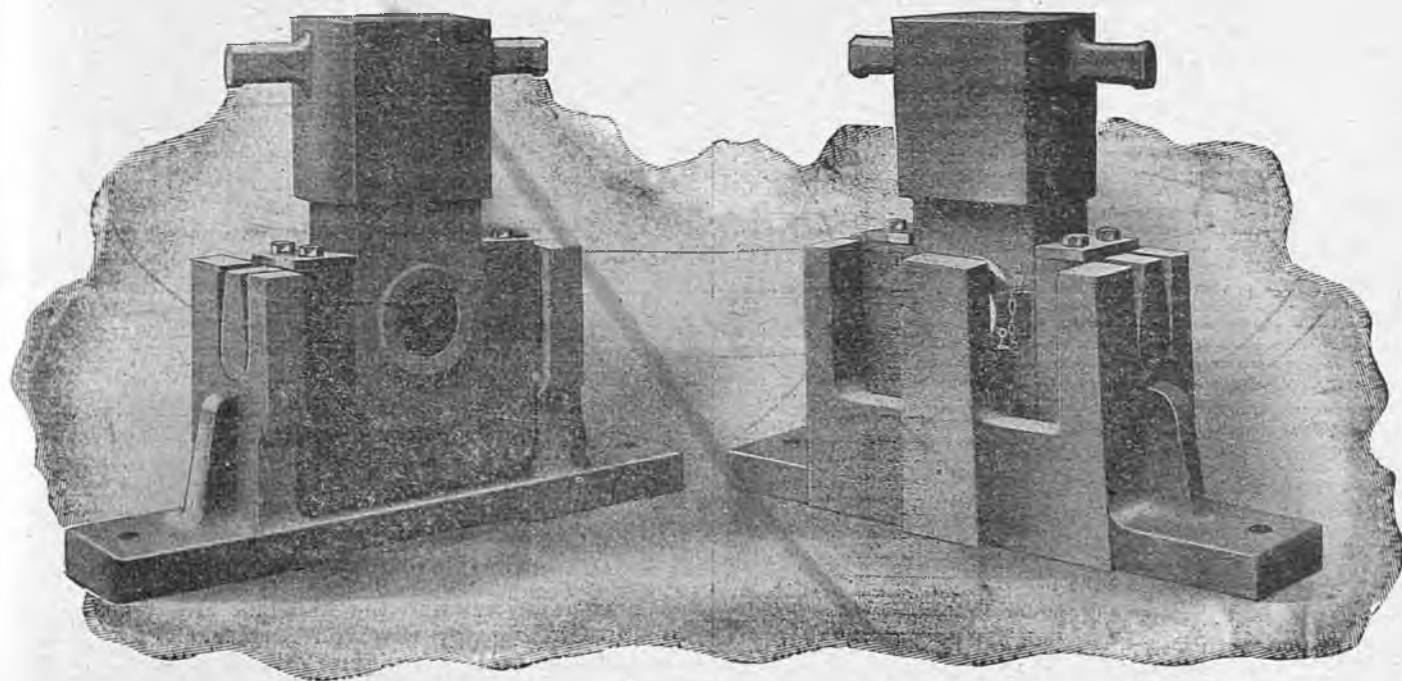
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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HELP FOR THE RELIEF FUND.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Cradley on Saturday last. Owing to the crisis through which we are passing, the attendance was under the average, but, still, it was very satisfactory, about 40 members being present from Old Hill, Halesowen, Wollaston, Stourbridge, Clent, Brierley Hill, Erdington, Hagley, Smethwick, Netherton, Oldswinford, Wordsley, Rowley, Selly Oak, and the local company. By the kind permission of the Vicar, the bells were open for ringing, a facility which was much appreciated. During the afternoon and evening touches were rung in Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Treble Bob and London Surprise.

At the service, which was choral, the address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Bennett), who prefaced his address by extending a hearty welcome to the Association at Cradley. They were, however, he said, under a cloud at present, but they all hoped it would not be for long. Basing his address on the text, "Do all to the Glory of God," he said in ringing there was a great deal of pleasure, but in learning to ring one had got to make a great deal of sacrifice to become proficient, and it took not one or two months, but many to become proficient in the art. Ringing brought out the character and perseverance of the men who took part in it. It taught people patience and developed the mind. At the same time their first object should be to ring the bells to the glory of God. The purpose of bell ringing was to call people to worship, and to be out of the hearing of the bells made the Sabbath, to his mind, un-English. Sunday was never meant to be a gloomy day. It was a day of rest and a day of worship. It should keep away gloom and sadness, and it always gave him the greatest of pleasure to see the bell ringers in their place on Sundays, doing their duty to the glory of God.—The address was very much appreciated by the members.

After the service tea, which had been kindly provided by anonymous donors, was much enjoyed, numerous ladies looking after the wants of the visitors.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided.—A letter from Mr. S. Grove (the Master of the Northern Branch) was read, in which he stated that he hoped the news from the front would be such that not only would the bells be rung but that they also would be fired.

Halesowen was selected for the next meeting in January.—Mr. S. Grove was re-elected Ringing Master; Mr. J. Pigott, representative on the Central Committee; and Mr. Jas. Dowler, secretary and treasurer.—In moving a vote of thanks to the officers, Mr. A. E. Parsons paid a very high compliment to the work of the secretary, which was very much appreciated.—The Vicar and churchwardens were elected hon. members.—It was reported that Mr. David Heathcock, of Oldswinford, was serving with the Durham Light Infantry, and that Mr. W. J. Brotherton, of Wollaston, and Messrs. Hodgkiss and Cook, of Brierley Hill, had also responded to the call to arms.—A collection on behalf of the Prince of Wales' National Fund was made, and resulted in £1 being forwarded through the Editor of the "Ringing World."—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for arranging the service, and for his address, and to the donors of the tea, and this brought to a close a meeting, which, under the circumstances, was a fairly satisfactory one.

TERRITORIALS' SUNDAY AFTERNOON EXCURSION.

Writing from Bustard Camp, Salisbury Plain, Sergeant C. H. Russell, of A Company, 4th Hants Regiment, sends an account of a little trip arranged by some of the Territorials while in camp as a proof of what may be done under difficulties. We had heard, he says, that a nice ring of six bells were available to Territorials at Amesbury, a village seven miles from our camp. A party of us arranged to walk there on Sunday last, and we had a most enjoyable time. Passing Stonehenge on the way, we arrived at Amesbury about 4 o'clock, and, after having tea, went aloft. With the help of Mr. F. Precey (Salisbury) the following rang two courses of Bob Minor: Lcc.-Corpl. C. Bunch 1, Pte G. Pullinger 2, Pte G. Butler 3, F. Precey 4, Corpl. Worsfold 5, Sergt. C. Russell (conductor) 6. Afterwards a local man, J. Thorn, rang the treble to a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by F. Precey. Then we got home three six-scores of Stedman, and, to finish up, the following all-Territorial band rang a six-score: Pte C. Butler 1, Lcc.-Corpl. C. Bunch 2, Pte G. Butler (conductor) 3, Sergt. C. Russell 4, Corpl. Worsfold 5, Sergt. Mells 6. We gained the following information about the bells from one of the local men. The treble and fifth were cast in 1619, the second and 3rd in 1723. The fourth was recast in 1800, and the tenor in 1880 by Warner and Sons. The tenor is a fine-toned bell, and the ring, with the addition of two trebles, would make a splendid octave. The tenor is 22 cwt. As we had to be in camp by 9.30 we started on our return journey almost immediately, and dropped on to a bit of luck, in the shape of a motor lorry, which took us to within a mile and a half of our camp, after enjoying a very nice Sunday-afternoon. Our best thanks are due to the Vicar of Amesbury, and also the local ringers, who kindly stood aside to let us ring.

By a typographical error in our article last week on the Six Greatest Men in Ringing History, the name of the late Mr. Jasper Snowden appeared as Joseph Snowden.

NOTICES.

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

Matter intended for publication should reach the Editor not later than *first post* on Tuesday morning, but all reports should be sent in *as early as possible*. Records of peals rung after Saturday will be accepted up to Wednesday morning *first post*, although insertion is not guaranteed in the same week's issue.

Re CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, ESQ., PRESENTATION.—SPECIAL NOTICE.—A special general meeting of all Sheffield and District Ringers will be held at The Yorkshireman's Arms, Burgess Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 26th, 1914, at 8.30 p.m., to discuss important business and arrange for presentation of the illuminated address at an early date.—Frank Willey, Secretary, 110, Peter Street, Sheffield.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sept. 29th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; both at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the War the officials of this Association announce that the meeting arranged for Sept. 26th, 1914, at Stoberley and Carlton will not be held, and they believe that the members will approve of this.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Matthias Church, Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, October 3rd, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in schoolroom at 7.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bearsted, on Saturday, October 10th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, to be kindly provided by the Vicar. All intending to attend should send their names by October 3rd to the District Secretary, Rev. K. A. Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the annual subscription is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Will members kindly note that as I have joined the Sheffield City Battalion, I should be glad if they would for the present communicate with the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. Hollis, 37, Reservoir Terrace, Chesterfield.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

In the quiet village of Shenstone (near the Cathedral city of Lichfield), the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held its autumn meeting on Saturday last, when many towers were represented—though the number of members who attended was not as great as might have been hoped. However, those who were present had no need to regret it, as a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Ringing began at 3 o'clock, and continued until 5.30, when a short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. E. Molloy) gave an interesting address.—At the committee meeting, 16 members were enrolled, and the next meeting fixed for the second week in January, at Coseley.—Tea was served at the Fox and Hounds, when upwards of 30 sat down.—Votes of thanks were afterwards accorded the Vicar, organist, and choir boys.—In response, the Vicar expressed the hope that he might have the pleasure of meeting the company again ere long.—Train time arrived all too quickly, and necessitated a rather hurried departure.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The 31st annual report of the society has just been placed in the hands of the members, and is of a satisfactory nature. One extremely interesting feature in its compilation is the particulars which are given as to the steeples in the Archdeaconry. In the case of all towers containing five or more bells, not only is the dedication, the weight and the practice night given when practicable, but also summarised particulars of the dates and founders of all the bells, which makes a very interesting historical record.

The committee's report records the fact that the past year has been, in many respects, one of decided progress. The society has enrolled fifty-one new resident ringing members, eight non-resident life members, and three honorary members. The number of non-resident ringing members, who include the Revs. W. V. Chilwell and A. Partridge, Vicars of King's Bromley and Great Barr respectively, easily constitutes a record—at any rate since 1888—the previous highest being 32 in 1908-09. The number of towers, which include members belonging to the society is 31, an increase of four over last year's number. The total membership now stands at 382.

The report calls attention to the decision to revert in future to the arrangement of former years, and to again hold the annual meeting in June. It also comments on the successful cycle runs which have been arranged and held. In peal ringing several local bands had come into prominence, notably among whom were Wood Green, with Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major; All Saint's, West Bromwich, Stedman Triples; St. Giles', Willenhall, Grandsire Triples; St. Editha's, Tanworth, Stedman Triples; St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Grandsire Caters and Cinques. Other noteworthy performances were Bob Maximus and Double Norwich Caters, at Wolverhampton; and Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Walsall. These latter peals were the first rung for the society.

The statement of accounts shows that the balance in hand had been increased from £22 1s. 5d. in March, 1913, to £28 15s. 6d. in June, 1914.

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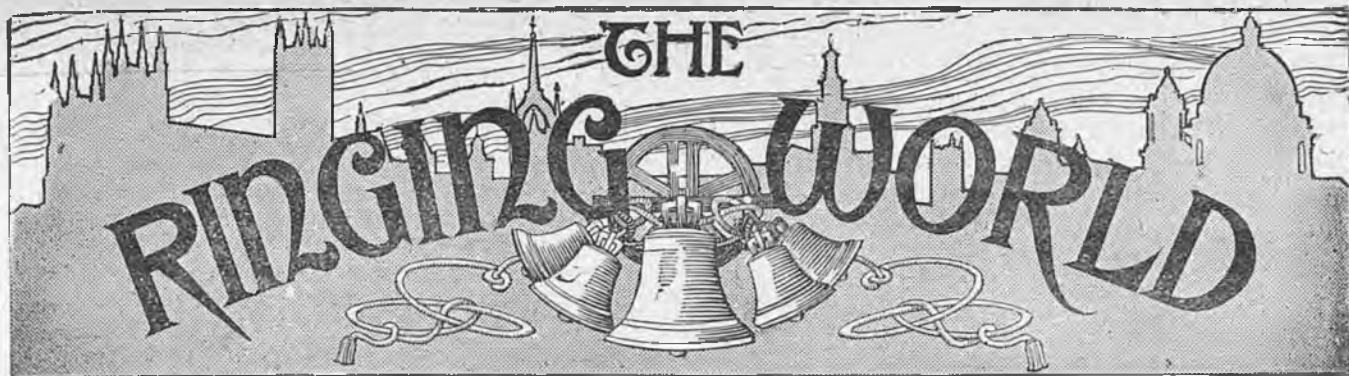


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REPORTS & THEIR IMPROVEMENT.

The article which appeared in this column last week upon the question of Association reports has brought us an inquiry from the hon. secretary of one of the large societies as to which is the best of the reports that are published. This is rather a big question to answer, because, in choosing between them there are several factors to be taken into consideration. Moreover, it is somewhat invidious to draw distinctions between individual reports. Many reports contain most excellent features, but it has got to be borne in mind that the finances of many of the Associations would not stand the elaboration of these publications to any great extent, and they have of necessity to forgo the introduction of matters which, while they would add to the general interest of a report, would also increase the printing bill. Putting aside, however, all financial considerations, we should say that the report of the Midland Counties Association is among the best that are published, both with regard to its utility and the completeness of its information.

But in saying this we do not wish it to be for a moment understood that there are not numerous other reports which reach a high standard in both respects. From our bookshelf we take half-a-dozen at random, the Yorkshire, the Norwich, the Middlesex, the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Kent and the Worcestershire—all of them, and many others, are up to a high standard. Picking up one we find that its value might be improved by the addition of a list of the ringing times at the various towers. In another we miss the indication as to who is the secretary or correspondent at each belfry. The next provides us with a little problem as to where to find the particulars of any local band, because of their confused arrangement into the geographical divisions settled by the Association. In yet another our only trouble is to find the address of any one of all the names given as belonging to any particular tower, so that they might be communicated with by an outsider.

These are little points which, without being hypercritical, we think might be added with advantage and without much expense. Other features, such as the regular bringing forward of summaries of the past achievements of a society, of the performances of individual members, or of that valuable and instructive information, which, as we mentioned last week, appears in the Archdeaconry of Staffs report, viz., particulars about the bells themselves, are matters about which, probably, opinion may be divided upon the question of utility, and which, possibly, are excluded in some cases on the score of expense. There can be no question, however, that they add to the interest and completeness of the report.

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WILLIAM H. DAYNES ... 4	JOSEPH LAW Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late William Weatherstone, who was buried at Nunhead Cemetery the previous afternoon.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	GEORGE J. HARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to an old and esteemed member, the late Mr. William Weatherstone.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT HARRIS Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	WILLIAM THORLEY 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	EDWARD READER 7
WILLIAM TRIGG 4	ALFRED HARRAD Tenor

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HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
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Umpire: J. G. RUMSEY.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal "in hand" by all.

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*JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 3-4	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 7-8
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 9-10	

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Bob Royal on handbells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

Contributions to the National Relief Fund, which have been forwarded through us during the week, have been the following, which are acknowledged with thanks:—

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Edgbaston Parish Church Ringers (first contri- bution) (per Mr. Harry Withers)	0	7	0
Holy Trinity Church Ringers, South Shore, Blackpool (per Mr. R. Rawcliffe)	0	6	0
Mr. A. W. Grimes, London	0	2	6
Total	£20	2	0

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are giving their services to King and country, in response to the call to arms:—

G. Burrow, of Shrewsbury, in the new Army, now at Lewes, Sussex.

J. W. Rawlinson, of Liverpool, joined the new Army, and now at Lewes.

W. Wallis, of Rhyl, in the new Army, and now at Lewes.

T. W. Woods, of Newport, Monmouth, in the new Army, and now at Lewes.

E. Fletcher, of St. Mary's, Ilkerton, enlisted in the Notts and Derby Territorial Force.

W. Thornley, of St. Michael's and All Angel's, Stanton-by-Dale, Derbyshire, rejoined Notts and Derby Territorial Force.

Pte E. L. Bennett (2071), of Lancaster, 5th King's Own Royal Lancashire Regiment, now at Didcot, Berks.

Staff-Parrier Sergt. S. Jakeman, of St. Alfege, Greenwich, 4th County of London Howitzer, R.F.A., at present in Sussex.

A. Langston, of All Saints', Peering, 10th Essex Regiment, now at Shoreham, Sussex.

P. Taylor, of All Saints', Peering, 10th Essex Regiment, now at Shercham.

Frank Chapman, of Hawkhurst, Kent, enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, Royal Sussex Regiment, now at Chichester.

Lionel Clark, Sandhurst, Kent, enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, Royal West Kent Regiment.

Leonard Clark (Benenden, Kent), William Boxall (Benenden, Kent), William Wenman (Benenden, Kent), and Alfred Bridgland (Benenden, Kent), enlisted in the Territorial Force, "A" (Cranbrook) Co., 5th Battalion The Buffs, now at Sandwich. A. Bridgland has volunteered for foreign service in Egypt.

Pte A. Nicholson, of St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Yorks, 5th Batt. West Yorkshire Regiment (T), at present at Darlington, volunteered for service at the Front.

Pte J. Hogg, of St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Scots Greys, now at York.

Pte J. Greasley, of St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Wirral Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

Pte J. A. Webster, of St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Wirral Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

David Martin, Rye, Sussex (Rye) E Co. 5th Battalion Royal Sussex Regt. (Territorial Force).

Pte H. Thurlow and Bugler Geo. Osborne, of St. Peter's, Staines, are serving with the 8th Middlesex Regiment, and are at present abroad.

Rev. Canon W. W. Hough, Vicar of St. Mary's, Lewisham, is serving with the 4th London Howitzer Brigade (R.F.A.) as chaplain, and is now stationed at Uckfield, Sussex.

Mr. Pryce Taylor and Mr. Arnold Taylor, sons of Mr. John Taylor, who take an active interest in the foundry business at Loughborough, have joined the 9th Royal Fusiliers, and are now training on Epsom Downs. They are ringers and members of the Midland Counties Association.

Pte W. Emerson (16092) of Radcliffe Parish Church, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Pte T. Emerson (15996), of Radcliffe Parish Church, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, formerly Colour-Sergeant in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, is under training at Bisley Camp as a Musketry Instructor, and his services will be utilised in training N.C.O.'s of the new army.

Harold Ward, of Eckington, Parish Church, Derbyshire, has joined the new army.

Trooper F. G. Laverick (20544), of Middlesbrough, A Squadron, 18th Hussars, now at Tidworth, Hants.

Frank Caldwell, of Oldswinford, 9th Co. (Dudley non-manual section), 7th Worcestershire Regiment.

Pte Thos. Pryke, of SS. Peter and Paul's Co., Lavenham, 8th Batt. Suffolk Regiment, at present at Folkestone.

E. Tucker, of Hurst, Berks, Berks Territorial Artillery.

J. E. Denyer, of Ewhurst, Surrey, has joined the new army, and is now at Chatham.

Leonard Ruffle, of Sibbald Hedingham, Essex, 1st Essex Regt.

Sapper W. G. Rowe (15409), of the North Stoneham band, is, as recorded last week, at the front with the R.E.

Sapper W. Rowe, R.E., his brother, formerly of the Stoneham band, is reported to be on his way home from Cairo, where he has been for the past five years. Another brother is on H.M.S. "Dreadnought" in the North Sea. Their father, Mr. W. Rowe, senr., is a much respected member of the North Stoneham band.

The following have gone from the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford: A. H. Whiting, 2nd "Queen's" Royal West Surrey Regiment.

F. Daniels, 5th "Queen's" Royal West Surrey Regt. (T.).

C. H. Dobbie, Royal Ordnance Corps.

The following members of the Arundel band are now serving with the colours:—

Pte F. G. Kendall, 4th Sussex.

W. C. Netley, A.B., R.N.V.R.

Trooper A. Pepperells, Surrey Yeomanry.

Pte J. C. Rogers, 4th Sussex.

Trooper A. G. Whittaker, Sussex Yeomanry.

The following have joined the new army from St. John's Parish Church, Whittle-le-Woods:—

Herman Lancaster, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

William Lancaster, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Thomas Beaver, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Victor B. Blackwell, King's Own Liverpool Regiment.

Five members of Uttroxteter tower are with the colours, viz.:—

Rev. J. M. Lewis, Chaplain H.M.S. "Goliath," North Sea.

W. Lunn,

F. Richardson,

E. Roberts, and

F. Oliver.

The four last-named are with the Uttroxteter Territorials at Luton, and are under orders for Bordeaux.

The Wells Amateur Bell Ringing Society has had five of its members with the colours since the outbreak of war, and in addition seven of the remaining members are in the National Reserve. Those at present serving are:—

Corpl. J. Chatwin, Somerset Territorials.

Pte G. Wilton, Somerset Territorials.

Trumpet-Major Farley, North Somerset Yeomanry.

Corpl. A. Farley, Somerset R.H.A.

Gunner G. Radford, Somerset R.H.A.

Willenhall, Staffordshire, band, has three members, including the Vicar, with the colours, and all have volunteered for active service.

The Rev. A. M. Pratt, Chaplain 6th Batt. South Staffordshire Regiment (T), now at Luton.

D. Ambleby, R.A.M.C. detachment, 6th Batt. South Staffs Regt. (T).

Frank Ward, R.A.M.C. detachment, 6th Batt. South Staffs Regt. (T).

From the St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, five members are serving:—

Sergt W. A. Fowler, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. "Colossus."

Colour-Sergt. E. Wyatt, Somerset Territorials, on Salisbury Plain.

Dr. A. J. H. Hes, Red Cross Work.

Pte R. Fisher, West Somerset Yeomanry, Essex.

Pte Knight, Royal Engineers, Bristol.

From the Halesworth District (N.D.A.) the following ringers are serving their country: Halesworth Company:—

Col-Sergt. F. O. Lambert, N.R., Suffolk Regiment, attached to Ipswich recruiting district.

Corpl. A. Lee, N.R. A.S.C., in France with Indian troops.

Corpl. A. Took, N.R., 2nd class Suffolk Regiment.

Corpl. J. O'Neill, Depot, Suffolk Regiment, Bury St. Edmund's.

Pte S. Peck (handbell company), Bedford Regiment, in France, reported missing.

Chediston Company:—

Gunner A. Pratt, R.G.A., Woolwich.

Wissett Company:—

Gunner C. Jackson, R.F.A., in France.

Gunner G. Jackson, R.F.A., in France.

Wenhaston Company:—

Pte W. Levers, 8th Batt. Suffolk Regiment, Shorncliffe.

Huntingfield Company:—

Pte G. Rackham, Grenadier Guards, in France.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Eleven years ago St. George's, Bolton, was chosen for the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, and the Association returned to the town again for this year's meeting, making the Parish Church their headquarters, and having seven peals of bells lent for the occasion. With the exception of All Souls', where a case of illness near by caused the Vicar to withdraw his consent, and Holy Trinity, where the bell hanger is urgently needed, all the towers were used to advantage at intervals during the afternoon and evening.

Service was taken by the Vicar (Canon Chapman), who was assisted by the President of the Association (Rev. H. J. Elsee), and the Rev. F. W. Cooper, of Prestwick, the last-named being the preacher. Although not a ringer, he takes a great interest in ringing generally.

Tea was served in the schools, and over 60 ringers, together with the choir boys sat down. An adjournment was then made to an upper room in the same schools, where the Rev. H. J. Elsee presided over an increased audience of 80.

The committee's report was presented, and mentioned that they did not foresee the shadow which would be overhanging them that day, when they chose Bolton at our last year's meeting, and although it did not affect their figures this time to any great extent, it would do so more next year. Two of their officials had answered the country's call, and this made the balance sheet incomplete. The membership stood at 1,359, an increase, after deducting five deaths and the usual lapses for arrears, of four, the ringing members living in the county numbering 1,125. The financial statement showed an income of £37 3s. 5½d., and an expenditure of £52 9s. 2½d., the loss being due partly to making no honorary members during the year.

The peal report stated that 118 peals were rung during the year, Kent Treble Bob taking top place with 24, Grandsire Triples coming next with 23. They also had to record a peal of London Surprise and the record peal at Ashton. One new ring of eight, at Tarlton, had been opened, and a centenary meeting was held at Colne.

The officers were re-elected without opposition. The Central Council representatives were re-elected with the exception that Mr. Sam Wood takes the place of Mr. Redman. A provisional auditor was elected in Mr. Gill to fill up the gap caused by Mr. Bottrill joining the Royal Marines.—Eight new members were elected, one being an honorary member.—Four towers were mentioned for the next annual meeting, and Pendleton, Manchester, was chosen. The Vicar and ringers hope to make it a record gathering, and it is hoped every member will reserve the last Saturday of September for the purpose.

Methods rung during the day and evening were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Superlative Surprise Major.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Burnham on Saturday week. The proceedings started with a short service in the Parish Church, when the Rev. Preb. R. H. Robinson (Vicar) officiated, and gave a very helpful address, urging all in the present time to pray for God's guidance and protection for our soldiers and sailors, who are fighting in the war.

A meat tea followed, and was partaken of at the Royal Clarence Hotel, the Master of the Association presiding, and being supported by Preb. Robinson, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Vicar of Meare), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsell), Mr. J. Prior (churchwarden of Burnham), and 45 performing members, representing eleven towers.—The Master presided over the business meeting, which took place after tea, and at which twelve performing and one honorary members were duly elected.

The Master remarked upon the great loss which the Association had sustained in the death of Mr. H. Moore, of Minthead, who, before he was taken ill, was always ready to lend a helping hand to any young band, while he was also always ready to stand in a peal and conduct if wanted.—A vote of sympathy with Mrs. Moore and family was passed, by the members standing.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Burnham for the use of the bells, for arranging the service and giving the address; and to the organist for his services.—The Vicar responded.—This concluded the business, and the members then visited the tower, where touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

DEATH OF A CHESHIRE RINGER.

The death has taken place at Barthomley, Cheshire, of Mr. John W. Sherratt, at the age of 56 years, after a very brief illness. He was one of the oldest ringers attached to the Parish Church. For 30 years he had been gardener at the Rectory, and was one of the ringers in 1885, but gave up through illness. When, however, the old six bells were relung and augmented to eight in 1908, he started again with renewed vigour, and before his death had rung several peals. His remains were laid to rest in the beautiful churchyard in the shadow of the church and the sound of the bells he loved to well. He was followed to his last resting place by many of the local ringers and many other friends.

The bells were rung, muffled, both before and after the service, which was conducted in a very impressive manner by his old master, the Rector. Many beautiful wreaths were laid on the grave, including one from his fellow ringers.

A BATTLE OF THE BELLS.

CONTESTS AT BELLEVUE, MANCHESTER.

"I will meet you at the Zoo, at Bellevue," thus runs a sentence in a letter before me. My friend does not even disclose the actual place of meeting, believing, perhaps, that his goodly proportions will enable him to be discovered without difficulty, albeit the place is no small village. I don't know if many of my readers have paid a visit to Bellevue. In the writer's estimation it is a place with a history as well as its modern associations. On entering I was very much struck by the luxuriant flower beds, aglow in their splendid autumn hues, but the throngs of visitors who will soon disturb the peaceful scene will give them but a passing glance, for their minds will be engrossed in the anticipation of the event of the day, for is it not a day of all days—the day set apart for the annual competition of hand bell ringers?

It is a musical festival. No change ringing is indulged in, and indeed very little is known of the Art by those who are the principal performers. It is "a Battle of the Bells," and I am going "to the front" and "within the lines" of sound, to pass judgment and criticise, although it may be an irresponsible criticism, and probably would not pass muster with the adjudicators. Before entering the scene of action, however, I had time to open up acquaintance with the zoological section of the gardens—an interesting pursuit. But whilst this was in progress, my mind flashed to another part of the world where friends, colleagues and relatives are engaged in another and sterner pursuit—a pursuit of "wild beasts" of another kind—vandals of the lowest type. But this is not the time to ruminate. I must wend my way yonder, where the masses have congregated. I must join them and make merry, and, perhaps, succeed in finding the writer of that letter. Bellevue is a place to amuse, to enthral and create mirth—not to mention the tears of joy and the tears of disappointment, especially after the judges have declared their decision from the platforms. Competitions are held here of almost every degree—abounding with successes and failures.

AN APPEAL FOR TUNE RINGING.

I should like to mention here, in connection with our own and exclusive fraternity of change ringers, that it surprises me that more handbell ringing is not indulged in more from a musical point of view, by the numerous bands. A local company of musical handbell ringers are invariably in demand, and I am sure the public would appreciate our bell ringing a great deal more, and doubtless give it greater support if our ringers were more often able to entertain them with selections. It would help to eradicate antagonism to our church bells, and would court appreciation. The number of musical bands is limited, but from the very beginning of my initiation into the art of bell ringing I have always had an appreciation for handbells, which, to my mind, is equally as fascinating as change ringing.

I am writing this within sound of the handbell performances, and my emotions have guided me to say these few words on handbell ringing from a musical point of view. It is a charming pastime. The day has provided another success to be placed on record, and I appeal to those who can allot one day in the year to visit this noble and ancient form of entertainment, to ask themselves whether it is not time something should be done to promote its more general favour.

I am interested to hear that so many of our esteemed veterans in the ringing world have paid visits to this annual feast, some almost from the time of its inception without a miss. As the time passed on and the band left the rostrum, I perceived some well known members of our own profession, who were among the audience. To name a few who were enjoying their visit and exchanging views: Messrs. E. Dennison Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams (Southampton), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chapman (Manchester), Mr. Sam Wood (Ashton), Mr. Jos. Ridyard (Worsley), Mr. W. C. Hunt (Northampton), Mr. S. Greenhalgh, and others.

The test piece was a grand selection from Auber's Opera, "The Crown Diamonds"—a very difficult and intricate test for handbells. It was wonderful how the piece was handled by the different sets of performers, and much credit was given for the masterly way in which it was brought out, almost, if not quite, reaching, I should say, the style which the author intended. At the conclusion the following bands were announced as the winners of the awards: 1st prize, £15, Saddleworth (Yorks); 2nd, £10, Crosland Moor United (Huddersfield); 3rd, £8, Elland C.E.M.S. (Yorks); 4th, £6, Thurlstone Public (near Penistone, Yorks); 5th, £3, Leyton United.

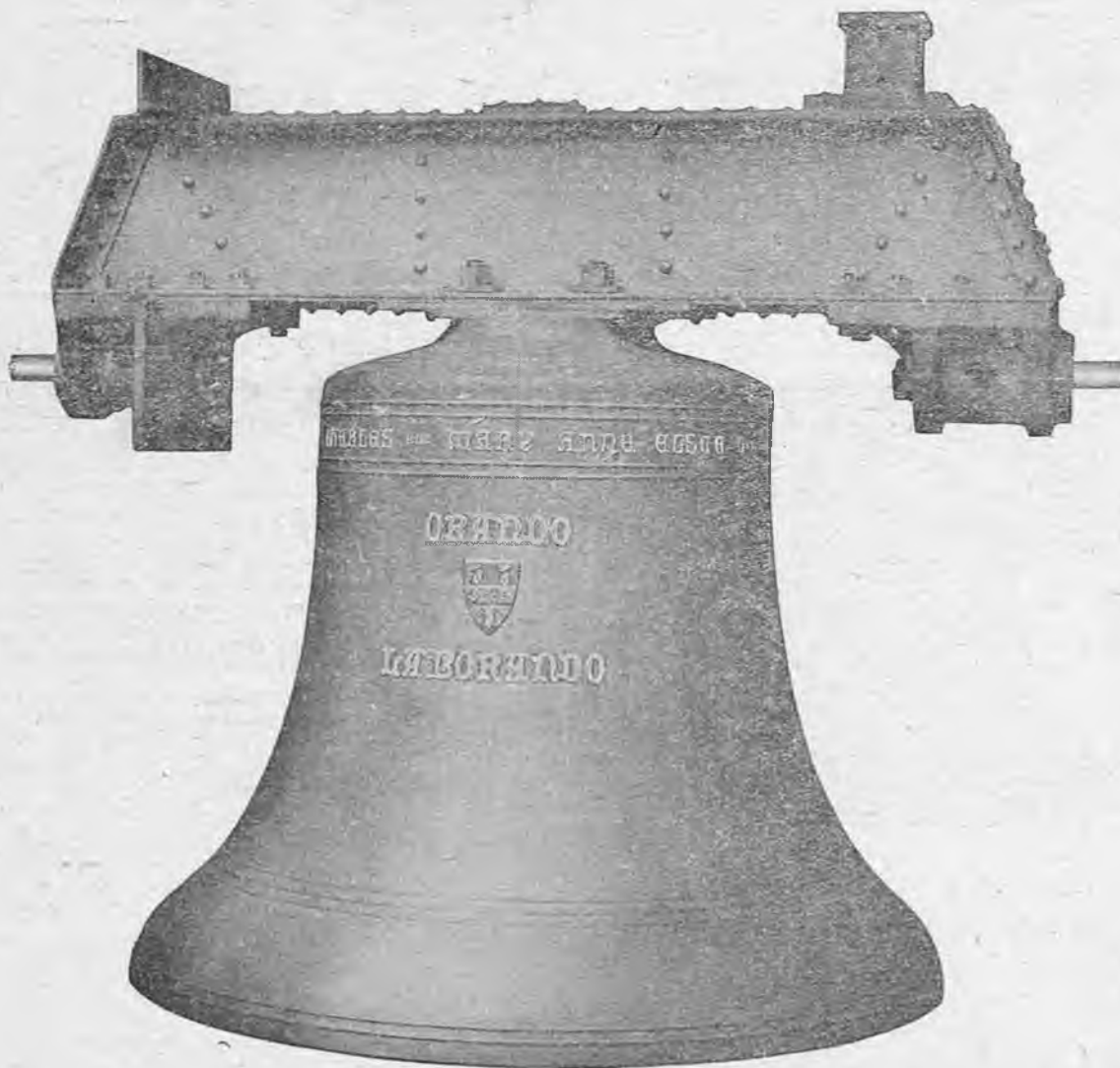
WEDDING AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

North country ringers will be interested to read of the marriage, which was celebrated at Benwell Parish Church, of Mr. Benjamin Crawford Dixon, son of the late Mr. Benjamin Dixon, and of Mrs. Dixon, of Low Fell, the bride being Miss Daisy Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Page, of Benwell, Newcastle. Mr. Dixon is a prominent member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Ringers, while Miss Page is a probationary member of the same Guild. A 360 Kent Minor was rung immediately after the ceremony, as the happy couple left the church, by: C. L. Routledge 1, A. F. Hillier 2, J. E. Keen 3, T. Murray 4, E. E. Ferry 5, W. Sinclair 6. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained by the bride's parents to refreshments at their house. The proceedings closed by a lively "setting off" of the bride and bridegroom on their honeymoon at the Central Station.

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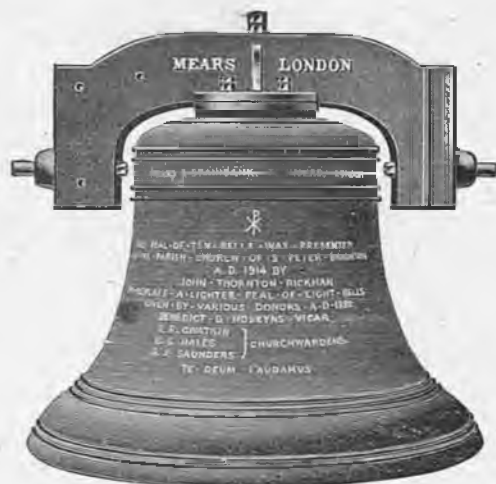
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DEATH OF MR. THOMAS HUDSON.

VICE-PRESIDENT AND FORMER SECRETARY OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Thos. Hudson, senr., of Sunderland, who passed away on Friday, Sept. 18th, at the age of 69 years, after a long and trying illness, at his residence in Scruton, North Yorkshire. The mortal remains were interred on Monday week at Sunderland Cemetery, preceded by a burial service in the old Parish Church of Bishopwearmouth, under the shadow of which he lived, and which he lived so well. In this church, too, he had held the office of churchwarden and sidesman for many years.

The service was conducted by Canon Gouldsmith, the Rector, assisted by the Rector of Scruton, Yorks (the Rev. T. Rigby). Among the numerous floral tributes sent were wreaths from "the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers," from the St. Michael's Society, Bishopwearmouth, and from St. Ignatius' Guild of Ringers, Sunderland. The chief mourners were: Mr. T. Hudson and Capt. R. C. Hudson, A.S.C. (sons), the Misses E. and S. Hudson (daughters), Mr. Jos. and Mr. Wm. Hudson (brothers), Rev. Charles Hudson, and others. The ringers present included Messrs. C. L. Routledge, President of the Durham and Newcastle Association, J. W. Parker and R. Patterson, of St. Ignatius'.



THE LATE MR. THOMAS HUDSON.

R. W. Lovie, Richardson, G. and J. Pickering, of Bishopwearmouth Belfry; and E. E. Perry, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. Hudson was for five years hon. secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and following his resignation of that office was elected a vice-president. Though he did not commence ringing till comparatively late in life, his interest in ringing and ringing matters was intense, and he did excellent service in teaching his own colleagues at St. Michael's, and the ringers of St. Ignatius', besides helping on other bands in the district. He was naturally a good "striker" and an intelligent method ringer.

His connection with the Association as secretary will be long remembered—he laboured incessantly, visiting every tower within his reach, and placed the Association on a good businesslike footing, both financially and clerically, a fact which has been distinctly appreciated by succeeding secretaries. Mr. Hudson's peal list was a comparatively small one, 14 in all. These were rung in the methods of Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. But this did not exhaust the extent of his knowledge of methods—it was just as he was getting into the higher reaches of the Art that ill-health stopped further practice, and he had to be content with Sunday ringing at home, while even that was constantly restricted by his medical man. Consequently most of his time in later years was spent in his pretty country house at Scruton, near Bedale, North Yorks, where he indulged his hobby of gardening to the full extent, and to the delight of not only himself, but of his neighbours. His talent in this direction being much above the average.

In Thomas Hudson the world, and the Exercise in particular, has lost a true-hearted, single-minded gentleman: one who was upright in

his dealings with his fellow men. Thereby, he got the best out of those with whom he dealt, or with whom he came into contact, and they were infinitely the better of having known and dealt with such a personality. Hence his success in business and hobbies. He will be long mourned by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him, and by ringers in particular.

The bells of Bishopwearmouth Church were rung deeply muffled for morning and evening services on Sunday week, and after the funeral a representative band of the Association rang a 5040 Stedman Triples at Bishopwearmouth, which was recorded in our last issue.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

IS THE REV. H. LAW JAMES RIGHT?

"HODGE" DISCUSSES THE METHOD.

At the Winchester meeting of the Central Council, the Rev. H. Law James asked the Council to say "that Superlative Surprise Royal, as given by Shipway, is the same method as the Major." It probably is not of absorbing interest to the majority of ringers whether it is or not; but some may be glad to take advantage of the present unfortunate rest from ringing to go into the matter, and consider whether Mr. James is right. Before the meeting he wrote an interesting account of the way in which he arrived at his result, and he proved conclusively that a method on any number of bells can be obtained by satisfying certain conditions which he lays down.

"Consider Superlative Surprise Major. It is a double method so constructed that 7th's place is made when the treble is behind, and 2nd's when she leads, and if these two places are omitted the bells will run up backwards when the treble is behind, and also run round when she returns to lead." And he goes on to say: "If the Royal exists it must satisfy these conditions, and also we must be able to give a satisfactory reason drawn from the Major for every place we make in Royal."

With the latter part of this statement no one, I suppose, will disagree, but the "must" in the first part is not explained. Perhaps Mr. James will tell us which of the "laws," referred to at a former meeting of the Council, is responsible for the "must." Mr. James's argument, if we grant the premises, is excellent, but he ignores a great deal which ought to be taken into account in extending a method.

The method known as Superlative Surprise Royal is Superlative Surprise Royal because Shipway named it so, but we must consider a little more what we understand by a method before we grant Mr. James's proposition. The main purpose for which the figures are put on paper is, after all, that the method may be rung, and the name certainly ought to convey some idea of the work to be learnt and performed. Now it does not want a very long inspection of Shipway's method to show that, for practical purposes, it bears not the slightest resemblance to Superlative Surprise Major; and if a method can be found which contains all the Major work, and is constructed on the same lines as the Major method, it is much more reasonable to say that it is the same method as the Major, even if the bells do not run up backwards with the treble behind, or run round at lead if the places are omitted. If the method is useless for ringing, or even if the lead-ends are not Plain Bob lead-ends, it doesn't matter. We have just as much right, or perhaps more, to lay down the law that the work ought to be as nearly the same as possible, as Mr. Law James has to lay down his laws.

WHAT IS "METHOD"?

Cambridge Surprise is an example of the perfect extension of a method. The work on all numbers is identical, similar work being added for the extra places in each extension. The characteristic of the work of Cambridge is that you get pairs of places on each side of the dodge with the treble, the path of the bell being straight forward afterwards. In Superlative we have the same pairs of places, but with an extra place either before or after, which causes the path of the bell to be turned back. There is also the long dodge before and behind, so arranged that when the work in front has been ended with the long dodge the succeeding work behind begins with a long dodge, and vice versa.

What is to be understood by the word "method"? The "Glossary" does not help us much. But as it speaks of "the regular and orderly movement of all" the bells, the work of the bells seems to be one of the principal points to be considered. What does the ordinary ringer do when he wants to learn a new method? A great many will study the diagram of the path of a bell in the plain course, and so learn the method. For him, at any rate, "method" means method of ringing, and to understand that a view of the whole is required. Of course, the method depends upon the arrangement of the places, and in both Cambridge and Superlative Major the most prominent feature is that places are made on both sides of the path of the treble from 3rd's to 6th's. In both, 2nd's and 7th's are made when the treble is at lead and behind. In Cambridge the places under the treble begin at 2nd's instead of 3rd's, and in Superlative there are additional 3rd's and 6th's places when 6th's and 3rd's are made. When we extend to Royal, the 7th's place evidently becomes 9th's—there is no difficulty about that—and if all the places from 2nd's to 3rd's are made on both sides of the path of the treble we get Cambridge Royal, the additional work falling into its place in the same way and being of the same character as in the Major.

SUPERLATIVE PLACES.

In Superlative, if the work of Royal is to be anything like that of Major, we have to see how the extra places are to be arranged, and also whether the new work is to be in 3-4, 5-6, or 7-8. As the method is double, the work in 3-4 and 7-8 must be identical, so that evidently the new work must be in 5-6, and if it is to be of the same character as the work in 3-4 and 7-8, there should be pairs of places on each side of a dodge with the treble, and an extra place before or after. As the method is double, and there are only two bells to do this work, there must be either no extra place or an extra place both before and after the pairs of places. The only alternative, to have no places in 5-6 is impossible. If we write out a skeleton course, we shall see this.

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At A we must have 3rd's, therefore 8th's at a.
At E we must have 4th's, therefore 7th's at b.
At C treble dodges in 3-4, we must have 5th's or 7th's.
At e treble dodges in 7-8, we must have 6th's or 4th's.
If we are to follow the analogy of Major, these places must be 5th's and 6th's.
At D we must have a place at 3rd's or (and) 6th's or 8th's, while the treble passes from 3-4 to 5-6. Similarly at d, 8th's or (and) 5th's or 3rd's.
In order to keep the Superlative work we must have 3rd's at D and 8th's at d, and for the same reason 4th's and 7th's at Ee, and also 3rd's at C and 8th's at e, and the dodge before and after the pairs of places requires 5th's at d and 6th's at D.

It will be seen now that all the places on each side of the path of the treble are accounted for. No other place is wanted at B or b, or the place making work in 3-4 and 7-8 would be altered. There remains the question of A and a. We can have (1) no extra place there, or (2) 6th's and 5th's, or (3) 8th's and 3rd's.

A COMMON WORK.

(3) If the work of a bell after work with the treble in front be examined, we find (omitting dodges on the way) in all three arrangements—odd 8th's last—dodge at lead—work in 5-6—dodge behind—odd 3rd's first—work with treble behind. This is the same in general as the work of Superlative Major, with the addition of the work in 5-6 between the dodges before and behind. In (1) and (3) the work in 3-4 and 7-8 is exactly the same as the work in 3-4 and 5-6 in Superlative Major. In (2) it is the same with the addition of a 5-pull dodge before or after the odd place. In (1) the dodges at lead and behind consist of a double dodge before and triple dodge after the whole pull in front, and a triple dodge first behind. In (2) a long dodge before and double dodge after the whole pull at lead, and long dodge last behind. In (3) long dodge last in front and first behind.
The work in 5-6 is different in all three. In (1) Cambridge work, no extra places, and the bell going straight on to and from the place making. In (2) and (3) an extra place both before and after, the places in (3) being moved to 8th's and 3rd's. In (2) and (3) the path of the bell is reversed twice in the 5-6 work, which is what we would expect, as the work in 5-6 has to balance itself.

Comparing these three arrangements with Superlative Major we find in (1) the long dodge is reduced to a triple dodge, and the work in 5-6 is Cambridge, not Superlative. In (2) the long dodges are reversed, and there are 5-pull dodges before the odd place first and after the odd place last. In (3) the long dodges come as in Superlative, the only difference being that they are longer.

THE EXTENSION TO MAXIMUS.

If we extend the method still further on the same plan as (3) to Maximus, making 10th's (i.e., 3rd's from behind) while the treble dodges on the lead, the work exactly follows the model of Superlative Major. After work with the treble in front: Odd 10th's last, back to lead—double dodge before and triple dodge after the whole pull—work in 7-8 with odd place (10th's) last, back to long dodge last in front, long dodge first behind, work in 5-6, odd place (3rd's) first, back to 3-pull dodge first behind, odd 3rd's first and up to work with the treble behind.

If we apply Mr. James's tests to this form of Maximus, we shall find that it satisfies them, and so, presumably, he would accept it as Superlative. The Royal he refuses, although it is formed in precisely the same way. In it the bells run up backwards when the treble is behind halfway through the course. The tenors, however, are very much parted, and it does not appear to be of much use for ringing purposes, but for all that it is as nearly the same method as may be, in spite of the coursing order and Plain Bob lead end superstitions. Superlative Surprise requires that the number of bells should be a multiple of four, as two pairs of bells are needed to do the work in

each pair of places, if the heavy bells are to be kept together and the Plain Bob lead ends to be obtained.

And so the Royal method formed in the same way as Superlative Surprise Major is "illegitimate," which only goes to show what an unfortunate word that is to use. We have just been told in your contemporary that Stedman Triples is "illegitimate," and so it is to be "buried for ever in the graveyard of the past." I do not know whether this is sarcastic, or whether the writer really thinks that Stedman will be buried for ever if all our experts agree that it is "illegitimate." No one would hesitate to ring Stedman, even the experts themselves, in spite of such a verdict; which shows what a foolish word that "illegitimate" is, and to what mistaken ideas it gives rise. Legitimate and illegitimate imply the keeping or breaking of laws and no laws (in spite of Mr. James) come into the matter at all. Certain rules have been formulated by our experts, but they have no Parliament Act powers to force them on the Exercise, and until they are generally accepted they have no right to the name of law. At present the only laws of change ringing for the production of a plain course are:—

- (1) There must be a change of the order of the bells at each succeeding row, and no repetition of any row as a whole.
- (2) No bell must strike more than two blows consecutively in one place.
- (3) No bell must move more than one place up or down at each succeeding blow.

All the rest are rules which have been drawn up for producing satisfactory methods, and which may or may not in time receive the general assent of the Exercise. It would be much better, therefore, to give up the use of the terms legitimate and illegitimate, which suggest laws (which do not exist), and adopt "regular" and "irregular" instead, words which denote according to, or contrary to, rules, which have been formulated for certain purposes, and are more or less accepted by the Exercise.

HODGE.

HERE AND THERE.

A CORNISH PEAL REHUNG.

The six bells of the Parish Church of Menheniot, near Liskeard, Cornwall, have recently been rehung, and the frame strengthened. They are now in thoroughly good ringing order. The work has been carried out, with their usual thoroughness, by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, Bell Hangers, of Woodbury, Devon.

ANOTHER "BAILEY" PEAL.

The Bailey brothers of Leiston seem as likely to make their mark upon ringing annals as much by their handbell peals as by their family performances on church bells. They followed up Bob Major by Bob Royal, and, as will be seen by a reference to the peal columns, they have now followed up their peals of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells by a peal of Royal in the same method.

PROGRESS AT LAVENHAM.

And references to handbell ringing reminds us of the progress which is being made at Lavenham, where Mr. Symonds and his colleagues have just scored a 720 of Norfolk Surprise Minor "in hand." This looks promising.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

The illustration, accompanying the account of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, in our last issue, was from a photograph by Mr. F. E. Dawe, to whose courtesy, for the use of the picture, we are much indebted.

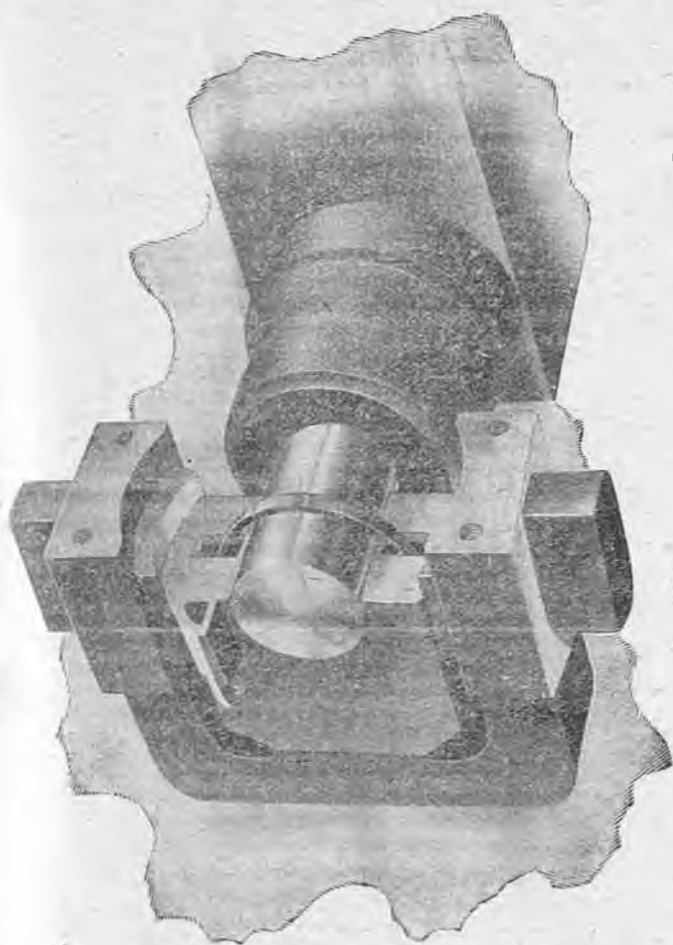
DEATH OF MR. W. WEATHERSTONE.

A well known London worthy has passed away in the person of Mr. William Weatherstone, whose death, at the age of 73 years, we regret to announce. Despite his advanced years the deceased was an enthusiast in the Art up to the last, and was "game" for a peal with the best of them. The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery on Tuesday of last week, and on the following day, members of the Kent Association, of which, among other societies he was a member, rang a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church, Deptford.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Smith 1, A. James, junr. (first quarter in method) 2, G. Durling 3, A. E. Newick 4, G. Huxley 5, I. Emery 6, E. G. Fillards (conductor) 7, A. James, senr. 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Mead 1, F. Hodges 2, J. Mead 3, P. Stanton 4, H. Sear 5, F. Sear 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, A. Crane 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of 1, 2 and 4, and first quarter-peal as conductor.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Faulkner 1, W. Adams 2, F. Bird 3, C. Bird 4, S. Arthurs 5, W. Large (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Bird 1, W. Adams 2, P. Bird 3, C. Bird 4, S. Arthurs 5, W. Large (conductor) 6.



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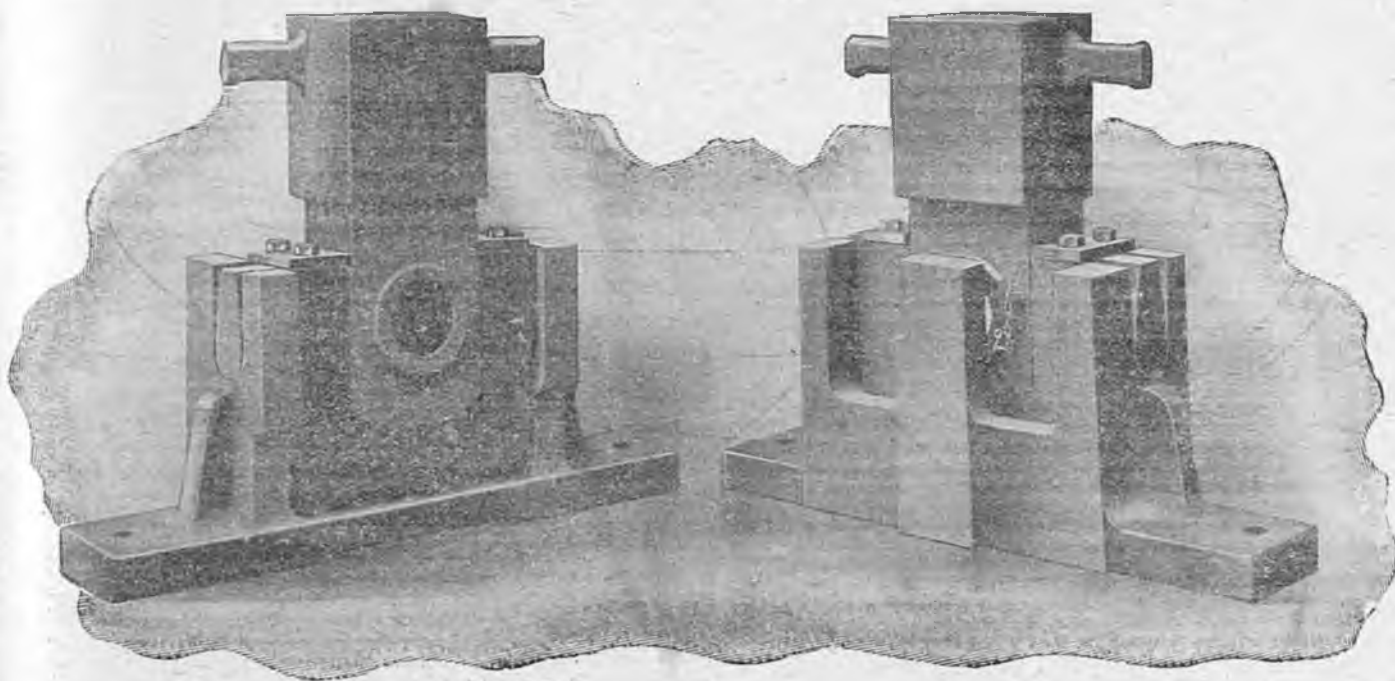
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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—At St. Faith's Church, on August 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: *Miss Annie E. Adecock 1, C. Baker (Pulham Market) 2, F. R. Borrett (Pulham Market), conductor, 3, F. C. Burrows (Kenninghall) 4, F. J. Howchin (Norwich) 5, *Geo. Hawes (Gaywood) 6. * First 720 in the method and first attempt. Also 240 Plain Bob: W. Steel (Saxlingham) 1, C. Baker 2, F. Borrett 3, Miss A. E. Adecock (Gaywood) 4, F. C. Burrows 5, W. Curston (King's Lynn) 6.

ACTON.—Middlesex County Association and St. Mary's Guild.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, on August 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Holloway 1, T. Haines (first with a bob bell) 2, W. Phillips 3, H. W. Cotton 4, V. Holloway 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, J. W. Fruin 7, T. Smith (first quarter-peal) 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On August 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: R. Kilby 1, F. Barrott (first in the method) 2, G. Chalkley 3, G. Kilby 4, T. Langdon 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.—On Sunday evening, September 13th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Kilby 1, A. French (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, F. Barrott 3, H. Kilby 4, G. Kilby (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6. First touch for 2½ years by the ringer of the tenor, he having just returned from Canada.

DUNSTABLE.—At the Priory Church, on Sunday, August 23rd, 408 Steadman Triples: Lance-Corpl. A. G. Stone 1, Sergt. W. Wakley (conductor) 2, A. E. Sharman 3, Sergt. R. Stone 4, F. G. Baldock 5, J. Rookwood 6, Rev. Canon Baker 7, G. Heley 8.—On August 28th, 384 Bob Major: E. Franklin 1, Sergt. R. Stone 2, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 3, Lance-Corpl. Stone 4, A. King 5, G. Newson 6, G. Heley 7, Sergt. W. Wakley 8.—On September 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: *E. Franklin 1, *G. Heley 2, *F. G. Baldock 3, Rev. Canon Baker 4, *Col. Sergt. R. Pickering 5, *A. E. Sharman (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Oxford. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Pte. Seabrook, of the 5th Beds Regiment, who was killed on duty with his regiment, and was interred on the above date. Messrs. Stone and Wakley hail from Burton-on-Trent, and Pickering from Wolverhampton, and were on duty with their regiments, the Staffords, in the district.

HYDE.—On August 30th, for morning service, at St. George's Church, Hyde, 420 Steadman Triples: J. Shaw 1, A. Haughton 2, J. Brierley 3, W. Slater 4, W. Walmsley 5, T. Wilde 6, A. Hough 7, J. Howcroft 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major with J. Stopford 1 and J. Shaw 8. These touches were rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Mr. William Walmsley's first peal, which was rung in the above tower on Saturday, August 30th, 1884. Mr. Walmsley hails from Macclesfield, and took part in a touch of Grandsire Cinques at St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, for evening service.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for morning service, 504 Steadman Triples: C. Sampson 1, E. S. Bailey 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, F. W. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, P. J. Potter 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, 1914, for evening service; also as a compliment to C. H. Walker on his 43rd birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: E. Cordery 1, E. J. Pannett 2, G. Simmonds 3, C. H. Walker (conductor) 4, H. Warnett (composer) 5, H. Barrett 6, W. W. Fox 7, H. Goodwin 8.

WESTON FAVELL.—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for divine service, also as a farewell to W. T. Law, who joined Lord Kitchener's army on the following day, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each six-score called differently: W. Law 1, C. Haines 2, J. Lancaster 3, W. T. Law 4, T. Law (conductor) 5.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, a 720 of Oxford Bob (containing 22 Singles): F. G. Elliot 1, W. E. Spice 2, E. H. Spice 3, W. G. Webb 4, W. Spice 5, F. S. Macey (conductor) 6. Also 360 of College Single, S. J. Spice ringing in the place of F. S. Macey. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. William Paddock and Miss Florence Gertrude West, both of Hampstead, London. The bride was given away by S. J. Spice, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. E. T. Oruso, R.D.

THORNSEY.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, September 13th, on the occasion of the 7th Battalion Middlesex Regiment attending divine service at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Davidson (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, W. E. Dixon (first 720 Treble Bob with a bob bell) 2, C. H. Ross 3, H. Howell 4, T. Langdon 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, F. Skevington 5, W. Crooke 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THANET.—At St. Lawrence's Church, Thanet, on Sept. 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Gibbons 1, S. G. Tryman (conductor) 2, J. Thornton 3, W. Birch 4, A. Jarman 5, W. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8.

NOTICES.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, October 3rd. Church of St. Lawrence; 8 bells, tenor 16 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam.) on Saturday, October 3rd, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Honorary Secretaries.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 6th and 20th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 6th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 8th and 22nd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 13th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

PRESENTATION.—The presentation to Charles Henry Hattersley, Esq., will take place at the Cathedral Church House, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914, at 6.45 p.m. The Venerable Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. H. Gresford Jones) will make the presentation. The Cathedral Church House is in St. James' Street, close to the Cathedral. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—Frank Willey, Secretary, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, October 10th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, to be kindly provided by the Vicar. All intending to attend should send their names by October 3rd to the District Secretary, Rev. K. A. Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, October 10th. Bells at 4. Meeting in schoolroom at 7 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Christ Church Rooms, Union Street, Coventry, on Saturday, October 10th, at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Important business.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Denholme on Saturday, October 17th, 1914. Ballot for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those sending in their names by October 12th.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elmley Castle on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Tea and business meeting to follow. All intending to be present at tea please let me know by the Wednesday previous. A good meeting is desired, as branch officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available for service, and the question of further ringing will be decided at the meeting. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 1914, at St. Mary's, Islington. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome.—L. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, N.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the annual subscription is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Will members kindly note that as I have joined the Sheffield City Battalion, I should be glad if they would for the present communicate with the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. Hollis, 37, Reservoir Terrace, Chesterfield.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the war the annual meeting, arranged for October 15th next, has been cancelled.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—The general committee have decided that it is not desirable to hold the annual concert under the present National circumstances.—T. H. Taffender, Master, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—The address of Mr. Alfred W. Grimes is now 405, Kingsland Road, Dalston, N.E.—Mr. Frank Bennett has removed to 72, Clyde Road, Brighton.

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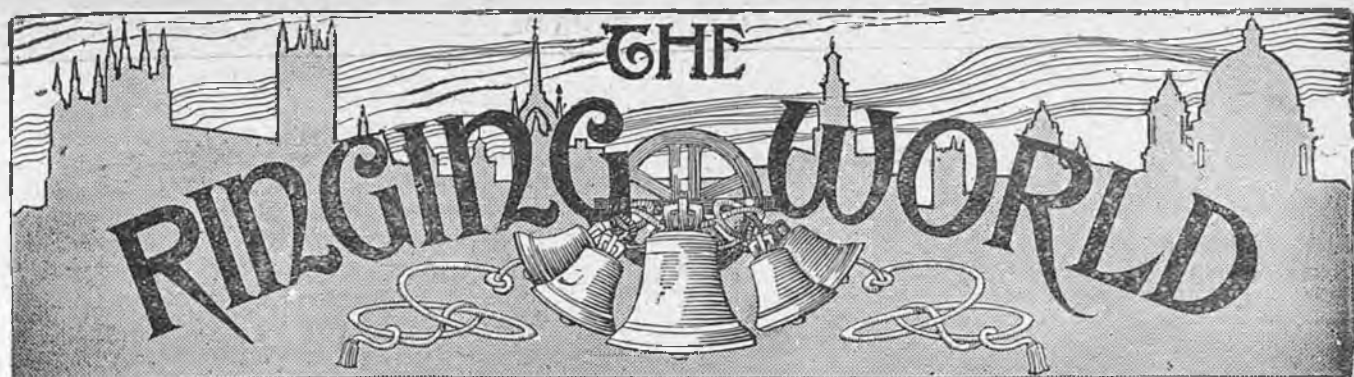


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The lists which we are publishing week by week of those members of the Exercise who have responded to the call of their King and country and have readily given themselves to the service of the Empire in its hour of need is a lasting proof of the spirit which animates our ringers, although it is only typical of the way in which the manhood of Great Britain and her children overseas have rallied to the old flag. To those who know the Exercise, of the brotherhood which exists among ringers, and of their devotion to the service of the Church and to their Art, the response which has been made from among our ranks must be extremely gratifying, and this and other matters have gone to show that ringers are not the least patriotic among the people.

With one accord, ringers have sacrificed the pursuit of their Art upon church bells, except so far as the requirements of church services are concerned, and in some cases the maintenance of practice. But peal ringing, which is, to some extent, the reward for the regular discharge of Sunday duties, has been abandoned because ringers recognise and feel that the merry ringing of church bells at such a time would be out of keeping with public feeling in a time of stress and anxiety. In many instances also social events have been abandoned. In other directions, too, pleasures have been curtailed, by the cancelling of district meetings, and, in the case of the Norwich Association, by abandoning even the annual meeting.

Moreover, ringers are showing themselves ready to bear their share of the burden in the relief of distress. Many towers have sent contributions to the National Relief Fund through this paper, and many others of whom we have heard have given to the local funds organised in their particular districts, some of them, as we have seen, foregoing their annual outing and devoting the money accumulated for the purpose to the public relief efforts. One feels proud to be associated with a body which, in all these directions, is showing its patriotism. Ringers are called upon at all times and upon all occasions to voice the public sentiments of national and local joy or sorrow. The mute church bells by their very silence express the feeling of the people, who have entered upon this Titanic struggle without any exhibition of jingo spirit, but grimly determined to see the business through to the end, cost what it may. And not only the bells, but the ringers are demonstrating their willingness to sacrifice all for their country. They are giving themselves and no man can give more. All honour to them.

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On Saturday, October 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JOYCE... .. Treble	*ERNEST A. MURGATROYD ... 5
BALDWIN NORFOLK 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 6
*ERNEST H. SIMPSON 3	BERNAL E. HOWE 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. J. Charlesworth, formerly sidesman.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE WIRKSWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER Treble	JOHN WARDMAN 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	GEORGE BOWMER 6
WILLIAM FOX 3	BENJAMIN GREATORIX ... 7
FREDERICK JOHNSON 4	BRIAN HILDITCH Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORIX.

SIX BELL PEAL.

TAXAL, WHALEY BRIDGE.

On Saturday, October 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of one 720 Merchant's Return, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, called differently.

J. W. HAMPSON Treble	EGBERT STAMPER 4
SYDNEY KIRK 2	HENRY KIRK 5
WILLIAM LONGDEN 3	J. R. BACKHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

Rung by the members of Christ Church, Burbage company, on the occasion of the visit by Mr. E. Stammers, a late member of the tower. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2	WILLIAM PYE 5-6
ERNEST PYE 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8

GEORGE H. CROSS 9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: B. S. THOMPSON.

G. H. Cross, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Norwich.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*JOSEPH PIGOTT 1-2	*ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHORT 3-4	*JOHN BASS 7-8

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Umpires: W. A. PUGH and G. POPNELL.

* First peal on handbells and first by the branch. It was rung at the first attempt for a peal and at only the second time of meeting.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

We continue to receive further subscriptions from ringers, towards the National Relief Fund, inaugurated by the Prince of Wales. The fund has now reached three million pounds, but the Prince, in a letter to the people, urges the need of continued support for the cause, the object of which is the alleviation of the distress which must inevitably follow in the train of the war.

We have forwarded to the headquarters of the fund a second remittance of £10, and we have to acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	20	2	0
Saffron Walden Society (per Mr. F. J. Pitstow)	0	10	6
Potton, Beds, Parish Church ringers (per Mr. G. W. Inskip)	0	9	0
Bushey Society, September collection (per Mr. B. Prewett)	0	4	6
St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich (per Mr. William Motts)	2	2	0
"Wanderer" (third contribution)	0	2	0
Mrs. "Wanderer" (second contribution)	0	2	0
Walton (Liverpool) Parish Church ringers (per Mr. J. Martin)	0	6	0
Mr. Albert E. Austin, Great Shelford	0	1	0
St. Peter's Church ringers, Ashton-under-Lyne	0	10	0
Total	£24	9	0

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

Appended is a further list of ringers who have responded to the call to arms:—

- R. E. Stavert, of Bushey, 3rd City of London Fusiliers (T.).
 Ernest W. Hall, of Wrentham, East Kent Regt. (Buffs), now at Purfleet, Essex.
 Pte F. C. Johnson, of Wrentham, 2nd Batt. Grenadier Guards, at the front.
 Gunner R. Handley, of Middleham, Royal Marine Artillery, H.M.S. "Ajax."
 J. Reeb, of Holbeton, Plymouth, R.F.A., now at Aldershot.
 E. M. Atkins, of Isham, Kettering, and a well-known member of the Cambridge University Guild, has been given a commission in the Royal Engineers, and is now at Chatham.
 Pte David Heathcock (12430), of Oldswinford, E Co. 3rd Battalion Durham Light Infantry.
 Pte R. H. Jones, of Chorley, Lancs, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, now at Codford, Wilts.
 Pte J. Robinson, of Chorley, 7th East Lancs ("Pals") Regt.
 Pte R. E. Frost, of Burbage Buxton, 6th Battalion Sherwood Foresters, now at Harpenden.
 Pte Alfred Brewer, of St. Weonard's, Herefordshire, South Wales Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, now at Hereford.
 Frank M. Bressley, of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, formerly of Wansted, 72nd Canadian Highlanders, on his way to the front.
 Sapper T. R. Dennis, of Cambridge, hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Guild, R.E. Reserve Signals, now at Aldershot.
 Pte T. Hyde, of St. Peter's Co., Dorchester, 3rd Dorset Regiment, now at Wyke Regis.
 J. W. Russell, of Ewhurst, Surrey, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.
 John Chance, of Woburn, Beds, D Company 6th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
 William James, junr., of Woburn, Beds, City of London Fusiliers.
 Horace Smith, of Husburne Crawley, Beds, Bedfordshire Regt.
 Pte H. F. Cooper, of Chelmsford Cathedral, 5th Batt. Essex Regiment (T.).
 William Pryce, of Stoke-in-Coventry, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.
 John T. Clegg, of St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, and Harold Schofield, of St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, R.A.M.C., now at Aldershot.
 Charles A. Ward, of Henley, Suffolk, 9th Royal Sussex Regt.
 Alex Miller, secretary of the London County Association, has rejoined the London Scottish Territorials, and is now on active service in France.

Three ringers from Truro Cathedral have joined the Forces, viz.:
 Percy Webb, 4th Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, now at Perham Down, Salisbury.

A. E. Mathews and I. W. H. Southard, 3rd Company Devon Royal Garrison Artillery, now stationed at Devil's Point, Stouckhouse, Plymouth.

The following three members of the Gainsborough Parish Church Guild have given their services:—

Pte Charles Leonard Coxell, II Company, 5th Batt. Lincolnshire Regiment (Territorials), now at Grimsby.

Lance-Corpl. Percy Ballance, C Company, 6th Batt. Lincolnshire Regiment, now at Grantham.

Gunner Walter Ayre, 1st N. Midland Brigade, 2nd Battery, R.F.A., now at Nether Crawley, Luton.

The following members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich, are serving in the Forces:—

F. H. Phillips (Ringing Master of the Guild), 3rd Norfolk's.

J. Lemmon, Norfolk Yeomanry, K.O.R.R.

W. G. Cutbrush, R.A.M.C.

A. Potter, Kitchener's Army.

Four members of the St. George-the-Martyr's Society, Southwark, have enlisted:—

F. J. Hardy, Dorset Regiment, now at Dorchester.

A. L. Gibbins, Royal Fusiliers, now at Epsom.

Arthur Hibbert, Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Arthur Hines, Royal West Surrey Regiment (T.).

The following from St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, are on service:—

Capt. L. B. Grant, officer in charge of A Company, 4th Batt.

East Kent Regt. (Buffs), at St. Peter's, Thanet.

Tpr. W. Burley, Royal East Kent Mounted Riflemen, and

Tpr. Lucy, Royal East Kent Mounted Riflemen, now at Northwood, Herne Bay.

OXFORD GUILD'S ROLL.

The Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) is anxious to have a list of all Guild members who are at this time serving in any capacity in His Majesty's Forces. A circular letter has been issued asking for this information to be sent to the secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading, and also, any information that may be, from time to time, received respecting these members.

COMMISSION FOR MR. E. M. ATKINS.

Many friends of Mr. E. M. Atkins will be pleased to know that he has received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, and is for the present at Chatham. Before leaving Isham a 720 of Ipswich Surprise Minor was rung by: W. T. Wilson 1, W. C. Lewis 2, F. Talbutt 3, G. A. Blaxley 4, E. J. Chapman 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6. Mr. Atkins was congratulated by all the Isham ringers, who wished him every success in his new sphere.

PRESENTATION TO MR. B. C. DIXON.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD'S WEDDING GIFT.

At the annual meeting of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, at which Mr. E. Ferry (the hon. secretary) read an extraordinarily good and prosperous report, the Vicar (Canon Gough) being in the chair, Mr. Ben Dixon, the steeple keeper, whose wedding was announced in last week's issue, was presented by the active members of the Guild with a solid silver tea service.—The Ringing Master (Mr. C. L. Routledge), in presenting the gift, said Mr. Dixon was a good friend and ringer, and looked after their comforts in the ringing chamber. If Mrs. Dixon turned out half as good a wife as she shaped as a ringer, Mr. Dixon was to be congratulated on his choice. In making this present they came to a very right conclusion that what would please the bride would certainly please the bridegroom, and they had chosen the tea service accordingly. In the name of the Guild he wished Mr. and Mrs. Dixon long life and prosperity. The teapot is inscribed:—

"Presented to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Dixon on the occasion of their marriage by the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers as a mark of esteem and regard.

September 7th, 1914."

The sugar bowl and cream jug are inscribed with the date on one side, and a large D on the other. The whole is of the Georgian pattern.—A list of the subscribers was also handed to Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Dixon very feelingly responded, and thanked the members for their handsome gift. It would remind him and Mrs. Dixon of the very good friends they had in the belfry.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding.—In reply, he thanked the Guild for their splendid honorary services throughout the year, and for their efforts to make St. Nicholas' tower second to none in regard to equipment, bells, and ringing.

Mr. Bert Horton, late of Wood Green, was elected a member of the Guild.

GRAPPENTHALL, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 20th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, at the Parish Church of St. Wilfred, 501 Grandsire Triples: M. Lomas 1, J. Peters 2, Jos. Leigh 3, S. Horsfall 4, C. H. Wheeler 5, Geo. Williams (conductor) 6, J. E. Ashcroft 7, W. Leigh 8. Also 168 conducted by J. E. Ashcroft. G. Williams hails from West End, near Southampton.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES AND "METHOD."

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter which appears in this week's "Ringing World" is interesting, and touches on several points which I am glad to make remarks upon.

First of all the word "Method."

The "Glossary," when it came out, was of inestimable value, as it was the first attempt to deal with the nomenclature of ringing, which, up to that time, had simply grown up in practice and never been systematised; but, like all other scientific work, it is already out of date, and its definition of Method missed the point that change ringing has had from early times two distinct meanings for the word.

Method means—

(a) The system by which the changes are produced.

(b) The rules by which these changes are rung.

Imagining eight men in the tower ringing eight bells. The man ringing the treble knows how to Plain Hunt, and can do nothing else; the man ringing the second can do the same and no more; the man ringing the third knows that when the treble turns him from lead he must make thirds and lead again, he then counts his bells before he meets the treble, one more after and dodges; the man ringing the 4th passes the treble 3-4 up and dodges 6-7 up, etc.; the man ringing the 5th picks up two and the treble and dodges 6-7 up, etc.; the man ringing the 6th picks up two and the treble, picks up 3 more bells, takes the 3rd and 4th, 1st treble 2nd, 3rd and 4th and leads, etc. (this is called 1st and 2nd Method); the man ringing the 7th is the same as 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th, and the man ringing the tenor can only cover.

Here are eight men ringing by six different Methods, using the word as in definition (b), but they are all ringing Grandsire Triples, which is the Method definition (a).

Now, when we speak of a Method we always use the word as in definition (a), and your correspondent "Hodge" has written his letter with (a) and (b) confused.

Turning to Stedman, what is usually rung and called Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques is not Stedman at all, it is not even a principle. Stedman is a real legitimate principle, and must consist on 7, 9 and 11 bells of the same elements as Stedman's own six-score, the six-score consists of quick sixes, which are equivalent to bobs; slow sixes, which are equivalent to plain leads; and singles, which cause three bells to make places in 1-2-3 in the middle of a six.

Lastly, laws. The three laws given by your correspondent are positive laws; they have been made by the consent of the Exercise, and no one will contest any of them; but when this is once admitted other laws grow out of them quite naturally, which force us to say that Bob Major lead ends and all that they imply are absolutely necessary to all Principles and Methods.

This statement I have proved in the pages of the ringing papers at great length during the last 20 years, and the only answer to my proofs from all quarters has been prejudice.

I cannot repeat the proofs, it would fill up too much space, but I would once again ask the Exercise to put prejudice aside and study the proofs, and, while I hope to go on ringing Norwich Stedman Triples and consider it well worth ringing, I can never admit that it is really Stedman Triples at all.—Yours truly,

H. LAW JAMES.

METHOD EXTENSION.

Dear Sir,—"Hodge," in his letter in your last issue, recalls the elaborate argument by the Rev. H. Law James a few months ago in favour of accepting Shipway's extension of Superlative Surprise Major to Royal. I may point out, if anyone had explained the differences in the work of the bells in the Major and the Royal Methods in question, a stronger argument could have been produced in the opposite direction.

"Hodge" is correct when he tells us Superlative is a double method. It is even more than that, for the back change of every lead has the beautiful music to be found when the treble is behind in Bob Major. Couple this with its Bob Major lead ends and we get the superb method Superlative. Shipway's Royal, although condemned, retains these back changes, the first of them being as follows:—

x896745231

8x69472531

The Royal Method by "Hodge" does not retain these splendid musical back changes, but are as follows, which I give for comparison:

768x945231

67x8492531

In this reason alone this method is not acceptable as a correct extension. "Hodge" also tells us he finds no guidance in the "Glossary," for extending methods. Well, that is not what the work was written for. The only guide in that direction is to be found in the old methods—Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, etc. These are good and wonderful examples, and at the same time we may say, almost, that they are plain methods. It is much more difficult to extend a complicated method correctly than it is those mentioned, while an approximate extension is not acceptable.

The reason of this is that compositions, either of peals or methods,

have to contain the whole and not a part of it—a definition which is, perhaps, not very clear, and I will, therefore, give an instance or two by way of explaining this point more clearly.

(1) A peal in any method contains 5,000 or more changes—4999 is not enough. It is one short, and the performance of such a composition would thus be disqualified in consequence.

(2) When a peal of Treble Bob is given as containing the 6th the extent in all positions, it must have the 12 8-6's, 8-6-7's and 6-7-8's, and should this composition have only 11 of the 12, it would not hold up to the qualities stated, and would thus be disqualified.

(3) When a peal of Double Norwich is given as containing all the combinations of 4-5-6, none of these bells may be brought into or removed from its position by means of a "five-lead" course, as this cuts out some of the changes of the combination, and the peal would contain only a part and not the whole of the combinations.

Some of your readers, perhaps, may ask what these particulars have to do with method extension. My reply is they have all to do with it, and when properly grasped and their meaning understood, and you again go over the Royal Methods in question and fail to find the work of the Major Method in it, you will say with me this method is not Superlative Surprise.

When extending Major to Royal, you get an additional block of four changes with the treble dodging in 5-6, as mentioned by "Hodge." Here you may use one or a pair of qualifying places while the work must be similar to what is used in the other blocks, and in fact no new work is allowed to be used in any of the blocks, and if any new work is introduced, this will disqualify such an extension.

Personally, I say nothing against the Royal by "Hodge" or Shipway, and if "Hodge" has proved this method and finds it runs true in composition, I should advise him to get it rung by all means; that is to say, if it is properly constructed in other respects; for as he only gives half a lead I have not gone into that point of the method, as there is no authority to prevent him so doing. Finally, I say, have another shot "Hodge," and I wish you success.—Yours faithfully,

HY. DAINS.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL'S "MIDDLE EIGHT."

The new bell designed to make a middle eight from the peal of twelve in Newcastle Cathedral was dedicated by the Vicar, Canon Gough, D.D., on Wednesday of last week, at 12 noon. The bell is a beautiful casting in C flat (or B natural) by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and is hung directly over the present sixth, whose place it takes in the "Dixon peal of eight," the rope coming down in the ringing chamber about nine inches in front of the 6th rope. The bell is 2 feet 11 inches in diameter, and weighs 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. The ring of eight is made up by using the 2nd of the twelve as the treble, omitting the existing 6th and having the 9th (17 cwt. 0 qrs. 16 lbs.) as the tenor, the octave being in G flat. On the new bell is the inscription: "The gift of Alice Margaret Dixon, in loving memory of her brother, Matthew Carr Dixon, of this City, who died October 19th, 1913, aged 83 years, and of her sister, Mary Stobart Carr Dixon, who died December 16th, 1905, aged 68 years. 'In memoria vivere non est mori.'" A free translation of the Latin phrase is: "To live in the memory of those we leave is not to die."

After the dedicatory prayers, Miss Alice Dixon started the raising of the new bell, and then a plain course of Stedman Triples was rung on the eight—the new bell proving an excellent "splice." A short touch of Stedman was afterwards rung, and the bells lowered in peal before the War Intercessionary service, which was held at 12.30. It was hoped to attempt a peal of Major when this bell was put in, but until peace is declared this will hardly be possible.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held on Saturday at the beautiful old Church of St. Leonard, Keovil, where 19 ringers from the towers of Secod, Potterne, Trowbridge, Southbroom, Holt, Keovil, Devizes, Westbury, Market Lavington, and Midsomer Norton, duly assembled, and soon after three o'clock the bells were raised, and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were soon in full swing. Tea was partaken of at the Beach Arms Inn, and was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. J. A. Surton, Vicar of Market Lavington), supported by the Rev. F. M. Weller, the newly-appointed Vicar of Keovil, and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, hon. branch secretary.—Mr. West proposed, and Mr. Hector seconded, the election of four new life ringing members.—Mr. West also proposed, and Mr. Ludlow seconded, the election of the Rev. F. M. Weller as a ringing member—a proposition which was carried with great applause.—After some little discussion, the three next meeting places were decided upon, viz., November 7th, Erchfont; December 5th, North Bradley; and January, 1915, being the annual meeting, Devizes.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Keovil for the use of the church bells having been accorded, the ringers moved off again to the tower, where a little more ringing was carried out before the visitors dispersed, after having enjoyed a very pleasant and sociable meeting.

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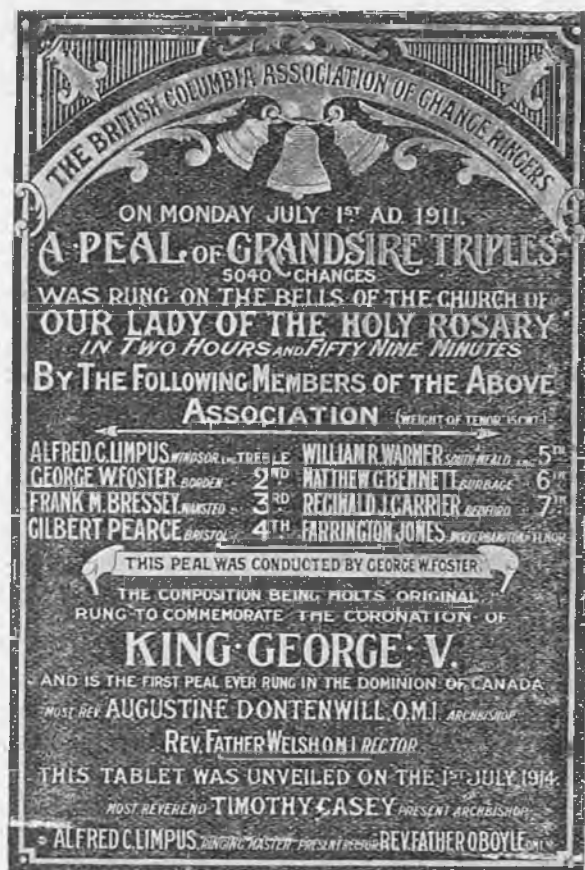
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THE FIRST PEAL IN CANADA. COMMEMORATIVE TABLET UNVEILED.

Many of our readers will remember the ringing of the first peal in Canada, which was achieved on July 1st, 1911, at Vancouver. This memorable performance has now been fittingly recorded by the erection of a handsome marble tablet, in the belfry of the R.C. Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, where the peal was rung. Mr. A. C. Limpus, who is known to many ringers in England, sends us the following account of the unveiling ceremony:—

Just at this time, when our Empire is plunged into the greatest war in the world's history, and, therefore, rightly much curtailing the ringing of peals, perhaps you might be able to find room for a little history of our doings in its most western extremity. Precisely at 7 p.m., on Sunday, the 6th August, our belfry was entered by the Rev. Father O'Boyle, O.M.I., the bells, which, at the time, were being rung in rounds, being brought to a stand. The Rev. Father, pulling a cord, released the fastenings of a couple of Canadian flags which rose, curtain fashion, and revealed what is perhaps one of the most hand-



some peal tablets erected beneath any peal of bells in the world. After declaring the tablet unveiled, the Rector addressed a few very kindly words to the ringers, thanking them for their unfailing interest in ringing for service, even though they were mostly non-members of the congregation. It was, he said, his most earnest desire soon to be amongst them again to unveil a tablet recording a peal rung to commemorate the conclusion of peace.

The Ringing Master made a short reply, heartily thanking the clergy for their magnificent gift of the tablet, and also for the use of the bells, which had been given with such willingness on every occasion when asked. The Rev. Father Thayer, O.M.I., who accompanied Father O'Boyle, and who hails from Boston, Mass., U.S.A., then presented the ringers with a box of cigars. This concluded the first ceremony of its kind ever held in British North America, and will no doubt be long remembered by those who were able to be present.

Unfortunately two incidents slightly marred the gathering. Firstly, the tablet was not in place on the day expected, owing to the instructions as to shipment having been lost on the ill-fated "Empress of Ireland," and, secondly, three members who took part in the peal were absent; the ringer of the third being on his way with the 72nd Highlanders of Canada, to fight for King and Empire, the ringer of the 5th unavoidably at work, and the ringer of the 7th at his home in

Victoria. The last-named, however, was represented by his brother, Mr. B. Carrier, who is also a member of the band.

The tablet itself is a very fine piece of work by Messrs. Caspar and Co., of London. It is of black polished marble, with hand-engraved and gold leaf lettering, and is practically imperishable.

As suggested by the Editor of the "Ringing World" at the time the accomplishment of the peal was announced, that it might be interesting to know what difficulties had to be overcome in ringing the peal, I would say they were, indeed, many, but they are so wrapped up in the history of the bells themselves, which would make quite a chapter by itself, that I feel I should be infringing on valuable space should I recite them now, and will leave the story for another issue, when I will explain how the first peal in Canada was recorded with the consent of his Most Gracious Majesty King George V.

MR. JAMES GEORGE, OF RUGBY. PRESENTATION FROM OLD COLLEAGUES.

As we announced a few weeks ago, Mr. James George has recently retired from the service of the London and North Western Railway Company at Rugby, where for many years he had been engaged in the Estate Office. He formally severed his connection with the company on July 31st, and thus brought to a close a career as varied as that seen, by most men in the service, and as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by those with whom he was officially connected, his colleagues of the Estate Office have made a presentation to him.

A brief sketch of Mr. George's railway career may, perhaps, be of interest to his friends in the Exercise. He first joined the L.N.W.R. as junior goods clerk at Harrow, on December 7th, 1869. On June 28th, 1871, he was removed to Wolverton in a similar capacity. There he remained only a short time, and on February 1st, 1872, was transferred to the Telegraph Department at the same station. Within a month he was removed to Leighton, and after only three weeks at that station he was, on March 26th, 1872, appointed clerk in charge of the telegraph office at Tring. There he remained until July 1st, 1878, when he was transferred to Broad Street as clerk in charge of the Cartage Telegraph Department. On August 1st, 1879, he entered the stationmaster's office at Euston, and on April 1st, 1881, he was sent to Aylesbury as booking clerk, being promoted only three weeks later to the position of collector in the Estate Department at Rugby, where he remained until his retirement at the age of 60 years.

In recent years Mr. George has been well known in the Midland District, and more particularly at Wolverton, where the company own a lot of cottage and other property, as well as a public market, and where, in consequence, his duties frequently took him. In one way or another, it may almost be said he came in contact with practically the whole population of this flourishing little town and the neighbouring village of Stantonbury. In such places as these his genial smile will no doubt be greatly missed. His duties were frequently arduous, but he applied himself to them most assiduously, and, in the somewhat unenviable role of collector, he was highly successful.

In private life he has but one hobby, that of bells, and throughout the Exercise, it is safe to say, few names are better known than that of "James George, of Rugby." He has travelled far—his opportunities in this respect having been unique—and has rung in a great number of towers. He has taken part, too, in many notable performances, including that of ringing the tenor at Ashton-under-Lyne to the record peal of Maximus. He has close upon 550 peals to his credit, and still, happily, endowed with full vigour, he hopes to ring many more.

The presentation took place on Saturday week in the Estate Office at Rugby. Mr. Hatley, his late chief, in a few well-chosen words, thanked Mr. George for the assistance he had always received from him, and briefly referred to the excellence of his work as collector. He then presented to him a handsome travelling bag, which had been subscribed for by past and present members of the staff of the Estate Office at Rugby.

A few remarks were also added by the chief clerk (Mr. Parsons), Mr. George's successor (Mr. Barnwell), and other members of the staff.

Mr. George, who was deeply affected, suitably replied, and said he should always look upon the time served with Mr. Hatley and his other friends in the Estate Office as the happiest days of his life. The present they had given him would be greatly treasured, both for its usefulness, and as a constant pleasant reminder of those times.

MILITARY RINGERS AT SITTINGBOURNE.

By the list of ringers published, who are serving with their country, it must appear that ringing in places must be very limited. But this is not the case at Sittingbourne, as since the beginning of the war that town has been "reinforced" by about 7,000 lads in khaki (Territorials). They include the 9th and 10th Battalions of the Middlesex Regiments, 4th Borderers, 4th Shropshire, and companies of R.A.M.C., R.F.A., etc.

As was expected amongst so many visitors there proved to be several ringers, and by invitation from the Vicar at their church parades, they were extended a welcome to the tower. Special practices have been arranged for every Tuesday evening, when methods from Grand-sire to Cambridge Surprise are rung by ringers hailing from the four corners of England.

A RINGER'S WAR EXPERIENCES.

WITHIN AN EIGHTH OF AN INCH OF DEATH.

A recent issue contained a brief intimation that Sergt. George Mackman, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, and a ringer at St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln, had been wounded in the fighting in France. He is now in the Military Hospital at Devonport, and, we are glad to say, is progressing favourably, although he has been within an eighth of an inch of death—quite close enough to be pleasant. Sergt. Mackman is wounded in the head, and is also suffering from a wrenched knee, his injuries being sustained while fighting on the 14th Sept. In a letter to Mr. J. R. Mackman, his brother, who is also a ringer, and resides at Southall, the wounded sergeant tells the story of his exciting experiences in the matter of fact way, which is characteristic of "Tommy," who is everybody's hero, just as if such things were an every-day occurrence. Describing his injuries, he says: "The bullet caught me on the bone just behind my right ear, and glanced off and went through the ear. It was a most marvellous escape, for, another eighth of an inch and I should not have been here. But, there, that is the fortune of war. It was a bullet from a Maxim gun 800 yards off."

Describing the circumstances, Sergt. Mackman says: The Lincolns were retiring at the time. It occurred about 11.30 on Monday (Sept. 14th), and we had been on outpost duty, within 1,000 yards of the German position. As soon as day broke they let us have it—shrapnel included. We had no artillery whatever and only one Maxim gun, so we were in a hopeless position, and could not get any reinforcements up. The Germans worked round on our right flank, and they gave it us hot. Then, of course, we showed them we could shoot. I fired about 320 rounds. We got the order to retire at 11 a.m., the enemy being only about 400 yards off, and, roughly, 8,000 of them. As I got out of my trench my rifle and bayonet were knocked out of my hand by a piece of shell, and the butt of the rifle simply smashed. I did not wait long to look at it, but thought I had better be off with the remainder. We left about 300 in the trenches, dead and wounded, and were told to look after ourselves.

HIS "LITTLE BIT."

During the retirement the firing was worse. Men were falling all over the place, and it was marvellous how so many got away untouched. I was only 150 yards from a railway cutting when I received my little bit. I wondered what was up when I picked myself out of the hedge, for it bowled me over a treat. I think it was then that I wrenched my knee. I was silly for a bit, but managed to get under cover, and as we were crossing that dreadful bridge reinforcements were just coming up to help us—four hours late. The Lincolns formed up again in the railway cutting, and there were only 100 of them untouched. They went out again with the 7th and 8th Brigades, and the wounded were told to stop in the cutting until dark, when an ambulance would come for us. It was not very safe up to help us—four hours late. The Lincolns formed up again in the railway cutting, and there were only 100 of them untouched. They went out again with the 7th and 8th Brigades, and the wounded were told to stop in the cutting until dark, when an ambulance would come for us. It was not very safe up to help us—four hours late.



SERGEANT G. MACKMAN.

there, for our artillery were behind it, and when the Germans shelled them, half the shells dropped among us, and then we had to "duck" our "nuts." There were two killed and several more wounded while in there—it was awful. I shall never forget that hanging on watching the skies and asking the time. Eventually dusk came, and we prepared to move. The lame we left in a cottage near by, and those who walked scouted for another house. My house was two miles away, and I was done up when I got there. Anyhow, we had enough strength to make some tea, and had a good rest after the doctor had been. He told us an ambulance would be round at 5 a.m. We were up by then and waiting patiently, but it did not come until seven o'clock.

Before we were in it a shell from the enemy came. A piece went through my coat, and the chimney pot and roof were blown off the house—so we had another narrow squeak. We simply galloped three miles through woods, and the roads were awful, owing to the three days' continuous rain. We arrived at the Field Ambulance at Braine, where we were dressed again, and waited till about 4 p.m., when we were put in a hospital train, in which we remained for 38 hours, and eventually arrived at Rouen. Down the line we were treated like kings by the French, who gave us everything one can imagine. . . . When we got to Rouen the slightly wounded were sent to the hospital there, and the more serious to the hospital ship "St. George," in which, after a six hours' river journey, we crossed the channel, and had a very rough passage. We were landed at Southampton, and sent on here. There were crowds at the station to meet us, and I imagined I was the Lord Mayor as I drove along in a motor from the station to the hospital. Since we have been in here we have been petted up and looked after like babies. But isn't it different to last Sunday morning! By now (9.20 a.m.) we had marched 12 miles on an empty stomach.

OXFORD GUILD MEETING.

STIRRING SPEECH TO BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held for the first time at Goring, on Saturday week. Owing to several members being absent on account of the war, the numbers present were not so large as usual. The Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Dams) conducted the service, and the Rev. R. Wickham Legg, Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading, preached on "Brotherhood," from 1 St. John, iii. 14. After service 56 sat down to tea in the Village Hall, under the presidency of the Rev. J. B. Burne.—The Secretary (the Rev. H. C. Wilder), in making his report, said that the numbers, owing to the inclusion of Whitechurch in the branch had risen to 101. The balance in hand was much the same as last year. It was decided if possible to hold a summer meeting at Burghfield, and a winter meeting at Whitechurch.

A VAST STRUGGLE.

After the customary votes of thanks to the preacher and the Vicar, the members were privileged to hear a most inspiring address from Dr. Parkin, C.M.G., who is well known in connection with the Rhodes Scholarship Trust. After describing his own childhood in Canada within the sound of Cathedral bells, and how much they influenced his life and that of his children, and how everywhere in the Colonies bells are wanted, he said that Cecil Rhodes once declared that it was the village church which made England what it is, the place where people meet and get their moral and spiritual life. What was it that touched the hearts of people so much? To many a dying soldier came at the last the thought of the church bells in his native village. Never in the thousand years of our history had we so much need of self-sacrificing patriotism as to-day. This war was different from anything that had gone before. Rudyard Kipling had said to him: "I have given up trying to imagine the vastness of what is going on." There were to-day 20 armies in the field as big as that with which Napoleon staggered the imagination of the world a hundred years ago when he made his famous campaign against Russia. Twelve million men were in arms on the frontiers of Europe. We could only send 150,000 to uphold the honour and interests of this country. They had fought magnificently, but were too few for the work they had to do. So we were getting half a million more ready as soon as we could. They would all be needed in the Titanic struggle that had been forced upon us. Meanwhile our sailors commanded the sea, and it was due to their courage in facing strange and sudden perils that we lived in comfort while other lands were desolated.

AN APPEAL FOR MEN.

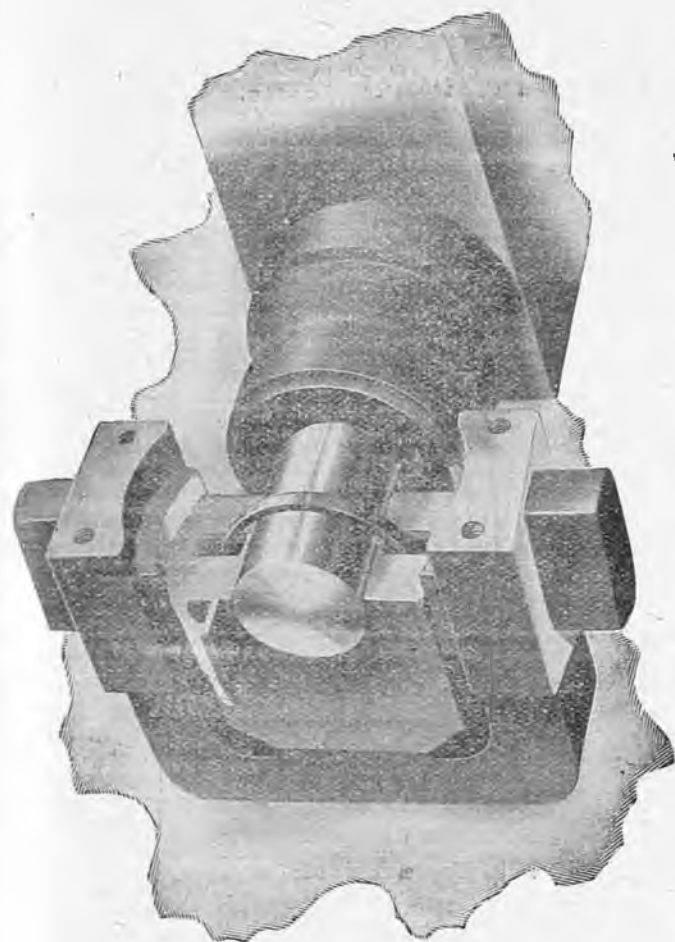
Lord Roberts saw this danger coming, and said, after his South African experience, that it was a wrong thing to send untrained young men to fight with trained soldiers. But English people as a whole would not listen to him. The people who opposed him were honest but mistaken. He said the other day to Lord Roberts: "Do you know what I think one of the finest things about this war?" Lord Roberts said: "What?" He replied: "That you have never said, 'I told you so!' " Those of them who supported Lord Roberts would feel it their duty to send their sons. Those who had opposed Lord Roberts should in honour be the first to take their place in the front rank and face the chances of war that that would bring. There would be much for which they would have to brace themselves up, and the greatest sacrifices would be demanded. All must take their share in forming a strong and determined public opinion. Ringers in their several villages could do a great deal to help recruiting and bring home to people the greatness of the need for men at the present time.

Dr. Parkin's speech was received with loud applause, and he was warmly thanked for having been present.

A PRACTICE MEETING.

A most successful meeting of members of the Oxford Guild for combined practice took place on Saturday week, at Fulmer, Bucks. The Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was present, together with ringers from Ammersham, Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Peter, Chalfont St. Giles, Farnham Royal, Old Windsor, Stoke Poges, Swindon, Uxbridge, and the local band. During the afternoon and evening touches were rung in nine different methods. The company, numbering 25, sat down to tea kindly provided by the Rector of Fulmer (the Rev. S. T. Bridges), after which Mr. J. J. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. S. T. Bridges for the tea, and for kindly granting the use of the bells, the motion being carried unanimously.—A short service was held in the church at six o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and in the course of which the reverend gentleman, with a few suitable remarks, unveiled a new tablet recording a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, rung upon the Fulmer bells by an entirely local band.

BECCLES.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Wednesday evening, Sept. 16th, for the harvest festival and intercession service at St. Michael's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: T. Holmes 1, H. Reynolds 2, C. Parnell 3, G. Baxter 4, R. Goale 5, E. Elderidge 6, H. Ling (conductor) 7, R. Freestone 8. Also after the service, 564 Grandsire Triples, standing as before.



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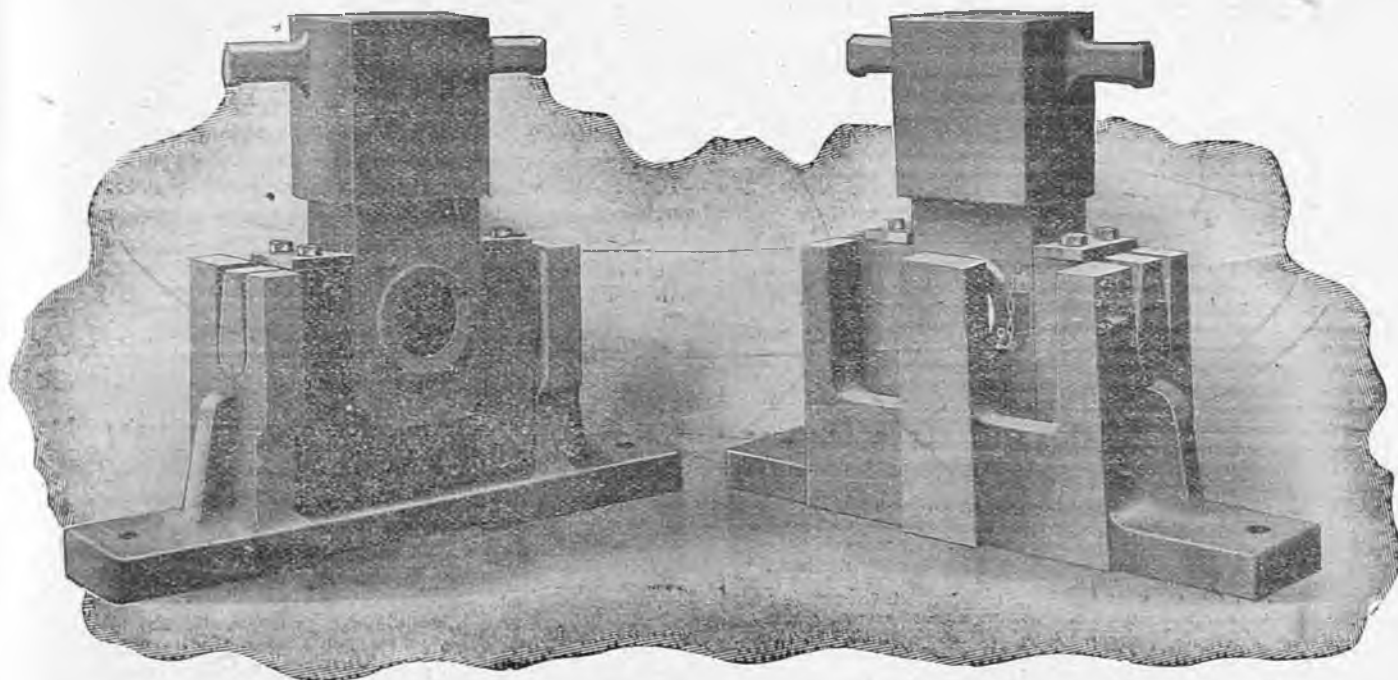
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NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 13th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

PRESENTATION.—The presentation to Charles Henry Hattersley, Esq., will take place at the Cathedral Church House, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914, at 6.45 p.m. The Venerable Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. H. Gresford Jones) will make the presentation. The Cathedral Church House is in St. James' Street, close to the Cathedral. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—Frank Willey, Secretary, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bearsted, on Saturday, October 10th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, to be kindly provided by the Vicar.—District Secretary, Rev. K. A. Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, October 10th. Bells at 4. Meeting in schoolroom at 7 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Christ Church Rooms, Union Street, Coventry, on Saturday, October 10th, at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Important business.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Owing to the country being in a state of war the committee of this district consider it advisable to postpone the meeting at Sutton on October 10th, 1914.—Thomas Smith, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Denholme on Saturday, October 17th, 1914. Ballot for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those sending in their names by October 12th.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elmley Castle on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Tea and business meeting to follow. All intending to be present at tea please let me know by the Wednesday previous. A good meeting is desired, as branch officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available for service, and the question of further ringing will be decided at the meeting.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 1914, at St. Mary's, Islington. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome.—L. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, N.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ardleigh on October 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, with address, 4.30. Tea at the Lion 5.15, 6d. each, to all giving notice not later than October 20th.—B. Redgwel, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Kingswood Hall, provided by the Rector, for those who send their names to me, not later than Tuesday, October 20th. Business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, October 24th. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Countess Beauchamp, in the Recreation Room, Madresfield Court, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. As this is the meeting for election of officers, it is hoped a good number will attend. The bells will be available for ringing. All who attend *must* send their names to me, by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Will members kindly note that as I have joined the Sheffield City Battalion, I should be glad if they would for the present communicate with the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. Hollis, 37, Reservoir Terrace, Chesterfield.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—The general committee have decided that it is not desirable to hold the annual concert under the present National circumstances.—T. H. Taffender, Master, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

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 Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

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NOTICES—continued.

RINGERS and visitors to Matlock will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. H. Paulson's, Beech House, Church Street (private house).

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Harry Whitehead, who passed away at Langley Green, Oldbury, Birmingham, on Wednesday, Sept. 30th. The deceased (who had for the last four years lived at Langley Green with his eldest son, Mr. William Whitehead), was born at Marchinton, Staffordshire, on Sept. 6th, 1842, and had thus passed his 72nd year. His early ringing was done at the Parish Church, Uttoxeter. In 1862 he went to Burton-on-Trent, and was leader of the band at Horninglow, on the bells being put in the new church. These bells, which are a ring of six, are made of steel. In 1873, on the erection of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Mr. Whitehead was appointed the first captain (an honour which few, today, are aware that he received), but he gave up the office to go back to his old place at Horninglow. Mr. Whitehead never rang in a peal, but took part in scores of quarter-peals of Triples at St. Modwen's, and a great many 720's at Horninglow, Winshall, Sudbury, and the surrounding villages. Mr. Whitehead was much respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves two sons and four daughters to mourn their loss.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Although the attendance was not so large as usual, the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association held at Llantrisant on Saturday proved a most pleasant and successful one. Prior to the business proceedings the bells were raised, and various methods rung. The Vicar presided at the meeting, and welcomed the Association to his parish, commenting upon the good work which was being done.—Instructors' reports were received, and showed satisfactory progress.—The place for the next quarterly meeting was deferred until the annual meeting, which takes place at Llandaff on Boxing Day.—Several new members were elected.

The Vicar next very kindly invited all present to the Church Room to tea, where the ladies of the parish were waiting with an excellent "knife and fork" repast.—At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded both the Vicar and the ladies for their hospitality.

One of the hon. secs., the Rev. Connop L. Price, was unable to be present, he being away doing duty as chaplain to the Territorials now in camp at Northampton.

HERE AND THERE.**COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER ABANDONED.**

We are asked to state that owing to the war, the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths will not be held this year.

THE LATE MR. S. REEVES.

The following contributions towards the memorial tablet to the late Mr. S. Reeves are acknowledged with thanks: Messrs. A. Madeley and J. Neal, 2s. 6d. each; "an old friend," 1s.; total amount received up to date, £4 12s.—Hon. Treasurer, Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

BELLE VUE "BATTLE OF BELLS."

In connection with the recent handbell competition at Belle Vue, Manchester, an account of which appeared in our last issue, it is of more than passing interest to note that all the five prizes went to bands of ringers using modern sets of bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. These sets consist of as many as 170 bells, and in some cases even more than that number. As the points which count for prizes are awarded not only for manipulation, but for tune and tone also, a band with poor bells, might lose even though their playing might have scored full points. It is a remarkable fact that for the past sixteen years the first prize has gone to bands using Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's bells, and on fourteen of those occasions the second prize also.

THE THREE "LAWS" OF RINGING.

In his letter in our last issue, "Hodge" referred to the three "laws" of ringing, and, quoting from the Rev. H. L. James's explanation of Superlative Surprise Royal, asked which of the three laws referred to at a former meeting of the Central Council was responsible for the word "must" which appeared. It may be interesting to our readers to recall the three laws referred to. It was at the Council meeting in 1912, and the Rev. H. L. James defined two of the laws as positive laws and natural laws. The third was added by a member who interjected: There is also Law James—and the meeting was convulsed with laughter.

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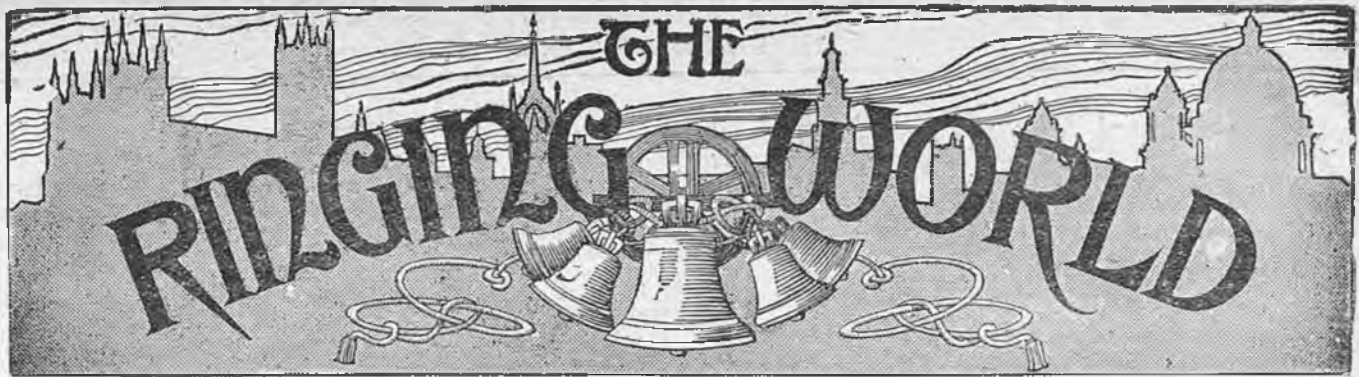


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,
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MODERN WORK.

THE "G.O.M." OF RINGING.

The ringers of Sheffield and district on Saturday honoured, in the person of Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, one who for many years has been looked upon as one of the pillars of the Exercise. Last month Mr. Hattersley reached the age of 70 years, and it was but natural that his intimate friends should desire fittingly to mark the auspicious occasion. It had been intended to celebrate the event with that characteristic English function, a dinner, but the development of events which threw this country into the war caused that part of the proceedings to be postponed. Preparations, however, had been already made to give Mr. Hattersley a tangible and permanent expression of the esteem in which he is held, and it was wisely decided to make the presentation. In the congratulations and good wishes which were thus conveyed the whole Exercise will join, for Mr. Hattersley has merited as few men have done the appreciation of ringers throughout the country.

Prowess in the belfry, where his participation in the Art would have been largely of personal satisfaction only, has not by any means been the sole object of Mr. Hattersley's ringing career. As a composer he has done much to provide for the entertainment of others, for his compositions have given pleasure to all those to whom the piecing together of the changes which go to make a true peal is something more than a mere table to be memorised by the conductor. For ingenuity in composition Mr. Hattersley has few equals, and some of his peals will live as long as change ringing lasts. His labours in composition undoubtedly place him in the forefront of his contemporaries.

But not for this alone was Mr. Hattersley honoured on Saturday. His personal characteristics—a genial disposition and kindly nature—have won him a warm place in the hearts of all who know him, and many men in all parts of England cherish the friendship of Charles Hattersley. Had it been possible to hold the commemorative dinner which was first suggested it would have provided, we are convinced, such a tribute as has seldom been paid to any living ringer, and we hope that the day is not far distant, when, under happier national conditions, the opportunity may occur of gathering to honour one who, for more than 50 years, has devoted himself to the progress of our Art. Mr. Hattersley has come of famous ringing stock, for his maternal grandfather was a celebrated ringer a century ago, and with those far-off days, Mr. Hattersley is one of the last links. That, although now somewhat weakened in health, he may long be spared to enjoy the bells he loves so well, and to delve, with intellect undiminished, further into the mysteries of compositions, is the wish, we are sure, of every ringer for one who may well be described as the "Grand Old Man" of the Exercise.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

EDWARD G. BOWYER ...	Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	5
BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	2	JESSE SCREEN ...	6
EDGAR MARLOW ...	3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	7
THOMAS E. GRIFFITHS ...	4	WILLIAM E. COOPER ...	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES, and
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Mr. T. E. Griffiths, who belongs to Sedgeley, was elected a member of the Stafford Society previous to starting for the peal, and E. G. Bowyer, who hails from Penn, was elected a member of the Dudley Guild. It was the latter's first attempt for a peal of Major. The peal was rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival, at the special request of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Arthur Price, M.A.), an honorary member of the above Society and Guild. The band represents eight towers belonging to the Archdeaconry.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM R. HENSHER ...	1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS ...	5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ...	7—8

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

F. W. Sawfoot's 100th peal, and W. R. Hensher's 100th peal for the Northants Association.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

ARTHUR HAGUE ...	1—2	WILLIAM J. TRYNG ...	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN ...	3—4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	7—8

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 9—10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting, on the occasion of a cycle run, was held at Bushbury last Saturday. The church lies in the country three miles from Wolverhampton Station, and has a peal of six bells. "For lovers of George Borrow's 'Romany Rye' the church," we read in Masfield's "Staffordshire," "has a peculiar interest, for it was here that Borrow and his gipsy friends, one Sunday came to service (chapter viii). The accuracy of Borrow's description is very striking; the beech trees in the churchyard, the small door in the chancel (this is now disused), and the very benches for the poor at the west end which were rejected by Mrs. Petulengro, are all to be seen today. Borrow's memory must have been marvellous, for 'Romany Rye' was not written till twenty-seven or twenty-eight years after 1825, the year in which the events took place, and it is unlikely that he ever visited the church again."

The members of the local band, who joined the society a month ago, were present, as well as ringers from Bilston, Bloxwich, Browwood, Rushall, Tipton, Walsall, Willenhall and Wolverhampton. Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Lawrence, the wife of the Vicar's warden, twelve of the visitors were able to obtain an excellent tea at her house, despite the fact that everything had to be prepared at half-an-hour's notice. During the meeting a hint was thrown out that a cycle run should be arranged for a Saturday in next month: the hon. secretaries are giving it their consideration.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On Sept. 24th, for the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: W. Cockle 1, G. Markwell (conductor) 2, J. Laurence 3, H. Cullen 4, A. Markwell 5, H. Markwell 6. Also 720 after the service by the same band.

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RINGERS AND THE WAR.

We have to acknowledge the following further sums sent through "The Ringing World" to the National Relief Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	24	9	0
St. Iltyd's, Bridgend, Ringers (per Mr. A. J. Stanley)	0	6	0
G. E. J.	0	10	0
Wraxall Parish Church Ringers (Messrs. S. Butcher, H. Frappel, J. Everett, J. Gould, V. Partridge, J. Winsor, H. Winsor and J. Youde (per Mr. J. Winsor)	0	5	6
Acton (St. Mary's) Guild (per Mr. R. H. Boddington)	0	10	6
J. and H. W. Newman, Kelvedon	0	12	6
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	0	5	0
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (per Mr. W. A. Cave)	2	2	0
Ranmoor, Sheffield, Ringers (per Mr. F. Ward)	0	10	0
Benfieldside Parish Church Ringers, Durham (per Mr. J. W. Forster)	0	6	0
St. James's Church Ringers, Norton, Derbyshire (per Mr. E. James)	1	15	0
Total	£31	11	6

Our second remittance of £10 has been acknowledged on behalf of the Prince of Wales.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

- G. E. L. Fursdon, Cambridge University Guild, London Rifle Brigade.
 Sergt. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, South Midland Royal Engineers (T.).
 Fred Davies, Chesterfield Parish Church Co., 11th Battalion Notts and Derby Regiment, now at Frensham Camp, Surrey.
 Sidney Bannister, of Milton-next-Gravesend, Royal Engineers (T.), at present at Gravesend.
 Pte Alfred Gould, of Wraxall, near Bristol, Worcestershire Regt. Sapper Fredk. Winsor, Royal Engineers.
 From Aldenham the following ringers have joined the colours:—
 J. C. Childs, 7th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
 A. T. Franklin, 7th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
 H. Mansfield, Army Service Corps.
 E. Scott, Royal Horse Artillery.
 The following members of the Shere Parish Church company, Surrey, have enlisted:—
 Maurice Bignold, H. Company, 3rd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, now at Weymouth.
 Richard Taylor, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Newhaven, Sussex.
 Philip Summers, 5th Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt. (T.).
 Eustace Ellis, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Newhaven.
 From the Norton, Derbyshire Company:—
 G. W. Rose, 1st Coldstream Guards, in France.
 A. Rose (his brother), and H. Smith, in the new Army.
 Tpr. E. R. Pope, of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, Royal West Kent Yeomanry, now at Sturey.
 Pto A. T. Rootes, Royal West Kent Regt., now at Sandwich.
 Sergt. W. Anderson, and
 Pte Leonard S. Murphy, of St. John's Parish Church band, Eltham, Kent, 20th County of London Battalion, now at New Town, Hatfield, Herts.
 Pte Frank E. Billows, of Skipton, member of Blackburn Parish Co., 10th Devons, now at Skerrington Camp, Codford St. Mary, Wilts.
 Charles Barnes, of Fulbeck, Grantham, 4th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment.
 E. Harry Stoneley, leader of St. Margaret's band, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire, Royal Garrison Artillery.
 Ralph A. Brown, of Eastwood (Rotherham) company, Durham Light Infantry.
 F. S. Clissold, and
 H. Gingell, of St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, Glos., 5th Reserve Batt Gloucester Regiment.
 From Easton Neston, Northants, three members have joined:—
 C. H. Clarke,
 C. S. Faulkner, and

G. W. Beesley, 7th Batt. Northamptonshire Regiment, now at Shoreham.

The following four members of St. Wulfram's, Grantham, band:—
 Pte Richard Peck, R.F.A., now in France.

Pte Lawrence E. Mears, the new Army, now at Belton Park, Grantham.

Pte Harry Daniels, Lincolnshire Territorials, now at Luton, and
 Pte George Green, Lines, Territorial Yeomanry, now at Oakley Park, Eye, Suffolk.

From St. Aidan's Parish Church, West Hartlepool, the following are serving with the Forces:—

Pte. John W. Mellor, A.O.C., at Red Barracks, Woolwich.

Pte Thos. Jolly, A.O.C., at Aldershot.

Pte. Jas. Thomas, A.O.C., at Gillingham.

The following members of St. Mary Abbot's Guild are serving with the Forces:—

E. G. Stibbons (Lance-Corporal), 2nd Batt. City of London Royal Fusiliers, now stationed at Malta.

F. J. Redknapp, 2nd Life Guards, now at Windsor (re-joined old regiment).

Also the following probationers:—

H. E. Garrard, 24th County of London (Queen's) Territorials, at Kennington.

J. A. Haryott, Royal Engineers (Territorials), at St. Albans.

F. Payne, 13th County of London (Territorials), at Abbot's Langley.

A. Phipps, 5th Dragoon Guards, at Aldershot.

A RUGBY "SEND-OFF."

On Monday, October 5th, at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Rugby, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung by the following band in 52 mins.: B. W. Haywood 1, J. B. Fenton 2, W. Tayler 3, J. A. Fenton 4, H. O. White 5, W. Malins (composer and conductor) 6, C. W. Wheeler 7, J. George 8. This was rung as a send-off to Gunner J. A. Fenton, of the 4th Warwickshire Howitzer Brigade, 5th Battery, who is, along with his brigade, shortly leaving for the front. After the ringing was over, the Rector (the Rev. Claude M. Blagden, M.A.) and his brother ringers wished Gunner Fenton "God-speed" and a safe return.

NORTON RINGER AT THE FRONT.

Pte G. W. Rose, of the 1st Coldstream Guards, who is now at the front, is a member of the Norton, Derbyshire, Parish Church company, who, despite the absence of three members on service, have still a full company of eight to keep the bells going for Sunday service. A letter from Pte Rose has been received this week by the secretary of the Norton band (Mr. E. James). He is, happily, in good health and spirits. Tobacco and a few other comforts are being sent off to him by his fellow ringers, to let him know he is not forgotten by his friends at home.

TERRITORIAL RINGER'S PEREGRINATIONS.

ACROSS ENGLAND WITH ENGINEERS.

The activities of some of our Territorial units is well illustrated in a letter which we have received from Mr. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, the hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who is a non-commissioned officer of the South Midland Royal Engineers. Mr. Cave's corps went into camp at Abergavenny on August 2nd, only to return to their "Peace" station the next day, in consequence of an order received by telegram at 4 a.m. At the time, he says, they did not understand being roused by bugle at 4.30 instead of 5.30, but the work of striking camp was soon under way, and they were entrained for home at 2 o'clock.

"Next day was spent hanging about at Head Quarters till about 4 p.m.," continues Mr. Cave, "when there came a call for clerks, and I concluded the order to 'mobilise' (which we were expecting all day) had at length arrived. This proved correct, and at eight o'clock we were being handed our notices to join at 8 a.m. next day.

"The next week was spent in preparation, and on the Wednesday following we left Bristol for Swindon, staying there till the Sunday, when we left for Leighton Buzzard. Here we expected to stay some time, but it was not to be, for orders came on Tuesday evening to move off next morning to march to Brentwood (Essex), the destination being subsequently altered to Chelmsford. We spent nights at the following places: Flamstead, South Mimms, Waltham Abbey and Ongar, arriving at Springfield on Sunday afternoon.

"I managed to get some ringing at Swindon (Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman), Leighton Buzzard (Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob), Chelmsford (Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Stedman Caters), Widford, which I visited on a stormy night (Grandsire Triples), and Springfield, where I was billeted opposite the church (Plain Bob, Treble Bob, my first course of Oxford Minor and a course of New London)."

Mr. Cave desires to convey his best thanks to all the ringers whom he met, especially those at Chelmsford and Springfield, whom he hopes to meet again later on. At present he is back in Bristol busily engaged in helping to train the 350 recruits who have joined his battalion. Mr. Cave, being an excellent shot, is chiefly employed in musketry instruction.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

"HODGE" REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Neither of my friends, Mr. James nor Mr. Dains, has apparently grasped the point of my argument with regard to Superlative Surprise Royal. I will deal with Mr. James's letter first.

His illustration of the eight men ringing Grandsire Triples is ingenious, but not very convincing. If he could have said that they were ringing six different methods, there might have been something in it. But, of course, he does not. The rules by which the inside men ring, which are not the method, but are rules for ringing it, are, as a matter of fact, identical, though expressed in different language. How do you do? and comment vous portez vous? ask a question by two different methods, but the question is the same. Even if the rules were different, the work done by them all is identical.

Poor "Hodge" has not confused (a) and (b) at all, he does not take (b) into account. The rules by which a method may be rung are not the method in any sense, but the work which is done certainly has a good deal to do with the method.

Mr. James has not given any answer to the question about that little word "must." "Hodge" has just as much right as Mr. James to put in a "must," and to say that the work of the Royal Method must, as far as possible, be the same as the work of the Major, and that the additional work must be of the same character, if the method is to be the same.

Mr. James has not attempted to answer the argument, which has not been brought forward before. He still confounds laws and rules. Additional laws have not grown out of the three "positive laws" quoted, but rules for forming methods satisfactory from all points of view have; and no one has any doubt that the rule of Bob Major lead ends is an excellent one. At the same time it is quite easy to form a method which has other lead ends, which conforms to the three fundamental laws, and which gives a true peal.

It is really a matter of convenience, and, especially, taste, and perhaps it would be better to use the word "tasty" instead of "legitimate." If Mr. James likes to change the initial "t" into an "n" for "illegitimate," he is quite welcome to the word. Taste, after all, is very much like prejudice. We are prejudiced in favour of keeping the heavy bells together, but it is quite conceivable that, some time, taste might alter, and it might be considered most suitable to have them spronged all over the place, as they are in the extension of Superlative, which results from the consideration of the work of the bells in the method. It is not very easy to understand the position of our friend Mr. Dains. Apparently he does not like Shipway's extension, nor does he like poor "Hodge's"; the reason for the latter objection being that two particular musical changes do not appear in a certain place, and, therefore, the extension is not "acceptable." From a musical point of view, no doubt it is not acceptable, but that has really nothing to do with it; except in so far as it goes to strengthen the objection to ringing real Superlative Royal. "Hodge" did not say that he finds no guidance in the "Glossary" for extending methods. That was not to be expected. Read the letter again, friend Dains. Two changes do not make a method, nor does even a half lead. The half lead only was given out of consideration for the composer, but anyone can write out the whole course from that half lead, and it will be seen to be quite free of falseness in composition.

"Hodge" is only a poor bucolic countryman, and of no account, but his opinion (prejudice if Mr. James likes) is that the extension of Superlative Surprise Major to Royal does not produce a "tasty" method. In order to achieve this desirable result, a multiple of four bells is needed for the reason given on October 2nd, and another prejudice is that in considering what a method is the whole course ought to (he won't say must) be taken into account.

"HODGE."

Dear Sir,—I note in your issue of the 9th inst. that the Rev. H. Law James, in inflicting his views in detriment of "The Glossary," tells us that Method means:—

(a) "The system by which changes are produced." What changes? Churchyard Bob or continuous? Which of these he does not mention. If readers will turn to "The Glossary," page 10, following the word Method, they will find a clear description of that term.

(b) "The rules by which these changes are rung." This statement is surely an oversight, for we all know by a study of any Method that we extract a rule by which we ring it, and for this purpose we turn to Snowden's Standard Methods, and not to "The Glossary."

His next essay is to deride the good old rule, by which our grandfather's learned to ring Grandsire, sub-dividing it into six or more parts, without showing how the hob is made. Fancy, what a chance he has lost in not giving the young ringer a new and better rule!

Turning to Stedman, he repeats that Triples, Caters and Cinques were made by Norwich men. This is another oversight, as what the old Norwich men did was to extend Stedman's Doubles to higher numbers upon odd bells, and it is held by a large majority of the Exercise that this extension is a proper one. I will here ask Mr. James to point out to us, how and in what form he would extend these Doubles. The present gives a very good opportunity.

Further on, he tells your readers that the rules and conditions he works upon were carried by a large majority at the Council meeting. This I do not deny. How many of the councillors are there who understand these rules and conditions?—Yours faithfully,

HY. DAINS.

NEW BELLS FOR WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

The peal of six bells at Weston-super-Mare Parish Church has been rehung and augmented to a peal of eight, the dedication having taken place on Thursday in last week. This splendid improvement in connection with the bells of the Parish Church has been rendered possible by the generosity of an anonymous donor, who, some months since, offered to provide two additional bells, and subsequently agreed to defray the cost of rehanging the whole peal in an iron and steel frame, it being found that the wooden cage then and for many years in use had become somewhat unstable. The estimate of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank was accepted, the total cost of the improvement being £245. The result is that the bells are not only now heard to much better advantage, but the strain on the tower is also reduced to a minimum. The new additions to the peal bear the inscriptions: "Te Dominum Confitemur," and "Te Deum Laudamus" respectively. On one of the old bells appears the curious inscription: "May the Church of England flourish and its enemies decrease." The clergy present at the dedicatory ceremony were: Ven. F. A. Brymer (Archdeacon of Wells), Rev. Prob. B. Norton Thompson, R.D. (Rector), Revs. W. H. Gregory, B.A., E. B. Williams, B.A. (curates at the Parish Church), H. M. Troen, B.Sc. (curate in charge of St. John's Mission Room), C. A. Le Geyt (hon. Priest-Vicar of Truro Cathedral), David Lloyd (Vicar of St. Paul's), S. J. Swainson (Vicar of Blackford and formerly on the Parish Church Staff), and J. W. Danford. The opening prayers were intoned by the Archdeacon, who then, attended by the Rector and churchwardens (Messrs. G. W. E. Round and Spencer Tyler), unveiled the memorial tablet.

A telling sermon, based upon II. Cor. ix. 16, was preached by Archdeacon Brymer, and at the conclusion of the service the bells rang out merrily. The dedication festival was continued on Sunday.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work with their characteristic thoroughness. The new bells are a splendid "splice," and the frame in which the peal is now hung is of cast-iron, with steel angle plates. The tenor is a bell of 15 cwt.

THE PEAL IN CANADA.

The article published in our last issue, recording the unveiling of the peal tablet at Vancouver, recalls the fact that the bells at the Catholic Church, where the peal was rung, are the product of Messrs. Llewellyns and James' Bristol Foundry. They were hung in 1907, under the supervision of Mr. A. C. Limpus, and it is interesting to read his comments made at the time. Writing to congratulate the founders upon the excellent job they had made upon the recasting and rehanging of the bells, he said: "The 'go' of them is perfect, and reflects great credit on your bell hanger. The splice of the five smaller bells to the three larger and foreign bells is also perfect, and the tone of the whole peal is remarkably sweet and mellow. The frame is much more substantial than I expected it would be, and there is absolutely no vibration from ringing whatever. It might interest you to hear that after the bells were hoisted in the tower with the separate parts of the frame, the whole was erected and in ringing order between the hours of one and five p.m. They were erected under my supervision, and went together without a hitch. After a thorough test, not only by myself, but by many good ringers from all parts of the United Kingdom, they are pronounced to be as good a peal for their size as any."

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held at North Wingfield on Saturday week, and was well attended, the towers represented being Alfreton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Eastwood (Rotherham), Ripley, Swanwick, Treeton, Worksop, and the local branch. Some good ringing was done in various methods, touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Duffell, Norfolk and Little Double Court Bob Major being successfully brought into rounds.

The Rector gave the ringers a hearty welcome to his tower, and, with his usual kindness, provided a substantial tea, which was served in the schoolroom. Owing to a prior engagement, however, the Rector was unable to be with them, much to the members' regret. After the tea, and the transaction of the usual business, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and providing tea, to the ladies who so willingly assisted at the tables, and to the local band.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The Management Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bristol on Saturday, May 8th, 1915.

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MR. CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION AT SHEFFIELD.

An event of widespread interest to ringers throughout the country took place at Sheffield on Saturday last, when an illuminated address was presented to Mr. C. H. Hattersley at the Cathedral House, in honour of his seventieth birthday, which was attained on September 12th last.

It was at first intended that the event should be celebrated in the way beloved by Englishmen, and particularly so by any community of brotherhood, i.e., in the form of a dinner and general rejoicing, but owing to the crisis in which the nation is at present suffering considerable anxiety, it was the wish of Mr. Hattersley, after consultation with those responsible for the inauguration, that all manifestations of festivity should be postponed sine die. However, as the address had been completed before the outbreak of hostilities, Mr. Hattersley was prevailed upon to accept the work of art in token of the regard and good feeling prevalent amongst the ringers in the city and district of Sheffield, and also of the profound admiration for the services so nobly rendered to the cause and welfare of the science and art of change ringing.



MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Consequently, the proceedings, although of a quiet nature, did not suffer by any want of appreciation on the part of his many friends and admirers, and upwards of sixty were present at the Cathedral House to do honour to the occasion.

The chair was taken by Mr. A. Hughes, principal of the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London, founders of the Cathedral bells, and amongst the company were the Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Ven. H. Gresford Jones), Mrs. Jones, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, and President of the Yorkshire Association; Mr. C. Glenn, hon. general secretary of the Yorkshire Association; Mr. J. A. Cockey, hon. secretary of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society; Mr. W. Davies, Liverpool; Mr. C. D. Potter, Barasley; Mr. D. Brounley, Bolsterstone; Mr. W. Biggin, Norton; Mr. A. Hague and Miss Hague, Rotherham; and others.

HONOURING A BROTHER.

A fitting opening was a simple course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells by Miss W. Hague, Messrs. A. Hague, C. Glenn, J. Thorpe,

and W. Allwood, after which the chairman sought to justify his position by explaining that his visit to Sheffield that day had brought forth a hearty appeal to take charge of the meeting, and he felt proud to be called upon to do so. He stated that in occupying that position, he was representing a large number of London ringers who were all admirers of what Mr. Hattersley had done for ringing in general, and he was voicing their expressions of good feeling when he offered Mr. Hattersley hearty congratulations on attaining his seventieth birthday (applause).

Letters of apologies were read from Messrs. W. Gifford, W. Whitaker, W. W. Worthington, G. Rolland, J. W. Taylor, and Sir Arthur Heywood, the last-named explaining he was compelled to be elsewhere to look after the affairs of his eight sons and sons-in-law, who were away doing duty in their country's cause.

The Chairman then called upon the Archdeacon to make the presentation.

In performing this task, the Archdeacon stated he recognised personally he was in the presence of a noble brotherhood, and warmly welcomed that remarkable assembly from the district. In speaking of the character of the man, he said he had the greatest pleasure in looking upon Mr. Hattersley as one of his many friends and workers in the church, who had kept the standard of ringing high, and promoted a just cause, by paying strict attention to all little details connected with the Art. It was those strict little things that made the great Associations, of which the ringers were so proud, and also drew prosperity to their cult. In making that presentation they were honouring a brother in service of their cause, and he was delighted to be associated with the tower and the ringers. In wishing Mr. Hattersley a long life in a noble cause, he was expressing a feeling of universal admiration to him as a ringer, and also a tribute of respect to a noble Art (applause).

ADVICE TO CONDUCTORS.

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Hattersley said he had the confidence in his colleagues in this matter, and he wished to emphasise his gratefulness for their happy thought in asking the Archdeacon to be present that evening, for his presence added dignity to the occasion. He considered there was great pleasure in giving pleasure, but in accepting the emblem offered him, he should regard that as the greatest pleasure of his life. He paid a great tribute to the clergy, some of whom were very clever ringers, and took keen interest in the advancement of the Art, and it was by their association with the Exercise that ringers were now looked upon as real church workers. With regard to the science, he would like to put it under five different headings, v.z.: Ringing, conducting, composing, proving, and the in and out of course, all of which could be mastered by close application and study, but the last-named was by far the most difficult to comprehend. Many ringers satisfied themselves with the ringing and conducting, but a conductor should always pay attention to the other elements to become thoroughly efficient, and help to raise the standard even higher than it had already attained. Without a knowledge of all the branches, a conductor merely evolved into what he termed a "Bob-caller." Speaking of the early days of prize-ringing, he thought this had been a means of creating good striking, and he was pleased to add this had been maintained up to the present day. He was thankful to Providence that he had been spared to assist in the advancement of the Art, and although the body was weaker, his mind was as active as ever, and he took just the same interest in ringing matters as of yore. He thanked them all for the most beautiful emblem which he should always prize as one of the greatest treasures of his life, and added that when the time came he would die happy in the reflection of the good feeling they had expressed to him that evening (applause).

Mr. J. T. Rew proposed, and Mr. Sam Thomas seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for coming to make the presentation. Both speakers stated that he was a man that everyone could appeal to, and since he had taken up his residence in Sheffield he had endeared himself to all with whom he had come in contact.

As the Archdeacon had previously been compelled to leave, Mrs. Jones thanked the company for their very kind remarks about her husband, and stated how sorry she was that he could not hear the delightful words from his ringers. They both took great interest in the work of the ringers, and it was just what they wanted, when they knew their friends would come to them. It was a delight and real pleasure when they knew they held the confidence of their fellow workers.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, who humorously remarked that apart from the pleasure Mr. Hughes would receive by attending the meeting, it would doubtless be a further pleasure to him in this time of trouble, to leave the city of darkness and enter the city of light.—Mr. J. A. Cockey ably seconded the vote.—In reply, Mr. Hughes again expressed his pleasure, and hoped that on the next occasion Mr. Hattersley took part in any ringing it would be in honour of the final victory of the Allies.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE ADDRESS.

The address, which had been procured by voluntary subscription from the ringers of the city and district of Sheffield, had been most

admirably executed by Mr. L. Berrisford, a local ringer, and was as follows:—

"To Charles Henry Hattersley, Esq.

"Dear Sir,

"Your many friends and admirers in the vicinity of Sheffield have great pleasure in asking your acceptance of this address as a present on the attainment of your seventieth birthday, to show our appreciation of your valuable labours and investigations in the science and art of change ringing.

"The science of composition has for over fifty years been your close study, and has resulted in your giving to the Exercise a considerable number of high-class peals.

"We are also pleased to place on record the great courtesy with which you have encouraged young aspirants, either as ringers, conductors, or composers.

"Moreover, by your geniality, kindness, and honesty of purpose, you have endeared yourself to all with whom you have been associated.

"We, therefore, on behalf of the subscribers, and your many friends, present you with this token of our regard, and trust that by the grace of God, you may be spared many more years of useful and happy life."

Yours sincerely,

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Sam. Thomas.

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A LONG RINGING CAREER.

Mr. Hattersley's connection with ringing dates from a very early period. He well remembers being carried by his grandfather up the steps of the Sheffield Parish Church, when only four years of age, and he has been a constant visitor ever since. His earliest recollection of actual ringing was the pulling of the evening prayer bell when quite a "nipper," and although he gave promise of exceptional ability at that time, he was considered too young to be enrolled a member of the Parish Church Company, but at the same time he is proud of the fact that he was old enough to be one of their own colleagues, and always took part in their prize-ringing contests of that period.

Eventually being taken into the company in 1862, he soon took a prominent part in the conducting, and called his first peal when only 19 years of age, which was considered a clever performance at that time of day. Continuing his activities he took up the work of composing, and we now have an endless number of peals in all methods bearing his name, many of which are of an unique character, and are among the "classics" of composition.

The number of peals rung half a century ago was not nearly so great as at the present time, but about 200 stand to Mr. Hattersley's credit, the majority being composed by himself, and conducted from a working bell. Some of these peals are of historical note, but Mr. Hattersley considers the 120 course-ends peal of Stedman Caters rung at Cheltenham in eight hours and 29 minutes, and which stood as a record for many years, was one of the best performances he ever participated in, and still ranks this as unbeatable for correct striking. There was never a serious mistake, and he relates that for a period of five hours not a single word was spoken in the way of correction.

His travels have taken him great distances, and amongst his many acquaintances, he values the friendship of the late Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, as one of the main features of his career. He has also been connected with the Yorkshire Association since 1879, and still holds the office of vice-president for the Southern Division. He is now the only living link between the present and past generation of Sheffield ringers, the records of the Parish Church showing he rang a peal with the late Robert Daft, whose records date back to 1811. His grandfather was the late William Booth, a ringer of some note, who took part in the first and last peals on the ten bells of the Sheffield Parish Church, and whose compositions of Treble Bob may now be seen in the last pages of Shipway. Mr. Hattersley's kindly heart, and genial nature at once made him friends with all with whom he came into contact, and his fund of anecdotes relating to ringers and ringing is inexhaustible. It would require a special edition of the "Ringing World" to give but a portion of those it has been the writer's privilege to listen to. S. F. P.

SITTINGBOURNE.—Kent County Association.—On Sept. 29th, being the Patronal Festival at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. — R. 1 Bottle 1, F. 2 W. 3, H. E. Simpson 4, E. J. Excell 5, F. S. Macey (conductor) 6, E. J. Dobbie 7, S. Bottle 8.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

At a special meeting of the members of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Coventry on Saturday, a presentation was made to the Rev. C. Carew Cox, who for the past three years or so has been the hon. secretary of the Guild, in recognition of his ungrudging labours and the esteem in which he is held by the members. Mr. Cox is leaving Shottery, where he has been for some time, for a new incumbency and this is taking him away from the area of the Guild.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I crave the favour of a little space in your columns to express my warm thanks to the members of the Warwickshire Guild for their very handsome gift to me on my departure from the county. I should like to have had the opportunity of thanking all who subscribed to it in person, but must ask those whom I did not see last Saturday to accept this my heartfelt appreciation of their kindness. The standard lamp is a welcome addition to my household effects, and it will always be inestimably precious to me as the reminder of many happy years spent in close touch with the ringers and ringing affairs of Warwickshire. I would prefer all to think that I am saying "au revoir" rather than "good-bye," and can assure them that my interest in the Guild and my prayers for its welfare and progress will not diminish, whatever my surroundings. Thanking you for this courtesy, yours faithfully,

Oct. 12th, 1914.

C. CAREW COX.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

We extract the following from an article on "Sunday Riding," which appeared in the "Motor Cycle" the other day:—

"A biggish motor cycling meet is, surely, something of a public nuisance at the best of times and under the most careful management. It always implies a good deal of noise and bustle, often much dust-raising, sometimes a fair amount of rowdiness. In these respects it is like bell ringing, or a Labour procession with a band and open-air speaking. It should be reserved for times at which the mild inevitable nuisance is not a gross breach of manners. It would be ungentlemanly to a degree for a team of bell ringers to 'go for a peal' when a person in the vicinity was dangerously ill: or for anybody to hold an open-air political meeting outside a house where a funeral was in prospect."

According to the writer, therefore, we are "a public nuisance" at the best of times. Well, there are others, and motor cyclists are not altogether "out of the running" in this respect, even when we meet them singly on the roads. It is really nice to think that we are given credit for knowing how to behave in a gentlemanly manner. We wish we could say the same thing of all those lords of creation (some of them have been called by another name) who use mechanically propelled vehicles on the road.

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By HENRY DAINS.

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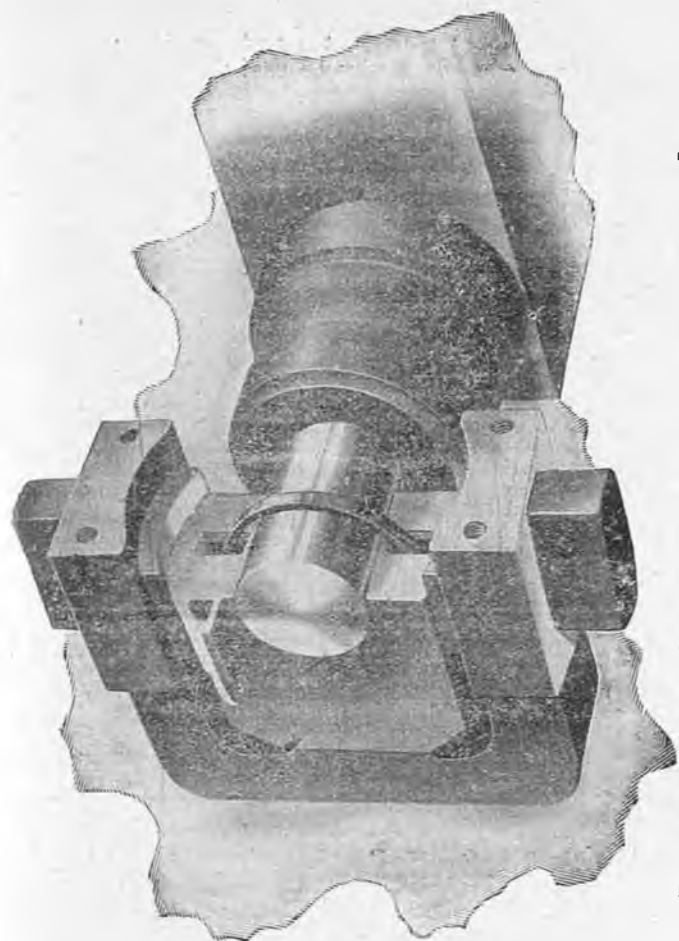
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By J. A. TROLLOPE.

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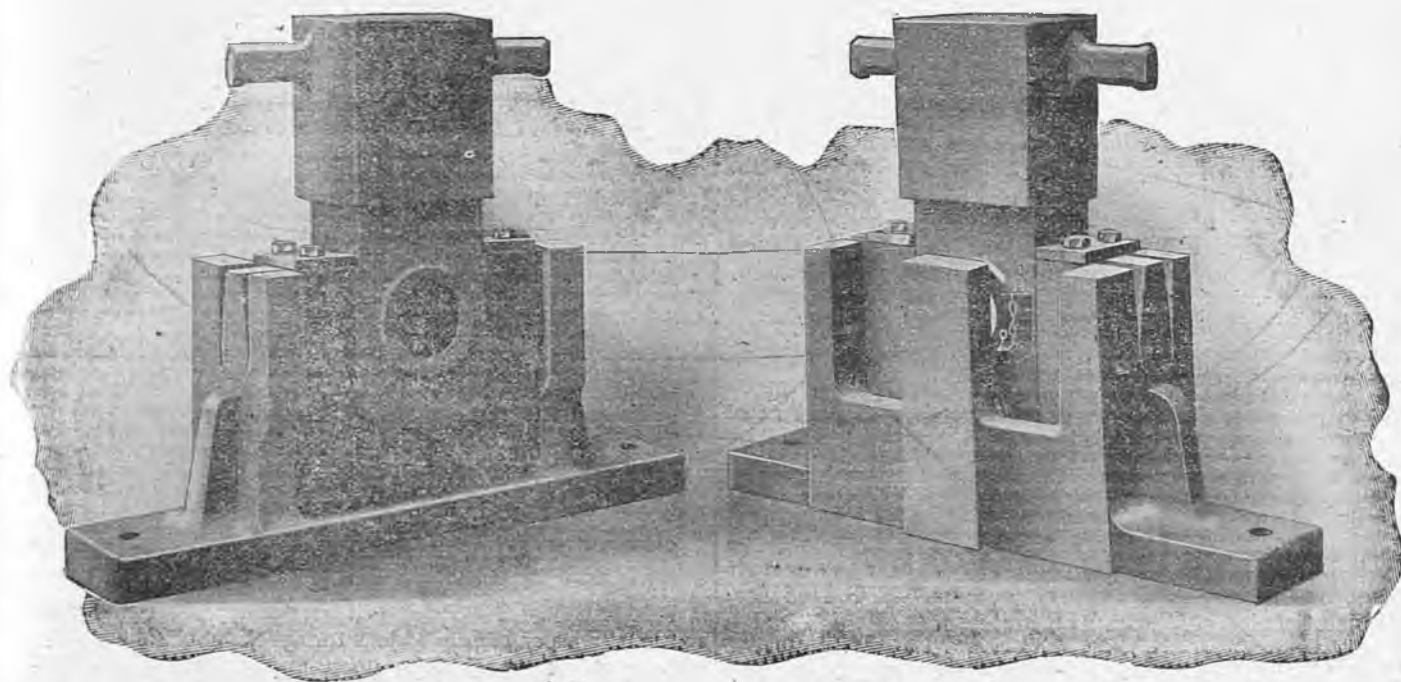
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Denholme on Saturday, October 17th, 1914. Ballot for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the schoolroom.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elmley Castle on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Tea and business meeting to follow. A good meeting is desired, as branch officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available for service, and the question of further ringing will be decided at the meeting.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 1914, at St. Mary's, Islington. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome.—L. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, N.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ardleigh on October 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, with address, 4.30. Tea at the Lion 5.15, 6d. each, to all giving notice not later than October 20th.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Kingswood Hall, provided by the Rector, for those who send their names to me, not later than Tuesday, October 20th. Business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, October 24th. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Countess Beauchamp, in the Recreation Room, Madresfield Court, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. As this is the meeting for election of officers, it is hoped a good number will attend. The bells will be available for ringing. All who attend *must* send their names to me, by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at

Spaxton on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, tea and meeting to follow. Nether Stowey bells will also be available from 6 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Holbeck, on Saturday, 24th October, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in Parochial Room at 7.30 p.m.—William Barton, Honorary Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 31st. Service at 5 o'clock, tea and business meeting to follow at the Parish Room. All intending to be present at tea (6d. each) please let me know by the Wednesday previous. A good meeting is desired, as district officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available afternoon and evening.—William Watts, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, October 31st, 1914. Service in Cathedral at 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Cathedral Vestry at 3 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 2s. Annual meeting immediately after tea. Social, with handbells, at 7 p.m. The committee have decided, in view of the national crisis, there shall be no ringing. All who intend being present please communicate not later than October 27th with R. Stephenson, Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, October 31st, 1914. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Will members kindly note that as I have joined the Sheffield City Battalion, I should be glad if they would for the present communicate with the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. Hollis, 37, Reservoir Terrace, Chesterfield.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—The general committee have decided that it is not desirable to hold the annual concert under the present National circumstances.—T. H. Taffender, Master, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

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 Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

RINGERS and visitors to Matlock will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. H. Paulson's, Beech House, Church Street (private house).

WHITCHURCH RINGERS' TRIP.

Taking advantage of the last of the season's Sunday afternoon trains to Porthcawl, several members of the band of St. Mary's, Whitchurch, paid a visit to Newton Nottage, accompanied by Mr. Sharp, of the Porthcawl company. A peal board had been unveiled after the morning service by the Rev. Holms Morgan (Rector of Newton) recording a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung by the local band, and conducted by Mr. Tom Wood, now a member of the Whitchurch band. Time would not allow the visitors to attempt a peal before service, and a quarter-peal of Doubles was therefore rung in three methods—four 120's of Canterbury, four of Plain Bob, and two and a half of Grandsire, the ringers being: F. J. Bailey, junr., 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, T. Wood 4, F. J. Bailey, sen., 5, T. Middleton 6. The Rector congratulated the band on the striking, and hoped the party would visit the church again. Several 120's were rung for evening service, members of the local band taking part, and afterwards accompanying the visitors back to Porthcawl. A most pleasant afternoon was spent by all.

NORTHANTS RINGERS' CENTURIES.

The handbell peal at Kettering, which we record in this issue, was a century "double." Mr. W. R. Hensher reached his 100 peals for the Central Northants Association, and Mr. F. W. Sawfoot reached an individual aggregate of three figures. The latter's century is made up as follows: On tower bells: Doubles in one method, 2; in four methods, 2; Minor in one method, 5; in three methods, 1; in four methods, 1; in seven methods, 17; in eight methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Stedman Triples, 11; Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Major, 11; Superlative Surprise Major, 11; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 1. On handbells: Minor in one method, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Caters, 2; Bob Major, 13; Bob Royal, 2; Little Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4. Total: On tower bells, 72; on handbells, 28—100.

TO THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Chatham, on Sunday evening, Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but owing to the treble rope breaking was unfortunately lost. The following ringers took part: Capt. Jerram, R.M.L.I. (H.M.S. "Euryalus") 1. Private G. Whiffen, R.M.L.I., 2. P. Burgess 3, H. Hogarth 4, S. Shellock 5, C. Norris 6. F. Belsey 7, G. Lawrence 8. The bells were half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives by the sinking of the H.M.S. ships 'Aboukir,' 'Orcesy' and 'Hogue,' many of whom belonged to Chatham.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STANSTED. — Essex Association. — On Sept. 30th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, T. J. Watts 3, J. Luckey 4, A. Jordan 5, T. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8; and on Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 210 Grandsire Triples.

BRISTOL. — At St. James' Church, on Sept. 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with bells half-muffled, was rung as a token of respect to the late Sir Herbert Ashman, Bart., of Bristol: H. Porch (conductor) 1, C. J. Walton 2, A. W. Seviour 3, E. G. Seviour 4, A. Pearce 5, W. H. Short 6, H. J. Way 7, F. Jewell 8.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS. — On Sept. 25th, to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Atkins) and Mrs. Atkins, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: R. T. Buswell 1, W. C. Lewis 2, F. Talbutt 3, W. T. Wilson 4, J. Farley 5, G. A. Blaxley (conductor) 6.

HORBURY, YORKS. — On Sunday, Sept. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 1408 Stedman Triples: H. Pickles 1, G. F. Pickles 2, W. H. Mitchell 3, J. Smith 4, G. Barslow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, R. Thickett 7, J. Woffindou 8.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE. — On Sept. 24th, after harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by John Carter: D. Jinks (longest length) 1, W. R. Small 2, T. W. Cattell 3, G. Hughes 4, H. S. Smith 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, T. Hughes 7, G. Williams 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — At the Parish Church, for harvest thanksgiving service, on Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Jones 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Corrigan 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, W. Davies 7, G. Ellis 8.

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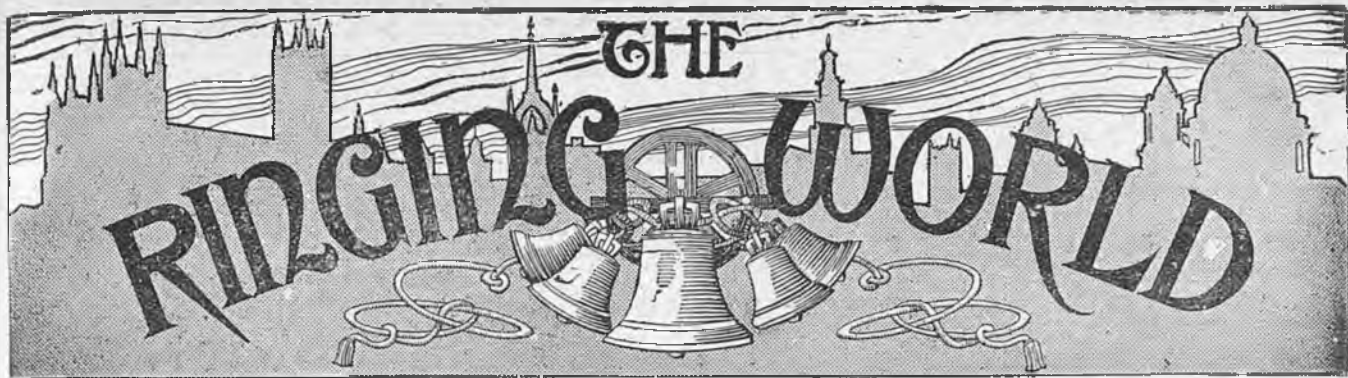


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Gentlemen,

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. BEOK,

Architect. Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

A TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD.

Since the outbreak of the war we have more than once emphasised the desirability of ringers abstaining from peal ringing, except for special reasons, while the present calamitous state of affairs exists. Ringers are in an especially privileged position to interpret national feeling, and magnificently they have acted in this crisis. By sinking all personal desires they have allowed the bells throughout the country to hang silently in the towers, except for the purpose of calling people to worship, or, in some cases, for the ordinary weekly practice. The nation has borne the first rude shock of war with characteristic British fortitude and absence of blatant jingoistic display, and has buckled on its armour with quiet and grim determination. The bells under such conditions would have been impossible.

But there comes a proposal that the bells should be rung now for a national purpose. Miss Chillingworth, in a letter which appears in another column, suggests that one day should be set aside for muffled peals in honour of those who have fallen in battle, viz., All Saints' Day, which falls on Sunday, November 1st, or, if more convenient, the eve of that day, which is one of the Fasts of the Church. The war is likely to be of long duration, and, while we hope to see at the close of the struggle a day of universal muffled ringing for the heroes who have fallen, the Saints' Day which occurs next Sunday week affords a fitting opportunity for us to pay a tribute to those who have given their lives in the defence of right and liberty against a ruthless foe.

Wherever it is possible, we hope the suggestion will be heartily taken up, as the day proposed forms a very suitable occasion. It is not, of course, necessary that the ringing should consist of peals only; the tribute to the dead will be equally effective if it consists of touches, and, should Saturday ringing be out of the question, the bells might well be rung muffled for the services on Sunday. We hope, however, that steps will be taken to let it be known, in every parish where this muffled ringing takes place, for what purpose the bells are being thus rung. This is a matter where the assistance of the clergy should be invoked, for they would have a fitting opportunity of making the announcement from the pulpit. We commend the suggestion which Miss Chillingworth makes to all ringers. We hope that, as far as possible, the muffled ringing may be universal and that the public may be made aware of the fact that the tribute which is being paid is to those who have died the death of heroes on both land and sea. We shall be glad to hear from all those towers where the proposal is adopted.

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HANDBELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, October 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At THE BRIGHTON RESTAURANT, THOMAS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 1-2	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. 7-8
JOHN A. BURFORD ... 3-4	HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 9-10
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 5-6	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 11-12

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

First peal of Cinques in hand in Bristol, by all the band, and by the Association. First peal of Grandsire Cinques as conductor. F. G. Leaker, with this peal, has rung the trebles to the first peals of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques on handbells ever rung in Bristol.

LONDON.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, October 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF 3TEDMAN CINQUES, 5006 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 7-8
WILLIAM PYE ... 3-4	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 9-10
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: J. BARRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Prewett.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 1-2	*WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3-4	DAVID J. NICHOLS... .. 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal on an inside pair of bells. The conductor has now called a peal in this method from each pair of bells.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**

On Sunday, October 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

GEORGE E. HARBOUR ... 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3-4	WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3-4	*CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY... .. 9-10	

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: JAMES G. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Royal and first attempt.

A FAREWELL AT TAUNTON.

Three members of St. James's Guild, Taunton, are in the ranks of the 5th Batt. Somerset Light Infantry, and are under orders for India. They are Sergt. W. Gillard, Pte W. S. Doble and Pte. H. Bosley. As a farewell to Pte. Doble, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. James's Church, by: H. J. Poole 1. T. Doble 2. J. Matthews 3. W. S. Doble 4. F. Millard 5. G. Gendall 6. J. Maddock (conductor) 7. W. Tarr 8.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.**THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.**

We have forwarded to the National Relief Fund a further remittance of £10, which has been subscribed through this journal, making a total amount to date of £30.

The following further sums have been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	31	11	6
Ringers of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge (Messrs. F. Brown, F. Dench, W. Eusden, G. Taylor, J. Taylor, P. Taylor and A. Wilkerson) (per Mr. A. Wilkerson)	0	7	0
Ringers of All Saints', Arksey, Doncaster (per Mr. F. Clarke)	0	5	0
Mr. F. G. Griffin, Royston, Herts	0	2	6
Ringers of Oakley, Hants (per the Rev. F. G. Hume)	0	5	0
Ringers of Seal Chart, Kent (per Mr. H. H. Harding)	0	8	0
Ringers of Wimborne Minster (per Mr. H. Burling)	0	16	0
Halifax and District Association (per Mr. J. S. Ambler, hon. treas.)	2	2	0
Mr. J. Slarke, Towcester	0	2	6
Total	£35	19	6

The amount received from All Saints', Arksey, has been made up by each member of the band paying one penny per week, and they hope to continue this contribution during the war.

MUFFLED PEALS**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest, through the medium of "The Ringing World," that one day should be set aside for muffled peals in honour of those who have fallen in battle?

All Saints' Day, which is on Sunday, November 1st, has been suggested to me as a very suitable occasion. Perhaps Saturday would be a more convenient day for general ringing—the eve of All Saints' Day.—Yours truly,

M. E. CHILLINGWORTH.

Bradfield, Reading.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Capt. A. O. Major, of St. Mary's, Taunton, Wessex Brigade, 5th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry, volunteered for service abroad, and sailed with his regiment on Oct 3rd from Southampton for Jhansi, India.

Driver Harry West, of St. Mary's, Taunton, Res. Wessex A.S.C., now at Bulford Camp.

Pte H. Halford, of Cheltenham, 5th Gloucestershire Regiment (T.), now at Chelmsford.

Arthur Davey, of Tring, Bedfordshire Regiment, at present at Aldershot.

L. Richardson, of St. Mary's, Putney, County of London Territorials, at St. Albans.

Edward Emery, of Stebbing, Essex Regiment (T.), stationed at Chelmsford.

Sidney J. Jessop, of Birmingham, Birmingham City Battalion of the new Army.

Edward Goodsell, of St. Mary's, Pulborough, 7th Royal Sussex Regiment, now at Shorncliffe.

Second Lieut. Murray, of Liscard, Cheshire, with the 11th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, at Codford, Wiltshire.

Corpl. T. R. Storer, of Bebington, Cheshire, with Port Sunlight contingent at Salisbury Plain.

Pte J. Wilkinson, of St. Mary's, Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, with Lord Derby's "Pals" Battalion, at Hooton Park, Cheshire.

Sergt. A. Gilbert, of Royston, 1st Herts Territorials, at Hertford.

From the Edenham band, Lincs, the following have joined the new

Army, and are now at Halton Park Camp, Wendover, Bucks:—

F. Smith.
C. Cooper.
E. Green.
A. Armstrong, and
W. Lynn.

Members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society:—

H. E. Whitbread, 1st City of London Royal Fusiliers (T.).
H. Hollick, Engineer Units, Royal Marine Division, and
V. A. Hull, 4th Beds.

Members of the Hawley, Hants, Society, with the 4th Hants Territorials, now at Bulford Camp:

Lieut.-Colpl. F. Millar
Lieut.-Colpl. H. Feasey.
Pte J. Millar.
Pte J. Sandcraft.
Pte. T. Harris.

RINGER AMONG THE MISSING.

Pte F. C. Johnson, of Wrentham, Suffolk, who was at the front with the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards, is, we regret to say, among those reported missing. We sincerely trust that he may still be among the unwounded, even though he may be a prisoner in the hands of the enemy.

RAPID PROMOTION.

Mr. Thomas Murray, a member of the St. Mary's, Liscard, band, Cheshire, who was on the teaching staff at Wallasey Grammar School, has had rapid promotion in the Cheshire Regiment. He joined the 11th Cheshires on Sept. 11th as a private, and within a week passed through the various ranks to Quarter-Master Sergeant. On the 7th day he was again promoted to be Second Lieutenant.

CESSATION OF EVENING RINGING.

In view of the precautions which are being taken in London to minimise the risk of attack by German air-craft, it is not surprising to learn that the College Youths have decided to suspend their practices at the various London towers. A notice to this effect will be found in another column. The enemy have on the continent shown particular partiality for the destruction of cathedrals and churches, and it is unquestionably a wise step to eliminate as much as possible their opportunity of damaging our own historic buildings. The sound of bells would doubtless be an excellent guide to them.

It should be noted, however, that meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse, will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on alternate Tuesdays, commencing on Tuesday next.

LEICESTER RINGERS AT NOTTINGHAM.

"The weather was more like an August day than the second Saturday in October," writes F. H. D., in describing the visit of St. Martin's Society, Leicester, to Nottingham. "and the trip was as congenial as the weather. Arriving in Nottingham, our conductor, Mr. Albert Coppock, met us, and we immediately boarded the train for the village of Beeston, now a noted spot in local ringing circles, and an hour's ringing on this splendid ring of eight was greatly enjoyed, the methods including Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and London. Returning to Nottingham, tea was provided at a comfortable little establishment, under the shadow of the tower of St. Mary's Church, where, after tea, a couple of hours' of ten-bell ringing occupied the hands of the party, now reinforced by local men, and Mr. A. Ward, of Derby. The ringing room at St. Mary's resembles just now a builder's yard, owing to alterations to the heating apparatus in the church, and it is to be sincerely hoped the authorities will take this opportunity to thoroughly clean it. Afterwards, a smoking concert was arranged at the Denman Hotel, the artistes being the Welbeck quartette, of which Mr. Coppock is a member. The beautiful singing of this quartette was a bit of a revelation, and we did not hesitate to say so. Plenty of handbells afforded another means of enjoyment, and, with two of the silent peal of Cinques band to assist, the quality of the ringing was first class.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Coppock for arranging the trip, everything working with clockwork accuracy."

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern district of the London County Association was held last Saturday at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Islington. Touches in standard methods, ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich and Treble Bob, were rung.—A short business meeting was held in a cosy little room at the King's Head. Afterwards some excellent touches of Stedman were rung on the Association's handbells, and several tunes, etc., by the experts, on a set kindly brought by Mr. J. Rayner.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 27th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins.: W. H. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. Cook 4, H. Crook 5, E. Cassell 6, F. Skevington 7, C. Hunt (conductor) 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS ON SERVICE.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Elmley Castle on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Evesham, Bengeworth, Hampton, Bretforton, Fladbury, Little Comberton, Eckington, Hinton, and Toddington. There were also present Mr. R. G. Knowles (secretary of the Western branch), and Mr. E. Gibbs, of Hanley Swan. At the service, the Rev. J. H. F. Peile (Archdeacon of Warwick) read the lesson, and the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. S. Fowler) gave an excellent address from the words: "May their service in the belfry ever be a means of drawing them nearer to one another and to Thee."

Tea was provided by the Vicar in the Village Hall, and at the business meeting which followed, the Archdeacon presided. It was decided to cancel the quarterly peal, and also the united practice meeting. Toddington was selected as the place at which to hold the next quarterly meeting.

The branch officers were re-elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mr. H. Middleton, Ringing Master; Mr. J. Hemming, secretary; and Mr. F. Jordan on the Central Committee.

As there are some members from this branch serving their King and country, the following resolution was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously:—

"The members of this Association now in meeting assembled, extend their heartiest congratulations and appreciation to their brother members, who are now serving their King and country, and while wishing them a safe and victorious return desire to place on record the following members' names":—

Lieut. R. M. Eyres Monsell, R.N.M.P., serving on the "Royal George."

Frank Moss, Evesham, Birmingham City Battalion.

Thomas Middleton, Evesham, Kitchener's Army.

Harry Grove, Hampton, Kitchener's Army.

Albert Colley, Childswickham, Kitchener's Army.

Henry Hall, Toddington, Kitchener's Army.

Victor Taylor, Fladbury, Kitchener's Army.

Frank Irish, Fladbury, Kitchener's Army.

Joseph Guise, Cropthorne, Kitchener's Army.

William Ireland, Cropthorne, Kitchener's Army.

William Taylor, Cropthorne, Kitchener's Army.

William Read, Cropthorne, 11th Hussars.

Robert Aston, Church Lench, Warwickshire Yeomanry.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Archdeacon for presiding, to the Vicar for his address and for providing tea, to Miss Stead for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies for attending to the visitors' wants.—The Archdeacon and the Vicar having replied, the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. The bells were available for service, but at the Vicar's request no further ringing took place.

A collection was taken at the service for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, and realised 13s., which will be forwarded through the Editor of "The Ringing World."

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

On Saturday week the members of the Manchester branch met at Radcliffe and held a most successful meeting. The local band extended a hearty welcome to the ringers as they arrived, and a few courses of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob were rung. Afterwards the members and friends adjourned to the Schoolroom, where tea had been provided by the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. R. Lavers-Kemp) and his band of ringers, who were assisted at the tables by a number of ladies.—The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector, among those present being the Rev. Walter Greenhalgh.—The Rector gave a very hearty welcome to the ringers to the ancient parish church of Radcliffe, and said that he hoped before long to have the bells overhauled and placed in a modern bell frame. He urged upon those present their duty of attending God's house after ringing, remarking that he was proud that his own band were regular and earnest communicants.

A course on the handbells recently purchased from the famous Loughborough foundry was given by Messrs. A. Barnes, H. Chapman, J. Ridyard and James Barrott, much to the pleasure and delight of the company present.

Eccles was chosen as the next meeting-place, and the Rector intimated his desire to become an honorary member.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the local ringers, and the ladies, on the motion of Mr. J. Barrett, seconded by Mr. J. Ridyard, and ably supported by Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, the branch secretary, who remarked that among the many arrangements he had made for meetings none gave him greater pleasure than to receive the kind-hearted welcome of the ringers of Radcliffe.—The Rector replied on behalf of all those included in the vote.

After the business meeting short touches were rung on the tower bells for the Intercession service, the ringers taking part in the devout service. After the service ringing was indulged in by the visitors in various methods.

THE EXTENSION OF SUPERLATIVE. "THE REV. H. LAW JAMES IN DIFFICULTIES."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If your readers are not tired of the extension of Superlative, I would ask them to examine the figures which you printed on the request of Mr. James before the last meeting of the Central Council, and consider them in the light of his letter which appeared in your issue of May 8th. When the treble is dodging, the places he gives are quite simple and consistent. But when the treble crosses scction from one dodging place to another, he gets into difficulties. It is unnecessary to look farther than the passing of the treble from 1-2 to 3-4. In Major he tells us quite rightly that the place is—

(a) 4th's from the lead, or

(b) 5th's from the back.

In Royal he decides that the place is (b). But he does not use (b) in Maximus; he calls it (a) instead. If the place is (b) in Royal, it must be (b) also in Maximus, or his argument falls to the ground.

He is again in difficulties when the treble passes from 3-4 to 5-6, which partly arise from his not being quite clear as to the corresponding positions in Royal and Maximus. His misunderstanding is shown when he says: "In Major 5-6 is simply double of 3-4, but in Royal it is the centre," which is quite true, but he goes on "and equal to 3-4 in Major in relation to the back, and 5-6 in Major in relation to the front." I do not want to be rude, or I should say I flatly contradict him. In Major 1-2 is the double of 7-8, and 3-4 is the double of 5-6; in Royal 1-2 is the double of 9-10 and 3-4 is the double of 7-8; in Maximus the double of 1-2 becomes 11-12, and 3-4 is the double of 9-10. In Royal 5-6 is an extra position which does not exist in Major, and which has to double itself, but in Maximus it is doubled by 7-8.

A double method must be extended by pushing out the front and back from the centre, and the extra positions must be inserted in the centre. In Superlative, if there are one or more pairs of these extra positions, they can be inserted as I have shown on the same lines as in Major, and the method will meet the requirements demanded by Mr. James; but if there is an odd extra position, it has to balance itself, with the consequence that the coursing order is disarranged, and the bells will not run up the wrong way behind, nor run round if the place is omitted with the treble in front.

The extension which I submitted is exactly on the plan of Major, and the extra places are always third from the front or back. It gives a "legitimate" method for all numbers of bells which are a multiple of four—8, 12, 16, 20, etc., while for numbers which are not multiples of four—10, 14, 18, etc., the plan is the same and the method runs true, but it is not "legitimate," and the tenors are widely parted. If any band wants to ring Superlative Royal, I should advise them to be content with the Shipway Variation, but it is no more like Superlative Major than a hawk is like a hand-saw, as they will find out when they start to ring it. I hope, when the hundreds of peals are rung to celebrate the downfall of German Militarism, one of them will be a peal of Superlative Surprise Royal (in the Shipway Variation) at Surfleet.

HODGE.

HERE AND THERE.

LUNDY ISLAND PEAL RECALLED.

Only one peal has ever been rung on Lundy Island. This was in 1905, and those who took part will never forget their experience—and especially that part of it which involved getting to the island, for the sea was not too kind. Those who made the trip may be interested to know that on Friday week the boat by which they journeyed to Lundy, the "Eirene" was in collision, and sunk in the Bristol Channel. Happily, the crew were saved by the colliding vessel, the "Nancy."

THE GRANDSIRE CINQUES AT BRISTOL.

In Grandsire, on handbells, Bristol ringers have now "boxed the compass." Triples, Caters and Cinques are now on record in the "City of Bells," the completion of the peal on twelve "in hand" having been accomplished last week. Although not exactly at the first attempt, the peal was rung on the first occasion of meeting. A mistake was made after 20 minutes' ringing, and the conductor decided upon another start. We hear that a splendid peal was the result. Doubtless Stedman will follow at the first opportunity.

ORIGIN OF "BELFRY."

A writer in a London daily paper informs his readers as to the origin of the word "belfry." He says: "The derivation of the word 'belfry' is full of painful irony in these days, after the disquieting news that has come from Arras and other places (we shall be much happier when the Germans are well away from Bruges). For 'belfry' has no etymological connection with 'bell,' as one would naturally suppose. It is the old French 'berfray,' from the Middle High German 'bervrit,' and means a place of safety" ("bergen," to conceal, and "vride," peace, protection). The word signified originally a kind of tower; and the association with bells, so convenient in English, came later.

CHANGE OF DATE.

The meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association at Oswaldtwistle has been postponed to November 7th.

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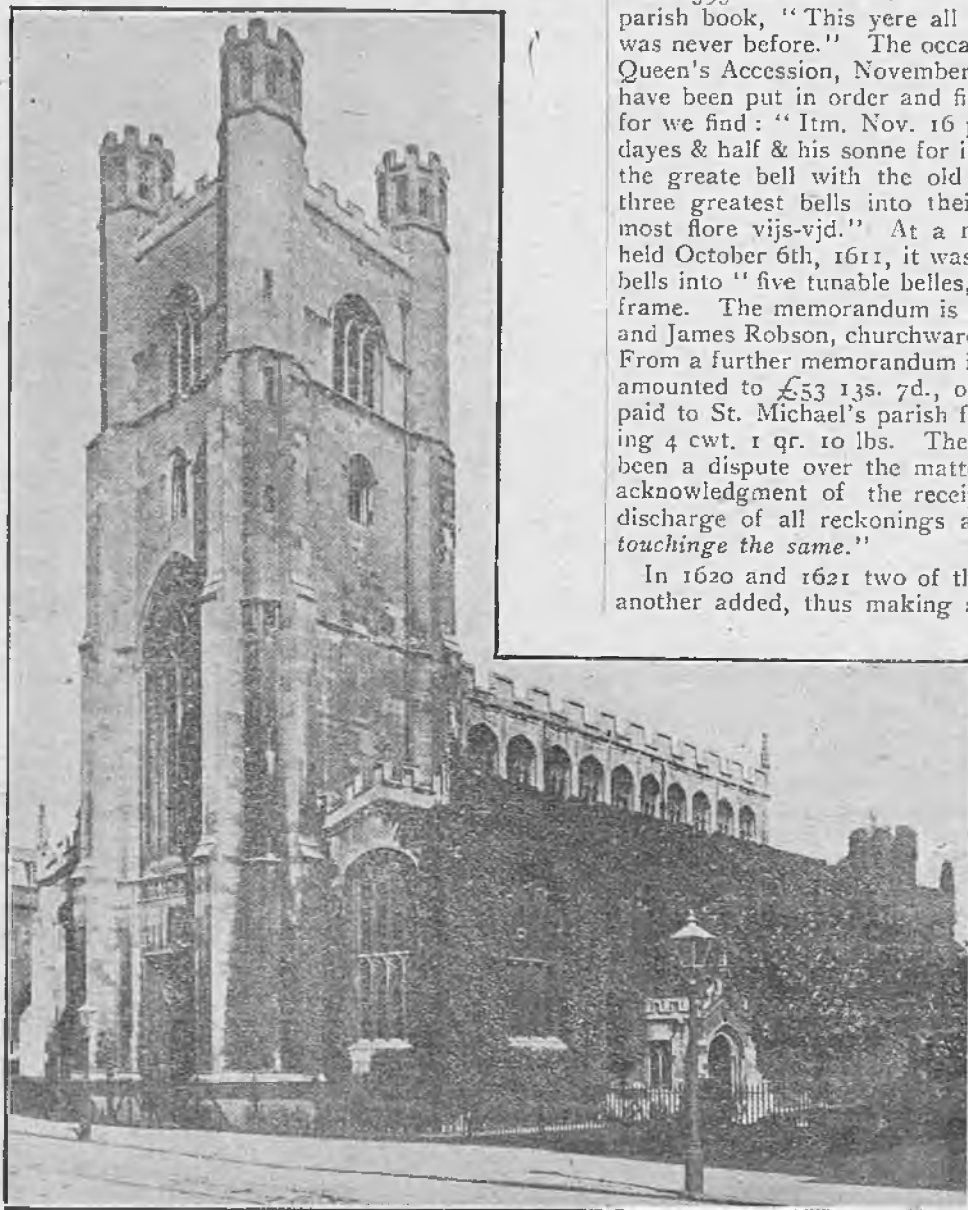
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ST. MARY-THE-GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The following history of the bells of St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, has been gathered chiefly from the late Canon Raven's *Church Bells of Cambridgeshire*, wherein he quotes largely from the M.S.S. of Bowtell and Dr. Mason.



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.

was reputed to weigh 57 cwt. The bell-house was pulled down in 1739, and the bells sold to Lester and Pack, of the Whitechapel foundry, in 1754. Besides these bells there was not a decent peal in the town; so that the discordant noise on this occasion must have been horrible, and it must have been rather an advantage than otherwise that St. Mary-the-Great did not add to it. In 1587 the ringers of St. Mary's were paid xijd. for ringing "at the triumph"—quite as much as their performance was worth, I should say.

In 1595 the tenor was recast; and in 1596 we find in the parish book, "This yere all our bells are rung out and was never before." The occasion seems to have been the Queen's Accession, November 17th. The bells appear to have been put in order and finished only the day before; for we find: "Itm. Nov. 16 paid to John Dowsey for iij dayes & half & his sonne for iij dayes abowght yoking of the greate bell with the old yoke, and drawing of the three greatest bells into their frames from the nethermost flore vijs-vjd." At a meeting of the parishioners held October 6th, 1611, it was resolved to recast the four bells into "five tunable belles," and to spend £45 on the frame. The memorandum is signed by Philippe Scarlette and James Robson, churchwardens, and five other persons. From a further memorandum it appears that the total cost amounted to £53 13s. 7d., of which £14 19s. 10d. was paid to St. Michael's parish for one of their bells weighing 4 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs. There seems, however, to have been a dispute over the matter; for later on we find an acknowledgment of the receipt of £16 10s. 4d. "in full discharge of all reckonings about our bell and the suit touchinge the same."

In 1620 and 1621 two of the old peal were recast and another added, thus making a peal of six. In 1667 the

In the fifteenth century there were three bells, known as the "forebell, myddell bell, and great bell." To these a fourth was added a little later.

When Queen Elizabeth visited Cambridge on August 4th, 1564, St. Mary-the-Great was fined "ijs. ijd." for not ringing. At this date there was a heavy peal of five in the old bell-house at King's College, the tenor of which

third and fourth were recast, and the peal was augmented to eight. Dr. Mason gives the weights of the bells, from which it appears that the treble weighed 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 24 lbs., and the tenor 18 cwt. 2 qrs. According to Bowtell's M.S. the inscriptions on the eight bells were:—

1. "Cum sono si non vis venire, nunquam ad preces cupies ire."



i.e., "If you don't wish to come when I call, you will never wish to go to church at all."

2. "O mater Dei memento mei."

i.e., "O mother of God remember me." (Also a shield charged with a semée of fleurs de lis.)

3. "Celorum Christe placeat tibi Rex sonus iste."

i.e., "O Christ King of Heaven may that sound be pleasing to Thee."

4. "Johannes Yorke me fecit in honorem beate Marie."

i.e., "John Yorke made me in honor of blessed Mary."

5. "Intactum sileo, percute dulce cano."

i.e., "Untouched I am silent; strike me and I sweetly sing."

6. "Soli Deo gloria, pax hominibus."

i.e., "Glory to God only; peace to men."

7. "Musica medicina est molestiæ illius quæ per labores suscipitur."

i.e., "Music is the medicine of that worry which is brought on by toils."

8. "Sum voce pulsata mundi Maria vocata, 1595."

I think that the second word here should be "Rosa," not "voce."

i.e., "I being struck am called Mary, Rose of the world," a very common 15th century inscription.

As I have been requested to give translations of Latin inscriptions where they occur, I have done so in this case; but it must be clearly understood that the translations were not on the bells.

THE PRESENT BELLS.

The history of the present peal is as follows:—

"Novr. 16, 1721, it was agreed that certain of the parishioners should contract with a bell-founder for new casting all or such of the bells as they should think proper. This order was confirmed 25 April following, and further ratified 15 June, 1722, when it was concluded to increase the weight of the eight bells, so that the tenor should not exceed 28 hundred weight: at the same time it was ordered that a new frame, wheels, and all other things necessary for fixing and hanging them should be done. On May 11, 1722, it was agreed to employ in this business Mr. Richard Phelps, bell-founder, in Whitechapel, who was strongly recommended by Dr. Croft, in a letter to Mr. Bowan, the organist of the parish. On Aug. 2, 1722, it was finally concluded that two more bells should be added to the eight, to make it a peal of ten; for which two bells the founder was to be paid £71 12s. od., and they were cast accordingly, and delivered to the parish on the 25th of the same month." [from *Bowtell's M.S.*] Dr. Mason gives the weights of all the ten bells, from which it appears that the treble weighed 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs., and the tenor 26 cwt. 0 qrs. 19 lbs.

The total cost of the bells, fittings and hanging amounted to between £500 and £600, exclusive of allowance for the metal of the old bells. The sum of £419 2s. 2d. was raised by church rates, and the rest by voluntary subscriptions. The heads of all the colleges also gave two guineas each.

In 1770 the tenor was recast by Pack and Chapman, and now weighs 29 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs. (over 3 cwt. more than the old bell). At the same time two trebles were added by the same firm to complete the peal of twelve. These being somewhat too thick and heavy (in fact "choked with metal"), were recast by Taylor as late as 1911. The inscriptions at the present time are as follows:—

Treble.

THESE TWO TRIBBLES TO MAKE THEM A COMPLEAT PEAL OF TWELVE WAS RAISED BY SUBSCRIPTION AT THE

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Third.

R: PHELPS MADE ME 1722. MESS: THO: FOWLE, EDW: PHIPPS CHURCHWARDENS.

Fourth and Fifth.

R: P: FECIT, MESSIEURS THO: FOWLE, EDW: PHIPPS CHURCHWARDENS.

Sixth.

R: PHELPS FECIT 1722. MESSIEURS THO: FOWLE, EDW: PHIPPS CHURCHWARDENS.

Seventh, Eighth and Ninth.

R: PHELPS FECIT 1723. MESSIEURS EDWARD PHIPPS, THOMAS FOWLE, CHURCHWARDENS.

Tenth.

RICHARD PHELPS LONDINI FECIT 1722. MESSIEURS SAMUEL HERRING, EDWARD PHIPPS CHURCHWARDENS.

Eleventh.

JAMES PARRON AND JOHN GIFFORD CHURCHWARDENS. WILLM. DOBSON FOUNDER, DOWNHAM, NORFOLK. 1825.

Tenor.

THIS BELL WAS CAST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1770. ALDERMAN WEALES AND JNO. HASELUM CH: WARDENS. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT.

Ting-lang.

THIS BELL WAS MADE BY JOHN WARREN, 1607.
(TO BE CONTINUED).

RESTORATION OF BELLS AT KINGSCLIFFE, NORTHANTS.

Kingscliffe (anciently called Clive) was formerly the chief town of the East Bailiwick of the Rockingham Forest, and the parish contains a chalybeate spring similar to that of Tunbridge Wells. It possesses a fine church, dedicated to All Saints, the building being cruciform in shape with a central tower containing five bells.

The condition of these bells, together with the fittings and framework, was so extremely bad that it became necessary to have them completely restored on modern lines. Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, were entrusted with the work of restoration, and one of their new pattern all-steel independent frames, constructed for six bells has now been erected. The five bells, based upon a tenor weighing 11 cwt., have been retuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and fitted with cast-iron headstocks, and all the most modern fittings. The work has been carried out in a highly satisfactory manner, and the inhabitants of Kingscliffe are delighted with the greatly improved tone of their old bells. Funds are now being raised for the addition of a new treble bell, and it is expected that it will not be long before sufficient money is available.

The inscriptions cast upon the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—IHON NEBON ESQ GAVE, HENRY PENN MADE ME 1714.

2nd.—MISTRIS MARIA HARTLEIE WIDDO CAST THIS BELL 1619. WELI IVOCATI TANGI ELECTI. 1619. RICHARD BARDON NICHOLAS BAITL. GARDIAN.

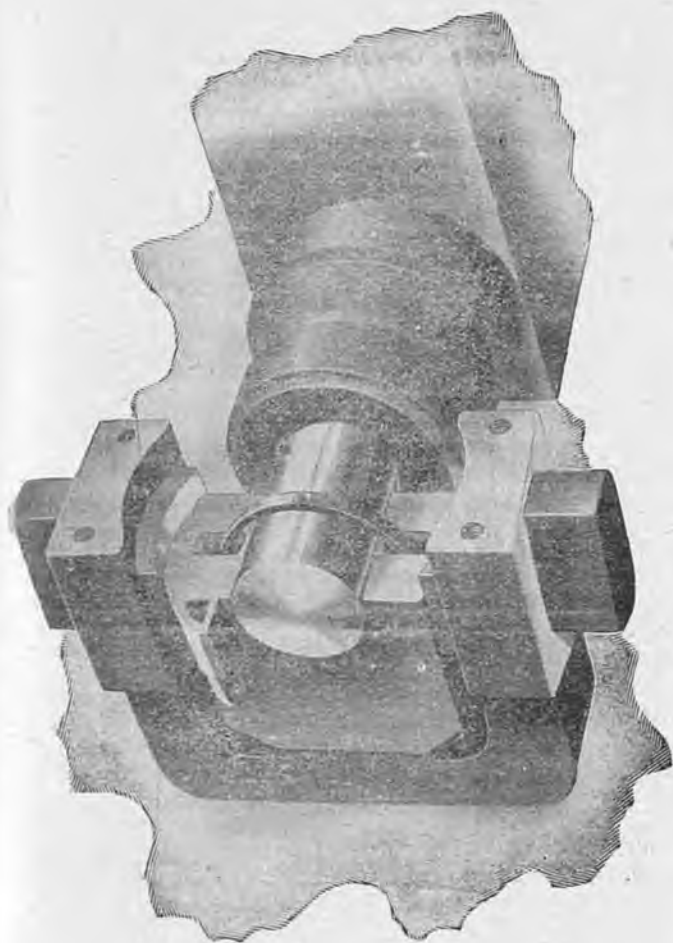
3rd.—T. MEANS OF LONDON. FECIT, 1832. ARCHDEACON BOUNEY RECTOR. F. LAW, P. HOWES, CHURCHWARDENS

4th.—WILLIAM KEYWOOD. HARI THORPE. 1592.

Tenor.—IHS NAZARENUS REX JUDEORUM FILI DEO NUSERERE MEI. THO. EAYRE A.D. 1739.

All the bells have been fitted with the Warner's patent self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil-bath and oil-ringing bearings, and in consequence the "go" of the bells could not be better.

The opening of the bells took place upon the occasion of the harvest festival, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Amherst Orlebar, who was the leading spirit in instituting the scheme of restoration of the bells.



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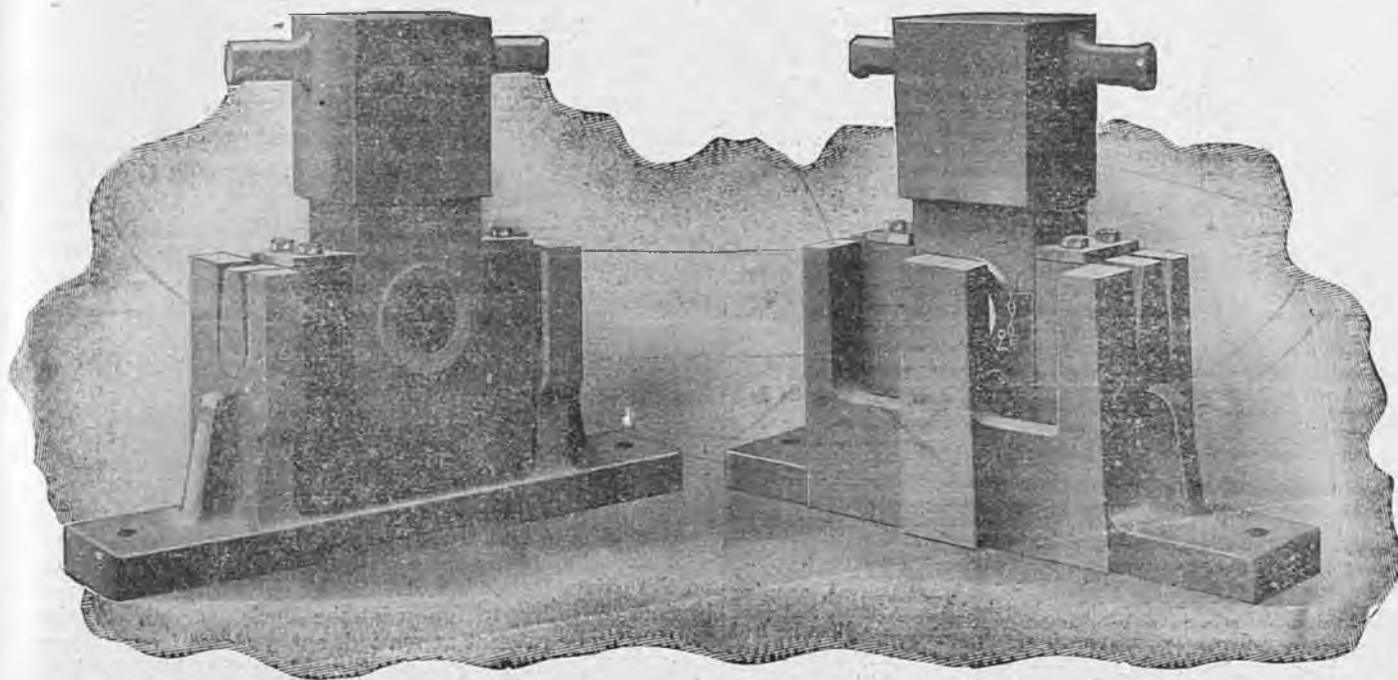
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PRESENTATION TO MR. P. J. JOHNSON. RETIREMENT OWING TO ILL-HEALTH.

On Tuesday week the Vicar and ringers of St. Matthew's Holbeck, Leeds, and friends met at St. Catherine's Mission Room for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr P. J. Johnson, on his retirement from the conductorship of the Holbeck belfry, owing to ill-health. The gifts subscribed for by the Vicar and ringers, consisted of handbag, silk muffler and book, entitled "Modern Cabinet Work, Furniture and Fittings." Upwards of twenty sat down to supper, and afterwards the presentation was made by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Smith), who expressed on behalf of all concerned, their appreciation of the services of Mr. Johnson as conductor of the ringers for the past eight years. The Vicar also stated that not only in the belfry, but in other work in the parish, he had always found him thorough and reliable in all his undertakings; and at the last quarterly meeting he had with the ringers, he made Mr. Johnson a life honorary member of the belfry, and hoped he would live long to enjoy that privilege.

Messrs. Williams, Cotterell, Kemp and Smallwood also spoke of the high esteem of which Mr. Johnson was held by all who knew him. They were very pleased to be present on that occasion, and hoped Mr. Johnson would soon be well again.

Mr. Johnson, replying, thanked the Vicar and ringers for the presents, and said that his work in the belfry at Holbeck had been a labour of love. It was the doctor's orders that he had to give ringing a rest for a time, but he hoped to come and help them as often as he could. He thanked them for the great honour they had bestowed upon him, by making him a life honorary member of the belfry.

Handbell ringing was freely indulged in during the evening, and a course of Grandsire Cinques rung in fine style, terminated a very pleasant gathering.

Mr. Johnson commenced his ringing career 16 years ago, and with the exception of three years at St. Michael's, Headingley, all his time has been spent at Holbeck. He has rung 85 peals (50 on handbells), ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise on tower bells, and Bob Major to Stedman Triples on handbells. The greater part of these peals he has conducted himself.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

THE PRESENTATION TO THE RETIRING SECRETARY.

A special general meeting of the above Guild was held at Christ Church Parochial Room, Union Street, Coventry, on Saturday, Oct. 10th.

The President of the Guild (the Rev. Alan Williams) occupied the chair, and there were also present Mr. James George (Ringing Master), the Rev. C. Carew Cox (hon. secretary), and members representing Birmingham, Nuneaton, Rugby, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, and Stoke Golding. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Revs. T. B. Harvey Brooks and E. V. Cox, and Messrs. W. G. Dickens, H. O. White, F. Wilford and G. H. Kettle.

The following alterations to rules, proposed by the Chairman, were carried after some discussion, by 13 votes to 4, several members not voting:—

Rule I.—The words "office holders in the Church of England" to be substituted for the words "office holders in the Church."

Rule VII.—The following to be substituted for the present wording:

"That the government of the Guild shall be vested in a committee, consisting of members of the Church of England; the President, and Vice-Presidents, together with the following members who shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Guild, viz.:—(a) the Master of the Guild, who shall be a change ringer; (b) the Secretary; (c) the Assistant Secretary; (d) the Treasurer; (e) ten elected members of the Guild. Five to form a quorum."

The resignation of the Rev. C. Carew Cox as hon. secretary was received with much regret, and he was cordially thanked for his past services to the Guild. Mr. G. H. Kettle, of Allesley, being unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

At the conclusion of the business, the Rev. C. Carew Cox was presented by the Chairman, on behalf of the members of the Guild, with a handsome reading lamp, in slight recognition of his excellent services to the Guild.—Speaking in eulogistic terms of the work the late hon. secretary had done, the Chairman said how sorry all were at his departure from their midst, and wished him every success in his new sphere of work in Dorsetshire. He added that he hoped their present would be a perpetual pleasant reminder of the time he had spent amongst them.

Endorsing the Chairman's remarks, the Master of the Guild (Mr. James George) spoke of the great loss the Guild has sustained by the departure of the Rev. C. C. Cox, who had proved himself to be a most able and efficient officer, and one who had done a great amount of valuable work for the Guild. He added that he felt it was a great personal loss, as it had been a pleasure to work with that gentleman, who was always ready with his valuable advice and assistance.

The Rev. C. C. Cox, in replying, thanked the members most heartily for their kindness in making him such a handsome present, assuring them that it would be very useful to him in his new home, and that he would always look back with pleasure at the happy time he had spent in Warwickshire. In conclusion, he wished the Guild every success, and hoped it had a very prosperous future before it.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—In order that the ringing of church bells after dusk may not be a possible assistance to the enemy's aircraft in locating our cathedrals and churches, it has been decided that the usual practices be suspended. Meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m., and each fortnight until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ardleigh on October 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, with address, 4.30. Tea at the Lion 5.15.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Kingswood Hall, provided by the Rector. Business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, October 24th. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Countess Beauchamp, in the Recreation Room, Madresfield Court, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. As this is the meeting for election of officers, it is hoped a good number will attend. The bells will be available for ringing.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, late the St. James' Society (Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 7 p.m., and after the business meeting, which will be held in the Church Vestry at 7 p.m.—T. H. Taffender, Master (for general secretary on active service) 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Meetings for combined practice will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, October 24th; Feltham on Monday, November 2nd; and Hounslow on Saturday, November 7th; meetings commencing at 7.30.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Members intending to be present please notify me by Thursday, October 29th.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 31st. Service at 5 o'clock, tea and business meeting to follow at the Parish Room. All intending to be present at tea (6d. each) please let me know by the Wednesday previous. A good meeting is desired, as

district officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available afternoon and evening. — William Watts, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, October 31st, 1914. Service in Cathedral at 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Cathedral Vestry at 3 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 2s. Annual meeting immediately after tea. Social, with handbells, at 7 p.m. The committee have decided, in view of the national crisis, there shall be no ringing. All who intend being present please communicate not later than October 27th with R. Stephenson, Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, November 3rd next, at 8 p.m.—A Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, November 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Will members kindly note that as I have joined the Sheffield City Battalion, I should be glad if they would for the present communicate with the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. Hollis, 37, Reservoir Terrace, Chesterfield.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. G. H. Head, formerly of Kingsdon, Somerset, has removed to 36, Doris Villas, Trafalgar Road, Twickenham, S.W.—The address of Mr. R. W. Hyner is now 46, Goddard Avenue, Swindon, Wilts.

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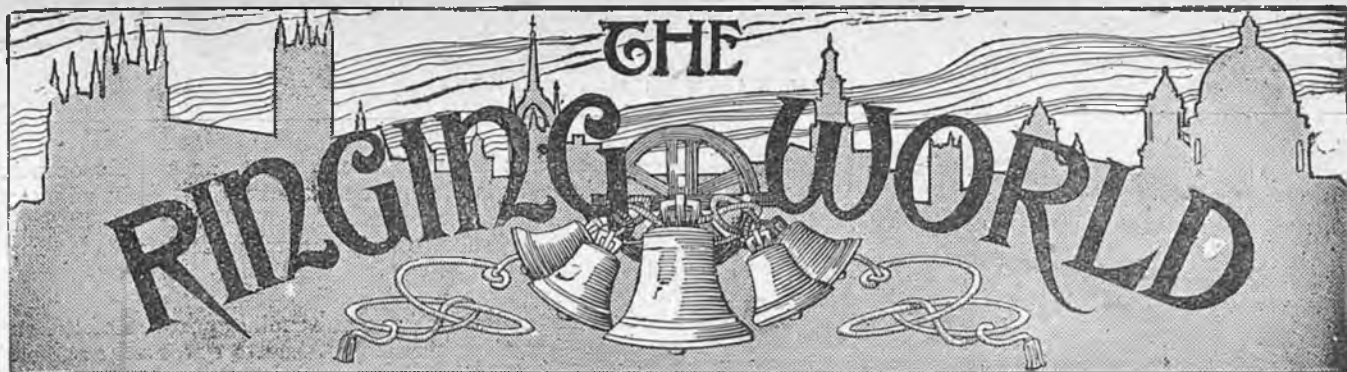


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Gentlemen,

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect. Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR DEAD HEROES.

When our article last week was penned in support of the suggestion that Sunday next, All Saints' Day, or Saturday should be made the occasion when the bells of our churches might be utilised for the purpose of muffled ringing as a tribute to the memory of those heroes who have fallen in the war, we hardly bargained for the diversity of view that would be forthcoming. Immediately "The Ringing World" was published we took steps to ascertain the feeling of representative officers of the ringing organisations throughout the country, and the numerous messages which we have received in reply, together with others which have come spontaneously, are published elsewhere in this issue. The reader will note the varied views which are expressed. Generally speaking, the proposal that a day should be set apart for muffled ringing meets with almost universal approval, but some of those in agreement think the time for doing so is premature, while others hold strongly to the opinion that All Saints' Day is not the occasion that should be adapted for the purpose. Many suggest that the more fitting day would be Monday next, which is known as All Souls' Day.

We do not for a moment desire to challenge any of the opinions put forward, but under the circumstances ringers may be looking for a lead, and to some extent find only confusion in the letters which have been sent to us. Let us say, therefore, that from the first we have realised, as must always be realised, that we can only act in these matters with the consent of the clergy, and, that being so, what is to be done rests largely with the incumbents. We are glad, therefore, to notice that many clergy are in complete sympathy with the suggestion, and, we feel sure, where they may object to muffled ringing on All Saints' Day, the adoption of All Souls' Day for the purpose would meet with their approval. We have been taken to task privately for having made a "dreadful mistake," but in view of the fact that from some clergy comes unequivocal support, we think we may not have transgressed the canons of propriety so very seriously after all, and we are fortified in our position by the opinion of no less an authority than the Lord Bishop of Oxford. The Master of the Oxford Guild, anxious to act correctly in the matter, took the opinion of his diocesan, who says: "Muffled ringing is quite suitable on Sunday night or Monday night."

With regard to the suggestion that the proposal is as yet premature, that, we think, is a question of opinion—opinion, too, which on either side should be honestly respected. This war may drag on for many months, it may even be years, and it seems to us, therefore, that an appropriate occasion might well be marked when it occurs

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—quite apart from whether or not the specific occasion now before us is the appropriate one. If this be admitted, then for those who believe that All Saints' or All Souls' Day is suitable for recording a tribute to the fallen there is no reason why the proposal should not be put into operation this year.

Some associations have so readily approved of the suggestion that steps are being taken to get, as far as possible, uniformity of action among all the towers, and such unanimous purpose will provide a specially impressive tribute to the heroes who have fallen. If we may sum up from all that is before us we think we shall be right in advising ringers to act as far as possible in the light of the opinion of the Bishop of Oxford and ring the bells half muffled on Sunday evening and on Monday evening. In all cases, however, nothing should be done without the consent of the incumbent, who is in the best position to gauge the feeling of the parishioner—a matter upon which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies rightly lays stress—and whose aid, as we pointed out last week, should be invoked in making known the object of the ringing wherever the muffling of the bells is decided upon.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE DURHAM OX SHAMBLES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 size, in C.

GEORGE HOLLIS	...	1-2	*WILLIAM J. THYNG	...	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	...	3-4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	...	7-8
GEORGE DAVIES	...	9-10			

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Umpire: T. W. GORE.

* 100th peal. First peal of Caters on handbells in Chesterfield.

DEATH OF RYE'S OLDEST RINGER.

The Rye branch of the Sussex Association have sustained the loss of their oldest member (Mr. William Wood), whose death occurred at the age of 76 years. The late Mr. Wood was a railwayman on the S.E. and C.R., and after long and faithful service, retired and passed the eventide of his life at Rye. He was also an inhabitant of the "ancient town" in his younger days, when he was a member of the Rye Ringers, and acted as captain.

The bells of Rye were, at that time, in a deplorable condition, and change ringing was out of the question. Subsequently Mr. Wood was transferred to undertake railway duties at New Romney, Kent. Here he continued ringing, and when a desire was expressed to join the Kent Association, Mr. Wood, with the other members, started change-ringing. He did not get farther than the treble, but was a very reliable guiding star for Grandsire Triples. Being far from a young man when taking up change ringing, he probably was content with the treble, so as to give the younger blood a chance to climb the ladder. However, had he studied the inside work, he no doubt would have conquered it, and been a success in this direction.

Besides being attached to the Rye branch (Sussex Association), he was a member of the Kent Association and the Romney Marsh and District Guild.—On the Sunday after the death, the Rye ringers showed their respect by ringing, half muffled, for Matins. On the following day the interment took place at Rye Cemetery, and among the beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the Rye ringers and the members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild.

A WELCOME TO THE KING.

Last Monday will long be remembered in the history of Sittingbourne, as on that day it was honoured by a visit of His Majesty King George V., who came to inspect the troops, that have been billeted in the town for the last two months, and are leaving this week for India. The King's entry into the town was proclaimed by a right royal quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells at the Parish Church by: E. Spice 1, E. J. Bottle 2, J. Excell 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, H. E. Simpson (conductor) 5, F. S. Macey 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, A. Burley 8.

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RINGERS AND THE WAR. NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following subscriptions have been received towards the Prince of Wales' Fund since the publication of the last list:

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	35	19	6
Ringers of St. Mary's, Lamberhurst (per Mr. Hardy Price)	0	14	0
Mr. T. Fitzjohn, Thetford	0	2	6
"A Ringer's Mother"	0	10	0
Mr. W. H. Fussell	0	2	6
Messrs. F. E. Kempton, W. B. Kempton and H. Mansfield, members of the Society of Cambridge Youths... ..	0	3	0
Ridgers of St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Messrs. W. Pardoe, E. Horton, F. W. Perrins, A. E. Reed, W. E. Wathern, J. Evans, H. Coley, H. Ward, F. Ward, H. Taylor, C. Beech and C. Wallater (per Mr. C. Wallater)	0	10	0
York Minster Ringers, October Collection (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	5	0
Collected at the meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association (per Mr. R. G. Knowles)	0	11	0
Mr. W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden	0	5	0
Ringers of All Saints', Long Stanton (per Mr. C. W. Cook)	0	5	0
Ringers of Portishead (per Mr. W. Gillingham)	0	5	0
Total	£39	12	6

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving their country in the Forces of the Crown:—

Pte H. Finch, of St. Mary's, Maldon, Essex, Army Service Corps in France.
Pte R. Finch, of St. Mary's, Maldon, Essex, "Queen's Own" Territorial Battalion.
Pte P. Chalk, of All Saints', Maldon, Middlesex Territorials.
Pte W. Stamford, of Slinfold, Sussex, 4th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment.
Pte Alfred Rayner, of Scarborough, 5th Yorks Regiment (F.), now at Newcastle.
Sig.-Sergt. G. H. F. Marriner, of Leatherhead, Surrey, 5th East Surrey Regiment (F.), now en route for India.
E. Bonnett, of Royston, Herts, Bedfordshire Regiment, now at Felixstowe.
William Walker, of Hayfield Parish Church, Cheshire Regt.
Tpr. Stanley H. Cunningham, of St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Yorkshire Hussars, now at Scarborough.
Lce.-Corpl. E. Attwater, of Streatham, late of Cuckfield, Sussex, 9th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment, at Shoreham.
Corpl. F. N. Attwater, of Streatham, 3rd Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment, at Dover.
L. F. Maunsell Eyre, of Congresbury, son of the Vicar, North Somerset Yeomanry.
George Sims, of Congresbury, Somerset Light Infantry.
Capt. A. O. Major, Somerset Light Infantry, and Driver Harry West, A.S.C., given in error last week as members of St. Mary's Tower, Taunton, belong to St. Mary's, Bridgwater.
Driver A. F. Allen, late of St. Andrew's, Clifton, 3rd Brigade Canadian Field Artillery (Canadian contingent).
Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, a commission in the Public Schools and Universities' Force (Royal Fusiliers), now at Epsom.
Sapper W. Rowe, R.E., of North Stoneham, has now reached England from Cairo, prior to going to the front.
William Fernley, of Norbury, Cheshire, A.S.C., now at Aldershot.
Pte A. Rodie, of Little Munden, Kitchener's Army, now at Shoreham.

Pte A. Carter, of Little Munden, Herts Territorials, at Hertford.
Pte Alfred Brewin, Christ Church, Mitcham, 5th East Surrey Regiment, now at Wimbledon.

No fewer than seven of the band at Thetford, Norfolk, are serving in the Territorials:—

F. A. Poulson, and
F. A. Salter, at Colchester.
E. Long, at Norwich.
A. Armsley,
C. Elmer.
G. Chaston, and
W. Gathercole at North Walsham.

Six members of the Leiston, Suffolk, company are now with the colours, the two latest to join being:—

F. W. Bailey, 8th Suffolk Regiment, now at Shoreham.
Allen F. Bailey, 6th Suffolk Cyclist Battalion, at present at Leiston.

The following four members from the Greens Norton Church company:—

Pte Arthur Hornsby, and
Pte Bert Hornsby, 2nd Battalion, London Fusiliers, at Epsom.
Pte Harry Wilkinson, West Surrey Regt.
Tpr. John May, Northampton Territorial Yeomanry.

The following list of members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association who have joined the Forces, has been supplied by the hon. secretary (Mr. E. E. Burgess):—

From Uiminster:

Percy Bailey, Royal Engineers.
Jasper Bailey, 5th Somerset (T.), India.
William Bailey, 5th Somerset (T.), India.

From Shepton Beauchamp:

Joseph Best, Kitchener's Army.
Charles Best, Kitchener's Army.
Herbert Clarke, Kitchener's Army.
Anthony Rowsell, Kitchener's Army.

From Long Ashton:

Irwin T. Kempe, Bristol's "Own" Battalion.
Leslie C. Osborne, Territorials.

From Ditchat:

Sergt. Walter Crabb, 9th Batt. Devonshire Regiment, India.

From West Tydford:

Pte Walter Tudgay, 1st Somerset Light Infantry, at the front.
Pte Gerald Moek, 9th Batt. Devonshire Regt., Aldershot.

From Everecreech:

Pte A. W. Read, 5th Somerset (T.), India.
Pte B. B. Cox, 5th Somerset (T.), India.

From Marston Magna:

D. W. Marden, Dorset Yeomanry, at Aldershot.

From Bruton.

Pte John Bindon, Somerset Territorials, at Taunton.

From St. James', Taunton:

Corpl. H. Bosley, 5th Somerset (T.), India.
Pte W. S. Doble, 5th Somerset (T.), India.
Sergt. W. Gillard, 5th Somerset (T.), Taunton.

From Bishop Hull:

Pte E. J. Bull, 5th Somerset (T.), Taunton.

From Trull:

Pte W. Fudge, 5th Somerset (T.), Taunton.
Pte W. Weaver, 5th Somerset (T.), India.

From Milverton:

Pte E. Chapman, 5th Somerset (T.), Taunton.

From Langport:

Sergt. G. R. Mills, 5th Somerset (T.), Taunton.

From Middlezey:

W. H. Barnard, R.H.A., Chapelton Barracks, Leeds.

From Glastonbury:

Rev. C. V. P. Day, Chaplain to the Forces.
Pte E. Dibden, R.A.M.C.
Pte W. Pearce, King's Royal Rifles.

From Yeovil:

Sergt. R. Maunder, Royal Engineers.
Corpl. J. Lukin, 5th Somerset Territorials, at Taunton.
Pte C. G. Garrett, 6th Somerset Territorials, at Aldershot.

RINGER WITH CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

A former Bristol ringer is among the Canadian contingent who are now in this country preparatory to going to the front. He was at one time a member of the St. Andrew's Society, Clifton, and on Sunday paid a welcome visit to St. Stephen's tower.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Collier 1, G. Booth 2, F. Ryell 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Warrilow 5, F. Haggis 6, A. Moreton 7, J. Spencer 8.

TENBY, SOUTH WALES.—On Sept. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. John 1, T. Griffiths 2, R. H. Jenkins 3, W. Jenkins 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Richards 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8. Rung as a compliment to one of the old band of ringers on the occasion of his marriage. J. W. Jones was on a visit to Tenby from Newnham, Man.

THE TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN.

REPRESENTATIVE OPINIONS ON THE PROPOSAL.

The suggestion that the opportunity, which this season provides, of honouring the dead by ringing the bells of our churches muffled to the memory of those who have laid down their lives in the cause for which we, as a nation, are fighting, should be utilised has met with very general approval, but among the clergy there is a strong feeling that the better and more appropriate day is All Souls' Day, which is Monday next. With a view to ascertaining the feeling of representative officers of the various ringing organisations throughout the country, we consulted a number of them, and we append their replies. From these it will be seen that, while a few oppose the idea, some approve of All Saints' Day (Sunday next), while others suggest the following day (All Souls' Day). Between these two, ringers will have their choice, and can well meet the views and wishes of their own clergy in the matter.

Sir ARTHUR HEYWOOD, President of the Central Council:

"In my opinion the suggestion to ring muffled peals on All Saints' Day, in memory of the noble men who have died in upholding their country's honour, is not only most fitting, but the duty of those whose skill controls the voice to which England has for centuries looked to express the national feeling."

The Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, hon. secretary of the Central Council:

"The idea of ringing muffled touches on All Saints' Day or on its vigil for those who have fallen in the war is one that speaks of much sympathy and kindly feeling on the part of its proposer, and also of those who back up the proposal. Whether it would be advisable to carry it into action generally throughout the country appears to me to be a question requiring consideration, and one which, as a matter of fact, had better be left to local choice. To some it might be very welcome, but to others it might be more than their feelings could bear. The best plan, therefore, I should imagine, would be for the local company to take counsel with the incumbent, and to strive to ascertain the general trend of feeling in the parish, and to let themselves be guided accordingly. Kindly bear in mind that this is merely my own personal opinion, in no sense given officially as hon. secretary of the Central Council."

The Rev. A. T. BEESTON, hon. sec. of the Chester Guild:

"I am in hearty sympathy with the suggestion, and will do all I can to secure its adoption by our Guild."

Mr. G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec. of the Hertfordshire County Associations:

"I should say decidedly no. All Saints' Day is a Festival of the Church of England, and as such is a bright and happy day, a time when the Church bids us to think of our dear ones living in the presence of their Lord and Master, and calls upon us to anticipate the time when we shall be called to join them, and be 'for ever with the Lord.' To ring bells muffled at such a time, to my mind, is utterly out of harmony with the spirit of All Saints' Day. I could advance many other strong reasons against the question, but I refrain. However, might I pass on a suggestion. Why not utilise the last day of the old year as a special time for muffled ringing? We have much to mourn as a nation, and as individuals, and let us ring in the New Year with joyful expectation of His Blessing."

Mr. W. A. CAVE, hon. sec. Gloucester and Bristol Association:

"I think the suggestion of Miss Chillingworth an excellent one—but premature. Let us first ring as a thanksgiving for peace, and then let the Bishops appoint a day for muffled ringing for all those who have given their lives to bring that peace."

The Rev. E. V. COX, hon. sec. of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford:

"I am much in favour of half-muffled touches or peals being rung in honour of our soldiers and sailors who have already fallen in the war. I do not, however, consider All Saints' Day (or its eve), which is a Feast of the Church, a suitable day, but would like to see the suggestion, so fitly brought forward by Miss Chillingworth, put into effect on Monday, Nov. 2nd, which is All Souls' Day. This arrangement would also give opportunity for the special ringing to be announced to the congregations on the previous day."

The Rev. V. A. CRESWELL, St. Weonard's, Hereford:

"I have no wish to throw cold water on Miss Chillingworth's suggestion which appeared in your last issue with respect to muffled ringing at All Hallows' Day in honour of those who have fallen in this war, a suggestion which you also have supported in your leading

article. In my opinion the best plan would be to wait until this awful struggle is over. Our first duty then would be to ring a peal as a humble thankoffering to Almighty God for the restoration of peace, followed in the course of a few days by a muffled peal in honour of all those who will never return to their homes. If ringers, however, prefer to ring at this coming season, the most fitting day for so doing would be, not Saturday or Sunday, but Monday, All Souls' Day."

The Rev. F. LI. EDWARDS, hon. sec. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild:

"The suggestion made in your last issue, that a suitable day should be devoted to ringing muffled peals in memory of those who have fallen in battle, will meet with widespread and well deserved approval. But I ask leave strongly to deprecate the proposal to choose All Saints' Day for such observance. That day is one of the great Festivals of the Christian year, and should be universally celebrated with open ringing. When last this feast occurred on a Sunday, I happened to be in Jerusalem, and well I remember the pealing of the bells in the Holy City, especially the magnificent five of the Franciscan Church, both on the eve of the Festival, and from 4 a.m. onwards on the day itself. And was it not on All Hallows' Eve that the ringing of Bow bells recalled Dick Whittington to London town? Naturally the objection to muffled ringing on All Hallows' Day applies to the vigil as well. The best day to select for the tribute of the belfries to our heroic dead is Monday, 2nd November, traditionally known as All Souls' Day from the very practice, once general, of devoting, that day to the pious commemoration of departed friends. On that day let ringers pay due honour to England's fallen heroes."

The Rev. H. J. ELSEE, President of the Lancashire Association:

"I think the idea of commemorating those who have given their lives for their country on All Saints' Day is a beautiful one: the difficulty is, at such short notice, to explain to people outside the meaning of muffled ringing before it is heard."

The Rev. H. T. EYRE, Hon. Sec. of the Essex Association:

"Yes, I approve, and will try and arrange for muffled peals here next Saturday."

Mr. JAMES GEORGE, Master of the Warwickshire Guild:—

"I agree with the suggestion, and at Rugby we purpose ringing muffled after Sunday evening service, and on Monday evening. I am doing all I can to encourage our Guild to act upon the proposal."

Mr. H. HAIGH, hon. sec. North Notts Association:

"The suggestion is splendid, and I hope the essentials will be carried out throughout the British Isles, where there is a peal of bells by all loyal and patriotic Churchmen. Many of us in this district have both relations and friends serving their country on land and sea, some of whom have passed away to the great majority. I feel that the most appropriate day to 'honour the brave' by ringing muffled peals and touches is the day suggested by Miss Chillingworth. The Priory Church ringers, Worksop, will ring with the bells muffled on Sunday next, and hope the remainder of the towers affiliated to the North Notts Association will do likewise. It would be something unique if all the bells in the British Isles could be rung muffled at the same time, and would have a tendency to enlist a kinder feeling from the public towards the bells and ringers throughout the wide wide world."

The Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE, hon. sec. of the Kent County Association:

"I think the suggestion a very good one—only you should include Nov. 2nd (All Souls' Day)."

Mr. F. K. HOWELL, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association:

"The suggestion at once appealed to me, and I sincerely hope it may be heartily taken up. If ringers will approach their clergy and invoke their sympathy, it can be done. I at once communicated with our Vicar (the Rev. Canon Cornwall), and he was very pleased to give permission for our bells to be rung muffled both for matins and evensong on Sunday next, and he intends conveying to the congregations from the pulpit the reason of the muffled bells. If officers of the various Associations would during this week notify all branch chairmen or local secretaries general action could be brought about."

The Rev. H. LAW JAMES, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild:

"I hasten, as a Churchman, to protest against the horrible idea of ringing muffled bells upon All Saints' Day or its eve. It is a joyous Feast of thanksgiving for all those who have fought the good fight and kept the faith, not least for those who have laid down their lives the last two months upon the battle field of Europe for the Catholic faith against the German antichrist. Secondly, as a Briton I must protest against the idea as most unpatriotic. The country wants brightening, not depressing; and, moreover, imagine the comment of the German Press. The whole idea is worthy of a German spy."

The Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild:

"The idea in general is excellent, and I was thinking myself of the fitness of having some general recognition soon of those who have fallen in the war. But I do not think All Saints' Day the right day

for this, as it is a great Church Festival, and many parishes will be keeping their Dedication Festival. The eve (Saturday) would be more appropriate, but far better would be Monday, Nov. 2nd, known as All Souls' Day."

Mr. J. R. JERRAM, Salisbury:

"I cannot at all agree with your correspondent as to All Saints' Day or the eve thereof being a suitable time for ringing muffled peals for those who have fallen in the war. The day is a Festival on which we commemorate the faithful departed, and rejoice at their deliverance from the trials and troubles of this life, rather than mourn their loss to us."

Mr. J. W. JONES, hon. sec. Llandaff Diocesan Association:

"As you know we can do nothing without the Incumbent being a party to it, so I conferred with the two Vicars of the churches with rings of bells in Newport, and both are opposed to it. Their opinion is that it is premature at present. Our ringers, too, think there should be no muffled ringing yet. In last week's issue of the Church paper, 'The Record,' there is an article dealing with the suggestion that a day should be set apart for humiliation and prayer, as was done at the time of the Crimean war. That would be an appropriate day for all our bells to be muffled, if it is arranged."

Mr. C. F. JOHNSTON, hon. sec. Surrey County Association:

"I think the proposal is an excellent one, and although I have not a chance of sounding the members of the Surrey Association before writing to you, I think I am safe in saying that the scheme of muffled ringing on one special day will meet with their unanimous approval and support."

Mr. C. H. Reading, the assistant hon. secretary, who is acting during the absence of Mr. Johnston, who has taken a commission in the Public Schools and University Force, has circularised the branches of the Association. After drawing attention to the suggestion that was made, adds: "If it is possible for the suggestion to be adopted in the whole of the district covered by the Surrey Association the effect would be much greater than in isolated instances, and I think that we should only be acting in unison with many of our ringing brethren throughout the land in calling attention on this particular day of remembrance to the supreme sacrifices which are being made—there are few sounds that strike the ear more forcefully than the weird effect of a half-muffled touch. Should your company approve, it can only be adopted with the consent of your Rector or Vicar. I write this letter on my own responsibility, but I may say that I have the permission of our Master. It is, however, in no way to be construed as a dictation."

Mr. A. T. KING, President of the Middlesex County Association:

"We hardly need to be reminded just now of those heroes who have fallen, when almost every church in the land is engaged in offering up daily intercessions for those who have gone forth to fight their country's battles; and to my thinking nothing can more fitly interpret our feelings, while waiting till some suitable victory is vouchsafed to us, than the silence of our bells for everything save the services of the church, or the joys and sorrows of a parish needing local interpretation. No doubt there are many who think strongly the other way: but I am speaking as a parent with one son in the army in the fighting line, and another in the navy, who may at any moment be appointed to a ship for active service, and I say that my own feelings are soothed by this silence of our bells. I shall be glad when the silence may be fitly broken, when we may be permitted to ring for victories vouchsafed; and if at such a time we were to commence or close every peal or touch by a short course of muffled ringing to show that we do remember those who have helped on our victories, and have fallen in the fight, it would in my own humble opinion be more fitting than breaking the silence of the bells now."

Mr. J. R. MACKMAN, of Southall:

"While appreciating Miss Chillingworth's kind thoughts for our fallen heroes, I most strongly deprecate muffled ringing on their account until the war is over, when there will be plenty of opportunity for this in connection with commemoration services which will undoubtedly be held when the fight is won. I am sure that in London, particularly if the bells are rung muffled on Saturday or Sunday next, people will think that some national calamity has taken place, and not associate such ringing with All Saints' Day. I am writing more particularly from the soldiers' point of view, and just now they are the first to be considered. There are thousands of our men leaving England for the front every week, and it would hardly be an inspiring send-off for those who, just before embarking, hear the solemn sound of bells ringing half-muffled. As a national reservist, and an old campaigner, my mottoes are: 'Carry on,' 'Keep the flag flying,' 'Business as usual.' I often thought of our bells ringing merrily for service during those dreary Sundays on the veldt, but never muffled for my dead comrades, and from what I know of T. Atkins I am sure from his outlook our lamentations would not be appreciated. We should rather rejoice over the fact that old England can still bring forth men willing cheerfully to risk their lives for the old country."

"Old Ringer," in supporting the suggestion, asks ringers to bear in mind that muffled ringing ought not to be done at a gallop. The compass can scarcely be too slow."

Mr. J. D. MATTHEWS, Master of the Cumberland Youths:—

"I think the suggestion of Miss Chillingworth is very good, and have arranged for ringing at Shoreditch next Saturday, when we shall most likely attempt a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques."

Mr. A. E. PARSONS, Master of the Worcestershire and District Associations:

"The suggestion offered by Miss Chillingworth, to which your leader is admirably devoted, should meet with universal approbation. Our Church has rightly endeavoured, in some measure, to lead our nation in prayerful humiliation for what she believes to be a chastisement for national sin. Many of her sons have left our shores, to fight the battle of liberty and justice against tyranny and diabolical vandalism. For those who have fallen in the conflict the nation will mourn. Surely, then, it is fitting the initial note of national mourning should issue from the Church's muffled bells, and 'All Saints' day seems to me suggestively appropriate."

The Rev. CLAUD C. PARKER, President of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association:

"I am sure that everyone would agree that muffled peals should be rung for the brave men who have given up their lives for their country, but Monday (All Souls' Day) seems preferable to All Saints' Day."

The Rev. E. S. POWELL, Hon. Sec. of the Devon Guild:

"Is this the time for laying stress on our grief over personal losses? Should we not rather set ourselves to learn how great a privilege it is to be allowed to give our best in a cause higher and nobler than we are yet fully able to appreciate? Let us get rid altogether of the idea that this is in any sense an ordinary sort of war. On the contrary it is at bottom a struggle between the doctrines of Nietzsche and of Christ, between the rule of force and the power of righteousness. The nobility of the soldier's calling the world over lies in the fact that this is the privilege of giving his life for his country, and in this case he gives it in a higher cause even than that of patriotism, namely, that of the Christian Faith itself. However, if some find it necessary to give expression to feelings of grief by ringing muffled peals, it would be better to choose Monday, Nov. 2nd (All Souls' Day), which is intended for the affectionate recollection of the departed, rather than All Saints' Day, which rings with the spirit of triumphant victory on the part of the soldiers of the Cross when any ringing except with open bells would be distinctly out of place."

Mr. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association:

"I think it would be wiser to wait until a day is announced by the Church for such mourning, and that we should be guided by our Archbishops in either our national mourning or rejoicing. We are hardly justified at present (and certainly our bells, more than anything else, give voice to the mood of the people) in adding to the depression of the nation arising from our lists of casualties."

Mr. T. H. TAFFENDER, Master of the London County Association:

"The suggestion re muffled ringing for our heroes who have fallen in the war is undoubtedly good, but for Saturday next, October 31st, it is rather premature."

Mr. F. R. TOMPKINS, Master of the Sussex Association:

"I think the suggestion that the bells throughout the country should be rung, muffled, in memory of those killed in the war is an excellent one. The ringers at our Cathedral here have decided to adopt the suggestion, and to muffle the bells on Sunday next."

Mr. F. WILFORD, Hon. Sec. Central Northamptonshire Association:

"I think the suggestion a very good one, and hope all the towers in my Association will carry it out as far as possible. Our President (the Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell) also thinks the idea a good one, and suggests that the ringing should take place on Monday, All Souls' Day."

The Rev. H. B. WOOLLEY, Ely Diocesan Association:

"With regard to Miss Chillingworth's suggestive letter and your interesting leader thereon in last week's 'Ringing World,' the idea of ringing muffled peals at this season to 'toll for the brave' is one that should enlist the sympathy of all ringers. I should like to suggest, however, that the most suitable day for the ring of such peals would be All Souls' Day, November 2nd, which, falling as it does on a Monday this year, should suit the convenience of many. All Saints' Day includes all who are 'called to be saints,' whether living or departed, but All Souls' Day is the day especially set apart in All Saints' tide for the commemoration of those who 'rest from their labours,' whose 'warfare is accomplished and their rest won.' Failing this, any day in the octave of All Saints might be utilised. May I suggest in addition that, where possible, a muffled touch, or peal, should be rung in every parish for each of the parishioners who loses his life in the great cause for which our nation is fighting?"

Among the towers where it has been decided to ring with the bells half-muffled on one or other of the days mentioned are the following:

Allesley, Warwickshire.—Mr. H. KETTLE says: "The Rector entirely approves of it, and suggests that we should ring on Saturday, as he thinks that is the most suitable."

Heptonstall (St. Thomas's), on Sunday; Croydon (St. John the Baptist's), on Sunday.

Billingshurst, Sussex.—Mr. RAYMOND WOOD writes: "We have approached our Vicar, who readily gave his consent and welcomed the suggestion. We all think it a great opportunity to show our respect to those who have fallen."

Little Munden, Herts.—Mr. W. H. LAWRENCE writes: "Our Rector and ourselves gladly fall in with the suggestion. Special mention of it will be made at the services, and special hymns will be sung. It is the 'east we can do for those who have laid down their young and healthy lives for their country. Nothing can be good enough for their honour.'" Hawkshead, Ambleside, on Sunday; Congresbury, Somerset, on Sunday; Solihull, Birmingham, on Saturday; Weston Favell, Northants, on Saturday; Pontypridd (St. Catherine's), on Sunday.

Pendleton, Lancs.—Mr. H. CHAPMAN writes: "I pointed out your article to our Vicar, and he at once asked me if I would muffle the bells for Sunday next. He also announced it at evening service on Sunday last. Our tenor bell is rung every day at 12 noon, and is known as the 'Prayer Bell.'"

In reply to an inquiry the ringing, we think, should be open at back stroke.

AIRCRAFT AND BELL SOUNDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read your leading article and Miss Chillingworth's letter with interest, and I like the idea. May I suggest that, whatever ringing is done, it should be finished before dusk. The decision that the College Youths came to was owing to a suggestion of my own, and by telling the following, that I know to be true. A few years ago a certain aviator was passing over Weybridge, on a Sunday evening, and he described how very plainly he heard Weybridge bells at a considerable height. I am the last to want to stop any ringing—I miss it terribly—but we cannot be too careful. Bells around London and other large towns would be a guide to the enemy's aircraft.—Yours truly,

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

HELP FOR RELIEF FUND AND FOR BELGIAN WOUNDED.

This society held a meeting at Rolvenden, Kent, on Saturday. There was a fairly good attendance, the towers represented being: Beneuden, Hawkhurst, Iden, Rye, Salchurst, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden, together with several members of the local band. The ringing consisted of a 504 of Grandsire Triples, several six scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and a course of Bob Major.

At the business meeting it was resolved to visit Iden on the last Saturday in November, and, failing Iden, to assemble on the same date at Stone-in-Oxney.

In reading the minutes, the secretary had recorded in the book the death of Mr. William Wood, who had been a member of the Guild practically since its formation. He had, in the name of the society, sent a letter of condolence with the widow and relatives, and after consultation with the master, purchased a wreath out of the Guild Funds. Mr. Wood, he mentioned, was ringing in Rye belfry twelve days prior to his demise.

The question of contributing to the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund was brought up by the hon. secretary, and in proposing that a donation of £1 be despatched to the "Ringing World," the Master alluded to the good condition of the Guild financially. By using from their balance in hand, they would not be taking from the members' pockets, and every tower would then still have the opportunity of contributing apart from the society's subscription.—Mr. W. H. Lambert seconded, and Mr. C. Tribe, in speaking in favour of the proposal, said that as they did not spend any money on an outing this summer, he thought they could devote the proposed sum to the relief fund.—The motion was unanimously carried, as also was a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Lynn Fryer) for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for allowing them to assemble at Rolvenden.

Mr. Tribe then mentioned that twenty Belgian wounded soldiers were in the parish, and being nursed by the Rolvenden Voluntary Aid Detachment of the Red Cross Society. He moved that they have a whip round for these brave fellows to purchase some tobacco and cigarettes for them.—Mr. G. Billenness seconded, and the sum of 5s. 3d. was collected.

The captain of the local band (Mr. A. Blackman) was requested to hand the money to the commandant of the detachment (Mrs. F. Coombe Baker), and explain to what purpose it was to be devoted.

The proceedings concluded with a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples (double-handed) on a new set of nice toned handbells, the property of the Rolvenden band.

COBHAM.—Kent County Association.—On Saturday, Oct. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Minor in three methods—720 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, and 180 Grandsire: Geo. Mungoam (longest length of Minor) 1, C. Waterman 2, G. A. Jones 3, G. R. Ambrose 4, G. Marnad 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. "Jimmy" Wood, one of the local ringers, who was married earlier in the day to Mrs. Pearce, at Maidstone. It was also a birthday compliment to the only daughter of the conductor.

5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

By W. A. OAVE.

234567890E	1	2	3	4	5	324658709E	1	2	3	4
8235476E90	—	S		S		43265	—	—	—	—
4235687		S				24365	—	—	—	—
25346						52463	—	—	—	S
62543	—			S		45263	—	—	—	—
24583					—	34562	—	—	—	S
32465	—			S		23465	—	—	—	S
43265	—					42365	—	—	—	—
24365	—					34265	—	—	—	—
52463	—			S						
35264	—			S						
23564	—									
52364	—									
45263	—			S						
34562	—			S						
53462	—									
25364	—			S						
42563	—			S						
34265	—			S						

Repeat the last 12 courses calling S for B at 6 brings.

Round the previous lead.
First rung on handbells at Bristol on Oct. 13th, 1914, conducted by the composer.

5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

By E. H. LEWIS.

234567	In 4ths	W 5ths	H
357624	2	—	—
53642	—	—	S
35642	—	—	S
46352	—	—	S
64352	—	—	S
63452	—	—	S
36452	—	—	S
34652	—	—	S
43652	—	—	S
56432	—	—	S
65432	—	—	S
64532	—	—	S
46532	—	—	S
45632	—	—	S
54632	—	—	S
36542	—	—	S
63542	—	—	S
65342	—	—	S
56342	—	—	S
43562	—	—	S
34562	—	—	S
35462	—	—	S
53462	—	—	S
54362	—	—	S
45362	—	—	S

Four times repeated.
Contains the 120 course-ends.

CROYDON RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Henry Brooker, who passed away on the 16th inst. at the age of 55 years, after a long and trying illness, at his residence, Upland Road, South Croydon. The deceased had been a member of the St. Peter's Society for 27 years.

The first portion of the funeral service was conducted at St. Peter's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Reeve). At the Mitcham Road Cemetery, where the interment took place, the Rev. C. E. O. Finch officiated. Among the floral tributes were wreaths sent from the St. Peter's Society and the Surrey Association. The following members of the Association were present at the funeral: Messrs. J. D. Drewett, C. Reading, A. E. Bassett, W. Stales and H. J. Rumble. In the evening members of St. Peter's and St. John's Societies rang, with the bells muffled, the whole pull and stand, and 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Dean 1, W. Gammon 2, G. Burt (conductor) 3, A. Clark 4, A. Jones 5, C. Kitching 6, F. Hermon 7, J. Calcutt 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, 336 Double Norwich Major. Also 504 Stedman Triples: O. W. Layng 1, A. Lawrence 2, J. H. Odey 3, D. Jackson 4, R. W. Hyner 5, Lee-Corpl. J. W. Washbrook 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, O. Norman 8. These touches were conducted by Lee-Corpl. J. W. Washbrook, of the North Staffordshire Regiment. For evening service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, J. H. Odey 2, R. W. Hyner 3, Lee-Corpl. J. W. Washbrook 4, D. Jackson 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, G. W. Townsend 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

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THE BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

ST. MARY THE GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.

(Concluded.)

Having dealt with the history of the bells themselves, the details of one or two of the ancient performances upon them may be interesting, for the Cambridge Youths are among the oldest of our ringing societies. Moreover, Cambridge was the birthplace of change ringing, for it was here that Fabian Stedman lived and invented method ringing, and for that reason we give on this page an illustration of St. Benet's Church, where, probably, his famous method was first practised.

Among the tablets in Great St. Mary' Church are the following ancient records:

On the 14th of March, 1779, was rung in this steeple a true and complete peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR, in 3 hours and twenty six minutes. Performed by the following persons:—

RICHD. WIDNELL First	JOHN BOWTELL Fifth
JOHN COOPER Second	JOHN SWAN Sixth
RICHD. LAUGHTON Third	JOHN SANDERS Seventh
WILLM. BLAND Fourth	JOHN HAZARD Tenor

B. JEFFS, }
J. WOODYEAR, } Churchwardens.

N.B.—This peal was called by J. SANDERS.

On Monday, January 21st, 1788, was rung in this tower a true and exquisite peal, consisting of 6600 changes BOB MAXIMUS, in 5 hours and 5 minutes, without a false change, by the undermentioned Cambridge Youths:—

I. SMITH First	T. JONES Seventh
W. BLAND Second	P. GOULD Eighth
R. LAUGHTON Third	C. DAY Ninth
J. LAWSON Fourth	W. YOUNG Tenth
J. COE Fifth	J. HAZARD Eleventh
T. STEERS Sixth	J. BOWTELL Tenor

Bobs by C. DAY.

J. WILLIMOTT, }
R. WHEELER, } Churchwardens.

[This tablet is ornamented with twelve bells and a painting of the tower of St. Mary-the-Great.]

A.D. 1790.—On Tuesday, the 16th of Feb., was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, consisting of 6000 changes, performed in 4 hours and 15 minutes by the following members of the Cambridge Youths:—

J. COOPER Treble	CHAS. DAY Sixth
T. STEERS Second	JNO. SWAN Seventh
I. SMITH Third	G. COOPER Eighth
J. LAWSON Fourth	P. SPENCELEY Ninth
J. HAZARD Fifth	J. BOWTELL Tenor

Bobs by P. SPENCELEY. This tablet is erected as a memorial of the performances.

S. SMITH, }
L. APSEY, } Churchwardens.

A.D. 1791.—On Monday, the 31st of October, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of GRANDSIRE QUATERS, consisting of 7002 changes, performed in 4 hours and three quarters by the following members of the Society of Cambridge Youths:—

R. WIDNELL Treble	CHAS. DAY Sixth
J. COOPER Second	J. HAZARD Seventh
J. COE Third	G. COOPER Eighth
J. LAWSON Fourth	P. SPENCELEY Ninth
T. STEERS Fifth	J. BOWTELL Tenor

Bobs by P. SPENCELEY. That the same may be transmitted to posterity this inscription is here erected.

B. LEACH, }
J. BURRELL, } Churchwardens.

In addition to the above there are eleven other records of peals in the tower, coming down to the Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques of last year, and including a peal of Stedman Cinques in the previous year, which was the first peal on twelve that a Vicar had taken part in on the bells of his own parish church. Incidentally, it may be added that the curate (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson)

also took part, as well as his Vicar (the Rev. A. F. H. Boughey).

THE CAMBRIDGE CHIMES.

I cannot conclude this account without some allusion to the famous "Cambridge quarters," which were first attached to the clock here in March, 1793. I therefore give the late Canon Raven's account of them from his *Church Bells of Cambridgeshire*. Speaking of the reconstruction of the clock he says: "About the time of these improvements Dr. Jowett was Regius Professor of Laws, and Dr. Randall Regius Professor of Music, and



ST. BENET'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE.

Where Fabian Stedman, the author of change-ringing, was wont to practise. There are still six bells in the tower, but in a neglected condition.

Crotch and Pratt, then mere lads, were his pupils. Dr. Jowett was expert at practical mechanics, modelling, etc. . . . He appears to have been consulted by the authorities of the University, and to have taken Crotch into his counsels. The latter may be credited with the idea of taking a movement in the 5th bar of the opening symphony of that most sublime air of Handel's 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' and, by a system of variations, not unworthy of Fabian Stedman, expanding it into the annexed musical chime. [Here he gives the chimes in musical notation.] It was said by Mr. Pratt that when the chimes were first heard they were thought so strange that they were nicknamed 'Jowett's Hornpipe.' Very few, except those who had known Crotch, were aware that he had anything to do with their composition, and till

they were copied for the Royal Exchange their merits were but little appreciated. But now they sound from many towers, and are dear to many ears, and Crotch and Jowett may say, in the words of *Aeneas*:—"Quæ regio in terris nostri non plena laboris?"

THE SEXTON AND HIS OFFICE.

IS HE "TENANT FOR LIFE"?

An interesting case has been before the Divisional Court, consisting of Justices Darling, Coleridge and Shearman, who investigated the nature of the office of parish sexton, in the course of an action in which they were asked by Mr. George Brooke to restore him to the office of sexton of St. Mary's Church, Dymock, in Gloucestershire, on the ground that the office was a freehold.

Mr. Hansell, appearing on behalf of the Rev. S. Marston, the Vicar, and the churchwardens, opposed the application. He explained that Mr. Brooke was appointed as sexton at the vestry meeting twenty-five years ago, and had since performed the duties of sexton, such as ringing the bell for services, digging the graves, and looking after the church. In his affidavit he deposed that he was at first paid £5 a year and afterwards £8, with fees for marriages and burials. In May, 1913, six months' notice of dismissal was given him because of his neglect of his duties. On behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens it was argued that there was no evidence to show that Mr. Brooke was properly appointed or that his office was a freehold one.

Mr. Justice Darling: Suppose it were a freehold office and he did not ring the bell often enough, what would happen?

Mr. Justice Coleridge: He could be removed for grave misconduct, and I suppose neglect of duty would be grave misconduct.

Mr. Justice Darling: If the office were a freehold could they turn him out whatever he did? He might live to 100 and do almost anything.

Mr. Hansell pointed out that in order not to appoint a man to an office from which he could not be removed it was quite common to appoint him not to the office, but to perform the duties.

ADAM ONLY TENANT AT WILL.

Mr. Harding, for Mr. Brooke, contended that it was a matter of law that the sexton and the parish clerk held freehold offices for life; the applicant's predecessor held his office for life. The complaints against Mr. Brooke were very trivial. As to the suggestion that he did not ring the bells, it was a case of "the parson told the sexton, but the sexton did not toll the bell" (laughter). But against the complaints, such as they were, he had no opportunity of defending himself. From time immemorial it had been held that an accused man was entitled to be heard before being punished. Even Adam and Eve were not turned out of the Garden of Eden till they had been called upon to show cause (laughter).

Mr. Justice Darling: Who laid that down? (laughter).

Mr. Harding: It was laid down by Mr. Justice Fortescue; I think he said he had heard a learned brother say so.

Mr. Justice Darling: The learned brother was only speaking from hearsay (laughter). His lordship went on to quote Lord Campbell as pointing out that Adam was heard in his own defence, and added, "It's perfectly plain, however, that Adam was only a tenant at will" (laughter).

Mr. Harding: Quite a different position (laughter). Dymock is a very old parish; it was mentioned in the Domesday Book, and its registers are in perfect condition since 1536.

The Court refused the application, on the ground that there was no evidence that Mr. Brooke ever was elected to the office of sexton as a freeholder.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The last quarterly meeting for the year of the South-Western branch of Worcestershire Association was held at Madresfield on Saturday last. On the arrival of the first six visitors the bells of the Parish Church were raised in peal, and several touches in various methods were rung until service time, at which the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Williams) gave a very stirring address. After further ringing, an adjournment was made to the Recreation Room, Madresfield Court, where full justice was done to a splendid tea, kindly provided by the Countess Beauchamp.

In the absence of Earl Beauchamp, through other business engagements, the Rector presided over the meeting which followed, about 38 members being present.—It was decided (if favourable news from the seat of war should arrive) to attempt the quarterly peal at Madresfield, with C. Camm as conductor.—The next meeting is to be held at Hallow on February 13th, 1915.

Mr. C. Camm, of Upton-on-Severn, was appointed Branch Master; Mr. R. G. Knowles, re-elected hon. secretary; and Mr. W. C. Jones, representative on the Central Committee.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Page for his services as Branch Master since the formation of the branch.—Mr. Page, replying, thought it right that the office should go round, but he would be quite willing to take an active part in the work.

On a member going round with a hat, the sum of eleven shillings

was collected for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund.—The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting.

A move was then made to the Church, and everyone had a "pull," touches being rung in various methods, which included Grandsire Doubles and London Surprise Minor.

This is the first meeting held at Madresfield, and was greatly appreciated by the inhabitants, who, although sharing a national sorrow, liked to be cheered by the bells ringing.

INVERNESS CATHEDRAL BELLS.

RESTORATION OF A SCOTTISH RING.

On Sunday week, at Inverness Cathedral, in the presence of a large congregation, the Bishop of Moray said a short office consisting of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells, and prayers that they might be a blessing to those who heard and those who rung them.

The eleven bells, consisting of a ring of eight, together with three semitones, after being silent for some time, owing to extensive repairs to the framework in which they hung, and also the fittings, have now been put in good ringing order. The framework has been further strengthened by placing massive compound or box girders below the existing beams. The restoration was provided for by Mr. Charles Fountaine Walker, as a memorial to his mother, the late Mrs. Ada Fountaine Walker, for many years a faithful churchworker in Inverness.

The work of restoration was entrusted to the founders of the bells, Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, and they have carried out the work in first-class manner. All the bells have been fitted with the "Warner" patent self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil bath and oil ring bearings, and a complete set of modern fittings, including cast-iron headstocks, etc., have been provided. The tuning of the bells upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle has greatly improved the tone, and with the chiming apparatus replaced, the Cathedral chimes have been providing melodious programmes during the last few days. A large number of tunes, sacred and secular, have been discoursed.

After the bells had been erected in their positions, the tuning was tested by an expert before the work was made over to the Cathedral authorities. The tones are sweet and pleasing, and the music of the bells should prove a source of pleasure to the community.

The inscriptions cast upon the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877.

2nd.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877.

3rd.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. To the Glory of God and in Memory of my dear husband Hester Fraser, A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

4th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. To the Glory of God and the Memory of Samuel Smithson, a beloved husband and father. F.S. and H.S.C.S. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

Semitone.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877.

5th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. To the Glory of God. Ring, ring ye bells and sweetly tell, that Christ hath conquered death and hell. I was given by Robert Eden and Emma his wife. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

6th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. Glory to God in the highest. I was given by members of the Diocese and many well-wishers. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

7th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. To the Glory of God and in Memory of my dear wife Fredrica Mary. James Fletcher of Roschaugh. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

8th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. Glory be to Thee O Christ. And many women were there beholding afar off which followed Jesus from Galilee ministering unto Him. The gift of the female members of the Cathedral congregation. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

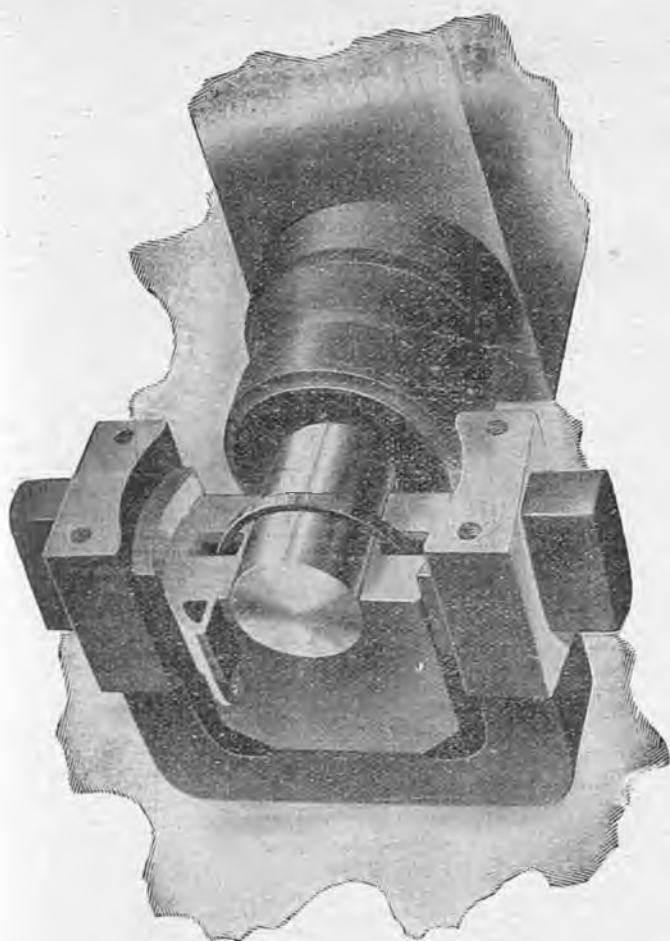
9th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. I was gifted by the citizens of Inverness to the Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew in affectionate esteem for its founder, Robert Eden, D.D., Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness. Alexander Simpson, Provost. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace goodwill towards men.

Tenor.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1869. Laudo Deum Bonum Probum. Voco Congregatio Clerum Defunctos Ploro Sollemnis Festa Decedat.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. BARNES, BACUP.

RINGER AND CHURCHWARDEN.

Ringling at Bacup has sustained a heavy blow by the death of Mr. J. H. Barnes, who has passed away after a very short illness. For 23 years he had been connected with Christ Church tower, and was a good ringer, a sound conductor, and one who was always to be found at his post. He was an able instructor, and will be greatly missed. He had held many offices in connection with the church, and, at the time of his death was people's warden. He was a member of the Lancashire Association, and was one of the committee who compiled the six-bell diagrams. After the funeral, with the bells he had loved so well, deeply muffled, the following rang 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Holt 1, G. Brown 2, G. Shotton 3, R. W. Etherington 4, E. J. Cockroft 5, J. S. Lomas (conductor) 6.



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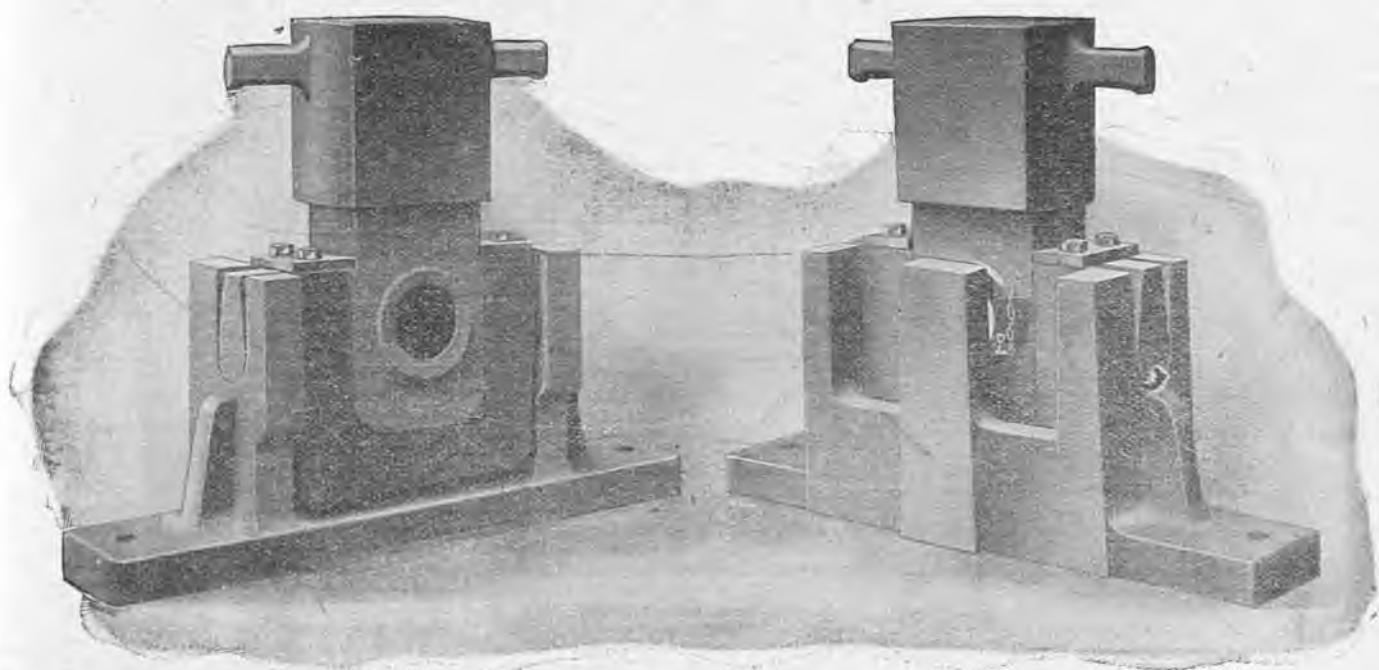
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WRAYSBURY'S NEW BELLS.

SUCCESSFUL DEDICATION.

The dreariness of a rainy day, coupled with fog, was not sufficient on Saturday last to deter the inhabitants of this river girt parish from attending an important ceremony at their ancient Parish Church of St. Andrew. The dedication of a new peal of eight bells by the Bishop of Buckingham was accomplished, in the presence of a crowded congregation, who attended the evening service, arranged by the Vicar for 5.30 p.m.

The well-lighted, cosy interior of this church, with its joyous service, afforded great contrast to the dismal outdoor conditions which prevailed, the latter much relieved afterwards by the welcome sounds of the new octave. A form of Dedication service, adopted by the Oxford Diocese, also, an impressive composition which may well be termed the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God," was employed; and



WRAYSBURY CHURCH.

a hearty service commenced with the processional hymn, followed by "God save the King." The clergy present, in addition to the Bishop (the Very Rev. E. D. Shaw), who was in cope and mitre, were the Rev. P. F. Eliot, Rural Dean (Slough), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. Read Davis (Vicar of Horton), and the Rev. L. F. Hake (Vicar of Wrayisbury). The lessons were read respectively by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Canon Eliot, and the prayers by the Vicar. After the second lesson, the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the belfry by negotiating a small circular stairway at the west end of the nave, and were there received by the ringers and Mr. J. Burley, their captain, and the vergers.

The solemn office of Holy Dedication was then performed by the appropriate handing over of all bell ropes from churchwarden to priest, priest to Vicar, Vicar to ringers, and, let us add, ringers to parish ioners, as the bells pealed out in well-struck rounds by an entirely local band, who had been previously taught by their chief. Next followed the sermon, a practical address by the Bishop founded upon the last verse but one of the Psalms: "Praise Him upon the loud Cymbals," which may, for the interest of absent friends, be summarised as follows: Bells were not in use during the earliest Christian period; they are not actually essential to present-day worship in an age of clocks and watches; they have attained their present use by the English Church since the 7th century, approximately; the national love for bells, its ready response to bell funds, arises from the association of bells with our daily life—birth, marriage, religion, loyalty and death. During the singing of the subsequent hymn, a collection was taken, and this was followed by the Bishop's blessing, and another hymn as a recessional.

As to the work itself we gathered that easy-going bearings, true clappering, with the usual sweet-throated small bells, made and hung by the old Whitechapel firm, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, gave everyone satisfaction. The tenor weighs 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs., in key F sharp, and is some 3 lbs. less than the original bell, cast in 1591, and the oldest dated one to disappear in Bucks. The original oak frame was re-used as supplied when the five bells were increased to six, the two trebles having been added later, so that we now record the fourth chapter in the history of Wrayisbury bells. The total cost of

the work now carried out was to have been £197, but it was afterwards increased by a few pounds—a handsome initial donation from Squire Benson, of Ankerwyke, giving the Vicar sufficient stimulus to undertake eighteen months' work in a comparatively poor district in which to collect the money. The belfry has also had attention—coloured in distemper, with a suitable dado to the walls, and new lamps with neat brackets, add greatly to the comfort of the room, which became filled with ringers and friends after service, a touch of Sledman Triples being well struck by the following: Messrs. F. E. Dawe (Woking), W. Welling (Old Windsor), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), A. A. Hughes (London), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Caversham), J. H. B. Hesse (Teddington) and A. Hughes (Whitechapel). Three other Standard methods were rung to short touches at intervals till 8 p.m., in which everyone present took a spell, including Messrs. W. Parker and J. Preston, of Staines; and Beadle (Isleworth), Flaxman, T. Smith and W. H. Fussell (Slough) and the members of the promising St. Andrew's Society.

"POP" BOTTLES AS HANDBELLS.

HOW MILITARY RINGERS HAVE KEPT IN PRACTICE.

Something decidedly novel as a substitute for handbells comes to light from one of the military camps. The little village of Claverley, in Herefordshire, once boasted of a band of which any church might be proud. They practically taught themselves to ring, and scored a peal by their own unaided efforts. That band is now training in the new army, anxious to uphold the honour of the country on the stern field of battle. But even amid the exacting duties of the training camp, they find a little relaxation in "ringing." At first, however, they were confronted with the difficulty of having no handbells on which to practise, and so for want of any better substitute they used "pop" bottles.

The Rev. J. S. Roper (hon. secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild), writes from Quatt Rectory, as follows: "I send a few extracts from a letter recently received from one of our ringers, who has joined one of the newly raised battalions. I think your readers will find them interesting. In the course of his letter, he says: '... We went to Old Dean camp, Camberley, a very pretty little town, but an awfully dusty camp. While staying there I went to the fine old church, where there are eight bells, and had a ring, as I am with all the Claverley ringers. ... The Claverley chaps have sent and asked the Vicar to send the handbells ... We often have a 'ring' on a set of pop bottles, just to keep us in trim. The handbells will sound very nice in camp ...'

"I may mention that the Claverley ringers are a young band from a neighbouring parish, who recently learnt to ring with very little outside assistance, and scored their first peal, entirely by themselves, in less than twelve months. They have since volunteered for service. Both they and the writer of the letter belong to the Hereford Diocesan Guild."

AN ESSEX MEETING.

The annual district meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Ardleigh on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Kelvedon; St. Peter's, Colchester; Lavenham, Great Bentley, Great Bromley, Totham, Rayne, Tendring, Earl's Colne and Langham. Service was held at the Parish Church, the Rev. R. H. Grabbe preaching an excellent sermon from the text: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God."—Tea was served at the Lion Hotel, followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary of the Association) presided.—Mr. G. Pannell, who is serving with Lord Kitchener's army, was re-elected district master. Mr. B. Redgwell was also re-elected district secretary. Two new members were elected from Langham.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Feering.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the district officers for their services during the past year.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Spaxton on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Bridgwater, Enmore, Huntspill, Chedzoy, and Wembdon. The service held in the church was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. Bush), assisted by the Rev. E. de St. Croix (chairman of the branch).—The Rector delivered a splendid address, and the service was fully choral. Afterwards tea was provided in the parish hall by the kind invitation of the Rector, and the usual business meeting followed, at which the Rev. E. de St. Croix (branch chairman) presided. The next meeting, being the annual meeting, will be held at Bridgwater.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kindness in providing tea, and for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choir for their attendance.—During the evening the belfry was again visited.

CONDUCTOR AT SEVENTY-ONE.

A touch of 734 Bob Major, rung for the harvest festival service at St. Mary's Church, Dover, was conducted by Mr. E. Potter, a veteran of 71 years. The ringers were: A. Saywell 1, C. R. Millway 2, A. Roberts 3, E. Potter 4, R. Stevens 5, H. Whitehead 6, H. C. Saywell 7, C. Turner 8.

5002 STEDMAN CINQUES.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

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214536	—		
314526	S		
412536	—		
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Repeat the last fourteen courses, calling first course, S5, 6, 19, produces 312456. Round with 2, S10, S15, in the least possible number of calls, and now published for the first time. The composition has the 6th its full extent home (24 times), and also in fifth's in this limited number of changes, with the usual going off and the treble a second's place bell. The 6th, also, is never below fourth's place at a course-end.

* Call first course 2, 5, 7, 8, S10, 16, 17, 18, 20.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax Association was held at Denholme on Saturday week, when four companies entered for the contest. During the afternoon a very substantial tea was served by the local company to about 80 ringing friends and visitors.

After the contest a meeting was held in the Schoolroom, Mr. Cotterell, the President, being in the chair, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. — Evans), and the society's officers.

It was decided to leave the matter of the next contest (on six bells) in the hands of Mr. Idle, of Earlsheaton, to try and make arrangements with the Thornhill company.—A vote of thanks was passed to the local company and the ladies for the way they had catered for the visitors.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was unanimously passed. The judge's report, given by Mr. Broadley, was as follows: No. 1 Co., Halifax 295 faults; No. 2 company, Pudsey 258 faults; No. 3 company, Birstall 348 faults; No. 4 company, Earlsheaton 111 faults.

Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners. — The Vicar responded to the vote of thanks, and said how pleased he was to see so many ringers and friends present that evening. It gave him great pleasure to be amongst them, and he proposed they should pay another visit to Denholme at some future date. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to the winning team.—Mr. Goodall received the cup, and suitably responded on behalf of the company.—A very successful meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

HERE AND THERE.**ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.**

The band of Thornington have lost one of their number, by death, Mr. George Miles. The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Oct. 19th, and later in the day a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung, with the bells deeply muffled, by: P. R. Almond 1, G. Jennings 2, J. Bowel 3, E. Eady 4, G. A. Andrews 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6.

DEATH OF A NEWPORT RINGER.

Death has removed a most respected member of the Llandaff Association, in the person of Mr. S. Bais, of Newport, Mon., who died on Sunday from an attack of pleurisy. For 12 years he had been tenor ringer at the Parish Church, Newport.

ANOTHER "BELL WELCOME."

Knighton, in Radnorshire, has taken a leaf out of its neighbour's book, and has followed Chum in having a "Bell Welcome." This took place last Saturday. The bells were a ring of six, and have been increased to eight by the addition of a treble and tenor (10 cwt.), the fourth having been recast. The peal has been rehung in a new steel frame with cast-iron headstocks, and is to be dedicated on Friday, November 6th. Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., of Birmingham, are carrying out the contract. They have also just rehung the ring of six at Norton-in-the-Moors, North Staffs, and are, among other jobs, rehanging the fine ring of ten at Worcester.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MALVERN LINK.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sept. 27th, Festival Sunday at St. Matthias' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for morning service: E. E. Barber (1st quarter-peal as conductor) 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. Niblett 3, F. Bryan 4, H. Chance 5, F. Stanton 6, O. Camm 7, F. Richings 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Major: H. Chance 1, E. E. Barber 2, W. Niblett 3, J. Brown 4, F. Bryan 5, F. Stanton 6, O. Camm 7, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 8.

ISLINGTON.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: S. Robinson 1, H. Franks 2, A. Hart 3, A. D. Barker (conductor) 4, J. W. Cornford 5, A. Turner 6, J. Bullock 7, H. Stubbs 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for evening service, on the occasion of harvest festival, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, City, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: C. H. Hughes 1, T. Walker 2, W. Buckingham 3, E. Brett 4, T. H. Taffender 5, W. Alps (conductor) 6, A. W. Grimes 7, W. J. Nelder 8.

ABINGDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, at St. Nicholas' Church, on the occasion of harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: E. Langford 1, W. H. Holfield 2, H. Holfield 3, A. Fordry 4, Miss K. Holfield (conductor) 5, F. Barrett 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Holfield 1, H. Holfield 2, Miss K. Holfield (conductor) 3, A. Fordry 4, A. E. Lock 5, F. Barrett 6.

TAUNTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 27th, for the harvest festival, 639 Stedman Caters: S. Wyatt 1, J. Routley 2, H. J. Creed 3, A. Wyatt 4, P. Merson 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, I. Creed 7, H. Mockridge 8, J. Fowler 9, S. Phillips 10. Also 420 and 504 Stedman Triples: J. Routley 1, H. J. Creed 2, I. Creed 3, S. Wyatt 4, H. Mockridge 5, F. J. Sudd 6, J. Burge (conductor) 7, S. Phillips 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Southover, on a visit from the late secretary, Mr. E. J. Pannett, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service, in 46 mins.: G. Richardson 1, R. Hide 2, E. J. Pannett (Lewisham) 3, F. S. Shirt 4, G. Piper 5, G. Burrow 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, D. Turner 8.

CHELMSFORD.—To celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the bells and the harvest festival at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes) was rung on Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, in 50 mins.: *J. Ridgwell 1, A. Wright 2, *D. H. Newman 3, H. Halford (5th Glos. Regiment) 4, *P. Timson 5, H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regt.), conductor, 6, A. Acfield 7, H. Allen 8, H. Richell 9, *J. Poulton 10. *First quarter-peal of caters. With the exception of H. Halford, all are members of the Cathedral band.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Sept. 27th, at St. Lawrence's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. A. Waite (conductor) 1, F. T. Waite 2, A. G. Waite 3, A. E. Waite 4, H. Mitchell 5, J. A. Waite 6, H. Newman 7, R. Jennings 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, and also as a farewell to A. G. Waite, who was leaving the county to take up a position in Bedford.

ISLEWORTH.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, October 4th, in the afternoon, for men's service, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: J. Brooks 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, G. Miles 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. J. Walker 5, H. Beadle 6, A. Harding 7, H. Brooks 8.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, 720 St. Clement's Bob: J. Gilbert 1, E. H. Stouley 2, H. Hill 3, J. G. Stouley 4, R. Clifford 5, T. H. Vallance (conductor) 6. Rung for harvest festival. Also as a send-off to E. H. Stouley, leader of the band, who has joined His Majesty's forces.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob: M. Bowley (first 720) 1, M. E. Chillingworth 2, J. Abery 3, C. Hunt 4, S. Chapman 5, G. Abery 6.

LONDON.—The London County Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, Southwark, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Walker 1, F. V. Martin 2, C. H. Hughes 3, H. T. Gowell 4, W. W. Ayres 5, H. W. Hibbert 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

TRING.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, 560 Grandsire Triples: F. Pitkin 1, F. Reeve (conductor) 2, H. Lovell 3, A. Tompkins 4, H. Heley 5, W. Grove 6, W. Melville 7, W. Redman (longest length) 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, being the harvest thanksgiving, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Townsend 1, C. Watson 2, M. Duck 3, J. W. Wilkinson 4, R. Duck 5, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 6. Before the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: G. Wellburn 1, F. S. Hodgson 2, J. T. Waters 3, W. Harland 4, R. Duck 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 7, F. Townsend 8. Messrs. Hodgson, Waters and Harland hail from Whitby. On a previous Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: G. Wellburn 1, M. Duck 2, C. Watson 3, A. Coates 4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, R. Duck 7, F. Townsend 8. This was the first quarter-peal on this fine ring, recently installed by Messrs Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

EDGEASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for morning service, 720 Stedman Minor: H. Withers (conductor) 1, J. Dowler 2, T. J. Bratton 3, J. Eaton 4, W. Ikin (first in the method) 5, E. T. Allaway 6. Also 420 Double Oxford Minor: J. Dowler 1, W. Bryant 2, T. Collinson 3, J. Eaton 4, E. T. Allaway 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6.

SEELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): W. Dowler 1, J. Dowler 2, E. Boylin 3, H. Withers (conductor) 4, T. Collinson 5, J. Eaton 6, W. Ikin 7, H. Parkes 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Collinson, a son of the ringer of the 5th, who is serving his country at the front in the Army Service Corps.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association. — For harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: R. H. Boddington 1, H. Holloway 2, W. Phillips 3, T. Haines 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, T. Smith 8. For morning service, on Oct. 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: J. R. Mackman 1, W. Phillips 2, W. A. Garrard 3, P. Miles 4, W. Lawrence 5, Robt. Holloway 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

GRAVESEND.—At St. George's Church, for the harvest festival, on the evening of October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Smith 1, A. Streeter 2, A. Martin 3, R. Tall 4, J. Constant 5, W. Denyer 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, J. Avis 8. Messrs. Streeter and Denyer are attached to the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, stationed in the town.

OSPREY, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: W. G. Coveney 1, T. E. Eades 2, S. R. Garner 3, A. Biggs 4, G. Beaby 5, E. D. Bridges 6, H. Baker (conductor) 7, G. Coveney 8.

TROWBRIDGE.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 3rd, in 43 mins. a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Baxter 1, E. Chivers 2, I. B. Holmyard 3, C. Raddon 4, C. Raison 5, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 6, S. Hector 7, S. Francis 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Bavington 1, J. J. Parker 2, W. Henley 3, W. H. Fussell 4, J. Elderfield 5, J. Blackmore 6, G. Basden 7, W. Clarke 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 5th, in the belfry of the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), on handbells, in 39 mins.: J. Thompson 1—2, W. Jacques (conductor) 3—4, F. Parsons 5—6. Longest length by all on handbells.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sept. 20th, at St. Thomas's Church, 336 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, Sergt. C. Blake (Royal Warwick Regt.) 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, T. Scammell 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. — On Sept. 24th, 602 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, Sergt. C. Blake 2, W. Upton 3, T. Scammell 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. Also 224 in the same method, with S. Moody 1. Much credit is due to this band, as they only started to learn change ringing in March last, under the instruction of Mr. H. Jennings, of Ryde, I.W. Previously they were a 'stone' band.

UPPER CLAPTON.—On Monday, Sept. 21st, for the patronal festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: C. L. Twist 1, J. C. Adams 2, H. Rumens 3, P. R. Hislop 4, C. A. Gray 5, S. H. R. Cooper 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, Miss Grace Adams 8.

EVHURST, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Rose 1, A. Francis 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, W. Tidy 4, F. Francis (conductor) 5, R. Whittington 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sept. 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Waldron 1, E. Tilley 2, J. Julson 3, A. Johnson 4, G. White 5, G. Julson (conductor) 6.

LAVENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 17th, on handbells, Holt's one-part 720 of Bob Minor (21 bobs): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, A. Symonds 2—3, L. Poulson 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5—6. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 4th, as he only started a few weeks ago. This 720 is supposed to be now rung for the first time in Suffolk. The same evening, 720 of Norwich Surprise: S. H. Symonds 1—2, A. Symonds 3—4, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 5—6. First in the method by all, the first in West Suffolk, and the first time "double-handed" in the method for the Ely Association. These 720's were rung to celebrate the birthday of W. R. J. Poulson.

STRETTFORD.—The Lancashire Association. — On Sunday, Sept. 27th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single; for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor; for evening service, 720 Oxford Single: J. J. Moss 1, T. Birchell 2, C. W. Birchell 3, W. E. Dale 4, W. Wigglesworth 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Tapp 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Relfe 4, H. Price 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6. — On Sept. 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Price 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, E. C. Lambert 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. Also two courses of London Surprise. Arranged for E. C. Lambert, who was visiting the neighbourhood.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—In order that the ringing of church bells after dusk may not be a possible assistance to the enemy's aircraft in locating our cathedrals and churches, it has been decided that the usual practices be suspended. Meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m., and each fortnight until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 31st. Service at 5 o'clock, tea and business meeting to follow at the Parish Room. A good meeting is desired, as district officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available afternoon and evening.—William Watts, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, October 31st, 1914. Service in Cathedral at 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Cathedral Vestry at 3 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 2s. Annual meeting immediately after tea. Social, with handbells, at 7 p.m. The committee have decided, in view of the national crisis, there shall be no ringing.—R. Stephenson, Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, November 3rd next, at 8 p.m.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, November 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 7th, 1914. The annual service will be held in St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A. Tea at Brett's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Free to all members who inform me of their coming by Wednesday, November 4th. Visitors 1s. each.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, November 7th. Church of St. Mary; 8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.; available 4.30-7.30 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Secretary *pro tem.*

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 7th. Bells available from 4. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th. Tea at 5.15 in the Deanery School Rooms, and business meeting immediately after. Only handbells available. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by November 11th.—Jas. W. Elkins, Honorary District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6 o'clock. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmsford, on Saturday, November 14th, 1914. Bells ready at 3.30; meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—The address of the Rev. C. Carew Cox is now Symondsbury, Bridport, Dorset.—Mr. W. J. Prescott, Sec. of the Bath Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has removed to Fern Cottage, Southdown, Twerton, Bath.

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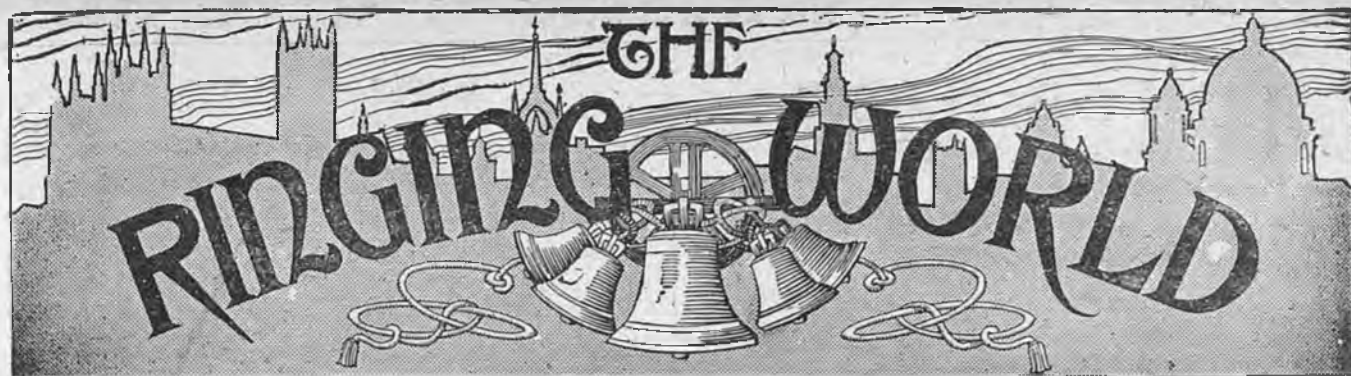


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Gentlemen,

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,

Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

DEAD HEROES HONoured.

The suggestion which was made that the bells should be muffled on All Saints' Day as a tribute to the memory of the dead who have given their lives in the present appalling war, led to a very large number of bells in all parts of the country ringing out their solemn messages on Sunday, and, in many cases also on Monday, which was All Souls' Day, and which numerous clergy favoured in preference to the Church Festival which occurred on the preceding day. Whatever may be the views of our readers upon the appropriateness of the occasion for ringing for such a purpose, there can be but one view as to the fitness of the bells to interpret national feeling on a matter of this kind. Where the suggestion was carried out there is every reason to believe the sentiment expressed by the muffled bells was fully appreciated by the parishioners, and, we may take it, the action of the ringers had, in each case, the full sanction of the incumbent. Indeed, not a few clergy took the opportunity, not only of informing the public of the object of the muffled ringing, but of utilising the occasion thus presented of themselves paying a tribute to our fallen heroes.

In addition to the large number of letters which we published in our last issue, further communications have since reached us. Some few had reference to the advisability of ringing on All Souls' Day in preference to All Saints' Day, but, as they were too late to insert last week and as the event is now past, and they can have no good effect in influencing opinion, we feel sure our correspondents will not take it as any slight that their letters are not given in this issue. Two writers, however, make further suggestions this week, by way of supporting some general action for periodically paying a tribute to the brave who have fallen. We doubt, however, whether the public would care too often to hear the muffled bells. The marking of our otherwise mute grief and respect for those who have laid down their lives by the setting apart of a special day, we feel, makes our action as ringers much more pointed, although one can quite appreciate the fact that, if we want to show further the feeling we have, it might be emphasised as something more than a passing expression of our recognition of the sacrifice that has been made if muffled ringing took place at stated intervals.

There is this much that may be said further. Unless something in the nature of periodical "tolling for the brave" were adopted, we could not well ring muffled for the departed until the complete close of the war unless we accept some special day as suitable for this form of recognition. If the struggle last for two or three years, as it not inconceivably may, then we should have been delaying for a long time our tribute to those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of right and liberty.

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MUFFLED PEALS.

The following muffled and half-muffled peals were rung as a tribute to the glorious memory of those who have laid down their lives by land and sea in the war which is now being waged for right and liberty:—

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH OGDEN Treble	HARRY HAMPSON 5
SAMUEL STOTT 2	FRANK CHAPMAN 6
*ASA WILD 3	HERBERT BARLOW 7
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 4	CHARLES E. PLATT... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK CHAPMAN.

* First peal. This composition with the 4th and 6th the extent in 5—6, is now rung for the first time.
Rung with the bells fully muffled.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

EDWIN CHAPMAN... .. Treble	HENRY NORMAN 5
WILLIAM CHAPMAN 2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS... 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	ISAAC CREED 7
ALBERT TOUT 4	ROBERT CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT V. MOORE Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	FRED R. KITTLEBORO ... 6
EDWARD ROBBINS 3	THOMAS RILEY... .. 7
*FRED W. BEMROSE 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PETER INCE'S VARIATION OF TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE Treble	PETER NUTTALL 5
GEORGE PINCOTT... .. 2	P.C. PETER CROOK... .. 6
JOSEPH PENNINGTON 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
JOHN DAVIS 4	*JOHN FISHWICK... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER INCE.

* First peal. Rung prior to morning service with the bells deeply muffled.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On All Saints' Day, Sunday, Nov. 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven 720's called differently, and with 6—8 covering.
Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DYE Treble	CECIL EBBERSON 5
ARTHUR BALDWIN 2	GEORGE BEVERLEY 6
*FRANK HARRISON 3	ROBERT W. COOKE 7
CHARLES WYBROW 4	CHARLES S. TOTHILL ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. COOKE.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES GOULDING Treble	JAMES BLAKEMAN 5
JAMES THOMAS 2	JOHN W. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM FISHER 3	ALBERT GOULDING 7
NOAH REES 4	FREDERICK SANDFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. DAVIS.

Rung with the bells muffled.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

SAMUEL PAGE Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
NATHAN PAYMORE 2	ERNEST A. OVERALL 5
EDWARD H. KING 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Rung with the bells muffled.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHARLWOOD BRANCH).

On Sunday, November 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent, two of Woodbine, three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

G. WICKENS, Senr. Treble	G. WICKENS, Junr. 4
*P. WICKENS 2	B. KING 5
A. KNAPP 3	A. ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by A. ELLIS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BERTRAM Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
EDWARD CHATTEN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

Reports of other muffled peals rung reached us too late for insertion this week.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5—6
MAURICE SMITHER 3—4	FRANK BLONDELL 7—8

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On Monday, November 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT 405, KINGSLAND ROAD, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY 1—2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5—6
HERBERT LANGDON 3—4	ALFRED B. PECK 7—8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: J. BARRY.

Mr. W. Alps also heard the last half of the peal.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions to the National Relief Fund and the Belgian Refugees' Fund have been received since the publication of our last list:

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	39	12	6
Romney Marsh and District Guild (per Mr. G. J. Youngs, hon. secretary)	1	0	0
Mr. C. Slingsby, Aldington	0	2	0
Ringers of Hadleigh, Suffolk, Parish Church (per Mr. T. Reed)	0	4	6
Bushey Society, October collection (per Mr. B. Prewett)	0	5	0
Spitalfields Foundry Guild (per Mr. J. Hunt)	3	0	0
Ringers of St. Peter's, Portishead (per Mr. W. Gillingham)	0	5	0
Ringers of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton (Messrs. T. O'Connor, H. Farlow, H. Hawkswood, F. Darroll, E. Mitchell, W. G. Hall, B. Clark, A. Little, I. Purser, T. Smith, J. Williams, J. F. Simpson and H. Knight) (per Mr. H. Knight)	0	10	0
Ringers of Ickleton, Cambs. (per Mr. P. J. Webb)	0	5	0
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Collection at the Annual Service at Newcastle Cathedral (per Mr. R. Stephenson, hon. secretary)	1	4	6
St. Mary's Society, Brecon (Messrs. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, A. Matthews, R. Kinsey, W. Hargest, G. Hardwick, W. Fletcher, C. Beech, C. Powell, W. Griffiths and W. Evans) (per Mr. W. Evans)	0	10	0
Total	£46	18	6

BELGIAN REFUGEES' FUND.

	£	s.	d.
St. Wulfram's Society, Grantham	1	0	0
"Wanderer"	0	2	0
"Mrs. Wanderer"	0	2	0
Total	£1	4	0

MUFFLED TOUCHES.

The following, among other touches, were rung with bells muffled to the memory of those who have died in the service of their King and country:—

TIPTON, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, on the Eve of All Saints' Day, two six-scores of Stedman Doubles, and five courses of Grandsire Triples, conducted by William R. Small. On All Saints' Day, for morning service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), composed by the late William Micklewright, of Dudley, and conducted by Alfred Rowley. For evening service, 209 of Grandsire Triples, followed by the whole pull and stand. The following ringers (all members of the local band) took part: W. R. Small, J. Smith, A. Rowley, J. Small, H. S. Smith, G. Williams, J. Whereton, D. Jinks, S. Corbett and T. W. Cattel.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.—On Saturday, October 31st, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): G. Wilburn 1, D. England 2, E. Purdy 3, H. Marshall 4, C. W. King 5, M. Tate 6, H. Ludkii (conductor) 7, J. Drake 8.

PORTSHEAD, SOMERSET.—At St. Peter's Church, on All Saints' Eve, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Watts 1, E. Goldstone 2, Miss A. M. Hole 3, Miss N. Gillingham 4, Miss R. M. Hole 5, Miss N. Gillingham 6, Wm. Gillingham 7, Miss M. E. N. Jukes 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on All Saints' Day, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Doubles: G. Camp 1, F. Camp 2, P. Minnett (Ingatstone) 3, A. Bradley 4, W. Green (conductor) 5.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, November 1st, at Christ Church, Southgate, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Pickworth 1, A. R. Glascock 2, G. Bester 3, J. E. Miller 4, E. G. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, F. G. Tegg 8. Also short touches for evening service, N. A. Tomlinson taking part. Rung with bells half-muffled, with the approval of the Vicar.

BELBROUGHTON.—At the Parish Church the bells were muffled on Sunday. For morning service several six-scores of Doubles were rung, and for evening service 720 Plain Bob: G. Hubbard 1, H. Martin, junr., 2, J. Parton 3, W. Short 4, G. Poplin 5, H. Martin, senr. (conductor) 6.

SWANMORE.—Winchester Guild.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, with the bells muffled, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: Roy Linter 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishley 3, E. Jacobs 4, A. Millard 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6. For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: Roy Linter 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishley 3, F. Linter 4, Walter Linter (conductor) 5, W. Linter 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: Roy Linter 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishley 3, F. Linter 4, A. Millard 5, W. Linter (cond.) 6.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, with the bells muffled, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.; for children's service in the afternoon, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: P. Webb (conductor) 1, A. Starr 2, E. Webb 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, A. G. Lilley 6. For evening service, touches of Woodbine Treble Bob and Grandsire, with Pte H. Carder taking part.

WHITBOURNE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 1st (All Saints' Day), for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. Warman 1, S. Lewis 2, G. Soley (conductor) 3, G. Jones 4, W. Ranford 5, W. Morris 6. After service an attempt was made for 720 of Plain Bob Minor, but was lost at the last call, owing to a change course: H. Warman 1, S. Lewis 2, G. Jones 3, W. Ranford 4, R. J. Caswell 5, G. Soley (conductor) 6.

BEDFORD.—Bedfordshire Association.—At St. Peter de Merton's, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, with the bells muffled, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor, and 540 Oxford Treble Bob. For evening service, 720 Norfolk Surprise Minor, and a course of Kent Treble Bob: A. Robinson 1, Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Miss E. Steel 4, W. Finedon 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On All Saints' Day, Nov. 1st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob, with the bells deeply muffled: J. Pardoe 1, B. S. Hill 2, J. Woodyatt 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, G. Hinton, junr., 5, W. Edgington 8.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—At St. Martin's Church, on All Saints' Day, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 360 Grandsire Doubles.

AMERSHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, with the bells muffled, for morning and evening service, touches of Doubles.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for service, with the bell muffled, 630 Grandsire Triples: E. Hookham 1, H. Gillett 2, F. E. Davis 3, R. Hookham 4, E. Hill 5, E. Pardon 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday morning, Nov. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., with the bells deeply muffled: C. Longstroth 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, A. R. Jones (conductor) 3, W. Bradley 4, J. Longstroth 5, G. C. Wane (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.—For evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 46 mins.: C. Starley 1, W. Wheeler 2, T. Gasson 3, E. Davey 4, A. Absalom 5, G. Lewis 6, W. Vincent (conductor) 7, W. Walder 8.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Thomas's Church, with

bells half-muffled, after evening service, on All Saints' Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Samuel Spittle 1, Harry Faulks 2, John W. Mills 3, John Goodman, junr. (conductor) 4, John Goodman, senr., 5, Herbert Sheppard 6, William Goodman 7, William Meeks 8. The touch, which contains the 24, 6-7's, was composed by the late Mr. Harvey Reeves.

CROYDON.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. States 1, A. Clark 2, W. S. Wise (conductor) 3, L. P. Taylor 4, J. Talbot 5, A. Jones 6, W. Groves 7, E. Pope 8.

READING, BERKS. Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Monday evening, Nov. 2nd, at St. Giles's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Neighbour 1, L. Osborne 2, A. H. Burgess 3, Miss Ethel Goodship 4, A. Bailey 5, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 6, F. Griffin 7, H. Osborne 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Dewick 1, H. J. Tucker 2, H. C. Edwards 3, C. A. Valentine 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6. Also 360 of Oxford Treble Bob: A. Clarke 1, H. J. Tucker 2, E. Yates 3, H. C. Edwards 4, T. C. Tompkins (conductor) 5, C. A. Valentine 6.

SKIPTON.—At the Parish Church (Holy Trinity), on Sunday morning, with the bells deeply muffled, 360 of Violet Treble Bob Minor. For evening service, 600 of Superlative Surprise Major was struck, with the bells half-muffled, following which a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with the bells open.

REDDISIL.—At St. Elizabeth's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Sumner 1, Edith R. Barnes 2, A. Barnes (conductor) 3, F. Needham 4, W. Eckersley 5, J. A. Teale 6, J. Barnes, tenor, covering. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Sumner 1, A. Barnes (conductor) 2, Edith R. Barnes 3, H. Smithson 4, W. Eckersley 5, F. Needham 6, J. E. Barnes 7, J. Barnes tenor. First 720 Kent. J. A. Teale hails from Leeds, Yorkshire.

BUILT WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.—The bells were rung half-muffled for three services on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles being rung in the evening: P. S. Sparkes 1, R. E. Sparkes 2, W. H. Bicknell 3, P. R. Sparkes 4, T. J. Dixon (conductor) 5. It was only possible to ring five bells, as three of the band have gone on foreign service with the Territorials.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, at St. Leonard's Church, Shore-ditch, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 59 mins.: C. H. Horton 1, R. W. Green 2, C. H. Hughes 3, H. J. Walton (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. A. Alps 6, W. Hewitt 7, A. A. Hughes 8, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 9, J. Hunt 10.

FLINDSBURY, KENT. On Monday, Nov. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, two 720's of Bob Doubles.

Among other towers where muffled ringing took place were:—

Rollston-on-Dove Parish Church, near Burton-on-Trent.

Milnrow Parish Church, Lancs.

Barthomley Parish Church, Cheshire.

Rumney (St. Augustine's), near Cardiff.

Bradfield Parish Church, Berks.

Chiddingstone Parish Church, Kent.

Heptonstall (St. Thomas's), Lancs.

Billingshurst Parish Church, Sussex.

Pendleton Parish Church, Lancs.

Mayfield Parish Church, Sussex.

Hawkshead Parish Church.

Congresbury Parish Church, Somerset.

Soldhill Parish Church, Birmingham.

Weston Pavell Parish Church, Northants.

Pontypridd (St. Catharine's), South Wales.

Farnham Parish Church, Surrey.

Bridgwater (St. Mary's), Somerset.

Huntspill (St. Peter's), Somerset.

Chedzoy (Parish Church), Somerset.

Enmore (Parish Church), Somerset.

Wembden (Parish Church), Somerset.

Pawlett (St. John the Baptist's), Somerset.

Spaxton (Parish Church), Somerset.

Devizes (St. James the Great, Southbroom).

Devizes (St. John the Baptist's).

Truro Cathedral, Cornwall.

Uckfield (Parish Church), Sussex.

East Peckham (St. Michael's), Kent.

Middlezey (Parish Church), Somerset, on Monday evening.

Reports of muffled ringing in a large number of other towers reached us too late for insertion this week.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER.—During a meeting of the Lincoln Guild (Grimsby District, a quarter-peal of Minor (180 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob), in 47 mins.: T. H. Parkin 1, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, C. H. Bird 3, A. Long 4, J. Cooper 5, J. W. Seamer 6.

SEAFOORD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original: G. Clark 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, C. Morling 3, H. Macey 4, H. Clark 5, G. Piper 6, R. J. Dawo 7, G. Banks 8.

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The steeple contains a peal of ten bells, tenor 52 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. diameter, weight about 25 cwt. The bells are in two tiers, the four lighter bells being above the rest. The inscriptions are as follows, the nine front bells being all alike:

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Tenor.

ALL SAINTS POPLAR 1822. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, POPLAR.

The first peal on the bells was rung at the Consecration of the Church, and is recorded in the following terms:

"SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—At the Consecration of this Church, July 3rd, 1823, the above Society rang a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 5094 changes, in 3 hours 27 minutes. This is the first peal ever rung on these bells."

Then follow the names of the ringers, which include G. Gross and T. Gross, J. Nash and other well-known Cumberlands of that period.

There are also tablets in the belfry recording the following peals, all rung by the Society of Cumberland Youths:

May 30th, 1830, 5292 Stedman Caters, in 3 hours 31 minutes.

May 4th, 1833, 5003 Grandsire Caters, in 3 hours 20 minutes.

January 11th, 1842, 5440 Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hours 42 minutes.

Another tablet runs as follows:

"SOCIETY OF CUMBERLANDS.—On Friday, March 17th,

1846, was rung in this steeple a true and complete Peal of CATERS on STEDMAN'S principle, consisting of 7025 changes, in 4 hours and 42 minutes.

H. W. HALEYTreble

W. H. BURWASHSecond

CHAS. GOOZEEThird

WILLM. LOBBFourth

JAS. STICKBURYFifth

CHAS. WILSONSixth

WILLM. KELLIOTTSeventh

THOS. MICHAELEighth

WILLM. GOLDINGNinth

WILLM. BRETTTenor

The above Peal contains 65 courses, with 2 singles, one in the second course, and one in the 62nd, there being 60 courses out of course, with treble in 2nd's place, and the 7th, 8th and 9th undisturbed, and is the first time the extent of 60 courses has ever been rung; Composed and called by H. W. Haley."

The following peals have also been rung here by the Cumberland Society: 5280 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, Dec. 5th, 1825; 5040 Grandsire Triples, March 27th, 1826; 5219 Grandsire Caters, Dec. 4th, 1826; 5040 Grandsire Triples, Nov. 17th, 1828. Also by the Junior Cumberland Society, 5183 Grandsire Caters, Dec. 15th, 1823; and 5040 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, June 25th, 1827.

THE SERVICE PEAL.

RINGERS SCATTERED BUT BOARD UNVEILED.

At a time when the sister services are fighting in a life and death struggle for liberty and right, for home and motherland, there is a peculiar interest in the little ceremony which has just taken place in Gillingham Church. Last January, it may be remembered, eight members of the Army and Navy rang a peal of Bob Major at St. Mary's Church, Gillingham, and a board recording the performance has just been erected, and unveiled. At the time when the peal was rung, the intention was to have the band photographed, and arrangements were made accordingly. This, however, did not come off, for, at the last moment, one of the band was put on the sick list, and showed up late, with the result that there was just time for the peal. "Oh, well," they commented, "we will have a board and all meet again for the opening and the photograph." But "the best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft agley." The band is now distributed as follows: The ringer of the treble, H.M.S. 'Blenheim'; 2nd, H.M.S. 'Implacable'; 3rd, H.M.S. 'Endeavour'; 4th, at the front; 5th, at the front; 6th, at Chatham; 7th, at the front; tenor, H.M.S. 'Duncan.'

But the unveiling has taken place, nevertheless, and the conductor, favoured with a brief respite ashore after three strenuous months afloat, in the course of which, however, his ship was not called upon to fire an angry shot, was able to attend. The hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, under whose auspices the peal was rung, was also present. The board was unveiled by Mrs. Robins, who was accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Robins, D.D.), and the lady was accorded a vote of thanks for her services. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples followed, but from the band that rang the peal which the board commemorates, many, of course, were absent. We hope, and in this hope every member of the Exercise will join, that the eight men who rang that peal of Bob Major last January will, when they have helped to add lustre to the British arms and, after victory, peace has been restored, gather once more in the tower and celebrate the unveiling as they originally intended.

The peal board is inscribed as follows:—

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8th, 1914, in 2 hours and 57 minutes. There was rung in this tower a peal of Bob Major (5056 changes) by the following members of the above Association, all of whom belong to His Majesty's service:—

William A. Cooke, Warrant Officer, Royal NavyTreble

Frederick A. Holden, Lance-Sergeant, Royal Marines ..2nd

Alfred A. Playle, stoker, Royal Navy3rd

Frederick J. Souter, private, Essex Regiment4th

George Gilbert, corporal, Royal Engineers5th

Victor A. Jarrett, musician, Royal Engineers6th

Percy Gibbs, private, King's Own Regiment7th

James Bennett, lance-sergeant, Royal MarinesTenor

Composed and conducted by F. A. Holden.

This is the first peal ever rung by an Army and Navy band of ringers, and was rung at the first attempt.

Rev Canon Robins, D.D., Vicar: M. H. Atkins and G. Lewis, churchwardens; William Haigh, steeplekeeper.

There has been a long connection between ringers of the Services at St. Mary's, Gillingham. As far back as 30 years ago, Ned Andrews, musician, R.E., was the recognised authority on change ringing in the district, and in the early 90's came Corporal Lindoff, R.E., who left an everlasting name. Since then the number of service ringers has increased, and so, too, have their facilities in that district which is such an important military centre. Less than 20 years ago Gillingham possessed the only peal in the neighbourhood, now there are no fewer than five peals of eight within reach.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Appended is a further list of ringers serving with H.M. Forces:—

Charles Mason, of SS. Mary and Laurence Church, Bolsover, farrier at the front.

Pte R. Barker, of Skipton, Yorks, 2nd Reserve Battalion, 6th Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), now at Skipton.

Bugler H. J. Ross, of St. Mary's, Horsey, 7th Middlesex Regiment (T.), now at Barnet.

H. Burton, and

G. J. Yardley, of St. Michael's Church, Rushall, Grenadier Guards, now at Caterham, Surrey.

Driver C. H. Brown, of Alfreton, Royal Field Artillery, now at Ipswich.

Lieut. Corpl. C. Green, of All Saints', Marlow, National Reserve, Gunner Walter Aldridge, R.N., of Merthyr Tydvil, H.M.S. "Illustrious."

Pte Reginald G. Williams, of St. Peter's, Portishead, Somerset Light Infantry, now on his way to India.

Alfred Booty, of Fryerning, Essex, R.H.A.

Edward Sitch, of Fryerning, 9th Essex Regiment.

Three members of the Gooles Parish Church have joined:—

Pte D. Carmichael, 3rd Hull Battalion.

Pte J. Spence, 2nd Hull (Commercial) Battalion.

Trooper W. Gilder, Imperial Yeomanry (Yorkshire Dragoons).

The vice-president of the band (the Rev. H. C. Forster) is chaplain to the 2nd Brigade, R.N.R.

Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, has now sent three members from the company of nine, viz.:—

John Burles, R.G.A., at present at Gravesend.

Sidney Bannister, R.E., at present at Gillingham.

Sidney Simmonds, A.S.C., at present at Gravesend.

Walter Poston, of Whitburne, Worcestershire, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, now at Aldershot.

Corpl. J. Hinkman, of Bosbury, Herefordshire, 1st Herefordshire Regiment, now at Ipswich.

Gunner W. Shuck, of Bosbury, R.G.A., now at Gosport.

Corpl. G. R. Goodship, of St. Giles's, Reading, A Squadron, Berks Yeomanry.

Pte Henry Watkins, St. Catharine's, Pontypridd, 5th Welsh Territorials, now at Neyland.

D. Morgan, of Rumney, Cardiff, South Wales Borderers.

The following members of the Ickleton company are serving with the Territorials:—

A. E. Carder,

H. Carder,

G. Clements, and

W. Godfrey.

From St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, the following are serving:—

Corpl. W. H. Lawley, 4th South Staffs Regiment, at present in Jersey.

Tpr. H. Gibson, Staffordshire Yeomanry, at present in Suffolk.

Tpr. R. Thompson, Staffordshire Yeomanry, in Suffolk.

H. Jones, Embarkation Staff, A.S.C., at Avonmouth.

In addition to those mentioned previously, the following members of the Wyke Regis band are serving:

Corpl. F. Hutchinson, and

Gnr. C. Stubbington, Hants Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (T.).

OFF TO INDIA.

The Portishod ringers recently did honour to one of their members, Reginald G. Williams, who joined the colours in the early part of September, and came home for a few hours to bid his friends goodbye prior to sailing for India. Miss Jukes, on behalf of the band, asked him to accept a dressing case, which was suitably inscribed, and remarked that the ringers were proud to think that one of their members should be among the first recruits to set foot in India.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham district was held on Saturday week at St. Margaret's, Lee. The bells were raised at 4 p.m., and various touches were brought round until the service, at which an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector). After the service an adjournment was made to the King's Hall, where a splendid tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was waiting, to which a company of 33 sat down. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. Lewisham was selected as the place of the next quarterly meeting, on the last Saturday in January, 1915.—The District Secretary then read his annual report, which was adopted. The district secretary and representative (Messrs. T. Groombridge, senr., and W. J. Jeffries) were both re-elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and his address, for providing the tea, and presiding over the meeting.—The Rector, responding, said it gave him very great pleasure to meet such a body of men (he was considered too severe for ladies), and to do what he had done, and if at any time they were hard up for a place of meeting, they could come to St. Margaret's, Lee, and he should be pleased to meet them again in the same way (applause).—This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited.

RINGERS AS WITNESSES.

On Wednesday evening in last week, the Fakenham bell ringers met at "Mansfield," Nelson Road, Fakenham, the residence of Mr. F. Harrison, an esteemed member of the band, for the purpose of binding as an apprentice George A. Cooke, a junior member of the company, to the trade of general stonemason to Mr. Frank Harrison, stone and marble mason. After the legal document had been read over, it was signed by Messrs. G. A. Cooke, F. Harrison, R. Cooke and Chas. S. Tutthill, all members and bell ringers of Fakenham. Afterwards they were joined by Messrs. Dye, Baldwin, Ebberson, Beverley and Wy. Brown, and a handbell peal of Bob Major was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing over an hour. Refreshments and a few short speeches brought the interesting evening to a close.

PRESENTATION AT LEWES, SUSSEX.

The services of a former secretary of the Southover (Lewes) Guild were fittingly recognised on Sunday week, by a presentation which took place in the belfry. During a short break in the touches for evening service, Mr. J. T. Glandfield, in the course of a few interesting remarks, referred to the valued services Mr. E. J. Pannett had rendered to the Guild during the 12 years he had been connected with it, and for the latter part of which time he had acted as hon. secretary. Mr. Glandfield said when Mr. Pannett resigned in March last it was felt some recognition of his services should be made. The speaker then read the list of subscribers, and called upon the Rector to make the presentation.—The Rev. T. H. Windle said he fully appreciated what had been done, and agreed with what had been said. He (the Rector) then handed Mr. Pannett a gold bell watch pendant, suitably inscribed, and a brooch for Mrs. Pannett, and wished the recipients God's blessing in their new home.—Mr. Pannett, who now resides at Lewisham, in reply, referred to the happy times he had spent with the members of the Guild, and said they were often in his thoughts. He had no doubt, with the present Rector at their head and an efficient staff of officers, they would continue to prosper.—Among those present, in addition to the Rev. T. H. Windle and the Rev. A. S. Denny, were Mr. J. T. Glandfield, Mr. F. A. Walton and Mr. H. E. White (vice-presidents), Mr. F. S. Sturt (captain), Mr. C. Errey (hon. secretary), Miss Pannett, and a full muster of ringing members.

BEQUEST FOR BELL RINGERS.

It is seldom in these days that we hear of bequests to bell ringers, although there are a few instances where present-day ringers enjoy the benefactions of those who, in bygone days, left tangible expression of their appreciation of the bells, such, for instance, as at Saffron Walden. In a will that has just been proved, however, the ringers of a Herefordshire village have been remembered by a testator. Mr. William Henry Barneby, of Longworth, Hereford, who died on July 6th, aged 71, leaving £68,000, left five guineas each to the bell ringers of Bredenbury Parish Church. His directions for a simple funeral included the desire to be carried to his grave, and not taken in a hearse, and, if that were inconvenient, to be borne on a farm waggon or spring trolley.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting took place at Newcastle on Saturday, when the following officers were elected: President, Mr. C. L. Routledge; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Ferry, J. Pallister, Rev. A. W. Lister and Mr. R. Stephenson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. T. Potter (vice Mr. R. Stephenson, resigned); auditor, Dr. M. C. Potter. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

THE BELLS OF LUNDY ISLAND.

To the Editor.

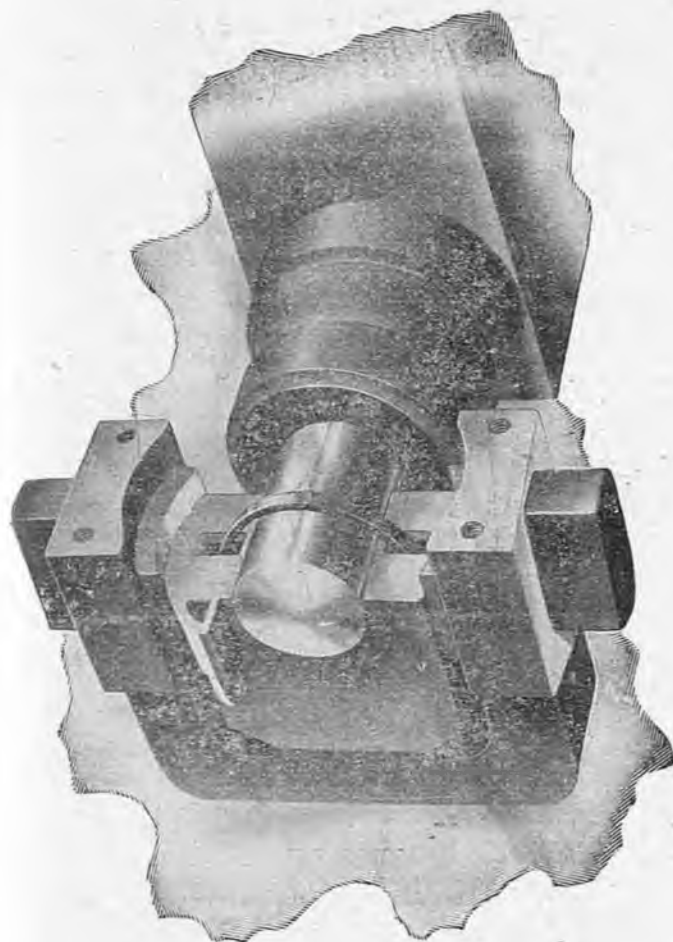
Dear Sir,—It is with regret that we note from your valued paper of the apparent impossibility of anyone getting over to this Island for the purpose of making heard this beautiful peal of bells. For your information we may say that this peal was turned out of our foundry, and was made entirely to the design of Mr. Evans himself. We have received ample testimony of their beautiful and melodious tone from people who have heard them out at sea. To our minds it does seem a shame that something cannot be done to have these bells rung more frequently. Perhaps the airing of the matter in your valuable paper may lead to some tangible suggestion being put forward for the elucidation of this problem.—Yours faithfully,

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BAGSHOT BELLS.

The bells of Bagshot Parish Church have undergone a thorough restoration. The old six have been rebung in iron frames, and two new trebles added, making a peal of eight, with tenor of 17 cwt. 19 lbs., in E flat. The work having been done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The dedication of bells will take place on Wednesday, 16th November, at 7.30 p.m., and all ringers are invited.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 8th, 1914, and 168 Grandsire Triples: G. Turner 1. R. Lathbury 2. H. Sharp 3. T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 4. P. Pinder 5. P. Fordham 6. W. Stannard 7. A. Turner 8. Ring with the bells half-muffled, after a memorial service for Lieut. H. C. Davis, of Wamel Hall, who was killed in action on Sept. 28th.



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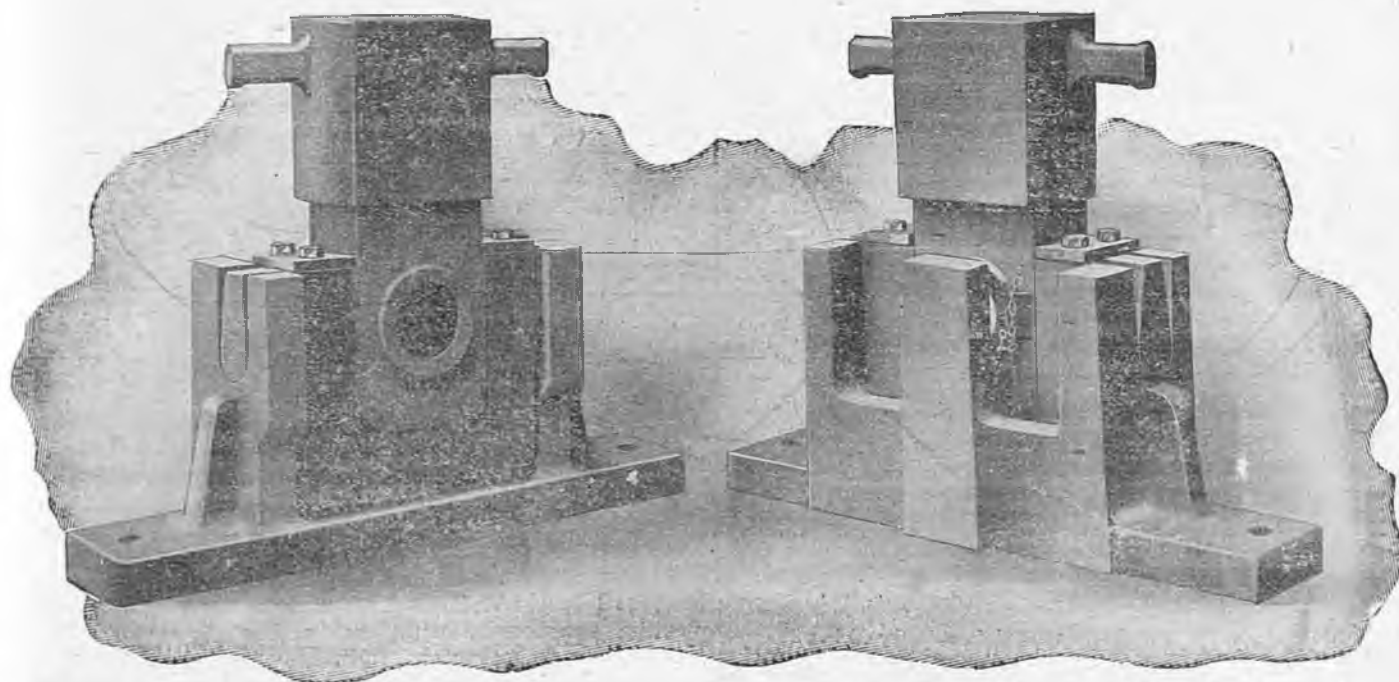
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MUFFLED RINGING ON ALL SAINTS' DAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The correspondence you published last week proves the truth of the old adage, "Many men, many minds"; and I freely admit there may very reasonably be diversity of opinion on the matter; but surely the note of sorrow struck by a half-muffled touch is not so totally out of harmony with the thoughts and feelings which, year by year, All Saints' Day brings to mind, as some of your correspondents seem to allege?

In our increasing years, while we know full well that the circle on the other side is ever widening, and we see and feel that our own circle of the Saints on this side of "the River" is growing smaller, is it either unnatural, or a negation of the Christian Faith, that the tears start to our eyes even while we bless God's Holy Name for all His servants departed this life in His faith and fear?

This is one of the aspects of All Saints' Day, and I cannot think the muffled bell so very much out of keeping with it.

But there is a matter of far greater import arising. The references both in your article and in the correspondence of the 30th ult. would lead one to imagine that All Souls' Day were a day ordered to be observed by the Church, of which the majority of your readers are members. An invention, so late as the 10th century, for the purpose of intercessory prayer for the souls of the departed (a very different thing from the commemorative nature of All Saints' Day as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer), our Church not only discarded the observation of the day in the 16th century, but absolutely deleted the day from the Calendar. This being so, is it quite loyal to our Church, is it honest, is it quite worthy of us who as Christ's soldiers profess to speak and act the truth, to speak of the day, or to act, even by ringing of bells, just as if the day had not been so discarded and deleted?

Does it not rather savour of an attempt by insidious means to bring back the observation of All Souls' Day step by step, just as much as people will unsuspectingly swallow at one time, with its old associations, practices and teaching, unknown to many ringers, which culminate in the denial of our Lord's once offered, full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world, and derogate from His present mediatorial work for us?

I do not imagine that "The Ringing World" is published for the purpose of theological argument, but when a line of action is openly advocated which tends to suppression of the order of the Church, of which we are officers, I think it is a matter of fair comment.—Yours faithfully,
C. W. READING.
Mitcham.

Dear Sir,—Adverting to the correspondence which has appeared in your columns on the subject of muffled ringing, I should like to add to the suggestion of Mr. F. K. Howell for general action, that the bells should be only half-muffled and rung preceding the services, for usual time, and let the muffles remain on until the conclusion of the war. Then, when it is over, set a day apart—not any Church Festival—for fully muffled peals to be rung, and recorded where possible, and make it universal by gaining the acquiescence of the Church authorities in this arrangement. By so doing we should not be individually expressing our deepest sentiments, but should be calling the public to express their feelings in silence with sounds of the bells. I think this would be more generally appreciated by them than by ringing isolated peals from time to time. Moreover, let us make known our intentions by affixing a notice on every church notice board, and, where possible, through the medium of our newspapers.

We are all deeply indebted to our fighting men, and especially to our fallen heroes, who gave their best services for the benefit of this and other communities. We should set some magnificent example by calling for one day for all of us to give our expression of gratitude, not only to those who have fallen, but to those who have sacrificed their nearest and best and, sometimes, one and only, just in the same manner as we should set apart a peace day after the war is over, to express our sense of relief and joy. I think a day of mourning should be fixed, and should precede such a day of rejoicing, for we should not be justified in acclaiming the living before we pay tribute to those who have made the supremest sacrifice.

Nottingham.

H.

Dear Sir,

And when the Warrior dieth, his comrades in the war,
With arms reversed and muffled drums, follow his funeral car.
They show the banners taken, they tell his battles won,
And after him lead his masterless steed whilst peals the minute gun.

Your remarks in the current issue of "The Ringing World," and the various opinions expressed regarding the advisability of ringing muffled, in memory of our departed heroes, raises a very wide and open question, and, as usual, it will probably be found that the most consistent course lies in a mean between the extremes advocated on either side. As you say, what is wanted is a lead which will commend itself to all parties—the clergy in charge of the bells, the public who hear them, and the ringers who are interested in the proper use of them. The clergyman will probably be influenced by what he considers the general wishes and feeling of his parishioners, and may

be trusted to use his discretion in the direction of the greatest good to the greatest number. The public will be biased according to how the matter is put before them. Indiscriminate ringing during war time does not appeal to them as an unmitigated blessing, especially if they have friends or relatives engaged in the strife—and who in these days has not?

On the other hand, does the fact that we are engaged in war which has been forced upon us, and in which we are fighting for our very existence, call for an attitude of despondency, or as if we were engaged in something to be ashamed of? No doubt the correct attitude is covered by the motto, "Business as usual," "Keep the flag flying." But then again, what about the thousands of lives sacrificed in keeping the flag flying that business may go on as usual? "Is it nothing unto you all ye that pass by." Shall no token of respect and honour to departed merit and courage be expressed for those heroes who have given their all, that we may remain in safety?

Further, what about the hundreds of our fellow ringers, standing at the post of danger, in defence of our Church and State, and daily losing their lives in the national cause? In all times a ringer is always entitled to his muffled peal, when he obeys the last great call, "stand," and shall he lose his privilege because the call comes, when standing in defence of his King and country?

Now, the question arises, how can these diverse positions be best met and satisfied? I would suggest that the views I have here placed before you be presented to the various incumbents interested, and their consent be obtained, if possible, to arrange that the Sunday ringing and practices be carried on as usual—keep the flag flying. No peals to be rung. That, further on, the last seven days of each month, including Sunday, the practice and service ringing be half-muffled, in honour and memory of our heroes who have fallen in the fight, and it be suggested that, as far as possible, at the service on the last Sunday the position be explained to the congregation, so that it may be seen that neither our dead heroes nor their bereaved relatives may seem to be forgotten.

This systematic regulation of the ringing, and the proper explanation to the public, will be far more acceptable to the public than any spasmodic muffling of the ringing on some one day in the year, which will be much more likely to be misunderstood than appreciated. Of course, a modification may be necessary at Christmas, when probably the last day of the year may be considered the most appropriate occasion. There are other points which might be urged, but this touch is now long enough. Verb Sap.—Yours, etc.,
ROBERT STRINGFELLOW.

PULPIT REFERENCES.

In connection with the muffled ringing for the services on Sunday at Barthomley, Cheshire, special reference was made to the purpose of the ringing in the sermons preached, in the morning by the Rev. Graham Cox, and in the evening by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Skene), who was in great sympathy with the movement.

The evening service on Sunday at Bolney was in the nature of a memorial service. The bells had previously been muffled, and the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell) paid a feeling tribute to two parishioners—the late Mr. James Hole (formerly churchwarden) and William Wheeler, who had passed away within the last few days—and to the sailors and soldiers who have laid down their lives in the cause of duty during the war. The Vicar's text was: "But the souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die; and their departure is taken for misery and their going from us to be utter destruction; but they are in peace." At the close of the service "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was sung as a vesper hymn.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
—Established 1637.—In order that the ringing of church bells after dusk may not be a possible assistance to the enemy's aircraft in locating our cathedrals and churches, it has been decided that the usual practices be suspended. Meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m., and each fortnight until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, November 7th. Church of St. Mary; 8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.; available 4.30-7.30 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Secretary pro. tem.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, November 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 7th. Bells available from 4. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th. Tea at 5.15 in the Deanery School Rooms, and business meeting immediately after. Only handbells available. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by November 11th.—Jas. W. Elkins, Honorary District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6 o'clock. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmshore, on Saturday, November 14th, 1914. Bells ready at 3.30; meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kewstoke on Saturday, November 14th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea 6d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James's Society), Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, November 21st, at St. Mary's, Battersea. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

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.

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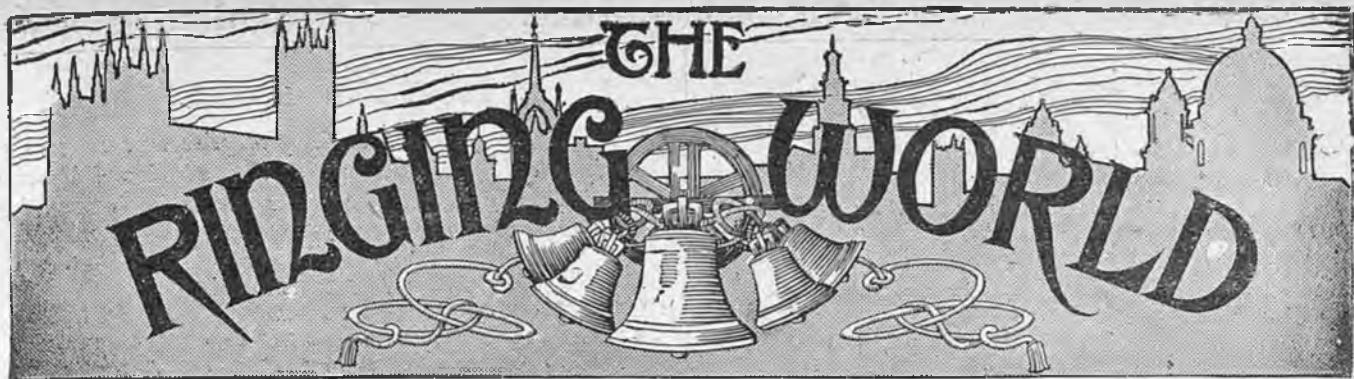


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

The publication of our roll of honour has elicited the fact that a very large number of ringers have realised their duty to their King and country in the present emergency and have joined the Forces of the Crown. The numbers who have gone have, we think, been highly creditable to the Exercise, for we must remember that the followers of our cult, unlike the participants in most pastimes, are by no means entirely young men. We have a good proportion of "young blood" it is true—it would be a sorry look-out were it not so—but ringing is one of the few pursuits in which there seems to be no "age limit." Consequently the proportion of those who are of military age is nothing like the same as, for example, that of footballers. Under the circumstances, therefore, ringers are, we think, showing themselves as patriotic in this respect as any other section of the public.

Of those who have given their services—and some, at least, have already given their lives—we who are, from various circumstances, compelled to remain behind are infinitely proud, and are anxious to do what we can to honour them. It is not much, perhaps, that we as ringers can do to mark our sense of the pride we feel in the sacrifice they are making, but there is one way in which we could put our appreciation on record, and that is by electing as honorary life members of our associations those colleagues who are serving the Crown. Many associations, doubtless, are compiling their own lists, and the new Lancashire Association report just issued includes a roll of honour. If this idea were adopted by all territorial societies and a list systematically compiled there would be for ever a record of the names of all who have responded to the call to arms. Then, too, for those associations who care to honour their members in the way we have suggested, there would be no difficulty in carrying out the proposal, for the complete list would be ready to hand.

The idea here outlined was laid before a district meeting of the Winchester Guild last Saturday, and the way in which it was received inclines us to the belief that it would meet with popular support among the members of the Exercise generally. We all feel that we cannot do too much to honour those who are prepared to sacrifice all for the Empire, and by making these ringers life members of associations we should be showing in some small way that we appreciate what they are doing, while that appreciation would also remain on permanent record. This is just one of those matters, we think, in which districts could well lend a hand. The roll of honour could be compiled through the districts if desired, and these branches could make their recommendation as to the life membership proposal if they support it.

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MUFFLED PEALS.

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SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor about 14 cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble	HENRY DANIELS 5
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 2	SAMUEL NEWMAN 6
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 7
CHARLES DYSON 4	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of those fallen during the war, and especially of a son of Mr. William Savage, one of the local ringers, who died of wounds at the front.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.
On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Canterbury, New-castle, Lancashire, Stamford and Beverley. Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. PARR Treble	G. BURNHAM 4
H. GREAVES 2	W. H. TURTON... .. 5
T. A. HOWES SMITH... .. 3	C. SEVERN... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of W. H. Hyde, a former ringer of the company who fell in action.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Grandsire, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RALPH COOK... .. Treble	GEORGE STEERE 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	ARTHUR JORDAN 5
EDMUND ROBBINS 3	FREDERICK JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK JORDAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB CATERS, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRANK JINKS Treble	FRANK COOK 6
JAMES HEMMING 2	FREDERICK JORDAN 7
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS 8
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 9
HERBERT JORDAN 5	WILLIAM WORKMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by H. MIDDLETON.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of those who have fallen in the war, on All Souls' Day, at the request of the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Walker),

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 2, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

PTE. JOHN SIDDALL Treble	GEORGE R. HARRISON 5
*COLIN GREYSTY 2	ERNEST E. FERRY 6
THOMAS R. PERCIVAL 3	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 7
ARTHUR PAYNE 4	CORPL. ARTHUR N. ADDISON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of those who have fallen in the present war, with the full approval of the Vicar, who voiced his appreciation from the pulpit on Sunday evening, Nov. 1st. The ringer of the treble hails from Matlock, Derbyshire, and the ringer of the tenor from Stockton-on-Tees.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM COLLINS Treble	GEORGE TOOTH 4
HYLTON TIDY 2	SAMUEL HEATH 5
PERCY TIDY 3	LEONARD TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TIDY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD FORSTER Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
JOSEPH LEIGH, JUNR. 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
ALBERT RYDER 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
ARTHUR UNSWORTH 4	THOMAS HOUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by A. W. WILDE.

First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs., in G.

*REV. V. A. CRESWELL ... Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	JAMES E. GROVES 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	SAMUEL ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. This peal was rung after the dedication of the new treble and tenor cast and hung by Messrs. Barwell, Birmingham.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1914, in Three Hours,
At the Residence of A. W. GRIMES,
405, KINGSLAND ROAD, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 1-2	*WILLIAM A. ALPS 5-6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8

ALFRED B. PECK 9-10
Composed by HENRY G. MILES, and
Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: J. BARRY.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the 277th Anniversary of the Society.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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"Thirteen Bells," Tong, Yorks	0	5	0
Worcestershire Association, Southern Branch, collected at meeting at Elmley Castle 13s., since collected 5s. (per Mr. J. Hemming) ...	0	18	0
Ringers of St. Nicholas Church, Newchurch, Lancs (per Mr. S. Lord)	0	5	0
Ringers of Beaconsfield Church, Bucks (per Mr. R. H. Young)	0	5	0
Ringers of Kingston Magna Church, Dorset (per Rev. F. L. Edwards)	0	3	0
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ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving with the Colours:—

From St. Mary's Cathedral Guild, Edinburgh:—

Sergt. Jas. McCracken, R.A.M.C.

Joseph Stannard, R.A.M.C.

Arthur Collinson, 6th Black Watch.

From Watchet, Somerset:—

Pte L. Binding, and

Pte F. Willicombe, 5th Battalion 2nd Somerset Regiment, en

route to India.

Pte J. Bale, 5th Battalion, 2nd Somerset Regiment, now at

Taunton.

From Sutton Coldfield:—

Pte Arthur L. Allsop, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, at

Sherrington Camp.

Pte George Dayman King's Royal Rifles.

Pte Thomas Whittaker, South Midland Ambulance (T.).

From Eserick, near York:—

J. W. Dunn,

Ray Ellar and

Luke Dennison, Kitchener's Army.

From Glasbury, Hereford,

V. Burton, Kitchener's Army.

H. Davies, and

T. Vaughan, Breconshire Territorials, on the way to Aden.

E. R. Jones, Montgomeryshire Yeomanry, now at Welshpool.

S. Everitt, of Lindfield, 9th Sussex, now at Shoreham.

F. Remant, of Lindfield, 4th Sussex, now at Newhaven.

J. Bracewell, of St. Saviour's, Baccup, Lancs, R.G.A., now at

Gosport.

Reginald Blake, of Barking, and formerly of Clandon, Surrey,

Scots Guards.

Sergt. Chas. Blake, of Woodburn Green, Bucks, Royal Warwick-

shire Regiment, now at the front.

A. Austin, and

L. Wright, of St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, with the new army.

Driver G. Gibson, of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, R.H.A.,

now at Woolwich.

Corpl. F. Hutchinson, and

G. C. Stubbington, given last week as belonging to Wyke Regis

are members of the Bishopstoke band, now stationed at

Wyke Regis.

BARNES. — At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 11th, for the harvest thanksgiving services, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 44 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barnatt 2, S. Collins 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, J. Kent 6, E. Castle 7, C. Hunt (conductor) 8.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, E. Castle 5, H. Crook 6, C. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. Skinner 8.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On a recent evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), on handbells: H. L. Garfath 1-2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3-4, I. Attwater 5-6, E. Attwater 7-8.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S STRONG POSITION.

Many an association would be glad to see the same interest taken in its affairs as is shown by the Guildford district of the Winchester Guild. The district meetings are always well attended, and the annual meeting never fails to bring together a large gathering of members. Last Saturday, when the district met at Guildford to transact its annual business, about 80 members, representing numerous towers, assembled and joined first of all in a service at St. Mary's Church. The usual form of service adopted by the Winchester Guild was used, but in place of the customary ringers' hymns, the following were sung: "O God, our help in ages past," "Fight the good fight," and "Eternal Father, strong to save." In addition, the Bidding Prayer was introduced, in the course of which the names of the following members of the district serving with H.M. Forces were mentioned: The Rector of the Parish (the Rev. E. C. Kirwan), C. H. Dobbie, J. Daniels and A. J. Whiting, Holy Trinity, Guildford; H. Goulding, Worplesdon; W. Denyer, Ewhurst; Albert Carr and John Titch, Dorking; E. J. King, Farnham; W. F. Lawes, Godalming; William Savage, Alfred Savage, Charles Savage, William Day and Reginald Blake, Clandon; P. Fowler, F. Clark and G. Chuter, Frensham; A. Norgate and W. Ellis, Binsted; W. Hitchcock and S. Overton, Rammore; G. E. Whealley, Chiddingfold; Sergt. G. Gilbert, Aldershot. The preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, who gave a characteristically forceful address.

After tea, at Brett's Restaurant, the annual business meeting was held, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn being voted to the chair.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, stated that five very successful meetings and a summer outing were held during the year. The district had sustained a great loss by the removal of Mr. C. Wiltshire, chairman of the committee, to Canada, and his genial presence would be greatly missed at the meetings of the district. At the annual meeting of the Guild at Winchester last June, he was unanimously elected a life member of the Guild. The Hon. Secretary added that the accounts were not yet complete, but he had about £15 in hand.—The Ringing Master (Mr. A. H. Pulling) reported that 35 peals had been rung by the district during the year, and specially mentioned as notable a local peal of Treble Bob at Farnham, a peal of Guildford Surprise at Holy Trinity, Guildford, and a peal of Minor at Shalford.

Among the new members elected were the Rev. A. J. Hamlyn (Rector of Ewhurst), the Rev. G. Askwith (Vicar of Woking) and the Rev. W. C. Bruce (Worplesdon), hon. members; and the Revs. E. L. M. Allen and E. C. Douglas, of Holy Trinity, Guildford, as ringing members.

Mr. C. Hazelden (Guildford) was unanimously elected chairman of the district, and Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford) was re-appointed hon. secretary. Messrs. R. Whittington (Ewhurst) and C. Edwards (Farnham) were re-elected to serve on the Central Committee, and Mr. Edwards was also appointed Ringing Master (vice Mr. A. H. Pulling, resigned). Mr. W. H. Tunnell (Morrow) was re-elected auditor, and the Rev. Gilbert Harding (Godalming), chaplain.

The proposal to establish a new district to be known as the Farnham district, and to include towers at present in the Guildford and Winchester Districts, was discussed.—The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the following were the towers which it was proposed to take from the Guildford District: Farnham, Aldershot, Seale, Frensham, Bentley, Binsted and Blackmore. A special committee of the Guild had been appointed to consider the question, but had not yet met, and he desired to know whether the towers concerned were in favour of the proposal.—Mr. Edwards stated that all were in favour.—The opinion was expressed that the special committee should be called together without delay, but no action was taken, pending their report.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) moved a resolution requesting the Central Committee of the Guild to consider the advisability of putting forward a proposition at the next annual meeting to elect as hon. life members all those members of the Guild serving with H.M. Forces. This proposal was seconded by the hon. secretary, and unanimously carried.

The question of future meetings was discussed, and subject to the consent of the Central Committee being obtained, it was decided to meet at the following places during the year: Farnham, Clandon and Morrow, Dorking, Woking and Leatherhead, and for the annual outing at Rammore, and the annual meeting at Guildford.

Votes of thanks were accorded to those who had arranged the service for the motion of Mr. C. Hazelden, and to the chairman for his address, and for presiding (on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dave).

LANCASHIRE VICE-PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

We much regret to announce the death, from pneumonia, after a short illness, of Mr. James Barratt, of Eccles, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, and one of its most enthusiastic workers for many years. He had been a member of the Association since 1877—almost from the inception of the organisation—and was, therefore, one of the oldest members. Last Saturday a meeting of the Association was held at the tower with which he had been connected for so long, and sympathetic reference was made to his illness, which was so soon to have a fatal termination.

DEVON PEAL RESTORED.

NEW TREBLES AT CULMSTOCK.

The complete restoration of the bells of the Parish Church at Culmstock, Devon, has just been effected by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the work has been carried out in the very satisfactory manner so characteristic of this firm. The original peal of six has been increased to eight, by the addition of two trebles, and the old second bell has been recast and the bells tuned on the Simpson principle. The tenor of the peal is about 18½ cwt., in E, and dates from 1661, while the 7th is an even older bell, dating from 1639. The new treble is inscribed: "In memory of Rosalie Collier, this bell was given by her son, Charles Collier, 1914." The second bears the inscription: "This bell is the gift of John Collier Knowlman, 1914." The bell recast, was provided originally by subscription in memory of F. M. the Duke of Wellington, who died Sept. 14th, 1852. The inscription on it contained the names of the then Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Karslake); Charles Corner, W. Pook Collier, churchwardens. The inscription on the recast bell is: "Re-cast in memory of Wm. Pook Collier and Frances Mary Collier, by their son, Charles Lindley Collier, 1914." The long association of the Collier family with the church and parish of Culmstock is instanced by the inscriptions on the various bells of the peal, no less than four out of the eight having either been given by a Collier or hung during the period of office as a churchwarden of a member of the family.

The dedication of the new bells was performed by the Bishop of Exeter, but the parish was under a cloud, by the death of one of its churchwardens, Capt. C. H. Chichester, who had been killed in action a few days previously.

A luncheon took place in the school prior to the ceremony, at which there was a representative gathering, but, in view of the death of Capt. Chichester, the toast list was dispensed with, only the loyal toast being honoured.—The Bishop of Exeter spoke of the terrible calamity which had overtaken Europe, and of the effect which it was having upon our whole national life, not only in the great places, but also down to the smallest towns and villages. The sacrifice that was called for had been brought home to them in that village by the fate of a gallant young officer, who was one of their churchwardens. They prayed God that the end of the war would be a lasting and solid peace.—The Vicar (the Rev. Tertius Poole) welcomed the Bishop to the parish, and afterwards the company proceeded to the church for the dedication service.

During the singing of the hymn, "We love the place, O God," the Bishop, clergy, churchwarden, sidesmen, and the donors of the bells gathered in the tower, where the ringers of St. Peter's Church, Tiverton, announced the dedication of the bells by a short touch.

The Bishop, in the course of an eloquent address, dwelt upon the important part bells played in the spiritual life of religious people. The parishioners could feel satisfaction at the addition to the beauty and dignity of the church by the new bells, and reflect with gratitude on the pious donors into whose hearts God had put it to present those great gifts to the church and fabric. But, above all, they had to remember the reason why the bells were there at all. It was to summon human souls to the foot of God and to worship and prayer. They were a signal to those who were ready to attend the church, and they were a reminder to those who did not, but who ought to, attend church and worship God. The very regularity with which the bells sounded from time to time in the service of the church was a witness in the ears of men of the importance of religious things, of man's duty to God, and his duty of worship to himself. So that just as the bells might be considered the voice, the tongue, and the lips of the House of God speaking to all, both far and near, they were also conveying a message of the real presence of God. We were engaged just now, continued the Bishop, in a sad and terrible war, but one waged, none the less, for truth and justice, liberty and right. Let them pray the time might soon come when their church bells would ring aloud to herald the proclamation of peace, not of a hollow and fragile peace, a prelude to a more terrible war, but a solid, lasting peace, solid in justice and permanent in securing the peaceful quiet and well-being of those who had suffered so cruelly from the arbitrary caprice, the mad ambition, which might be said to have brought about this war.

After the singing of the hymn, "When morning glads the sky," the Bishop pronounced the Benediction, after which the whole congregation sang the National Anthem.

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL BAISS.

The mortal remains of the late Mr. Samuel Baiss, of All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon., were laid to rest on Saturday week in Newport Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Charles Bennett). It was attended by a number of ringers from both All Saints' and St. Woolos Churches, some of whom acted as bearers, while beautiful floral tributes were sent by the ringers and also by the choristers and church officials of All Saints' Church.

In the evening, as a last tribute to the memory of the deceased, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on All Saints' bells by: T. Max 1, H. Morgan 2, J. Bullen 3, A. B. Morgan 4, V. Morgan 5, C. Greedy 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Pippin 8. The deceased had been a regular ringer at the church ever since the bells were put in twelve years ago.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

AN ACTIVE DISTRICT SECRETARY.

Mr. John J. Jones who, on Saturday, was elected for the twelfth time hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, is one of the oldest officers of the Association. In the county town of Guildford Mr. Jones is a much-respected inhabitant, and in the Exercise he is esteemed by a wide circle of friends. He began his ringing just 30 years ago, when a new band was started at St. Nicolas Church, Guildford, under Mr. Frank Bennett, and for five years there was an uphill struggle, Mr. Jones being one of the few who continued in the art. He joined the Winchester Guild in May, 1885, and 10 years later became local secretary.



MR. J. J. JONES.

When the area of the Guild was reorganised into districts

under the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. Jones became the secretary for the Guildford District, and thanks to his continued and energetic efforts it has risen to be one of the strongest in the Guild. It covers a wide area—there is now a proposal afoot to divide it—and there are over 30 towers and more than 300 members affiliated, with a strong list of over 40 hon. members, whom Mr. Jones seems to have a perfect genius for "roping in." He is enthusiastic in the work of advancing the Guild, and the organisation owes a great deal to him.

Since he rang his first peal on May 27th, 1889, called, by the way, by the present Hon. Sec. of the Guild (Mr. G. Williams), Mr. Jones has rung 130 peals in 12 methods.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

On Saturday last the members of the Manchester Branch met at Eccles for the usual monthly meeting. There were present about 50 representatives from the various towers, and much regret was felt at the very serious illness of Mr. Jas. Barratt, vice-president of the Association, who lives close by the church. No ringing on the tower bells was indulged in. At the kind invitation of the local ringers tea was provided in the Mission Room.—At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar of Eccles (the Rev. W. Wilkinson, M.A.) presided, and gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, remarking that it was the determined intention of the authorities in the near future to have the bells overhauled and made worthy of such a noble church. The Vicar and the Rev. Lavers-Kemp were elected hon. life members, and Mr. F. Barlow, an ordinary member. A vote of condolence was passed with the widow of Corpl. Ernest Barton, of Ashton-on-Lyne, who was killed in action at daybreak on October 23rd, near Lille.—The Rev. A. T. Beeson read a very interesting letter which had been received from Pte J. T. Bottrill, of the Royal Marines, stationed at Stonehouse Barracks, Plymouth.

Manchester Town Hall was chosen as the next meeting-place.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the local ringers, and the ladies, for ministering to the comfort of the visitors.

The intercessory prayer meeting in church was then attended, and more ringers having by this time assembled, an adjournment was afterwards made to the Oddfellows' Arms, where a very enjoyable time was spent in handbell ringing and songs. Refreshments were supplied by the local men.

BIG CLOCKS FOR THE COLONIES.

Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Clock Works, Derby, have recently completed the erection of two large turret clocks, and also the bells and Cambridge quarter chimes for the Union of South Africa New Government Buildings at Pretoria. A large Cambridge quarter clock has also been sent to New South Wales, Australia. Amongst other clocks they are now making is the new great clock and chimes for Queenstown Cathedral.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Newcastle on Saturday week, as briefly reported in our last issue. In spite of the miserable weather conditions there was a good attendance, but, owing to the war, there was no ringing, the meeting being a purely business one. Service was held in the Cathedral, and it was pleasing to have an active member of the Association to address the gathering.

PRACTICAL HINTS FROM THE PULPIT

The Rev. A. W. Lister's sermon was based upon Genesis xxviii. 16-17. He said they met that year under circumstances which they prayed God might never occur again, and he felt sure the members agreed that their president and committee had done the only proper thing in deciding that there should be no ringing. They felt that the ringing of bells might raise in some men's minds false hopes of victory, or might harass the feelings of the anxious and the bereaved. The members would also, he thought, agree with the decision of the executive that it was better to hold the service as usual, in order that they might be reminded that their Association had a close and intimate connection with the Church. There was, he feared, a danger of forgetting this and of thinking of bell ringing more as a hobby than as a part of a religious service. Because ringers did not put on cassocks and surplices and walk in procession through the church and sit in conspicuous seats, they and the congregation generally failed to realise that ringing was as much part of their worship of God as was the singing of hymns and chanting of psalms. They were not seen in most belfries, but they were heard. Let them, therefore, make themselves heard to good effect. For instance, there was the time of starting. In how many parishes could the parishioners set their watches by the church bells? And yet what would be said and thought if the clergy and choir turned up five or ten minutes after the time fixed for beginning service and then sat in the vestry discussing various topics of interest? Let them make a point of being in their places at the time fixed for starting, for, if they regarded bell ringing as part of the church services, they would agree that it ought to begin punctually. Then there was the question of striking. Very often, in their anxiety to ring a certain number of changes, the bells were rung much too quickly and their beauty was quite spoilt. Much better attempt less and ring it well. People who were listening and who might be quite ignorant of the number of changes or the method rung, could yet appreciate good striking. He believed that bells which were well-tuned and well-struck might have as great an influence on those that heard as the singing. Let them try and realise as they rang, that they were sending out, in His name, an invitation to all who heard to come to God's House, and that they themselves were taking part in the worship of that House.

CLERGY NOT FREE FROM BLAME.

How easy it was to forget that the belfry was part of the church. In that matter, he feared, the clergy were by no means free from blame. Apart from a few exceptions the majority of clergy seemed to take no personal interest in the affairs of their belfries. Was it not often a case of "out of sight, out of mind"? Again, did they ever see an advertisement asking for a curate who could ring? He had looked closely, and never yet seen one. "Able to intone," "good preacher and visitor," "Boy Scouts and Girl Guides"—these qualifications were asked for—never a knowledge of bell ringing. Personally he considered bell ringing a very valuable qualification in the assistant clergy, and thought a curate might often be better employed in learning to ring or in helping others than in attending women's meetings. But if the clergy forgot the steps which led to the belfry, that was no reason why ringers should forget the door that led to the church. Many of their ringers, they were glad to know, not only attended church regularly, but also sang in the choir or held the office of churchwarden, or sidesman, or Sunday School teacher. But there was no hiding the fact that many ringers regularly passed the church door, and not only neglected the means of grace themselves, but, by their example, misled others also. It was a splendid thing to find in some churches special pews for the ringers, but were these pews always occupied? There were cases where a ringer had to go from one belfry to another, or perhaps to take his place in the choir of another church, but, except in cases of that kind, they ought to feel it the natural and right thing to go straight from the belfry to their pews in the church. For himself he knew of no better preparation for a church service than a well struck touch on the bells, and if they approached their work in the right spirit they would, he felt sure, benefit not only in body and mind, but also in spirit. Only let them remember, while in the belfry, "The Lord is in this place." There was a time when they would have been obliged to continue, in the words of their text, "I knew it not." But now, through the work of their Association, they had learnt, he believed, that the Lord was in the belfry as much as in the rest of the church. Ringers had become more reverent; belfries were better kept. But let them not be weary in well-doing. Let them continue their work of reform, so that, on entering any belfry

in their district the thought might come into their minds, "This is none other but the House of God." Dare they continue the quotation and say, "This is the gate of Heaven"? It would depend upon the spirit in which they entered upon their work. Let them look upon their work as part of the worship of God. Let them in their Sunday ringing and in their practice strive after what was best, not merely for love of their Art, but much more for the glory of God. Then he believed they could honestly say of every belfry where they rang "This is none other but the House of God, and this is the gate of Heaven."

A collection was taken at the close of the service on behalf of the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund ("Ringing World" contribution), and realised £1 4s. 6d.

At the tea, which was subsequently held at the County Hotel, 62 members sat down, and the business meeting followed. The loyal toast was duly honoured, and the National Anthem sung.—The President (Mr. C. L. Routledge) proposed the "Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses," which was responded to by the Rev. H. S. Stephenson, who said the bells of the country voiced national joy and sorrow, and he hoped they would ring soon throughout the land to announce a great national victory. — The Rev. H. H. Barff also suitably responded.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr. R. Stephenson) presented the 37th annual report, from which we take the following: "Many of our brother ringers who might have been with us to-day have nobly answered 'the country's call,' as also have others from kindred associations throughout the length and breadth of the land. We take our hats off to these noble fellows—they are ringers of whom we are proud. They go with all the good wishes of those they have left behind, and none will regret their departure more than they, who would like, but are unable to do likewise. Their thoughts will be with us to-day, surely ours will be with them."

After sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. T. Hudson, senr., of Sunderland, formerly hon. secretary of the association, and of Canon Ross-Lewin, Vicar of Benfieldside, an hon. member for 29 years, the report continued: "It will be noticed our balance is just half the amount of last year, viz., £4 1s. 2d., as against £9 1s., due to unpaid subscriptions, fewer life members' payments and extra printing costs. However, as we have finished on the right side let us be thankful. I did anticipate an adverse balance, but members have come forward at the eleventh hour and saved us this calamity. Do members really realise what it is to run an association of our magnitude? I can't think they do, or they would be more prompt in their payments. Money is a very necessary affair with us, especially at the beginning and end of the year when heavy accounts have to be faced. It is a matter of very great regret that there are so many outstanding subscriptions, and those who are in arrears should realise this and forward them to the treasurer without delay. Local secretaries should bear in mind that subscriptions become due on October 1st of each year, and impress this fact upon each member of his belfry. Our honorary lists are not nearly large enough. As a matter of fact they are decreasing instead of otherwise. Are there not a few of our many performing members who could come forward and swell these lists?"

SUNDAY-SERVICE RINGING.

The long desired wish of our Association to have a peal of twelve bells is now an accomplished fact, and our grateful thanks go out to the donors (Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe) for their handsome gift to Newcastle Cathedral. The two new bells were dedicated on Easter Sunday, and since that time another bell has been added; the gift of Miss Dixon, in memory of her brother and sister, which was dedicated on September 30th, 1914. This allows of a middle peal of eight. Nineteen belfries have made returns as to Sunday service ringing this year as against eighteen last. This increase is very pleasing, and if it is only kept up, we shall know this scheme is working with good results. The average points per belfry is 638; slightly lower than last, but not enough to comment on. The first three places are taken by:

1st Benfieldside (St. Cuthbert), 2801.8 points.

2nd, Sunderland (St. Ignatius), 2692.9 points.

3rd, North Shields (Christ Church), 1185.8 points.

It will be noticed there is no change from last year, only in the huge increase of points, which goes to prove that they have been going the pace. The performance of Benfieldside is excellent, and they fully deserve our very hearty congratulations. They have scored in 13 Surprise Methods, ringing no fewer than 104,840 changes, and having missed ringing for one service only. They have won this certificate three times in the last six years, and although not entitled to it by rule, it will now become their own property. This is a gift from our president in appreciation of their most consistent ringing for the last six years. Sunderland (St. Ignatius) again come very close, and are no less worthy of our congratulations. Considering this is their first full year with eight bells, it is very much to their credit that they are able to take second place. They have rung, in four methods, 95,884 changes, and missed ringing for two services only. The second certificate becomes their own property, as they have now won it three times in five years. Our thanks go to Mr. Todd, who has offered us a new certificate. North Shields are third again

this year with an increased number of points. We must admire their persistency in remaining near the top, and congratulate them at the same time. Since the inauguration of the scheme they have never been below third place, so they have every reason to be proud of themselves. This is the third time in six years they have won this certificate, and as our president has offered a new first certificate, I should like to offer a third, and beg your acceptance of it. This may induce North Shields to buck up and take first place for a change. The next three places are taken by Whitley Bay with 989 points, Hurworth, 633 points; Newcastle Cathedral, 608 points. They take the same places as last year, but with a decreased number of points, Bishop Auckland take 7th place, Darlington (Holy Trinity) 8th, Sunderland (Holy Trinity) 9th. The other returns do not call for much comment beyond the fact that West Hartlepool (Stranton and S. Aidan's), have come in for the first time.

POORLY-ATTENDED MEETINGS.

The meetings which have been held during the year have not been the success which they ought to be, and it would scarcely be policy to pass over this very regrettable fact without some comment. The number of ringers who attended these meetings, from which you may form some idea of their success, were: Pre-Lent meeting at Crumlington, 19 members; Whitsuntide meeting at Shildon, 20; summer meeting at Allendale, 8. Making all allowances for non-attendance, and taking into consideration we have a membership of nearly 600, what conclusions do you come to? Are we carrying into effect one of our greatest aims, i.e., "To unite the various companies of ringers into one Association, so that by meetings and friendships with one another, they may be stimulated to a friendly rivalry in the prosecution of their art"? We cannot honestly say we have done this, and if we wish to make progress as we should do, it behoves each one of us to make a special endeavour and so make these meetings the success which they ought to be. The result of these meetings in the past has allowed us to make progress and rise to the very height of the ringing world. We must not forget this fact, and it should be an incentive to do greater things in the future. The district secretaries' reports are not as cheerful as they might be. The sub-division of the districts has had the serious consideration of the committee during the year, and the conclusion came to is that the western district should be sub-divided and formed into two sections with two secretaries and one vice-president; Chester-le-Street to leave the Eastern for the Western district; West Hartlepool and Stockton to go into the Eastern district. The change is not very great, but let us hope it will improve the working of these districts.

THE PEALS.

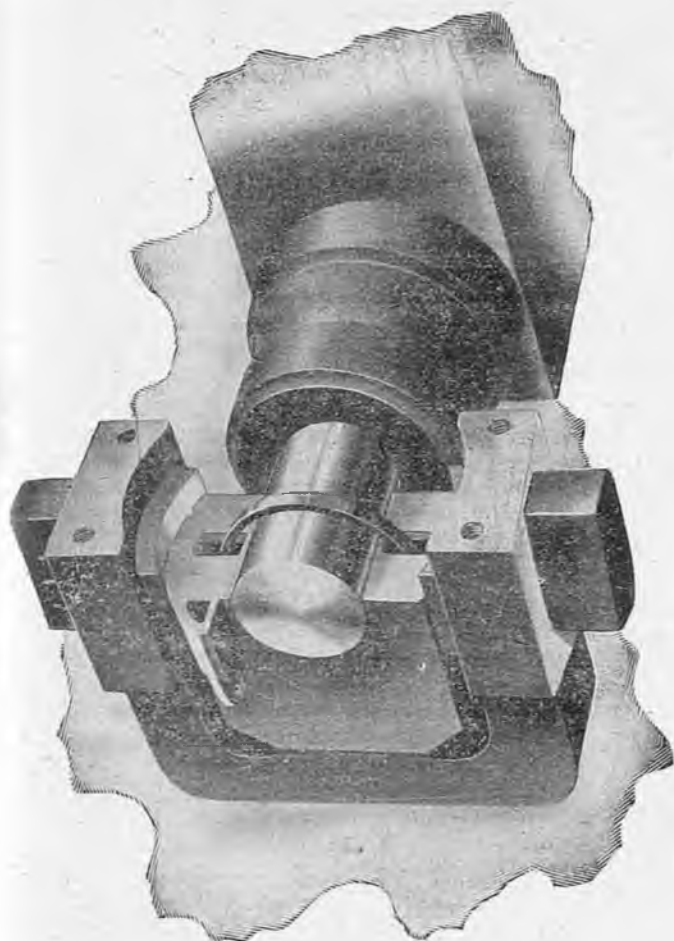
In the Central Council Analysis for the year 1913 the Association comes 22nd on the list, with an average of 22.23 points per peal. Nineteen peals have been rung during the year 1913-4, as against 27 last. The decrease accounted for no doubt by the outbreak of war, also that we have had no Central Council ringers amongst us. The peals have been rung in six methods, and the average works out at 22.47 points per peal. The methods are: Stedman Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 6; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 5; Minor, 2. These peals have been rung in eleven towers. J. W. Parker heads the list of conductors with six to his credit; W. H. Barber has 4; J. A. Gifton and R. A. Gifton 2 each; E. E. Ferry, R. L. Patterson, F. Barron, J. E. R. Keen and W. H. Porter, 1 each. F. Barron conducted his first peal. Sixty-four members took part in these peals. J. E. R. Keen and A. F. Hillier heading the list with nine each. The peal of Surprise Minor rung at Benfieldside was the first peal of Surprise by all the band, and on the bells. The peal of Minor at Benwell was also the first on the bells. Special mention must be made of the peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at St. Ignatius, Sunderland. It was the first peal of Surprise for all the band, except the conductor, who are regular service ringers at the church, and the first for the Association by an entirely local band. Individual belfry reports are on the whole more cheerful than last year. Many members have joined the forces, and naturally weakened their respective companies, nevertheless none seem to be downhearted, but mean to persevere. The West Hartlepool St. Oswald's Guild, have six very keen lady ringers making excellent progress, and who hope to become members of our Association.

In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary thanked all who had given him a helping hand in his work, and expressed the hope that those who were fighting our battles against the common foe, might be spared to them, and that a year hence they might meet under very different circumstances.

The District Secretaries' reports were afterwards read, and all the reports were adopted.

The election of officers then took place as follows: President, Mr. C. L. Routledge; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Ferry, J. Pallister, Rev. A. W. Lister and Mr. R. Stephenson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. T. Potter (Mr. Stephenson having resigned); auditor, Dr. M. C. Potter.

It was arranged that the next annual meeting be at Darlington. Hitherto the annual meetings have been held alternately at Newcastle and Durham, but it has now been found desirable to abandon Durham on account of the lack of ringing accommodation. After the meeting handbell ringing was indulged in until 9 o'clock, and altogether the day's proceedings proved very enjoyable.



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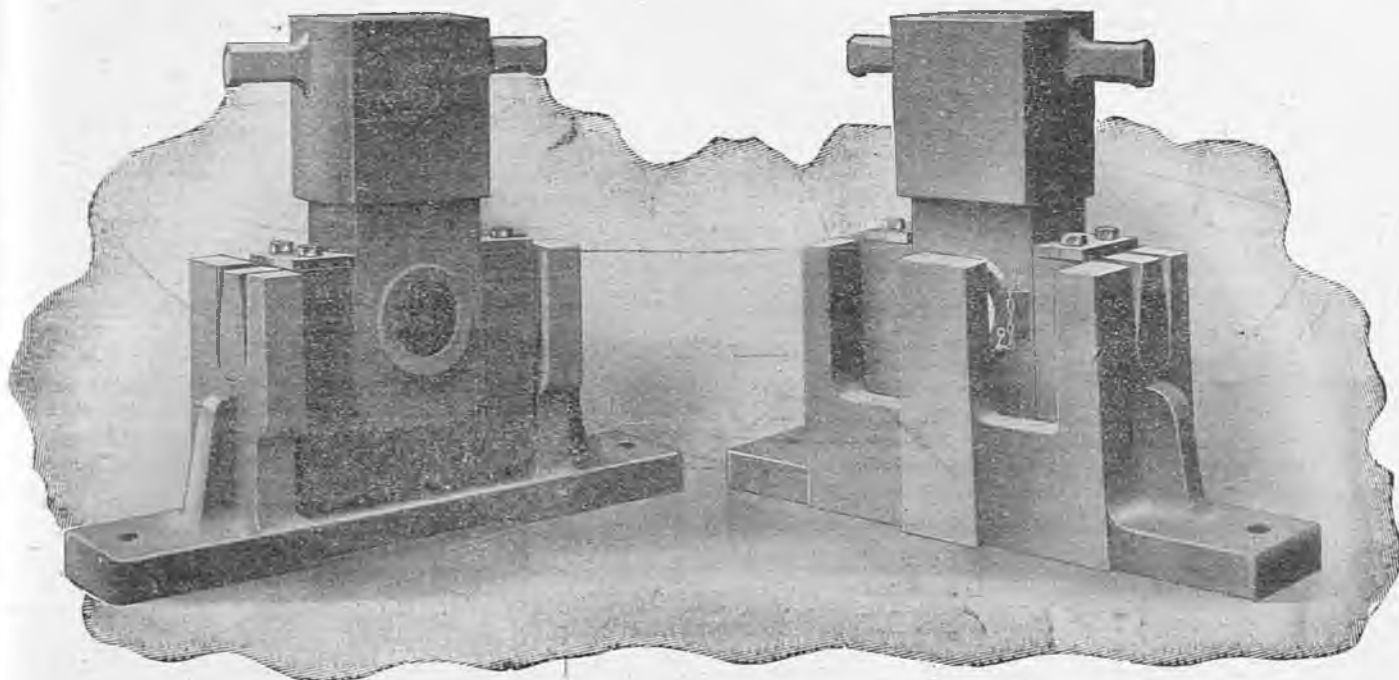
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THE SERVICES PEAL BOARD.

SERGT. GILBERT BUSY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of your valuable paper, point out a slight error that has been made in connection with the report of the unveiling of the Services peal board, probably through my heavy duties preventing me from taking part in any ringing lately (as much as I love it). I am reported as serving at the front with the Expeditionary Force, but, although I have not lost the opportunity of going, I have, up to the present, not left Aldershot. I am at present training any amount of men for the purpose of giving the Germans "a ticket to dreamland." This is vouched for by those whom I have had the pleasure of meeting in "Service Rifle Competitions," and I sincerely hope my system of training will tell, and, in its little way, help to draw the uncomfortable business that we are at present engaged in to a close. It is not so much "Tommy" that suffers, but those who are near and dear to him and who eagerly scan the casualty lists in every paper, half afraid of finding his name amongst the fallen. I shall, therefore, be indebted to you if you will publish this letter for the information of the many friends I have in the ringing world, and with whom I have been unable to correspond since war broke out, owing to my having to work at high pressure (Sundays included); work which has prevented me from even Sunday ringing at our own "parish church," which should explain how busy we really are here at Aldershot. Moreover, I am not desirous of receiving honour that is not due to me. I hope and trust the time is not far distant when we soldiers and sailors will again meet to ring a "thanksgiving peal" to celebrate the settlement of peace.—Yours,

GEORGE GILBERT, SERGT., R.E.

Aldershot, November 7th, 1914.

[His many friends in the Exercise will congratulate Sergt. Gilbert upon the promotion he has earned since last we heard of him in ringing circles, when he appeared as Corporal.—Ed.]

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT KILDWICK.

Wednesday week was a "red-letter" day in the history of Kildwick, Yorks, when the peal of eight bells was dedicated by the Bishop of Knaresborough in the presence of a large congregation. The original peal consisted of six bells, which were cast at the Whitechapel foundry by Messrs. Pack and Chapman in 1780.

Through the generosity of Mr. T. W. Ackroyd and Mr. James Banstow new tenor and treble bells have been added, and the work has been done by Messrs. John Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, in the most satisfactory manner. A new chiming apparatus has also been installed, and the bells are now hung in a steel frame. The tenor has been given in memory of the late Mr. R. B. Ackroyd, of Crosshills. Canon Griffin, the Rev. J. W. Rhodes (Vicar), and the Rev. E. W. Brereton (a former Vicar) took part in the dedication service. The Bishop preached from the text, "There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them." He said there were two ways in which man might communicate with man—by articulate words and inarticulate ways. Men communicated with each other by words when they expressed their thoughts and desires in speech, and they communicated with each other without words, by looks, gestures, signs, and many other ways. God gave His messages to His children in both those ways. He gave His messages to His children by means of words in the utterances of the great inspired prophets, and in the writings of inspired men. But God also spoke to His children without words—by means of nature, by signs and tokens which came to all in the varied activities of life. They might think of the church bells as inarticulate messengers and ministers of God. The message which the bells rang in the tower of the church sounded far out into the world around. The bells would remind them of God, that they were His and that they would have to render to Him an account of their lives. To the sorrowful and suffering they would speak messages of comfort, and to the wicked they would be constant reminders of their wrong-doing.

At the conclusion of the service the bells rang out merrily, and were much admired by the parishioners.

A "TRIAL TRIP" AT WARMINSTER.

On Thursday evening of last week, a band of ringers visited Warminster, Wilts, for the purpose of trying the bells previous to the opening, which took place on Sunday. The bells have been rehung in a new steel frame by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and it was at his invitation that ringers came from Trowbridge and Midsomer Norton, "just for his own satisfaction," as Mr. Bowell expressed it. If the "go" and handiness of the bells are any criterion, the well known bell hanger is to be congratulated on a splendid piece of work. Not only that, to the uninitiated, it appears marvellous, in the comparatively small tower, that such a heavy peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.) can be hung on the level, and at the same time present a good circle of ropes. The Trowbridge contingent, supplemented from the barracks in the person of Pte Willshire, of Chippenham, arrived in all the luxury of a landau. The two representatives of Midsomer Norton came on push bikes (it was chiefly push, by-the-way) after 17 miles of uphill and downpour. Arrived at the tower, the bells were raised,

and 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. Hector, of Trowbridge. Other touches followed, including two courses of Bob Major and 224 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Messrs. Dyke and Chivers respectively. The extreme noise in the ringing chamber is unavoidable in a low central tower. The local ringers expressed their entire satisfaction with the exception of one, who wanted a brake on his bell. It "went" too easily for him. After a very pleasant evening, the party broke up and went their several ways. It is rumoured that one section did not get home until Friday morning. It is quite likely.

NOTICES.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—In order that the ringing of church bells after dusk may not be a possible assistance to the enemy's aircraft in locating our cathedrals and churches, it has been decided that the usual practices be suspended. Meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m., and each fortnight until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th. Tea at 5.15 in the Deanery School Rooms, and business meeting immediately after. Only handbells available. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by November 11th.—Jas. W. Elkins, Honorary District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6 o'clock.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmshore, on Saturday, November 14th, 1914. Bells ready at 3.30; meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kewstoke on Saturday, November 14th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea 6d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James's Society), Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, November 21st, at St. Mary's, Battersea. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 21st. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage at 6. Handbells only will be in use.—Reply to Rev. F. G. Hume, Oakley, Basingstoke.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at St. James's, Bolton, Bradford, on Saturday, November 21st, 1914. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the Bolton Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District).—The annual meeting (postponed from September) will be held at St. Margaret's, Ransham, on Saturday, November 28th, 1914. Service and tea. Particulars of these later. — Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary District Secretary.

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.

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

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

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MUFFLED TOUCHES.

The following, among other touches, were rung with bells muffled to the memory of those who have died in the service of their King and country:—

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT. — On Oct. 29th, at St. Thomas's Church, 350 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, Sergt. C. Blake (Royal Warwickshire Regiment) 2, W. Upton (conductor) 3, T. Scamell 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott 6, H. Jennings 7, J. Leah 8. Also 112, with S. Moody 1 and H. Phillips 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Prince Maurice of Battenberg, son of the Royal Governor of the Isle of Wight, who died of wounds. The bells were also rung half-muffled on All Saints' Day.

CHERTSEY.—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 runs, with the bells half-muffled: A. Hiscot 1, W. Parker (St. Peter's, Staines) 2, H. R. Stevens 3, G. Warinton 4, J. B. Hessey 5, W. E. Butler (St. Peter's, Staines) 6, A. E. Gray 7, W. Charge 8.

Muffled ringing also took place at the following towers on either All Saints' Day or All Souls' Day:—

Glasbury, Herefordshire
East Hagbourne, Berks.
Watchet, Somerset.
Heywood (St. Luke's), Lancs.
Anstey (St. Mary the Virgin's), Leicestershire.
Rushbury, Staffs.
Rugeley, Staffs.
Yoxall, Staffs.
Farnham Royal, Bucks.
Fulmer, Bucks.
Stoke Poges, Bucks.
Elford, Staffs.
Rushall, Staffs.
Shenstone, Staffs.
Stafford, Staffs.
Tipton, Staffs.
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Bromley (St. Luke's), Kent.

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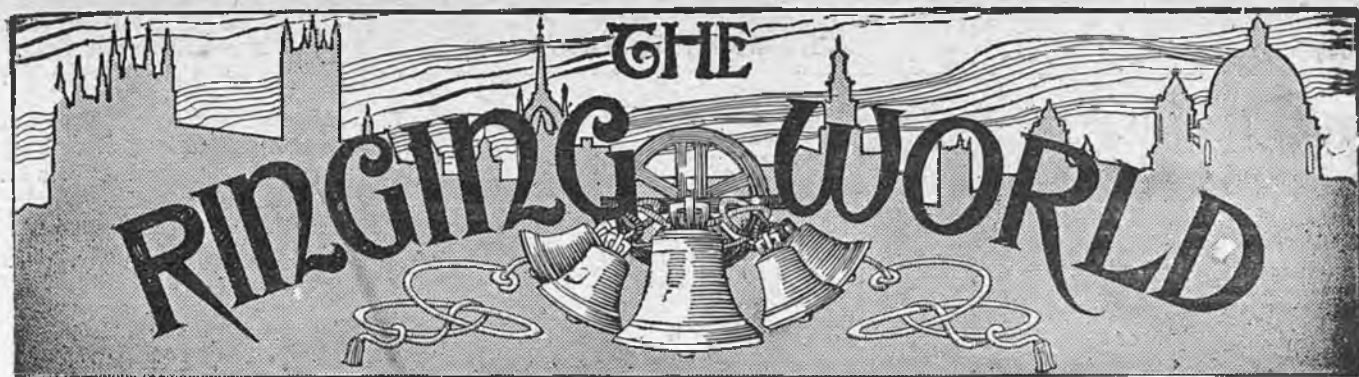


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

OUR CHURCH BELLS.

In the brief reminder to be found in our notice columns this week from the hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association we see the promise of the introduction into the already bulky volume, which constitutes the annual report of this organisation, of a catalogue of the bells of the county of broad acres. The subject is one which we advocated a few weeks ago, and we are extremely glad to see that such an important association is taking up the compilation of this valuable as well as useful information, which has been included, also, for the first time in the annual report of the Warwickshire Guild, that has just been issued. Thus there are at least four leading associations which publish, or contemplate publishing, lists of the towers, with the founders and dates of the bells, and other particulars, in the area under their jurisdiction, and the information thus collected is certainly interesting.

We, as ringers, are proud of our ancient bells, but how often do we ring in a tower and come away again without any knowledge of the instruments we have been using, beyond that which our own experience has given us as to the quality of the tone, or the "go," about which we are not infrequently most concerned? Everyone, of course, is not interested in the antiquarian side of our bells, but, where other things are equal, there must be more interest in ringing upon bells which have sounded from the tower for centuries than upon a peal of no special merit put in, say, five and twenty years ago. We cherish relics of the past, whatever they may be, and we handle them with a special care and feeling of reverence. This feeling, we are sure, animates ringers where ancient bells are concerned, but, speaking generally, there is a great lack of information as to bell history among the average members of the Exercise. An increased interest in the bells themselves must lead to an increased interest in the ringing of them, and one simple way of interesting the ringers in the bells is to give them information which can be easily supplied through the medium of the annual reports, as is done in the case of the societies already mentioned.

For the information of those who have not had the pleasure of seeing the tabulated details it may be said that the Warwickshire Guild's report, which is typical of the others, gives the name of the place, the dedication of the church, the number of bells, the weight of the tenor, the practice night, and the methods rung, and the founder and the date of each bell — a splendidly compact directory of all the towers in the county, whether affiliated or not. The labour of compiling this information cannot be very great, especially when, as has been done in Yorkshire, a

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carefully prepared skeleton schedule has been sent to each tower. We hope soon to learn that this idea of embodying such interesting particulars in the annual reports has been adopted by all the associations, so that, between them, there will be an authentic and complete record of all the peals of bells in the country. Now, when other ringing affairs are slack, is a time when the work might well be put in hand.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR MARLOW Treble	EDWIN J. TYLER 5
EDWARD HORTIN 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
WILLIAM E. WATHEN 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
THOMAS HILL 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of those who have laid down their lives in the war.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES SHAW (Hyde) Treble	WILFRID J. MOSS (Stretford) 5
GEO. E. TURNER (Pendleton) 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD (Worsley) 6
GEORGE PINCOTT (Bolton) 3	JOHN POTTER (Walkden) 7
*JOHN MYLES (Eccles) 4	AMOS TRIPPIER (Eccles) ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by J. POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Barratt, for a number of years tower keeper.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	JOHN POTTER 5
*GEORGE E. TURNER 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* 150th Association peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Barratt, Vice-President of the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,
IN THE LOBBY OF ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of College Single and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

CHARLES BENNETT 1-2	RICHARD KEARON 3-4
ARTHUR HADLEY 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

Witness: WINIFRED HADLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hadley, whose birthdays fall on the 1st and 10th respectively.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
At 11, VICTORIA ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

FRANK PIGGINS 1	STANLEY ERNEST ANDREWS ... 3-4
ARTHUR WM. WENLOCK ... 2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Rung as a farewell peal to Messrs. Thomas Banham and Ralph Narborough, who have gone to fight for their country.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand."

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1914, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At LAMBERTON LODGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's with six callings.

CHARLES BENNETT 1-2	RICHARD KEARON 3-4
ARTHUR HADLEY 5-6	

Conducted by RICHARD KEARON.

Witness: MRS. A. HADLEY.

First peal as conductor by Richard Kearon. This is also believed to be the first double-handed peal conducted by an Irishman resident in Ireland.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At THE BROTHERHOOD CLUB,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON ... 1-2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3-4	*GEORGE STEERE 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: HARRY CHECKETTS.

* First handbell peal.

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(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
At KING EDWARD VI GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17, in A.

CHARLES HAZELDEN 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	*MRS. C. HAZELDEN 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, MRS. YVONNE ELOIE-SELONE,
and J. T. LEE.

* First peal. Mrs. Hazelden is the first Guildford lady to ring a peal, and was heartily congratulated at the conclusion.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Church St. Giles', on Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning and evening services respectively, 720 Chester and 720 Cambridge, with the bells half-muffled: F. Parr 1, H. Greaves 2, T. A. Howes Smith 3, G. Burnham 4, W. H. Turton 5, C. Severn (conductor) 6.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.
THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further donations have been received towards the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	49	4	6
Ringers of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool (per Mr. J. Fawcett)	0	11	0
The Arklow Guild of the Irish Association (Rev. Canon Hallows, Rev. J. Harrison, Messrs. A. O. Hood, C. Evans, H. Hoyle, R. Prestage, S. Forde, W. Bailey, C. Bennett, R. Kearon and A. Hadley) (per Mr. A. Hadley)	0	11	0
St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington (per Mr. W. E. Garrard)	1	0	0
Total	£51	6	6

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

Sergt. G. Hardwick, of St. Mary's, Brecon, 1st Batt. Brecknockshire Regiment (T), en route for Aden.
Pte W. White, of St. Lawrence, Stroud, 3rd Reserve Battalion South Wales Borderers, now at Brecon.
Pte J. P. Fidler, of Norbury, Cheshire, 9th Batt. Royal Scots, now at Olympia, Edinburgh.
Pte Reginald Horsfall, of Whitworth Parish Church, Lancs, Lancashire Fusiliers, now at Grantham.
Pte A. Martin, of St. Leonards, Walton-le-Dale, Preston, Army Service Corps (T), now at Southport.
Q.-M.-S. F. Edwards, of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, Kent, 5th "Bufs."
Wheeler H. Swaffer, of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, Army Service Corps.
Pte E. Lutman, St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Fenny Camp, Co. Tyrone.
J. C. Milligan, St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, R.A.M.C., Portobello Barracks, Dublin.
Corpl. Geo. R. Head, of Writtle, R.F.A., now at Woolwich.
Major C. O. H. Hughes D'Aeth, and
A. Hussey, of Kingston Magna, Dorset, 4th Batt. Dorset Regt., gone to India.
Bomb. C. Rae, of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, 31st Battery, R.F.A.
Pte F. Robson (359), of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, B Co. N.E.R., Northumberland Fusiliers, now at Hull.
Geo. Moody, St. Oswald's, Wragby, Yorks, 3rd West Riding, R.F.A. Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C., now at Sheffield.
Charles Sheriff, and
Frederick E. Waldron, of Cleut, R.A.M.C., 51st Field Ambulance, now at Tidworth.
Walter Seymour, and
Ernest Wilson, of the Long Stanton company, Kitchener's Army.
T. G. Spring, of St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, Army Pay Corps.
J. Rendall, Benenden, Kent, Motor Ambulance Driver.
A. Stevenson, Hawkhurst, Kent (late Sergeant in the Cinque Port Volunteers), with the National Reserve.
Paul Hallows, and
Edgar Keen, of Arklow, Ireland, South Irish Horse.
Albert Edward Taylor, and
Harold Evans, of Stoke-on-Trent, 5th North Staffs Reserve, now at Buttern.

The following have joined the Forces from the Wisbech company:—
Fred Hotson, Canadian Regiment.
Ralph Narborough, Cambridgeshire Regiment.
Thomas Banham, King's Own, Norfolk Yeomanry.

VISIT TO CAMP.

At the invitation of Staff-Sergt. T. Jakeman, three members of the St. Mary's, Lewisham, band, paid a visit to Maresfield Park, Sussex, where the 4th London Howitzer Brigade are in camp. In the afternoon 360 Bob Minor was rung at the Maresfield Parish Church, in which the visitors were joined by members of the local band: C. H. Walker 1, J. A. Hart 2, R. Billings 3, H. Barrett 4, T. Jakeman 5, H. Warnett (conductor) 6. In the evening 672 Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, Uckfield: F. Wren 1, F. Tester 2, O. H. Walker 3, H. Warnett 4, H. Barrett 5, T. Jakeman 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, P. Marchant 8.

"ALWAYS CHEERY, RELIABLE AND BRAVE."**RINGERS KILLED AND WOUNDED.**

We regret to announce the death of Corpl. Ernest Barton, of St. Peter's Society, Ashton-under-Lyne, who was killed in action near Lille, at daylight on October 23rd. The deceased was a member of the Lanes Association, to which he was elected in 1912. Although he had only rung one peal—the tenor to Grandsire Triples on May 7th of this year, at his own church—he was one of the most promising ringers, and his loss will be greatly felt. He was always regular, punctual and reliable, and in this respect was an example which many might well emulate. Although his only successful peal was on the tenor, he had rung over half a peal on a working bell in three attempts, which failed each time, owing to the heavy going of the tenor. Arrangements had been made to attempt another just prior to his being called up for service, and his disappointment was very great at not being able to ring it. The following letter from Corpl. Barton's commanding officer will be read with interest, and ringers will share the sympathy expressed in it for the widow and child who are left to mourn the loss of a brave husband and father, whose sorrow, we hope, is lightened, if it is possible, by the reflection that he died nobly in the service of his country.

OFFICER'S TRIBUTE TO A BRAVE SOLDIER.

Writing on Oct. 31st from Claremont, Esher, where he was convalescing, the officer says: "You will have been informed by now from the War Office of your poor husband's death, and I am just



CORPL. BARTON,
Killed.



PTE. WOOLDRIDGE,
Wounded.

writing to offer you my own sympathies in your terrible loss. I had never met your poor husband till he was called up from the reserve for the war, but I may honestly say that of all the reservists in my company there was none I liked or respected more than him. As you may imagine, all the non-commissioned officers were a bit rusty at their work, having been for some time in civil life, but he was the one exception. When he was appointed to my company, poor Colour-Sergeant Redford, who was killed on the same day, said: 'We are lucky to have Corpl. Barton.' He was always cheery, reliable and brave. If you have lost as good a husband as the Army has lost a soldier, you have suffered a great loss.

"Perhaps you would like to know the circumstances of his death, which may possibly increase your pride in him. On the evening of the 22nd, we were in trenches near Lille, in Northern France, with the Germans 600 yards off. Just as day was breaking on the 23rd, we saw the Germans entrenching not 100 yards off. In the half light I could only see the trench just opposite to us, and I thought a few men might creep up a ditch towards them, and turn them out with the bayonet. I called for volunteers—six men and a non-commissioned officer. Your husband volunteered at once, and the party proceeded to crawl up the ditch. They had not gone far when the Germans saw them, and proceeded to fire down the ditch. He was killed at once—shot in the head—and one other man was wounded in the hand. The others could not stick it, and retired. They told me that your husband had been hit in the head and killed, and so I did not send anyone out to look for him, which would only have resulted in more deaths, as the day had fully broken by then. I intended after dark to send out to get his body in, but soon after I was myself slightly wounded in the neck, and left the trenches, so I cannot tell what happened. I am sure it must be some relief to you to know that he died so bravely in defence of his country, but from my short acquaintance with him, it is only what I expected of him. That morning we lost several other non-commissioned officers, among them Col.-Sergt. Redford, whom your husband may have mentioned in his letters. He was also shot dead through the head by my side. I hope you will accept my deepest sympathies with you in your great loss."

Thus, in a plain unvarnished story, we learn how Corpl. Barton

met his end. As a ringer he was always reliable, as a soldier he was reliable and faithful unto death. He is one whom the ringers may well feel proud to have numbered in their ranks, and his example should be an inspiration to other young men to whom their country is calling in this hour of her need.

"MISSING" MAN IN HOSPITAL.

Pte W. Wooldridge, of Bradfield, Berks, who went to the Front with the Royal Berks Regiment, is now lying wounded in King George V Hospital (No. 2 ward), Dublin. On Oct. 12th he was officially reported as missing, and his family were very pleased a few days ago to hear from him that he was alive, although his left arm is badly damaged. He received his injuries near Ypres. He has been engaged in scouting a good deal, and on this occasion was sent out with three others to search some houses. They crossed some open fields, and got within 25 yards of the first house, when the "German beasts" let go a volley at them. All four fell, and Pte Wooldridge has not seen the others since, and does not know what fate they shared. The young soldier is very cheerful, and tells his family to cheer up, as they can see he is very lucky.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTH WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the North Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Saffron Walden.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus), in granting the use of the bells of the parish church, did so on the condition that the first touch should be rung half-muffled to the memory of soldiers who had fallen in battle.

A short service was held, at which the Vicar gave an address on the subject of the use of bells and the duties of those who rang them.

Following the service, the tea and business meeting took place at the Temperance Abbey Hotel. The Vicar presided, supported by the district master (Mr. F. Pitstow), and the district secretary (Mr. W. Watts).

The following letter received by the hon. secretary from the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) was read by the chairman. After expressing his regret at his inability to attend, Mr. Howard wrote: "Quite a large number of ringers in our division have volunteered, and are serving their King and country, and as an Association we are very proud of them. For a time it will not be possible to carry on our work as usual, but we must each of us do what we can to keep things going as well as possible during this terrible crisis, so that when we have passed successfully through it we can take up our work again with renewed energy. I feel quite sure that both the officers and members of the North Western Division will do their level best to enable the Association to keep the ringing going on in the absence of their comrades on active service."

Mr. F. Pitstow was again re-elected Master for the ensuing year, and Mr. W. Watts was once more re-elected secretary, both thanking the members for their renewed confidence.

The following new members were elected: The Vicar (Rev. J. J. Antrobus) as an hon. member; Messrs. A. D. Coe and L. C. Francis (Saffron Walden), Messrs. C. F. Bonfield and F. Clayden (Rickling), as ringing members.—The place for the next quarterly meeting was discussed, but, owing to the war, it was decided to leave the matter with the Master and secretary to arrange.

Mr. F. Pitstow, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells, said he thought they should not go so far as keeping the bells too quiet. If they were to drop the practices he was of opinion that they would not be able to keep companies together. He thought that practices should go on, and also ringing for services, but he would not say for peal ringing. They were blessed with a good Vicar, and they got the bells almost every time they were asked for.—Mr. F. J. Pitstow seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried.—The Vicar, in replying, endorsed what Mr. Pitstow had said. It was not necessary that everybody should be depressed by the absence of ringing or music. He thought they should do all they could to keep things going, and as bright as they could. Of course they had sometimes to consider the cost, and must curtail to some extent this winter, but those things they had spoken about were a part of every-day life. He upheld keeping on with the ringing of bells, which added to the cheerfulness of their life, both on Sundays and for practice. If they cut music out, their services would be very different. He added that he should have pleasure in working for them at any time.

About 30 members attended the meeting from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Bishop's Stortford, Ickleton, Elsenham, Sawston, Wenden, and St. Martin's, Birmingham. Touches in the following method were rung: Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

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DEATH OF LANCASHIRE'S VICE-PRESIDENT.

THE LATE MR. JAMES BARRATT, OF ECCLES.

As was briefly announced last week, Mr. James Barratt, of Eccles, the vice-president of the Lancashire Association, passed away on Nov. 8th. He was laid to rest under the grey old church he had served so well and loved so dearly all his life. He will be sadly missed, not only by his own family, but by a large circle outside, as he was one who readily made friends, and, if necessary, was always willing to help in his own quiet way. As a church worker, he was a Sunday school teacher, a member of the C.E.M.S., and a sidesman, as well as a ringer. As a ringer he learnt under his father, and afterwards took his father's office as the tower keeper and secretary, which position has been in the family for nearly 70 years. His two sons also ring a little, but at present do not take the interest in it which would enable them to take their father's place, although the other members of the tower would be glad for one of them to do so. On the social side of life, he was interested in many things. He was an active Oddfellow, in which society he has passed through the chairs, and finished as P.P.G.M. By trade a fitter, he was a member of the A.S.E., and among his various duties, he found time to ring 108 peals



The late Mr. J. BARRATT.

in the methods of Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. His greatest number of peals in one method was 52 of Kent, and his greatest lengths, 10,176 and 7,104 of Kent. He was one of the band who rang a funeral peal at the Cathedral for Dr. Fraser, Bishop of Manchester, and at Eccles for King Edward. His other notable peals were the opening peal at St. Saviour's, Bacup, and a College Youth peal at Eccles. His peals were rung in 16 different towers. He was for a while secretary for the district around Eccles, for four years he was on the Lancashire Association Committee, and in 1912 he was elected vice-president in place of the late Mr. S. Brierley.

The funeral of the deceased took place on Nov. 12th, on which day he would have been 59 years of age, had he lived so long. There were present representatives of the various societies to which he belonged; indeed the old church was so packed that the vergers had to close the doors and keep many out. The service was read by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (the President of the Association), and among those who found places in church were about 30 ringers from ten towers in the district. When the service was over, Messrs. Chapman, Lowe, Ridyard and Shaw rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave, and later on in the evening a muffled peal was rung on the tower bells, the record of which will be found in its proper place.

THE LATE MR. S. REEVES.

The following contributions towards the memorial tablet to the late Mr. S. Reeves are acknowledged with thanks: Messrs. J. Jagger, 2s. 6d.; T. H. R., 5s.; Wm. Webb, 1s.; Rev. C. Carow Cox, 2s. Total amount received up to date, £5 2s. 6d.—Hon. Treasurer, Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Southampton on Saturday. By the kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. E. N. Lovett), the meeting was held in the Deanery School Rooms. An excellent tea was provided by Mr. Etheridge, of Bellevue Road, and the Rector presided. There were also present Mr. G. Williams (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Winchester Cathedral band), and members from Twyford, North Stoneham, Dibden, Bishopstoke, Winchester, and St. Michael's, St. Mary's and Holy Rood, Southampton.—The Rector very cordially welcomed the members to St. Mary's, and regretted that under the present circumstances the bells could not be rung open.—Apologies were received from the Rev. Canon Braithwaite and the Rev. W. E. Colchester (both of whom had been suddenly called upon to attend an important meeting in connection with the large number of soldiers now being drafted to Winchester) and from the Rev. J. W. Danbury, Rector of St. Michael's, Southampton.

Mr. W. H. George proposed the adoption of the balance sheet, and this was seconded by Mr. Tucker, and carried.—The income for the past year amounted to £20 0s. 1d., and the expenditure to £13 5s.; £3 of which had been spent in giving instruction to young bands of ringers.

All the officers were re-elected, viz., the Rev. Canon Braithwaite, chairman; Mr. J. W. Elkins, hon. district secretary; Mr. C. H. Russell (who is now serving with the 4th Hants Territorials in India), hon. assistant secretary; and Mr. G. Smith, hon. auditor. Mr. Wilfred Andrews and Mr. W. Tucker were elected to represent the district on the Central Committee.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Romsey. No dates were fixed for quarterly meetings in 1915, but if circumstances should be favourable to holding a meeting, it was left to the district secretary to arrange one at Twyford when the members then present could arrange for any further meetings.

On the proposition of Mr. Loveland, the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting entirely approves the action of the general secretary of the Guild in cancelling the meeting arranged to be held at Farnham on Sept. 2nd, to consider the question of forming a new district."

A vote of thanks was passed to the officers of the district.—A very hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rector of St. Mary's for the use of the schoolroom and bells.

The Rector, in responding, regretted the bells had to be used with the clappers tied, but he hoped the Guild would visit St. Mary's again in happier times, when he promised them they should have free use of the bells with the tongues untied.—Mr. Houghton (captain of St. Mary's band) expressed the gratitude his band felt towards Mr. G. Williams, and to the members of St. Michael's band for the valuable help they had given them. He said his band were all members of the C.E.M.S., and were very eager to become good change ringers.

The bells were chimed for evensong, which was at 7 o'clock, and members attended the service.

PEAL OF EIGHT FOR RADNORSHIRE.

DEDICATION AT KNIGHTON.

The dedication of the augmented ring of bells at Knighton, Radnorshire, took place on Friday week. The service was attended by a large congregation, and at the conclusion a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The ringers then adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a meat tea was provided for them, and eight of the company returned to the belfry and rang a well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples.

The "big Duck" was then again visited, and this time an excellent supper was disposed of, and a very pleasant hour was spent. Mr. James George producing a peal of ten handbells, upon which Triples, Caters and tunes were rung.

The restoration of the bells has been carried out by Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., of Birmingham, and consists of the addition of a treble and tenor bell, the recasting of the old 4th, the whole peal having been tuned in perfect harmony, and rehung in a new all-steel frame. A chiming apparatus has also been fitted. The whole gives entire satisfaction in every detail. Many improvements have been carried out in the belfry, which is under the care of Mr. R. Trench, ringing master. The whole of the expense has been borne by an anonymous donor. On the evening of the dedication some 400 school children, irrespective of creed, were entertained to tea in the Drill Hall.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble: LOVE . 1914. BARWELL . FOUNDERS . BIRMINGHAM.
2nd: No Inscription.

3rd: PEACE . AND . GOOD . NEIGHBOURHOOD . A . R 1722.

4th: ABR . RVDHALL . CAST . VS . ALL 1722.

5th: PROSPERITY . TO . THIS . TOWN . AND . PARISH . 1722.

RECAST . 1914.

6th: GOD . BLESS . OUR . NOBLE . BENEFACTORS . A . R 1721.

7th: ROBERT . PINER . & . HUGH . DALE . CH'WARDENS . 1722.

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BELLS OF EMPIRE.

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One does not care to oppose a lady who in all sincerity has made a thoughtful suggestion to honour "Those who have fallen in Battle." Hitherto I have abstained from giving you my humble opinions against Miss Chillingworth's proposals, for several reasons: (1) Insufficient time to enable all parishes in Great Britain to co-operate and organise a uniform practice—the bells to be half-muffled. Many towers do not possess a set of muffles. (2) As a national effort by the ringers of England, a fixed day and hour for ringing should everywhere be adopted by the clergy and churchwardens, with or without divine service, giving ample Press and pulpit notice. (3) The need of an influential committee (say, under the President of the Central Council) to place the arrangements upon a proper footing, and to secure higher official recognition by both Church and State, throughout the ringing isles.

The following letter which has been received by the Archbishop of Canterbury mentions a very suitable occasion for the bell ringers of Great Britain to echo an Empire's lamentation for the dead; an opportunity to give effect impressively to the nation's grief. Will someone kindly come forward as hon. secretary and take up this matter on our behalf? A small deputation from the Diocesan Guilds is needed to wait upon the Archbishop of Canterbury, asking his approval of a suggested "leaflet" to be issued to every parish. Then, perhaps, on the first Sunday in the coming year the "muffled requiem" may wave from shore to shore like a wireless message "from us to them."

Buckingham Palace, Oct. 26th, 1914.

My dear Archbishop,—The King has lately received numerous communications from different quarters urging upon his Majesty the necessity for a day of national humiliation and prayer. Personally the King is disinclined to advocate the use of any term which might plausibly be misinterpreted either at home or abroad.

At the same time, his Majesty recognises the national call for united prayer, intercession, thanksgiving, and for remembrance of those who have fallen in their country's cause. It seems to the King that the beginning of the year would be a fitting season to be thus solemnised; and his Majesty thinks that Sunday, January 3rd, might well be the chosen day.

STAMFORDHAM.

According to the Press, it is understood that the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church and the National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches will make corresponding arrangements.

There is but little time to spare if suitable arrangements are to be framed for this "proposed muffled tribute to the dead," and, therefore, I beg to submit now one or two points that require careful consideration. Intercession services will be held on the day mentioned, at all places of worship (besides the Church of England), where in most cases there are no bells or ringers. The field of battle has claimed many men of the Roman Catholic, as well as other English Dissenting Churches—thus, the last roll call pays no distinction to Creed, and the Established Church should on this occasion hold out the hand of unity and encourage her ringing guilds to peal their bells free of any observance other than our united sorrow.

In the multifarious opinions disclosed by your columns recently with regard to ringing on any particular Saint's day, a rather selfish tone is revealed. I plead now for Dissenters who have in the past supported the ringer and church bell funds, and who appreciate ringing throughout the country generally.

W. H. F.

Slough, November 9th.

HAWKHURST RINGER'S ACCIDENT.

While cycling to the weekly practice of the Hawkhurst branch of the Kent County Association, Mr. Thomas Ashenden, the hon. secretary, met with a serious accident. Being a regular attendant, the ringers expressed surprise at the absence of their comrade, but little did they think that while they were ringing he was in an unconscious state, and being attended by a surgeon only a few hundred yards from the church. Mr. Ashenden was descending a rather nasty hill that needs careful negotiation, and when a little more than half down, a dog ran into his machine, with the result that he was thrown on to the road. The minister of the Baptist Church (the Rev. Clement Waterton) happened to be walking down the hill at the time, and was the first on the scene. Mr. Ashenden was placed in a passing bus and taken to the doctor's. On examination it was found that the principal injury he sustained was a very nasty cut above the right eye, out of which he was unable to see for a few days after. He also sustained bruises and contusions. After being bandaged up, Mr. Ashenden was conveyed home in the bus, but did not regain consciousness until the next day. He is progressing favourably, and his wounds have now nearly healed. The ringers of Hawkhurst and neighbourhood wish him a speedy restoration to health and strength, as also do the members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, of which society he has been a member for many years, and a frequent attendant at its meetings.

"ALL SOULS' DAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If Mr. O. W. Reading's objection to the observance of All Souls' Day is based only on its omission from the Prayer Book Calendar, the same objection will apply to what are generally known as 'the Harvest Festival,' and 'the Dedication Festival.' If on the other hand his contention is that it is disloyal to observe this day because of its association with prayer for the departed, I venture to suggest that a study of contemporary thought and opinion among Churchmen upon the subject may lead to a modification of this view. In support of this, I have merely to quote the following report from a Church paper of last week (the underlining is mine): "On Monday last, All Souls' Day the Archbishop of Canterbury, preaching to a large mid-day congregation at All Hallows', Barking-by-the-Tower, on the occasion of the dedication festival of the church, spoke at some length on the duty and function of the Church in bringing comfort to the bereaved, and spoke of the national instinct which led people to pray for their loved ones who have passed within the veil. He referred to the fearful toll of death taken by the war. Never were there so many homes in mourning, and from them often went up a bewildered cry spoken or unspoken. That cry did not, he thought, mean unbelief. There was no lack of faith or courage. Rather, people were sent to their knees in reverent trust in God as their help in trouble. Proceeding, he said we needed to be on our guard lest in one who thus reverently and trustfully prayed and wondered, we discouraged the upraising of the devout soul in prayer for the loved one out of sight. We were not unmindful of the abuses of later medieval times. We were aware that on account of them, and to avoid the dangers of them, no explicit prayers for the departed were admitted into the public offices of the Church. He had no censure to pass on the men who thus handled the difficulties that faced them in their time. But surely now there was a place for the recognition of the instinctive, natural, loyal craving of the bereaved. The abuses of nearly four centuries ago need not now hinder the reverent and trustful prayer of a wounded spirit who feels it natural and helpful to pray for those it would not see again on earth, but who, in their Father's keeping, still lived, and we might believe went from strength to strength in truer purity, in deepened reverence and love."—Yours faithfully,

H. B. WOOLLEY.

A NORTH CORNWALL RESTORATION.

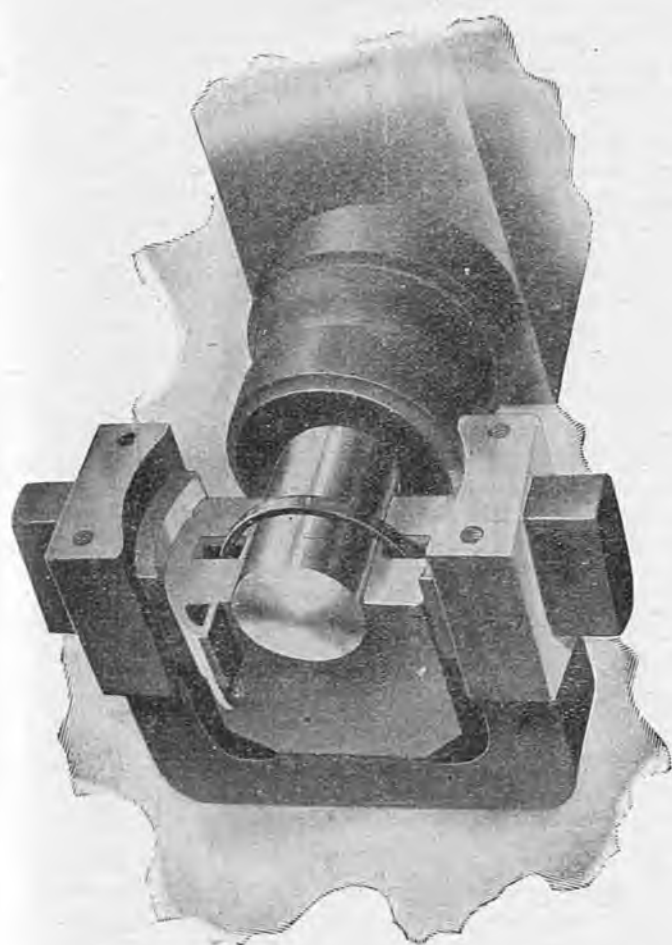
The peal of six bells at the Church of Lanteglos-by-Camelford has been re-opened after complete restoration. The bells, which were silent for over two years, have been quarter turned and rehung in a new frame and fittings by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, Devon. The day's proceedings began with service in the church at 2.30 p.m., when an address was given by the Rev. Canon Kempe, Vicar of St. Veyan and secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild. During the service, and after, a band of the Truro Diocesan Guild rang touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. Bands of ringers were also present from St. Endellion, St. Kew, St. Breward, Advent, and Davidstow, and all expressed themselves highly pleased with the excellent "go" of the bells. Ringing was kept up until a late hour. A public tea was held in the Rectory Barn, and attended by a large number.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Warnham, when members were present from Brighton, Billingshurst, Crawley, Heene, Goring, Slinfold, and the local band, and also Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Ewhurst, Surrey. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Major were rung, conducted by Mr. F. Bennett. — Tea was provided at the "Sussex Oak," 15 sitting down, Mr. F. Bennett presiding. The Vicar was unable to be present, owing to being indisposed, but sent his greetings to the members. Mr. C. J. Lucas, a life member, paid a brief visit.—The usual business followed the tea, two new members being elected to the Slinfold branch.—The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and the tower was then again visited.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday.—Mr. Samuel Stott, the president of the branch, occupied the chair, and a vote of condolence and sympathy with the widow and children of the late Mr. James Barrett, of Eccles, was passed, the deceased, at the time of his death holding the position of vice-president of the Lancashire Association. He was a useful and well-known member of the Exercise. After the business meeting, various touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung on 8, 10 and 12 bells. Members were present from Milnrow, Oldham, Glodwick, Moorside, Todmorden, Middleton, and Ashton.



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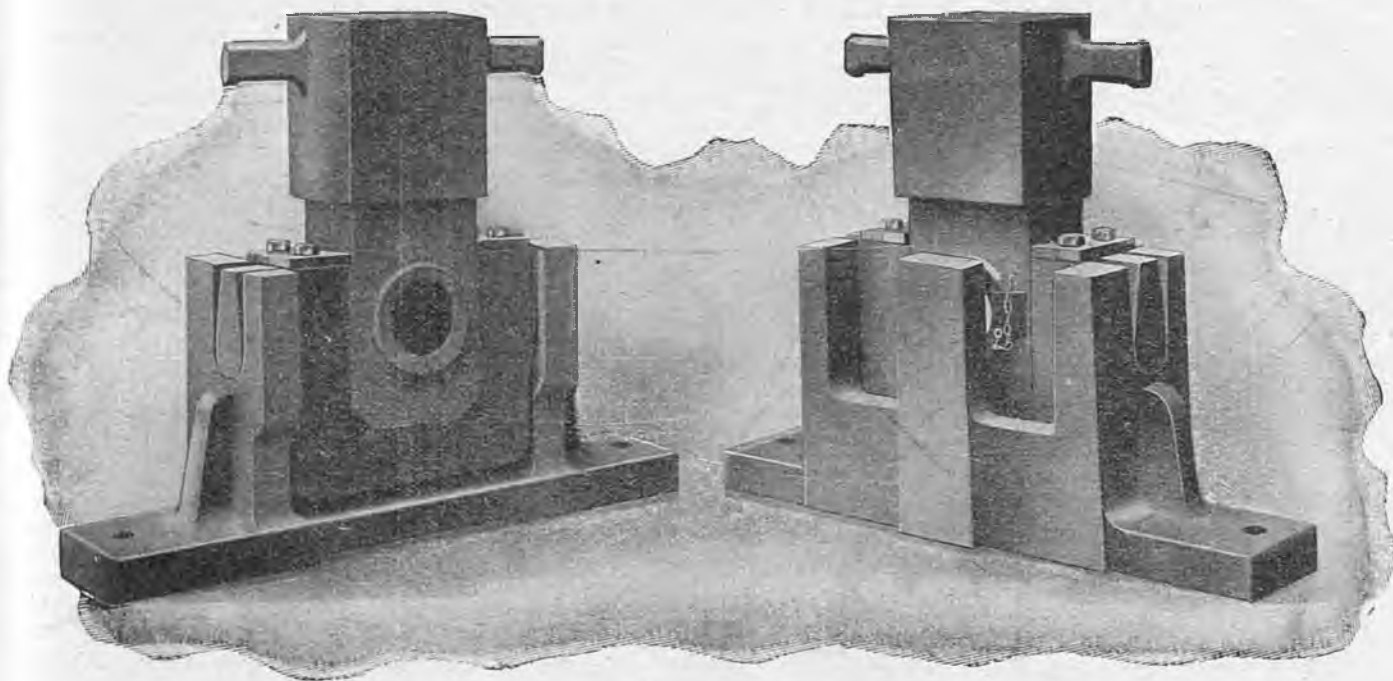
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MUFFLED TOUCHES.

The following, among other touches, were rung with bells muffled to the memory of those who have died in the service of their King and country:—

DRAYTON, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, but it came to grief after ringing two hours: H. Cooper 1, H. Holfield 2, W. H. J. Holfield 3, Miss K. Holfield 4, A. E. Lock 5, G. Caudwell 6, G. Holfield, junr. (conductor) 7, A. Castle 8.

CHIDDINGSTONE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Denton 1, E. Bridger 2, A. Wiles 3, F. Whibley 4, E. Huntley (first quarter-peal) 5, P. Denton 6, E. Everest (conductor) 7, W. Whitelaw (first attempt) 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day, 336 Oxford Bob Triples, with the bells half-muffled: G. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, T. Taylor 4, H. Warnett, senr., 5, H. Barrett 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. Goodwin 8.—On Monday, Nov. 2nd, an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire was made, but failed, after half-way, owing to change course: E. Cordrey 1, A. Bennington 2, G. King 3, T. Taylor 4, H. Barrett 5, H. Norgate 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, H. Goodwin 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—For evensong, on All Saints' Day, with the bells half-muffled, 630 Grandsire Triples.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—On Monday, Nov. 2nd (All Souls' Day), the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled, in touches of Grandsire Triples, by: W. Tauner, J. Blackmore, J. Stubbons, E. Parker, H. Stokes, W. Bandon, W. Pitman, W. Popham, and A. W. Brighton (conductor). First on the bells, and by all the band except A. W. Brighton.

APPLETON, BERKS. On Monday, Nov. 2nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1036 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled: H. White 1, C. G. White 2, Miss K. Holfield 3, H. Holfield 4, F. S. White 5, G. Holfield, junr. (conductor) 6, A. E. Lock 7, F. White 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Monday, Nov. 2nd, a half-muffled peal was attempted, but was brought round at the 389th change, owing to a change course: S. Freke 1, E. Chivers 2, A. Speed 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, F. Speed 5, J. Hambleton 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, R. Jones 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) by the local band, in 47 mins., with the bells half-muffled: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, H. Edwards 3, W. Cramp 4, W. H. Perry 5, W. Hoad 6, T. Booth (conductor) 7, C. Creasey 8. The bells were also rung half-muffled for the services on All Saints' Day.

LONG STANTON.—On Thursday, Nov. 5th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. W. Cook (first quarter-peal) 1, Rev. H. B. Woolley 2, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 3, — Butler 4, J. Taylor 5, F. Pitstow (conductor) 6, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake 7, H. Tomlinson 8. Rung with the bells muffled.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Friday, Nov. 6th, with the bells half-muffled, a date touch (1914 changes) of Oxford Bob Minor: W. Clarke 1, W. E. White 2, T. H. Kirkby 3, D. Burton 4, W. White (conductor) 5, T. Squires 6.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob Minor, and a touch of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled: The following were the ringers: P. Webb, E. Webb, A. Lilley, A. Starr, R. Boutell, A. E. Austin, F. Matthews, F. Hurry.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Saturday, Nov. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Major W. Lawrence, S.W.B., son of Dr. Lawrence, of Chepstow, who was killed in action Nov. 1st: J. H. Prickett 1, H. Morgan 2, John Prickett 3, M. Selby 4, R. Thompson 5, W. Arnold 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Gregory 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins.: C. Gibbs 1, J. Nash 2, F. Dedman 3, W. Botsford 4, W. Seabrook 5, G. Bonfield (conductor) 6, J. Nicholls 7, A. Chamberlain 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

In addition to the towers already mentioned, there was muffled ringing at the following:—

Royston (St. John the Baptist's), Herts.
Almondsbury, Gloucestershire.
Berkeley, Glos.
Cam, Glos.
Coaley, Glos.
Dursley, Glos.
Bristol (St. George's).
Olveston, Glos.
Newent, Glos.
Stone, Glos.
Slimbridge, Glos.
Thornbury, Glos.
Rockhampton, Glos.
Littleton-on-Severn, Glos.
Mitcham (Christ Church), Surrey.
Shirhampton, Bristol.

NOTICES.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—In order that the ringing of church bells after dusk may not be a possible assistance to the enemy's aircraft in locating our cathedrals and churches, it has been decided that the usual practices be suspended. Meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m., and each fortnight until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will the 30 or so local secretaries who have not yet furnished me with particulars of bells, practices, etc., on the schedule provided, kindly do so at once and oblige? — C. Glenn, Honorary General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 21st. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage at 6. Handbells only will be in use. — Reply to Rev. F. G. Hume, Oakley, Basingstoke.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at St. James's, Bolton, Bradford, on Saturday, November 21st, 1914. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the Bolton Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION Meeting at Battersea, which was advertised for Saturday, November 21st, will not be held.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church Hall. There will be a small charge for tea. Will all who wish to be present at tea let me know not later than Tuesday, the 24th inst.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, December 5th. Special service, with short address, at the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea at the Vestry Hall, New Street, 6d. each to members, at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Bells available at 3.45 and after the meeting. Widford, 8 bells, will be open after 6 p.m. Election of officers for the ensuing year takes place at this meeting, and it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by first post on Wednesday, December 2nd. There will be no monthly practice on Saturday, November 28th, at Chelmsford.—W. Lincoln, District Master, Church Lane, Writtle, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 5th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow. Reports (to life members 6d. each), are now ready. Members subscriptions are now due.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. F. Denton Jones), at 5. Tea, for which 6d. will be charged, and meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern Division will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 1914, at Conisborough, near Rotherham. The new peal of eight bells (tenor 13½ cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor, will be available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 7 pm. Teas may be had at moderate charges at Crowcroft's tea rooms, near the church. All ringers welcomed.—Arthur Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Netherton, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the vice-president, the Rev. S. J. Marriott (Vicar). Business meeting in the Church House. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, December 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Owing to the present crisis the December quarterly meeting of the above is cancelled. Meetings for practice will be held at Pudsey, Saturday, December 5th, and Shipley, Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Bells available from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

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

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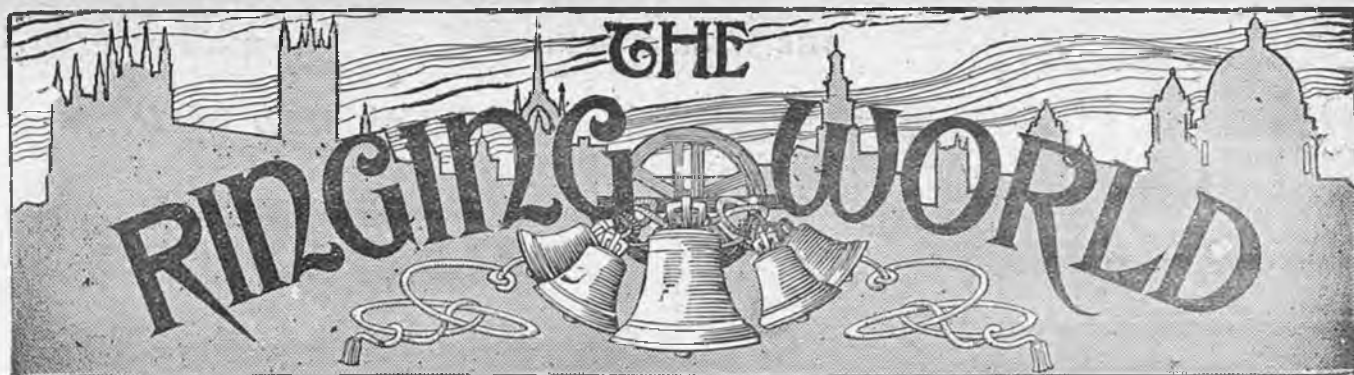


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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

For the first time for an extremely long period the anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths has not been celebrated this year by a dinner. Feasting, like peal ringing, would have seemed out of place under present conditions, and the action of the Society in abandoning the festive gathering was the only course that could have commended itself to the members. In addition to having taken this step, the Society also has abandoned its weekly practices at the well-known city churches where for so long the members have been wont to gather to pursue their art. This has been done to minimise the risk of attracting, by the sound of the bells, the attention of hostile air-craft, if the enemy should endeavour to visit the metropolis. But while the College Youths are thus putting, as every Briton should, national considerations first, other business is proceeding as usual. Periodical meetings for the transaction of the business and for handbell ringing are being held, and the annual election of officers has just taken place.

It is perhaps not absolutely unique, but it must be a rare occurrence for both father and son to occupy the proud position of Master of this renowned society, and for that reason, among others, congratulations will be extended to Mr. Albert Hughes upon having been appointed to the office. His father, Mr. Arthur Hughes, occupied the position many years ago and still retains an official connection with the society as its esteemed Treasurer. There is a special fitness in the succession to the chair of one so intimately connected with the fortunes of the famous Whitechapel bell foundry, for we can but believe that in the long unbroken history of both the society and the firm there has probably been an almost equally unbroken connection. The firm and the society have come down the centuries together, and the association of the former with the latter seems obvious.

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Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

Rung to commemorate the amalgamation of the three towns of Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse into one "Greater Plymouth," and in honour of the election of Mr. Baker as the first mayor of the united boroughs. The Vicar (Rev. A. W. T. Perowne) kindly arranged the morning service so as to cause no obstacle to the peal.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(St. Chad's Society.)

On Thursday, November 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CHAD'S,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lbs., in B.

*GEORGE SCARRATT Treble	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE 5
†WILLIAM C. BROOKS 2	†GEORGE JONES 6
MJR. E. R. TREVOR CORBETT 3	ALFRED E. FOLLIOT 7
*THOMAS W. BELTON 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Major. † First away from treble. † First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Roberts. First peal rung upon the new bells and the heaviest peal rung to Major in the Midlands testifying to the excellent work of the Loughborough Foundry. First peal of Bob Major rung in Shrewsbury.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD 5
HERBERT DAY 2	SAMUEL WESLEY 6
FRANK JACOBS 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
FRANK STUBBS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Field Marshal Earl Roberts, an honorary freeman of the borough of Chesterfield.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt., in F sharp.

ARTHUR R. ALDHAM Treble	CHARLES H. BELTON 5
WILLIAM WHITE 2	*HARRY GARNER 6
WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM 3	GEORGE P. GARNER 7
GEORFREY J. STONELEY 4	†ARTHUR D. ALDHAM Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Earl Roberts.

EVERCREECH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

*ALBERT SPEED Treble	†ERNEST CHIVERS 5
†SAMUEL FREKE 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
FRED SPEED 3	†WILLIAM RICHARDS 7
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD 4	BARRY J. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Roberts. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th belong to the Midsomer Norton band, those of the treble and 7th to the Shepton Mallet band, and that of the tenor to the Doulting band. A. Speed was re-elected a member of the Association.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT HILLS Treble	F. R. TULLETT, JUNR. 4
JOHN AKEHORST 2	HORACE EDWARDS 5
ALBERT HARMAN 3	FREDK. R. TULLETT, SENR. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. TULLETT, SENR.

EAST HURLING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK C. BURROWS ... Treble	WILLIAM EAGLING 4
ALFRED NEWSON 2	OLIVER BULLMAN 5
SIDNEY GASKIN 3	WILLIAM MEARS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Roberts.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

RINGERS' OPPORTUNITY NEXT TUESDAY.

Sir,—On Tuesday, 1st December, the gracious lady, who for some half century past has shared the fortunes of our Royal House and entered with such close sympathy into the joys and sorrows of our nation, will attain her 70th birthday. Let all ringers throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom unite on that day to pay their tribute of honour to Queen Alexandra.—Yours truly,
F. L. EDWARDS.

Hon. Sec. Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

Richard Holder, of Hayward's Heath, Sussex, 6th Reserve Batt. 4th Royal Sussex Regiment (4439).

Pte F. Seutcher, of Beckenham, 9th Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment (T), now at Chatham.

Percy Gladstone, of All Saints' Society, Sheffield, Royal Field Artillery, now at Borden, Hants.

Pte George Measlin, of St. George's Church Stockport, 6th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, now at Northampton.

S. L. Hills, of Holy Trinity, Guildford, 5th "Queen's" Royal West Surrey Regiment (T).

J. Corrigan, of Aston Parish Church, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

B. G. Lock, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, has joined the new army.

W. Cornish, of Uxbridge Parish Church, 8th (Reserve) Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

From the Suffolk St. Lawrence company, the following are now serving with the colours:—

Pte Norman King, Kitchener's Army.

Pte Murray Tomlinson, Lines Territorials.

Pte Frank Taylor, Lines Territorials.

The following members of the Binfield, Berks, band, have joined the new Army:—

Edward King, 5th Batt. Royal Berks Regt.

Sydney Goaring, 5th Batt. Royal Berks Regiment.

Harold J. Hale, Scottish Rifles.

The following from St. Mary's, Sawston, are serving:—

Lieut. Col. B. Stubbings.

Pte Whetton.

Pte S. Borcham.

Pte H. Reed, and

Pte E. Rowlinson, with 1st Cambs Battalion.

Pte H. Teversham, Kitchener's Army, and

M. J. Lyles, Cambs 13th V.A.D.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS FOR RINGING CLERGY.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield, and Master of the Winchester Guild, who for some years has been a Chaplain of the Territorial Forces, and, at the commencement of the present mobilisation, was connected with the 4th Hants Brigade, has been appointed Brigade Chaplain to the 2nd Thames and Medway Infantry Reserve Brigade, in the Isle of Sheppey, Kent. The appointment dates from October 27th last. The Rev. C. E. Matthews began duty at Sheppey on October 12th.

The Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., until recently Rector of Caerphilly, now Vicar of Bedwas, Monmouthshire, and one of the joint hon. secs. of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, has been appointed second-class chaplain to the Territorial Forces, ranking as lieutenant-colonel. He has had 20 years' experience as a chaplain in his Majesty's forces, and during this time he has been able to gain a knowledge of the men who serve in them, which has enabled him to fulfil his duties in a very considerate and praiseworthy manner. It is doubtful if any officer in the division has a more genuine popularity amongst the men than the Rev. Connop Price, for it has been gained by studying their welfare, and speaking out in straight, manly fashion, when it was needed. The Rev. Connop Price was made a fourth-class chaplain, ranking as captain, in 1894, and in 1908 he was promoted to his recent office of third-class chaplain, ranking as major. He served with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd V.B., Welsh Regiments, and since the Territorial Force came into being he has been chaplain to the 2nd Welsh Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C. (Cardiff). When the troops were mobilised, on August 5th, he went to Conway with the R.A.M.C., and was appointed senior chaplain to the Welsh Division Territorial Forces by the chaplain-general on September 9th, 1914.

RINGERS' DANGEROUS WORK.

Two ringers, as far as we know, are engaged in the dangerous duties of mine sweeping in the North Sea. Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild, who, it will be remembered was on board H.M.S. "Speedy," when she was blown up by a mine, is back once more doing duty in connection with this work at Lowestoft, and Mr. J. W. Noblett, of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, is also engaged in the work.

THE ACCIDENT TO MR. ASHENDEN.

We are pleased to announce and we are sure the numerous ringing friends of Mr. Thomas Ashenden, of Hawkhurst, will be equally as pleased to know that, after some weeks under the doctor's care, he has entirely recovered from the injuries he sustained in the cycle accident recorded in our columns. Mr. Ashenden has started work again, and gets through his daily labours without any difficulty, which indicates that his brain is clear, and in no way affected through the accident. He has also recommenced ringing, and taken his place again in the choir.

ELY ASSOCIATION'S SECRETARY AT THE FRONT.

LETTER FROM SAPPER DENNIS.

The Hon. Secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association (Mr. T. R. Dennis), who in civil life was a postal clerk at Cambridge, is now serving in the signal section of the Royal Engineers at the General Headquarters of the British Expeditionary Force. Sapper Dennis joined the army some few weeks ago, and after a short stay at Aldershot was drafted to France on October 17th.

Writing to us on Nov. 17th, he says: "We are getting on very nicely out here, and have plenty of work to do in the telegraphing line. There are over 90 of us quartered here, including messengers, and we work in reliefs of 30 each, six hours on and twelve off. We are billeted at a public school, which was attacked in September by German aeroplanes, but fortunately little damage was done, beyond blowing a big hole in one of the yards. This place is about 30 miles from the firing line, and we occasionally hear the heavy guns letting forth. I haven't had a pull at the French bells yet, and don't feel much inclined to, as they only just swing them, and make a jangling noise, though some of them are excellent toned bells, and would make excellent tenors to some of our peals. To-day has been an eventful day here, owing to the death of Lord Roberts. He was given a salute of 19 guns. I happened to be on duty when the cortege passed, so did not see much of it. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales afterwards paid a visit to our office and was shown the mysteries of telegraphy. He evinced great interest in all that was going on. Hoping to see you at the end of the war, and then some peals!"

The following incident, illustrating the difficulties of getting into communication with men in military centres may not be uninteresting. Some ten days or so before Sapper Dennis left Aldershot, which is 12 miles from Woking, we sent him by express post a letter fully and carefully addressed. That letter was delivered to him in France more than five weeks afterwards.

Nothing is so welcome to a soldier at the front as a letter from home, and for the benefit of his many friends we may say that Sapper Dennis's address is: No. 29371 Royal Engineers Signal Section, 1st Relief, General Headquarters, British Expeditionary Force.

AUGMENTATION OF A SURREY PEAL.

The dedication took place on Wednesday of last week of the augmented peal at St. Ann's Church, Bagshot, Surrey. Formerly there was a peal of six, and these bells have been taken out, retuned and rehung with the addition of two trebles to complete the octave, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Despite unpropitious weather, there was a numerous gathering of ringers for the dedication, which took place in the presence of a large congregation, and was performed by the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Ford). It opened with the singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," and afterwards, during the hymn, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand," the clergy, choir and churchwardens proceeded outside the church and entered the belfry. The act of dedication was here performed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the ceremony concluding with the choir singing the hymn, "Angel Voices, ever singing," and a short touch rung on the bells. Upon the return of the procession into the church, the hymn, "We love the place, O God," was sung.

An address followed by the Master of the Oxford Guild, whose appropriate and telling discourse was based on the text, "And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver" (Numbers, chap. x.). The preacher remarked that he did not know of anything belonging to a church or parish which appealed more to the people than their bells. There was both a religious and a civil side in regard to church bells, for they were used in religious worship, and were also instruments used to mark our civil progress.

The offertory at the service was on behalf of the bells fund.

The bells were rung prior to the service, and afterwards touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were brought round upon them.

NEIGHBOURING BELLS HARMONISED.

The original two very small bells at St. Dunstan's Church, Frodsham, were replaced some years ago by a larger but very unmusical ship's bell. Recently the congregation decided that they could endure its noise no longer. So it was sent to Loughborough, together with one of the original bells, and recast into a larger bell, which weighs 136lbs. As the church is little more than half a mile away from the Parish Church, and well within sound of the peal of eight, the new bell has been tuned exactly to them. The note of the Parish Church tenor is F sharp, and that of St. Dunstan's bell is B, an octave above the 5th bell of the eight. On Oct. 15th, the new bell, set mouth up in the chancel, was dedicated by the Vicar, who afterwards, in his sermon, pointed out that the tuning of the bells of the two churches together was intended to symbolise Christian unity. This idea is emphasised by the inscription, which reads:—

CONSONA . DUM . CLANGO . TEMPLORUM . FOEDERA . PANGO
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The next Sunday the bell was rung for service, and both the tone and tune were much admired.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

NEW OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held on November 10th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Master: Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Treasurer: Mr. A. Hughes.

Trustees: Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. W. Prime.

Senior Steward: Mr. J. C. Adams.

Junior Steward: Mr. H. J. Walton.

Hon. Secretary: W. T. Cockerill.

Mr. A. A. Hughes was elected in his absence. He has been very seriously ill with peritonitis, and at one time grave doubts were entertained as to his recovery. Happily, however, he is now improving, and is able to get out a little each day. His many friends will wish him a speedy return to full health.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Kewstoke on Saturday week, about 20 members being present, representing the following towers: Badgworth, Burnham, Congresbury, Midsomer Norton, Kewstoke, Winscombe, Worle, Weston-super-Mare, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church, and a splendid address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar), who, in the course of his remarks referred to the serious time through which the country was passing, but said he did not think that bell ringing should be put aside, for the bells were dedicated to the Glory of God, and he urged the members to go on with their ringing.

Ten was partaken of in the schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the chair, in the absence of the President, was taken by the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar, who gave the Association a very hearty welcome to Kewstoke, and hoped, when another meeting was arranged there, they would come early in the morning, and get their ringing over, so that he could have the pleasure of taking them about and explaining the many points of interest in their ancient village. The suggestion was received with applause.

Seven new members were elected, and Weston-super-Mare was chosen for the annual meeting in January, the intermediate meeting being left to the secretary to arrange.

A long list of names was read of those who have joined the roll of honour, showing that this branch had nobly responded to the call of King and country.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding at the meeting, the Chairman suitably responding.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the organist for his services.—During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and of Minor were rung.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

On Sunday last, during morning service, a peal board was dedicated in the belfry of St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, by the Rev. W. E. Thomas, and unveiled by Mr. F. Hartill. After the dedication, Mr. C. Wallater, captain of the ringers, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hartill, and presented to him a framed photo of the peal board as a memento of the occasion. The board bears the following record:—

Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Rung in this tower on Tuesday evening, August 12th, 1913, peal of Grandsire Triples (5640 changes), in 3 hrs. 1 min., composed by J. J. Parker, conducted by C. Wallater. First peal for W. E. Watham. First peal with a bob bell for H. Ward. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. J. H. Sandford, wife of the late curate of this parish. The ringers are all members of the local band. The band: W. E. Watham 1, H. Ward 2, F. Ward 3, D. Appleby 4, E. Horton 5, C. Wallater 6, F. W. Perrons 7, A. E. Read 8. Weight of tenor 124 cwt. Vicar, Rev. A. M. Pratt. Wardens, G. Wolverson and W. M. Pinson.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S FEAT.

Ringling records are not the only feats which may be placed to the credit of Mr. James George, of Rugby. Most of our readers will know that it was he who rang the tenor to the record peal of Maximus (12,240 changes), in 8 hrs. 39 mins., at Ashton-under-Lyne. He has accomplished his latest feat on his feet, and it was no mean performance either. On the morning of Nov. 17th he left Rugby at 6 a.m., and reached Fenny Stratford at 6 p.m. Having rested two hours on the journey, he thus completed the distance of 40 miles in ten hours' actual walking. If it were not for age limitations, Mr. George would have made an excellent recruit for the Army. He would be in his element in a forced march.

Mr. George reaches his 61st birthday to-day, and the Exercise will join in wishing him "Many happy returns."

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MR. WILLIAM PYE'S FRESH RECORD.

Many honours in the campanological world have fallen to Mr. William Pye, but they have been honours which he has won by his own indomitable energy and perseverance. His achievements upon church bells have been greater than those of any other man, and he has now added another to his many laurels by being the first ringer to score 100 peals upon twelve bells. This record he completed on Saturday when he conducted a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques, at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, as a tribute to the memory of Field-Marshal Earl Roberts. Mr. Pye's twelve-bell record includes a very considerable number of handbell peals, while the proportion which he has conducted is also unique. Up to a short time ago the record for twelve-bell peals was held by the late Mr. Thomas Reynold, of Birmingham, who at the time of his death, early in 1912, had rung 98.

Of Mr. William Pye's prowess as a ringer it is not necessary here to speak, but it is not uninteresting to re-



MR. WILLIAM PYE.

call some of the other records which Mr. Pye holds or has taken part in. In regard to twelve-bell ringing he was the first to call a peal of Stedman-Cinques from every bell and was one of the band that rang the record length of 11,111 Stedman Cinques, at St. Martin's, Birmingham. He also conducted the record length in the same method on handbells. His greatest performance of all, however, was the famous long peal at Loughborough, when the record length of Stedman Caters was rung—18,027 changes in 12 hours 18 minutes. In this peal Mr. Pye rang the tenor and was the conductor. He has taken part in many other long lengths, including the Surprise record of 15,264 of Bristol at Horncchurch, which he also conducted, and the 14,112 of London Surprise at King's Norton.

His tower bell peals have been rung in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and he took part in the first peals of Superlative, Cambridge, New Cambridge, London and Bristol out of England, while he is the only man who has rung Exeter Cathedral tenor (72½ cwt.) to a peal single-handed. His handbell performances have been no less wonderful in their way than his achievements on tower bells, for he has taken part in "double-handed" peals of Superlative, the first peal of New Cambridge, and the only peals of London and Bristol ever rung.

There are few records now left for Mr. Pye to make, but as he is still in the prime of life—he was 44 in August last—we shall yet, we hope, see him add further laurels to his crown.

"ARMLEY" DELIGHT.

At St. Ann's, Denton, near Manchester, for evening service, on Sunday week, 720 of Legitimate Method, No. 24, page 19 of the C.C. Collection, was rung by: H. Bardsley 1, W. Wright 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. Pollitt 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heekingbottom (conductor) 6. As this is supposed to be the first 720 rung in the method—a fourth's-place Delight—it has been named "Armley," where the conductor gained most of his ringing experience.

THE BROMLEY YOUTHS.

It will be of interest to those who have rung peals on the bells of the old Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, to know that all the peals are now recorded in the ancient peal book of the local society. Mr. A. E. Newick, one of the youngest members of the society, kindly undertook the rather large job of writing up nearly 50 peals, and he has completed it in a very neat and workmanlike manner. In connection with this, an interesting little event took place in the belfry of SS. Peter and Paul on a recent practice night, when, in recognition of his work, Mr. Newick was presented with a silver inkstand, suitably inscribed. — Mr. G. Durling, the genial leader, made the presentation in a few well-chosen words, and Mr. Newick briefly responded, thanking his fellow ringers, and assuring them that his task had been a labour of love to him, and expressing his willingness to keep the book written up to date in the future. The whole of the peals, as far as is known, which have been rung by the society and their friends on their own bells and in various other towers (with the exception of one, the first peal on SS. Peter and Paul's bells, conducted by James Barham) are now recorded in the book, the total number being 173.

THE PEAL AT SHREWSBURY.

The peal of Bob Major rung, muffled, on the back eight of the peal of twelve of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, for the death of Earl Roberts, has some features of special interest. In addition to being the heaviest ring in the Midlands that has been turned in to a peal of Major, it is the first time the tenor has been turned in for over a hundred years. The last occasion was December 27th, 1813, when it was rung to Oxford Treble Bob Maximus by the renowned Samuel Lawrence. The peal on Thursday week was rung by Sunday service ringers of St. Chad's, and it is more than a century since a local company rang a peal there. Last week's performance was the first peal of Bob Major scored in Shrewsbury, and the success which attended the effort speaks well for the work of rehanging, which was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

EARL ROBERTS' DEATH.

The following muffled touches were rung to the memory of Field-Marshal Earl Roberts:—

ROYSTON, HERTS. On Sunday evening, Nov. 15th, with the bells fully muffled, to the memory of Earl Roberts, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Wilkerson 1, H. Barnett 2, W. L. Darlow 3, R. Wilkerson 4, W. B. Manning 5, E. G. King (conductor) 6.

GUILDFORD.—Holy Trinity Society.—On Nov. 19th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 51 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Earl Roberts: H. Burdick 1, C. Burdick 2, H. Hutton 3, C. Hazeldon 4, H. Harris 5, J. T. Lee 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, M. Smither 8.

DEVIZES.—On Nov. 19th, at St. James' Church, Southbroom, and at St. John's Church, Devizes, the bells were rung, muffled, and flags flown at half-mast, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Earl Roberts.

WEST RETFORD.—North Notts Association.—At St. Michael's Church, on Nov. 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 44 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Earl Roberts: F. A. Blagg 1, W. Gibson 2, J. Segar, junr. (East Retford) 3, G. Turner 4, R. Potter 5, J. L. Blagg (conductor) 6.

MATHON.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Nov. 19th, 1440 of Minor (720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob), in 49 mins.: C. A. Layton 1, C. Layton 2, C. Powell 3, C. Bowers (conductor) 4, A. Layton 5, G. Jordan 6. Rung with bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Roberts.

NUNEATON.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Nov. 19th, at the Parish Church, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich, which came to grief after two hours' ringing. The bells were half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Roberts. Memorial services were held on Sunday last, and the following touches were rung during the day with the bells muffled: Three courses of Superlative, two courses of Double Norwich, and a touch each of Stedman and Grand sire Triples, the following members of the Parish Church Society taking part: H. Argyle, H. Argyle, J. Ballard, T. W. Chapman, J. Clarke, J. F. Clarke, J. Gressley, W. Horton, W. Martin, E. Stone, R. Pollard,

MUFFLED TOUCHES.

The following touches were rung with muffled bells to the memory of those who have fallen in battle:—

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.—On Saturday evening, Oct. 31st, before service, with the bells fully muffled, 720 and 160 of Bob Major, conducted by J. French. After service, 1344, the same method, conducted by F. Claydon, with the bells half-muffled. On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major; for evening service, 448 Bob Major; after service, 416 Double Norwich Court, all conducted by J. French. Those taking part in the ringing were: H. Fairhead, R. Fleuty, J. Fleuty, G. Fleuty, J. Turner, F. Claydon, W. Burst, J. French and W. Scillitoe. The object of the muffled ringing was announced to the congregation by the Vicar the preceding Sunday. The bells remained half-muffled for the Sunday ringing, with the exception of the last touch (416 Double Norwich), which was rung open.

LENTON, NOTTS.—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, 546 Stedman Triples: P. Woolley 1, W. Clifford, senr., 2, W. Clifford, junr., 3, A. Coppock (conductor) 4, F. S. Price 5, J. C. Dicken 6, S. Wesley 7, P. Price 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Saturday evening, Oct. 31st, at St. Bartholomew's Church, with the bells muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble: J. Stephens 1, T. Mack 2, J. Madgwick 3, W. Eldridge 4, G. Goodchild 5, R. Hayes (conductor) 6, F. White, tenor, covering. Also 720 of Woodbine: J. Stephens 1, R. Hayes 2, J. Madgwick 3, W. Eldridge 4, G. Goodchild 5, T. Mack (conductor) 6, H. White tenor. On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Stephens 1, T. Mack 2, J. Madgwick 3, W. Eldridge 4, G. Goodchild 5, R. Hayes (conductor) 6, F. White, tenor covering.

CORHAM, KENT. On Saturday Oct. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Mr. E. Walker, brother of one of the local band, who was drowned in the ill-fated "Hawke," 720 Grandsire Minor: Geo. Mungam 1, G. Ambrose 2, C. Waterman 3, G. Morrad, senr., 4, Wood 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

DOLTON, BRADFORD.—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Nichols 1, S. B. Norfolk 2, A. Ainge 3, F. Hopwood 4, R. E. Howe 5, A. Gill (conductor) 6, J. Palfreman 7, S. Palfreman 8. The bells were also rung, muffled, for the services on the Sunday.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—Chester Guild, At St. Mary's Church, with bells half-muffled, for evening service, on All Saints' Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Banks 1, C. Sutton 2, W. Jackson 3, J. Wood 4, W. Sutton (conductor) 5, A. Stubbs 6, F. Banks was elected a member before starting.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—At St. Peter's Church, the bells were rung, muffled, on All Saints' Day, for both morning and evening service, and the ringing was announced in the following paragraph in the local newspaper: "The bell ringers of Bramley Church have made a suggestion in regard to Sunday, November 1st, which has been cordially accepted by the authorities of the church. It is that on Sunday next, which is All Saints' Day, both morning and evening, muffled peals shall be rung in memory of those who have fallen in the war. Both the idea itself and the occasion selected for its expression do great credit to the patriotic feelings of the ringers."

TEWKESBURY.—On All Saints' Day, muffled touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung, conducted in the morning by J. Wathen, and in the evening by J. Austin. Notice of the ringing was given from the pulpit on the preceding Sunday.

POYNTON.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. George's Church, with the bells half-muffled, for evening service, on All Saints' Day, 720 of Plain Bob Minor.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Helen's Church, on All Saints' Day, the bells were muffled the whole day. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung before the morning and evening services. The flag on the tower was half-mast, and an appropriate sermon by the Rector (the Rev. E. Douglas Staley) was preached on the text, "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous, nevertheless, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit if Righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."—Heb. xii, 2.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: L. Price 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, F. S. Price 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, with the bells muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Agent 1, F. Hayes 2, G. Jones 3, F. Mitchell 4, G. Morrad 5, H. Holden (first attempt at calling Treble Bob), conductor, 6.

STICKNEY, Lincs.—On All Saints' Day, at St. Luke's Church, for evening service, two 360's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, with the bells fully muffled: J. Garfoot 1, A. Sharpe 2, H. Lancaster 3, J. Carke 4, W. Medcalf 5.

CRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—The bells were rung half-muffled for a short time after evensong on All Saints' Day, and on the Monday evening following, according to the Vicar's instructions.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, after evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cottrell 1, *R. Allen 2, *W. Lambert 3, *C. Pocock 4, J. Abery (conductor) 5, J. Hurst 6. * First 720.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 45 minutes, with the bells half-muffled: C. Gouldsmith 1, A. Hextsey 2, G. Radley (conductor) 3, F. Shepherd 4, J. Puplett 5, F. Saban 6, W. Saban 7, H. Brenton 8.

CHICHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, with bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: A. Atfield 1, G. Martin 2, G. T. Farley 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, W. Falconer 5, F. T. Marshall 6, D. H. Falconer (conductor) 7, F. W. Arthur and W. Ticehurst 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled, by request of the Rector (the Rev. G. L. Morrell): J. Passey (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Lambert 2, A. Tomkins (conductor) 3, W. Watkins 4, R. Bethel 5, W. Mantle (first quarter-peal) 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for evening service, at St. Thomas' Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes): P. Thomas 1, W. Hand 2, W. A. Pugh 3, A. W. Dodd 4, J. W. Newman 5, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 6, G. H. Pagett 7, C. W. Cooper 8.

MERTHAM, SURREY Association.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled: H. Morby 1, F. Snook 2, E. Atkins (conductor) 3, G. Morby 4, A. Wood 5, W. Francis 6.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, with the bells fully muffled, on Nov. 1st, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gasson 1, W. Mitchell 2, F. Stender 3, J. Gasson 4, A. Gasson, junr., 5, A. Gasson, senr. (conductor) 6. Also two 240's in the same method. For evening service, 300 of Bob Minor. In addition to the ringers mentioned above, E. Holman, C. Gasson, P. Hall and C. Holman took part.

TENBY, SOUTH WALES.—On All Saints' Day, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service, 532 Grandsire Triples: T. John 1, T. Griffiths 2, Albert Richards 3, W. Jenkins 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Rees 6, R. H. Jenkins (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8. For the evening service, 502 from Holt's Original, by the same ringers, T. Griffiths conducting.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, at All Saints' Church, with the bells muffled for morning service, several six-scores of Doubles, and for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: R. Welfare 1, H. Tomsett 2, G. Tomsett 3, R. Holder 4, A. Tomsett (conductor) 5, F. Willie 6, G. Belton 7, T. Patching 8. Also 112 Grandsire Triples.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 1278 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: J. F. Maxfield 1, A. T. Winter 2, J. T. Bartram 3, G. W. Metcalfe 4, J. Sagar, junr., 5, E. Collingburn 6, C. E. Houchin 7, H. Warburton (conductor) 8, G. R. Winter 9, R. Miles 10.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—On Nov. 2nd, at the Church of St. George, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: R. Young 1, W. Rushton 2, W. Mort 3, Rev. H. J. Elsey 4, P. C. Peter Crook 5, G. Pincoff 6, W. Pennington (conductor) 7, J. Fishwick 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—At All Saints' Church, on Monday, Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: B. Cuff 1, J. A. Lambart (conductor) 2, G. Rayner 3, F. Ford 4, A. Calver 5, J. Webb 6, A. Clayton 7, W. Sherman 8.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of St. Dunstan's Doubles (1320 changes) was rung in 55 mins., with the bells half-muffled: G. Booth 1, J. Warrilow (conductor) 2, F. Haggis 3, W. H. Jones 4, F. Ryell 5, J. Spencer 6.

CHRIST CHURCH, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1295 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins., with the bells half-muffled: R. Vincent 1, V. Street 2, C. Saffery 3, E. Hinton 4, G. Stone 5, A. Best 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Baggett 10.

HEAVYTREE, DEVON.—On All Saints' Day, at the Parish Church, with bells half-muffled, 1008 Stedman Triples: R. Hamilton 1, W. S. Lethbridge 2, Sergt.-Major A. Pye 3, J. R. Sandover 4, C. G. Glass 5, J. Ferris 6, T. Laver (conductor) 7, J. Scager 8.

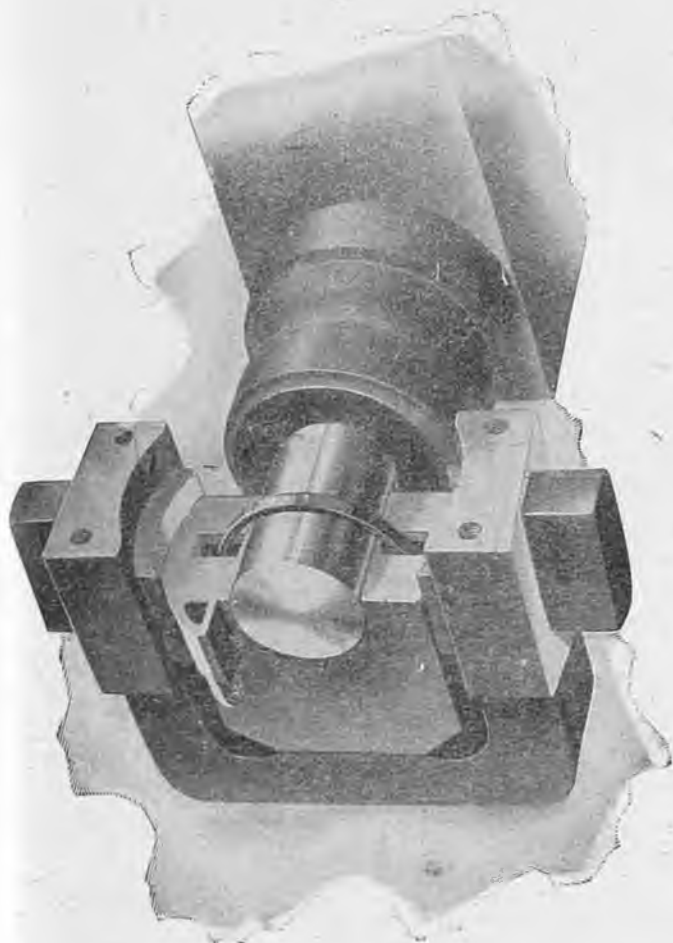
ORDSALL.—At All Hallows' Church, with the bells half-muffled, on All Souls' Day, being 720 of Canterbury and 540 of Plain Bob, in 43 mins.: *J. Wood 1, *F. Blagg 2, H. Haigh (Workshop) 3, D. Blagg 4, *L. Blagg 5, J. Sagar, junr. (conductor) 6. * First quarter in two methods.

WOLSTANTON.—Stoke-on-Trent Archdiocesan Association.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: P. Johnson (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Bowers (first quarter on an inside bell) 2, T. Johnson 3, C. Bishen 4, W. Allman 5, J. Morley 6, W. Fitchard, senr. (conductor) 7, H. Roberts 8.

The bells were also muffled at the following towers connected with the North Notts Association:—

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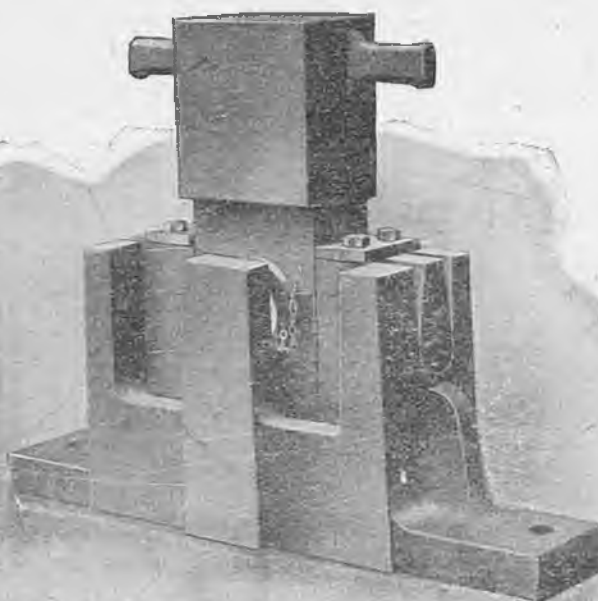
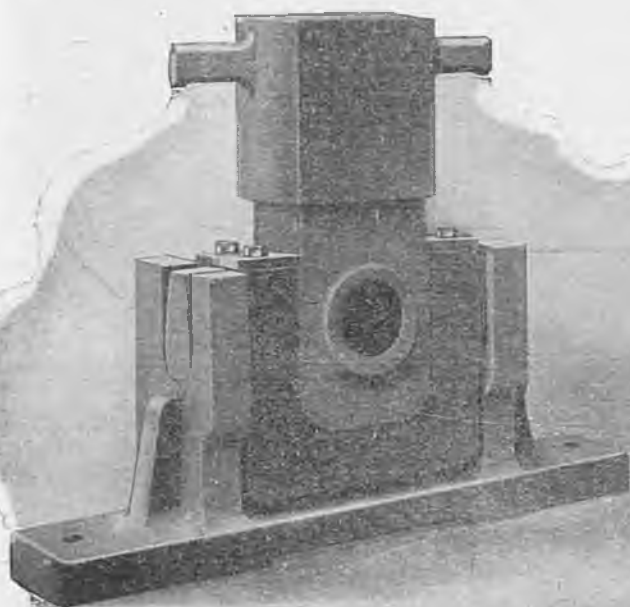
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NOTICES.

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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.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church Hall. There will be a small charge for tea.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, November 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, December 5th. Special service, with short address, at the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea at the Vestry Hall, New Street, 6d. each to members, at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Bells available at 3.45 and after the meeting. Widford, 8 bells, will be open after 6 p.m. Election of officers for the ensuing year takes place at this meeting, and it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by first post on Wednesday, December 2nd. There will be no monthly practice on Saturday, November 28th, at Chelmsford.—W. Lincoln, District Master, Church Lane, Writtle, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 5th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow. Reports (to life members 6d. each), are now ready. Members subscriptions are now due.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. F. Denton Jones), at 5. Tea, for which 6d. will be charged, and meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern Division will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 1914, at Conisborough, near Rotherham. The new peal of eight bells (tenor 13½ cwts.) by Messrs. Taylor, will be available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 7 pm. Teas may be had at moderate charges at Crowcroft's tea rooms, near the church. All ringers welcomed.—Arthur Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Netherton, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the vice-president, the Rev. S. J. Marriott (Vicar). Business meeting in the Church House. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, December 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next (annual) meeting will be held at Cheadle, Saturday, December 5th. Attention is drawn to the change in the place of meeting.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 6. Tea (free) at 6.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc. Will all members intending to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday next, December 1st.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Will members please note that the meeting arranged to be held at Staveley on the 5th December is abandoned. I shall be pleased if those members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1914 will kindly forward them on to me before the close of the year. Any notice of alteration to rules must be forwarded not later than January 1st, 1915.—Sam Thomas, Sec., *pro tem*, 19, Stanhope Road, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for business will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesdays, December 8th and 22nd; for Handbell practice, on Thursdays, December 3rd, 17th and 31st; all at 8 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due and should be paid before February 28th next.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 4, service at 5, tea 5.30. Reports ready. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Owing to the present crisis the December quarterly meeting of the above is cancelled. Meetings for practice will be held at Pudsey, Saturday, December 5th, and Shipley, Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Bells available from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Francis Ward has now removed to 142, Lancing Road, Sheffield.

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

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SOME ANNIVERSARIES.

Monday of last week (Nov. 16th) was the 29th anniversary of the death of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon "a gentleman, who held a position in the ringers' community absolutely unapproached." Canon Wigram, in the official year book of the Church of England in 1886 wrote: "There are other ringers, other conductors, other composers, and also other authors of instruction for beginners, but there has never been any other true historian of the science. In this department he stands alone, and it is impossible to say which is the most remarkable whether the amount of information which he collected, the patience with which he arranged it, or the critical skill with which he assigned to each composer the degree of merit which belonged to him. If any loss can be irreparable, it is that which we have sustained by the death of the President of the Yorkshire Change Ringers." What was true in 1886 is true to-day.

One hundred and eighty-two years ago last Monday—on Thursday, Nov. 23rd, 1732—"a compleat peal of six thousand and twelve Cators" was rung at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, London, by the Society of City Scholars. It took three men to ring the tenor. The peal is recorded on a board surmounted by the City arms, still to be found in Cripplegate belfry, and the men whose names have thus come down in history are: Jno. Arnold 1, Jona. Keate 2, Robt. Mobbs 3, Thos. Nash 4, G. Elton Hill 5, Jos. Griffiths 6, Sal. Thompson 7, Wm. Hilliar 8, Jno. Box 9, Ed. Nodes, Hy. Macfarland and Darn. Newbolt 10.

To-day is the anniversary of a peal of 5,400 "Oxford Treble Bob, ten in, in 3 hrs. and 46 mins., being the greatest performance ever completed in this method on ten bells," which was rung by the Cumberlands at All Saints', West Ham, on Monday, Nov. 27th, 1758. Two of the ringers were Francis Wood and Samuel Wood, the grandfather and great-uncle respectively of the late Mr. Sam Wood, so long connected with the College Youths and Bethnal Green Church.

OVERHAULING CRANBROOK BELLS.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have thoroughly overhauled the peal of eight at Cranbrook, Kent. For some considerable time the "go" has been far from what might be desired, especially of the back bells, and the cause seems to be, in the opinion of many ringers, for the want of being looked after properly. The gudgeons were worn, and this would seem to indicate that the oil can and grease pot have been left on the shelf, instead of having their contents applied in the grease boxes. Now that everything has been put in perfect order, it is hoped that those responsible for the care of this, one of the finest peals in the Weald of Kent, will carefully tend the bells and prevent any further dilapidations.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

When the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association met at Bisley for their quarterly meeting some 28 members attended, despite inclement weather. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor and Major were rung, and the members attended service, at which an excellent address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Clay), who afterwards entertained the visitors to tea, and presided over the business meeting. Woodchester was selected for the annual meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded and carried with acclamation to the Rev. W. J. and Mrs. Clay for their kindness and hospitality, the ladies and local ringers for their kind assistance, and the Vicar, churchwardens and friends for having the Bisley bells rehanged. Before rehanging, the bell could only be rung with the greatest difficulty, but now they could be rung with perfect ease, the "go" being excellent.

Mr. Clay responded, and said they were entirely indebted to the kind benefactors to Bisley Church for the amount paid for rehanging the bells. On account of the bad "go" of the bells there was a real danger of damaging the fabric of the tower and spire. He was glad they all appreciated that the bells could now be rung with perfect safety, both to the ringers and the fabric.—Three courses of Grandsire Triples were then rung on the handbells, and the tower bells were again utilised in touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. This proved one of the most enjoyable meetings ever held by the branch.

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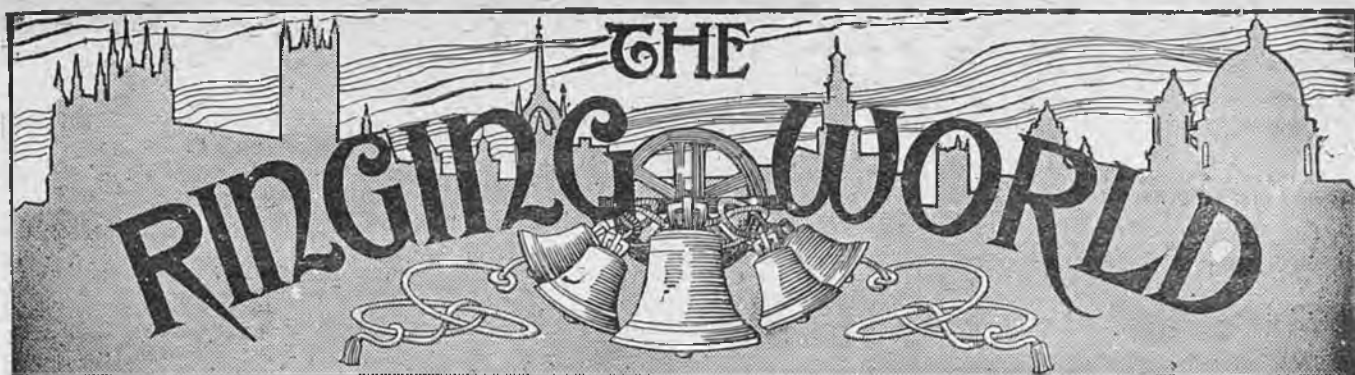


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

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MAINTENANCE OF BELLS.

Despite the war, the dedication of restored, augmented or new rings of bells has gone steadily on. The reason, of course, is that the contracts for this work had been given out before the calamitous happenings of the last few months had been thought of by the general public. Happily for the bell founding industry most of the big firms have sufficient orders on hand to last them a considerable time, and we hope the war may have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion before there is any serious falling off in the work of our foundries. It is well, however, to face facts, and if the present conditions last over an extended period it is to be feared that, with so much money needed for other purposes, bell restoration may suffer, and the carrying out of much-needed repairs in belfries will be, to some extent, delayed. As ringers, however, it should be our duty to prevent the necessities of the bells being overlooked, for it is as essential that the equipment in our church towers should be maintained in an efficient condition as it is that any other portion of the fabric and its fittings should be kept in repair.

It was one of the blots on church maintenance in the past, that the belfry was an object of neglect. That state of affairs has happily passed almost completely away under the realisation by Church authorities of their responsibilities in the matter. We do not think, however, that it is out of place to give a word of warning to ringers to see that, in the present stress of circumstances, our belfries and bells are not made to suffer unduly. Money for big schemes of restoration would undoubtedly be hard to raise during the existing state of affairs, but where dilapidations are manifesting themselves it is a foolish policy to allow things to drift. Often the expenditure of a few pounds would save a heavy outlay a few years hence, and, as it must obviously be a long time before financial conditions will again reach their normal standpoint, it is unquestionably the soundest policy to deal with repairs as the need arises. Ringers can do much in this respect by paying special attention to their bells, and, where occasion demands, bringing the matter tactfully but forcefully before the responsible authorities.

To a large extent ringing is at a standstill and time might now well be given by local companies, as was suggested recently by a correspondent, in improving the belfries. There are often small matters which, by the expenditure of a little time, might be carried out and which would effect an improvement in the comfort of the belfry. The present is an opportunity when these little things could well be attended to, for later on, when peace is proclaimed, there will be much lost time in actual ringing to make up.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS RUSSAN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
CHARLES DICKENS 2	ALBERT WALKER 8
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
JOHN NEAL 4	THOMAS MILLER 10
ALF. PADDON SMITH 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6	PRIVATE SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late
Field Marshal Earl Roberts, V.C., K.G., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., etc.,
an honorary Freeman of the City of Birmingham.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

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

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory
of Harold Drake, brother of the headmaster's wife of Stancliffe School,
who was killed in action in British East Africa; also of William Hart
who perished with all on board H.M.S. "Monmouth."

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
WILLIAM SMITH 2	EDWARD H. JOHNSON 6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
JOSEPH H. WHITE 4	CHARLES FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late
Earl Roberts, and those who have fallen during the war.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 17 in A.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: J. T. LEE.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dobinson, of
Ranmore Common, her Guildford friends wishing her many happy
returns of the day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
 (THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. POLLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17, in A.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 1-2 | ALFRED H. POLLING ... 5-6
 MAURICE SMITHER ... 3-4 | JOSEPH T. LEE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Witnesses: MRS. POLLING, MRS. HAZELDEN, and
 MRS. YVONNE ELOIE-SELONE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Giles, of Reading.
 This was the 110th peal rung at the conductor's residence.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2 | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5-6
 ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3-4 | EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 7-8

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
 Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: C. SAMPSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. H. Bailey.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JOSEPH SMITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN BASS ... 1-2 | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5-6
 WILLIAM SHORT ... 3-4 | JOSEPH PIGOTT ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
 Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Referee: JOSEPH SMITH. Witness: THOMAS HEATHCOTE.

First peal of Major on handbells by all except the conductor.

PEAL NOT TO BE BOOKED.

We are requested to state that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Scarborough on June 18th, 1914, will not be booked by the Yorkshire Association owing to the rule as to payment of subscriptions not having been complied with.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have responded to the call to the young manhood of the country:

E. Large, of Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, 8th Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Gunner J. J. Pratt, of Great Munden, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Woolwich.

Corpl. J. B. Jackson, of St. Oswald's, Guisley, 6th Batt. Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, now at Doncaster.

Pte Harry Stott, of St. Oswald's, Guisley, 6th Batt. Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, now at Skipton.

George Downing, of Irthlingborough Ambulance Division, now at Kildworth Military Hospital, volunteered for active service.

W. Pearson junr., of All Saints', Pontefract, B Co., 10th Batt. Rifle Brigade, now at Blackdown, Farnborough, Hants.

Pte T. Metcalfe, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, R.A.M.C., at present in Ireland.

Pte T. Bell, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, 4th King's Own Royal Lancaster Territorials.

E. Saddington, of Cranford, Northants, has joined the new army, and is now at Colchester.

B. Saddington, of Cranford, 4th Batt. Northants Territorials, now at Wellingborough.

From St. Giles', Ashted, band, the following are serving:—

James B. Wyatt, and

George A. Cook, 5th East Surrey Territorial Reserve, now at Windsor.

Sidney Readick, 5th East Surrey Territorial Reserve, now at Wimbledon.

From Selby Abbey company, the following have joined:—

George Alfred Morley, 5th West Yorks Regiment.

Robert Smith Moate, 5th West Yorks Regiment.

Albert Cryer, 10th West Yorks

From St. Mary's, Braughing, the following have joined the 1st Batt. Herts Territorials:—

W. K. North, now in France.

A. Barler.

A. Phillips

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

We hope, in course of time, to be able to include in our list of contributors all those towers who are not giving donations through other channels. Many belfries we have heard of are giving to local relief funds, but throughout the country there are a large number who will doubtless be only too ready to help and who have not contributed. It is for these that we have opened our columns to acknowledge individual items, which the ringers themselves may not have cared to send direct to the Prince of Wales' Fund at Buckingham Palace. We hope that all who can may send their mite, so that ringers as a whole may play a worthy part in helping a noble cause.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions have reached us:—

RINGERS' CONTRIBUTIONS. £ s. d.

Amount already acknowledged ... 51 6 6
 Mr. James George (second donation) ... 0 2 6
 Bushey Society (November collection), per Mr.
 B. Prewett) ... 0 5 0

Total ... £51 14 0

BELGIAN REFUGEES' FUND. £ s. d.

Amount already acknowledged ... 1 4 0
 "Wanderer" (fourth donation) ... 0 2 0
 "Mrs. Wanderer" (third donation) ... 0 2 0
 York Minster Society, November collection,
 per Mr. G. Horner ... 0 6 0

Total ... £1 14 0

RINGER INVALIDED FROM THE TRENCHES.

Major Herbert Baker, of the 1st Hertfordshire Territorials, whose valiant exploits were the subject of warm congratulation in the dispatches from Sir John French early in the week, has been invalided home to Hertford with rheumatism. When he left the men were still in the trenches.

Major Baker is a member of the All Saints' Church company of ringers, Hertford, and a life member of the Hertfordshire County Association. He was a well-known figure in ringing circles a few years ago, and took part in the 12,000 Double Norwich at Boyne Hill in 1892.

PHOTOGRAPH BRINGS NEW FRIENDS.

The photograph, which we published in our issue of Nov. 20th, of Pte Wooldridge, of the Bradfield band, who is among the wounded in a Dublin Hospital, has been the means of bringing him new friends. He writes that some of the Dublin ringers have visited him, and much surprised him by showing him his own photograph. He has also had influenza, which he puts down to the unaccustomed luxury of sleeping in bed instead of on the ground.

LECTURE ON RINGING.

A lecture on campanology was given last Friday evening at Hounslow to the members of the Ealing and District Teachers' Association of the N.U.T. by the President (Mr. H. W. Cowley), who is one of the Heston Church band, and a member of the Middlesex Association. Mr. Cowley dealt in a very interesting manner with the arrangements of an English belfry, and bell machinery, made reference to some of the famous bells and described the continental carillons. He then went on to deal with method ringing, which he illustrated by Grand-sire Doubles. Handbells and peal ringing were also described, and the lecture was further illustrated by touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, rung on handbells by the following members of the Middlesex Association: Messrs. W. and A. Shepherd (Hersham), J. R. Mackman (Southall), and W. Lawrence (West Ealing). The hearty applause at the end of each touch clearly showed that the audience appreciated handbell ringing.

DEATH OF A PETERBOROUGH RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Jutson, a member of the St. Mary's Church band, Peterborough, and of the Peterborough and District Association. He was only 21 years of age, and will be much missed by the members at Peterborough. Sincere sympathy will go out to his parents in their sad bereavement.

STEDMAN ON EVEN NUMBERS.

By GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

PLAIN COURSES.

Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
128 changes.	160 changes.	192 changes.
12345678	1234567890	123456789012
13254768	1325476980	132547698012
5274	5274	5274
5724	5724	5724
7542	7542	7542
7452	7452	7452
4725	4725	4725
4275	4275	4275
31245786	3124579608	31245796180
32154876	3215470698	32154706180
1458	1458	1458
4185	4185	4185
4815	4815	4815
8451	9451	9451
8541	9541	9511
5814	5914	5914
23518467	2351940786	23519417068
Repeat 7 times.	Repea 9 times.	Repeat 11 times.

Stedman Bobs and Singles.

Stedman on even numbers, as it has hitherto been rung, is as objectionable as Bob Triples and Grandsire Major. To meet the requirements of the Stedman system:—

1.—The dodging bells must in any case be in pairs, and, therefore, on even numbers the hunting bells must be even in number.

2.—Each hunting bell must do the full hunting work by striking two blows in each place, one in hunting up and the other in hunting down, without either leaving the hunting set before it has finished its work or lying still in the middle of its work.

3.—Likewise each dodging bell must do the full dodging work by dodging straight up or straight down as the case may be to an extent commensurate with the length of the hunting cycle.

4.—The order of the hunting must be reversed at every repetition of the hunting cycle, the cycles must be in series, there must be two cycles to the division, and as many divisions to the course as there are bells.

5.—At the cycle ends hunting bells must change places with dodging bells, one on odd and two on even numbers. This necessitates dodging bells lying still, one on odd and two on even numbers, and in the latter case it also necessitates the hunting bells being inside.

The problem has been imperfectly solved by three-bell hunting sets fore and aft with the dodging bells in the middle (Double Stedman), but although this solution has several very attractive features it has never commended itself to the Exercise, probably as much as for anything else because the courses are inconveniently short. There are two hunting cycles to the division, one direct and the other retrograde, as on odd numbers, and it also has as many divisions to the course as there are bells—and the hunting cycle is kept intact; but the cycles are in parallel, and consequently the divisions are only half the proper length.

The solution set out above fulfils the necessary conditions as perfectly as they are fulfilled on odd numbers. It is worth mentioning that with equal numbers of dodging bells fore and aft, as in Major, the last row of the first half of the plain course is rounds reversed, and it is unnecessary to add that the method is symmetrical about its major axis. These are very desirable properties, and they point to the advisability of six hunting bells in Royal, and four, placed centrally, or eight in Maximus. Stedman is a protean method in every sense of the word, and it does not follow because there can only be three hunting bells in Doubles that there must only be three in Triples, Caters and Cinques. But three has always been considered the best number, and it is reasonable to suppose, for the present at all events, that four is the best number in Major, Royal and Maximus. There is, however, a sufficient reason why there should not be six hunting bells in Royal, and eight in Maximus. With only one pair of dodging bells behind, the bob bell is obliged to strike three consecutive blows in one place. It is true that this blemish in an aggravated form is winked at in other methods, as is also a greater blemish in Stedman Doubles, in which, by a special single for which no just cause can be shown, the dodging bells are interfered with in their work. But notwithstanding this license, the blemish should undoubtedly be confined to Doubles and Major, in which it or a worse blemish cannot be avoided. It is remarkable that Stedman, the only method that attains to the pre-eminence of the triple crown by doubling the length of the divisions, having as many divisions to the course as there are bells, and keeping the hunting cycle intact, should be imperfect in the lowest numbers, both odd and even. But so it is, and, strictly speaking, Stedman commences with Triples and Royal. But the Exercise has never seen its way to speak strictly, nor is it the least likely that it ever will, and until this is done Doubles and Major are entitled to pass muster.

The under-noted peal is believed to be the greatest length ever obtained on eight bells without singles, and without moving the three

heavy bells. In presenting it to the Exercise it is pointed out that Stedman's masterly device of making three or more bells subject to Plain principle, and leaving the other bells free, meets all the requirements of ringing on both odd and even numbers of bells without, in the higher numbers, spot or blemish of any kind, and the device is without so elegant that it has won the admiration of every discriminating man. It is, therefore, in accordance with the fitness of things that of all the great men who in their day and generation have adorned the Exercise, only one man has been counted worthy to have a method called by his name, and thus to have his name exalted above every other name.

7296 STEDMAN MAJOR.

	123456	8	12
24315	—	—	—
41325	—	—	—
13542	—	—	—
35214	—	—	—
32415	—	—	—
34512	—	—	—
41532	—	—	—
15243	—	—	—
52314	—	—	—
53412	—	—	—
34251	—	—	—
45231	—	—	—
52143	—	—	—
21354	—	—	—
23451	—	—	—
35421	—	—	—
54132	—	—	—
43152	—	—	—
31245	—	—	—
Repeat twice.	—	—	—

VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

INTERESTING GATHERING AT TIPTON.

Mr. Wm. Reek Small, the veteran ringer of Tipton, has reached the ripe age of 75 years, and at the Court House Inn, Church Lane, Tipton, he entertained to a splendid repast a company of upwards of 40 local bell ringers to commemorate the auspicious event. Mr. Small is one of the most noted ringers in the Midlands, and has toured in America, Belgium, and other parts of the European continent. His peals number no fewer than 321.

After dinner, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., of King's Norton, Birmingham, was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Wilson de Vine (Vicar and Rural Dean), the Rev. J. Arthur Price (Vicar of Coseley), the Rev. E. V. Cox (St. Michael's, Rushall) and the Rev. F. N. Fletcher (curate of Tipton). Mr. W. R. Small, and three of his sons (Messrs. William, Thomas and James Small). Ten members of the Tipton band were present, with Messrs. J. Carter, W. H. Godden, A. Paddon Smith, R. Faux, J. E. Groves, H. W. others (of Birmingham), J. George (Rugby), Joseph Bate (a Wednesbury veteran, 84 years of age), B. Gough and Wm. Fisher (Coseley), B. Fullwood (Sedgley), T. Horton and J. Screen (West Bromwich), A. Kettle and H. Knight and J. Bradney (Wolverhampton), E. J. Dowler (Selly Oak), J. Bayless, J. Goodman, sen., S. Spittle, H. Sheppard (Dudley), J. T. Elton (Walsall), J. H. Pagett (Stourbridge), H. Mason and A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), and others.

The gathering afforded a very happy reunion of old friends, and it is interesting to note that Mr. Jos. Bate rang with Mr. W. R. Small in his first peal 50 years ago, the method being Kent Treble Bob Royal, and they are now the only two surviving members of the band.

The health of Mr. Wm. R. Small was proposed by the chairman, who referred to the many good qualities Mr. Small possessed. He was, he said, known far and wide as an enthusiastic ringer, always ready to help any beginner to master the science of change ringing. He had set a very high standard of proficiency for the younger generation to follow. He had shown his staying power by the long peals he had taken part in, one being 9,000 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, while he had also rung several peals of 8,000 Grandsire Caters. He was a kind and generous friend, a staunch and loyal Churchman, and a most regular attendant to the duties in the belfry, and at the services in the church.—The Vicar of Tipton, in seconding, also testified to the high esteem in which Mr. Small was held, and wished him many years of life to continue the good work he had been doing so many years in the parish.

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Spittle then sang "Many happy returns of the day," the company joining heartily in the chorus. Mr. Faux rendered the song, "Down by the river side," and Mr. Withers tapped a course of Double Court Bob Major in splendid style on his dulcimer.

Mr. Small responded to the toast in very feeling and suitable terms. During the afternoon, touches in various methods were rung on the tower bells, instead of a peal which would have been attempted but for the war.

Ringers visiting the cattle Show in London, on December 10th, and wishing to have a "pull," should communicate with Mr. O. T. Colos, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS' NEW MASTER.

If anyone were ever brought up among the bells, that description can be applied in very truth to the new Master of the College Youths, for Mr. Albert A. Hughes, whose election to the chair of the Ancient Society we announced last week, first saw the light at the Whitechapel Foundry, and his association with bells has, therefore, been lifelong. Born in 1885, he first learned to handle a bell at a very early age, and used to practise on an old Pre-Reformation bell which hangs in the roof of the foundry. At the age of 14 he began to accompany his father to St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, where he received his first insight into ringing under the late Mr. Matthew Wood, whom Mr. Hughes had known as long as he could remember anyone, for the old gentleman was a regular visitor to the foundry, where he and the late Mr. William Cooter and other well-known London ringers used to meet for handbell ringing. From this early association a close friendship sprang up which Mr. Hughes valued very highly, and which lasted until the veteran passed away. Mr. Hughes, like many another



MR. ALBERT A. HUGHES.

ringer, cherishes the memory of Matthew Wood, and appreciates the influence of his character on a youngster both as a ringer and a man, for that bluff exterior covered a heart as true as steel.

At the period when the present Master of the College Youths became associated with Bethnal Green, "call changes" were mostly practised there on Sunday mornings, and this form of ringing, under such a tutor at Matt. Wood, taught a man to listen for and strike his bell. In-

deed, of so much advantage did this prove in improving a youngster's striking, that Mr. Hughes' own experience has made him a great believer in giving novices call changes for a little while to begin with. Half-pull ringing at Bethnal Green was reserved for Sunday evenings, when the band was augmented by Messrs. Cooter, Dorington, and others. These performances whetted the ambition of the future Master, and he used to look forward keenly to the time when he should be able to ring the treble to Grandsire Triples. When, at length, he could manage this—and it took some time, for "rope sight" was his great difficulty—he found he wanted to go further. So it is with all ringers worthy of the name. There is ever an unquenchable desire to go on to greater heights. Mr. Hughes used to get further practice by visiting the Old Hackney Church, where he received great help from Mr. W. D. Smith.

His first peal was rung at St. Matthew's Church, Upper Clapton, in May, 1906, the treble in Grandsire Triples—Holt's Original, conducted by Mr. Challis Winney. His first peal with a bob bell was rung on January 16th, 1909, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, when Mr. Hughes called Holt's ten-part from the 3rd. Mr. Matt. Wood, then in his 83rd year, rang the 5th, and that was the veteran's last peal. When they had finished ringing, he said, "I'm satisfied now, boy. I taught your father to ring and I've taught you and you've called your first peal. I shan't ring another." And he didn't.

Mr. Hughes' list of peals is not a long one, as records go in these days. It numbers about 38—he has not kept a complete list—and comprises Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major and Royal, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Surprise Major, while he has also rung the treble to one or two peals in Surprise methods. But while his peals have not been many, he is very fond of good practices where beginners are given a proper chance. Residing now at Leytonstone, he makes St. Mary's, Walthamstow, his "home" for Sunday ringing, and the band there is particularly active. It is seldom that they meet short for Stedman Caters both morning and evening, although they sadly miss the help of their old friend "Bill" Manning, who has left London.

Mr. Hughes' migration to another district has, to some extent, severed his connection with Bethnal Green, from which, of course, the central figure was removed when death claimed Matt. Wood, but Mr. Hughes will always look back with pleasure upon the happy day at that church with the veteran at the head of ringing affairs, and the little excitements they used to have when someone did not do as he was told.

Mr. Hughes' connection with the College Youths has existed as long as he has been eligible, and he has twice served in the offices of Junior and Senior Steward, and has once been Treasurer. He had now succeeded to the highest post of honour which the society can give him, and that he will fill it as worthily as any who have gone before we have no doubt. As we mentioned last week, it is an exceedingly rare occurrence for both father and son to occupy the office of Master of the Ancient Society, but this is what has now occurred, for Mr. Arthur Hughes was in the chair in 1908. Many generations of the famous Whitechapel firm have been members of the Society, and the long and intimate association of the two gives a special fitness to the selection which the society has made. Throughout the country—and his business connection has brought

him into contact with ringers in all parts — his many friends will wish Mr. Hughes a successful year of office. May it be one in which the College Youths will, in common with all the other societies, have the opportunity of ringing in a triumphant and enduring peace among the nations.

BELLS OF BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

RESTORATION SCHEME COMPLETED.

Barton-on-the-Humber possesses two historic churches each with a peal of bells, both of which have now been placed in order. To restore two rings in one parish at the same time is a big undertaking. It was not many months since the Vicar floated the scheme, but he did it with so much enthusiasm that the work has been completed and the bells re-dedicated. The Churches—St. Peter's and St. Mary's—are well known to antiquarians, and an appeal to them produced several subscriptions. It had become dangerous to ring the bells at St. Peter's, while the belfry floor was liable to give way at any time. The work which was put in the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, consisted of the erection of new bell frames, tuning the bells on the latest principle, and the addition of new head stocks and wheels, and the contract has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner. The total cost amounts to £400, of which £22 was the outlay on a new floor for St. Peter's. Towards the remaining £380, contributions of £247 14s. 3d. had been received, and £100, with the £2 10s. interest, was obtained by a bazaar in 1913, leaving nearly £230 to be raised. This amount had been reduced when the Bishop of Lincoln came to bless the bells, to £23.

The dedication proceedings began with a parochial tea in the Assembly Rooms. The Bishop was present, and said he very much admired Mr. Varah for the way in which he had tackled the restoration of the bells, and he hoped the day's proceedings would wipe off the £23.

The ceremony of blessing the bells took place in St. Peter's Church. A procession was formed in the vestry, headed by the crossbearer, the robed choir and banners, the Bishop's chaplain carrying the pastoral staff. After the ceremony at St. Peter's, the procession proceeded to St. Mary's Church to bless the bells, and for evensong, and at the same time St. Peter's bells rang out their first peal. The great improvement in the tone was at once apparent. There was a large congregation at the service, at which the Bishop gave an address. The collection was for the bells fund, and amounted to £11 2s. 3d. Within ten days, the Vicar, before the commencement of the service, made the announcement that the whole of the £400 had been raised, and asked the congregation to sing the Doxology, which they did most fervently.

On the Saturday afternoon following the blessing of the bells, and at the invitation of the Vicar, members of the Grimsby district visited the tower to try the bells, ringers being present from Grimsby, Hull, Scunthorpe, Barrow, Thornton, and the local company. All were delighted at the better tone and the "go" of the bells, and it is hoped that it will not be long before they will ring out for final victory and peace.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual district meeting was held at Basingstoke, on Saturday week. As it was known that only handbells would be in use, and as the weather was stormy, the gathering was smaller than usual. About 20 members were present, from Basingstoke, Bramley, Oakley, and Rothamwick, and two visitors from Farnham, Messrs. Alfred and William Elkins. As the Church Cottage was occupied by the soldiers, the meeting was held at St. John's Schools. A service, with intercessions, was held in the church, after which the tea was as usual, admirably served by Caterer Philpott, and the meeting followed, the President (Dr. Bonstead) in the chair. The accounts were not fully made up, but showed a substantial balance. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. H. W. Bonstead, D.D.; hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. F. G. Hume; representative on Central Committee, Miss Alice White; and auditor, Mr. H. White.

The question of members serving with the forces came up for discussion. It was resolved that their names—some 18 members—should be starred in the report, and that their membership should be kept up, during their service with the colours, their subscriptions to be kept paid by a levy through the whole district.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for January 7th, 1915, at Oakley, when the accounts will be presented for the year, and the next annual meeting for Nov. 20th, 1915, at Basingstoke.

The district now has 14 towers in union, about 140 performing members, two unattached; and 14 honorary members.

Touques of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells during the evening.

In our report of the Winchester district meeting, it was stated that the thanks of the St. Mary's, Southampton, band, was expressed to Mr. G. Williams for the kind assistance given to the company. It was to Mr. H. W. Wilkes that the thanks were accorded.

RESTORATION OF A CORNISH RING.

STOKE CLINSLAND BELLS DEDICATED.

Thursday of last week was a great day for the isolated old-world Cornish township of Stoke Climsland, which is separated from the County of Devon by the river Tamar, for on that occasion the restored bells of the Parish Church were dedicated. The church, which is of unknown dedication, is a fine building of granite in the decorated style, the tower containing a peal of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), cast in 1771 by John Pennington, whose foundry was situated close by the church.

For a long time the condition of the fittings and framework prevented the bells being rung, and the matter was taken in hand by an energetic committee, with the result that the bells were taken away to be retuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, E. The bells have now been put back in their accustomed position, and in the place of the old wood framework Messrs. Warner have erected one of their latest pattern independent frames, which are entirely free of the walls of the tower, even though two bells are "up over." Elsewhere in this issue will be found some interesting illustrations of the arrangement of the bell frame. On entering the belfry the contrast with the old state of affairs is singularly striking, and it takes quite a time to thoroughly grasp the extremely ingenious way in which the four walls of the tower have been tied together. The striking change seems in the main to be due to the absence of large girders running across the tower, which one is so accustomed to see.

The restored bells were dedicated by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bodmin, and ringers, upwards of 80 in number, were present from far and near.

THE BELLS.

After the service, various bands took their turn at the ropes, and an extremely pleasant afternoon and evening was spent. The tone of the retuned bells evoked the greatest admiration, and it was extremely gratifying to the parishioners to be able to mark this improvement in their bells. It was also no less a pleasure for them to hear the unanimous verdict of all the ringers present that the "go" of the bells was absolutely perfect, and that the sound of the bells in the ringing chamber was "just right." Mr. Robert Warner, who was representing the firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, was congratulated upon the work which had been so ably carried out. The whole installation had been thoroughly examined previous to the dedication, and the "go" of the bells had been tested by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, who expressed his satisfaction, and showed his interest in the new system of diagonal ties to the tower, the new design of framework, and also the Warner patent self-aligning, self-lubricating bearings, all of which had come to his notice for the first time. This new design of framework was first adopted at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, where, from all accounts, it has shown its great worth.

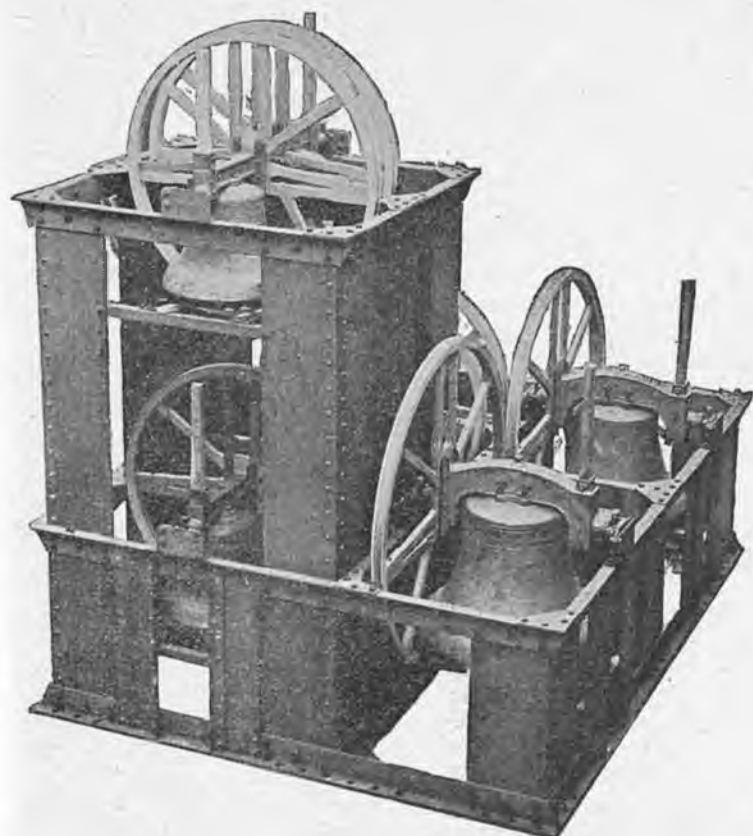
The inscriptions cast upon the bells are as follows:—

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- 3rd: GOD SAVE THE KING. I.P. 1771.
- 4th: PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD. I.P. AND CO. 1771.
- 5th: I.P. AND CO. 1771.
- 6th: JOHN PENNINGTON AND COMPANY MAKERS. 1771.
- 7th: JOHN CALL ESQR. JAMES LARKE AND WILLIAM RENDELL WARDENS. I.P. 1771.
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AN ANCIENT BELL FOUNDRY.

Seeing that John Pennington lies buried in Stoke Climsland churchyard, it will, perhaps, be of interest to our readers to know the history of this famous family of bell founders, whose identities are difficult to disentangle, and are further complicated by frequent migration in Devon and Cornwall. The Exeter foundry was first in the hands of Thomas and John Buidan (1601-1624), and it then passed into the Pennington family. Bernard Pennington had a branch establishment at Bodmin, about 1637, and in the middle of the 18th century Fitz Anthony Pennington (1758-1768) had a foundry at Lezant in Cornwall, and another one at Stoke Climsland. Most of the bells from their foundry bore the initials 'T.P.' or 'I.P.', but between 1761 and 1781 they called themselves Pennington and Co. The last representative of the Pennington family lies buried beneath the sound of his bells, and his tombstone bears the following inscription:—

Here lies the remains of
JOHN PENNINGTON
of this Parish.
Bell Founder,
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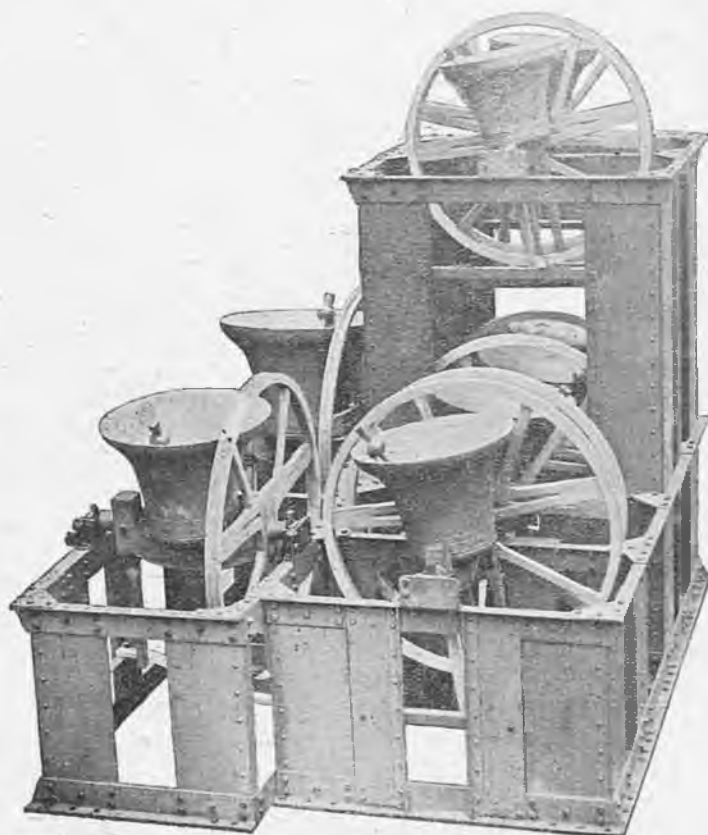
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NOTICES.

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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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, December 5th. Special service, with short address, at the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea at the Vestry Hall, New Street, 6d. each to members, at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Bells available at 3.45 and after the meeting. Widford, 8 bells, will be open after 6 p.m. Election of officers for the ensuing year takes place at this meeting, and it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—W. Lincoln, District Master, Church Lane, Writtle, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 5th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow. Reports (to life members 6d. each), are now ready. Members' subscriptions are now due.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. F. Denton Jones), at 5. Tea, for which 6d. will be charged, and meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern Division will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 1914, at Conisborough, near Rotherham. The new peal of eight bells (tenor 13½ cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor, will be available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 7 p.m. Teas may be had at moderate charges at Crowcroft's tea rooms, near the church. All ringers welcomed.—Arthur Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Netherton, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the vice-president, the Rev. S. J. Marriott (Vicar). Business meeting in the Church House.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 6. Tea (free) at 6.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for business will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesdays, December 8th and 22nd; for Handbell practice, on Thursdays, December 17th and 31st; all at 8 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due and should be paid before February 28th next.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for combined practice will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, December 12th, and St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 19th; 7.30 p.m. at each tower. The secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. Members' subscriptions are now due, and the new reports are ready.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 4, service at 5, tea 5.30. Reports ready. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Reports now ready.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Owing to the present crisis the December quarterly meeting of the above is cancelled. Meetings for practice will be held at Pudsey, Saturday, December 5th, and Shipley, Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Bells available from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting at St. John's, Higham, will be held on Saturday, January 9th, 1915, not on Saturday, December 12th, as was arranged at the annual district meeting, the bells not being available on that date.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Important Notice.—Nominations are asked for a representative on the Central Council. Will those wishing to nominate any member please do so before December 19th. The nominations should be seconded. In the event of an election being necessary the forms will be duly sent to each member.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

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PRESENTATION AT GOOLE.**YORKSHIRE RINGER'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.**

On Friday week an interesting presentation took place at the Sydney Hotel, Goole, the recipient being Mr. H. Ludkin, who for many years has been the leader of the Goole Parish Church Guild of Bell Ringers, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Yorkshire Association. The presentation was made in appreciation of the services Mr. Ludkin has rendered to ringing in Goole, and on the occasion of his departure to take up a responsible position at Birkenhead. The gift was in the form of a mahogany and inlaid music cabinet, and had been subscribed for by the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers.—The Vicar of Goole (the Rev. E. Sinker) made the presentation on behalf of the Guild, and said that it afforded him pleasure to do so, although he greatly regretted losing Mr. Ludkin, who, besides being leader of the bell ringers, was a member of the C.E.M.S. and a regular attendant at church. The Vicar heartily commended Mr. Ludkin for the way in which he had carried on the business of the belfry, and wished him every success in his new position.

Mr. T. Smith, a member of the Guild, and secretary of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association, added his testimony to the services of Mr. Ludkin, and said they had all worked together amicably. He hoped Mr. Ludkin would meet with every success in his new sphere of labour, and make new friends. Goole's loss would be Birkenhead's gain.

Mr. H. S. White (churchwarden) also spoke with appreciation of Mr. Ludkin's services, and Mr. W. King added a few remarks, as he and Mr. Ludkin had been close friends since they joined the belfry together in 1899. They had been plodding with ringers ever since, and he regretted to lose Mr. Ludkin, to fill whose place would be a difficult matter in a district like Goole. Mr. Ludkin, however, was leaving the belfry in a better state, so far as ringing was concerned, than he found it.—Mr. Ludkin thanked the company for the kind way they had "patted him on the back." He thought it was hardly necessary, because, as in the case of all conductors, he could not have done what had been done had it not been for the help of the other ringers. He hoped they would stick to the new conductor as they had to him, and he was sure they would go on happily together. He was highly pleased with the present, which he would find very useful.

A short business meeting was then held, the Vicar presiding. Mr. M. Tate was elected as conductor, and Mr. Ludkin was presented with a cheque by the Vicar and wardens.

A smoking concert followed, at which several toasts were submitted, and songs were rendered by Messrs. Heptonstall, Ludkin, T. White, R. R. Eatough and W. King; Mr. T. Smith recited; and Mr. White was the accompanist. There was also double-hand ringing, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. Ludkin has received a present of a silver cruet from the Vicar of Thorne in recognition of his services at that tower, where he has been teaching the art of campanology to a new band of ringers, who were making excellent progress. Many Thorne ringers showed their appreciation by attending the gathering at Goole held in Mr. Ludkin's honour.

Mr. Ludkin is a sawyer by trade, and has secured a good appointment at Birkenhead. He will be much missed in the Goole district, where he has done a great deal of unostentatious spade work.

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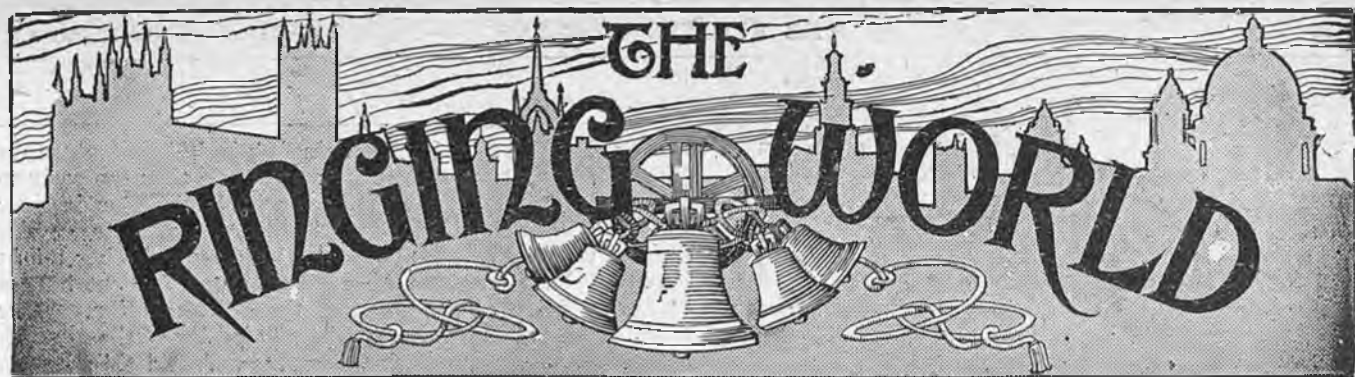


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Gentlemen,

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 authorized 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.

MODERN WORK.

RINGERS' PART ON INTERCESSION DAY.

A week or two ago, writing on the subject of muffled ringing for those who have fallen in battle, a correspondent called attention to the proposal conveyed by H.M. the King, to the Archbishop of Canterbury that Sunday, Jan. 3rd, might be made the occasion of "united prayer, intercession and thanksgiving and for remembrance of those who have fallen in their country's cause." Our correspondent suggested that this occasion should be adopted by ringers throughout the country to render, by muffled bells, their tribute to the noble dead, and urged that, in order to give more weight and prominence to this action, an influential committee should be established "to place the arrangements upon a proper footing, and to secure higher official recognition by both Church and State." His idea was that this committee might fittingly be presided over by the President of the Central Council.

We have sought the views of the President of the Council upon the subject, and Sir Arthur Heywood says: "It seems to me that, as ringers are officers of their individual churches, and thus under the direction of their several church authorities, the latter should make the necessary arrangements for muffled ringing on January 3rd. I cannot conceive that any good band will be backward in suggesting such ringing to their incumbent. But in any case it seems to me that for the Central Council to issue, through their president, or otherwise, any direction in the matter would be distinctly intrusive. Any suggestions in the ringing papers from correspondents or editors would, however, in my opinion, be useful in drawing attention to the desirability of utilising the summoning voice of our bells for a clear duty, the importance of which may escape the attention of some of the clergy."

This view, we venture to think, is one which will commend itself to the majority of our readers. The occasion will offer an opportunity for a universal recognition of the supreme sacrifice made by so many of our countrymen, and, as in the case of the previous muffled ringing for the same purpose, it is merely a question of local feeling in the matter. The first Sunday of the new year, however, will have this difference; it will be set aside by all the churches as a day of prayer in connection with the war, and here, in any case, ringers ought, we think, to exercise their calling in sympathy with the spirit of the occasion.

It may be that some of the arguments against muffled ringing used previously will be urged again, but we do not think they will apply with equal force. To those who

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think that the time for such ringing is still premature we would say that we do not look upon any time too early to recognise the sacrifice of those who have fallen in their country's cause. There may be those, too, who are still afraid of the depressing effect which such ringing might have. This fear may be a genuine one, but we have a better opinion of the spirit of the British nation. Our spirits are not depressed by the publication of the casualty lists day after day—why, therefore, should they be so seriously affected by an honour paid to the dead? We seize every possible chance of making joyful expression through the bells, let us not neglect an opportunity to show our feeling for those who have given up their lives on our behalf. An influential committee will not be necessary to secure universal muffled ringing on January 3rd, if ringers themselves will enter into the occasion with a true appreciation of what the day is intended to signify.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

B. CUFF Treble	SYDNEY RAYNER 5
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 2	JOHN WEBB 6
ALFRED CLAYTON 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7
FRANK HOLDER 4	W. SHERWIN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED CLAYTON.

Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's 70th birthday.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PARTY.

Tenor 20 cwt.

A. BARNES Treble	J. HARRISON 5
R. NIMPENNY 2	H. PALMER 6
† J. W. HOLME 3	* W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
H. HOLME 4	† D. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* 50th peal. † First peal. Rung, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to Corpl. Ernest Barton, who was killed near Lille, October 23rd, and who was a member of the above.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of College Exercise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

JOHN TASSEL Treble	THOMAS LEESON 4
OSCAR GILBEY 2	WILLIAM CHEESEMAN 5
ALBERT E. WOOD 3	FRANK HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HAWKINS.

Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Alfred Bashford, who went down in H.M.S. "Good Hope."

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HENRY THOMAS Treble	THOMAS HODGES 4
CHARLES THOMAS 2	RICHARD THOMAS 5
JAMES THOMAS 3	CHARLIE WEBLEY Tenor

Conducted by C. WEBLEY.

* First peal. Rung, with the bells muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Pte. James Webley, of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, killed in action in France on October 25th, 1914. He was a brother of the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES:

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2	ERNEST PYE 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	JOHN DALE 7-8

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Umpires: W. WATSON, B. S. THOMPSON and E. S. BUTLER.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1914, in One Hour and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Called in ten different ways.

*ERNEST CHIVERS 1-2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 3-4
*SAMUEL C. FREKE 5-6	

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Umpire: Mr. I. B. HOLMYARD.

* First handbell peal.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following contributions have reached us:

Amount already acknowledged	51	14	0
St. Mary's Guild, Selly Oak (per Mr. W. Mumford)	0	5	0
Ringers of Raunds Parish Church, Northants (per Mr. F. Stubbs)	0	10	0
Ringers of Heston Parish Church, Middlesex (per Mr. H. C. Chandler)	0	10	0
Ringers of Isleworth Parish Church, Middlesex (per Mr. H. C. Chandler)	0	10	0
Mr. G. B. Lucas, senr.	0	5	0
Ringers of All Saints', Arksey, second donation (per Mr. F. Clarke)	0	5	0

Total £53 19 0

A COMMENDABLE IDEA.

We should like to see an extension of the idea of a weekly collection among the members, at the various towers, such as has been adopted now in several places. Heston and Isleworth towers are following up this scheme. In forwarding a contribution from each, Mr. H. C. Chandler says: "We are trying to adopt the system of weekly collections of one penny per member in each tower, and if only every ringer would contribute this small amount, we should be able to get a good round sum together."

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

W. T. Jeanes, of Langport, Somerset, West Somerset Yeomanry, now at Minehead.

L. F. Powers, of Langport, 5th Batt. Somerset Light Infantry, under orders for India.

Pte P. G. Rabbetts, of Christ Church, Mitcham, Surrey, 6th Royal Sussex (Reserve Cyclists), now at Brighton.

Pte G. C. Rogers, of St. James', Clorkenwell, London Rifle Brigade (T.), now in France.

G. T. Green, of St. James', Clerkenwell, King's Royal Rifles.

W. Faulkner, of Daventry, with National Reserves.

W. Holden, of Daventry, Royal Engineers.

Gunner J. H. Keats, of St. Mary's, Grassendale, Liverpool, 13th Battery, 3rd West Lancs, R.F.A., now at Faversham.

J. Millman, of St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, R.F.A. (T.).

Pte Ernest Bartram, of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, C Co., 5th Batt. (Reserve), Leicestershire Territorials, now at Loughborough.

Pte Albert Ernest Johnson, of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, A.S.C., driver on transport duty, now at Portsmouth.

J. B. Mackman, of Southall, Middlesex, 10th Batt. East Surrey Regiment, now at Dover.

Corpl. Richard Mackman, of Spalding, 2nd Lincoln Regiment, with the Expeditionary Force.

From All Saints', Chalfonts Cotton, the five following:—

Reg. Hancock, Royal Engineers.

Tom Harris, Royal Warwickshire.

John Hood, Royal Engineers.

Cyril Perry, Scottish Rifles, and

Alfred Steeley, King's Royal Rifles.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

At a meeting of the Central Committee of the Kent County Association held at Rochester on Saturday last, it was decided to hold the next general meeting at Canterbury, but not before the conclusion of the war.

ASHFORD DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent Association was held at Headcorn on Saturday last, when about 30 members attended from Hawkhurst, Benenden, Biddenden, Stone-in-Oxney, Ashford, Sellindge, Tunbridge Wells, Lynton, Rolvenden, Tenterden, and the local band. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung previous to the service, which was held in the church at six o'clock, Mr. C. Munn, of Biddenden, presiding at the organ.

Tea was provided by the Association, and admirably served by Hostess Lambkin in the clubroom at the New Inn, the Vicar presiding.

The business meeting followed, at which the secretary read a letter he had received from the Hythe band, "protesting against the meeting being held at this time of the year, and advocating its postponement till the early spring." He explained that the annual meeting was to have been held at Wye, in September, but owing to the war, the Vicar of Wye was not willing to have the bells rung, and that it was not till the 20th November he could obtain another tower to hold the meeting.—It was unanimously decided that the letter lie on the table.

The Secretary (Mr. C. Tribe) and the District Representative (Mr. C. Paine) were re-elected for the ensuing year, and the following meetings arranged for 1915: High Halden (February), Wye (May), and Ashford for the annual meeting in September.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for giving permission for the meeting to be held at his tower, for the service, and for presiding at the tea and meeting, and this the Vicar acknowledged.—A very cordial welcome was extended to the visitors, Mr. Verrall (of Fembury) and Mr. Gatland (of Findon, Sussex), who is serving with His Majesty's Forces in the neighbourhood. Mr. C. Munn, a brother "string" from Biddenden, was also thanked for presiding at the organ at the service.

A move was then made to the tower, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were well struck, and the bells then lowered (as they should be) in peal. The weather was very favourable for the time of year, and the majority of the visitors had an enjoyable time cycling home in bright moonlight.

TWELVE BELLS AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

The dedication and opening of the new peal of twelve bells at Waltham Abbey will take place on Thursday, December 17th. The dedication service will take place in the Abbey at 5.15 p.m., and there will be a special service in the evening at 7 p.m. The bells will be rung after the dedication service, and at intervals up to the time of the evening service. The bells will also be available for ringing on Saturday, December 19th, when the tower will be open at 2 p.m.

The augmentation has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have recast five of the old peal of eight and added four new bells. The tenor is 39 cwt.

OPENING OF A NEW PEAL IN YORKSHIRE. BELLS NAMED AFTER APOSTLES.

The new peal of bells at the Church of St. Peter, Conisboro', subscribed for under the Church Restoration scheme, and dedicated on November 4th, were rung for the first time some three weeks later. The total weight of the peal is just over 52 cwt., and the tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp. Each bell bears the name of one of the Apostles, and also a line from a well-known stanza of Tennyson's "In Memoriam." An interesting feature is that the treble bell, "St. Andrew," costing about £40, was subscribed for by the children of the Sunday School. The inscriptions have been chosen by the Vicar, and it is generally agreed they constitute a very happy choice indeed:—

Treble: St. Andrew. Ring out, sweet bells, to God's clear sky,
2nd: St. John. Ring out the old, ring in the new.
3rd: St. James. Ring out the false, ring in the true,
4th: St. Matthew. Ring out the want, the care, the strife.
5th: St. Mark. Ring in the nobler modes of life.
6th: St. Luke. Ring in the love of truth and right,
7th: St. Paul. Ring the valiant man and free,
Tenor: St. Peter. Ring in the Christ that is to be.

The ringing arrangements, for which Mr. C. Glenn, general secretary of the Yorkshire Association, was responsible, were carried out to the great delight of all concerned, and it was a treat to the inhabitants to hear the beautiful bells so skilfully rung. Those who took part in the ringing included Messrs. C. Glenn, J. W. J. Cottam and J. H. Brothwell (St. Stephen's, Rotherham), A. Hague and Miss W. M. Hague (Rotherham Parish Church), S. Harrison (Conisborough), A. Brearley and D. Brearley (Bolsterstone), R. W. Collier (Ranmoor, Sheffield), J. Thorpe (Sheffield Cathedral), and A. E. Ashe (Doncaster Parish Church). Mr. J. W. Taylor, of the firm of Taylor and Sons, Loughboro', who cast the peal, also took part in the first touch on the bells, one of 252 changes of Bob Major. The other methods rung included Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major and Grandsire Triples, after which the ringers were entertained to tea in the church room.—The Vicar, in a short speech, thanked the ringers for their presence, and hoped in the near future to enlist their help towards advancing a company of their own.—Mr. J. W. Taylor, Canon Nolloth, and Churchwarden Jones also spoke, and Mr. Glenn, speaking on behalf of the ringers, expressed satisfaction with the tone and "go" of the bells, promising the company a good prelude to the evening service. At this service a large congregation was present, and Canon Nolloth, of Beverley, preached an appropriate sermon on bells.

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS.

Speaking from the text: "Awake! thou that sleepest; arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Ephesians v. 14), Canon Nolloth opened with a reference to one of the mystics in which the medieval Church of England abounded, Johannes, Bishop of Man, who, seven hundred years ago, wrote a treatise on Church ornaments with a special chapter on bells. He gave emblematic significance to every part of the bell; the hardness of the metal, for instance, signifying the fortitude of the preacher; the clapper, representing the tongue of the preacher who made both Old and New Testament to resound in the house of God. The stock and the frame, the rope with its three strands, emblematic of the Trinity, all had their special significance. It was all no doubt very fanciful, but the similes were beautiful, and the medieval prelate likened the bells to the silver trumpets of the old Jewish law. Bells, like organs, were instruments of prayer, and praise, and instruction, and warning. In ancient days they were given a peculiar sacredness. Their installation was accompanied with the most reverent and holy ceremonies. They were both baptised and blessed, and many of the important bells had as their godfathers the highest in the land. The big bell at Antwerp, for instance, had as its sponsor the Emperor Charles V. of Spain, and bore his name to this day. The art of bell-founding had made vast strides in these days, and now it was not only possible to produce a peal which was perfectly in tune one bell with another, but each bell produced a complete chord which, in its turn, was perfectly attuned to all the other chords. Of such an advanced type were the beautiful bells now hung in their church tower. Their bells were perfectly musical, and heard at a distance were like a great musical instrument. They were to be congratulated upon having such a peal. For many years, no doubt, they would serve as an instrument of pleasure and instruction and warning to the people of that place.

RINGERS AS CHURCH WORKERS.

They would also invite the people to worship. In many places in their land, the invitation of the church bells on the Lord's Day was not responded to as it might be. It was a bad sign, both in the nation and in the individual, for the observance of the Lord's Day, and attendance in the Lord's House, were essential to the maintenance of true religion. He had no doubt that there were persons in the parish who would now take up the pleasant and interesting exercise of bell ringing. He always thought that a fine peal of bells, even when skilfully rung, were but an emblem of the "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal" spoken of by St. Paul, when the ringers, their duties completed, left the church and occupied themselves in various pursuits instead of remaining for the service. There was not the inward spirit. They were as the carpenters who built the ark of

Noah and would not enter into it themselves. Nowadays the bell ringer was, he was happy to say, looked upon as a Church worker just as were the choir and the Sunday School teachers, and in many churches had special seats in the church assigned to them. An old ringer of thirty years' standing in his own parish, said to him once: "I always consider that the service commences with the ringing of the bells, and I always commence the ringing with prayer." It was a beautiful thought, and he wished that the spirit of it would descend upon all bell ringers. He thought none should look upon a big congregation with more thankfulness and joy than the ringers who have helped to call it together. In times past church bells had been used for unseemly and secular purposes on occasion. For instance, in a town not very far distant from that place, they had actually been used to celebrate horse-racing. All that, however, was a thing of the past, and the church bell of to-day was consecrated entirely to God's holy service.

All concerned in the arrangements were highly delighted with the beautiful peal of bells, of which any village or town might be justly proud.

A MILNROW RECORD.

A very interesting ceremony took place at the conclusion of divine service on Advent Sunday evening, at Milnrow Church, Lancs. A tablet has been placed on the wall of the church near the door leading to the tower recording the peal of Bob Major rung to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells by a local band. At the conclusion of evening service, the Vicar and choir proceeded to the west end, where the tablet was dedicated in the following terms:

"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we dedicate this tablet in memory of the faithful services of the ringers, especially two who took part in the first peal by a local band rung on the bells forty years ago, and who have continued to be regular ringers ever since, and who also took part in the peal rung on August 22nd, 1914, the forty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of the church, which this tablet records."

After unveiling the tablet, which had been covered by a Union Jack, the Vicar went on to say that he thought his hearers would agree that this was a very unique occasion, well worthy of such a memorial. He imagined, however, it was not generally known that the art of change ringing was not one easily acquired. It required a great deal of time and patience and persevering effort, as he could testify, knowing a little of the art, and frequently himself taking part in the ringing for the evening service. His knowledge was confined to the tenor bell, and he regretted that he had not been able, owing to the pressure of other duties, to become proficient in the art. He considered himself very fortunate in having such a band of ringers, of whom any Vicar and any congregation might be proud. Most of them for many years had diligently and regularly attended to their duties, and his relations with them had always been pleasant. The ringers were a body of men who, by their conduct both in church and out of it, were worthy of the important duties they performed of summoning the people of Milnrow each Lord's day to the House of God. It was not given to everyone to be a skilled ringer. It was an art which required special gifts, which, some, however well endowed in other ways, never seemed to master. The congregation, therefore, should appreciate very rightly the diligence and patience of those who made themselves proficient. He had wished the tablet to be placed where it was for two reasons. They had already a few peal boards in the tower, and he thought it only fair that they should leave a little room for those who might come after them for similar memorials of their progress. Also because it would serve as a stimulus to others to render services of equal faithfulness in other directions. Turning to the ringers, the Vicar added a few words of encouragement to them to emulate the faithful services now commemorated.

The following is the inscription on the tablet:—

St. James Parish Church, Milnrow.

On Saturday, August 22nd, 1914, eight members of the Lancashire Association ascended the tower and rang a peal of Bob Major (5056 changes), in 3 hrs. and 13 mins. The ringers were as follows:

Treble, R. Buckley; 2, Edmund Schofield; 3, John Fitton; 4, William Crabtree; 5, Joseph Greenwood; 6, Herbert Davenport; 7, John M. C. Massey; tenor, Andrew Sidebottom. Tenor 20 owt.

Composed by T. Lockwood. Conducted by A. Sidebottom.

Being the 40th anniversary of the first peal by a local band on these bells, on which occasion the ringers of the treble and 3rd took part.

The Rev. P. P. Wright, M.A., Vicar; Wardens, R. S. Schofield and John Hardman; Sidesmen, Percy Whitehead, Joseph Greenwood, Herbert Milnes, Whatmough Pratt.

A NEW ZEALAND QUARTER-PEAL.

Ringling at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, New Zealand, is handicapped by the fact that the bells are going none too well, but we have just received the report of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung upon them on Sunday, Sept. 20th, the eve of St. Matthew's Day, by: P. Guppy 1, J. Heather 2, S. C. Hamblin 3, C. J. Hamblin (conductor) 4, J. Davis 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White 7, P. W. Barringer 8.

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Than facing fearful odds,
For the ashes of his fathers
And the temples of his gods.

In that gallant but disastrous fight in the Pacific Ocean on Nov. 1st, when, outmatched in speed and overwhelmed in gunpower, H.M.S. 'Good Hope' and 'Monmouth' went down with all hands, another member of the Exercise nobly laid down his life for his country. Alfred Bashford, a promising and enthusiastic ringer, of Nutfield, Surrey, who was called up with the Royal Fleet Reserve, fought on the "Good Hope" in the action off Chile, and shared the fate of so many hundreds of his brave shipmates. That he died doing his duty to the last like a Briton is the one consolation to be drawn from his death.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the widowed mother, who, on Sunday, Nov. 20th, received the following letter from the Admiralty:—

"The King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow.—Winston S. Churchill."



On the following Sunday a laurel wreath bearing the inscription: "In memory of Alfred Bashford, who lost his life in loyally serving his King and country on H.M.S. 'Good Hope'—was sent by the family of the late Mr. J. Fielden, of Nutfield Priory, and hung on the choir screen in the church.

Mr. Alfred Bashford was a very keen ringer, and a prominent member of the Southern District of the Surrey Association. He will be greatly missed by the local band and his many friends in the Southern District. As far as can be ascertained he had rung about 13 peals: Seven of Minor (conducted 2), five of Major, and one of Royal. He had also rung 52 720's (conducted 11) of Surprise, Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor.

A muffled peal was rung at Nutfield on Wednesday, 25th November, as a token of respect to his memory, and will be found recorded in another column.

The photograph of Mr. Bashford here reproduced is the latest obtainable of him, but it was taken some time ago when he was serving on H.M.S. "Lion."

BOB MAJOR IN SHREWSBURY.

The claim that the peal rung at Shrewsbury on Nov. 19th was the first peal of Bob Major in the town, turns out to be incorrect, for one was rung there over 120 years ago. There is a record in the possession of Mr. Geo. Byolin as follows: "On Monday evening, Nov. 26th, 1792, was rung at St. Mary's Church tower 5040 changes of Bob Major, in 43 courses only, with 14 Bobs before, being the most that can be had in that number, and first peal ever rung in Salop: T. Spandlowe 1, Rich. Wilding 2, Wm. Bull 3, Rich. Cross 4, Rich. Gee 5, E. Allart 6, S. Hill 7, W. Farrell 8. The above was called by Mr. Cross, and completed in 3 hrs. 3 mins." Mr. C. R. Lilley, in sending this correction, says the peal was undoubtedly rung by the Union Society, which was in Salop about that date.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The band who ran the above are to be congratulated on their heavy bell feat, but, in claiming it as the first in Shrewsbury, will they look up the peal of 10,000 rung at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, on February 26th, 1777, according to an old paper in my possession?

W. WILLSON.

AN AMERICAN EXPERIMENT.

HOW NOT TO SOFTEN THE SOUND OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Members of the Boston Guild have not been enjoying a very active time recently, but they visited the Perkins' Institute, at Watertown, Mass., on Sunday, Nov. 8th, to see the result of an experiment which has been carried out on the bells.

There have been various complaints made at Watertown, when there has been ringing, of too much noise in the immediate locality of the tower. From time to time, the ringers have advised the boarding, or blocking up in some way, of the louvers to an effective height, and thus remedy this old-time evil.

However, after turning down the practical and continued advice of those who have had some considerable experience, a Bostonian, who, no doubt, has the work of advancing the art in this country at heart, obtained permission to "treat" the bells in a way he felt must give satisfaction.

The clappers of the bells were bored, and wooden pegs inserted, so that the protruding peg should strike the bell in place of the metal of the clapper.

With less than 10 minutes' ringing the peg on one side of the tenor was ground down to the level of the metal, and others soon followed the lead.

The experiment thus proved a very pronounced failure, and members of the Guild feel it is a great pity that a good peal of bells, such as these, should have been mutilated in any way.—Yours truly,

JAMES F. LAKER, Secretary.

205, Shurtleff Street, Chelsea, Mass.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MILITARY DUTIES CAUSE DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

On Saturday last the annual meeting of the South-East Division of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford. The bells were raised at 3.45 p.m., and kept going in Grandsire Caters until 4.30, when the special service was held in the Cathedral. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (general secretary and treasurer of the Association) read the lesson, and the Rev. J. H. Barrow (precentor) presided at the organ. An excellent address was given by the Rev. Canon Lake, the Rector, who welcomed the Essex ringers on the first occasion they had met there since the church was transformed to the Cathedral. Tea was provided in the Vestry Hall, Canon Lake presiding, and 35 members being present. Before commencing the business, the Chairman gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, who included Mr. J. H. Sheppard (Swindon), Mr. W. Doran (West Ham), and Sergt. W. A. Cave (Bristol), Sergt. H. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent), and several others who are now serving the King, belonging to Gloucestershire, Warwick, Oxford and Bucks, and Royal Berkshire Regiments.

Mr. W. Lincoln was unanimously re-elected Master.

A letter was then read from Mr. H. F. Cooper, secretary, from Sheringham, Norfolk, who is serving with the Territorials, asking to be relieved of office, as there seemed no signs of getting back to civil life for a long time.—The resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. A. Edwards (Boreham) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cooper for the services he had rendered to the Association during the past nine years, and it was agreed to send him a parcel of tobacco from those present as a slight recognition.—Mr. F. W. Edwards (of Writtle) was then proposed for the office of secretary, and unanimously elected.

The Rector of Bradwell was made an hon. member, being the only new member elected.—Broomfield (six bells) was selected for the next meeting at the end of January.—The Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the address, and for presiding at the meeting, and this concluded the business.—The bells were utilised again during the evening, the methods rung including Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters and Cinques, and Treble Bob Royal. Some of the party also went on to Widford, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

LONG PEAL RECALLED.

Last Wednesday was the 81st anniversary of the 10,224 of Oxford Treble Box Maximus, at Painswick, Glos., which remained the record length of Treble Twelve until the 12,240 was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911. The Painswick peal occupied 6 hrs. 50 mins., and was composed and conducted by William Estcourt.

The same day was also the anniversary of one of the earliest peals of Bob Major rung, viz., 5040 composed and conducted by John Holt at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, on December 9th, 1748.

A "BIG BEN" FOR BUENOS AYRES.

The Whitechapel Foundry has just shipped a heavy set of five bells to Buenos Ayres, where they will be hung in the British Centenary Tower. Four are to chime the Westminster quarters, and the hour will be struck on a fine-tuned bell of 964 cwt.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have also just completed the rehang-ing of the peal of six, at Frant, Kent, and the six at Langleybury, Herts, in addition to the eight at Cranbrook mentioned last week.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT TOTTENHAM.

On Saturday last a very successful meeting of the North and East District was held at All Hallows', Tottenham, about 50 members, representative of most of the towers in the district, being present. Ringing was indulged in for a short period during the afternoon, and the ringers then gathered in the church for a service. After the National Anthem had been sung, followed by intercessory prayers, and the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," the Vicar (the Rev. F. Denton Jones) gave an address. He welcomed the Association to Tottenham, and spoke of the reasons why bells were rung, urging upon the members not to forget the summons to worship when they had called others.

Tea was admirably served by Mrs. Lewis and friends in the Church House, and after the meal was over a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells, provided by Mr. J. Rayner, by Messrs. J. Armstrong, G. R. Pye, B. Prowett, A. W. Grimes and W. A. Alps.

At the subsequent meeting the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. F. A. Milne (vice-president), Mr. J. Armstrong (District Master), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), etc.

The Hon. Secretary spoke of the curious fact that no new members had been proposed for election. No doubt this was a sign of the times, due to the general stoppage of peal ringing and practices, and could not be taken as relating to slackness on the part of the members. He hoped that it would soon be possible for the society to resume its normal course. After appealing to the ringers present for aid in collecting outstanding subscriptions, larger than usual owing to many members being away, the Hon. Secretary stated that he thought the society should place on record in their next report the names of all those members who were in His Majesty's forces. He mentioned the names of some members who had already seen active service, and said that he would be glad to hear of any member of the Association in the Army or Navy, whose name had not already appeared in the lists published in "The Ringing World." He hoped it would be possible to get a complete list, but this could not be done unless he had the co-operation of all local secretaries and the members in general. He felt quite sure that the members of the Association would agree to a record being kept of the names of those colleagues who had answered their country's call (applause).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Southgate.

Mr. F. A. Milne proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, first, for allowing the use of the bells and for giving such good advice to the ringers in his very interesting address, and, secondly, for presiding at the meeting. He included in the vote of thanks the good ladies who had prepared tea for them so well.—The Hon. Secretary seconded, and spoke of the help given to him in arranging the meeting by Mr. F. Roper, secretary of the local band.—Mr. Roper acknowledged the thanks accorded to him, and stated that he had done very little, and that the thanks were due to the Vicar.—The vote, having been carried by acclamation, was acknowledged by the Vicar, who stated how glad he was to see so many present, and thanked the members for the kind way in which they had received him amongst them.

This concluded the meeting, and ringing was again indulged in, the many methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at St. Nicholas' Church, North Bradley, on Saturday week, and although it was a very stormy day, 18 ringers assembled from Holt, Westbury, Keovil, Trowbridge, Southbroom, North Bradley, Bratton and Midsomer Norton. The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob were indulged in.—Tea was provided in the School-house, adjoining the churchyard, and afterwards a short business meeting was held, presided over (in the absence of the chairman of the district) by Mr. H. Brownlee West, the honorary branch secretary.—Five new life ringing members were duly elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bradley for the use of the bells and the school-room.—The ringers then returned to the tower, where further ringing was enjoyed.

DEATH OF A DEVIZES RINGER.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. W. P. Slade, who passed away on Friday, Nov. 27th, at the early age of 21 years. He had been for some time a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and belonged to the company attached to St. Mary's Church, Devizes.

He was borne to his last resting-place on Wednesday of last week by four of his fellow ringers, Messrs. V. L. Hockley, G. W. England, A. Little and A. Wiltshire, the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. T. Coles (curate of St. Mary's Parish).

In the evening, by the kindness of the Rector, half-muffled touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung on St. John's bells (St. Mary's bells are being unringable) by his comrades, assisted by ringers from St. James', Southbroom, and St. Mary's, Bishop's Cannings.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH MEET AT THE TOWN HALL.

On Saturday last the members of the Manchester branch met at Manchester Town Hall for their usual monthly meeting. The record of attendance at this meeting was in excess of that for many years past. Mr. W. H. Wilde, with another ringing friend, came over from Chester.

Mr. H. Chapman presided over the business meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the members and friends who had come from far and near to have a pull on the Town Hall bells. Sympathetic reference was made by the Chairman and Secretary to the loss sustained by the Association, and especially by the Manchester branch, by the death of Mr. James Barrett, of Eccles.—Mr. Joseph Ridyard remarked that there was only one James Barrett, and it would be a very difficult thing to fill this vacant place. He had always a pleasant smile for everyone, and was genial and courteous.—A vote of condolence was passed in silence to the bereaved family.

A discussion took place as to the best way of honouring those ringers of the society who had gone to serve their King and country, and the matter will be brought up again at the annual meeting of the branch, to be held at the Cathedral.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the authorities and the local ringers for the use of the bells, and for giving their assistance to make the meeting a success.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION AT CONISBORO'.

A successful meeting of the Southern Division was held on Saturday at Conisboro', near Rotherham, where, as reported elsewhere, a new peal of bells has just been installed. Although the weather proved somewhat unfavourable, about 30 ringers were present from Sheffield (Cathedral and All Saints'), Rotherham (Parish Church and Eastwood), Doncaster, Trevelan Anston, Guisley, Eckington and Hoylandswaine. During the afternoon the visitors included the Rev. Canon Goodall and Rev. W. G. Baloe (Rotherham), the Rev. — Sorby (Rector of Darfield), the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (Doncaster), and Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of the Loughboro' foundry, the two last-named gentlemen taking part in the ringing. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich Major were successfully brought round, the conducting being shared by Messrs. S. Thomas, C. Glenn and F. Willey, and the bells kept going from 3.45 p.m. till 8 o'clock.

A short business meeting was held, at which Mr. S. Thomas presided.—The Vicar of Conisboro' (the Rev. W. A. Strawbridge), although unable to be present at the gathering, had signified his willingness to become a life honorary member of the Association, and was unanimously elected to that position. Mr. Churchwarden Jones was also elected a life member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and additional comforts to make the meeting most enjoyable, the local authorities being extremely gratified to learn from the visitors that the tone and "go" of the new peal left nothing to be desired.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Crewe branch of the Chester Guild was held at Wrenbury, representatives being present from Acton, Nantwich, Crewe, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, were rung, the new Master of the Guild (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke) taking part. The Guild service was held in the church, at which Mr. Bowen Cooke read the lesson. After service, the members partook of a substantial tea provided for them by the churchwardens at the village inn. During the smoking concert, held afterwards, three honorary and three ringing members were elected, and thanks were given to the Vicar and wardens for their kindness.

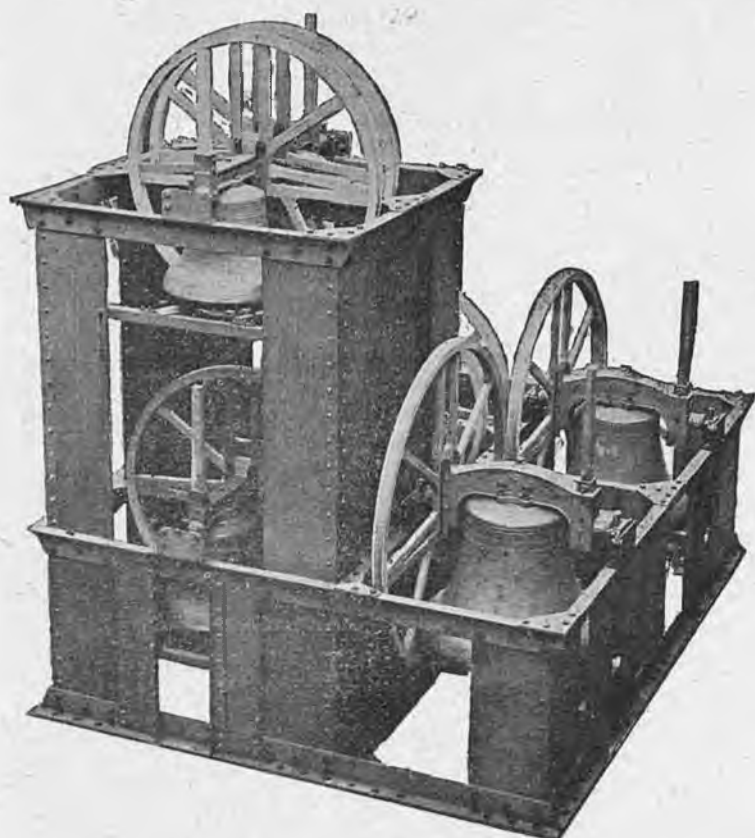
A SOMERSET RESTORATION.

BELLS REHUNG AT UPHILL.

The old ring of five bells of the ancient Parish Church of St. Nicholas', at Uphill, which formerly hung in a timber frame, have at last been rehung, with the addition of a new treble, by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of Spitalfields Foundry, London. E. The bells have been placed in one of Messrs. Warner's up-to-date steel frames, supported on diagonal girders, and fitted with the firm's patent self-aligning bearings.

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The old bells have a tenor in the key of A flat. Four of them were cast by William Bilbie, one of the famous Chewstoke family of bell founders, in 1775, the third having been recast in 1840, by a firm in Bristol. The new treble was kindly given by Mr. C. E. Whitting, of Uphill Grauge.



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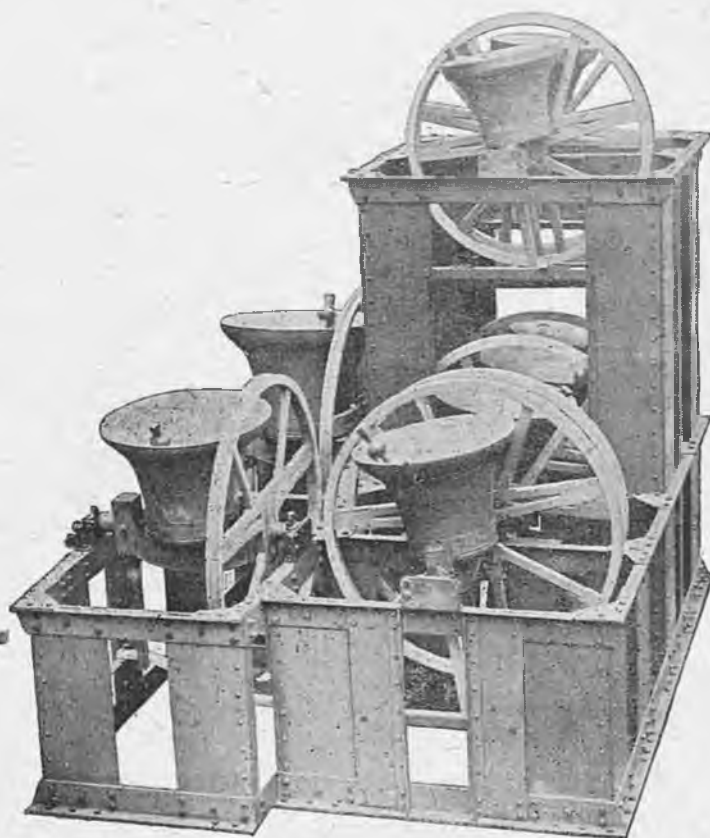
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QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S BIRTHDAY.

To celebrate the 70th birthday of Queen Alexandra, the following among other touches were rung:—

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Reed 1, W. Grimes 2, E. Willis 3, W. Glead 4, F. Reed 5, C. Willis 6. Also 360 in the same method, with Miss C. Wilson treble, remainder as above.

DAVENTRY.—360 Grandsire Doubles, with 5-8 covering: A. Moore (conductor) 1, A. Andrews 2, W. Moore 3, J. W. Clarke 4, A. Towers 5, G. Chappell 6, W. Bradshaw 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Essex Association.—At St. Saviour's Church, on December 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (280 changes), in 52 mins.: O. L. Twist 1, W. J. Kemp 2, J. C. Adams 3, G. W. Cooper 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, W. J. Cooper 6, H. Rumens 7, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 8. Rung also in celebration of the Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Barking on the previous Sunday.

DEVIZES.—Salisbury Guild.—At St. James' Church, Southbroom, at mid-day, on December 1st, touches of Plain Bob; and in the evening, 1080 Grandsire Doubles.

CHRIST CHURCH, HANTS.—Winchester Guild.—On December 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: V. Street 1, E. Hunter 2, G. Stone 3, A. Best 4, F. Sparshott 5, W. Fowler 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, H. Bagshot 8.

**THE LATE MR. GEORGE JUTSON.
LOSS TO PETERBOROUGH RINGING.**

The funeral of the late Mr. George Jutson, of Peterborough, whose death was announced in our last issue, took place on Wednesday of last week.

The first part of the funeral service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by (the Vicar (the Rev. E. E. Laws). The full choir was in attendance, and among those present were the St. Mary's Boy Scouts, ringers from St. Mary's and St. John's Churches, and other members of the Peterborough and District Association, who also followed the remains to the Cemetery. A short touch of Bob Minor was rung on handbells over the grave, and wreaths were also sent by the various ringers.

The bells at St. Mary's and St. John's Churches were rung, muffled, on Wednesday evening, the deceased being a member of the St. Mary's local band. He was a very promising member, and will be much missed by all who knew him. Heartfelt sympathy goes out to his parents in their sad bereavement.

The deceased was a member of the Peterborough and District Association, the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, and also a life member of the Winchester and Lincoln Diocesan Guilds. Although only 21 years of age, he had rung 16 peals, and conducted twelve of these, in which 16 ringers scored their first peals. The last peal he rang was one in seven methods on his 21st birthday. His first peal of Minor in two methods was rung on Sept. 25th, 1909, this being the first peal rung under the Peterborough and District Association.

MUFFLED RINGING ON ALL SAINTS' DAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Woolley's letter may I say that in mine of 6th November I do not think there is any sentence which can be construed as having reference to the private devotions of the individual, to which the Archbishop refers in the quotation given by Mr. Woolley. When writing it I had in mind the right of private judgment.

The substance of my communication was, that our National branch of the Universal Church having deliberately and intentionally expunged All Souls' Day from her Calendar of Days to be observed, and, at the same time, having deleted from her Prayer Book the services formerly provided in connection with that day, thus returning to the Primitive and Catholic status quo, in regard to this subject, of the first ten centuries of the Christian Era, it is neither right nor honest for the officers or members of such Church to attempt its formal observation in defiance and utter disregard of such expungement and deletion.

I cannot agree that the observation of a day so expunged and deleted is within the same parallels as the Harvest Thanksgiving or the Dedication Feast of the Parochial Church (if such Dedication is not amongst the Calendered Holy Days). Convocation dealt with the former some 40 years ago, and the Act of Uniformity Amendment Act gives power to the Diocesan Bishop to allow services for special occasions provided such services are in accordance with (I quote from memory only) the Word of God and the Book of Common Prayer. I am not a special pleader, as is obvious, only a simple-minded layman, but is it arguable that a Diocesan Bishop could restore the observation of a day so expunged and deleted by the National Church?

In reading Mr. Woolley's letter some of my ringing friends may conclude that the Archbishop was assisting in an observation of the said Day, on Monday, 2nd November, at a Church dedicated to All Hallows. May I point out that this dedication is merely the Saxon form of All Saints' (who are commemorated on November 1st) and not All Souls.—Yours faithfully,

December 7th, 1914.

C. H. READING.

NOTICES.

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

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.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for combined practice will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, December 12th, and St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 19th; 7.30 p.m. at each tower. The secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. Members' subscriptions are now due, and the new reports are ready. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 4, service at 5, tea 5.30. Reports ready. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—The dedication and opening of the 12 bells at Waltham Abbey will take place on Thursday, December 17th. Dedication service in the Abbey at 3.15 p.m.; special service in the evening at 7 p.m. The bells will be rung after the dedication service and at intervals up to the time of the evening service. The bells will also be available for ringing on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open 2 p.m.—H. G. Thompson, Hon. Secretary, 2, Victoria Villas, Waltham Abbey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7. Reports (to life members, 6d. each) are now ready. Members' subscriptions are now due.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, December 19th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 4.30; Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Secretary, Taunton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the society will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, December 19th, 1914. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 in the Schools, Otley Road.—William Barton, Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Willson has removed from Keythorpe Street to 23, Hopefield Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Reports now ready.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for business will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, December 22nd; for Handbell practice, on Thursdays, December 17th and 31st; all at 8 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due and should be paid before February 28th next. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting at St. John's, Higham, will be held on Saturday, January 9th, 1915, not on Saturday, December 12th, as was arranged at the annual district meeting, the bells not being available on that date.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—May I ask all members whose subscriptions are outstanding to pay the same in at once, either to the local secretary, or to me, as all members owing two years on the 31st inst. will be struck off according to rule.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—All communications for the present to be addressed to Mr. R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol, who has kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary in my absence.—W. A. Cave, Hon. Secretary.

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

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SITUATION WANTED.

H. H. Harding, Frankfield, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, seeks engagement as VERGER and SEXTON at country Parish Church. Highest references. Member of the K.C.A.C.R.

WEST EALING.—On Nov. 29th (Advent Sunday), for the evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 41½ mins.: W. Lawrence 1, C. F. Winney (conductor) 2, J. R. Mackinnon 3, W. Shepherd 4, A. Shepherd 5, Geo. Spencer 6, J. A. Trollope 7, C. Edwards 8.

CALVERTON, BUCKS. — On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 360 Grandsire Doubles: J. Tomkins, junr., 1, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 2, H. Tomkins, junr., 3, H. Tomkins, senr., 4, R. Underwood 5, J. Tomkins 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late Lord Roberts. For evensong, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the same band.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 24th at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *J. Paul 1, A. F. Cooke 2, W. Faulk 3, H. Smith 4, *A. E. Tatnell 5, H. Scrivens (conductor) 6, E. Paul 7, W. White 8. * First quarter-peal.

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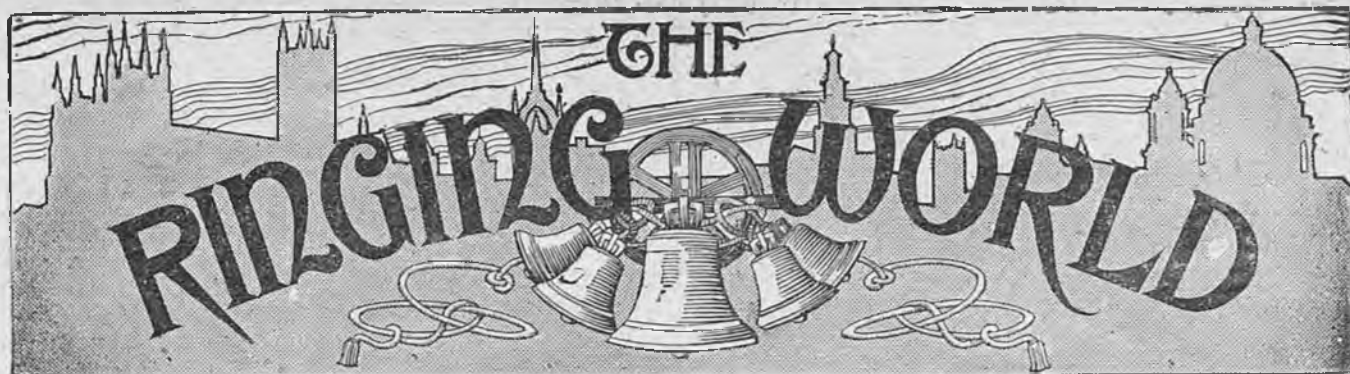


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,
Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

RINGS OF TWELVE.

It is not a little remarkable that the county of Essex, which fifteen months ago had not a ring of twelve bells within its borders, should now be in possession of no fewer than three peals of this number. Surely this must be something of a record in bell augmentation. Chelmsford led the way, its new peal being dedicated on September 27th last year. Then came Saffron Walden, and now Waltham Abbey follows suit, the bells at this last-named famous old church having been dedicated yesterday, and being open for ringing to-morrow. The geographical distribution of these three towers is fairly good, so that twelve-bell practice ought to be well within reach of most of the Essex members who have sufficient ambition and who care to make the effort to get it.

With all that may be done with the more intricate methods on the lower numbers of bells, a ringer has certainly not tasted to the full the sweets of his art until he has achieved a peal on twelve bells. There is something in twelve-bell ringing—it is difficult to define exactly what—which is not to be found in ringing on eight, or even on ten bells, and any extension of facilities for ringers to enjoy this practice is to be welcomed as tending to the progress of the art.

Waltham Abbey raises the number of twelve-bell rings in England to 36, 23 more than a century ago, when there were only 13 peals of twelve in the country, seven of which were in London, and the others distributed between Birmingham, Cambridge, Cirencester, Liverpool, Norwich and Shrewsbury. At that time Bow, Ashton-under-Lyne, Halifax, High Wycombe, Ipswich, Leeds, Oxford, Painswick, Sheffield, Wakefield, Worcester, Yarmouth and York were peals of ten. The rest of the present twelve have grown from octaves, or, like St. Paul's Cathedral, from a couple of odd bells. A considerable number of the present peals of twelve have, of course, come into being in the last 40 years, and are one result of the progress made by ringing and of the increased interest aroused among church authorities through the advance of our associations.

It is to William Shipway that the Exercise is indebted for placing on record something approaching an exhaustive list of the peals of bells existing in his day, but how slow at that time must have been the increases in bells of a ringable nature. Twelve-bell rings in the early 19th century, at any rate outside the metropolis, were possessions of great rarity, and peals upon them landmarks in ringing history. To-day practice upon this number is within the reach of a great number and peals are common. What, indeed, would have been said by Shipway of a man with a hundred to his credit!

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Amount already acknowledged	53	19	0
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Ringers of Beaconsfield Parish Church, Bucks, per second donation (Mr. R. H. Young),	0	5	0
	£54	16	6

BELGIAN REFUGEES' FUND.

Amount already acknowledged	1	14	0
Ringers of St. Giles' Church, Willenhall ...	0	2	0
	£1	16	0

NO PEALS.

For the first time we have no peal to record this week. Such a unique occurrence is noteworthy, for not even a handbell peal seems to have been scored since our last issue. Despite the cessation in ordinary tower bell peals, not a week has passed but some muffled peal or peal "in hand" has had to be recorded, but the past week, so far as we are aware, has been a complete blank throughout the country. But it's an ill wind, etc. What a relief the absence of so many peals must be to the members of the Analysis Committee. Their labours in the way of compiling statistics have reached almost vanishing point, although we can quite believe that when peace is once more restored there will be so many peals rung that they will have to work overtime to keep pace with their duties.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

As Christmas Day falls on Friday in next week, "The Ringing World" will have to go to press a day earlier than usual, and consequently all communications intended for publication in the next issue should reach us not later than the first post on MONDAY.

"The Ringing World" will be on sale on Thursday next instead of Friday.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The meeting of this Guild, held at Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, was not very well attended, but the inclement state of the weather, no doubt, detained some from making the journey. Fairfield, Rye, Tenterden, Woodchurch, and the local tower were represented. Bob Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were practised, and Mr. C. Tribe presided at the business meeting. It was unanimously decided that the annual meeting should take place at Appledore, on Saturday, 30th January next, and that the usual allowance for tea be granted to every member present. It was also agreed to hold a service in the church at 4.30 p.m., tea at the Swan Hotel at 5 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting; the remaining time to be spent in harmony.—Mr. H. F. Balcombe (Fairfield) was elected a new member, and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs) moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Phillips) for the use of the bells. This was heartily endorsed by all.—There will be ringing in the afternoon of the annual meeting, if the bells can be obtained.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of Grandsire Triples, at Benhillton on December 1st, was George Rayner, and not Sydney Rayner as published.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with the Forces:—
 Fred W. Herbert, of St. John the Divine's, Leicester, North
 Midland Mounted Brigade.

Leslie Willars, of St. Saviour's, Leicester, 4th Leicestershire
 Regiment.

Edgar Abbott, of St. Saviour's, Leicester, Royal Navy.

Sergt. W. C. Taylor, of Norton-in-the-Moors, 5th North Stafford-
 shire Regiment (T), now at Bishop's Stortford.

Pte Bert Dean, of Norton-in-the-Moors, 5th North Staffordshire
 Regiment (T), now at Bishop's Stortford.

Pto W. Poston, of Whibbourne, Herefordshire, K.S.L.I., now
 at Aldershot.

J. Butler, of Cambridge University Guild, appointed Second-
 Lieutenant in the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

C. Hughes, of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, Territorials, now
 at White City.

W. J. Cooper, of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, A.S.C., now at
 Crowborough, Sussex.

P. Tucker, of Hurst Parish Church, Berks Yeomanry, now at
 Bear Wood.

W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale, officer attached to the
 North Midland Division of the Motor Volunteer Corps.

Pte B. Goldsmith, of Rolvenden, Kent, 3rd Battalion (Special
 Reserve), The Buffs.

William Martin, of Headcorn, Kent, 1st Home Counties' Field
 Ambulance, now at Windsor.

Charles Murrell, of Headcorn, 5th Battalion the Buffs (T), now
 at Ascot.

Frank R. Cundale, of St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 8th West York-
 shire Regiment, now on coast defence at Redcar.

From St. Leonard's Church, Malinslee, Salop:—

Pte Archibald Chilton, K.S.L.I., 5th Batt. (No. 10751).

Pte George Garbett, 5th Batt. K.S.L.I. (No. 10755).

Pte John Garbett, 4th Batt. K.S.L.I. (No. 2956).

Pte John Harley, 9th Batt. K.S.L.I. (No. 15197).

Pte Robert Chilton, Army Service Corps.

Pte Frank Percy Mole, 4th Batt. C Co., K.S.L.I. (No. 2245).

The three following from Bridstow, Herefordshire:—

Tpr. E. Summers, Shropshire Yeomanry, now at Lowestoft.

Cpl. Allen E. Gwynne and Pte Albert E. Gwynne, 1st Hereford-
 shire Regiment (T), now at Aberystwyth.

The five following from Talland Church, Cornwall:—

Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I.

Bertram Vague, Royal Navy.

Joe Langmaid, Royal Navy.

William Hocking, Royal Engineers.

Ned Broad, Royal Engineers.

Five members of the band of the R.C. Church of the Sacred Heart,
 Vancouver, are, we understand, at present in England with the Cana-
 dian contingent.

THE SPIRIT OF FRATERNITY.

The Hawkhurst branch of the Kent Association have had the plea-
 sure of making the acquaintance of Mr. W. W. Worthington, of
 Netherseale, near Burton-on-Trent, who has been staying in the
 parish quite recently. Mr. Worthington, since the outbreak of the
 war, has been attached as an officer to the North Midland Division
 of the Motor Volunteer Corps, and came to Hawkhurst on leave, his
 furlough lasting about nine days. The Motor Volunteer Corps was
 established some years ago. Eventually it became disbanded, but
 was re-formed after the declaration of war. It has done useful ser-
 vice, some of its members being at the theatre of war. The ringers
 gave their guest a cordial welcome, and the following touches were
 rung. For morning service, on Sunday, December 6th, 1050 Grand-
 side Triples: T. Ashenden 1, G. J. Kemp 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J.
 Blake 4, W. W. Worthington 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness 7, F.
 Chapman 8. For evening service on the same day, a quarter-peal of
 Grandside Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, A.
 H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, W. W. Worthington 5, O. Waghorn 6, G.
 Billenness 7, G. Maskell 8. On the following Tuesday evening an-
 other 1,050 of the same method was rung by: J. H. Durrant 1, O.
 Waghorn 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, W. W.
 Worthington 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. Then in order that
 Mr. Worthington might hear the bells outside, 168 was tapped off.
 Satisfactory striking prevailed in all the touches, which were con-
 ducted by G. Billenness. Before taking his departure, Mr. Worth-
 ington thanked the ringers for allowing him to ring with them.

BEDFORD.—Bedfordshire Association. At St. Peter's Church, on
 December 4th, 720 Wragby and 720 College Bob IV.: A. Robinson 1,
 Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Miss E. Steel 4, W. Fineson 5, W.
 Stapleton (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token
 of respect to the late Earl Roberts.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday, November 22nd, for
 morning service, 714 Grandside Triples: G. Keen 1, F. E. Davis 2, E.
 Hookham 3, R. Hookham 4, E. Hill 5, E. Pardon 6, W. Large (con-
 ductor) 7, G. Pugh 8.

GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB.

ARE THEY THE SAME METHOD?

By HENRY DAINS.

For several years past Messrs. H. L. James and J. A. Trollope
 have frequently told us that Grandsire and Plain Bob are methodically
 the same; and recently the latter gentleman has told us that Shipway
 knew this to be so. Well, whatever views he may have had upon this
 subject, the fact remains that he never told us so in his "Campana-
 logia." Mr. John Carter and I have several times disputed the
 theory that placing another bell in the hunt of a Minor method
 makes it a method of Triples, which has no relation, methodically, to
 the Minor, our reason being that the Minor has but one hunt, while
 the Triples has two.

Now, as I consider a better opinion can be formed by comparing
 the work of one method with that of the other, I here give examples
 of these side by side, as follows:—

Example of Plain Bob, coming home at plain lead.	Example of Grandsire Triples coming home at plain lead.
A	B
231546	3517264
213456	3152746
124365	1325478
123456	1234567
Example of Plain Bob brought home by a Bob lead end, also the going off from rounds.	Example of Grandsire Triples brought home by a Bob lead, also the going off from rounds.
C	D
341526	3215476
314256	3124567
132465	1325476 Bob
123456 Bob	1234567
214365	2135476
241635	2314567
426153	3241657

In these examples I have shown all the work there is in both
 Plain Bob and Grandsire Methods, excepting the plain hunting, which
 is so well known to all ringers that it need not be given here.

Now what I want is that all ringers should compare the work of
 Example A, with the work shown in Examples C and D, in order
 to discover if there is any corresponding work in the Minor that is
 found in the Triples.

Again compare the work in Example C with that of B and D, for a
 similar purpose, and if when this is done, the conclusion arrived at
 is that the work in A and C is quite distinct from the work in B and
 D, I will ask Messrs. James and Trollope upon what grounds they
 base such assertions, presuming, of course, they have some.

I may here mention that you can ring Grandsire by noting the
 Treble at lead and dodging directly after, while this rule is no guide
 to Plain Bob ringing; as here dodging is done when the treble is at
 lead, which is common knowledge to all concerned.

I have drawn the line through C and D simply to draw attention
 to the difference of the work in the two examples.

DEATH OF THE REV. W. P. SCHUSTER.

SALISBURY GUILD'S FORMER SECRETARY.

We regret to have to record the death of the Rev. William Percy
 Schuster, Rural Dean of Purbeck, and Vicar of West Lulworth,
 Dorset, who passed away on November 6th, at a nursing home at
 Bournemouth, to the grief of the many who knew and loved him.
 The deceased gentleman was educated at Hertford College, Oxford,
 and was ordained in the diocese of Salisbury, serving first at curate
 at Warcham, next at Bere Regis, and then at Corfe Castle, from
 whence he went to be Vicar of West Lulworth, where he remained
 for the rest of his life, from 1887 to 1914. These 27 years will al-
 ways be a well-remembered period in the annals of the parish.

The mark of his character that struck one most of all, perhaps,
 was his excessive kindness—the pleasure he felt and showed in help-
 ing anyone who needed help in any way.

There were many things he took an interest in besides his de-
 votion to his parochial work. Though not a practical ringer, he was
 for many years a most successful secretary to the Salisbury Diocesan
 Guild, proving himself in full sympathy with the spirit of progress,
 though always anxious to look after the patient plodders of the rural
 parishes, who had no opportunities to advance in the art.

The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Church
 of England Temperance Society were two other organisations which
 claimed his most ardent support. But, naturally, above all his parish
 had the first claims upon him, and his anxiety to do all the good he
 could doubtless hastened his end.

For many years past there has been during the summer months a
 large military camp in his and adjacent parishes. This camp was
 very largely augmented on the enlistment of men in Kitchener's
 Army. The spiritual needs of this camp entailed a large amount of
 extra work on the clergy living in the locality, and doubtless it was
 this extra work, taken up willingly, that accelerated the end of this
 noble man.

ORIGINAL TRIPLES. "A TEST FOR CONDUCTORS."

A peal of Original Triples has not yet been rung, although a peal of Major has. There are probably many ringers, however, who have but a hazy notion of what the Original method is. It is the method in which all the bells have a plain hunting course, and thus in Triples there are only 14 changes from rounds to rounds. Obviously, therefore, to call the bobs of a peal in this method must be a big tax upon the conductor, and in sending the subjoined composition, Mr. J. W. Parker, the composer, says it might be termed a "test for conductors, as it would tax the abilities of the best to merely call it, and, in my opinion, would require a fairly good band to get it." Who, we wonder, will be the first to score. The peal contains 560 calls, and it should be noticed that although there is only one bob in each of the callings B and D, there is a difference in the length of the course, the former course having 24 changes and the latter 20.

5040 ORIGINAL TRIPLES, By Joseph W. Parker, Sunderland.									Examples of 'A' Course, showing the plain and bob rows.	
1934567	1	2	3	7	10	11	14	15		
2476135		—		—						1234567
5162743										2143657
3254167		—	—			—				2416375
5372641	—								—	4261357
7136452										4623175
2675134		—	—			—				6432157
7246351										6341275
6534217										3614725
5261374 S			—				—	—		3167452
2143567 S	—	—			—					1376542
6427351										1735624
2651734		—	—							7153264
6137254	—	—	—			—				7512346
4356217	—									5721436
3671452										5274163
7352146										2547613
3241756	—	—	—			—				2456731
6453721										4265371
Six times repeated.										4623517
B contains 12 rows.										6432571
C contains 8 rows.										6345217
D contains 10 rows.										3654127
All other courses contain 30 rows.										3561472
										5316742
										5137624
										1573264
										1752346
										7125436
										7214563
										2741653
										2476135

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday week at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, Dudley. The service in the church was conducted by the Rev. S. J. Marriott (Vicar and Rural Dean, and vice-president of the Guild), who also gave a very interesting address. Upwards of 40 members were present, representing Dudley, Bradley, Sedgley, Coseley, Wolverhampton, Bilston, Willenhall, West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Tipton, Blakenhall, Oldbury, Old Hill, Halesowen, Brierley Hill, Netherton and Clent. A letter of apology was received from the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Walsall.

After the service a free tea was provided in the Church House by the Vicar and churchwardens, and the Vicar gave the members of the Guild a very hearty welcome to Netherton, remarking that it gave him much pleasure to see such a number of church bell-ringers together in this Church House. He was sure they were an earnest and energetic band of church workers, and he was proud to be with them that day, and to hold the position of vice-president of the Guild. He hoped it would not be the last time he would have the pleasure of their company, at Netherton. — Mr. W. Cooper (Vicar's warden) and Mr. E. Frost (people's warden) gave the members of the Guild a very hearty welcome to Netherton.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, Mr. W. Rock Small (treasurer) was re-elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council. — Two honorary members, viz., Messrs. W. Cooper and E. Frost (churchwardens) and three performing members were elected. — The next meeting being the annual one, it was decided to hold it at Dudley. — A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for providing the tea, to the Vicar for conducting the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea, to the local company for making the necessary arrangements, was passed, on the proposition of Mr. S. Spittle, seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, and suitably responded to. This brought a very happy meeting to a close. Touches in several different methods were rung during the afternoon and evening on the parish church bells.

PEAL ATTEMPT IN AMERICA. GROTON SCHOLARS LEARNING TO RING

On November 25th the ringers from Boston, U.S.A., visited the Memorial Tower at Hingham, Mass., where 564 Grandsire Triples was brought round, after some very fair striking, the ringers standing as follows: A. Matthews 1, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 2, Mrs. M. H. Shurliff 3, C. C. Randall 4, J. Goodhead 5, J. F. Laker 6, W. Bashford 7, R. Newton 8. A 672 in the same method was also rung by: A. Matthews 1, D. T. Gibbons 2, C. C. Randall 3, R. Newton 4, J. Goodhead 5, W. Bashford 6, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 7, J. F. Laker 8. J. Goodhead has recently come to Boston from Michigan, and was elected a member of the Guild at this meeting.

On Nov. 26th, which in America is known as "Thanksgiving Day," six members of the Boston Guild visited Groton School, and enjoyed a very pleasant outing. The ringers met at the North Station at 8 a.m., and soon were being carried out through the open country. As Boston was left behind the ground became more and more thickly covered with snow, while on reaching Groton there had been a fall of six inches, although in Boston there has been no snow at all. On account of the snow-covered roads the ride by automobile from Agawam Junction to the school was an exciting one. One or two short touches were rung before service at the school chapel, some of the pupils taking a rope. The ringers enjoyed lunch with the masters and boys in the large dining hall of the school, and plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters, which were rung on handbells in the reading-room afterwards, were very much appreciated. Coffee and cigars were then enjoyed in the sanctum of the headmaster, Dr. Embicott Peabody, and at 1.45 an attempt was made for a peal on the tower bells, the ringers standing as follows: S. Warren Sturgis 1, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 2, W. Bashford 3, J. F. Laker 4, J. Goodhead 5, C. C. Randall 6, R. Newton 7, L. Adams 8. Owing to the noise in the tower, however, a trip, which occurred after 50 minutes' good ringing, could not be adjusted, and the bells were brought to a stand. Mr. Louis Adams, a pupil at the school, was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. Taking into consideration the noisy towers at their disposal, the changes that are always occurring in the band, and the very little practice obtained, it is creditable that even 1,500 odd changes were so well struck.

Several short touches were rung after the attempt, and then the visitors enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Sturgis, the time to return coming all too soon. A very enjoyable day was spent by all.

CARBROOKE BELLS.

WHERE GEORGE NEWSON LEARNED TO RING.

The bells at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Carbrooke, Norfolk, have been increased from five to six by the addition of a treble, and the whole peal have been rehanged. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Day and Co., of Eye, Suffolk, in a very satisfactory manner.

The dedication took place on Thursday evening of last week, the ceremony being performed, in the absence of Archdeacon Pelham, who was unwell, by the Rev. R. W. Pitt, of Saxlingham, who preached a very appropriate and instructive sermon from Psalms cl. 5. There was a large congregation, and after the service 720 Bob Minor was rung by Hubert J. Day (Eye) 1, Fredk. Day (Eye) 2, Wilfrid Fisher (Watton) 3, Alfred Macro (Thetford) 4, William Adcock (Euston) 5, Thos. Fitzjohn (Thetford), conductor, 6. This was followed by 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rung by Hubert J. Day (Eye) 1, Rev. R. W. Pitt (Saxlingham) 2, Thos. Fitzjohn (Thetford) 3, Fredk. Day (Eye) 4, Fredk. Brunning (Eye) 5, Wm. Steele (Saxlingham), conductor, 6. The "go" of the bells was perfect.

Subsequently a very nice supper was provided for the ringers and friends by the Vicar, who warmly welcomed all present, and thanked those who had taken part in the ceremony.

It is interesting to note that it was at Carbrooke that the late Geo. Newson, one of the most famous leaders of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, learned to ring.

A VETERAN.

SOLE SURVIVOR OF A PEAL RUNG 65 YEARS AGO.

Despite his more than 90 years, Mr. William Banister, we hear, is still enjoying good health, and, in the words of a ringing friend who called upon him a few days ago, is "as young as Johnny Walker," thanks to the care of Mrs. Anderson and his two good grand-daughters.

Mr. Banister is the remaining link with a past generation of ringers, and one of a famous family in which the father and five brothers were all enthusiasts. They were ringing Surprise Methods at Woolwich nearly 70 years ago, and Mr. William Banister composed and conducted the second peal of London ever rung. As a member of the College Youths, Mr. Banister used to walk to the City for his twelve bell ringing, and we have a record of a peal of 5146 Stedman Cinques, which he took part in at St. Saviour's, Southwark, exactly 65 years ago, the anniversary of the peal being to-morrow. Some great names in the past history of ringing appeared in this: John Cox, William Cooter, James Mash, William Banister, George Ferris, Richard Jameson, Robert Haworth, Mat. Wood, J. Bradley, E. Lansdell, Jemmy Dwight and E. Sawyer. William Banister is the sole survivor of that band.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. WILLIAM ROCK SMALL.

There is no better known figure in ringing circles in the Midlands than Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, Staffs, who, as reported the other day, has just celebrated his 75th birthday, and who, for more than 50 years, has been a most enthusiastic member of the Exercise. Despite his advancing years, Mr. Small is as keen as ever in the pursuit of his favourite pastime and wherever he goes is received as an honoured guest, for his services in the advancement of the Art have been incalculable. His spade work was done at a time when ringing was not held in the high repute in which it stands at the present day, and although Birmingham has been a stronghold for well over a century, there were many places in that centre of England where the Art had not penetrated and where Mr. Small was one of the pioneers.

Mr. William Rock Small was born at Wednesbury,



MR. WILLIAM ROCK SMALL.

Staffs, on November 12th, 1839. He received a little schooling at the Parish Church Schools, but at the early age of nine years he started work, and he is still "in harness." It is better to wear out than rust out, says an old adage, but Mr. Small must be made of uncommonly tough stuff, for he has worn remarkably well through all these 66 years of unbroken labour. In the year 1855 he went to work in the iron gas tube trade at Wednesbury, and, after being turner, fitter, machine and tool maker, rose to the position of foreman of the works. He remained for 17 years with this firm, and, after spending five years with another, went to the Victoria Tube Works, Great Bridge, as foreman tool maker, which position he has filled for the past 36 years, during which time he has held the respect of his fellow employees and the esteem of his employers.

In his young days Mr. Small was in Wednesbury Church choir, and while there became interested in the bells, then a peal of eight. They were recast and made into a peal of

ten in 1855, and Mr. Small used sometimes to chime the bells for service and occasionally pull up some of them. In the year 1863 he joined the band, and on April 29th, 1866, rang his first peal—Kent Treble Bob Royal. His first peal of Bob Major was also rung at Wednesbury in 1867, and his first of Stedman Caters in 1870. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Feckenham in 1877, of Stedman Triples at Willenhall and of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 1880, of Grandsire Caters at St. Philip's, Birmingham, in 1883, and of Grandsire Cinques in 1885, and of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 1890 at St. Martin's, Birmingham. Mr. Small has rung peals on nearly every ring of bells in the Black Country, and in a great many other towers in the Midlands, while he has been present at the opening of a large number of new peals of bells, including the reopening, after the second casting of Wednesbury bells, which took place in 1912.

Some of his peals have been noteworthy for their length, among them being 9,020 Grandsire Cinques in 6 hrs. 17 mins. at St. Martin's on March 23rd, 1887, on the occasion of Queen Victoria's visit to that city; 8,064 Grandsire Caters in 4 hrs. 59 mins. at Bromsgrove on December 29th, 1888, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 12,000 of Bob Major rung at that church in 1788; 6,354 Grandsire Caters in 4 hrs. 4 mins. at West Bromwich on December 21st, 1889, and 8,009 Grandsire Caters in 5 hrs. 11 mins. at Wolverhampton on April 3rd, 1893. In connection with this last-named peal there were sad circumstances. The occasion had been fixed for an attempt for a record length of 17,045, but the man who was to have rung the tenor was buried on that day, and the reduced length was rung muffled instead. Mr. Small has also been concerned in other long peal attempts. On January 29th, 1884, he was in an attempt at Aston for 13,104 Grandsire Caters, which was lost through a "change course" after 11,000 changes in 7 hrs. 7 mins. On March 26th, 1894, in an attempt for 17,000 Grandsire Caters, 7,362 changes were rung in 4 hrs. 38 mins., when the tenor clapper broke. To finish off the day, therefore, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Wombourne. Mr. Small's last peal was that by the veterans at Aston in May of this year, the average age of the band being 65 years four months. He hopes, however, to ring more peals yet, and he still finds great pleasure in meeting ringers at association gatherings.

Mr. Small is a member of the College Youths, the Midland Counties' Association, the St. Martin's Guild, the Dudley and District Guild, the Worcestershire Association, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Hereford Guild and the Yorkshire Association. His peals number 321, including one of Stedman Triples in the Isle of Man, and are made up as follows:—

Stedman Cinques	...	...	...	...	...	14
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	...	...	18
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	...	...	74
Grandsire Cinques	...	...	...	...	...	5
Grandsire Royal	...	...	...	...	...	2
Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	...	...	40
Grandsire Major	...	...	...	...	...	6
Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	...	78
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	...	...	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	...	10
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	...	15
Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	...	5
Bob Caters	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	...	34

Bob Triples	1
Darlaston Bob Triples	4
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1
Double Norwich Major	5
Forward Royal	2
Forward Major	4
Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Total	32

Mr. Small has seen something of the world, outside the Ringing Isle, for he has visited America and the Continent. His journey to the United States was made in 1902, when, after landing at Boston, he visited many of the American manufactories, including the Armoury at Springfield, and the Arsenal at Waterfleet, where he saw the biggest gun on earth, 52 feet long and 130 tons in weight. Among the places he visited were Hartford, Connecticut, Troy, Cohoes, Albany, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Amhurst, Northampton, Holyoake, Brooklyn and New York, from which city he sailed for England, after a grand seven weeks' trip. In 1907 he visited Belgium with a touring party, which included his old friend, Mr. John Carter, and he therefore follows the present conflict in Flanders with the keenest interest. They landed at Ostend and visited Brussels. At Antwerp they climbed one of the towers of the Cathedral of Notre Dame, to see the carillon of 99 bells, the largest of which is eight tons in weight, and the smallest 15 inches in diameter. To reach the bells they had to mount 520 steps. It is a good job for some of those ringers who make a habit of being late that there are no such flights of steps to the ringing chambers in England. On this trip, also, Bruges, with its famous bell tower and carillon of 49 bells, Rochefort, with the Grottoes of Hans, and Dinant, the beautiful town now destroyed by the Germans, were also visited. On the occasion of the Brussels Exhibition, Mr. Small revisited some of these places with Mrs. Small. In 1905 he, with Mr. Carter, made a trip to Paris, and in 1908 went again to the French capital with his wife. On February 8th, 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Small celebrated their golden wedding, but Mrs. Small has since passed away.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Bridport on Saturday week, when representatives from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Lyme Regis, Netherbury and Symondsbury were in attendance. Ringing took place at Bradpole and Bridport before the service, which was held in the latter church. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Langford, chairman of the branch, and was followed by a most helpful sermon by the Rev. C. Carow Cox, of Symondsbury. The blessing was pronounced by the Rev. Canon Farrer, Rector of Bridport.

Tea followed at the "Greyhound" Assembly Room, to which 39 sat down; a most satisfactory number, when one considers the present unsettled state of things in general and ringing in particular.

Increased interest on the part of the clergy was evinced by the presence of three others besides those already mentioned, viz., the Revs. C. H. Cooke and — Needham, of Netherbury, and the Rev. A. B. Hutton, of Loders.

The report and balance sheet presented by the hon. secretary were considered satisfactory, and were adopted. The whole of the officers were re-elected, and one guinea from the local funds was voted to the Mayor of Bridport's maintenance fund for Belgians living in the locality.

Bye-meetings for combined ringing practice were settled, and the usual quarterly meetings were ordered to be advertised in "The Ringing World."

The only other business was a vote of condolence with the family of the Rev. W. P. Schuster on the death of that staunch supporter and former hon. secretary of the Guild.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LATE DISTRICT SECRETARY'S THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Finding it impossible to write individually, may I, through the aid of "The Ringing World," thank most heartily those members present at the annual meeting of the South-Eastern district on December 5th for the beautiful parcel of tobacco, subscribed for, and which has been received by me through Mr. Lincoln (District Master) as a small recognition of my services as secretary for the past seven years, an office which I felt it only my duty to give up, owing to being called up with my regiment. I feel sure, however, that Mr. F. W. Edwards, my successor, will carry on the work most successfully. Thinking all once again, and wishing the members of the Essex Association "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."—Theirs most gratefully.

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DEATH OF MR. CHARLES H. FOWLER.

It is with deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Chas. H. Fowler, of Leicester, and formerly of Oxford, which occurred somewhat suddenly on Saturday evening last as the result of a chill, which turned to pneumonia. Deceased, who had taken part in some notable performances, was well known throughout the Exercise, and his death will come as a great shock to his many friends.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week a practice meeting of the Western Division was held at Pudsey. Although the weather was unfavourable, a good number attended, the following towers being represented: Bramley, Calverley, Gargrave; St. Michael's, Headingley; Hunstet; St. Matthew's, Holbeck; Halifax, Mirfield, Rothwell, Skipton, Shipley, Tong, and the local company. The bells were available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and touches of Cambridge, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford were rung. Afterwards the handbells were well utilised, touches of Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal were brought round. At the close of the evening, Mr. G. Bolland (vice-president) reminded those present of the next practice, which will be held at Shipley, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 9th January, and hoped as many as possible would attend.

ANNIVERSARIES.

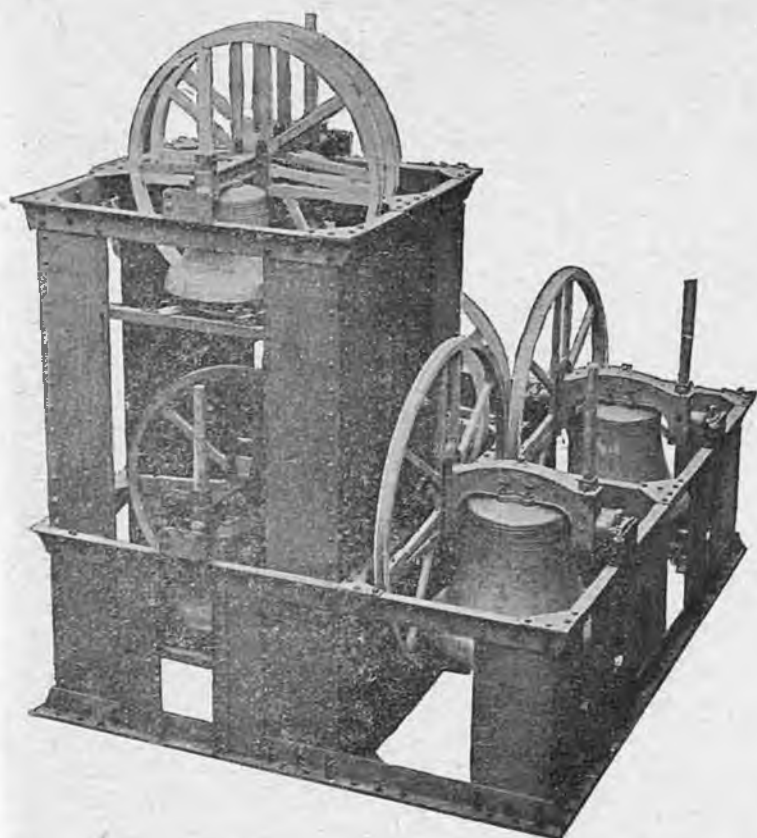
The paragraph in our last issue in reference to past events of which December 9th was the anniversary, brings a note from Mr. Challis Winney, recalling the fact that Mr. John Cox, the famous old ringer, was born on December 9th, 1813. He died on January 29th, 1885.

Sherborne Abbey bells, after having been relung, were re-opened on December 9th, 1885, by a band of College Youths. Mr. Winney recalls that their dear old friend, John Murray Hayes, was on the 7th, but the bell hangers' task had not been satisfactorily completed, and Mr. Hayes, despite herculean efforts, had to give up. "It's no go, Jim," said he to Mr. Peltit, who was calling the "Original," and the bells were stopped at 324657. Subsequently Messrs. Ted Horrex and Frank Dave had a turn at the 7th, but had to give in after a lead and a half, but "our powerful friend John," as Mr. Henry Haley used to call Mr. Hayes, rang the bell to 504 of Stedman Triples.

Tuesday last was the anniversary of a record peal rung in the very distant past by the College Youths. In their archives there is the following: "St. Saviour's, Southwark. The company rung on Monday, Dec. 15th, 1735, a complete peal of 8008 Grandsire Cinques, being the longest peal that has ever been done on twelve bells, and in 6 hrs. and 25 mins. it was performed: William Pickard 1, Samuel Lee 2, John Dearmor 3, James Watson 4, Robert Mobbs 5, Samuel Jeacocke 6, John Ward 7, John Trenell 8, George Elton Hill 9, Benjamin Annable 10, John Cundell 11, Richard Spicer, Matthew East and R. Wendleborough 12. Mr. Benjamin Annable call'd bobs."

An anniversary falling to-day is that of a peal of "5040 changes of that Intricate Method of Norwich Court Bob," rung at St. Michael's at Coslany, Norwich, on December 18th, 1815, "without the misplacing of a bell or the repetition of a single change. The peal was conducted by Mr. Robt. Chesnutt with his accustomed precision, and the bold and regular striking reflects great credit on the ringers, after which a short length of that Ingenious and Harmonious Peal, Stedman Triples, was rung by the same company." The tablet is still, we believe, in the belfry at St. Michael's, and it records that "this board was erected by the churchwardens to commemorate the above Display of Genius in the extensive science of Campanologia."

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On December 13th, for morning service, a touch of Bob Major, and for the Men's Service in the afternoon, 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, J. M. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. Sampson 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, P. G. Potter 8. These touches were rung on the occasion of the new Bishop's first visit to Leiston.



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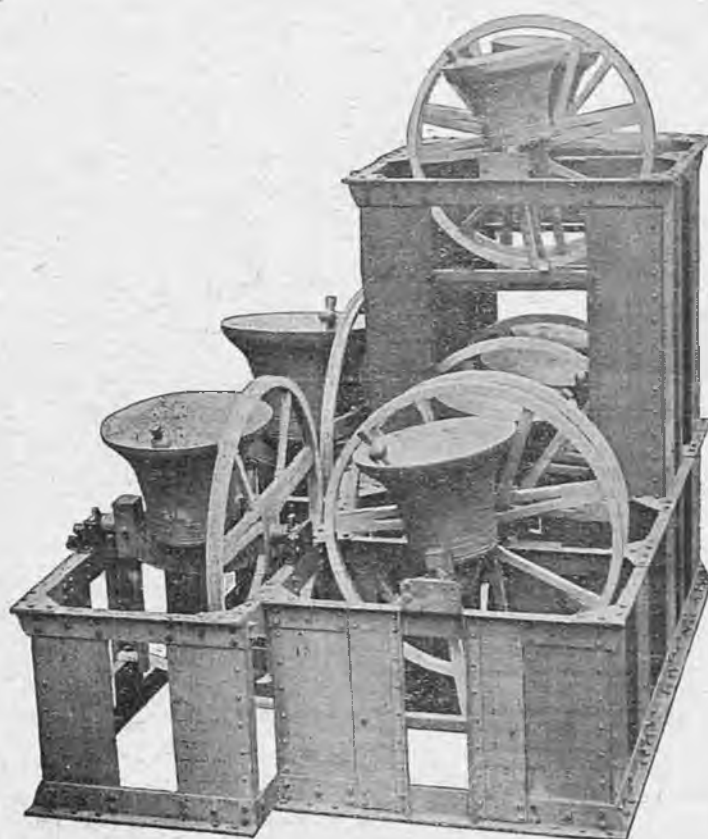
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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7. Reports (to life members, 6d. each) are now ready. Members' subscriptions are now due.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, December 19th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 4.30; Meeting to follow.—E. F. Burgess, Hon. Secretary, Taunton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the society will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, December 19th, 1914. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 in the Schools, Otley Road.—William Barton, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Reports now ready.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for business will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, December 22nd; for Handbell practice, on Thursday, December 31st; all at 8 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due and should be paid before February 28th next.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Saturday, December 26th. The Dean will preside at the business meeting to be held in the Schoolroom at 4 o'clock. The Cathedral bells (8) are available during the afternoon and evening, also the bells of St. John's, Cardiff (10).—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon, Hon. Secs.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. Peal of ten (24½ cwt.) available 3.30 to 7.30.—Sam Thomas, Secretary pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Annual meeting at Bagshot, Saturday, January 2nd. The new peal of eight bells are available by special arrangement from 3 p.m. Tea at Institute 5.45 p.m. Visitors from other Associations and Guilds heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 113, Angell Road, Brixton, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. Bells available from 3.30. Service, with short address by the Vicar, at 5.30. Tea, 6d. each, in the Parish Hall at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting. Members requiring tea should notify me by Wednesday, December 30th, so that proper arrangements can be made.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—May I ask all members whose subscriptions are outstanding to pay the same in at once, either to the local secretary, or to me, as all members owing two years on the 31st inst. will be struck off according to rule.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—All communications for the present to be addressed to Mr. R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol, who has kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary in my absence.—W. A. Cave, Hon. Secretary.

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A YOUNG BAND OF RINGERS.

HOW TO REPLACE THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED THE COLOURS.

The war has sadly depleted the ringers in many of our towers, and from some quarters we hear of the bells being silent owing to there not being enough hands to ring them.

This might be overcome if the plan adopted at Bradpole, Dorset, were more generally adopted. As soon as they found their numbers dwindling they immediately took steps to introduce young lads and boys to replace those of an age able and willing to serve their country.

To such good effect has this been carried into operation that at this tower there is now a band able to ring the peal of eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.), whose average age is only 14 years, made up as follows:

Charles Lathby, 11 years 7 months; William Stiby, 12 years 11 months; Harold Corbin, 13 years 2 months; Edward Hartnell, 13 years 5 months; Thomas Stiby, 14 years 7 months; Frederick Elsworth, 15 years; Stanley Vining, 15 years 6 months; Roy Langford, 15 years 10 months; total, 112 years, average 14 years exactly. Surely this must be almost a record!

The call to arms has taken no fewer than eight members from the tower of Hurst, Berks. Efforts are being made to fill up the gaps with ladies, two of whom can already take their places in rounds on Sundays, and five others are learning.

DEAL.—On Oct. 24th, at the Parish Church, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the wife of Mr. H. C. Castle (foreman of the Deal Parish Church company), 720 Bob Minor: J. Axon 1, A. Long 2, E. Kemp 3, G. Fenn 4, L. Ladd 5, J. Trinder (conductor) 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BREDENBURY.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: J. Passey (first 720, age 15 years) 1, H. Lambert 2, W. Clements 3, W. Watkins 4, R. Bethel 5, A. Tomkins (conductor) 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, 1260 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: J. P. Maxfield 1, E. Collingburn 2, J. H. Bartram 3, A. T. Winter 4, E. Miles 5, J. Sagar, junr. (composer and conductor) 6, T. Spurr 7, H. Warburton 8, G. R. Winter 9, G. Joynes 10.

BRECON.—Hereford Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, October 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Watkins 1, S. Brooks 2, G. Giblin 3, Pte W. White (3rd S. Wales Borderers) 4, A. Matthews 5, W. Hargest 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8.—On Sunday evening, October 25th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Powell 1, S. Watkins 2, G. Giblin 3, W. Fletcher 4, R. Kinsey 5, A. Matthews 6, W. Hargest 7, W. Evans (conductor) 8.—On October 29th, on handbells, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Powell 1, S. Watkins 2, W. Fletcher 3, G. Giblin 4, A. Matthews 5, C. Beech 6, W. Hargest 7, W. Evans 8. Also 315 Stedman Caters.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 1st, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Powell 1, S. Watkins 2, G. Giblin 3, W. Fletcher 4, C. Beech 5, A. Matthews 6, W. Hargest 7, W. Evans (conductor) 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: S. Watkins 1, S. Brooks 2, C. Beech 3, R. Kinsey 4, A. Matthews 5, W. Fletcher 6, W. Hargest (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8.

WALSOKEN.—On Oct. 21st, 720 of Bob Minor: F. W. Carter 1, Stanley Andrews 2, T. Blunt 3, A. Sergeant 4, T. Allen 5, Ralph Narborough (conductor) 6. Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. Joseph Storey, a much-respected member of this band.

WEST RETFORD.—North Notts Association. — On Oct. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Michael's Church, in 44 mins., on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. V. Sydney Woods, of Maryfield, Retford, to Miss A. M. Cossey, of Erindene, Birchington, Kent, the wedding taking place at St. James' Church, Piccadilly, London: C. Blagg 1, W. Gibson 2, F. A. Blagg 3, G. Turner 4, R. Potter 5, J. L. Blagg (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal on the bells since the tower was restored in November, 1913.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 25th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, also two courses Bob Major: J. Shaw 1, J. Rookwood 2, T. Kendall 3, A. King and Gunner W. Ayre 4, Pte A. P. Wakley 5, W. Payne 6, Pte H. Walker 7, H. Shaw 8. Rung as a farewell to Pte H. Walker, 5th Bedfordshire Regiment, who was home on leave before going abroad, also Pte A. Rookwood, of the same regiment, both of whom are members of the local band.

TOTTENHAM.—All Hallows' Society.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday, Oct. 25th, at the Parish Church, Tottenham: W. W. Dickenson 1, H. A. Barnett, senr., 2, H. A. Barnett, junr., 3, C. Rochester 4, H. Fowler (Castle Ashby) 5, H. Ellis 6, C. A. Button (conductor) 7, F. Roper 8. H. A. Barnett, late secretary of the society, is now over with the Canadian contingent (19th Alberta Dragoons).

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Oct. 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Busby 1, C. H. Edwards 2, R. Devenish 3, E. Devenish 4, F. Price 5, W. White 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jeffries 8. Mr. C. H. Edwards hails from Westbury-on-Trym, and will attain his 80th birthday in December. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells since they were rehung.—On Wednesday, Nov. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: C. H. Edwards 1, H. Harvey 2, R. Devenish 3, W. White 4, J. Martin 5, J. Gould (conductor) 6, F. Price 7, C. Jeffries 8.

WISBECH.—On Oct. 29th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: Robert Crofts 1, Arthur Wenlock 2, Stanley Andrew 3—4, Ralph Narborough (conductor) 5—6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Stanley Andrews, a great friend of all the ringers.

THANET.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Nov. 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornton 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, J. Hiseock 3, W. G. Birch 4, W. J. Jarman 5, A. E. Jarman 6, E. Pantony (first 504) 7, J. Jarman 8.

FULMER, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 8th, 360 Grandsire Doubles: A. Akerman 1, J. H. Bailey 2, G. Gutteridge 3, E. Harding 4, K. G. Hawkins 5, D. Webb 6. Rung after a memorial service, with the bells half-muffled, in respectful memory of Lieut. Nigel Legge Bourke, of the Coldstream Guards, son of Col. Sir Henry and Lady Legge, of Fulmer Gardens, who was killed in action during the week.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, for morning service, 672 Bob Major, by: Walter Radley (Bury St. Edmund's) 1, Frederick Dewell (Bury St. Edmund's) 2, Alfred Macro (Thetford) 3, Percy Fordham (Mildenhall) 4, Herbert Mason (Attleborough) 5, Thos. Fitzjohn, Thetford (conductor) 6, Edgar Hunt (Shropham) 7, Chas. Woodcock (Bury St. Edmund's) 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK. On Monday, Nov. 9th, at St. Mary-le-Tower, for the election of Mr. John D. Cobbok as Mayor, several touches of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal; also three courses of Stedman Cinques: J. Motts (conductor) 1, F. O. Lambert 2, R. H. Brundie 3, R. H. Hayward 4, W. Motts 5, W. Kinsey 6, J. Rose 7, C. A. Catchpole 8, H. C. Gillingham 9, C. J. Sedgley 10, A. S. Boar 11, W. L. Catchpole 12. The above is the first touch Stedman Cinques by Drill Instructor Sergt. F. O. Lambert, who comes from Halesworth, and now is on duty at Ipswich with recruits.

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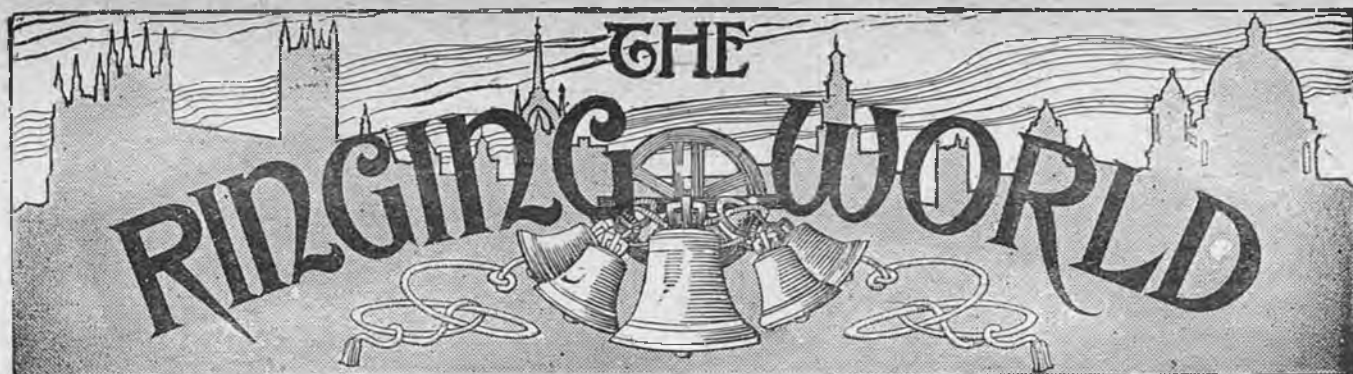


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There seems a good deal of incongruity in the celebration of a season of peace and goodwill at a time when so many of the Christian nations of the world are at one another's throats, locked in death grips, yet surely the bells will never have rung with more significance than when, on this Christmas Day, they peal out "their old familiar carols," for, from out of a period of gloom, their voices will sound to remind us all that, despite the warrings of man, the death and the desolation that have been strewn throughout the world, even within our own shores, by the madness of an arrogant militarism, the spirit which Christmas Day symbolises, is not dead. It revives our faith, it gives us hope, and, with Longfellow, whose poem, so appropriate to the present occasion, we reprint on another page, we shall realise in the message of the bells, as they peal

More loud and deep :

"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep !

The Wrong shall fail,

The Right prevail,

With peace on earth, Good-will to men !"

The bells, we believe, will appeal with special force to the public this Christmastide, which for many will be a season bereft of joy. The bells will come with a message of cheer, and will bring comfort to many a saddened heart.

Let us, as ringers, therefore, realise the part we have to play. As each year, for centuries past, the bells have proclaimed the festival, so this year, even when the nations are displaying the very antithesis of the spirit which the season typifies, let them not fail to remind the world of the true feeling which men should have towards one another. From time immemorial the bells of our churches have played a great part in the celebration of the dawn of the Christian era, and, although there has never been a Christmas when there has been less peace on earth and less goodwill among men, there is good reason to maintain the traditional share which ringers have taken in the festival. Consequently, we must see that we are not wanting in the performance of our duty, for the message of the bells will come with greater emphasis under the present circumstances, and should bid men pause and think.

It is not to be expected that peals will be rung on Boxing Day, even in celebration of the festival, to anything like the extent which has been done at former Christmases, when opportunity has been taken by many to gratify their pleasure in the Art. Nevertheless we hardly anticipate that the bells will be so universally silent as they have been recently, although we are sure that every necessary restraint will be readily exercised by ringers.

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On Monday, December 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

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SAMUEL GLADWIN 1—2	HARRY CHAPMAN 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	THOMAS RAMSEY 6
WILFRED J. MOSS 3	WILBY J. HAZELL 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	JOHN THOMAS Tenor

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Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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On Tuesday, December 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At 22, WILLIS ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALFRED BARNES 1—2	JOHN THOMAS 5—6
* HAROLD JACKSON 3—4	WILBY J. HAZELL 7—8

Conducted by J. THOMAS.
Umpire: THOS. JACKSON.

* First peal in hand. First handbell peal for the Branch.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
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On Wednesday, December 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 88, LOWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALFRED BARNES 1—2	JOHN THOMAS 5—6
HAROLD JACKSON 3—4	* JOHN W. BAYLEY 7—8

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Umpires: WILBY J. HAZELL and THOS. JACKSON.

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RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions have been sent to us for the National Relief Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	54	16	6
Ringers of Westerham Church, Kent (per Mr. G. B. Selby)	1	0	0
Ringers of St. Ann's Church, Bagshot, Surrey (per Mr. T. J. Gould)	0	5	0
Total	£55	1	6

GREETINGS.

To all our readers we extend the season's compliments, and we specially desire to acknowledge those which have reached us from near and far, including good wishes from three brother ringers in America.

Best wishes for Christmastide, and a bright prospect for the New Year to all ringing friends, from

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A Happy Christmas and a bright New Year to all ringing friends, both near and far, is the sincere wish of

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving in the Forces of the Crown:—

- Driver Pearl Inskip, of Burton Latimer, Northants, Royal Engineers, now at Haynes Park, near Bedford.
- Maurice Sherlock, and
- Albert Stonor, of St. Bartholomew's Church, Burstow, Surrey, Royal Field Artillery, now at High Wycombe.
- Pte W. H. Holfield, of Abingdon, Territorial Reserves, now at Maidenhead.
- Tpr. J. Allen, of Sutton Courtenay, Berks Yeomanry, now at Cromer.
- Pte R. Carter, of Sutton Courtenay, Kitchener's Army.

The three following from Milverton, Somerset, in the National Reserve:—

- Archibald J. Andrews,
- Henry Norman, and
- Edwin Chapman.
- Corpl. E. H. F. Lambert, of Halesworth, Suffolk, 6th (Cyclist) Batt, Suffolk Regiment, now at South Lines.
- D. S. Peacock, of St. Mary's, Swansea; Royal Engineers, now at Monmouth.

From St. Mary's, Prestwick, Lancs, the four following:—

- Cyril Henry, wireless operator, H.M.S. "Velox."
- Francis H. Barlow, 2nd Lancs Royal Field Artillery.
- William Ford, Cheshire Yeomanry.
- Arthur Threadgold, Grenadier Guards.

The four following from Burley, Leeds:—

- Corpl. Farmer W. Perkins, A.S.C. (T.), now at Doncaster.
- Lee-Corpl. W. Watford, York and Lancaster Regt. (Green Howards), now at Richmond.
- Pte W. Gage, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, now at Maidenhead.
- Pte B. Stokoe, A.S.C., now at Chapelton.

The six following Warfield Church, Berkshire:—

- Edward Gale, Berkshire Yeomanry, at Cromer.
- Wilfrid Dyer, Berkshire Regiment, at Reading.
- Cecil Dyer, Berkshire Regiment, at Reading.
- Albert Lovejoy, Berkshire Regiment, at Reading.
- Fred Simmons, Berkshire Regiment, in Ireland.
- Arthur Parkes, Royal Navy, at Devonport.

The following list has been supplied by Mr. E. E. Burgess, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association:—

From Exton:

- W. Phillips, North Devon Yeomanry, Colchester.
- C. Wyatt, Grenadier Guards, wounded, in hospital at Boulogne.

From Carhampton:

- J. Farmer and
- E. Parker, Somerset Territorials.
- J. Cridland, National Reserve.

From Winscombe:

- Corpl. W. Pain, R.A.M.C.
- Pte Fry.
- Pte J. Callow.

From Bleadon:

- W. Banwell, Coldstream Guards.

From Rowberrow:

- George Day, North Somerset Yeomanry.

From Exton:

- F. Hooper, at the front.
- V. Dent.

From Nailsea:

- G. Willmott, National Reserve.

From Marks:

- F. Dyer.

From Kewstoke:

- J. H. Weakley.

From Banwell:

- Sergt. Lewis.

From Brent Knell:

- A. Webber, J. Peters and S. Ellis, Kitchener's Army.

From East Brent:

- C. Dauntton, C. Jones, G. Coles, A. Coles, S. Ham and F. Durston.

From Uphill:

- F. Stuckey and W. Howe, National Reserve.
- C. E. Dyer, R. Phippen, T. Price, A. Williams and R. Jarvis.

From Burnham:

- W. H. Richards and W. Worgan, National Reserve.

From Berrow:

- Pte J. Lynham, Somerset Light Infantry, India.

From Congresbury:

- S. F. Maunsell Eyre, North Somerset Yeomanry.
- G. Sims, Somerset Light Infantry.
- Cecil Denning, R.A.M.C.
- L. Fisher, 6th Gloucester.

From Badgworth:

- Hubert Brock.

GREETINGS FROM THE FRONT.

ELY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S GOOD WISHES.

Writing from General Headquarters of the British Expeditionary Force in France, on December 16th, Sapper T. R. Dennis, the hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, who is serving with the signal staff, sends Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends, with the hope that the New Year may see a rapid turn for the better, and a speedy and lasting peace. These wishes will, we are sure, be reciprocated by his many friends, and extended to all ringers who are serving their King and country.

Referring to the position in general, Sapper Dennis says: "Affairs are very quiet now since the visit of the King, and everyone seems to be more or less resting. We hear life in the trenches is much easier than it has been, and some ground has been gained. The heavy guns are seldom heard now, so we may presume it is a good omen. The news on land and sea is about as good as it has been during the war. We may be leaving here before long, that is if sufficient advance is made by the firing line. I expect we shall go into Belgium when the next move is made."

"We had a very good concert about a week ago, and several 'star' turns were contributed by our relief. Apparently the playing of pianos in France is prohibited, and music in general, as the next day after the concert, we discovered our piano minus the 'action,' so we are now reduced to our mouth organs, etc. Anyhow, we rub along all right. We are arranging to have a grand Christmas concert, if possible, and a dinner as well. This, of course, stands providing no change takes place in advancement."

"I was very sorry to hear of Corpl. E. Barton's death (Spr. Dennis has his 'Ringing World' every week). I made his acquaintance whilst the 6th Division, to which he was attached, were encamped at Cambridge. I may add I found him out through reading his name in the 'Roll of Honour,' and took a walk out one afternoon, and dug him out in Grantchester Meadows. We had quite a pleasant little chat together."

BELLS AND THEIR TONES.

A LECTURE AT GLASGOW.

Anything that is likely to extend the general interest in bells is to be welcomed, and it is gratifying, therefore, to note that a paper on "Bells and their Tones" has been read at a meeting of the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow by Mr. George E. Allan, D.Sc., Lecturer in Physics, Glasgow University. This took place on Wednesday of last week, and Dr. George Neilson presided.

Mr. Allan spoke of Belgium as the classic land of bells, the science of bell-founding and the art of bell-playing having been first brought to a high state of perfection there, where a large bell was necessary for signalling long distances from fortified towns like Antwerp and Bruges. Many of the towns possessed carillons of 40 bells, which were played by means of special keyboards. Bell-playing in Belgium, he said, had its beginning about 1562, when Peter van den Gheyn set up an octave of bells in Louvain. After some references to bells as used in everyday life and as alluded to by poets, such as Gray, Hood, and Edgar Allan Poe, the mechanism of musical sounds was explained. The modes of vibration of a circular plate were made visible by means of sand figures, and inferences were drawn as to the similar modes of vibration of a bell. Referring to local bells of interest, Mr. Allan said St. Mungo's bell was in actual use until about the middle of the seventeenth century. Its second successor was to be seen in the Art Galleries. Glasgow had also its town bells, and their carillon, in the persons of Mr. Thos. Herbert, who played the bells in the Cross Steeple at stated times every day. The steeple was built as a belfry in 1626, and received its first set of bells about 1665. The bells of Glasgow University were then described. The largest, or hour bell, it was stated, weighed 57 cwt., and has a diameter of over 5 ft. 7 in. An analysis of the tones of the bells was given, showing the harmonics of the bells up to the ninth in the case of the hour bell.

The use of bells in the orchestra was illustrated by hand bells, played by Mr. Thomas McMillan, by the dulcitone, and by the harmonica as in Mozart's "Magic Flute," Papageno's solo being given by means of the phonograph.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very good meeting of the Bolton branch was held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday last, when members were present from Bolton Parish Church, Walkden, Deane, and Tyldesley. Touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung. The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, this being the first occasion on which he has attended a meeting of the Association.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for having made arrangements for the meeting.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Bolton Parish Church.

Great credit is due to Mr. T. Worsley for the progress he has made with a young band of ringers at St. Bartholomew's.

THE LATE MR. CHARLES H. FOWLER.

ONE OF THE FAMOUS BAND.

As briefly announced in our last issue, the death occurred, at Leicester, of Mr. Charles H. Fowler, who passed away on Saturday, Dec. 12th, from pneumonia, after only four days' illness, at the comparatively early age of 39 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday of last week, at Welford Road Cemetery, six of his brother ringers acting as bearers, viz.: Messrs. J. Morris, E. Morris, F. H. Dexter, J. S. Needham, S. Cotton, E. E. Smith. The service, which was held in St. George's Church, where deceased was for many years steeplekeeper, and a member of the C.E.M.S., was fully choral, the hymns, 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow' and 'Peace, perfect peace,' being sung, while, as the sad cortege left the church, the organist played the Dead March in "Saul." The officiating clergy were the Rev. C. L. Robinson (Vicar) and the Rev. L. A. Matthews (curate), the latter reading the committal service by the graveside, a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells being rung over the grave by Messrs. F. H. Dexter 1-2, E. Morris 3-4, S. Cotton 5-6, G. Cleal 7-8, J. Morris 9-10.

Among the many floral tributes were those from the Leicester Change Ringers; Mr. J. George, Master of Warwickshire Guild; Messrs. J. and E. Morris (St. Margaret's); Mr. E. E. Smith; his fellow workers at Messrs. Adams Bros. and Shardlow, Ltd.; St. George's branch, C.E.M.S. Mr. James George was among the mourners, and at the graveside were assembled a large number of ringers and friends, including Mr. W. P. Cooper, chairman of the Leicester branch of the M.C.A., Mr. Wm. Willson, and others.



THE LATE MR. C. H. FOWLER.

On Friday evening, the bells of St. Margaret's were half-muffled, and touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung, conducted by E. Morris. On Saturday, at St. Martin's, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters was attempted, but unfortunately lost, after 55 mins. Afterwards a quarter-peal (1261 changes) was rung by: G. Cleal 1, S. Cotton 2, H. Broughton 3, P.C. II, Jenney 4, L. E. Allen 5, J. Morris 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter (composer and conductor) 8, J. George 9, T. Taylor 10. On Monday evening the bells of St. Mary's were also rung half-muffled.

SOME NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

The late Mr. Fowler was a ringer of exceptional ability, and had rung altogether 171 peals, including several long lengths. His earlier ringing career was spent in and around Oxford, with such well-known men as the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, Mr. C. Hounslow and others. His first peal was at New College on August 1st, 1891, and from that time onward he was one of Mr. Washbrook's famous band, who, amongst other performances, rang the first peals of Superlative and London Surprise in the County of Oxford, and the first of Cambridge in Oxford city. He was one of the band who rang the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Wells Cathedral, in 1895, at that time the heaviest peal ever rung single-handed, the tenor (56½ cwt.) being turned in by Mr. J. W. Washbrook. Mr. Fowler also rang in the long peal of 11,328 London Surprise Major at Drayton on September 17th, 1896, the then longest peal ever composed and rung in the method, and in December of the same year, rang in the only peal of London Surprise ever accomplished at the famous Merton College tower.

The following year (1897) he migrated to Leicester, and from that date took a leading part in nearly all the change ringing activity

there, his first peal in the district being to turn the tenor in to Bob Major at Quorndon, on June 19th of that year. The next year at St. Mark's, Leicester, he rang his first peal as conductor. In 1901 he took part in the first Surprise peal to be rung in Leicester, and also in a 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at South Wigston. In 1904, when Mr. W. Willson essayed and conducted the world's record peal of Double Norwich, Mr. Fowler rang in both the 11,008 for practice, and the 17,104 record, the latter occupying 10 hrs. 35 mins. In 1905 he was chosen to take part in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1,000th peal, which was rung at Drayton on August 9th of that year.

For a number of years he was steeple keeper at St. George's, Leicester, but on that church being burnt down, and the bells destroyed by the great fire in October, 1911, he joined St. Martin's Society. From that date he, in conjunction with Mr. F. H. Dexter, arranged nearly all the peal ringing done by that society, with whom he conducted the first peals of Double Norwich and Superlative over rung by an entirely Leicester band, and was hoping shortly to accomplish London. His peals were made up as follows:—

	Ring.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	10	—
Grandsire Major	1	—
a. Grandsire Caters (1 on handbells) ...	10	—
Bob Major	21	9
Bob Royal	1	1
b. Kent Treble Bob Major	17	7
Kent Treble Bob Royal	7	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	—
Stedman Triples	35	—
Stedman Caters	19	1
c. Double Norwich Major	28	13
Superlative Surprise	10	2
Cambridge Surprise	1	—
d. London Surprise	10	—
Total	171	Condtd. 33

a, Including 7001; b, including 10,176; c, including 11,008; and 17,104 record; d, including 11,328.

Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, Mr. Fowler was highly respected and honoured by all with whom he came into contact. He was an excellent ringer and a splendid striker, and his loss to the Exercise, and the Leicester branch in particular, will be most keenly felt. His place will indeed be hard to fill.

The writer is expressly desired by both Mrs. Fowler (the widow) and the deceased's mother, to thank, through the medium of "The Ringing World," all those friends who have so kindly shown their sympathy and condolence with them in their sad bereavement, and to whom it is impossible to reply to individually. E. M.

A NEW "RECORD."

The following 'tit-bit' is from 'The Cambridgeshire Weekly News' of Friday last, and as a 'record' is something which will require some beating. The ringing took place at Balsham, a village a few miles from Cambridge, and the parish church contains five bells. The paragraph, as written up by the local reporter, is as follows:—

Campanology.—On the 13th inst., 100,200 changes were rung by the parish ringers in 50 minutes. The tenor bell weighs 19½ cwt. The ringers were: M. Heath (treble), R. Becton (2nd), D. Flack (3rd), F. Dantie's (4th), G. Brown (tenor), Alf. Smith (conductor).

A correspondent, who sends us the report, says: "It appears from the cutting that the conductor did not take part in the ringing; probably he had all his work cut out to keep count of the changes! It is not stated what methods were rung, yet they call it 'campanology.' I am not aware that any change ringing, as we understand it, is carried on there. I am pretty certain that all they ring are ten changes over and over again."

Perhaps it ought not all to be put down to the ringers. The ignorance upon ringing matters among newspaper men may account for much.

A PATTERN OF PUNCTUALITY.

On Saturday last a number of Yorkshire ringers gathered at Keighley, Yorks, to try the new peal of eight bells installed in the tower by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and everyone was pleased with the entirely satisfactory way in which the work had been carried out. Afterwards the visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the churchwardens, being entertained to tea, which was followed by some good speeches. It was clearly evident, writes one of the visitors, that a pleasant relationship exists here among those associated with the church. In speaking of the enthusiasm of the ringers, the pains they take, and the regularity with which their duties are carried out, one of the churchwardens said: "If you will take notice, as I have done, you will find that the whole year through it is very seldom that the bells start one minute late at half-past nine in the morning, or half-past five in the evening to ring for service." Here is an example worthy of emulation.

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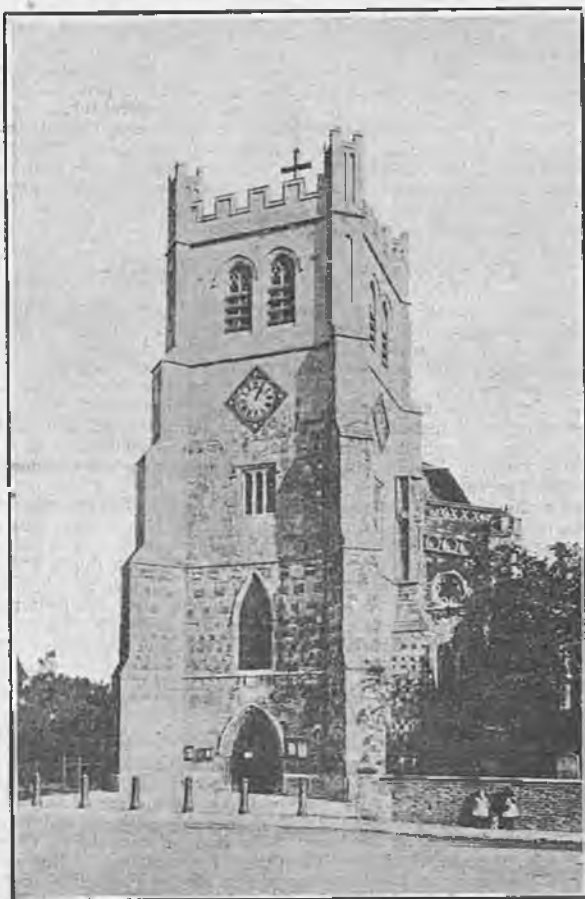
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WALTHAM ABBEY BELLS.**RING INCREASED TO TWELVE.**

Ring out wild bells, to the wild sky
The flying cloud, the frosty light,
The year is dying in the night,
Ring out, wild bells and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells across the snow,
The year is going, let him go:
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

What ringer does not know these famous stanzas from Tennyson's "In Memoriam," but few, perhaps, know



whence came his inspiration for this magnificent poem. It was hearing the bells of Waltham Abbey that is said to have led him to write the lines. Then the bells were a peal of eight, by Briant, of Hertford. To-day, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Parnell, they are one of the finest peals of twelve in the country. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have every reason to be proud of this latest product of Loughborough foundry, for in their tone this splendid ring will compare favourably with any peal of similar weight. The augmentation was undertaken as a memorial to the late Mr. John Parnell, J.P. (who died at Waltham Abbey on May 10th, 1913) and of the late Rev. John Champion Hicks, brother of Mrs. Parnell, and a very dear and intimate friend of her late husband.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have completed the ring of twelve by the addition to the eight of two new smaller and two new larger bells, the new tenor being 4ft. 11in. in

diameter, and weighing 38 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs. The note is C natural. The framework was already prepared for the ring of twelve, and the four new bells have been hung with all the firm's latest improvements in design of fittings, etc. The old treble, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th bells of the eight have been recast, forming the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th of the peal of twelve, and the present 6th, 7th and 10th are thus the only bells remaining of the original peal of eight which were cast at Hertford in 1806 by John Briant. Each of the old bells bore the inscription.

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AND WHO DIED THERE MAY 10, 1913.
THESE BELLS ARE DEDICATED BY HIS WIFE.

11th:
ALSO IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE
OF HER BROTHER,
THE REV. J. C. HICKS,
WHO DIED MARCH 4th, 1913.

2nd:
TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD.

Treble:
TO THE PRAISE OF GOD.

The dedication took place on Thursday afternoon of last week, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Johnston), and attended by a large congregation. Special prayers, written by the Vicar, were used in the ceremony, and, after the formal dedication, the Vicar thanked the donor of the bells for her munificent gift, and assured Mrs. Parnell that the bells which had been presented to the parish would be carefully preserved and handed down in good order to those who should succeed to the guardianship of them.

Well struck rounds were rung after the dedication sentences, and immediately after the service the following band of College Youth rang five courses of Stedman Cinques: E. Horrex 1, E. Gibbs 2, W. Garrod 3, H. Passmore 4, H. Springall 5, W. A. Alps 6, E. Wallage 7, C. F. Winney (conductor) 8, C. Burden 9, T. H. Tafender 10, H. R. Newton 11, A. B. Peck 12. The next touches were three leads of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, conducted by F. E. Dawe from the tenor, and two courses of Stedman Cinques. An excellent tea was provided by the local society at the Green Dragon Hotel, to which a company of 33 sat down. Another touch of Stedman Cinques was rung before evening service, at which the Vicar preached a most appropriate sermon on bells, and another afterwards, the striking throughout the day being splendid.

Among the ringers present during the day's proceedings, in addition to those already mentioned, were Messrs. W. T. Cockerell (hon. secretary of the College Youths), R. W. Green (St. Luke's, City), G. Dent (Harlow), C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield), H. G. Rowe, W. G. Darlington, C. Dilley, H. Cornwell and D. Tucker (Cheshunt), G. Radley and W. Laton (Broxbourne), F. W. Richardson (Brockley), H. C. Alfold (Hackney), S. E. Joyce (Leytonstone), H. Dains (Barnsbury), A. W. Grimes (Dalston), R. H. Hayward (Marlesford), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), W. D. Smith (Leyton), S. W. Porter (Holloway), G. Lucas (Walthamstow), and B. S. Thompson (Romford), and the following members of the local society: D. Tar-

ling (steeplekeeper and Master), H. G. Thompson and F. Carter (hon. secretaries), T. Colverd, T. Adams (treasurer), M. Pettit, G. Cole (steward), E. W. Adams and T. Mitchell, the oldest member of the society, who travelled up from the Isle of Wight specially to hear the bells. Mr. E. Dennison Taylor represented the founders.

The bells were to have been available for ringing on Saturday, but on Friday night fresh cases were imported into the Town Hall (now used as a Red Cross Hospital) for wounded soldiers. This prevented any ringing programme being indulged in. Naturally this caused some disappointment, and Mr. Thompson at once took steps to notify as many ringers as possible in London and outlying districts, and thus stopped them from having a lost journey. However, about 18 ringers, unfortunately, did not hear until their arrival at Waltham Abbey that the ringing was stopped. Mr. W. A. Alps very kindly made inquiries and managed to get permission from Miss Fisher (in charge of the Red Cross Hospital), the Vicar and churchwardens to ring for about 45 minutes, and this enabled a few of the visitors to have "a pull." Subsequently the ringers went to the Green Dragon (the ringers' meeting house) and made use of handbells.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Throughout Christendom the bells are associated with the peace and goodwill of Christmas-tide, and poets innumerable have found in the bells a theme to inspire their pens. But of all the verses which have been written in this connection there are none more appropriate to the present state of affairs than the lines which Longfellow wrote during the war between North and South America.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, Good-will to men!
And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song,
Of peace on earth, Good-will to men!
Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, Good-will to men!
Then from each black accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned,
Of peace on earth, Good-will to men!
It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearthstones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, Good-will to men!
And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, Good-will to men!"
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, Good-will to men!"

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Wotton-under-Lodge branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Wickwar on Saturday last, the following towers being represented: Thornbury, Berkeley, Stone, Slynbridge, Dursley, and Wickwar. Thirteen sat down to tea, including the Rector, who was afterwards elected an honorary member, and who also took the chair at the business meeting.—The Secretary stated that two meetings had been proposed since the commencement of the war, Tythorington and Dursley, but that no ringing was allowed at either place, and both meetings had to be abandoned.—The balance sheet (showing £2 in hand) was read and adopted.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers. Mr. F. K. Howell was again asked to act as chairman, but he requested the members to allow the honour to "go round," since he had now become Master of the Association. Upon being informed that nobody could be found throughout the entire branch who would be in a position to fill the office, he agreed to "carry on" for another year, and thanked the members for the confidence they placed in him.—Mr. H. Fussell, of Dursley, was re-elected vice-chairman.

Mr. R. Burchell informed the meeting that he could not act as secretary next year, as he would be joining H.M. Forces early in January.—Mr. W. Lewis was asked to undertake the work, and he willingly offered his services.

Before the conclusion of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of his bells, and for presiding. Mr. Burchell was also thanked for his past services as secretary.

The tower was again visited after tea, and the Rector (who is learning change ringing) took the tenor to a touch of Grandsire Doubles.

Before breaking up, 720 Bob Minor was rung by: A. Handoll 1, H. Hale 2, W. Dyer (conductor) 3, F. G. Woodiss (Dursley) 4, F. Handoll 5, W. Ranger 6. All but F. G. Woodiss belong to Wickwar. The bells were half-muffled on account of the war.

IN MEMORY OF THE DEAD.

THE RAID ON SCARBOROUGH.

In memory of the 17 victims who lost their lives during the German raid on Scarborough last week, a service was held at St. Mary's Parish Church at noon on Saturday, in which Anglican and Free Church ministers took part—a thing unique in Scarborough church history. The service, which was attended by the Mayor and Corporation and a large congregation was deeply impressive. The Vicar of Scarborough conducted the service, the Minister of the United Methodist Free Church read the lesson, and the Archbishop of York delivered a striking sermon, in which he condemned the ruthless destruction of innocent lives.

At the conclusion of the service, 350 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled, and on Sunday 360 Bob Minor was rung for morning service, and 462 Grandsire Triples for evening service, by: H. Priest 1, J. R. Fryers 2, A. W. Ditchburn 3, T. Wardman 4, J. R. Barton (conductor) 5, F. Davison 6, H. Gibson 7, T. Cole 8.

St. Mary's Church was one of the seven places of worship damaged by the Germans' shell fire, the others being St. Martin's, St. Columba's, All Saints', South Cliff Wesleyan, and Gladstone Road Primitive Methodist Churches and the Salvation Army Barracks.

ALL SOULS' DAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Reading's letter, there is nothing in our Church which forbids the recognition of All Souls' Day. It was discarded, as his former letter implies, because of its association with prayers for the departed, and I may add in consequence of the abuses of later mediæval times. The Archbishop said, with regard to this subject, in his address at Barking: "He had no censure to pass on the men who thus handled the difficulties of their time. But surely now there was a place for the recognition of the instinctive, natural and loyal craving of the bereaved. The abuses of four centuries ago need not hinder the reverent and trustful prayer. . . . etc." I cannot agree with Mr. Reading's contention that because it was thought advisable under the special circumstances of the Reformation period, to omit the name of All Souls' from the calendar, this omission should be binding upon Churchmen in this more enlightened age, with all the stringency of the laws of the Medes and Persians. It seems to me to be covered by the Archbishop's "But surely now. . ." Neither do I see how the progressive thought and faith, of which the Archbishop's beautiful address is full, can live in the iron box of legal disability in which Mr. Reading would endeavour to encase it. "Dishonest" is an ugly word to apply to persons or things, but I do not see how a system of religion which would allow the private practice of prayers for the departed, and condemn the public profession of the same belief, can escape from the imputation of dishonesty.

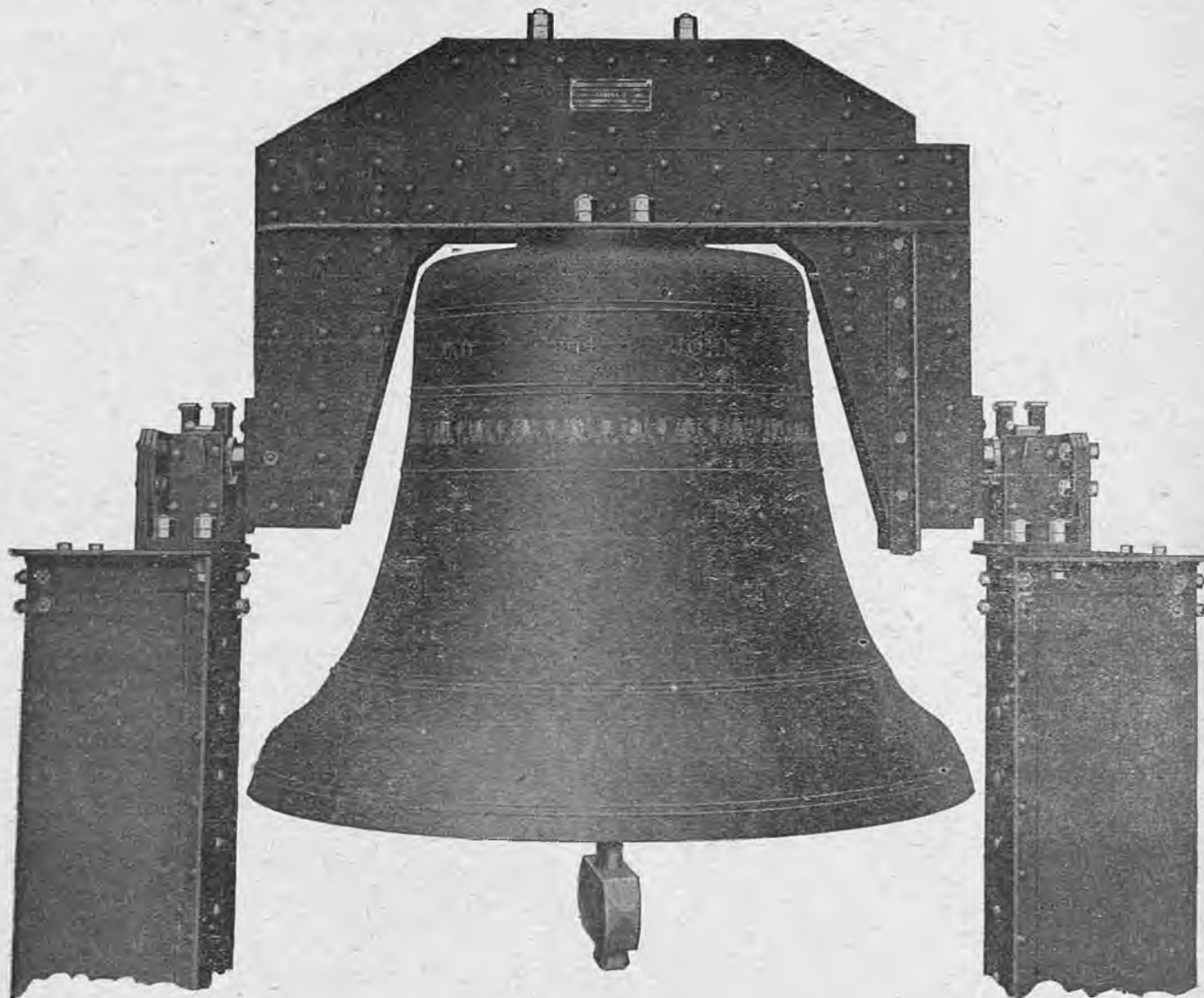
I am glad to see that Mr. Reading has called attention to the difference between All Hallows' (i.e., Saints') and All Souls', for there is much confusion in the popular mind regarding them, and my contention has been all along that muffled ringing is only suitable for All Souls' Day. There is a College at Oxford dedicated to All Souls', the title of which has remained to this day, a silent witness to a faith which the Church never entirely lost, and of which we have seen such a happy revival in these latter days.

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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.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Saturday, December 26th. The Dean will preside at the business meeting to be held in the Schoolroom at 4 o'clock. The Cathedral bells (8) are available during the afternoon and evening, also the bells of St. John's, Cardiff (10).—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon, Hon. Secs.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. Peal of ten (24½ cwt.) available 3.30 to 7.30.—Sam Thomas, Secretary pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Annual meeting at Bagshot, Saturday, January 2nd. The new peal of eight bells are available by special arrangement from 3 p.m. Tea at Institute 5.45 p.m. Visitors from other Associations and Guilds heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 113, Angell Road, Brixton, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. Bells available from 3.30. Service, with short address by the Vicar, at 5.30. Tea, 6d. each, in the Parish Hall at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting. Members requiring tea should notify me by Wednesday, December 30th, so that proper arrangements can be made.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

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.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—May I ask all members whose subscriptions are outstanding to pay the same in at once, either to the local secretary, or to me, as all members owing two years on the 31st inst. will be struck off according to rule.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—All communications for the present to be addressed to Mr. R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol, who has kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary in my absence.—W. A. Cave, Hon. Secretary.

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

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Portishead on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Bathampton, Bathford, Bridgewater, Clapton-in-Gordano, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Portishead, Yalton, and St. James', Taunton. The bells were rung at 2.30 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung until 3.30 p.m., when the service was held. The Rev. H. W. Jukes (the Rector) officiated, the Rev. E. S. C. Locke (Vicar of Pill) giving the address. Tea was served at the Cafe, High Street, the Rev. C. C. Parker, Master of the Association, presiding, being supported by the Revs. H. W. Jukes, E. S. C. Locke and H. S. Briggs, and several lady ringers.

Afterwards the business meeting was held, the Master presiding.—The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Moore, of Minehead, thanking the members for the vote of sympathy passed to her and family in the loss of her husband.—One honorary and eight performing members were elected, these including three lady ringers at Portishead, where there are now nine lady members.

The next meeting is to be held at Cheddar on the second Saturday after Easter, and a discussion arose as to whether any ringing should be done while the war lasted. After several had given their views, it was left to the incumbents to decide what they would do.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. H. W. Jukes for arranging the service and for the use of the bells, to the Rev. E. S. Locke for giving the address, and to the organist and choir for their services, brought the business to a close, and another visit was then paid to the tower, where several further touches were rung.

A RESTORATION.

The peal of six at Chinner, nr. Reading, have been restored by Messrs. Bond, of Burford, Oxon, and at the re-dedication the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild. Afterwards 720 Bob Minor was rung by A. D. Cullum, H. Smith, E. Monday, A. Reeves, R. T. Hibbert and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Bristol Surprise rang at Helmingham (Suffolk), on June 1st, 1914, as the composition has turned out to be false.—Yours truly, C. F. BAILEY.
Leiston.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Monday, Sept. 28th, at St. Michael's Church, for service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Buckle 1, T. Garbett, R.A.M.C. 2, W. T. Tucker 3, W. G. Edwards 4, G. Williams 5, W. H. George 6, H. W. Wilkes (conductor) 7, H. Hunt 8. Also 224 Bob Major, conducted by W. T. Tucker.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 720 Oxford Bob: W. H. Lawrence 1, A. Phillips 2, S. Gano 3, F. Williams 4, A. Woolston 5, E. A. Overall (conductor) 6.—On Oct. 25th, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor, A. Young's first 360.—On August 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

HODDESDON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 18th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Radley 1, W. Mumford 2, W. Irons 3, A. Cairns 4, T. Browning 5, S. Sadan 6, S. Knight (cond.) 7, C. W. Halfhide 8. The composition, by H. J. Tucker, contains the twelve 4-6's, twelve 7-4's and twelve 6-7's, as well as 'queens' and 'titlums.'

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Saturday, Oct. 24th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Mann, junr., 1, A. Mann, senr., 2, H. Corbett 3, G. Cook 4, J. Crawford 5, T. Tuttle 6, R. Kendall (conductor) 7, R. Etherington 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. E. W. Northey, an old and respected inhabitant of Epsom, who passed away during the week, and was buried at Epsom on the above date.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On November 15th, for evensong, with the bells fully muffled, as a token of respect to the late Earl Roberts, 1083 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, E. Coles 2, R. Coles 3, W. Phipps 4, E. Markham 5, G. Twitchen 6, J. Gransbury 7, B. Page 8, G. White 9, F. Boxell 10.—On Nov. 18th, 1299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, G. Twitchen 2, E. Coles 3, C. C. Mayne 4, E. Markham 5, J. Blackmore 6, G. White 7, B. Page 8, J. Gransbury 9, F. Boxell 10.

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John's Church, on Nov. 16th, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Doran 1, A. Prior 2, G. A. Black 3, W. Miller 4, W. Theobald 5, H. Torble 6. This was strictly non-conducted, and was rung with the bell half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Earl Roberts.—On November 30th, 720 each of Beverley and Lincoln Surprise: A. Fiddles 1, G. Dawson 2, A. Prior 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, H. Torble 6. Rung with bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. E. Cuthbert Nunn, A.R.A.M., F.R.C.O., for upwards of 25 years the respected and talented organist at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, whose remains were interred at Weston-super-Mare on the above date.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Taylor's six-part), in 46 mins.: J. Busby 1, C. H. Edwards 2, H. Harvey 3, E. Devenish 4, J. Martin 5, W. White 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jeffries 8. Also 504 of Grandsire Triples: C. H. Edwards 1, H. Harvey 2, R. Devenish 3, E. Devenish 4, J. Martin 5, J. Gould (conductor) 6, W. White 7, J. Busby 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Earl Roberts.

WITNEY, OXON. Oxford Guild.—On Nov. 19th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Earl Roberts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: C. Cook 1, A. Brooks 2, E. Brown 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, H. Baston (first quarter-peal) 8.—On Nov. 24th, 120 Grandsire Doubles: H. Baston (first 120) 1, J. Monk 2, A. Brooks 3, G. Brooks 4, J. Brooks 5, C. Cook 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's Church, Deritend, on Nov. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Earl Roberts: W. Aldridge 1, W. F. Stratford 2, G. Chaplin 3, E. Large 4, W. F. Webb 5, A. Scrivens (conductor) 6, J. Porter 7, W. Holmes (first quarter-peal) 8.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Gunner J. J. Pratt, R.G.A., 1, B. J. Miller 2, E. Siggers 3, N. Wallace 4, N. Patmore 5, H. Wallace (conductor) 6.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in honour of the birthday of the Rev. H. L. James: W. Hobbs 1, T. Jennison 2, W. Spences 3, E. Foster 4, W. Stanner 5, W. J. Sevier (conductor) 6.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, on November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Holloway 1, W. Phillips 2, R. H. Boddington (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, C. Iles 4, J. W. Frain 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, A. E. Smith 8.—On Thursday, 19th November, at St. Mary's Church, Acton, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Earl Roberts.

WEST EALING.—For the evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, on All Saints' Day, 1036 Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence (conductor) 1, G. Harbour 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, H. W. Lidbetter 5, Geo. Spencer 6, J. A. Trollope 7, C. Edwards 8.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On All Souls' Day, to the memory of those who had fallen in the war, the bells at St. Helen's Church were rung, deeply muffled, for 40 mins. The following took part: Sydney Websdale, George Traves, Rev. C. H. B. Trollope, Reginald Rochester, John Steel, T. W. Robbins.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 575 Grandsire Caters: A. White 1, Pte H. W. Catterwell (5th Essex) 2, D. H. Newman 3, Pte J. Halford (5th Gloucesters) 4, Pte J. Frankum (4th Royal Berks) 5, Pte R. G. Rice (4th Royal Berks), conductor, 6, A. E. Acofield 7, H. Allen 8, H. Richell 9, Sergt. G. C. Rice (S. Midland, A.S.C.) 10.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild and St. Chad's Society.—On November 29th, at St. Chad's, 5600 Bob Major: G. Scarrat 1, W. Brooks 2, A. Kinsey 3, E. M. Atkins (Isham) 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, A. E. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. Also 305 Grandsire Caters: G. Byolin 1, W. Brooks 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, G. Scarrat 4, A. Kinsey 5, G. Jones 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, E. M. Atkins 8, A. E. Fullick 9, J. T. Wall 10. Recently, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Brooks 1, G. Byolin 2, E. R. T. Corbett 3, T. W. Belton 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, A. E. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8.

CARSIALTON, SURREY.—On All Saints' Eve, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original: W. Buck 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, A. Boxall 3, A. Bundle 4, W. States 5, C. Gordon 6, F. Holder 7, F. Boulter 8.

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